

Vermont Creative Economy Panelists



**VT Agency of Commerce & Community Development
Department of Tourism and Marketing**

The Vermont Brand is associated with environmental quality, "green values," local, strong community centers, an active agricultural economy and world class, four-season recreation. Our tourism staff promotes Vermont as a travel destination for Vermonters and visitors alike which in turn supports a diverse and vital part of the state's economy. We work with our partners to develop and implement a comprehensive marketing plan that integrates television, radio, newspaper and magazine print. To learn about the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, please visit: <https://accd.vermont.gov/>



Zon Eastes is founder and music director of Juno Orchestra, Vermont's newest professional chamber orchestra. The Juno Orchestra Project, based in Brattleboro, is a five- to seven-year musical exploration that engages top-flight area musicians and curious audiences. The Project creates space and time for an expert chamber orchestra to explore and present compelling known and perhaps unknown works for small orchestra. The Project features as soloists musicians who received their early training in this area, it commissions or reveals newly composed work, and it adds to the expressive and economic vibrancy of this region. To learn more about the Juno Orchestra, please visit: <https://junoorchestra.org/>



Brattleboro Museum & Art Center

Founded in 1972, the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center (BMAC) is an independent, non-collecting, contemporary art museum, whose mission is to present art and ideas in ways that inspire, educate, and engage people of all ages. BMAC's frequently changing exhibits, education programs, and public events seek to reflect and enhance the cultural richness of the communities we serve. BMAC's principal activities encompass:

- Production and presentation of thought-provoking art exhibits, with a particular emphasis on the art of our time;

- Public events such as lectures, workshops, and performances that complement exhibits and bring accomplished artists and scholars to the region;
- Education programs that enhance arts learning and creativity in schools and in the museum's galleries;
- Celebratory events that foster civic pride, raise awareness of the region's cultural resources, and strengthen the social fabric of the communities we serve; and
- Preservation and enhancement of the architecturally and historically significant building that is our home.

To learn more about the Brattleboro Museum & Arts Center, please visit:

<http://www.brattleboromuseum.org/>



Vermont Authors Project

A non-profit organization created to help professional and emerging Vermont Authors in the rapidly changing world of publishing, distribution, marketing, rights, digital formats, and social media through dialogue and education. To learn more about the Vermont Authors Project, please visit:

<http://www.vermontauthorsproject.org/index.html>



Brattleboro Words Project

Marlboro College, the Brattleboro Literary Festival, the Brattleboro Historical Society, Brooks Memorial Library and Write Action have joined forces to document how this history is embedded in particular places & make it easily accessible for all. Peoples, Places & History of Words in Brattleboro, Vermont (**Brattleboro Words Project**) was awarded a multi-year National Endowment for the Humanities matching grant to help connect today's citizens to the stories behind the places we share – and each other.

Project scholars guide community and classroom-based teams to research the stories and people associated with sites for the Brattleboro Words Trail, a web-based platform & mobile app featuring downloadable maps for audio-enhanced walking, biking & driving tours that catalogue our literary treasures while stimulating wider interest in the Brattleboro area.

This three-year collaboration is meant to strengthen the ability of each institution to carry-out its individual mission while maintaining ongoing community contributions to a living Brattleboro Words Trail website.

To learn more about the Brattleboro Words Project, please visit: <http://brattleborowords.org/>