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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT of CULTURAL RESOURCES

State Council on the Arts. Division of Historical Resources State Library, Film & Television Office, Commission on Native American Affairs (administratively attached)

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August 18, 2014

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan and the Honorable Council State House Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

The Department of Cultural Resources, Division of the Arts, requests permission to award Public Value Partnership Grant in the amount of \$13,000 to Friends of the Colonial, Bethlehem, (vendor code 155633) to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse arts programs to New Hampshire residents and visitors, effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2015. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are available in the account titled Federal Arts Partnership Grant as follows:

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FY15 \$13,000

EXPLANATION

Public Value Partnerships are awarded to nonprofit arts organizations, with a minimum of 5 years of continuous arts programming and professional staffing, to strengthen their capacity for offering affordable, diverse arts program to New Hampshire's residents and visitors. Grant categories and deadlines are advertised through the divisions' website, social media and electronic newsletters.

At a recent meeting, the Arts Council Board unanimously voted to accept the Arts Division's Public Value Partnership Review Panel's recommendations for the partnerships based on its funding priority ranking within a competitive review. The six-member peer panel, facilitated by an Arts Councilor, considered 17 criteria to arrive at a consensus ranking for each application. Each panelist is advised, both individually and collectively, of their obligation to disclose any conflict of interest and themselves from assessment if a conflict is present. The evaluative criteria range from the administrative capacity of the organization, artistic quality, strategic planning, to community impact and accessibility.

Should Federal Funds become no longer available General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,

Van McLeod

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NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS GRANT AGREEMENT



This agreement between the State of New Hampshire, New Hampshire State Council on the Arts (hereinafter "Council") and Friends of the Colonial (hereinafter "Grantee") is to witness receipt of funds subject to the following conditions:

- 1. GRANT PERIOD: FY2015
- 2. OBLIGATIONS OF THE GRANTEE:
 - The Grantee agrees to accept \$13,000.00 and apply it to the program(s) described in the grant application and approved budget referenced above. In the performance of this grant agreement, the Grantee is in all respects an independent contractor and is neither an agent nor employee of the State.
 - Funding credit including Council logo must appear in all programs, publicity, and promotional materials. The following wording and Council logo should be used:



Friends of the Colonial is supported in part by a grant from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts & the National Endowment for the Arts.

- The Grantee agrees to provide up to two (2) complimentary tickets/admissions as requested for site visits by appropriate Council staff/evaluators.
- The Grantee agrees to abide by the limitations, conditions and procedure outlined herein and in the attached appendices. If appropriated funds for this grants program are reduced or terminated, all payments under this grant may cease. That determination rests within the sole discretion of the Council.
- 3. **PAYMENT** will be made following the receipt and execution of all required documents and approval of the Governor and Executive Council
- 4. FINAL REPORT: The Grantee agrees to submit a final financial and narrative report on a form provided by the Council no more than 30 days after the end of the grant period. Failure to submit the final report will render the Grantee ineligible for Council funding for two years.
- 5. **SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**: No provision of this contract is to be deemed a waiver of sovereign immunity by the State of New Hampshire.

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Name, Title: Virginia Lupi, Director	Authorized Official's Signature & Title Date					
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Printed Name: Chacl

My Commission expires: 10/16

CERTIFICATION OF BOARD RESOLUTION

Authorization to Enter into Contracts with New Hampshire State Council on the Arts

Important: To expedite your payment these steps must be followed in this order:

- * Resolution date must occur on or before the Grant Agreement is signed.
- ** Certificate on bottom of page must be signed and notarized on the same date or after the grant agreement is signed.

1. *Resolution:

THIS IT TO CERTIFY that the following is a true and correct copy of excerpts from resolutions adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors

(name of organization)

(name of organization)

at which time a quorum was present and voted, and further that said resolution has not been rescinded, altered or amended and is still in full force and effect.

"Be it resolved that STEPHEN DIGNAZIO is hereby authorized (Printed name of authorizing official)

on behalf of this Corporation to enter into contracts with the State of New Hampshire and to execute any and all documents, agreements and other instruments, and any amendments, revisions, or modifications thereto, as (s)he may deem necessary, desirable or appropriate."

