



SOUTHAMPTON
ARTS CENTER

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

"Collaboration through creativity equals growth through mind, body and spirit. There is no greater local support for creativity than Southampton Arts Center."

Dan Welden, Artist

A LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SAC LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends,

What a year!

Reflecting on an incredible 2022 and what we've collectively accomplished—whether it's the historic exhibition presenting Shinnecock and national Native artists in **OUTCROPPING – Indigenous Art Now**, the expression of art and technology with **TECHSPRESSIONISM – Digital & Beyond**, a celebration of renowned East End artists in **FIGURES TRANSFORMED, A CELEBRATION OF TREES**, featuring a collection of 80 artists from around the world, or **Camille Henrot** sculptures in our public art space—we're so grateful to have your continued support in community building through the arts.

Complementing these exhibitions were a series of concerts with Hamptons Jazz Fest, thought-provoking films, artist talks and workshops, sound meditations, environmental programs, and children's events... and so much more.

We are humbled by the support of this community. We must extend a special thanks to our Friends' Circle Members, donors, and sponsors who have underwritten so many of these engaging and meaningful events. With the contributions – financial, intellectual, and creative – of so many, we are able to present this broad array of programming.

Collaboration is at the heart of our work, and we remain ever grateful to our many programming partners, artists, creatives, and world-class organizations who partner with us to present work that matters – art with social and regional relevance that inspires, informs, and serves as a local economic driver.

We look forward to celebrating our 10th anniversary in 2023 with our new executive director at the helm, **Christina Mossaides Strassfield**. Our first exhibitions, **EAST END COLLECTED 7 – Us Here Now**, curated by Paton Miller, and an exhibition of works **HARRY BENSON**, will advance our mindful and inclusive work, reaching wide audiences. 2023 promises to be a celebratory year!

There are many ways to get involved at SAC – charitable contributions, memberships, attending programs, and supporting our signature summer events, including the **Whimsy Cocktail Party**,



Architecture + Design Tour, and our beloved **SummerFest Gala**.

As 2022 comes to an end, please consider a year-end gift in support of our Annual Appeal.

Our sincere and heartfelt thank you again. We look forward to seeing you at SAC soon!

With gratitude,

Board of Directors
Southampton Arts Center

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2022 BY THE NUMBERS

33K	ATTENDANCE
5	EXHIBITIONS
234	ARTISTS
467	WORKS ON VIEW
30	LIVE PERFORMANCES
63	FILMS, PANELS, TALKS
247	OVERALL PROGRAMS
108	PROGRAM PARTNERS
13.7K	SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
\$1.7M	OPERATING BUDGET

Photo: A CELEBRATION OF TREES Opening, Rob Rich/Society Allure



MISSION

Southampton Arts Center is committed to community building through the arts. We present and produce inspiring, inclusive, socially and regionally relevant programs across all disciplines – welcoming, connecting, and collaborating with the diverse members of New York’s East End community and beyond.

VISION

Influenced by the rich cultural tradition and artistic history of the region, Southampton Arts Center will drive cultural engagement and economic vitality. We will be distinguished as a destination for multigenerational audiences to have artistic, educational and transformational experiences. Using the arts as a unifier we will provide a platform for the many voices who comprise our region creating mutual understanding and effecting positive change.

INSTITUTIONAL VALUES

- INCLUSIVE:** This is a place for everyone. All are welcome.
- MINDFUL:** We are invested in an equitable and sustainable future.
- ADVOCATES:** We are a haven for artists – providing opportunities for dialogue, collaboration, and professional development.
- FUN:** Good energy emanates from 25 Jobs Lane.
- RESPONSIVE:** We don’t know everything, so we listen and allow ourselves the space to take action.
- AMBITIOUS:** We are trailblazers. We push ourselves to experiment, elevate, and overdeliver.
- PASSIONATE:** We love what we do and we’re honored to do it.



COMMUNITY BUILDING THROUGH THE ARTS

Photo: Strong-Cuevas, Space-Eye, Alexandra Saland



ARTS, CULTURE, HISTORY

CONNECTING AND ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THOUGHT-PROVOKING, INCLUSIVE EXHIBITIONS

It's about art. It's about community. Southampton Arts Center was founded with a view toward community building through the arts, presenting and producing inspiring, inclusive, and dynamic exhibitions. We kicked off 2022 with **OUTCROPPING – Indigenous Art Now**. This landmark exhibition provided a critical platform for Indigenous voices, locally and nationally. We discovered the international digital landscape and inevitable rise of NFTs, and technology as a means for emotional expression, with **TECHSPRESSIONISM – Digital & Beyond**. Connecting the galleries and grounds, **FIGURES TRANSFORMED** was an exploration of the human form by three very distinct artists. **A CELEBRATION OF TREES** strengthens SAC's commitment to our shared home, Mother Earth, with an incredible lineup of artists using their work to raise awareness of the vast and critical network of trees across the planet. Through art, we inform, inspire, and find connection in our community.

