



Photo caption: United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County member organizations are looking forward to when they can return to offering all their usual in-person presentations. Contributors to their 2021 fund drive will be recognized for helping make those programs possible.

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United Arts Appeal Board Says: “We’ll Be Back!”

Jamestown, N.Y. – Board members of the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County (UAA) kicked off their 2021 Fund Drive this month with a mailing that affirmed “We’ll be back!”

UAA President Julie Newell said, “Because of COVID, it’s been a year now that we in the arts community have not been able to present full in-person performances. Despite that, our members have been amazingly creative in what they have offered.”

The creativity Newell refers to includes virtual presentations of radio shows, a full orchestra concert, plays, and performances, plus music and dance classes and lessons. When they could be done safely, classes and lessons were offered in person, helping youth maintain connections outside their families while they strengthened their skills.

“But we miss our live audiences and are eagerly looking forward to returning in full force in the next few months,” Newell said. She noted that all the UAA’s member organizations will be resuming in-person concerts, performances, exhibits, plays, and more as soon as state guidelines allow.

Contributors to the United Arts Appeal sustain the work of:

- Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet: instruction and dance programs

- Community Music Project: Chautauqua Chamber Singers, CMP Chorale, and Children's Music Studio
- 1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center: presenting a wide variety of programs in music, theatre, film, and dance
- Infinity Visual and Performing Arts: a creative youth development program and community arts center
- Lucille Ball Little Theatre of Jamestown: live theater productions, Junior Guilders, and Children Sing
- Western New York Chamber Orchestra: orchestral performances and educational programs
- UAA's Projects Pool Grants Program: awarding smaller grants to individual artists and community-based arts projects

Through the Projects Pool Grants Program, the UAA will continue to award grants so local nonprofits can undertake meaningful art projects and local artists can enhance their skills and share their work.

The United Arts Appeal acknowledges its supporters in numerous ways.

Every contributor is listed on the UAA's website as well as the websites of all the member organizations. When full live performances resume, donors will be recognized in their printed programs.

Additional recognitions can include links to the donor's website, being featured on posters in the lobbies of the Lucille Ball Little Theatre of Jamestown and the 1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center, free cinema admissions, new release acknowledgement, and more. Details are on the Support UAA page at UnitedArtsAppeal.org.

In 2020 the United Arts Appeal received major support from Chautauqua County, the Jessie Smith Darrah Fund, and the Hultquist and Holmberg Foundations.

Major contributors to the UAA's 2020 fund drive were Patrons Lyndon and Melanie Gritters, Mark and Donna Hampton, and Rick and Terry Turner. Special Gifts were given by Century 221 Turner Brokers, M. L. Feather, KeyBank, Lake Shore Savings Bank, Dr. Bruce Rockwell, and Lissa and Sherwood VanDewark. Donors were John and Margaret Fuchs, Lawley/Rhoe B. Henderson Insurance, Lois F. Strickler, and Wegmans.

Newell also noted that there is a new, bigger tax break for charitable giving in 2021.

To learn more about the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County, visit UnitedArtsAppeal.org.

Businesses and individuals who want to strengthen the arts in Chautauqua County can send their contribution to the United Arts Appeal, P. O. Box 754, Jamestown, NY 14702.

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