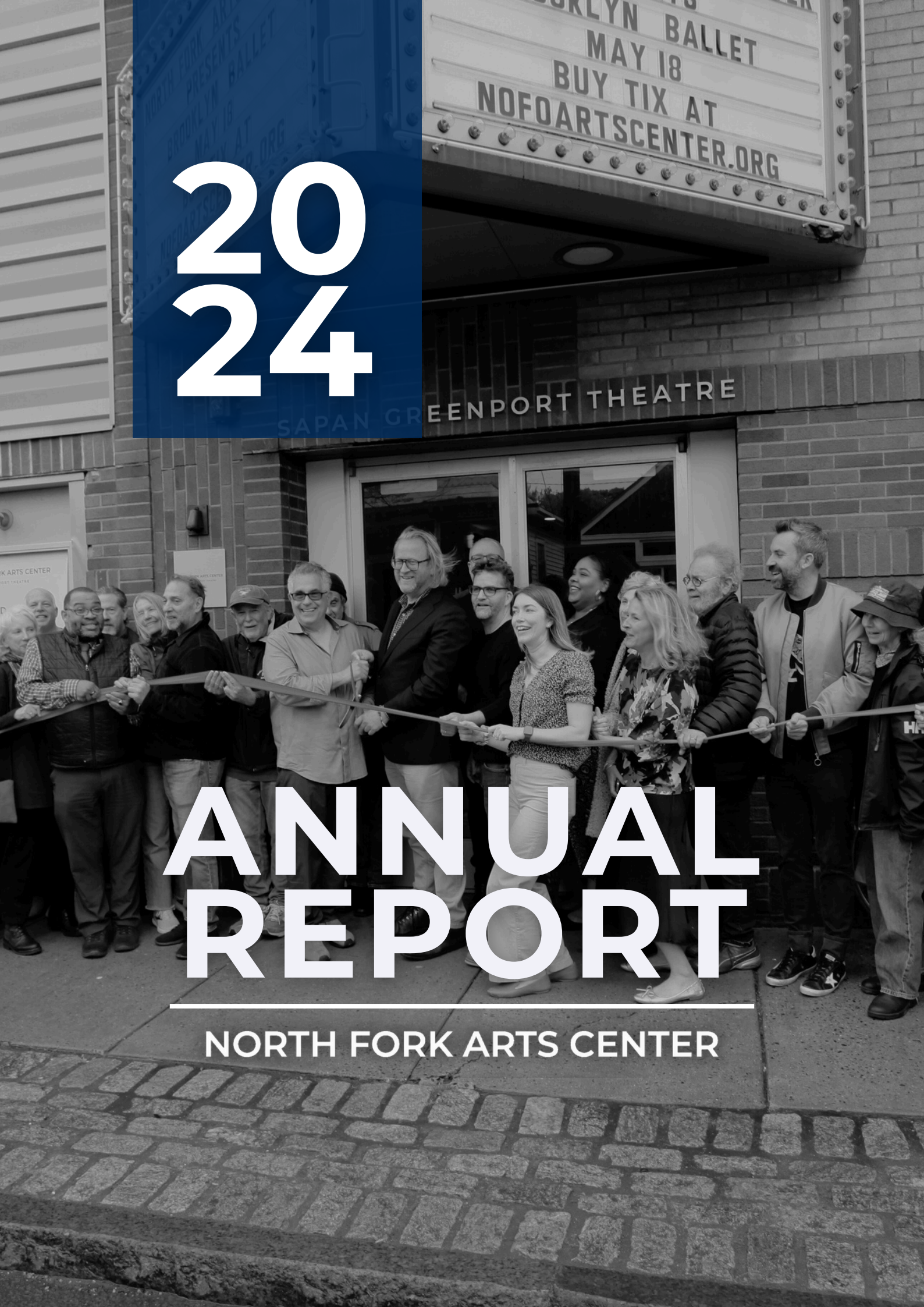


2024 ANNUAL REPORT

NORTH FORK ARTS CENTER

The stories and acknowledgments in this report highlight the people and partners who fueled our work in 2024. We're grateful for new supporters in 2025 and look forward to highlighting them in our upcoming 2025 report.



