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Rep. Urban Praises State Funding for Stonington Opera Company

Arts grant awarded to Salt Marsh Opera

Rep. Diana Urban (D-Stonington) praised the Department of Economic and Community Development's (DECD) recent selection of Salt Marsh Opera in Stonington as the recipient of a \$7,787 Supporting Arts in Place grant. The grant is provided through DECD's Office of the Arts.

Supporting Arts in Place grants provide general operating support to eligible arts organizations and municipal art departments in order to strengthen the state's non-profit arts industry.

"The arts bring culture, community, and economic development to Connecticut. Arts organizations play an important role in making our state an attractive place to live and work," **Rep. Urban** said. "Salt Marsh Opera is a Stonington gem. I'd like to thank DECD Commissioner Smith for choosing this great organization."

Formed in 2000, Salt Marsh Opera holds opera performances each spring and fall, as well as three outdoor summer events—Opera in the Park, Music at the Lighthouse and Broadway on the Lawn. The organization also runs in-school programs to teach children about opera.

"Salt Marsh Opera exemplifies the benefits of a local arts non-profit. In addition to their wonderful performances, they provide opportunities for local artists and bring educational programs into our schools," **Rep. Urban** said.

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