



2012-2013  
ANNUAL REPORT

*ArtsConnection*



## Steven Tennen Executive Director

Dear Friends,

For 34 years, ArtsConnection has been a bridge between the public schools and New York City's cultural community; between student learning in the arts and students' development of social, personal and academic skills; between living in a neighborhood and living in the cultural capital of the world.

We know arts programs are not a frill. They're a fundamental part of the curriculum young people must study if they are to develop the creative reasoning and critical thinking skills needed to thrive in the 21st century.

---

**To ensure the arts are an essential part of education, ArtsConnection connects performing and visual artists with children, teens, families, and schools in creative partnerships for teaching and learning.**

---

Through instruction in music, dance, theater and visual arts, nearly 50,000 students — in over 100 public schools throughout the five boroughs, and through our afterschool work with teenagers — are discovering talents they never knew they had; learning they can push themselves further to succeed; and finding they have something important to say about the world and their lives.

None of this would be possible without ArtsConnection.

On behalf of all of us at ArtsConnection, I thank all the public, private and individual supporters who make this work possible, as well as the principals, teachers and teaching artists who guide all that we do. You are the indispensable partners in our work.

Steven Tennen  
Executive Director

# ArtsConnection by the Numbers

**34**

Years of keeping the arts central to the lives of NYC's public school students, their schools and communities

---

**46**

Community-based organizations partnering in our High 5 Ticketing Program

---

**103**

Partner-schools with customized artist residency programs designed to complement each school's unique curriculum and student needs

---

**600**

Student artworks — from 56 NYC public middle and high schools — professionally exhibited in corporate offices throughout NYC

---

**1,500**

Hours of professional development for NYC public school educators

---

**12,000**

Hours of in-class instructional time for students

---

**18,000**

Free and discounted tickets, made available to teenagers through our High 5 Ticketing program, from major cultural and performing arts venues throughout NYC

---

**30,000**

NYC schoolchildren and teens participating in in-school and after-school arts residencies taught by practicing artists in media, theater, dance, visual arts, and music

WHAT IT IS	WHO IT SERVES	WHY IT MATTERS
------------	---------------	----------------

### IN-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theater</li> <li>• Dance</li> <li>• Music</li> <li>• Visual Arts</li> <li>• Media</li> </ul>	Children preK-12	AC's programs impact the intellectual, social, and emotional development of 30,000 students in NYC's neediest schools and communities.
---	------------------	--

### SPECIAL INITIATIVES (IN-SCHOOL)

DELLTA	English language learners and their teachers	English language learners develop crucial vocabulary and communication skills while teachers learn to build curriculum across disciplines.
Special Needs Arts	Children (preK-12th grade) with significant physical and developmental challenges	Special Needs youngsters increase independence and confidence; strengthen communication skills and build social-emotional awareness.
Arts Achieve	Arts educators throughout NYC and students in 5th, 8th, and 12th grades	AC is one of 5 organizations city-wide developing groundbreaking assessments that will have national impact.
Artful Learning Communities	Arts Specialists in 180 schools throughout NYC	Led by AC, arts specialists collaborate with colleagues to assess learning, transform teaching, and promote student achievement.
Common Core and the Arts	1,300 NYC public school students and their teachers	Helps students become college- and career-ready by building critical thinking skills needed to succeed in the 21st century.

### TEEN PROGRAMS (OUT OF SCHOOL)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High 5 Ticketing Program</li> <li>• TRaC</li> <li>• Student Art Program</li> </ul>	Young people 13 – 18 yrs	Teens develop independence and awareness of cultural opportunities throughout NYC; build critical thinking and writing skills.
---	--------------------------	--

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

	Classroom teachers and paraprofessionals, AC Teaching Artists and school-based Arts Specialists; arts educators and researchers nation-wide	Because teaching professionals need to keep skills current and expand their knowledge and practice, we engage with educators who reach over 45,000 students a year.
--	---	---



**“ArtsConnection’s model allows students to express themselves and gives them a chance to be brave, open, and work together.”**  
—Elementary teacher, Queens

## Developing English Language Literacy Through the Arts

Over 150,000 children in New York City’s public schools don’t speak, read or write English well enough to keep pace with their native English-speaking peers. As English language learners (ELL’s), these students face multiple obstacles: newcomers to the U.S. may have interrupted periods of little or no education; some who are US-born come from families where English is rarely spoken, further marginalizing these youngsters. If ELL students reach middle school and haven’t achieved an adequate command of English, the risk of their dropping out of school altogether increases dramatically.

