



RI EXPANSION ARTS PROGRAM

Supported by a collaboration between Rhode Island Foundation, Rhode Island State Council on the Arts (RISCA), and Rhode Island Humanities (RI Humanities), the Rhode Island Expansion Arts Program (RIEAP) offers funding and organizational assistance to community-based, culturally diverse arts and cultural organizations.

RIEAP supports small organizations whose programs and missions center on the cultural practices and traditions of Rhode Island's diverse peoples. The program provides the skills and tools these organizations need to grow as equal partners in the Rhode Island arts and cultural community. Priority is given to newly emerging groups and those with little history of grant funding. In seeking to build the capacity of these organizations, RIEAP recognizes the broader role they play in strengthening their communities, including cultural preservation, education, and youth development.



2023 - 2025 RIEAP Current Cohort

A three-year capacity building and networking program which includes an annual grant to each participating organization.

- **Andean Cultural Center of Rhode Island** preserves and promotes the cultural richness of the Andean countries, including connecting and supporting members of the RI Andean community, promoting civic engagement, preserving the Quechua and Aymara cultures, and educating the public about Andean culture.
- **Cultural Society** has a mission to inspire curiosity for learning and to nurture the next generation of world citizens embracing diversity with health-conscious lifestyles.
- **Providence World Music** has a vision to honor, celebrate, and enhance our connectedness as humans through music by fostering deep connections with and between various rich Indigenous musical cultures in RI, especially those of African refugees and immigrants.
- **RAICES Rhode Island Folk & Cultural Association** promotes and preserves Columbian and South American arts and culture with a focus on the next generation. The organization primarily serves residents of Central Falls, Pawtucket, Lincoln, Providence, and North Providence.
- **Rhode Island Black Film Festival** has a mission to screen films that showcase the historical and cultural contributions of people of African descent. RIBFF gives voice to diverse cultures, features emerging filmmakers of color, and seeks to increase participation of youth of color in Rhode Island's film production industry.

RHODE ISLAND EXPANSION ARTS PROGRAM

Alumni Organizations Include:

Art and Culture of the Americas
Cambodian Society of RI
Colombian American Cultural Society
Eastern Medicine Singers
Teatro ECAS
Eco Arts USA
Hmong United Association of Rhode Island
India Association of Rhode Island
Korean American Association of Rhode Island
Laotian Community Center of Rhode Island
Oasis International
Puerto Rican Institute for the Arts and Advocacy

Quisqueya in Action
RI Black Heritage Society
Rhode Island Black Storytellers
RI Cape Verdean Heritage Subcommittee
Rhode Island Indian Council
RI Latino Arts
Rites and Reason Theatre
RPM Voices of Rhode Island
Sankofa Community Connection
Tomaquag Museum

