

**Greater Buffalo Cultural Alliance (GBCA)**  
**General Meeting Notes**  
Buffalo Arts Studio  
Wednesday, November 5, 2014  
9:00AM

INTRO AND WELCOME – Alma Carrillo, Executive Director, Buffalo Arts Studio

ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT 2014 – Tod Kniazuk, Executive Director, Arts Services Initiative

- Please see attached Power Point for detailed information.
- If your organization is active in Cultural Data Project you are a part of this report. There is a total of 105 participating organizations from Erie, Niagara, Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua Counties.
- This report will help with data driven advocacy. More information will be publicly released at 4PM today.

SUB-COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

- Erie County Advocacy – Tod Kniazuk and David Swarts, Co-Chairs
  - Please see attached Power Point for detailed information.
  - We have no continued dedicated funding in our region. Therefore our goal is to get on a level playing field, so we must be involved!
  - It is important to demonstrate a large number of support and dedication for our cause.
  - The Erie County Legislature has until December 4 to adopt or edit the County Executive's proposed budget.
  - We must be taking action steps to continue a conversation with Erie County.
    - Send letters to the County Executive and all Legislators (especially your district representative, Chairman, and Majority and Minority leaders) thanking them and letting them know why county funding is important to your organization.
    - Attend the Public Hearing on November 24. Encourage your staff, board members, volunteers, students and artists to attend. Also you can sign up to speak on behalf of your organization. GBCA and ASI will set the stage for the sector and the individual speakers can touch on:
      - Multiple impacts of organizations;
      - Talk about the rigorous process you go through to apply;
      - Thank the County the same you would as any other funder/sponsor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

- The date for the next Cultural Gathering will be announced after the Public Hearing.