

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY  
2022

COMMUNITY  
**ARTS**  
PARTNERSHIP





## A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP

We're happy to share with you the Community Arts Partnership's 2022 annual report, with gratitude for the supporters, funders, partners, staff, board, artists and arts groups that together make our community thrive with arts.

In the pages that follow you'll learn about our 2022 program highlights, see a list of our 2022 grantees, and get an overview of our financial picture.

With a strong system of collaborators, we're working towards our mission to strengthen the arts in Tompkins County by supporting artists and arts groups, ensuring equitable access to the arts, and cultivating a creative culture that reflects our community's diversity.

Thank you for being our partner in the arts!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Megan Barber".

**MEGAN BARBER**  
*Executive Director*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn Henion".

**KATHRYN HENION**  
*Board President*

“ I moved to Ithaca almost 14 years ago and again and again I am floored by the depth of the creative spirit here. The residents nurture an arts scene typical of a much larger city, and the result is a thriving, joyful community spirit. Your direct support of the artists of Tompkins County strengthens this environment and makes the difference in realizing a dream for many artists each year. ”

**Anne Gossen**  
*Grant Recipient*

# 2022: EXPANSION, CREATIVITY, AND COLLABORATION!



As we reflect on the past year, we are thrilled to share the incredible strides CAP has taken to support and uplift the vibrant arts community in Tompkins County. 2022 has been marked by resilience, creativity, and meaningful impact, all made possible by the unwavering support of our donors, partners, and collaborators. Here's a snapshot of our journey:

## **1. Thriving Year-Round Events**

Our 2022 events showcased the resilience and vibrancy of our artistic community. The Spring Writes Literary Festival kindled the spirit of cultural celebration and brought people together over a love of the literary arts. The Ithaca Artist Market featured the talents of over 80 local and regional artists, offering a platform for their work and nurturing meaningful connections within our creative community. The expanded Greater Ithaca Art Trail prioritized inclusivity by enabling virtual participation resulting in a vibrant tapestry of artistic voices taking center stage.

## **2. Powerful Exhibits at the CAP ArtSpace**

Throughout the year, the CAP ArtSpace hosted a series of impactful exhibits that provoked thought and celebrated creativity. These exhibits served as a testament to the power of artistic expression in fostering understanding and sparking joy.

## **3. Record-Breaking Support for Artists**

Thanks to your unwavering support, we achieved an unprecedented increase in funding to support artists and arts groups. We entered 2023 with the capacity to grant a remarkable \$552,850, marking a staggering 157% increase from the previous year.

## **4. Fostering Professional Development**

Collaborating with the New York Foundation for the Arts, we brought the transformative Artist as Entrepreneur workshop to Ithaca. Over two impactful days, 35 artists delved into enriching professional development opportunities, equipping them with essential skills for their artistic journey.

## **5. Navigating Recovery with Purpose**

In partnership with the Community Foundation of Tompkins County, the Legacy Foundation, and enthusiastic individual donors, our Creative Recovery Fund supported artists to address racial justice, mental health, and climate change.

## **6. A Catalyst for Community Unity**

Our collaboration with the Community Unity Music Education Program resulted in our role as fiscal sponsor for the Creatives Rebuild New York Artist Employment Program. This initiative brought in over \$1 million to support local artists to engage children and youth in an arts-based Black consciousness curriculum.

As we look back on 2022, we are filled with gratitude for everyone who plays a role in our thriving arts ecosystem. The arts continue to demonstrate their unparalleled ability to uplift, inspire, and unite. With your continued dedication, we eagerly anticipate another year of creativity, community, and collaboration!

# 2022 CAP PROGRAMS

## We Connect Artists with Audiences

In 2022, there were over 2,000 visitors to Art Trail artists.

### 25th ANNUAL GREATER ITHACA ART TRAIL

The 25th annual Art Trail featured 45 artists throughout Tompkins County who connected with visitors at two October Open Studio weekends and Zoom events, monthly First Saturday openings, and a live and virtual annual group exhibit. Visit [ArtTrail.com](http://ArtTrail.com).



