# **CELEBRATING THE ARTS**



TO OUR TOWN SUPERVISORS – A THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR ARTS ORGANIZATIONS





2022 CAP GRANT TESTIMONIALS and IMPACT STATEMENTS

# PROMOTING DEVELOPING SUSTAINING the creative and cultural life of ESSEX COUNTY, NY 518-227-1242 admin@essexcountyarts.org

Essex County Arts Council's Cultural Assistance Program (CAP) regrant, is funded annually by the Essex County Board of Supervisors, with additional funding provided by generous individual Arts Council donors.

In 2022, over 40 organizations received CAP grants, and with this vital funding have been able to continue to provide events of all types that enhance the quality of life and assist the economic development of our communities.





## CHESTERFIELD - KEESEVILLE

#### ADKACTION (Keeseville) - Keeseville Community Arts Festival

Over the past few years, AdkAction's Keeseville Community Arts Festival has grown exponentially, drawing hundreds of visitors and local residents to enjoy and participate in the arts, and giving a boost to the local economy. Support from Essex County Arts Council's Cultural Assistance Program has played a large part in revitalizing our community through this vibrant summer arts event. We are thrilled to have your support!"

Steve Maikowsky, Board Chair

CLAYTON J. BARBER Supervisor, Town of Chesterfield







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CLAYTON J. BARBER Supervisor, Town of Chesterfield

## CHESTERFIELD - AUSABLE CHASM

## NORTH COUNTRY UNDERGROUND RAILROAD ASSOC Juneteenth Celebration

A 2022 CAP grant allowed the North Country Underground Railroad Historical Association to create the first Juneteenth program in the area in collaboration with John Brown Lives, the John Brown Farm, and the Adirondack Museum. The program entitled the **Colors of Freedom** was a huge success, based on feedback from attendees. As a result of the comments from attendees, we are planning the program for next year.

Jacqueline Madison, Executive Director









## **CROWN POINT**

#### PENFIELD HOMESTEAD MUSEUM

"Our mission is "Crown Point - People and History. The CAP funds will be used to hire musicians for the Apple FolkFest in October. Kama Ingleston, Treasurer

CHARLES HARRINGTON Supervisor, Town of Crown Point









#### **ELIZABETHTOWN / LEWIS**

# ADIRONDACK HISTORY MUSEUM / EC HISTORICAL SOCIETY Support for Maintenance of AHM Exhibits

The grant supports the care and maintenance of the AHS exhibits."

Aurora McCaffrey, Director

NOEL MERRIHEW Supervisor, Town of Elizabethtown







# **ELIZABETHTOWN SOCIAL CENTER Tuesday Summer Concerts on the Lawn,**

funded by ECAC's CAP grants, and Essex County" Arin Burdo, Director







NOEL MERRIHEW Supervisor, Town of Elizabethtown

#### **ELIZABETHTOWN / LEWIS**

PIANO BY NATURE - performing in the historic Hand House "PBN is a unique year-round piano-based concert series, bringing thought-provoking concerts and diverse ensembles performing unusual and less-heard repertoire from local, regional, national, and international artists. PBN artists provide motivational and creative educational presentations at many local schools along with captivating conversations at post-concert receptions."







#### **ESSEX / WILLSBORO**



#### ADIRONDACK ART ASSOCIATION

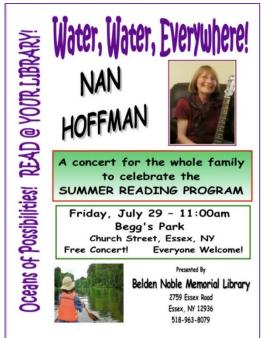
"AAA used its 2022 funding to revive the organization, launch a social media presence, and mount several exhibits in a new gallery space in the town of Essex, NY. Thank you, ECAC for your ongoing support!" Penelope Clute, President

KEN HUGHES Supervisor, Town of Essex









**BELDON NOBLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY (Essex) 2022 Summer of Learning** "Thanks for being such a great friend of the Library!" Maureen DeLaughter, Board President