To level the playing field for these children, AC created DELLTA (Developing English Language Literacy Through the Arts), a unique program designed to strengthen children’s English language acquisition through participation in the performing arts. Working with AC teaching artists, ELL’s participate in theater and dance residencies that help them build understanding and express complex ideas, while increasing their motivation and focus.

In its eight years, DELLTA has worked with over 7,000 English language learners and their teachers, with profound effects: an independent evaluation of students participating in DELLTA showed “significantly higher” scores on New York State’s ESL Achievement test, as compared to those in the control group, with twice the retention of vocabulary and literacy skills.



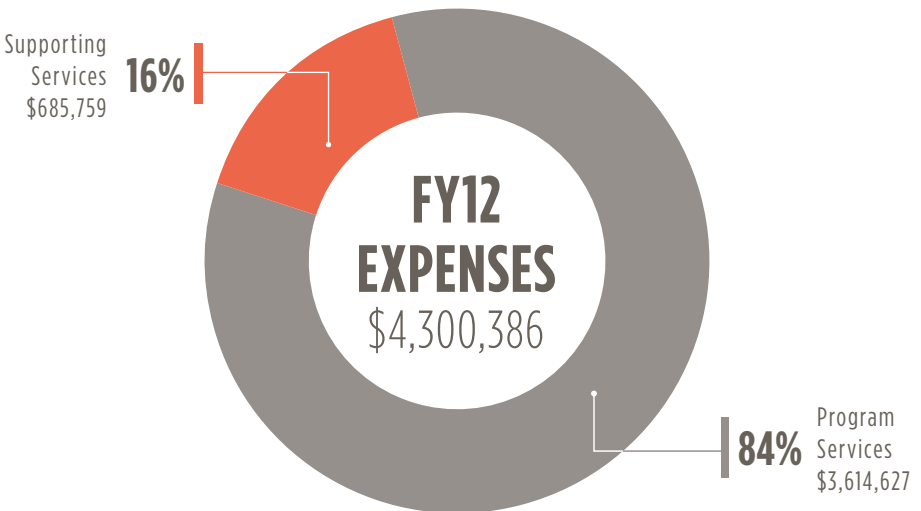
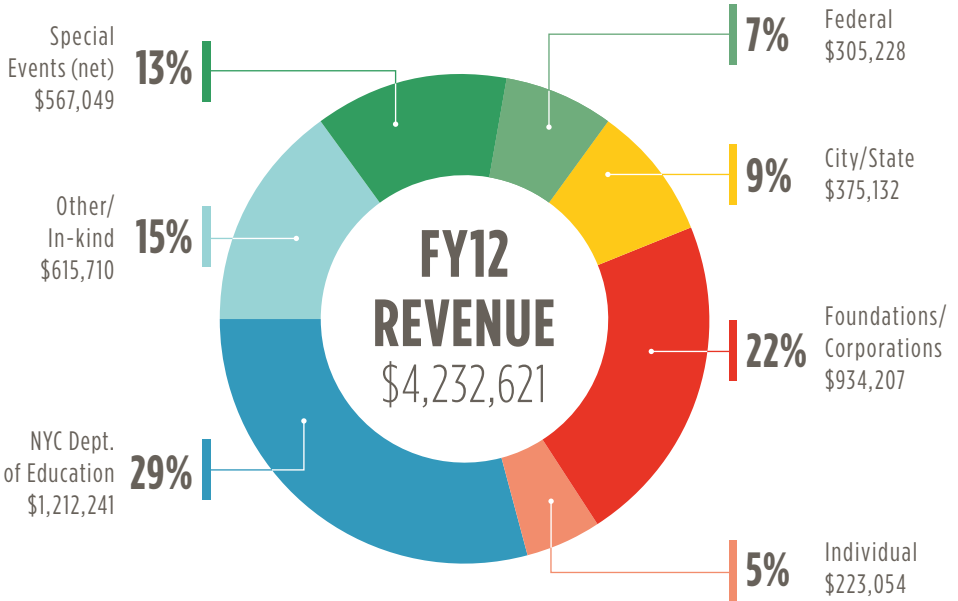
**“Bringing  
ArtsConnection  
into our classrooms  
changes our  
children’s lives.”  
—Teacher, P94**

