

Stockton, Noyes Museum of Art, Bay Atlantic Symphony Receive \$439,551 in N.J. Arts Grants

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Galloway, N.J. - Stockton University, the Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton University and the Bay Atlantic Symphony, Stockton's orchestra-in-residence, have been awarded a total of \$439,551 in grants from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

Stockton's School of Arts and Humanities received \$200,000 from the state Council on the Arts for the Emmy Award-winning "State of the Arts" program produced in collaboration with PCK Media. The program also received a \$10,000 grant from the Dodge Foundation.

"State of the Arts" is a New Jersey public television tradition and has been nationally recognized as a premier showcase for arts and culture. The program has won numerous Mid-Atlantic and New York Emmys, including a New York Emmy last year for "The Birth of Cinema," focusing on the original studio system in Fort Lee, N.J.

"We're delighted with the New Jersey Council for the Arts' continued support for Stockton's own commitment to the arts in southern New Jersey and of efforts to expand that commitment through our partnerships with renowned artists and creators such as the Bay Atlantic, Noyes and PCK Media," said Dean Lisa Honaker of the School of Arts and Humanities.

Stockton's [Performing Arts Center](#) on the Galloway campus also received \$101,020 in general program support from the state. The PAC provides audiences with a wide variety of cultural programming in theatre, concerts, dance, comedy and lectures.

"This will provide a great boost to our upcoming season as we celebrate the PAC's 40th anniversary," said Suzé DiPietro, manager.

The [Bay Atlantic Symphony](#) received a \$40,379 state arts grant for general operating support as well \$50,000 from the Dodge Foundation. The symphony, which has offices in Bridgeton, N.J., also received an \$11,250 grant to expand its music/mentorship program at Atlantic City's Sovereign Ave. School and Atlantic City High School.

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Symphony musicians, along with music students from Stockton, teach strings and woodwind classes in small groups or one-on-one. The educational portion of the program is under the direction of Christopher Di Santo, associate professor of Music at Stockton and principal clarinetist with Bay Atlantic, with Conductor Jed Gaylin providing oversight.

The [Noyes Museum](#), with locations at Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Club in Galloway, Kramer Hall in Hammonton and the Noyes Arts Garage of Stockton in Atlantic City, received \$26,902.

The state arts council announced awards of more than \$15.7 million in grant funding to over 200 arts organizations and artists throughout New Jersey, an investment the council said “will reach into every New Jersey county.”

The South Jersey Cultural Alliance, which has its offices at Stockton’s Kramer Hall in Hammonton, N.J., was awarded \$185,786 by the state council.

“State of the Arts” can be seen on NJTV every Sunday at 8 p.m., and every Thursday at 11:30 p.m., on WHYY every Sunday at 11 a.m. or on its [YouTube](#) channel.

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