Thanks to your support, we've been able to present these inspiring exhibitions, complemented by thoughtfully-curated programs. SAC will continue to listen and learn to better serve our community through arts and culture.



Top: FIGURES TRANSFORMED Strong-Cuevas gallery, Rob Rich/Society Allure
Right: TECHSPRESSIONISM - Digital & Beyond artists, Rob Rich/Society Allure



JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER TAKES THE STAGE

COLLABORATING WITH HAMPTONS JAZZ
FEST TO PRESENT WYNTON MARSALIS

Together, we find connection – and a good time – through incredible live performances at SAC. From a sold-out theatre as we presented jazz legend **Wynton Marsalis**, in collaboration with **Hamptons Jazz Fest**, **Jazz at Lincoln Center**, and our Georgian partners from the **Silk Road Group**, to concerts on the West Lawn, and a Halloween-themed **Silent Disco**, we’ve emanated nothing but good energy from 25 Jobs Lane. Your support has allowed us to become family as we laugh, sing, dance, and listen together.

CULTURALLY-DIVERSE FILMS EXPAND THOUGHT

CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED
FILMS @ SAC

SAC starts conversations. Shifting our film focus to documentary shorts and features in 2022, we endeavor to learn from a myriad of voices on an incredible range of topics through collaborative presentations. From **Ocean Films** with **Surfrider Eastern Long Island Chapter** to pre-film panels with **Hamptons Doc Fest**, a special screening of **The Inventor** with **Southampton African American Museum** to the internationally-celebrated **Hamptons International Film Festival**, and from **Empowers Africa** to our annual **Mountainfilm on Tour Southampton** presentation, we’ve heard stories that strengthen our bond within and far beyond our beloved community.

“ **OUTCROPPING**, a landmark exhibition that took place in the heart of Traditional Shinnecock Ancestral Territory, still resonates with me. Never before had this exquisite collection of Indigenous art been displayed together in the Village of Southampton. For that fact alone, Southampton Arts Center leads the way! The strong, respectful, collaborative relationship between the Shinnecock Nation and SAC made **OUTCROPPING** an outstanding exhibit that was attended by many visitors, including hundreds of school children whom I had the pleasure of leading as a docent. I look forward to years of continued collaboration.”

DENISE SILVA-DENNIS
Artist

FUN
DYNAMIC
ENGAGING

*Left: Wynton Marsalis performs with Jazz at Lincoln Center at SAC., Ron Esposito
Right: Empowers Africa film screening on the West Lawn, Rob Rich/Society Allure*



STRONGER TOGETHER

WORKING WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO ENHANCE PROGRAMMING AT SAC

It's all about partnerships. By engaging the various members and organizations in our community, we expand our pillar programming to elevate what we offer across all sectors - inspiring change for the climate, connecting with underserved communities, utilizing technology as a means to express emotional experience, engaging with our partners to educate and inspire, and more.



“Collaborating with Southampton Arts Center has not only been profoundly rewarding, but absolutely necessary. We are living in a world that unfortunately has become so divided in many ways. So it's up to us in our small village to make big things happen that unites us all. I look forward to continue 'sharing the stage' and 'dancing' into a new year bringing more exciting programs to our village.”

*Brenda Simmons, Founder and Executive Director
Southampton African American Museum*

Top: Artist and activist Shane Weeks gives an Indigenous blessing for A CELEBRATION OF TREES opening, Rob Rich/Society Allure
Left: East End Special Players Club provides opportunities for self-expression through artistic experiences



ENGAGING OUR FUTURE COMMUNITY LEADERS

SCHOOL GROUP EXHIBITION TOURS
INSPIRE AND EDUCATE

Working with exhibition artists, SAC's school group tours have engaged more than 1,370 students from kindergarten through high school. Denise-Silva Dennis led exhibition tours of **OUTCROPPING – Indigenous Art Now**, discussing not only pieces in the show, but Native issues across the country. A **CELEBRATION OF TREES** tours reaffirms the connection between art and the environment, inspiring the next generation to take action.

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I have been making documentaries on artists for five decades, and I believe through these films, the artists and their work can come alive on screen. I was happy and honored to make a documentary celebrating FIGURES TRANSFORMED, capturing the artists, their work, behind-the-scenes work of the staff, and many others. And finally, the glorious celebration by all who participated and the public. SAC is an institution that offers and promotes diverse mediums, allowing creativity to flourish and be shared by our community and visitors."

Lana Jokel, Filmmaker



PRESERVING ICONIC GROUNDS IN SOUTHAMPTON

PUBLIC ART INSTALLATIONS
AT SAC

A place for everyone, all the time. SAC has been a steward to 25 Jobs Lane for nearly 10 years, welcoming thousands of visitors annually to enjoy arts, culture, and surrounding attractions in the Village of Southampton. Thanks to your support, free public art installations, including outdoor sculptures by Hal Buckner, Camille Henrot, Strong-Cuevas, Hans Van de Bovenkamp, and works from **A CELEBRATION OF TREES** have found a home among the trees and landscape of the three-acre property – welcoming and connecting the community on grounds that are always open.

