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Launch Meeting: Vermont Arts & Culture Disaster and Resilience Network

Montpelier – The Vermont Arts Council and the Vermont State Archives and Records Administration will host the launch meeting of the Vermont Arts & Culture Disaster and Resilience Network (VACDaRN). The one-day gathering will offer a variety of trainings and resources on risk assessment, emergency planning, funding for recovery, and more. Representatives of arts organizations, theaters, galleries, museums, historical societies, libraries, creative businesses, and municipalities, as well as performing arts presenters and artists are encouraged to attend.

The event will be held on Tuesday, September 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Chandler Center for the Arts in Randolph. There is a ten-dollar fee, which includes lunch, and pre-registration is required. More information is available at <http://bit.ly/VACDaRN>.

A wide range of local and national speakers will present, including Janet Newcomb, the executive director of the National Coalition for Arts' Preparedness and Emergency Response, and Donia Conn, book and paper conservator.

The Chandler Center for the Arts is physically accessible for participants who use wheelchairs or other mobility aids, and those who prefer not to use stairs. Questions regarding accessibility should be sent to [Michele Bailey](#), 504/ADA Vermont Arts Council ADA coordinator, or by calling 802.828.3294. Voice and relay calls welcome.

About VACDaRN

VACDaRN is a partnership of the Vermont Arts Council, the [Vermont State Archives and Records Administration](#), and the [Vermont Emergency Management Association](#), with support from the [Performing Arts Readiness Project](#). Coordination through this network will enable artists as well as arts and heritage organizations to work together to share expertise and resources, mobilize response for mutual assistance during emergencies, and engage collectively with first responders and government emergency management agencies.

About the Vermont Arts Council

The Vermont Arts Council envisions a Vermont where all people have access to the arts and creativity in their lives, education, and communities. Engagement with the arts transforms individuals, connects us more deeply to each other, energizes the economy, and sustains the vibrant cultural landscape that makes Vermont a great place to live. Since 1965, the Council has been the state's primary provider of funding, advocacy, and information for the arts in Vermont. www.vermontartscouncil.org.

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