

## Press Release



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### **SUNY Ulster Holds Careers in the Arts: A Virtual Panel Discussion with Local Arts Professionals and Info Session on May 18**

**May 10, 2021 – Stone Ridge, NY** – Join SUNY Ulster’s Arts Department faculty, local artists, and employers on May 18, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. for a virtual discussion on strategies, resources, and guidance on developing a professional career in the fine and commercial arts. Many of the panel members are SUNY Ulster alumni.

After a brief welcome, participants can choose one of three breakout rooms specifically for fashion design, fine arts, and music, followed by a Q&A session. An info session on arts degrees at SUNY Ulster is included in this event.

Kristin Flynn, coordinator of the Fashion Design program will moderate the Fashion Design panel members including Peter Fenwick of [Community Manufacturing Solutions](#), a cut and sew manufacturing facility; Michelle Moore, [textile print & surface designer](#); Calista Emmerton of [Calibee Kids](#), an ethically produced children’s clothing line; and Deborah Mills Thackery, [textile and mixed media artist](#).

Chris Seubert, coordinator of the Fine Arts/Visual Arts program will moderate the Art panel members including Chris O’Neal, [working artist](#); Cassiopeia Aurora Ottulich, [illustrator, animator, fabricator, and tattooer](#); and Kelli Sillik, [artist and paint-maker](#).

Chris Earley, Chair of the Arts Department and Coordinator of the Music program will moderate the Music panel including Laura Hartmann of [LVanHart Artist Productions](#); Dan Shaut of [Bridge Arts and Education](#); and Dave Hoffman of [Hudson Valley Music Summit](#).

The SUNY Ulster art department has a successful track record of providing students with both the creative and practical skills needed to develop thriving careers. Some of the four-year colleges SUNY Ulster Art, Music, and Fashion students often transfer to include School of Visual Arts, Fashion Institute of Technology, Pratt, SUNY Oneonta, SUNY New Paltz, Berklee College of Music, and Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam.

[Registration](#) is required for this event. For more information, contact Marie Kropp at [kroppm@sunyulster.edu](mailto:kroppm@sunyulster.edu).

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