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**Hunterdon County to Launch 2021 Teen Arts Festival**

*Flemington, NJ* – The Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission, through funding from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, is launching a county-wide Teen Arts Festival running from May 1 through June 15, 2021.

The Hunterdon County Teen Arts Festival features a collaboration of virtual and in-person events, programs, and workshops hosted by local arts organizations including ACME Screening Room, Flemington DIY, the Hunterdon Art Museum, the Hunterdon County Library, and Roxey Ballet. Collectively these organizations provide high quality live and virtual performances and classes in filmmaking, fine art, dance, music, and literature.

Students will have the opportunity to showcase their creative work and receive constructive feedback from professional artists. In addition, teens will be invited to partake in workshops where they can discover new art forms and learn more about the ones they already love.

Teen Arts Festivals, which are offered annually statewide through the New Jersey State Teen Arts Festival and by individual counties, help student artists develop perceptual, intellectual, and technical skills; provide a means of self-expression and empowerment; network with professional artists, teachers, and peers; and develop social and cultural awareness.

All Hunterdon County high school students and teenagers are welcome to participate in the events offered by leading local arts organizations. Please visit: <https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/c&h/links.htm> for more information.

The Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission promotes and supports arts, culture and history by nurturing a sense of place, a culture of creativity, and an enthusiasm to preserve and maintain its history. Despite the nationwide setbacks faced in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the community strives to continue offering programs for the public.



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