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2024 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE ARTS SURVEY

You Name: Shaun Mastroianni

What office and district are you a candidate for?

Office: Senate District: 20

1. Do you have a connection to the arts? If so, please share.

I have supported the arts in my past such as helping move the James Merrill House asset to them to create a new nonprofit to better fit their focus in writing. In addition, help find sponsors for the Art Walk in Stonington Borough and provided organizational support. I have met with several nonprofit art organizations within my district like the Eugene O'Neil and The Kate.

2. Can you share an arts experience that has impacted your life or the lives of your family members?

We attended a show at the newly created theater in Niantic this year and it is so great to see another creation of community theater. Art shapes the culture of our communities and its presence is necessary.

3. The Connecticut legislature hosts the Arts, Culture, and Tourism Caucus, a bipartisan group of legislators who champion state support for the arts community

If elected (or re-elected), will you join (or rejoin) the Caucus?

Yes

4. Studies have shown that arts and culture can deliver a 3 to 1 return on investment at a minimum if adequately funded. Despite this, Connecticut has historically under invested state funds in the arts and lags the rest of the nation in recognizing that arts generate tax revenue and support a thriving economy.

If elected (or re-elected), will you support increased investment of state funds in arts and culture?

YES

5. Are there any other ways that you'd like to convey to voters how you have been supportive of the arts?