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ACA To Launch Mount Tremper Arts Legacy Fund that will distribute more than \$200,000 in support of artists and artist residencies throughout the Catskill and Hudson region.

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — After twelve years of hosting artists in the Catskill mountains of New York, Mount Tremper Arts (MTA) is closing its doors. As Mount Tremper Arts leaves its home in the Catskills, it will continue to offer broad residency funding in partnership with Artist Communities Alliance (ACA).

ACA is thrilled to announce the Mount Tremper Arts Legacy Fund program, which will support artists and artist residencies throughout the Catskill and Hudson region for the next decade. In partnership with MTA, the Mount Tremper Arts Legacy Fund will continue MTA's support for artists' freedom in creating new work.

As part of ACA's grantmaking programming, the Legacy Fund will distribute more than \$200,000 over the next ten years. ACA's consortia and grantmaking programs are long-term partnerships with funders that offer direct support to artists so they can attend residencies. These programs create pathways for artists that have been historically underrepresented or excluded in the residency field and build and strengthen relationships among residency programs.

"Although Mount Tremper Arts is sunsetting, we see this legacy fund as an opportunity to align both of our missions, which are driven by values," says Lisa Funderburke, ACA President and CEO. "The direct support to artists and residency programs will support the creation of new work and transform the practices of artists in the Catskills and Hudson region. This Legacy Fund will allow ACA to continue championing artists and their communities."

MTA opened in 2008 as a laboratory space dedicated to supporting artists in creating and presenting new works of contemporary art — building a community that allowed artists to support each other.

“Mount Tremper Arts has supported and engaged a remarkable community of artists since its inception in 2008,” said the MTA Board of Directors. “The goal of the Legacy Fund is to build on MTA’s history by offering funding to diverse artists from any background or geography, to pursue their artistic investigations in whatever way they determine will best advance their creative work. We’re especially appreciative that ACA will administer the Legacy Fund by providing these grants for artistic residencies in the Catskills and Hudson region, where MTA made its home.”

Between 2008–2021, MTA hosted over 250 residencies for performing arts companies and 135 public events and supported a broad range of emerging to internationally renowned artists working in dance, theater, music, poetry, opera, criticism, and the visual arts. To learn more about the artists and legacy of Mount Tremper Arts, please visit the Mount Tremper Arts Legacy website at www.mounttremperarts.org

More information about ACA’s MTA Legacy fund will be available soon at www.artistcommunities.org.

ABOUT ARTIST COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE: Artist Communities Alliance (ACA) is the international service organization for artist residency programs and artist-centered organizations. ACA's mission is to advocate for and support artist residency programs as a means of advancing the endeavors of all artists. Founded in 1991, ACA currently has more than 250 members in 50 U.S. states and 20 countries and works on behalf of 1,500 residency programs worldwide. Since 2004, ACA has provided more than \$4 million in direct grant funding to artists and artist residency centers.