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**FAIRFIELD COUNTY CHORALE RECEIVES CT CULTURAL FUND
OPERATING SUPPORT GRANT FROM CT HUMANITIES**

Norwalk, CT (April 2023) — The Fairfield County Chorale is honored to announce that it was recently awarded a \$9,200 CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant from CT Humanities (CTH). CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grants assist organizations as they recover from the pandemic and maintain and grow their ability to serve their community and the public.

On March 18, FCC performed *When Folklore Meets Choral*, Music and Songs of Latin America, including *Misa Criolla*, by Ariel Ramirez, in collaboration with the **Norwalk High School Chamber Singers** and with **Future Natives**, a fusion band that blends traditional folklore with jazz and rock. On May 13, for our season finale, we will perform two contemporary masterpieces: *Missa Brevis* by Zoltan Kodaly; and *Gloria*, by Francis Poulenc.

We are delighted that the opportunity to perform with local and other musical organizations has been supported and will be enhanced by the receipt of these funds.

“This is wonderful news,” said FCC president Art Gang. “It’s a testament to the effort that FCC leaders and members made, especially during the pandemic, to keep our activities going and continue providing cultural options for the community. This funding will allow us to expand our reach in terms of performance collaborations and solidify the digital infrastructure we began to develop during the pandemic.”

Fairfield County Chorale was one of 723 organizations in Connecticut receiving a CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant. Totaling more than \$8.5M, these grants are part of a two-year, \$30.7M investment in arts, humanities, and cultural nonprofits by the CT General Assembly and approved by Governor Ned Lamont.

This CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant is provided to Fairfield County Chorale from CT Humanities, with funding from the Connecticut State Department of Economic and Community Development/Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA) from the Connecticut State Legislature.

About the Fairfield County Chorale

The Fairfield County Chorale is celebrating its 60th season presenting great choral works in southwestern Connecticut. With its fierce commitment to music and mission, FCC has continued to expand its offerings even over the past two years, presenting online performances, broadening its audience throughout the world, and increasing its membership. The Chorale, comprised of over 80 voices, presents every concert with professional accompanists or orchestra, and soloists. FCC has premiered a number of US and worldwide works, and has performed at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York, and the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

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About Connecticut Humanities

CT Humanities (CTH) is an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. CTH connects people to the humanities through grants, partnerships, and collaborative programs. CTH projects, administration, and program development are supported by state and federal matching funds, community foundations, and gifts from private sources. Learn more by visiting cthumanities.org.

About Connecticut Office of the Arts

The Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA) is the state agency charged with fostering the health of Connecticut's creative economy. Part of the state's Department of Economic and Community Development, the COA is funded by the State of Connecticut and the National Endowment for the Arts.

