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Hamilton arts organizations receive grants from NEA

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HAMILTON — Three local organizations will each receive \$20,000 grants from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to support arts projects, Congressman Chris Smith recently announced.

Two River Theatre in Red Bank, and Grounds for Sculpture and International Sculpture Center, Inc. both in Hamilton, were among chosen from 3,455 applications for funding. In all, 1,118 awardees were chosen across the country.

“These organizations each contribute to the community and beyond,” Smith said. “Their work recognizes artists and talent and encourages a wider appreciation for the arts in the public. Two River Theater Company openly fosters young people to participate in its productions, and is a jewel in the crown of Monmouth County theater. Grounds for Sculpture is an amazing display of artistry for both visitors and passers-by along the old State Fair Grounds area in Hamilton, since many displayed pieces of artwork can be seen and enjoyed driving along East State Street. The international sculpture center serves nearly all aspects of the field sculpture, from artists to museums and virtually anyone with an appreciation of sculpture.”