Since our founding in 1979, Arts for Learning Connecticut (AFLCT) has grown into the state’s largest and most comprehensive not-for-profit arts education organization, serving in each of Connecticut’s eight counties. AFLCT’s mission is to engage people of all ages and abilities in creative learning through the arts. We partner with schools, libraries, community centers, parents, artists and funders to provide the best in arts education.

**What We Do**

AFLCT artists engage and empower children and families through imagination, creativity and innovation. Our work promotes positive self-expression, develops creative and critical thinking skills, and expands children’s understanding of themselves and the world in which they live. Creativity is a critical part of our foundation and a necessary building block in learning, life and success.

For people with disabilities, the arts provide new avenues of self-expression and help develop independent living skills. As well, the creative process and understanding brings joy, connection, improved health and well-being, and a renewed sense of purpose to older adults in community and residential settings.

**Why It’s Important**

Dear Friends,

Arts for Learning Connecticut is now in its 40th year! Over that time we have grown from a roster of just 10 artists to upwards of 120 who work tirelessly to have a positive impact on so many children, families and educators in our state year after year. Thank you very much for continued support of our work.

Warmly,

Eileen M. Carpinella, Executive Director

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Thanks to our many supporters, we had a tremendous impact on the lives and education of CT children, families and teachers during the 2017-2018 school year. These are just some of the ways we made a difference.

### STUDENTS

We are providing more in-depth programming to learners young and old.

- AFLCT served 252,000 students, from Pre-K to grade 12 with our programs, ranging from interactive live performances to long-term, classroom-based residencies.
- AFLCT delivered arts programs in visual art, movement and music to children with physical and cognitive disabilities in six communities across the state.
- AFLCT raised nearly $200,000 to subsidize programs through our Open Arts initiative, allowing us to reach 52,000 children, families and teachers who otherwise might not have been able to experience high quality arts programs.

### ARTISTS

We continued to grow and refine our diverse community of talented teaching artists.

- AFLCT engaged 120 artists throughout the year, adding 8 new artists or ensembles to our roster.
- 20 artists were trained through AFLCT’s Arts Integration seminars.

### TEACHERS

We are impacting education in profound ways.

- 185 Connecticut educators benefited from our professional development services, which help teachers use the arts to meet College and Career-Ready Standards. Trainings can be customized to focus on specific topics, for example, inclusion or STEM connections.
- We provided CT teachers with 660 hours of embedded training in arts integration, to make classrooms more dynamic and engaging for students.