



The United Arts Appeal

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Photo caption: The United Arts Appeal is accepting grant applications from Chautauqua County organizations and individual artists for awards from its 2016 Projects Pool Grants Program. In 2015, fellowships were awarded to three artists and grants to seven organizations. One of the funded projects was the Patterson Library's Music Together classes; pictured here is Kay Barlow with one of her class participants who is excited to learn and grow.

United Arts Appeal Accepting Grant Applications

Jamestown, NY – The United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County (UAA) is accepting applications from Chautauqua County artists and organizations for its 2016 Projects Pool Grants Program.

UAA president Elizabeth Bush explained that, “A portion of the funds raised every year through the United Arts Appeal’s fund drive is allocated for individual artists and artistic projects. In 2015, we were pleased to be able to assist three artists and the projects of seven organizations, all for the benefit of the cultural life of Chautauqua County.”

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

An artist who has been a Chautauqua County resident for at least one year and works in any artistic discipline, including crafts, dance, film, fiction, poetry, printmaking, sculpture, painting, video, play writing, performance, music composition and photography, may apply for a Projects Pool Fellowship. Awards are based on creative excellence and are to be used for career development.

Grants up to \$500 will be awarded.

Grant applications are submitted online and must be received by midnight on Friday, April 15, 2016. All applications are screened for eligibility and fulfillment of application requirements.

An allocations panel made up 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 Grant Program can obtain application information and funding criteria online at the Grants page at www.UnitedArtsAppeal.org.

In 2015, UAA artist fellowships and grants were awarded to:

Individual Artists

- Thomas Annear: Invitations for "National Parks and Beyond" exhibition at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute
- Stephanie Brash: Crafts Alliance exhibit/sale expenses
- Zachary Fowler: Production of short film, *Waking*

Organizations

- Ahira Hall Memorial Library: Literacy in the Library: Arts Reading Culture (LARC) Summer session
- James Prendergast Library: Super Hero Drawing Programs
- Jamestown Audubon Society, Inc.: Roadside Art
- Jamestown Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation: 2015 Summer Bandshell Concert Series
- Lily Dale Assembly: 2015 Summer Performance Series
- Patterson Library: Music Together at Patterson Library
- Village of Westfield Recreation Department: Concerts in Moore Park Series

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, visit www.UnitedArtsAppeal.org, the United Arts Appeal page on Facebook, or call (716) 484-7329.

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