

Take a look at Central New York arts, cultural and heritage groups getting state aid



The Barnes-Hiscock Mansion, 930 James St., Syracuse, has received \$300,000 in state aid to restore the roof and decorative elements. (*Michael Greenlar | mgreenlar@syracuse.com*)

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. -- Arts, cultural and heritage organizations got a piece of the \$80.2 million in economic and community development funding for Central New York awarded in the fourth round of the state's Regional Economic Development Council initiative.

Gov. Andrew **Cuomo announced** the \$709.2 in government aid on Thursday.

Funding for regional arts projects ranged from \$900,000 for the **Red House Arts Center**'s move to downtown Syracuse and \$750,000 for relocation of two Colgate University museums in Hamilton to the Onondaga Historical Association's \$160,000 for the renovation of the **Skanooneh-Great Law of Peace Center**. Syracuse Opera received a \$47,600 grant for a project telling the story of a Vietnam War POW.

Here's a list of the organizations, project and grants awarded:

RED HOUSE ARTS CENTER, \$900,000. Relocation of Redhouse to the heart of Syracuse. The renovation will include a complete façade transformation, retail space, classrooms, and a restaurant in addition to performance space.

SYRACUSE OPERA, \$47,600. The Glory Denied Project tells the story of Colonel Floyd James Thompson, America's longest-held prisoner of war in Vietnam. Preceding each performance, veteran centers statewide will host intensive grass roots discussions, talkbacks, seminars and performance excerpts.

CENTER FOR ART AND CULTURE, \$750,000. Relocation of two Colgate University museums to a newly constructed a **Center for Art and Culture** in downtown Hamilton.

CNY ARTS CENTER, \$20,000. CNY Arts Center, Inc. will conduct feasibility studies on the Case-Lee House located at 181 S. First St., Fulton.

CNY ARTS, \$100,000. CNY Arts will promote arts and cultural events in the region through print, broadcast, web, billboard and public relations. Packaging arts and culture through a coordinated, collaborative campaign supports both the tourism and cultural sectors: attracting cultural tourism dollars, increasing tax revenues and retaining talent in the region.

ONONDAGA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, \$80,000. Renovation and expansion of 6680 Onondaga Lake Parkway for the Skanonh- Great Law of Peace Center. The center will promote heritage tourism, primarily focused on the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) people.

ONONDAGA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, \$80,000. The Onondaga Historical Association will complete interior renovations to the existing building at 6680 Onondaga Lake Parkway in order to repurpose the under-utilized facility into a Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) heritage center. The Center will include a retail store and will promote heritage tourism and attract visitors to enhance the economic, cultural, recreational and educational development of our community.

AUBURN PUBLIC THEATER, \$54,600. Auburn Public Cinema Innovation Project will increase the number of screenings per week from 3 to 12, create 1 full-time and 3 part-time, permanent jobs, and connect Auburn Public Cinema with over 10 local community groups and not-for-profit organizations interested in partnering for film, entertainment and education.

LIGHT WORK, \$35,000. Light Work will upgrade the creative workstations used by all of its artists and community members as well as the lighting in the space for optimized viewing of photographic prints as they are made. This leap to new creative workstations and improved lighting is necessary one for Light Work to remain a state-of-the-art facility.

EVERSON MUSEUM OF ART, \$30,000. The Everson will hold the exhibition, "**Prendergast to Pollock**" in Spring 2015. The exhibition

highlights American masters from the collection of Edward Wales Root. An extensive array of educational programs for all ages will accompany the exhibition.

GEORGE and REBECCA BARNES FOUNDATION, \$300,000. The project is to completely restore the roof system and decorative elements of the historic Barnes Hiscock Mansion located at 930 James Street, Syracuse. Once the roof is restored, the integrity of the building will be secure and will allow subsequent interior and exterior restoration with complete confidence that such projects will not be compromised due to weather and water damage.

CORTLAND REPERTORY THEATRE, \$7,000. Cortland Repertory Theatre (CRT) is in the final stages of constructing its new "CRT Downtown" year-round performance arts facility to compliment their 43-year- old summer season. CRT will purchase theatrical lighting cables to create power distribution for a lighting system in this new theatrical space.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME, \$150,000. The Center for Great Women continues work on this nationally significant Canalside Museum.

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