



The United Arts Appeal

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News Release

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Photo caption: The United Arts Appeal is accepting grant applications from Chautauqua County artists and organizations for awards from its 2018 Projects Pool Grants Program. In 2017, grants were awarded to two individual artists and five organizations. Ceramic artist Catherine Walsh produced the pieces displayed here with support from a Projects Pool grant.

Artists and Organizations Invited to Apply for United Arts Appeal Grants

Jamestown, N.Y. – “Your support for the Arts in our county is so appreciated and benefits our communities endlessly!” was the enthusiastic report of one of last year’s recipients of a United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County (UAA) grant.

The UAA is now accepting applications from Chautauqua County artists and organizations for its 2018 Projects Pool Grants Program.

“Every year a portion of the funds raised through the United Arts Appeal’s fund drive is awarded to individual artists and artistic projects,” explained UAA President Julie Newell. “Our purpose is to assist the careers of working artists and to enhance the cultural life of Chautauqua County.”

An artist who has been a Chautauqua County resident for at least one year and works in any artistic discipline – including but not limited to crafts, dance, film, fiction, poetry, printmaking, sculpture, painting, video, play writing, performance, music composition and photography – may apply for a Projects Pool grant. Awards are based on creative excellence and are to be used for artistic development.

Eligible organizations must have non-profit status and may include libraries, municipalities, churches, and other community groups.

Grants up to \$500 will be awarded.

Applications are submitted online and must be received by midnight on Sunday, April 15, 2018. All applications are screened for eligibility and fulfillment of application requirements. An

advisory panel of Chautauqua County residents who are knowledgeable in the arts reviews applications and presents funding recommendations to the United Arts Appeal board for approval.

Artists and community organizations interested in applying for funding through the UAA's Projects Pool Grants Program can obtain application information and funding criteria online at the Grants page at UnitedArtsAppeal.org.

In 2017, UAA grants were awarded to:

Individual Artists:

- Catherine Walsh: Strengthening the Circle: Center Circle Ceramics
- Liag Zeppetello: Fine Art Oil Painting

Organizations:

- 96th Highlanders Pipes and Drums, Inc.: Jamestown Regional Celtic Festival and Gathering of the Clans
- Audubon Community Nature Center: Rebel Nature Journals
- Citizens for a Better Cassadaga: Concerts on Cassadaga Lake
- Jamestown Parks, Recreation & Conservation Dept.: 2017 Summer Bandshell Concert Series
- Patterson Library: Music Together with Kay Barlow

The United Arts Appeal also provides operating support for seven of the larger arts organizations in Chautauqua County: Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet, Community Music Project, 1891 Fredonia Opera House, Infinity Visual and Performing Arts, Jamestown Concert Association, Lucille Ball Little Theatre of Jamestown, and the Western New York Chamber Orchestra.

The UAA is supported by Chautauqua County, local foundations, corporations, businesses and individuals throughout the county.

For more information about the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County, with links to each of the member organizations' websites, call (716) 484-7329 or visit UnitedArtsAppeal.org.

To support the arts in Chautauqua County, your contribution to United Arts Appeal, 715 Falconer Street, Jamestown, NY 14701 would be greatly appreciated.

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