1,200 visitors enjoyed the 2022 ArtSpace exhibits.

### CAP ARTSPACE

CAP's ArtSpace is located in our home at the Tompkins Center for History and Culture. 12 monthly exhibits were featured in 2022, both live and virtual, with openings on Downtown Ithaca's First Friday Gallery Nights.



84 artists made excellent sales from over 2,000 visitors to the 2022 market.

### 30th ANNUAL ITHACA ARTIST MARKET

The 30th annual Ithaca Artist Market, a juried show and sale of work by local and regional artists, took place on a Friday in August at the Ithaca Farmers Market. 75 artists (visual and performing) were joined by community groups, arts organizations, and plenty of food, wine and beer vendors. Jazz played throughout the day, with performances by local arts groups by the dock.



1,400 people enjoyed 42 literary themed events in 2022. 120 writers participated.

### 13th ANNUAL SPRING WRITES LITERARY FESTIVAL

The 13th annual Literary Festival featured over 40 literary themed Zoom events. 30 panels, reading, and performances took place in May with writing workshops continuing through December. Learn more and see video from recent events at [SpringWrites.org](http://SpringWrites.org)

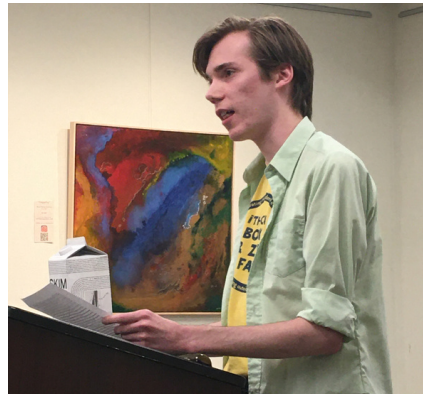


CAP raised \$9,000 from over 500 pieces of donated art in 2023.

### CAP-A-PALOOZA ART SALE

CAP-a-Palooza is CAP's annual fundraiser "Art Sale Extraordinaire". This sale is an opportunity for community members to donate previously loved art, and a chance for the public to buy that art! 500 pieces of vintage and cool art sold in December, raising \$9,000 for CAP.





## CAP Program Pics

Left to right:

**Mary Ann Bowman**  
Greater Ithaca Art Trail

**Matthew Gardener**  
Spring Writes Literary Festival

**Priya Sirohi**  
Ithaca Artist Market



**Dr. Nia Nunn**  
Ithaca Artist Market

**Yen Ospina**  
Ithaca Artist Market

**Nicole Costa's exhibit**  
CAP ArtSpace

**Leslyn McBean-Clairborne**  
Spring Writes Literary Festival



**East Hill Jazz Band**  
Ithaca Artist Market

**Art Appreciation**  
CAP-a-Palooza Art Sale



“I am a young Latinx artist in the very early stages of my career. Your support in helping to fund my first exhibition, *Semillas Al Viento*, is deeply appreciated. Being an independent artist who is queer, low income, first generation, and largely self taught means I have to work harder to obtain connections and opportunities in the art world. I take great pride in my work, and this opportunity has allowed me to not only nurture my career, but also uplift and showcase the work of other Latinx artists in the community. I know my grandparents in Mexico are over the moon that I am able to follow my dream of being an artist and now, a curator. Thank you!”



**Daniela Rivero**  
Grant Recipient

# CAP'S SERVICES AND FINANCES

A core ongoing CAP activity is the informational, practical and technical assistance we give to artists and arts organizations.

## ARTIST CAREER AND PROJECT GUIDANCE

CAP staff meets with artists regularly to help with project development, inclusion into CAP programs and directions to resources.

## GRANT WRITING ASSISTANCE

CAP runs multiple grant writing workshops and assists artists, arts organizations and not for profits with grant writing assistance.

## WORKSHOPS

In 2022, CAP hosted 12 artists who ran literary and art themed workshops on Zoom from May to December.

