

# NASHUA **ARTS** COMMISSION

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February 14th at 8am

City Hall Auditorium

Nashua City Hall

## AGENDA

- 8:00am Call To Order
- Roll Call of Members
- [Approval of Minutes](#) Jan 2023
- Communications
- 8:10am New Business
- Sculpture Symposium Proposal
- 8:45am Old Business
- Committee Reports
- NEA Grant 2nd Round Applications (Amy)
- NAC Grant 2023 Committee Recommendations (Judy)
- 9:10am Open Discussion for Commissioners
- 9:15am Adjourn
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 14th, at 8am 2023

# Proposal for Nashua International Sculpture Symposium Installation

## Nashua Center for the Arts

**Location:** Alleyway between Fortin Gage and Nashua Center for the Arts.

**Goals:**

- Enhance the usefulness and significance of the space
- Provide culturally engaging, inclusive, and meaningful 3D artwork

**Considerations**

- The installed works will be sensitive to NCFA usage such as musicians coming and going or potential event usage.
- The installed works will enhance the usage of the space whether that's informal gathering of community member or VIP events hosted by the Center for the Arts
- The work will avoid sponsorship bricks
- The installed works will demonstrate understanding of pedestrian flow through the space.
- The work may have wall hanging components which would be installed on the rear facing façade of the arts center. We will consult with project engineers before making the structural connections for this work.
- The foundation window sills and keystones of the Center for the Arts' masonry are Jonesboro Red Granite. This stone is still quarried today, and to effectively integrate sculpture into this space, our artists will have access to this material.

**Vision:** The work produced for the space will explore the question, **“How We Share Our Stories”**. As such the work will be narrative. This year we have extensive community engagement programming planned for our artists; their interactions with the Nashua community will inform the work they make and the stories it tells. This work will be aligned with the architecture of the space. It will reform and realign the space as one for community engagement and participation.

**Process:** Our artists will follow a demanding curriculum before their arrival in Nashua. They have shared reading and creative assignments; they will collaboratively work to imagine sculpture that enhances the installation space behind the Nashua Center for the Arts. Once in Nashua they will be working at The Picker Artists building on Pine Street, in close proximity to the installation site. They will have 3 weeks to produce their work. This year our artists will install their work between May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ultimately we cannot tell our visiting artists what they should make for this space, and they will not know which version of their work will be most effective for the space until they begin working in Nashua. The excitement and the significance of artists working in our community is that we trust them to make work that is relevant, impactful, accessible, and meaningful.

# 2023 – 2024 Grant Cycle Review Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the 2023-24 Grants Review panel was called to order at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, February 7 at the Hunt Memorial Building. Present by roll call were Commissioners Judith Carlson, Jennifer Annand, Carol Robey and Steve Ruddock, along with Lisa Burk-McCoy of the State Council on the Arts. Absent was Tina Cassidy due to illness.

The panel discussed all the applications at length and the reasoning for their rankings. Based on the information below, the panel voted unanimously by roll call to recommend the following for consideration at the next Arts Commission meeting:

Full funding (\$5,000) for Nashua Community Music School, Upbeat NH, Nashua International Sculpture Symposium, Nashua Area Artists Association, and Symphony NH.

Partial funding (\$4,250) for Nashua Chamber Orchestra and Actor singers.

Partial funding (\$1,500) for the line items Scholarships, Marketing and Snacks in the Positive Street Art application.

Organization	LB	JA	JC	CR	SR	Total	Avr
Actorsingers	38	25	45	49	40	197	39.4
NAAA	41	36	45	50	48	220	44
Nashua Chamber Orc	35	39	44	42	39	199	39.8
Nashua CMS	50	50	50	50	50	250	250
NISS	43	46	45	47	48	229	45.8
Positive Street Art	28	30	29	49	36	172	34.4
Symphony NH	42	31	43	50	44	210	42
Upbeat NH	48	45	49	49	49	240	48

## Applications by Rank

Nashua Community Music School	49.6	Five Full Funding
Upbeat NH	48	Five Full Funding
Nashua International Sculpture Symposium	45.8	Five Full Funding
Nashua Area Artists Association	44	Five Full Funding
Symphony New Hampshire	42.4	4 Full, 1 Partial Funding
Nashua Chamber Orchestra	39.8	3 Full, 1 ?/Partial
ActorSingers	39.4	2 Full, 3 Partial
Positive Street Art	34.4	3 Partial, 1 ?/P, 1 ?

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith Carlson, Chair, Grants Committee, Nashua Arts Commission