## Special Needs Arts

Since our founding, ArtsConnection has always served Special Needs students along with their mainstream peers, providing theater, dance, visual art and music programs in mixed groups and in contained classrooms. Throughout the years, AC teaching artists have worked to bring a sense of creative achievement to a diverse mix of students and families.

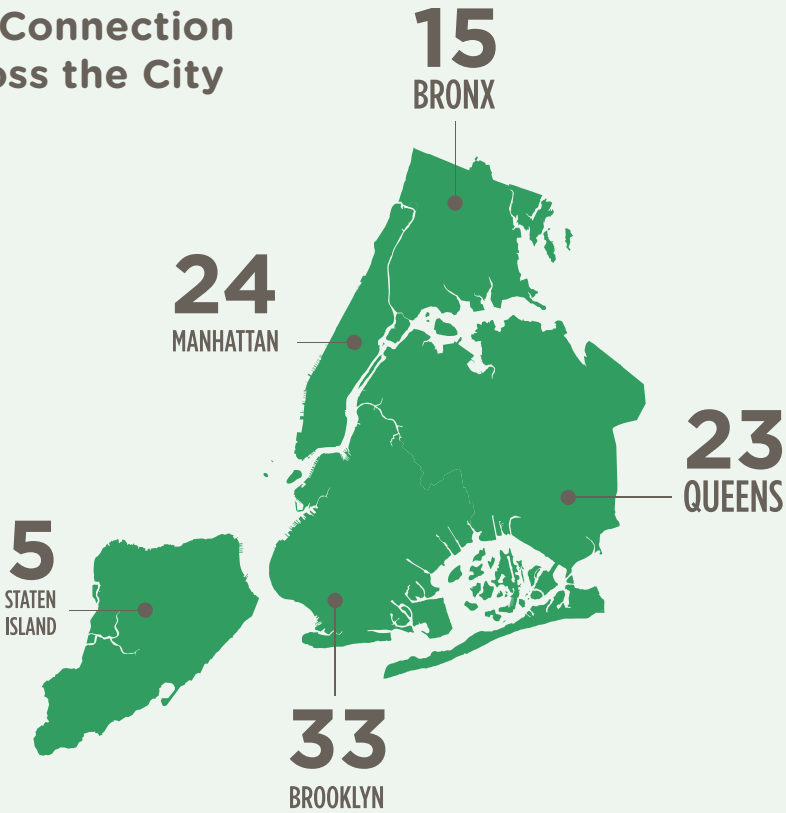
Having worked with P94 (a cluster of five elementary and middle schools teaching children on the Autism Spectrum) through the Broadway Junior program, AC was delighted with the school’s decision to extend the performing arts program to all its students — from kindergarten through 8th grade. Working with the school’s principal and faculty, AC designed a sequential theater curriculum — building in complexity each year — to support children’s developmental and academic growth. While younger children perform classic show tunes, 4th and 5th graders produce a fully-staged musical. Most remarkable is the effort of middle-schoolers: writing, producing, and starring in an *original* show — often with themes based on the personal challenges of living with autism. The joyous culminating performances at P94 allow youngsters to demonstrate new social and communication skills, emotional literacy, and determination, while parents and teachers see each child’s remarkable potential in a new light.

