



Photo caption: United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County member organizations want the community to know that they are back: with films, concerts, classes, performances, and more. Contributors to their 2022 fund drive will be recognized for helping make all these opportunities possible.

## *The United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County*

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### *News Release*

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### **United Arts Appeal Board Says: “We Are Back!”**

Jamestown, N.Y. – Board members of the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County (UAA) kicked off their 2022 Fund Drive this month with a mailing that affirmed “We are back!”

UAA President Julie Newell said, “After two years of COVID restrictions, we are excited to be back where we belong, offering amazing arts opportunities to the folks in our community who have missed them so much!”

The next few months will see a surge in films, concerts, classes, and more presented by UAA member organizations. Because these are made possible, in part, by contributors to the United Arts Appeal, the UAA recognizes its supporters in numerous ways.

All contributors are acknowledged in the printed programs of in-person performances and listed on the UAA’s website as well as the websites of all member organizations.

Additional recognitions can include links to the donor’s website, being featured on posters at all in-person programs, free cinema admissions, news release acknowledgements, and more. Details are on the Support UAA page at [UnitedArtsAppeal.org](https://UnitedArtsAppeal.org).

In 2021 the United Arts Appeal received major support from Chautauqua County, the Jessie Smith Darrah Fund, and the Hultquist and Holmberg Foundations.

Patrons of the UAA’s 2021 fund drive were Century 21 Turner Brokers, Phin and Sara DeMink, Lyndon and Melanie Gritters, Mark and Donna Hampton, Rick Turner Jr. and Terry Havens-Turner, and Dr. Bruce Rockwell. Special Gifts were given by Community Bank, M. L. Feather, Jamestown Roofing, KeyBank, Lake Shore Savings Bank, Lissa and Sherwood VanDewark, and Wegmans. Donors were Dawn and Stephen Columbare, John and Margaret Fuchs, and John and Elaine Sherwood.

As a sampling of programs offered by United Arts Appeal member organizations, the Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet ([CRYB.net](https://CRYB.net)) has classes in creative dance, modern dance, and

all levels of ballet, from pre-ballet to pre-professional, including a class just for boys. Their Spring Gala Performance is set for Friday, June 17, in the Chautauqua Institution Amphitheater.

Community Music Project's ([CommunityMusicProject.com](http://CommunityMusicProject.com)) CMP Chorale begins rehearsals this month for their concert on Sunday, May 15. There are still openings for new students and their parents for Semester 2 of the Children's Music Studio.

Over the next few months, the Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center ([FredOpera.org](http://FredOpera.org)) will feature current independent films, live concerts including the three-concert Bach & Beyond Baroque Music Festival (June 10-12) and Grammy Award winners Tom Paxton & The DonJuans (June 18), the Metropolitan Opera Live at the Met in HD, Art & Architectures On Screen, and Stage On Screen via satellite that includes ballet from Moscow and theatre from London.

In addition to Facebook Live student performance events on March 31, April 28, May 26 and June 19, Infinity Visual and Performing Arts ([InfinityPerformingArts.org](http://InfinityPerformingArts.org)) has youth and adult private and group lessons in various fields of music, art, dance, theater, and literature.

Jamestown's Lucille Ball Little Theatre is presenting John Cariani's *Almost, Maine* on Fridays and Saturdays, March 4, 5, 11, and 12, at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays, March 6 and 13, at 2 p.m. ([LucilleBallLittleTheatre.org](http://LucilleBallLittleTheatre.org)). As a *New York Times* review noted, "This is a beautifully structured play, with nifty surprise endings...."

The Western New York Chamber Orchestra ([WNYChamberOrchestra.com](http://WNYChamberOrchestra.com)) travels to Erie, Pa., to perform Gabriel Faure's *Requiem* on Saturday, April 23, 7 p.m., at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul. On Sunday, April 24, 4 p.m., in the King Concert Hall in SUNY Fredonia's Rockefeller Arts Center, they perform the Durufle *Requiem* and Faure *Requiem* with the Masterwork Choir of SUNY Fredonia and soloists.

Through April 15 the United Arts Appeal is accepting applications from Chautauqua County artists and non-profit organizations for grants up to \$500 from its 2022 Projects Pool Grants Program. 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. For details and an application, visit [UnitedArtsAppeal.org/grants.html](http://UnitedArtsAppeal.org/grants.html).

To learn more about the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County, visit [UnitedArtsAppeal.org](http://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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