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## Hochstein Awarded Funding from the Preservation League of NYS

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— The Hochstein School is a recipient of a **2023 Technical Assistance Grant** from the **Preservation League of New York State**. This grant will fund a Limited Assessment by Bero Architects to assess the conditions of the historic building and provide essential insights into its care and maintenance. Hochstein is one of 19 grant recipients statewide and the only one in Monroe County to receive this funding.

See the next page for a Preservation League press release with further details and quotes. Also included here is a photo of Hochstein President & Executive Director Hilary Respass (center) at a recent site visit with Caitlin Meives (Director of Preservation, right) and Katy Peace (Director of Communications, left) of the Preservation League of New York State.



*Hochstein programs are made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature. Hochstein programs are also made possible by the Monroe County Legislature; Adam Bello, Monroe County Executive.*

**About Hochstein:** The Hochstein School is a vibrant organization in Rochester, NY, offering high-quality instruction in music, dance, and Expressive Arts (music, art, and dance therapy). Established in 1920 to commemorate the artistry, life, and service of David Hochstein – a prodigious violinist who died serving in World War I – the School welcomes students of all ages, abilities, proficiency levels, ethnicities, and socio-economic backgrounds in an inclusive and accessible environment that provides artistic opportunities for all. More than 100 years after its founding, Hochstein annually serves more than 3,500 students from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester. The School is active throughout the community and provides tuition assistance to more than 50% of its students. The acclaimed Hochstein Performance Hall, located within the school’s historic downtown building, hosts concerts and events throughout the year. For more information, visit [www.hochstein.org](http://www.hochstein.org).



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## The Hochstein School Awarded a 2023 Technical Assistance Grant

*This grant from the Preservation League of NYS will fund key Facilities Assessment and Planning Process*

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**Rochester, NY, 1/22/24** — The Preservation League of New York State and their program partners at the New York State Council on the Arts are thrilled to announce that **The Hochstein School is a recipient of a 2023 [Technical Assistance Grant](#)**. This grant will fund a Limited Assessment by Bero Architects. During this grant cycle, **19 projects representing 13 counties across the state** have been selected by an independent panel of preservation professionals. **A total of \$66,576 was awarded.**

“We are deeply grateful to the Preservation League of NYS for providing this opportunity to update The Hochstein School’s Facilities Master Plan through a facilities assessment process led by Jennifer Ahrens, Principal Architect of Bero Architecture,” said **Hilary Respass, President & Executive Director of The Hochstein School**. “Ms. Ahrens was the architect for Hochstein’s highly successful 2022 renovation of its historic Performance Hall. We are grateful to have the opportunity to draw on her expertise as we plan for the preservation and sustainability of our high use facilities located in Downtown Rochester.”

This TAG grant will fund a critical building assessment/engineering study to be led by Bero Architecture. The survey will assess the conditions of the building and provide essential insights into its care and maintenance for the next period of organizational growth and strengthening.

“Technical Assistance Grants often provide the pivotal seed funding needed to jumpstart more comprehensive preservation work in the future,” said **Preservation League President Jay DiLorenzo**. “The League is proud to support so many worthwhile projects across the state through this partnership with the New York State Council on the Arts. And we are equally grateful for additional funding from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation on Long Island and the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, which allows TAG funding to go further. Congratulations to all of the grantees – the League is excited to see how these projects progress and look forward to continuing to assist however we can.”

The Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) program is a partnership between the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and the Preservation League of New York State, made possible by NYSCA with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature. The Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area has provided additional support for the projects within the National Heritage Area boundary. The TAG program supports arts centers, historic sites, music halls, theaters, libraries, and other cultural nonprofit or municipal entities that steward historic buildings throughout New York State.

**With the announcement of the 2023 awards, support provided by TAG since its launch in 2012 totals \$668,680. These grants have directly advanced the efforts of 210 preservation projects.**

“Through this program with the Preservation League of New York State, we are proud to provide critical support to these key cultural anchors, who will continue to enrich and strengthen their communities for generations to come,” added **Katherine Nicholls, Chair of the New York State Council on the Arts**. “On behalf of our staff and Council, I applaud all of this year’s TAG recipients and thank them for their ongoing work across the state.”

**The 2023 TAG grantees are:**

**Delaware Co:** John Burroughs' Woodchuck Lodge Engineering/Structural Analysis | **Dutchess Co:** Innisfree Garden Landscape Limited Condition Assessment/Maintenance Plan | **Erie Co:** Juneteenth Festival Inc., Historic former bank building Accessibility Study; Ukrainian Cultural Center "Dnipro" Accessibility Study | **Hamilton Co:** Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts Limited Condition Assessment | **Livingston Co:** Dansville Area Historical Museum Electrical Analysis | **Monroe Co:** The Hochstein School Limited Condition Assessment | **New York Co:** Dyckman Farmhouse Museum Specialized Conservation Study; New York Studio School Limited Condition Assessment | **Niagara Co:** Niagara County Historical Society, Colonel William Bond House Limited Condition Assessment | **Oneida Co:** Remsen Performing and Visual Arts Center Engineering/Structural Analysis; Remsen-Steuben Historical Society, Stone Meetinghouse Engineering/Structural Analysis | **Queens Co:** SculptureCenter Limited Condition Assessment | **Suffolk Co:** Southold Historical Society, Prince Building Engineering/Structural Analysis; The Art & Nature Group, Washington Lodge LIDAR Study; The Three Village Historical Society Headquarters and Museum Limited Condition Assessment | **Ulster Co:** D&H Canal Historical Society Engineering/Structural Analysis; Reher Center for Immigrant Culture and History, Reher Bakery Accessibility Study | **Wyoming Co:** Silver Lake Institute, John H. Stody Hall Limited Condition Assessment

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**About the Preservation League of New York State**

Since its founding in 1974, the Preservation League of NYS has built a reputation for action and effectiveness. Our goal has been to preserve our historic buildings, districts, and landscapes and to build a better New York, one community at a time. The League empowers all New Yorkers to use historic preservation to enrich their communities, protect their heritage, and build a sustainable future. We lead advocacy, economic development, and education programs across the state.

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**About the New York State Council on the Arts**

The mission of the New York State Council on the Arts is to foster and advance the full breadth of New York State's arts, culture, and creativity for all. To support the ongoing recovery of the arts across New York State, the Council on the Arts will award \$127 million in FY 2024. The Council on the Arts further advances New York's creative culture by convening leaders in the field and providing organizational and professional development opportunities and informational resources. Created by Governor Nelson Rockefeller in 1960 and continued with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature, the Council is an agency that is part of the Executive Branch. For more information on NYSCA, please visit [www.arts.ny.gov](http://www.arts.ny.gov), and follow NYSCA's [Facebook](https://facebook.com/NYSCA) page, Twitter [@NYSCArts](https://twitter.com/NYSCArts) and Instagram [@NYSCouncilontheArts](https://instagram.com/NYSCouncilontheArts).