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More than a century in the making, SAC's iconic arboretum provides a welcome respite in the heart of the Village of Southampton. SAC grounds hosts the court of Caesar and his 18 compatriots dutifully keeping watch over an eclectic grouping of trees, providing the setting for outdoor sculpture exhibits, performances, and special events. A visit to the village is not complete without a stroll on the ever-evolving and historic SAC arboretum grounds."

Siamak Samii, SAC Trustee

**ICONIC
ENRICHING
WELCOMING**

“

Brown Harris Stevens is honored to sponsor Film @ SAC. Through their films & supporting programs, Southampton Arts Center brings a rich cultural understanding to the East End. We appreciate and support them in their commitment to the community."

*Robert Nelson, Managing Director,
Brown Harris Stevens of the Hamptons*

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THE FRONT GALLERY

SUMMER EVENTS ON ICONIC GROUNDS

CELEBRATING AND ADVANCING SAC'S MISSION
AT 25 JOBS LANE



ARCHITECTURE + DESIGN TOUR

SAC's annual **Architecture + Design Tour** has returned in its original form, offering tours of Southampton homes and grounds. With a focus on celebrating modern architecture and landscape architecture, guests enjoyed exclusive tours of four select Southampton properties, a panel discussion featuring Chris LaGuardia of LaGuardia Design Group, Blaze Makoid of BMA Architects, Viola Rouhani of Stelle Lomont Rouhani Architects, and moderator Siamak Samii of Siamak Samii Architects, and a private brunch.

Led by event chairs **Mark Fichandler** and **J. Whitney Stevens**, this fifth annual tour was supported by Purist.



WHIMSY: A GARDEN SOIRÉE

SAC's second annual summer cocktail party, **Whimsy: A Garden Soirée**, hosted some of Southampton's most prominent philanthropists, artists, and residents in celebration of art, culture, and community at SAC. This gorgeous summer evening helped support SAC's exhibitions and dynamic programming.

Chaired by **Elyn Kronemeyer**, this event was sponsored by Eastland Nursery and Farms, Gardeneering, Highclere Castle Gin, Hamptons Fashion Week, Frances Valentine, Libéllule, Purist, and Textures Atelier.



SUMMERFEST

SAC was thrilled to host **SummerFest**, including the first annual **SummerFest After Dark** party. Surrounded by new and old friends alike, the benefit and culinary arts festival was an evening of delicious food, art, and community. Chaired by **Simone Levinson**, the event honored **Helena and Rob Vahradian** with the 2022 Champion of the Arts Award. SAC is grateful for the incredible support of the Vahradians and the community.

SummerFest was sponsored by Bulgari, 21 Seeds Infused Tequila, Bloomberg Philanthropies, GTIS Partners, KPMG, Lalique, Pearl Street Caviar, and Shearman & Sterling.

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LOOKING FORWARD

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS IN 2023

As the year draws to a close, we take time to reflect on what we've been able to offer our community. We've provided a platform for artists of all mediums, backgrounds, and identities, offering a space to showcase their art, culture, and history. Programming designed to intrigue, engage, and inspire invited audiences to see the world from different perspectives, thinking far beyond the boundaries of our beloved village. It's with your support that we will advance and strengthen our mission of community building through the arts as we celebrate our 10th anniversary in 2023.

SAC has been a steward of these iconic grounds for a decade, drawing more than 350K visitors the Village of Southampton over 10 years. Now, as we look to celebrate this milestone, we are thrilled to announce we have appointed a new leader to take the helm and advance our mission — **Christina Mossaides Strassfield**.

Serving as SAC's new executive director, Christina will drive SAC's artistic vision and programming, leading development and fundraising initiatives, and cultivating and maintaining the many partnerships and relationships with key stakeholders, and so much more. Her dedication to the arts, experience and relationships with New York and East End artists, and commitment to the Southampton community she calls home make her the perfect leader for our organization. It is an honor to have her join our dynamic team.

In the New Year, we look forward to the return of our celebrated **EAST END COLLECTED7** exhibition, curated by Paton Miller, which will feature our varied and incredibly talented regional artists. In the spring, we'll explore **Harry Benson's** view into the worlds of celebrities through his world-renowned photography. The best is yet to come.

“ I am delighted to join Southampton Arts Center as executive director, and I look forward to working with the board and staff as the organization embarks on its 10th year – an opportunity to celebrate all that has been accomplished and the multitude of ways it will continue to serve the East End community for years to come.”

CHRISTINA MOSSAIDES STRASSFIELD
SAC Executive Director



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Clockwise from left: Halloween Silent Disco, Rob Rich/Society Allure photo | Kids during tree tour | | A CELEBRATION OF TREES opening reception, Rob Rich/Society Allure photo | Celebrity Autobiography cast, Tom Kochie photo