# ArtsConnection Operating Budget FY12\*



\*A complete audited financial statement may be obtained by contacting us: [info@artsconnection.org](mailto:info@artsconnection.org)

# ArtsConnection Across the City



## MANHATTAN

P.S. 6 • P.S. 59 • P.S. 64 • P.S. 96 • P.S. 125 • P.S. 132 • P.S./M.S. 149 • P.S. 150 • P.S. 188 The Island School • P.S. 241 Central Park East II • Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School • High School of Economics & Finance • Murray Hill Academy • Quest to Learn • Satellite Academy High School • The Earth School • The High School of Fashion Industries • The Neighborhood School • The Spectrum School P94M at P.S. 15, P.S. 188, P.S. 276, P.S. 361, P.S. 397

## BROOKLYN

P.S. 3 • P.S. 32 • P.S. 38 • P.S. 39 • M.S. 61 Gladstone H. Atwell • P.S. 69 • M.S. 88 • P.S./I.S. 109 • P.S. 113 • P.S. 114 • P.S. 119 • P.S. 130 • P.S. 133 • P.S. 154 • P.S. 160 • P.S./M.S. 161 • P.S. 167

• P.S./I.S. 206 • J.H.S. 220 • P.S. 230 • P.S. 233 • P.S. 244 • P.S. 261 • I.S. 364 Gateway • M.S. 584 Granville T. Woods School for Science & Technology • Brooklyn High School for the Arts • Brooklyn Theater Arts High School • General D. Chappie James Middle School of Science • PEACE Academy • Secondary School for Law • The Math & Science Exploratory School • West Brooklyn Community High School • Young Women's Leadership School of Brooklyn

## QUEENS

P.S. 13 • P.S. 19 • P.S. 20 • P.S. 29 • P.S. 33 • P.S. 50 • P.S. 68 • P.S. 85 • P.S. 91 • P.S. 120 • P.S. 127 • P.S. 129 • P.S. 150 • P.S. 153 • P.S. 163 • I.S. 185 • I.S. 208 • P.S. 229 • P.S. 239 • P.S. 273 • Collaborative

Arts Middle School • Townsend Harris High School • Village Academy

## BRONX

P.S. 14 • P.S. 30 • P.S. 38 • P.S. 65 • P.S. 92 • J.H.S. 123 • J.H.S. 145 Arturo Toscanini Community Junior High School • P.S. 176 • M.S. 215 Knowledge & Power Preparatory Academy • I.S. 219 New Venture Academy • Bronx Little School • Bronx Satellite Academy • College Avenue Academy • Morris Academy for Collaborative Studies • Soundview Academy for Culture & Scholarship

## STATEN ISLAND

P.S. 6 • P.S. 16 • P.S. 36 • P.S. 48 • P.S. 60



# Board of Directors

Lisa Plepler, Chairman  
Linda LeRoy Janklow,  
Founding Chairman  
Robert A. Pruzan,  
Vice Chairman  
Robert W. Downes,  
Treasurer  
Theodore S. Berger,  
Secretary

Dr. Patricia Morris Carey  
Ada Ciniglio  
Emily Ford  
Andrea Glimcher  
Louise Hartwell  
Lynne S. Katzmann  
Richard Kirshenbaum  
Stephen Levinson  
Robert Lieberberg

David Monn  
Marla Ostroff  
Debra Harounian Peltz  
Hon. Kate D. Levin,  
ex officio  
Steven Tennen,  
Executive Director

## ArtsConnection Supporters

(Donor List September 1, 2011 – February 28, 2013)

Many thanks to all of our generous supporters. Due to space limitations, we cannot list all donor names here, but all of your contributions are deeply appreciated.

### \$250,000

NYC Department of  
Cultural Affairs  
U.S. Department  
of Education

### \$100,000+

Bloomberg Philanthropies  
Eton Park  
Capital Management  
Freddie and Myrna Gershon  
Heckscher Foundation  
for Children  
Tracey and Robert Pruzan

### \$50,000+

Centerview Partners LLC  
Mary Ann and Robert  
W. Downes  
Linda LeRoy Janklow  
JPMorgan Chase  
The Emily Davie and Joseph  
S. Kornfeld Foundation  
MetLife Foundation  
The New York Community  
Trust, LuEsther T. Mertz  
Advised Fund  
The Pinkerton Foundation

