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The Jazz Loft Awarded \$100K by the New York State Council on the Arts for Upgraded Audio & Video Recording Equipment

Stony Brook, NY-The Jazz Loft announced today a grant award from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to support the organization's upgrades in equipment. This grant is part of a capital project funding announcement by NYSCA, which totals over \$32 million to 102 capital projects across New York State. The grant is a matching grant, with \$50K coming from the state and \$50K from The Jazz Loft donors.

According to The Jazz Loft founder Tom Manuel, the grant funds will go towards installing high-end audio and video equipment so that the Loft can livestream, and record performances and the space can also act as a recording studio.

"The over 100 projects we're supporting through this funding will showcase arts and cultural organizations across the state and spur economic development for decades to come," said Governor Kathy Hochul. "From historic sites to new multi-use arts centers, these diverse projects will expand accessibility and the sustainability of arts and culture organizations while growing local economies, driving tourism and creating jobs across New York State."

New York State Council on the Arts Executive Director Erika Mallon said, "We are grateful to Governor Hochul and the legislature for their support. These projects are essential to the prosperity and well-being of our creative industry and our communities, especially as we continue to navigate the recovery of our creative sector. This support will help stimulate local economies, catalyze investment in our communities and help to ensure the vibrancy of our cultural organizations for now and the future. Congratulations

to The Jazz Loft, NYSCA is a proud supporter of your contributions to New York's arts and culture.”

About the New York State Council on the Arts

The mission of NYSCA is to foster and advance the full breath of New York State's arts and culture, and creativity to all. To support the ongoing recovery of the arts across New York State, the Council on the Arts will award \$127 million in FY 2024, serving over 2,000 organizations and artists across all 10 state regions. NYSCA further advances New York's creative culture by convening leaders in the field and providing organizational and professional development opportunities and informational resources. Created by Governor Nelson Rockefeller in 1960 and continued with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature, NYSCA is an agency that is part of the Executive Branch. For more information on NYSCA, please visit <http://www.arts.ny.gov>, and follow NYSCA's Facebook page, Twitter @NYSCArts and Instagram @NYSCouncilontheArts.

The Jazz Loft is located at 275 Christian Avenue in Stony Brook. For more information visit thejazzloft.org