



## CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

256 Main Street  
Danbury, Connecticut 06810  
203 797 4508

### AGENDA

January 22, 2022 6:30 PM

#### The Meeting will take place at the Commission office 256 Main Street Danbury, Conn. and Videoconference

Join Zoom Meeting (setup time starts at 6:00P.M.):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89271534201?pwd=bHF0aEFWVzIIT0ZRU2cwaEpJTzIzUT09>

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#### Call to Order

#### Roll Call

#### Presentation of the Minutes of the previous Meeting

#### Correspondence

#### Reports on DCC sponsored events

- Danbury Music Centre
  - Nutcracker Ballet Dec 10, 11, 12
- Events RETURNING with the modification of Gov. Lamont's Executive Order No. 7B

#### Danbury events not sponsored by the Commission

- Danbury Music Centre
  - Messiah Sing - Saturday, December 18, 2021
- Danbury Museum
  - Guided Tours of 4 Danbury Museum Historic Buildings on our Main Street campus
  - The outdoor exhibit panels are installed.
- Danbury Railway Museum
  - SANTA TRAINS
- 2021 "Light the Lights - City Center at the Library Plaza Dec 4
- Palace Theater Danbury
- Galleries
  - Gallery of the Visual and Performing Arts Center WCSU Westside campus, 43 Lake Ave. Extension
- Noteworthy, the Danbury-based a cappella singing ensemble Sunday, December 12, 2021
- Danbury Library
- WCSU
  - Noises Off: play - WCSU Department of Theatre Arts, Dec 3, 4, 5
  - Holiday Pops - WCSU Saturday, December 4, 2021
  - Sip & Paint - WCSU Friday, December 10, 2021



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### Upcoming events

See addendum

### Coordinator's Report

1. Letter to Danbury cultural groups to solicit new Commissioners
  - a. Worked with GSmith to craft letter to local cultural groups appeal for members to the Commission
2. BUDGET submitted for 2022/23
  - a. The Cultural Commission's city budget was submitted Monday December 20, 2021.
  - b. I have requested that the current budget balance remain for the balance of this fiscal year. I noted that there are still Literary contests, Scholarships, and additional grants to fulfill.
  - c. For next year's budget, the process for receiving grants from the State is underway.
3. Literary Contest
  - a. Short Story submission deadline is January 25
  - b. Judge for **Flash Fiction** is Adele Annesi and for **Poetry** is Dr. Brian Clements
    - i. Chair, Department of Writing, Linguistics, and Creative Process, Western Connecticut State University
  - c. Schools included this year are Danbury High, ACE, Henry Abbott, Immaculate, and Wooster.
  - d. We need a venue for the awards ceremony in May and I have asked Mr. Steimetz, from WCSU, if the University will still host us. He is considering the request.
4. Make Music Day
  - a. Dues paid, Contract signed and submitted
  - b. John Fazio Jr officially signed on as coordinator
  - c. Contact with Danbury Museum about using the Marian Anderson studio for an event
  - d. State planning session planned for February 4. Both Mr. Fazio and I will attend
5. Train the trainer seminars
  - a. Legal Entities 101: for Creative Businesses Friday, January 21, 2022
  - b. Legal Entities 102: for Charitable Nonprofits Monday, February 14, 2022
6. Maintaining Alexa Flash briefings
  - a. If you have an Echo (in any iteration) you can activate "Flash Briefing" and then ask "Alexa, What is Happening in Danbury?".
7. Scholarship for ACE
  - a. ACE students are not part of DHS scholarship process. No reply after 2 attempts of inquiry at the Alternative Center for Excellence to see if they have an arts program with graduating seniors who could be eligible for a scholarship.
8. Digital Media student at WCSU about an internship next semester
  - a. Updated intern responsibility letter
  - b. CHill to act as Commission Advisor
9. Marian Anderson 125th birthday anniversary is February 27



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10. Designs for Danbury
  - a. Working with Chamber of Commerce
11. Office cleanup removal of old table

### Appeals from Community Groups

None

### Action on Grant Requests

1. -

### Old Business

1. ACE Scholarship
2. New Commissioners
3. Literary Contests

### New Business

1. GSmith re: commissioning a Marian Anderson sculpture
  - a. Coordinator reached out to Brian Walters II for process information. He replied:
    - i. Usually the commission comes up with a budget that they can spend and a timeline of the project. From there it's usually an "open call" where artists can submit for the job. A stipend is given to the finalists to come up with a final proof.
    - ii. That all said, if the commission wanted to go in an alternate route and go abstract. I'd be very interested.
  - b. GSmith: we don't have any memorials in Elmwood Park and some nice landscaping would make it central

### Other Business

- 1.

### Adjourn



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### Upcoming events addendum

Scratching the Surface: David Haislip - Gallery at  
Still River Editions  
Beginning mid-January  
Still River Editions  
128 E Liberty St Suite 3, Danbury, CT 06810

\*Events sponsored by the Commission

### Western Connecticut State University

Mohamad Hafez: Unsettled Nostalgia - Gallery  
Opening/Reception - WCSU  
February 10 6-8 PM  
The Gallery at the Visual & Performing Arts Center  
43 Lake Ave Ext, Danbury, CT 06811, USA

Unsettled Nostalgia - Western Connecticut State  
University February 11 – March 6, 2022  
The Gallery at the Visual & Performing Arts Center  
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### Available Grants:

#### **Walmart Community February 1 – December 31, 2022**

- Local Community grants range from a minimum of \$250 to a maximum of \$5,000.
- Eligible nonprofit organizations must operate on the local level (or be an affiliate/chapter of a larger organization that operates locally) and directly benefit the service area of the facility from which they are requesting funding.
- The 2021 grant cycle begins Feb. 1, 2021 and the application deadline is Dec. 31, 2021.
- Applications may be submitted at any time during this funding cycle. Please note that applications will only remain active in our system for 90 days, and at the end of this period they will be automatically rejected.
- Organizations may only submit a total number of 25 applications and/or receive up to 25 grants within the 2021 grant cycle.
- All organizations applying for a Local Community grant must be CyberGrants FrontDoor verified prior to applying.

Eligibility Checklist Organizations applying must meet one of following criteria:

- An organization holding a current tax-exempt status as a public charity under Section 501(c)(3), or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code, listed on the IRS Master File and conducting activities within the United States (excluding nationally sponsored organizations, such as American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association, Children's Miracle Network and United Way) and CyberGrants FrontDoor verified.
- A recognized government entity: state, county or city agency, including law enforcement or fire departments, that are requesting funds exclusively for public purposes and CyberGrants FrontDoor verified.
- A K-12 public or nonprofit private school, charter school, community/junior college, state/private college or university; or a church or other faith-based organization with a proposed project that benefits the community at large, such as food pantries, soup kitchens and clothing closets and CyberGrants FrontDoor verified.
- Non-charities, including organizations recognized as 501(c)(4)s, like homeowner's associations, civic leagues, or volunteer fire companies, are excluded

<http://giving.walmart.com/walmart-foundation/community-grant-program>

#### **Andrew Lloyd Webber University Theater Scholarship January 26 – February 24, 2022**

Students can apply for an annual scholarship of \$10,000 to study ANY aspect of theatre from stage management to arts administration, design to performance, and many more, providing opportunities for all to pursue their dreams of a career in the theatre both on and off the stage.

<https://alwinitiative.secure-platform.com/a/page/UniversityScholarships>

### **State of CT**

None at this time