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Governor Christie Officially Proclaims October “Discover Jersey Arts Month”

BURLINGTON, NJ (October 1, 2014) – By official proclamation from Governor Chris Christie, October has once again been designated "Discover Jersey Arts Month," thanks to the efforts of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the ArtPride New Jersey Foundation. Held in conjunction with National Arts and Humanities Month, Discover Jersey Arts Month is a collective commemoration of the importance of the arts in every aspect of daily life for the citizens of the Garden State.

Discover Jersey Arts Month honors the economic, educational and civic engagement values that the arts impart in our lives, and also encourages all New Jerseyans to take advantage of the cultural riches N.J. has to offer.

“Governor Christie's proclamation does more than merely acknowledge the arts in N.J.,” says Ann Marie Miller, Executive Director of ArtPride New Jersey. “The declaration outlines how vital the arts are to our towns and cities; the unique role the arts play in the lives of our families, our communities and our state; and how the benefits of the arts reach every resident of the state.”

Far more than just a form of entertainment, the arts in N.J. shape the state’s cultural understanding and build dynamic communities for generations to come.

“The arts enhance and enrich all of our lives and affect every aspect of those lives,” continued Miller. “From helping our children excel in school to creating economic vitality, driving job creation to advancing creative problem-solving, the arts create healthy, thriving societies.”

Community members are invited to join the Discover Jersey Arts Month celebration and begin the practice of actively contributing to and taking part in the arts right here in N.J.

“From sculpture gardens to glass museums, modern dance to classic ballet and Mozart to hip-hop, the Garden State has it all,” Miller continued. “You don’t have to go far to find great arts in N.J.”

Visit JerseyArts.com for details on upcoming performances and exhibitions, as well as for information on how to become a Jersey Arts Member and receive special ticket deals, access to exclusive events, arts news and other benefits.

ABOUT THE ARTPRIDE NEW JERSEY FOUNDATION

The ArtPride New Jersey Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, is the charitable and educational arm of ArtPride New Jersey that promotes the value of the arts to New Jersey’s quality of life, education and economic vitality through research and a variety of programs and services including Discover Jersey Arts and Arts Plan New Jersey.

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