#### **ESSEX INITIATIVES**

"The CAP grant funded four local bands making the annual Essex Day Celebration a truly special day." Susie Smith, Board of Directors

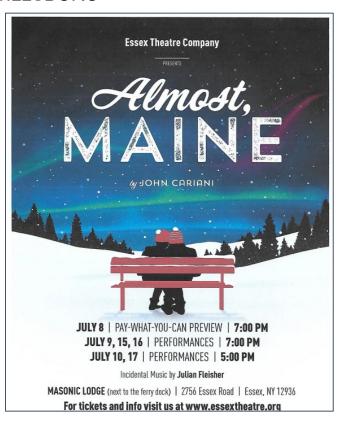


#### ESSEX / WILLSBORO



KEN HUGHES
Supervisor. Town of Essex





#### **ESSEX THEATRE COMPANY – Summer production: Almost, Maine**

The CAP grant funding to Essex Theatre Company helped support our highly successful show Almost, Maine by John Cariani, for six performances at the Masonic Lodge, Essex, NY. Kathy Poppino, Artistic Director

## WHALLONSBURG GRANGE HALL (Essex)

"The Grange has become known for the quality and breadth of our musical offerings and our Fall Music Series represents this well. We feature top-quality regional, national, and international music and theater, films, lectures and programs yearround, providing unique and enriching educational and cultural opportunities. 2022 CAP Funds will support the Nestor Gomez Storytelling performance and workshop."

Mary-Nell Bockman, Director



MATT STANLEY Supervisor, Town of Jay

#### TOWN OF JAY - AU SABLE FORKS

**TAHAWUS CULTURAL CENTER (Au Sable Forks)** – **2022 Sseason of Exhibits and Instruction** "Tahawus is a space for ideas – with room to move!" These are some of the vibrant activities you made possible - in gallery exhibitions…in dance… and in community-building gatherings!

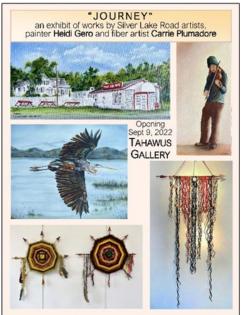
Wild at Heart exhibit received the attention of PBS Mountain Lakes TV. The "Journey" – exhibit spotlighting local artists. Support for the idea that we could launch a Mural project in Au Sable Forks in 2023!! Ongoing high level ballet instruction for young people with a desire to dance. Tahawus serves as host space for community meetings for Ausable River Valley Business Association. Rebecca Kelly, Craig Brashear, Directors













MATT STANLEY Supervisor, Town of Jay

#### TOWN OF JAY – JAY and UPPER JAY

#### **UPPER JAY ART CENTER (Upper Jay)**

"The mission of the Upper Jay Art Center is to improve the quality of life in Upper Jay and the surrounding communities through artistic expression. It has become a vital community gathering space in the Ausable River Valley, bringing together people of all ages, incomes and backgrounds for the enjoyment of live theater and music, along with poetry readings, storytelling sessions, dance, performance art and occasional exhibitions of visual art. Our 2022 CAP funding supported a program of creative arts and multi-disciplinary residencies." (below "Die Cast") Scott Renderer, Director



#### **CHINA RESIDENCIES (Jay)**

"Documentary film workshops and a residency!" Jiayu presented her film, attendees learned about sustainable worm farming and how to approach filming a movie. Kira Simon-Kennedy, Director









#### **KEENE and KEENE VALLEY**

#### EAST BRANCH FRIENDS OF THE ARTS (Keene Valley)

With its 2022 CAP funding EBFA worked to expand their audience with two concerts by artists **Cole Quest and the City Pickers** and **Honeysuckle.** Cole Quest was a smashing success for music in Keene Valley in general. We enjoyed near-record turnout for the concert, many new faces and several new EBFA members! This project enabled us to take a 'risk' in terms of our programming to reach a new, younger audience. It really paid off. We will definitely be doing more shows like this one in the future! Matthew Dunne, President

