

ARTS REPORT

DELAWARE VALLEY ARTS ALLIANCE



ARTS COUNCIL FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY

2010-2011

OUR MISSION: TO ADVANCE THE ARTS IN THE REGION THROUGH SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF ARTISTS; INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS; ADVOCACY; AND ARTISTIC, BUSINESS, AND GOVERNMENT ALLIANCES.

From the Executive Director



Elaine Giguere, Executive Director

Presenting an annual report is very satisfying when, looking back, you can see the effect that the cultural activities, initiated and produced by your organization, has had on the region.

The statistics presented in this report are measurable, but they only paint part of the picture. The complete picture includes the artists, community members, supporters, and collaborators who make up the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

No, the arts aren't just a bunch of concerts mixed in with exhibitions and, oh yeah, maybe a festival or poetry reading. They exist in the context of the individuals and communities they serve.

Looking at this report you can see that the arts bring people together in a shared experience—an experience that often translates into lively conversation in coffee shops, public spaces, and on Facebook. They highlight our talented neighbors, enliven our Main Streets, give us spiritual strength against the constant barrage of bad news. They allow us to celebrate *life*.

Given DVAA's 35 years of cultural service, this report reviews only a small slice of the power of the arts and their ripple effect—but it's a delicious slice that I hope will encourage you to continue to participate.

Sincerely,

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