NORTH FORK ARTS CENTER

A Welcoming Cultural Art Center
Where Community Comes Together
to be Entertained, Educated & Inspired



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ABOUT NFAC

WHY **WE EXIST**

The North Fork Arts Center was born from a simple but powerful belief: **the arts are an essential centerpiece of a thriving downtown community, serving not only to entertain but also to educate.**

We exist because our neighbors, local artists, and partners refused to let our historic theater sit dark or be turned into another hotel.

Together, we transformed an old theater into something even greater.

NFAC is now a cultural heartbeat where the North Fork gathers, learns, celebrates, and finds inspiration.

The arts aren't a luxury reserved for special occasions, at NFAC, they are woven into the fabric of our daily lives, creating connections that strengthen our community and enrich our shared experience.

Our mission is to provide programming that is world-class yet accessible, inclusive yet rooted in the authentic character of the North Fork.





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WHAT WE **STAND FOR**

A Cultural Home on The North Fork

The place where film, music, performance, and meaningful conversation happen all year round, bringing vitality to our community.

A Gathering Place for Authentic Connection

Here, neighbors don't just watch from a distance. They meet the artists, filmmakers, and performers face-to-face, creating the kind of personal connections that make art matter.

Accessible and Inclusive Programming

Through affordable, pay-it-forward tickets, free events, and education programs for all ages, we ensure financial barriers never block community access to transformative cultural experiences.

Artist-Centered In Everything We Do

Built by locals, NFAC showcases North Fork's creativity and spirit, offering artists a platform to share their work with the audiences who value it most.

WHAT MAKES US **DIFFERENT**

Unlike many arts institutions that are established from above, NFAC began as a grassroots movement—**a community refusing to accept that culture was something that happened elsewhere.**

Our story began with filmmaker and North Fork resident **Tony Spiridakis**, who grew up watching movies in this very theater. When the venue faced the possibility of becoming a hotel, he rallied neighbors who shared his vision. Together, they brought the space — and its promise — back to life.

More than a venue, NFAC is an expression of what this community values — creativity, inclusivity, authentic connection, and the belief that **culture belongs here, created by and for the people who make this place home.**



A MESSAGE **FROM TONY**

Reflection on Our First Full Year

2024 marked the first full year of operations for the North Fork Arts Center — and what a year it was. Together, we transformed a beloved historic theater into a vibrant hub for film, music, performance, and conversation.

It was a year of firsts: from our ribbon-cutting and opening nights to sold-out premieres and new community traditions, like Thanksgiving at NFAC. We welcomed international artists and local talent, creating a stage for voices and stories that inspire. It was also a year of building for the future. With the community's support, we completed major facility upgrades — new projectors, stage improvements, and accessibility enhancements — ensuring NFAC can serve as a cultural home for decades to come.

As we look back on 2024, we feel deep pride in what has been accomplished and even greater gratitude to all who made it possible. NFAC exists because this community believed it should — and together we've proven what can happen when neighbors rally around the arts.



Tony Spiridakis
Founder, Executive Director
North Fork Arts Center

> None of this would have been possible without the generosity and belief of so many.

OUR STORY

A Community Dream Realized

In 2024, the historic Greenport Theatre was reborn as the North Fork Arts Center — a home for film, music, performance, and conversation that reflects the spirit of our community.

The transformation wasn't the work of a single person or institution. It was made possible by neighbors offering their time, donors making bold investments, artists sharing their craft, and partners lending expertise. Together, they created more than a venue; they created a cultural hub built by and for the community.

Every ticket purchased, every hour volunteered, and every gift was an act of ownership — proof that when people rally around a shared vision, the arts don't just survive, they thrive.



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I love the history of the theater. It is my 7-year-old son's favorite place to see a movie.

—NFAC Supporter & North Fork Community Member—

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2024 TIMELINE **OF IMPACT**

17,000+ *Visitors have walked through the door of the new North Fork Arts Center at the Sapan Greenport Theatre since our ribbon cutting in Spring 2024.*

January

- Community donors responded to save the theater: **1,200+ contributors** raising over **$1 million.**
- **Deed finalized:** ownership transferred to NFAC.

February

- NFAC secured a **grant for capital renovations** and coordinated with architects and the village. Contractors selected and phase one budget approved.

