

RIDGEFIELD  
**ARTS**  
COUNCIL

# RIDGEFIELD

## Arts Council

SUPPORTING,  
PROMOTING, AND  
CELEBRATING THE ARTS  
IN RIDGEFIELD





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# About

## Founded in 1997

The Ridgefield Arts Council promotes the advancement of our vibrant arts community and the diverse arts and cultural organizations that contribute to making Ridgefield an arts destination.

Our mission is to support, foster, and connect those who participate in, appreciate, and create art across all genres.



# Our Charge

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Support & Promote the Ridgefield Arts Community:

- Arts Professionals, Organizations, and Businesses
  - Support events & individual artists
  - Honor & acknowledge volunteers of nonprofit arts community
  - Encourage collaboration between arts and cultural organizations
  - Provide networking opportunities for arts organizations, businesses and individual artists
  - Represent Ridgefield within local and regional organizations such as the arts alliances of Fairfield County & the State of Connecticut
- Town of Ridgefield & its Citizens
  - Further the development & promotion of Ridgefield as an Arts Destination and as Connecticut's first designated Cultural District
  - Promote opportunities to make the arts and cultural experiences accessible for the community
  - Serve as a resource for Ridgefield arts and cultural information
  - Facilitate partnerships between the schools and the local creative community
  - Collaborate with other town appointed stakeholders
- Explore opportunities to support cultural events and initiatives in Ridgefield
- Report to the BOS annually with an update.
- Abide by Article 6 of the Ridgefield Town Charter Procedures for Elective & Appointive Boards



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## Arts Council Scholarship

*The Ridgefield Arts Council Scholarship awards a \$1,000 scholarship annually to a Ridgefield residing junior or senior who has shown a passion for and interest in pursuing the arts beyond high school.*

## Banner Program

*The Ridgefield Arts Council manages a townwide lamp post banner program that celebrates Ridgefield's cultural community and enhances the town's visual identity. Through a rotating, curated series of banners displayed in prominent public spaces, the program promotes the work and programming of the RAC's constituent arts organizations. The Arts Council oversees curation and seasonal rotation, ensuring a cohesive, informative, and engaging visual experience throughout the year. Beyond promotion, the initiative strengthens Ridgefield's identity as a Cultural District, supports tourism and local economic activity, and enlivens the town's main thoroughfares*



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## Behind the Scenes Honors

*An annual event recognizing outstanding volunteers who make significant contributions to Ridgefield's nonprofit arts organizations.*

## EADR (Executive & Artistic Director Roundtable)

*Quarterly gatherings for leaders of arts and culture organizations to exchange ideas, explore collaboration, and discuss community needs.*

## The Generator

*A seasonal networking event for artists and creative professionals featuring speakers, demonstrations, and opportunities for connection.*



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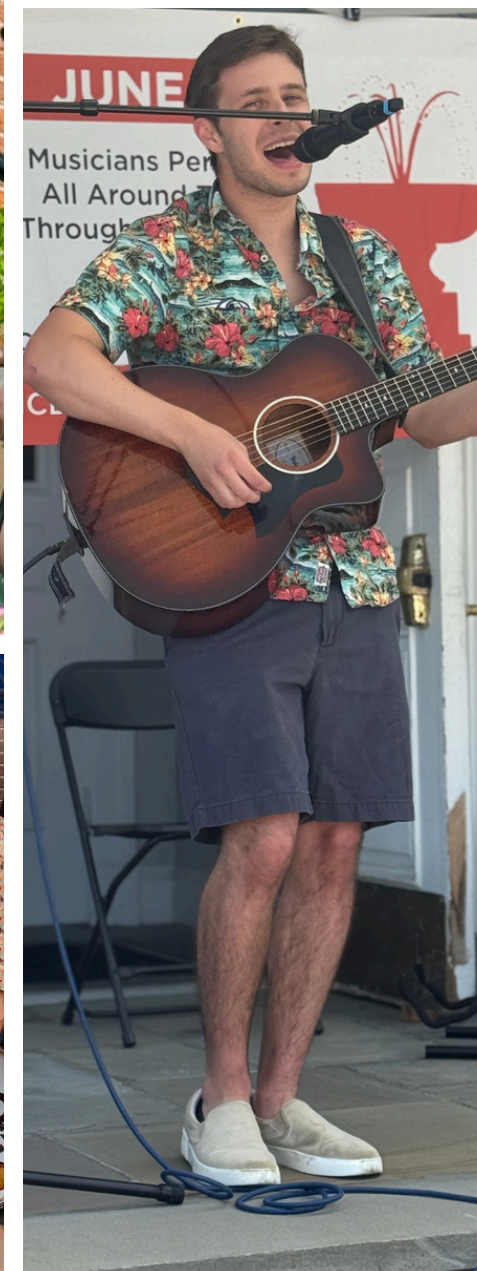
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## Make Music Day

*Make Music Day Ridgefield is part of the global Fête de la Musique, which began in France in 1982 and now spans more than 2,000 cities worldwide. Celebrated each June 21, the event brings free live music to public spaces, connecting musicians and the community. In 2025, Ridgefield hosted 80 performances across 17 venues, showcasing over 100 local musicians. Organized by the Ridgefield Arts Council, the 2026 celebration invites artists, venues, and the public to join in the town-wide musical experience.*

## Our Artists, Our Schools

*RAC facilitates partnerships between Ridgefield's schools and our creative community. Partnerships have included a logo-design unit with a graphic arts class, 'Careers in the Arts' day at Ridgefield High School, Conducting Workshop for Ridgefield High School Orchestra, Local Author/Illustrator Read-Along to 3rd Graders at Ridgefield ES, AP Art Portfolio Workshop for AP Art classes at Ridgefield HS, String Orchestra Improv Night for Ridgefield Middle Schoolers, Guest Musician Performances at our schools, and much more!*



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# Members

Anna Ciamporcero (Co-Chair)

Jennifer Dineen (Co-Chair)

Joseph Collin (Secretary)

Pamme Jones

Dr. Rajender Kaur

Danielle Roth-Hanley

Tracey Roth-Hanley



We are seeking **new members** to join our council!  
For more info on what we are looking for, click here.  
If you have any further questions or would like to speak to  
someone on the council directly, please email us at  
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