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From NYS ARTS Alliance of NYS Arts Organizations:

Greetings!

It is with sadness that we must inform out you that the Board of Directors of the Alliance of New York State Arts Organizations, aka NYS Arts, has decided to immediately cease operational activities and to pursue a legal dissolution.

This decision has been very difficult. We are very proud of the Alliance's efforts over the years, and the role it has played in the development of our field. However, despite our best efforts we were unable to achieve the long-term stable financial foundation needed to maintain general operations, and the quality and scope of services. After a pain-staking review of our situation and prospects we were left with no choice but to discontinue operations.

The New York Council of Nonprofits (NYCON) through an arrangement with the New York State Council on the Arts is assisting the Board with administration, legal and debt management services as we wind down the affairs of the corporation and take the necessary and appropriate steps toward a responsible dissolution.

We have every confidence in the continued vitality of the field, and its leaders going forward. As you may already know, NYSCA has arranged for membership in NYCON for all if its affiliated arts and cultural organizations in the state to provide technical assistance and services.

Many of you have asked about the future of advocacy services. Please note that The Alliance/Arts Action for New York remains an independent, 501(c) 4 advocacy organization. The Alliance/Arts Action for New York has its own Board of Directors and membership, and they will be making their own decisions as to their future course.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank all of you for your participation in and support over the years for NYS Arts. I particularly want to express my appreciation to those who generously responded to our urgent call for donations back in July.

Sincerely,

Veronica Claypool

President of the Board of Directors

The Alliance of New York State Arts Organizations, Inc. more commonly known as the Alliance of New York State Arts Councils, Inc.

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