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## **Executive Director Selected by NYSCA Janice Gouldthorpe to Serve on Statewide Panel**

**(ROCHESTER, NY – May 09, 2016)** Genesee Center for the Arts & Education (GCAE) is proud to announce Executive Director Janice Gouldthorpe has accepted an appointment as a member of the New York State Council on the Arts Special Arts Services advisory panel for a one-year term from April 2016 to March 2017. The major activity of this panel is to advise on grant submissions to the category of Special Arts Services to ensure artistic excellence, managerial competence and service to the public.

“As NYSCA strives to provide a balanced panel with respect to location, background and point of view from all areas of New York state, I am pleased to accept this invitation and to serve the arts sector in this manner.” — Janice Gouldthorpe, Executive Director

### **About New York State Council on the Arts Special Arts Services**

Special Arts Services supports professional arts activities that serve distinct cultural and ethnic communities as well as organizational and project programming providing the following:

- programs that enhance access to the arts for historically underserved communities
- activities that bring the arts to isolated geographic areas and to communities with high rates of poverty
- programs for people with disabilities
- scholarship programs for arts training and tuition-free or low cost classes serving students from historically underserved communities or with disabilities

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- arts programs that promote intergenerational and multi-cultural communities, including ethnic traditions that serve their own unique and diverse populations.

Special Arts Services supports the activities of established and emerging organizations and professional training in arts disciplines to promote advanced study or entry of underserved artists towards an arts career. Special Arts Services encourages collaborations and innovative projects, whether they are multi-disciplinary activities or in a specific discipline of the performing arts, visual arts or media. Please visit [www.nysca.org](http://www.nysca.org) for further details.

### **About the Genesee Center**

Genesee Center for the Arts & Education is a community-based not-for-profit that educates, encourages and inspires all people to create and enjoy the visual arts. As a member of the National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts, the organization is committed to making high-quality arts education available to all.

Genesee Center for the Arts & Education is a non-profit arts center in operation since 1970. Located on Monroe Avenue in the city of Rochester, the Center focuses on ceramics, photography and printing and book arts. Annually, the Center offers over 225 classes to the general public, provides youth programs for K-12 students, and allows access to facilities and equipment for people interested in learning about and practicing the visual arts. Facilities access 24x7 enables artists without a private studio to continue making art at an affordable cost and with our studio support. Internships and artist residency programs provide additional opportunities to engage emerging artists. Three galleries serve as exhibit space for local, regional and national artists. More than 4000 people benefit annually from services and programs provided by the Center. The Genesee Center for the Arts & Education is an Institutional Member of the National Guild for Community Arts Education.

For more information, contact the Genesee Center Administrative Office at 585-244-1730, or visit our website at [www.rochesterarts.org](http://www.rochesterarts.org).