March

- Construction began on **upstairs stage repairs and theater upgrades,** ahead of schedule.
- Board committees launched for development, communications, programming, volunteers, finance, and governance.

April

- **Brooklyn Ballet** residency launched in Greenport schools, **bringing youth programming to the community** before the theater opened. Staff and volunteer programs established.

May

- **Ribbon cutting** followed by **sold-out Brooklyn Ballet** performances and free student events.
- The **Summer Film Series** launched as NFAC opened seven days a week.
- The "**Ezra" premiere** with Tony Goldwyn, Bobby Cannavale, and Rose Byrne brought **600+ guests** to Greenport, closing Front Street for a community celebration as founder **Tony Spiridakis premiered his film**—developed over 12 years—marking the opening of NFAC.

June

- Free **"Juneteenth: Faith & Freedom" screening** with Coming to the Table celebrated the holiday's history.
- **"Ghostlight"** premiere brought filmmakers, stars, Sundance leadership, and Josh Sapan. **Colin Quinn's** sold-out live **comedy show** capped the month.

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2024 TIMELINE **OF IMPACT**

July

- NFAC's **youth educational programming** launched with **Tube Town puppet-making** workshop and **Kinetic Canvas**. Students learned light painting and long exposure photography while exploring music.
- Screening of **"Janis: Little Girl Blue"** with director **Amy J. Berg** in conversation, moderated by documentarian **Chris Hegedus.**

August

- **New York Times journalist Nick Corasaniti** joined us for an author talk on his Stone Pony book and the musicians who made it legendary.
- **Emmy Award-winning artist Dean Haspiel** led a youth Comix Workshop.
- **"Taking Venice" documentary sold out with filmmaker Amei Wallach** and moderator Lindsay Pollock.

September - October

- A free "**Hook" screening during the Maritime Festival** brought families together, followed by **VIVO x OLA festival** event with post-film Q&A.
- In partnership with **OLA, Latino Cinema Sundays launched during Hispanic Heritage Month**, featuring weekly Spanish-language films with English subtitles and community conversations.

November

- **Thanksgiving at NFAC** featured Small Business Saturday with a free matinee of "Planes, Trains and Automobiles," a gallery showcase with six local gallery partners, and a community reception.
- **NFAC launched its membership program**, gift cards, and name-a-seat program to build long-term support.

December

- **The Long Island Baroque Ensemble holiday performance** sold out, bringing families together for festive music.
- **"Elf" screening** with producer Todd Komarnicki shared behind-the-scenes stories and on-set adventures from the heartwarming Christmas classic.



CAPITAL **MILESTONES**

Phase 1 construction was completed on time, including stage improvements, seating areas, carpet, AV work, deep cleaning, and air purification.

Two new digital projectors were approved and installed to ensure reliable year-round programming.

Volunteer program formalized with training.

Local partnerships deepened across schools, businesses, and cultural organizations.

COMMUNITY **SUPPORT**

Summer sponsorships secured from local and regional partners, reflecting strong confidence in NFAC's mission.

Name Your Seat campaign launched to support the theater's future.

Donor salons and Coffee with Tony tours connected supporters to the work on screen and behind the scenes.

Grants were approved supporting both capital projects and program initiatives. NFAC also established new grant writing and maintenance systems to strengthen future funding efforts.

> I was welcomed with a smile. It wasn't just the programming but the people that stood out. I was impressed by how welcoming the volunteers were.
>
> —North Fork Community Member—

2024 IMPACT **HIGHLIGHTS**

In our first full year, the North Fork Arts Center became a true cultural home, welcoming thousands of neighbors, students, and artists.

Events & Artists

30+ public events and programs hosted across film, music, lecture, performance, and conversation.

40+ artists featured in performances, talkbacks, and art exhibitions.

25% of special events are free or low-cost, ensuring broad community access.

100% of special events included **sponsored tickets** for people who may not have been able to attend otherwise.

3,398 special event attendees joined us for premieres, talkbacks, and performances.

Education

1,087 students engaged through youth workshops and school partnerships.

Movies

14,686 moviegoers experienced films on our screens.

