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2023 United Arts Appeal Accepting 2023 Grant Applications

Jamestown, N.Y. – The United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County (UAA) is now accepting applications from Chautauqua County artists and organizations for its 2023 Projects Pool Grants Program.

Grants of up to \$500 are available to quality arts programs and organizations as well as individual artists. Artistic disciplines can include, but are not limited to, crafts, dance, film, fiction, poetry, printmaking, sculpture, painting, video, play writing, performance, music composition and photography.

Awards to individual artists, who must have been a Chautauqua County resident for at least one year, 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.

Applications are submitted online and must be received by midnight, Saturday, April 15, 2023.

After applications are screened for eligibility and fulfillment of application requirements, they are reviewed by an advisory panel of Chautauqua County residents who are knowledgeable in the arts. The panel's recommendations are presented to the United Arts Appeal board for approval.

Limited funds are available, and priority will be given to first-time applicants, new initiatives from past applications, and applications which seek to serve or extend art to a diverse and/or broad sector of the community. Recipients must be able to complete their projects before Dec. 31, 2023.

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 on the Grants page at UnitedArtsAppeal.org.

The 2022 Projects Pool Grants Program awardees and their projects included:

Organizations:

- Audubon Community Nature Center: Mud Art
- Citizens for a Better Cassadaga: Cassadaga Lakes 2022 Summer Concert Series
- Falconer Public Library: Oceans of Possibilities with Music

Individual Artists:

- Jenny Brown: Fibers
- Jill Reese: Summer of Ukulele Community Jam Sessions

The United Arts Appeal also provides operating support for six of the larger arts organizations in Chautauqua County: Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet, Community Music Project, 1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center, Infinity Visual and Performing Arts, 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, call (716) 244-0657 or visit UnitedArtsAppeal.org with links to each of the member organizations' websites.

To support the arts in Chautauqua County, your contribution to United Arts Appeal, PO Box 754, Jamestown, New York 14702 would be greatly appreciated.

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Photo caption one: One of the 2022 UAA Projects Pool Grant Organization funded projects was Buffalo Music Hall of Fame inductee Glenn Colton's appearance as the Culmination of Falconer Public Library's "Oceans of Possibilities" summer reading program.

Photo caption two: Jill Reese's Summer of Ukulele Community Jam Sessions was one of UAA 2022 Projects Pool Grant Individual funded projects.