## COLLABORATIONS

CAP leads collaborations among the arts, government, businesses and the community at large to strengthen the arts in Tompkins County.

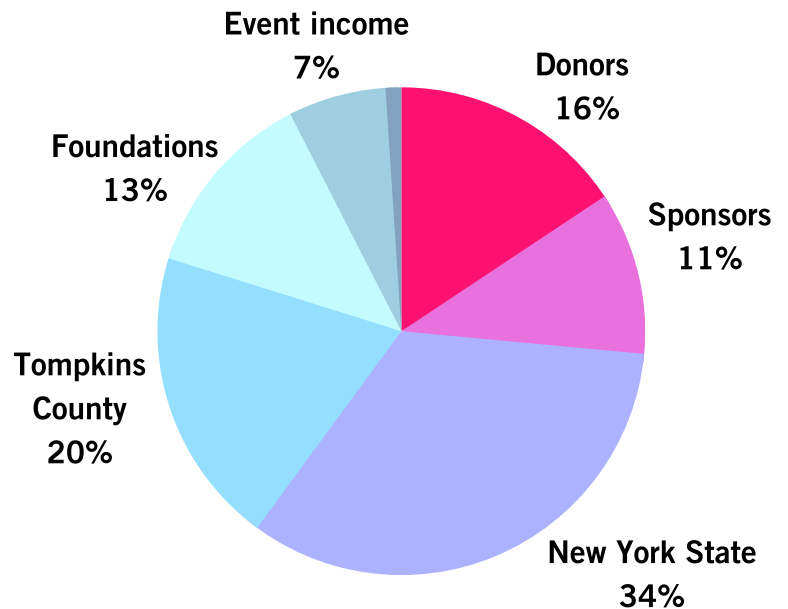
## TOMPKINS COUNTY POET LAUREATE

The position of Tompkins County Poet Laureate was established by the Tompkins County Legislature in 2001 to honor outstanding poets,

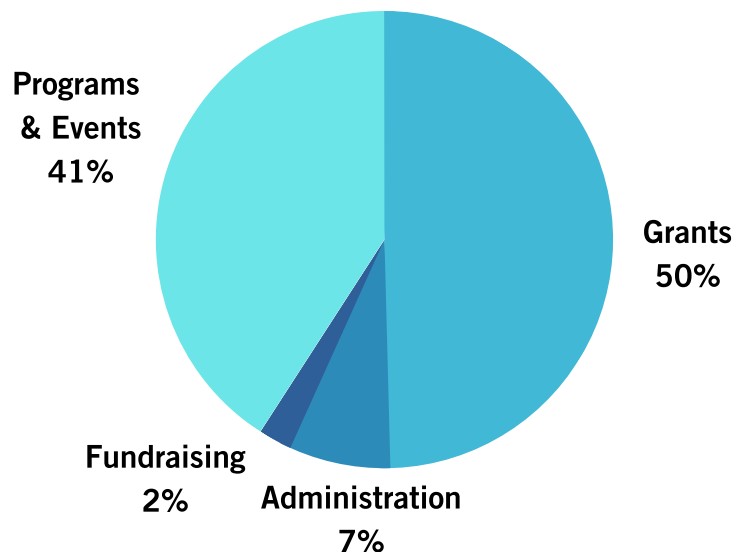


integrate poetry into the community, and enhance the County's position as a cultural center. The process is administered by the Community Arts Partnership. The current poet laureate is Janie E. Bibbie.

## Income



## Expenses



# CAP GRANT PROGRAMS

From 1992 through 2022, CAP distributed \$6.5 million to Tompkins County artists, arts organizations, & not-for-profits.

## NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS "STATEWIDE REGRANT PROGRAM"

### 2022 GRANTS FOR ARTS PROGRAMS (GAP) - \$39,075

Supports arts events and activities open to the general public

### 2022 ARTIST IN COMMUNITY GRANT - \$8,800

Supports the creation of new work by artists working and sharing in a community setting

### 2022 ARTS EDUCATION GRANT - \$12,605

Supports artist residencies for rich artistic learning experiences in schools and after school programs



Council on the Arts

## 2022 SPECIFIC OPPORTUNITY STIPEND (SOS) - \$24,000

Funded through a private foundation, "SOS" grant provides funding for artists so that they can take part in important career opportunities.

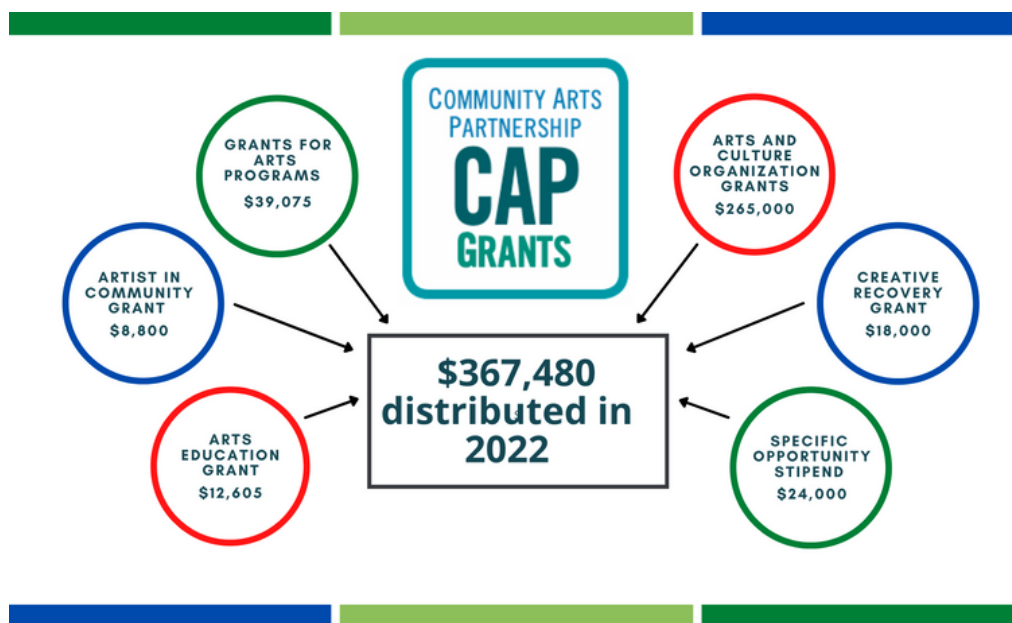
## 2022 CREATIVE RECOVERY FUND - \$18,000

Funded by the Community Foundation of Tompkins County, the Legacy Foundation, and community donations. Recipients are artists and organizations that create projects that address racial justice, economic recovery, climate change and mental health.



## 2022 ARTS & CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ACOD) - \$265,000

CAP administers this program with funds from the Tompkins County Tourism Program. The goal is to stabilize and develop the major arts and cultural tourism assets of the County.



# 2022 GRANT RECIPIENTS

## GRANTS FOR ARTS PROGRAMS

Black Hands Universal  
Circus Culture  
Civic Ensemble  
CUMEP performances  
Danby, Town of, concert series  
Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers  
Downtown Ithaca Alliance, gallery nights  
Dryden Intergenerational Band & Chorus  
Family & Children's Services, mural  
Fitz & Startz Theatre  
GIAC, senior arts events  
Groton Public Library, family arts events  
Groton Village, annual exhibit  
Groton Village, concert series  
IPEI, mural  
Ithaca City of Asylum  
Ithaca Community Orchestra  
Ithaca Concert Band  
Ithaca Festival  
Lansing Library, family programs  
Latino Civic Assoc. CULTURA Ithaca  
Lifelong, senior theatre troupe  
Newfield Public Library, theatre program  
Southworth Library, family programs  
State of the Art Gallery  
Story House Ithaca  
Triphammer Arts  
Ulysses Library, summer events  
Walking on Water Productions, theatre

