



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, PARKS, ARTS, AND SPORTS
DEVELOPMENT**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Annual Budget Oversight Hearing of the 2017-2018 State Budget

PURPOSE: To review the impact and effectiveness of the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) grants awarded throughout the State.

**Tuesday
December 5, 2017
11:00 AM – 3: 00 PM
Hearing Room C – Legislative Office Building
Albany, New York**

Oral Testimony by Invitation Only

The Assembly Standing Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development oversees certain State agency budgets and certain state funded programs. These agencies include the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA), the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA), "I Love NY" tourism campaign at the Empire State Development Corporation, and the New York State Athletic Commission.

The purpose of this hearing is to examine the overall impact and implementation of the 2017-18 budget for NYSCA, particularly with respect to projects funded by arts grants made by NYSCA. In the State Fiscal Year (SFY) **2017-18** budget, NYSCA received **\$4.42 million** for operations, **\$42.6 million** for arts grants and a new **\$20 million** allocation that established the Arts and Culture Facilities capital grant program. This program is intended to strengthen tourism, promote business development and improve the quality, efficiency and accessibility of New York State arts and cultural organizations through targeted investments.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committee at the above hearing should fully complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. In the event of an emergency postponement or cancellation invited person will be notified.

Oral testimony will be limited to 10 minutes duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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Daniel O'Donnell
Member of Assembly
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Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts, and Sports Development

PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

Persons wishing to present testimony at the public hearing on the impact and effectiveness of the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) grants awarded throughout the State are requested to complete this reply form by **November 30, 2017** and mail, e-mail or fax it to:

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- I plan to attend the following public hearing on the impact and effectiveness of the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) grants awarded throughout the State, on **December 5, 2017**.
- I have been invited to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to 10 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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