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Journey Writers, Inc. Receives CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant from CT Humanities

Hartford, CT (January 10, 2022 Year) — Connecticut Humanities, the statewide, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), has awarded Journey Writers, Inc. a **\$5100 CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant (CTCFOSG)**.

“Journey Writers is tremendously appreciative of this grant from CT Humanities. Our organization operates entirely through volunteer efforts. These funds will enable us to extend our reach further into our community; to continue to serve writers and those who would like to become writers; and to make our contributions, performances, and services available to a wider audience.” Carla Dean, Journey Writers President & Co-Founder.

Journey Writers, Inc. was one of 624 organizations in Connecticut that was awarded CT Cultural Fund support totaling \$16M from CT Humanities (CTH). The CTCFOSG are part of \$30.7M of support allocated to arts, humanities, and cultural nonprofits through CTH over the next two years by the CT General Assembly and approved by Governor Ned Lamont. The CTCFOSG will assist organizations as they recover from the pandemic and maintain and grow their ability to serve their community and the public.

This grant was administered by CT Humanities (CTH), with funding provided by the Connecticut State Department of Economic and Community Development/Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA) from the Connecticut State Legislature.

About Journey Writers, Inc.

Journey Writers was founded in 2013 to support writers of all genres, generations, and backgrounds. We are a diverse and inclusive group that provides a safe space for writers to share their work, and to give and receive honest, constructive, encouraging feedback.

We hold bi-weekly workshops and produce several original presentations annually. Formats and topics have included personal memoirs, poetry and songs, culture, race and ethnicity, spirituality, family, gender, sexuality and eroticism. Two of our most popular productions have been the annual dramatic reading events, “Family: It’s More Than You Think” and “Journey Writers Tell the Whole Story: Queer Black History.” We write, as well as read and perform our original works publicly. More information about our organization, our workshop schedule, and samples of our work are available on our website at journeywriters.org.

About Connecticut Humanities

CT Humanities (CTH) is an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. CTH connects people to the humanities through grants, partnerships, and collaborative programs. CTH projects, administration, and program development are supported by state and federal matching funds, community foundations, and gifts from private sources. Learn more by visiting cthumanities.org.

About Connecticut Office of the Arts

The Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA) is the state agency charged with fostering the health of Connecticut’s creative economy. Part of the state’s Department of Economic and Community Development, the COA is funded by the State of Connecticut as well as the National Endowment for the Arts.

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