5,796 Popcorn sold

Every number tells the same story: NFAC exists because the community made it so. Together, we've witnessed this historic theater transform into a year-round cultural hub for the North Fork and beyond.

FINANCIAL **OVERVIEW**

In our first full year, NFAC combined strong community support with major investments in both programming and the facility itself.

Summary

Total Revenue

$1,542,674

Operating Expenses

$864,888

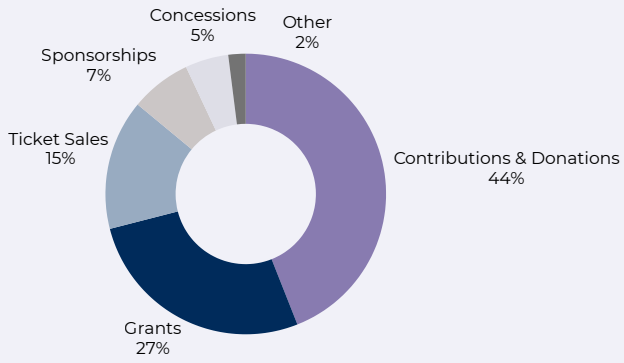
Capital Investments

$637,518

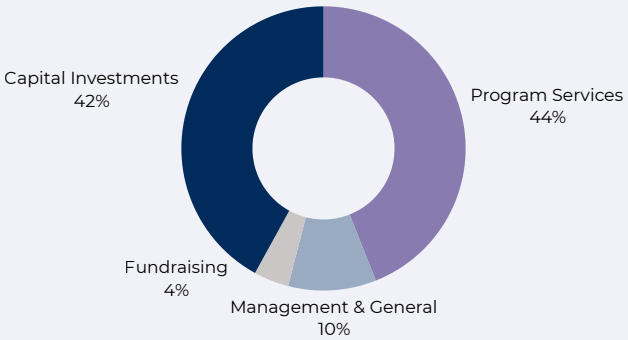
Invested in major building and technology upgrades, including:

- New projectors in theaters 1, 2 & 3 and sound system in theater 1
- Stage reinforcement
- HVAC and accessibility upgrades
- Theater cleaning, safety, and compliance

Revenue



Operating Expenses



EOY Total Net Assets

$5,982,872

2024 was a year of growth on two fronts. **NFAC raised over $1.5 million**, with nearly half from community contributions and grants and the rest from ticket sales, sponsorships, and concessions. On the operating side, **over 40% of every dollar spent went directly back into programs.**

NFAC invested over **half a million dollars in capital improvements** to modernize and secure the theater, ensuring it serves the community for decades. These investments—in people and place—show our commitment to immediate impact and long-term goals sustainability.



A FEW SPECIAL **MOMENTS**

Brooklyn Ballet Residency & Performances

May 17–19
For three weeks, Brooklyn Ballet made Greenport its creative home, engaging with local schools and senior living communities before culminating in three sold-out performances. Students shared the stage with world-class dancers, and audiences experienced the power of live ballet in their own backyard. The residency underscored NFAC's commitment to making the arts accessible and intergenerational.

"Ezra" Premiere with Tony Goldwyn, Bobby Cannavale & Rose Byrne

May 31
Our film screenings began with a once-in-a-lifetime moment: a sold-out, street-closing premiere of "Ezra," hosted in partnership with Bleecker Street Media. Stars Bobby Cannavale, Rose Byrne, and director Tony Goldwyn joined NFAC founder Tony Spiridakis on stage to debut the film he spent 12 years writing. The evening captured national press and brought hundreds of supporters downtown. This event announced NFAC's arrival as a cultural destination, and showed what happens when Hollywood meets the heart of Greenport.

Latino Cinema Sundays with OLA of Eastern Long Island

September - October
In partnership with OLA of Eastern Long Island, NFAC launched a new series of Spanish-language films with English subtitles, celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. Screenings like "Vivo" were followed by conversations with community leaders, drawing new audiences and deepening NFAC's role as an inclusive gathering place. This series expanded our reach, created meaningful partnerships, and reaffirmed that NFAC is for everyone.