### \$25,000+

Altman Foundation  
Emily and Len Blavatnik  
Robert Bowne Foundation  
The Steven A. and Alexandra  
M. Cohen Foundation  
Lisa de Koening  
HBO

Marie-Josée and  
Henry R. Kravis  
David Monn  
National Endowment for  
the Arts  
The New York Community Trust  
New York State Council on  
the Arts  
SHS Foundation  
Mark Wahlberg  
Youth Foundation

### \$10,000+

The Barker Welfare Foundation  
Margaret A. Cargill Foundation  
Consolidated Edison Company  
of New York, Inc.  
Joan Ganz Cooney and Peter  
Peter G. Peterson  
Four Friends Foundation  
– Eva & Bob Shaye  
NYC Council Member Daniel R.  
Garodnick, 4th District  
Andrea and Marc Glimcher  
Jeffrey Gural  
Lynne S. Katzmann  
Dana and Richard Kirshenbaum  
Jonathan A. Knee  
Suzie and Bruce Kovner  
NYC Council Member  
Brad Lander, 39th District  
NYC Council Member  
Jessica Lappin, 5th District  
Stephen Levinson  
Penny and Robert Lieberberg  
NYC Council Member  
Rosie Mendez, 2nd District  
Morgan Creek Foundation

Neuberger Berman  
Foundation  
Stavros S. Niarchos  
Foundation  
Paramount Pictures  
Debra Harounian Peltz  
Lisa and Richard Plepler  
Proskauer  
PwC  
Victoria Reese and  
Greg Kennedy  
Paul T. Schnell  
Alexandra Sheldon  
Mary Jo and Ted Shen  
Simpson Thacher &  
Bartlett LLP  
Soroban Capital Partners  
The Harold and Mimi  
Steinberg Charitable Trust  
Sullivan & Cromwell LLP  
UJA Federation of New York/  
Music for Youth Program  
Universal Studios  
Vital Projects Fund  
William Morris Endeavor

### \$5,000+

Alan and Arlene Alda  
Beverly Bell  
Sara and Geoff Bible  
Paul Chan and Don Toumey  
Denise and David Chase  
Heather and Todd DuBoef  
Amy and Brian France  
Lise Strickler and  
Mark Gallogly  
Jeffrey and Nancy Goldstein  
Allen and Deborah Grubman

# ArtsConnection Supporters cont'd

The Dubose and Dorothy Heyward Memorial Fund  
Jujamcyn Theaters  
Jurate Kazickas and Roger C. Altman  
Ajmal Khan  
Donald B. and Catherine C. Marron Foundation  
Julie and Edward J. Minskoff  
Joseph and Amy Perella  
Helaine and Michael Pruzan  
Lisa and Jonathan Pruzan  
Shafi Ropers  
Leslee and David Rogath  
Mr. and Mrs. Stuart I. Romanoff  
Marshall Rose  
Douglas Schoen  
Donna and Marvin Schwartz  
The Shubert Organization, Inc.  
Frank V. Sica  
Laura and Robert Sillerman  
Sony Corporation of America  
Sony Pictures Entertainment  
Sir Howard Stringer  
Lizzie and Jonathan Tisch  
Mark Wahlberg  
The Wasserstein Perella Foundation Trust  
Jane and Brian Williams  
Mortimer B. Zuckerman

## \$2,500+

Muffie Potter Aston and Dr. Sherrell Aston  
Milton and Sally Avery  
Arts Foundation  
Patricia Morris Carey Ph.D.  
Mary Casey  
Betsy and Andrew Cohen  
Nathalie and Charles de Gunzburg  
Jean Marie and Raul Fernandez  
Bari and Neil Goldmacher  
Erik H. Gordon  
Hecht and Company, P.C.  
David and Diane Hess  
Gregg S. Hymowitz  
The Isabel Foundation  
Joelle Frank, Wilkinson Brimmer Katcher  
Jerome Kane

