

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 27
MARCH 21, 1975

Establishing the Commission for Cultural Affairs of The City of New York

Whereas, The City of New York has been long renowned as an international center of cultural resources and facilities for the enjoyment and education of all of its citizens and the countless visitors who, each year, share these rich experiences; and

Whereas, The arts have for countless years flourished and brought fame and excitement to our City; and

Whereas, All the people of this City bask in the beauty and glory of our vast cultural capacity; and

Whereas, The continuous maintenance and growth of the arts is a continuing concern, so that the blessings and benefits of these cultural resources may be made available to enhance and enrich the lives of all of the people of this City; and

Whereas, The general welfare of the people of New York City will be promoted and enriched by the continued recognition of the notable contributions of the arts and the further study of means and programs to expand our cultural activities and maintain our heritage in these areas.

Now, therefore, by the power vested in me as Mayor of The City of New York, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Executive Order No. 70, dated March 19, 1968 is hereby repealed.

§ 2. There is hereby established the Commission for Cultural Affairs of The City of New York.

(a) The Commission shall consist of not less than fifteen (15) nor more than twenty-one (21) members, not including the ex-officio members, to be appointed by the Mayor.

(b) Members other than the ex-officio members shall be appointed for six year terms, provided that of those first appointed, one-third shall be appointed for a term of two years, one-third for four years and one-third for six years.

(c) Notwithstanding the dates of their appointments, the terms of the first members taking office shall be deemed to commence on the effective date of this Order.

(d) The First Deputy Mayor, the Commissioner of Cultural Affairs and the Commissioner of Civic Affairs and Public Events shall serve ex-officio.

(e) The Mayor shall designate a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from amongst the members, who shall serve at his pleasure.

§ 3. The Commission shall advise the Mayor with respect to the cultural activities in the City and in furtherance of this function shall:

(a) Formulate and recommend goals with regard to cultural activities and cultural policy in this City;

(b) Foster coordination among City, State and Federal agencies and private institutions with respect to cultural activities in this City;

(c) Compile data and reports and submit its findings to the Mayor; and

(d) Perform such other related functions and duties which may, from time to time, be deemed appropriate by the Mayor.

§ 4. All City agencies are directed to cooperate with the Commission, consistent with the law, in order to coordinate and promote cultural activities in this City.

§ 5. This Order shall take effect immediately.

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ABRAHAM D. BEAME, Mayor.