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## **Rep. Ritter Honored for Support of the Arts**

*Receives award from Hartford theater organization HartBeat Ensemble*

**Rep. Matt Ritter** (D-Hartford) announced today that he has been recognized by Hartford theater company HartBeat Ensemble for his support of local arts programs. He will receive the HartBeat Cultural and Civic Leadership Award at the organization's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary benefit on September 18.

"I'm honored to receive this award from HartBeat Ensemble, and I'd like to thank them for all the great work they do in our community. Local arts organizations are part of what makes Hartford an exciting place to live and work," **Rep. Ritter** said. "I'm a personal fan of their performances as a Hartford resident, and as a legislator I believe that Connecticut benefits from supporting the arts. Arts organizations drive economic development and make cultural experiences accessible to the broader community. "

Founded in 2001, HartBeat Ensemble is located at the Carriage House Theater on Farmington Avenue in Hartford. They're known for performances that tackle social issues and for their commitment to affordable theater.

In addition to theatre performances, they offer educational community programs such as conflict resolution and bullying prevention workshops.

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