JOE PETE WILSON Supervisor, Town of Keene





#### **KEENE ARTS (Keene)**

2022 CAP funds were used for a summer concert series. Malcolm MacDougall, Director



CLASSIC JAZZ PIANO TRIO

GENE BAKER, PIANO MATT DUNNE, BASS MIKE LEWANDOWSKI, DRUMS





## KEENE ARTS



THE TRILLIUM CHAMBER PLAYERS AMY NELSON, SOPRANO /TIM MOUNT, PIANO & PATRICIA MCCARTY, VIOLA





STEPHEN MCNALLY Supervisor, Town of Minerva

#### **TOWN OF MINERVA**

"2022 CAP funding supported concerts in the Park: "Dance to the Music of the Mountains."

Diane Palmer, Town Clerk

## The Town of Minerya Concert in Courtney Park

# LAKEDERECT



Wednesday, August 17, 2022 6:00-8:00 PM

https://townofminerva.com/courtney-park/

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THOMAS SCOZZAFAVA Supervisor, Town of Moriah

#### **MORIAH**

**MORIAH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (Port Henry)** 

"2022 CAP funds supported the 133rd annual Labor Day celebration."

Lohr McKinstry, Board President



#### **NEWCOMB**



ROBIN DELORIA Supervisor, Town of Newcomb ADIRONDACK PARK INSTITUTE – Artist-in Residence program 2022 Artist in Residence, Shannon Klotz worked at SUNY ESF's Adirondack Interpretive Center in July. She hosted workshops and plein air sessions.

"Now, with your support and that of the Essex County Board of Supervisors, we can keep the dream alive and continue to sponsor these great educational and hands-on programs for children and families."

Daniel Fitts, Executive Director



#### NORTH ELBA / ST. ARMAND



#### ADIRONDACK FILM SOCIETY (Lake Placid)

"AFS' 2022 film series, **"See Something that Means Something"** heightens audience awareness of certain issues facing the world today." Gary Smith, Chair

DEREK DOTY Supervisor, Town of North Elba







#### LAKE PLACID CENTER FOR THE ARTS (Lake Placid)

"...A year-round performing and visual arts facility, consistently presenting arts of the highest caliber in music, dance and theater performances, film exhibitions and visual arts presentations. The LPCA works to fulfill its mission to present and foster arts programs that inspire, enrich educate and entertain people of all ages."

James Lemons, Executive Director





#### NORTH ELBA / ST. ARMAND



LAKE PLACID / NORTH ELBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY (North Elba) – Exhibits on The Northville-Placid Trail and Adirondack Mountain Club's Centennial. "...come and visit us at the museum and see how these much-needed funds are used...to preserve and present our town and village history because of generous and thoughtful benefactors such as the Essex County Arts Council." ~ Sophie Morelli, Director

DEREK DOTY Supervisor, Town of North Elba









#### LAKE PLACID SINFONIETTA

"As a successful, community supported non-profit since 1981, the Lake Placid Sinfonietta brings professional musicians from around the world to the Adirondacks and provides an opportunity in our area to the experience of classical music which is not otherwise available. The free Wednesday evening concerts were funded by CAP this year." Deborah Fitts, Executive Director



#### NORTH ELBA ST. ARMAND SARANAC LAKE

#### **HISTORIC SARANAC LAKE – the Cure Porch Project**

"The CAP grant allowed us to continue to meet our mission to preserve and present area history to build a stronger community." ~ Amy Catania, Executive Director



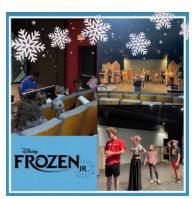






#### **PENDRAGON THEATRE**

"Something for Everyone" Summer Season, funded by a 2022 CAP grant, which included two musicals, one contemporary play and one world premiere production. Not only was the season entertaining, but the grant support allowed for Pendragon to produce a season that was gender-balanced in terms of artistic leadership (parity in playwrights, directors) and for the first time in Pendragon's 45-year history, a new play written by a Black female playwright was produced. Michael Aguirre, Managing Director







