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### **Arts Paper Extends Its Reach To Hartford**

New Haven, CT—The Arts Council of Greater New Haven is thrilled to announce that it will be expanding its digital arts coverage to Hartford, a move made possible by the support of a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. Weekly Hartford coverage is slated to begin immediately and will be available at [newhavenarts.org](http://newhavenarts.org).

This coverage in Hartford marks a new chapter for The Arts Paper, the editorially independent arm of The Arts Council. After running as a print monthly for over three decades, The Arts Paper came online as a digital daily in August 2017, providing coverage of the greater New Haven region while expanding coverage to the fine, performing, and culinary arts, social justice initiatives, immigration, arts legislation, food policy, and faith reporting.

“Critical arts journalism is an essential component of a healthy creative community,” said Daniel Fitzmaurice, executive director of The Arts Council. “I am excited about how this will accelerate artists and audiences flowing between our regions.”

Hartford coverage will begin under Lucy Gellman, editor of The Arts Paper and a host at WNHH Community Radio in New Haven. Over the next 12 months, Gellman plans to build a team of Hartford-based writers to grow city coverage from one or two articles per week to four or five, placing a focus on grassroots arts initiatives in the city. The publication will also feature multimedia coverage including photo essays, video, and podcasts.

As it continues to expand, the Arts Paper plans to continue taking a broad lens on arts, culture, and community, providing critical coverage at a critical juncture in the state’s creative life and health. The Arts Council is all aboard for this venture, and excited to get to work.