

# Middletown Commission on the Arts-Special Meeting February 13, 2013

Minutes, February 13, 2013

## Present

Lee Godburn (chair)  
Cassandra Day (vice-chair)  
Joyce Kirkpatrick

## Also Present

Stephan Allison, staff  
Erinn Roos-Brown (6:05-6:25p), Clare Rogan (6:25-6:45p)  
Brett Raphael (7-7:15p),  
Wendy Black-Nasta, Robert Nasta (7:15-7:40p),  
Jennifer Shafer (7:40-8:10p)

## Call to order

Commission Chair Lee Godburn called the special grants panel meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the City Arts Office, 100 Riverview Center-Suite 140

## Category 2 and Category 3 interviews:

**Wesleyan University-CFA** – Erinn Roos-Brown spoke on behalf of the Middletown Remix project (Cat. 2)

**Wesleyan University-Davison Art Center** – Clare Rogan spoke on behalf of the Big Draw project (Cat. 3)

**Connecticut Ballet** – by telephone, Brett Raphael spoke on behalf of Summer Dance Caravan project (Cat. 2)

**Artists for World Peace (AFWP)** – Wendy Black-Nasta spoke on behalf of the International Peace Belt DVD promotional video project (Cat. 2)

**Jennifer Shafer aka J-Cherry** – Jennifer Shafer spoke on behalf of the Middletown Music Festival project (Cat. 3)

## Recommendations:

**Wesleyan University-CFA:** Recommend funding because of uniqueness of project that also involves the community; worthy of support. Hope to see it expand to schoolchildren through the YMCA Kids Korner before and after care programs and the schools.

**Wesleyan University-Davison Art Center:** Also unique; glad to see it is repeating with prospect of becoming an annual event eventually reaching out into the community; having the high school artists involved is a plus. Encouraged by first year results.

**Connecticut Ballet:** Although telephone interview less than satisfactory, panel feels the product is very high quality; it brings an art form not often seen into the community at no cost to the audience; an event for all ages - thus worthy of support.

**Artists for World Peace (AFWP):** Recognize that the organization is at an exciting time in its organizational evolution. Hope for Middletown to have a visual presence in the DVD as the originating site of the Peace Belt and this organization. Suggest that this grant be used as leverage to raise additional funds for the DVD.

**Jennifer Shafer aka J-Cherry:** Glad to see a new community festival developing in Middletown with potential for growth and pride in the Middletown's arts and in Middletown's spirit.

Recommendations will be made to full Commission for approval at its next regular meeting, Feb. 27.

**Adjournment:** Lee Godburn moved to adjourn, seconded by Cassandra Day. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephan Allison