Anton Katz  
Alexandra Davern Korry and Robin Panovka  
Richard H. Levy and Lorraine Gallard  
Amanda and Robert Lowenthal  
Jocelyn and Peter Luongo  
Marissa and Silvano Marchetto  
Margaritaville Enterprises, LLC  
Lori and David Moore  
Nederlander Organization  
Next Chapter, A De Lisi Family Foundation  
Robert B. Perlman  
The Mark E. Pollack Foundation  
Steve Rattner and P. Maureen White Foundation  
Ira M. Resnick Foundation  
Bill Robinson  
Elizabeth and Felix Rohatyn  
Jody Markman Schneider and Jeremy Schneider  
William D. Siegel  
Gayfryd Steinberg  
James Stern  
Leah and Steven Swarzman  
The Taubman Foundation  
Ticketmaster, LLC  
The Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation  
Turrell Fund  
Wendy and Tim Van Patten

## \$1,000+

Nancy and Ziggy Alderman  
Julie and Dale Allen  
Joan and Lawrence Altman  
Lorinda Ash  
Debbie and Glenn August  
Pat Baker  
Anne H. Bass  
Asya and Ted Berger  
Stacy and Antoine Bernheim  
The Bernstein Family Foundation  
Hana Bitton  
Lloyd and Laura Blankfein Foundation  
Adele G. Block  
Adele and Leonard Block Foundation  
Kristin and John Bosacco  
Yolanda F. Brown  
Brunswick Group  
Jane and Jimmy Buffett  
Missy J. Bundy and Bruce I. Ettelson  
Capezio/Ballet Makers Dance Foundation, Inc.  
Sean Cassidy  
Mr. and Mrs. Gustavo Cisneros  
Chuck Close  
Claire and Anthony Cloud  
Crème De La Crème  
Jeff Davis  
Michael J. Del Giudice  
Polly and David Downes  
Cheryl and Blair Effron  
Joan and Jay Eichel  
The Kenny and Wendy Epstein Charitable Fund  
Ms. Mica Ertegun  
Linn and Robert Feidelson  
Randi and Jeffrey Finger  
Bill Fischer and Dee Branciforte  
Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz, P.C.  
Meg Friedman  
Danielle and David Ganek  
The Glickenhau Foundation  
Elizabeth S. Goldman and Stephen M. Kotran  
Alex Grinberg  
Agnes Gund  
Sarah and Geoffrey Gund  
David Handler and Douglas Pawliuk  
Louise Hartwell  
Marlene Hess and James Zirin  
Ken Jacobs  
Mac Joseph  
Mariana and George Kaufman  
New York Keller Family Fund  
Cyndy and Anthony Y. Kim  
Kirkland and Ellis Foundation  
Susan Kirshenbaum  
Michael Kleinberg  
Sally and Wynn Kramarsky  
Kathleen Lacey and James Hoge  
Mark and Deb Landis  
Jo Carole and Ronald S. Lauder  
The Lauder Foundation - Leonard and Evelyn Lauder Fund

## IN KIND DONATIONS

Subsidized studio space provided by A.R.T./New York Creative Space Grant, supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

Elizabeth and Jeffrey Leeds  
 Gayle and Mark London  
 Carol and Albert Lowenthal  
 Vincent A. Mai  
 Debra Mayer and  
 Joseph Frumkin  
 Judith and John P. Mead  
 Richard and Ronay Menschel  
 Audrey and Daniel Meyer  
 David Mitchell  
 Dr. and Mrs. Frank and  
 Nina Moore  
 Movado Group, Inc.  
 Marla Ostroff  
 Robert Perry  
 Nick Pileggi  
 Amy Raskin and  
 Joel Saferstein  
 Lorraine and Robert  
 W. Reeder III  
 Frank Rich  
 Joseph V. Roberts  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey A. Rosen  
 Alison and Jason Rosenfeld  
 Mrs. A. M. Rosenthal  
 Mitchell Rosenthal  
 Carolyn Rowan  
 The Derald H.  
 Ruttenberg Foundation  
 Mortimer Sackler  
 Nancy and Bill Schaffel  
 Jordan Schur  
 Barry Schwartz  
 Craig G. Schwartz  
 Nicole Seligman and  
 Joel Klein  
 Bippy Siegal  
 Jeanne S. and Herbert J.  
 Siegel Philanthropic Fund  
 Barbara Siegler  
 Dan Solondz  
 Lewis Steel  
 Rayne Steinberg  
 Stephen Stempler  
 Michael Sternberg and  
 Donna Green  
 Ken and Deborah Tuchman  
 Mindy and Marc Utay  
 Mark Whitaker  
 Byron Wien  
 Shelia and David Wiener  
 Terence and Rachel Winter  
 Ellen and Joseph Wright  
 Jason Wright