Signed: Jany Jane Control (Signature of Clerk/Secretary to the board)
Printed Name GARY ARSENAULT

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2. **Certificate	
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Stephen Dignazio, Bio Founding Director Friends of The Colonial

Stephen Dignazio has lived and worked in Northern New Hampshire for over 35 years. After graduating from Franconia College he worked for many years at numerous jobs from bookstores to nursing homes, from cook to garden designer. Concurrently he pursued an avocation as a poet and artist, co-editing an award winning poetry magazine, and collaborating with visual artists including a longstanding partnership with Maine sculptor Evan Hayes with whom he has shown in museums and galleries throughout New England. Finally his interests in the arts, and making a living, came together, and he served for five years as executive director of the North Country Chamber Players, one of the premier chamber ensembles in New England. While with the Chamber Players, in addition to the annual "Music in the White Mountains" Summer Festival he administered:

- A New Hampshire Odyssey 20 musical events in 20 New Hampshire communities for the NCCP's 20th Anniversary season
- Bette Davis Seminar/Concert Series—In celebration of the successful renovation of a 100 year old Steinway piano (formerly owned and donated by Bette Davis), in partnership with the Town of Sugar Hill, this series combined first rate educational experience with piano works of different periods and settings.
- In 2000 The NCCP received one of two Millennium grants awarded by the NHSCA for a collaboration with New England Ballet for a recital/dance production of Messiaen's *Quartet for the End of Time*.

In 1998 he was awarded a fellowship in poetry from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and in 2002 he was part of an artist team including Evan Haynes that was awarded one of three nationwide Art and Community Landscape Grants to involve communities through art in the Northern Forest Canoe Trail. He has received grants for his work from the NHSCA, National Poetry Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, the National Park Service, the New England Foundation for the Arts, Vermont Council on the Arts and the LEF Foundation.

Based on his experience in the arts and arts administration, he was acutely aware of the need for a regional cultural center in rural New Hampshire and spearheaded the drive for a reinvigorated Colonial Theatre in Bethlehem, NH where he has served as Executive Director since 2001. The Colonial has since received regional and national recognition as a model for rural arts development. A hallmark of his work in the public sphere, both administratively and artistically, has been a commitment to engaging and empowering local communities through the arts. An example form the Northern Forest Canoe Trail would be the photo project in Richford, VT which distributed cameras to residents and collected over a thousand images. These were used to produce a community art show, an historic record of Richford in 2002, a post card series and most importantly, engendered a sense of pride and value in this hardscrabble community.

As executive Director of The Colonial Theatre Stephen has been pro-active in partnering with virtually every school and public library in the area as well as over 20 community nonprofits, ranging from health and social services providers to economic development advocates, to provide a venue for creative collaborations to improve rural quality of life through the arts. During that time Stephen has managed a \$750,000 worth of renovations at the Theatre, including a 2 phase Expansion of the facility and operations. The Colonial Theatre presents independent and world cinema, professional touring artists, and community and school events from May – November.

As an artist and arts administrator Stephen has worked in literature, dance, visual arts, film and music. His contribution to arts culture in NH was recognized in 2008 when NH Magazine designated him one of 33 "It" people in NH, and most recently with a special NH Governor's Award in the Arts for Community Impact.

The Friends of The Colonial Board of Directors 2014

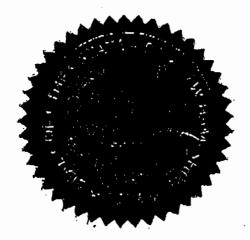
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State of New Hampshire Department of State

CERTIFICATE

I, William M. Gardner, Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify that Friends of the Colonial is a New Hampshire trade name registered on October 4, 2006 and that BETHLEHEM REDEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION presently own(s) this trade name. I further certify that it is in good standing as far as this office is concerned, having paid the fees required by law.



In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Seal of the State of New Hampshire, this 5th day of September, A.D. 2013

> William M. Gardner Secretary of State

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CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) 8/5/2014

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