Report to the Community

2022
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!

MEGAN BARBER
Executive Director

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
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.

1,200 visitors enjoyed the 2022 ArtSpace exhibits.

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

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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.
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
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.
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

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

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