## ARTS EDUCATION GRANT

Regi Carpenter, ICSD elementary  
Circus Culture, with Village at Ithaca  
Civic Ensemble, youth theatre  
GIAC, jumpers ambassador program  
Ann Reichlin, Caroline Elementary  
Walking on Water Productions, New Roots

## ARTIST IN COMMUNITY GRANT

Tahila Mintz, prayer tree project  
Yael Saar, motherhood performances  
Jim Self, LGBTQ senior dance  
Woman's Opportunity Center, mural  
Annemarie Zwack, Black Girl Alchemy

## ACOD GRANT

Cayuga Chamber Orchestra  
Cherry Arts  
Cinemapolis  
Civic Ensemble  
Community School of Music and Arts  
Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers  
Hangar Theatre  
The History Center in Tompkins County  
Ithaca Children's Garden  
Kitchen Theatre Company  
Opera Ithaca  
Paleontological Research Institution  
Running to Places  
Sciencenter  
State Theatre  
Trumansburg Conservatory of Fine Arts

## CREATIVE RECOVERY GRANT

Bree Barton, youth exhibit  
Circus Culture, with Village at Ithaca  
Civic Ensemble, community play  
CUMEP, document community events  
Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers  
GIAC, Black History Month performers  
Mamas Comfort Camp, film  
OAR of Tompkins County, mural  
Story House Ithaca, community plays  
Village at Ithaca, "Our Seat at the Table,"  
Village at Ithaca. metalsmithing for youth  
Walking on Water Productions

## SPECIFIC OPPORTUNITY STIPEND

Bree Barton, author  
nicole v. basta, poet and visual artist  
Janet Batch, musician  
Black Hands Universal  
Regi Carpenter, storyteller  
The Cherry Arts  
Tilia Cordata, performer and producer  
Nicole Costa, visual artist  
Louis DiPietro, musician  
Peaches Gillette, poet  
Sarah Gotowka, fiber artist  
Robert Grant, painter  
Lesley Greene, playwright  
Ross Harstaad, director  
Ithaca Murals  
Clare Jones, writer and visual artist  
Sorayya Khan, author  
Seth Koproski, writer/storyteller/performer  
Cristal Marte (Daraisi), dance  
Beth F. Milles, director/theatre artist  
Leanora Mims, fiber artist and teacher  
Pedro Molina, cartoonist  
The Rest Gallery  
Daniela Rivero, visual artist  
Norm Scott, sculptor  
Southside Community Center  
Story House Ithaca  
Taylor Rae Tate, ceramist  
Theatre Incognita  
Damaris Vazquez, photographer  
Achala Wali, painter  
Maddy Walsh, musician  
Annemarie Zwack, visual artist



## CAP Grantees

Left to Right:

Latino Civic Association, **GAP Grant**

Caroline Elementary with artist Ann Reichlin, **Artist in Community Grant**

Damaris Vazquez, photographer **SOS Grant**

Women's Opportunity Center, mural with Yen Ospina **Artist in Community Grant**

Walking on Water Productions **GAP Grant**

Rural Concert Series, **GAP Grant**

Senior Theatre Troupe, **GAP Grant**

Village at Ithaca, **GAP Grant**

GIAC Jumpers, **Arts Education Grant**

Robert Grant, **SOS Grant**

Regi Carpenter and ICSD **Arts Education Grant**

Triphammer Arts, **GAP Grant**

State of the Art Gallery, **GAP Grant**



“ I cannot thank you enough for my CAP Grant that provided the seeds that blossomed into such abundance! Not just for myself, but the many artists that I meet and work with in Tompkins County who have also been supported, uplifted, and pushed forward in their work by CAP.

Art is made better in a community of flourishing art, and flourishing art makes a better community. I'm grateful for all you do to make that so. ”

LINDA WINGERTER  
STRINGPULLERS.com  
*Puppeteer,  
Grant Recipient*



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