COVID-19

For the safety of our artists, educators, and the public, The ARTS Council is cancelling public programs until April 10, 2020 and is closely monitoring the evolving coronavirus situation. We will keep you informed as the situation changes.

Art provides hope and resilience. Therefore, the Evelyn Peeler Peacock Gallery remains open to the public for the time being. We are taking cleaning precautions as outlined by the CDC. Please feel free to contact Connie if you have any questions or concerns by email at director@earts.org, or at 607-962-1332 x 204.

In the meantime, please remember to wash your hands! We look forward to holding them when this is all behind us!

The following programs will be impacted through April 10. If amendments or rescheduling occurs, we will send out notifications:

- **March 13**  DEC Award Ceremony
- **March 14**  Business of Art with Laura Thorne
- **March 23**  Make Art Monday at Van Etten Library
- **March 24**  Feminist Dystopia Reading & Discussion Group
- **March 26**  Knowing Your Muslim Neighbors
- **March 27**  Urban Arts Crawl
  - The ARTS Council Member Reception
  - Megan Walsh’s Lost & Found Exhibition Reception at First Heritage
- **March 30**  Make Art Monday at Dutton S. Peterson Library
- **March 31**  Spring Into Creativity
- **April 2**  Business of Art with Cheryl Podsiki
- **April 9**  Behind The Glass Poetry Readings

Stayed tuned to eARTS.org for updates!
In the coming months, The ARTS Council will provide our Artist Members and Cultural Partners with as many resources as possible to help you mitigate financial loss during the special circumstances that COVID-19 presents in our community.

All of the Emergency Preparedness and Assistance Resources that we have compiled can be found here: https://www.earts.org/southern-finger-lakes-arts-preparedness-network.

New opportunities have been developed in direct response to COVID-19. These new resources explore ethical cancellation guidelines, grants for freelance artists, fiscal resources, continuation strategies and more.

2020 Rauschenberg Medical Emergency Grants – The New York Foundation for the Arts has partnered with the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation to administer a medical emergency grant program called Rauschenberg Emergency Grants. This program will assist professional artists of all disciplines in need. The program will provide visual and media artists and choreographers with one-time grants of up to $5,000 for medical emergencies beginning in early June 2020. https://www.rauschenbergfoundation.org/programs/grants/rauschenberg-emergency-grants

COVID-19 Freelance Artist Resources – This list is specifically designed to serve freelance artists, and those interested in supporting the independent artist community. This includes, but is not limited to, actors, designers, producers, technicians, stage managers, musicians, composers, choreographers, visual artists, filmmakers, craft artists, teaching artists, dancers, writers & playwrights, photographers, etc. http://covid19freelanceartistresource.wordpress.com

Principles for Ethical Cancellation – compiled by Springboard for the Arts, these suggestions assist businesses and organizations to help mitigate the impact on artists and freelancers. https://springboardforthearts.org/stories-writing/principles-for-ethical-cancellation/

Sweet Relief Musician’s Fund – Sweet Relief Musician’s Fund provides financial assistance to all types of career musicians and music industry workers who are struggling to make ends meet while facing illness, disability, or age-related problems. In other words, Healing Musicians in Need. We all have received so much out of music, it’s time to give a little back! A special COVID-19 fund has been established. https://www.sweetrelief.org/