

# AUREA

The Alchemy  
of  
Music & Words

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To our dear friends,

The Aurea Board is delighted to announce our Artistic Director, Consuelo Sherba, will be awarded the Tom Roberts Prize for Creative Achievement in the Humanities, presented by the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities.

As RICH describes, "The Tom Roberts Prize celebrates creativity in topics, disciplines, and formats that extend the field of the humanities. This year, the Prize honors Consuelo Sherba for her innovative, cross-disciplinary work with Aurea, a performance ensemble that inspires diverse audiences through imaginative concert programming and educational workshops. Through performances that interface music with the spoken word, Aurea connects the humanities and fine arts in dynamic, accessible, and engaging ways."

"I'm so thrilled and honored to be the recipient of RICH's Tom Roberts Prize this year," reflects Consuelo, "following in the footsteps of so many of my most treasured colleagues in this wonderful state. We are all very fortunate to live in a community that simultaneously fosters creativity and a deep inquiry into the humanities. On behalf of Aurea, thank you for your appreciation and encouragement of our thematic programming these past 11 years. It is a great tribute to the collaborative

spirit of the group, our tireless board, and to the memory of my husband, co-founder, Charles Sherba, as we continue to seek new ways to invigorate the intersection of the arts and humanities. I look forward to seeing you, again, at this year's celebration."

The public is invited to the 2015 Celebration of the Humanities, Thursday, October 8, 2015, 6:00 - 8:00pm, at the Center by the Blackstone, in Pawtucket, RI. We hope you can attend as we join the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities to celebrate and support our humanities community and honor leaders who demonstrate the power of the humanities to create meaningful connections - across sectors, disciplines, and communities. The Celebration will feature an open wine bar provided by Campus Fine Wines, hors d'oeuvres, silent and live auctions, and the presentation of four distinguished awards. For details click on the eventbrite link below, for this annual sell-out event. We hope you can join us.

The event is open to the public; reservations are \$100 per person (\$35 for students), and can be made at <http://2015humanities.eventbrite.com>. Proceeds benefit public history, cultural heritage, civic education, and community engagement by and for all Rhode Islanders.

Aurea Board of Directors

Co-Presidents - Amy Goldstein & Rebecca Leuchak; members - Rena Abeles, Peter Allen, Stephen Coon, Brenda Gaynor, Elizabeth Hegarty, Marcia Hirsch, Consuelo Sherba, Jordan Verner

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## About the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities

Founded in 1973, RICH is an independent, not-for-profit state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Sharing with the NEH the belief that "democracy demands wisdom and vision in its citizens," RICH invests in individuals and organizations—from scholars, filmmakers, writers, and oral historians to libraries, museums, historical societies, and community organizations—that engage Rhode Islanders in the intellectual and cultural life of the state.



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