**\$500+**

Cecilia T. Absher and  
 David A. Katz  
 Paul Barkus, Bessemer Trust  
 Debra and Anson Beard  
 Dick and Diana Beattie  
 Frances Beatty and  
 Alfred Adler  
 Gaily and John Beinecke  
 Mark and Stacy Benhar  
 Bessemer Trust  
 Jill and Darius Bikoff  
 Mr. and Mrs. James  
 I. Black, III  
 Mr. and Mrs. James A. Block  
 Laura and Stafford Broumand  
 Stacey and Rob Bulloch  
 Ellen and Andrew Celli  
 Yvonne Chan  
 Ada Ciniglio  
 Jay Clayton  
 Paul T. Cohen  
 Combined Municipal  
 Campaign  
 Fred Davis  
 Jane and Michael DeFlorio  
 Emmanuel Della Valle  
 The Dinyar and Aashish  
 Devitre Foundation  
 Daniel L. Dolgin and Loraine  
 F. Gardner  
 Tara Donovan and  
 Robbie Crawford  
 Rasha Drachkovitch  
 Karen Dubinsky  
 Mitchell S. Eitel  
 Jessica Fisher  
 Judith and Samuel Florman  
 Ann Elizabeth Fontaine and  
 Robert E. Buckholz, Jr.  
 Georgia and Ronald Frasch  
 Dr. Gervaise Gerstner  
 Bette-Ann Gwathmey  
 Richard Haass and  
 Susan Mercandetti  
 Leonard and Fleur Harlan,  
 Castle Harlan, Inc.  
 Hilary J. Hendel  
 James E. Higgins  
 Ilene, Marisa, Bryan and  
 Joel Joachim  
 Wendy Kaufman  
 Anna Kim and Ronald  
 E. Creamer

Lisa Konsker  
 David Lauren  
 Betty and John Levin  
 Ellen and Richard Levine  
 Robin Lewis and  
 Gerald Lefcourt  
 Gregory T. Limoncelli  
 Nancy and Bruce Lumish  
 Ninah and Michael Lynne  
 M Booth and Associates  
 Mr. and Mrs. Matthew  
 J. Mallow  
 Henry S. Miller  
 Susan Mufson  
 Brooke and Daniel Neidich  
 Lynn Nesbit  
 Esther Newberg  
 Lottie Oakely  
 Tricia and Jason Pantzer  
 Michael Patrick and  
 Carol Sedwick  
 Mr. and Mrs. Alan Patricof  
 Debra Perelman  
 Kate Pickett  
 Michael and Vikki Price  
 Eleanor Heyman Propp  
 Yvonne S. Quinn  
 Rosemary L. Ripley  
 Family Foundation  
 Nicholas Robinson  
 Susan and David Rockefeller  
 Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin  
 M. Rosen  
 Allison and Neil Rubler  
 Joan and Arthur Sarnoff  
 Alison Schneider  
 Mr. and Mrs. Samuel  
 W. Seymour  
 Richard Shane  
 Donna, Josh and  
 Michael Shear  
 Nina and Joseph Shenker  
 Fred Shuman  
 Danielle Steel  
 Jeffrey Tannenbaum  
 Sara Thompson  
 Laurie M. Tisch  
 Illumination Fund  
 Shawn Warren Designs, LLC  
 Jane Wenner  
 Liora and Stephen Yalof  
 Andrew Zaro



ArtsConnection is the recipient of public funds from the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council.

ArtsConnection  
520 Eighth Avenue  
Suite 321  
New York, NY 10018



*ArtsConnection*  
www.ArtsConnection.org