Thanksgiving Celebration: Art, Film & Community

November 30
On Thanksgiving weekend, NFAC hosted a free screening of "Planes, Trains and Automobiles," followed by our first art exhibition co-curated by six local galleries. The evening brought together artists, families, and neighbors in a spirit of gratitude and togetherness. With a community wine reception and an address from our Executive Director, this event became a defining expression of what NFAC stands for: connection, creativity, and shared celebration.



A highlight for many was the Brooklyn Ballet residency.
As one audience member put it:
**"Favorite Moment: The Brooklyn Ballet, hands down!
Fabulous experience."**



The North Fork Arts Center thrives because of the generosity and involvement of our community. **Every contribution — whether financial, creative, or hands-on — helps keep the arts alive on the North Fork.** Here are some of the ways you can join us:

Donate: Support NFAC with a one-time or recurring gift. We accept credit cards, checks, wire transfers, and even gifts of stock. Every dollar goes directly toward programs, performances, and maintaining our historic theater.

Name a Seat: Leave your mark on our theater by naming a seat in honor of yourself, a loved one, or your business. It's a lasting way to be part of NFAC's story.

Business Sponsorship & Advertising: Partner with NFAC to showcase your business while supporting the arts. Sponsorships and on-screen advertising put your brand in front of engaged audiences all year long.

Become a Member: Join our growing membership community to enjoy year-round access, discounts, and special perks — while sustaining NFAC's mission.

Volunteer: From ushering guests to helping at special events, volunteers are at the heart of our operations. Share your time and talent to keep NFAC running strong.

Give the Gift of the Arts: Purchase an NFAC gift card for family and friends. It's a perfect way to invite others to experience the joy of film, music, and live performance.

Attend & Participate: The simplest way to support NFAC is to show up — bring a friend, buy a ticket, and be part of the energy that makes our theater a true community hub.

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NFAC is an opportunity for Shelter Islanders to have a quality, walk-to, off-island experience that is current and interesting.

—Shelter Island Residents—

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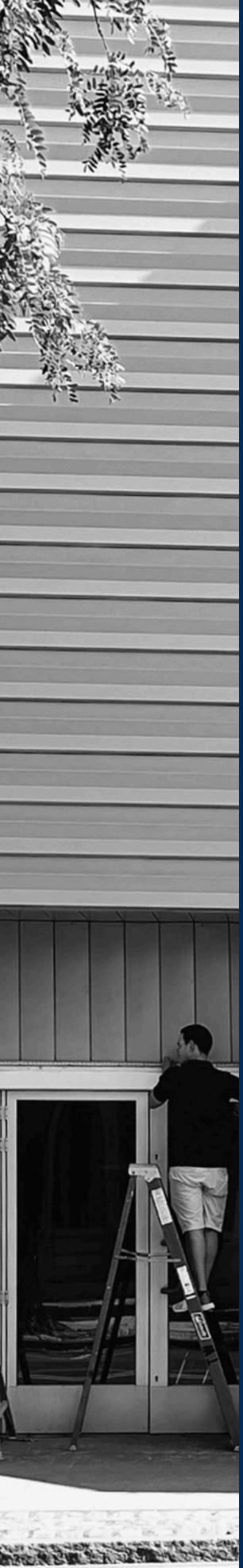
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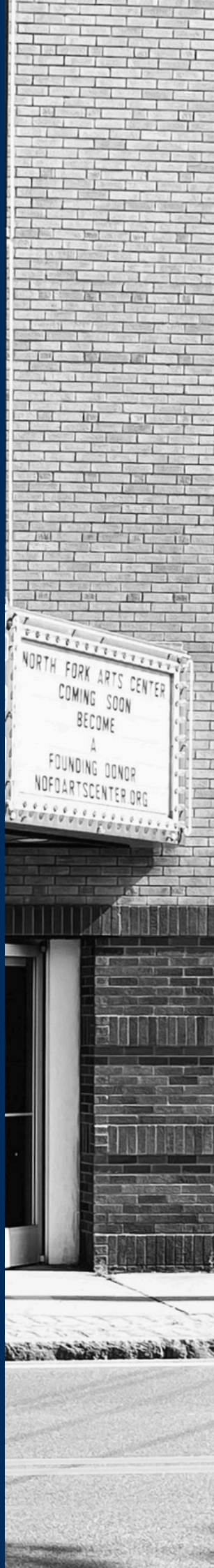
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