

Located in the historic former town hall on Main Street in Old Saybrook, the Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center, affectionately known as **the Kate**, has a special place in the community as an artistic home to both those on the stage and those in the audience. The Kate welcomes more than 45,000 patrons each year to a diverse array of arts performances and events. The small staff is supported by 200 wonderful volunteers who assist in the box office, are docents in the Katharine Hepburn Museum, provide hospitality for the performing artists, and usher at each event.



The Kate exists to present a diverse repertoire of cultural and performing arts, to provide educational opportunities in the arts, and to be a lasting legacy for America's iconic actress. Located on the first floor is the newly renovated and expanded [Katharine Hepburn Museum](https://www.thekate.org/katharine-hepburn-museum). The museum presents an authentic view of the cultural and historical impact of Miss Hepburn and her family. In addition to many photographs from her life and career, the exhibits feature her 1975 Primetime Emmy Award, examples of letters written to her family during the early years of her career, costume and personal wardrobe pieces, and two of her paintings, including a self-portrait.

The Kate works with local groups on creative partnerships and community events, including the popular Kate's Camp for Kids. Several organizations that regularly perform at the Kate include Saybrook Stage Company, Cappella Cantorum, Salt Marsh Opera, Old Lyme Town Band, Chestnut Hill Concerts, and Vista Life Innovations which produces an all-abilities musical each year. The Kate is also home to an annual event to benefit Old Saybrook High School Safe Grad Night and the Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting.

Learn more at www.thekate.org