#### TOWN OF SCHROON



## SCHROON LAKE ARTS COUNCIL

"2022 CAP funds supported weekly summer concerts "In the Boathouse." David Namerow, Treasurer









#### SCHROON LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"Integrated into the chamber's primary function of promoting Schroon Lake as a primary tourist destination, the summer concert series, "Twilight Music and More", provides entertainment, music and joy to residents and visitors. Every Wednesday in July and August the square dance is a mainstay for the over 200 in attendance." Susan Palisano, Director







## TOWN OF SCHROON

**SEAGLE FESTIVAL (Schroon Lake)**"The CAP grants are important to us as an arts organization as they are an *imprimitur* of our county government on the excellence of our arts organizations in our county. Having government support in any amount is very important in keeping other donors interested and involved."

Darren Woods, Artistic Director

MARGARET WOOD Supervisor, Town of Schroon









Once Upon a Mattress

**Fellow Travelers** 

Suor Angelica

3 Bears with Kids



#### FORT TICONDEROGA - Scots Day Celebration

Your support "makes our transformative initiatives possible as we preserve, educate, and provoke an active discussion about the past and its importance to present and future generations."

Beth L. Hill, President/CEO

MARK WRIGHT Supervisor, Town of Ticonderoga







#### TICONDEROGA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Music at the Farmers' Markets

"The 2022 CAP Grant awarded to Ticonderoga Area Farmers Market has helped support our Farmers Market by providing funds that are used for live music performers at our summer markets. Not only did local musicians have an opportunity to perform, their music drew shoppers / visitors to the Market and broader Community. Without the CAP Grant it would not have been possible." Matthew Courtright, President



MARK WRIGHT Supervisor, Town of Ticonderoga

#### **TICONDEROGA ARTS – Community Art Classes**

"With the help of our 2022 CAP grant, Ti Arts was again able to provide the community free summer classes, including watercolor, ceramics, Gyotaku fish printing, meditative art, and the basics of framing. These creative opportunities add a vibrancy to this rural enclave. We are truly grateful for this funding!" Laurie Sapakoff, President







TICONDEROGA MONTCALM ST PARTNERSHIP Ticonderoga in the Autumn - FALLFEST supported by a 2022 CAP grant." Megan Bambara, Director





#### TICONDEROGA FESTIVAL GUILD- Summer Concert Series

"Thank you for your support of our Summer Concert series, bigger and better this year, with your support! We are grateful for your generosity and continued support of the arts here in the Adirondacks." Judy Walker, Executive Director

MARK WRIGHT Supervisor, Town of Ticonderoga





#### TICONDEROGA HERITAGE MUSEUM – Director for Childrens' Art Workshops

"The Ticonderoga Heritage Museum would like to extend a thank you to the Essex County Board of Supervisors for their continued support of the Cultural Arts in our county through the Essex County Arts Council's Cultural Assistance Program (CAP) grants. Your support enables our museum to host a series of twelve free children's workshops each summer and to hire a director to oversee these workshops. Providing art related activities to our youth is vital to a well-rounded education." Sylvia Boyce, Secretary









MARK WRIGHT Supervisor, Town of Ticonderoga

#### **TICONDEROGA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

"The Cultural Assistance Program funding, administered by the Essex County Arts Council, means so much to us, particularly because it is provided on a grass-roots level by those who know the value of our programs on a local level. Without it, our programs and exhibits would not reach our neighbors, many of whom are from under-served communities within Essex County." Diane O'Connor, Director







#### WE ARE INSTRUMENTAL 2022 Instrument Drive and Repair classes

"Receiving a CAP grant from ECAC gave us the boost we needed to continue our mission of helping give students the access to music that they deserve. With ECAC's affirmation of our efforts, it became easier to get noticed by other foundations, as well." Evan Mack, Director





## WESTPORT



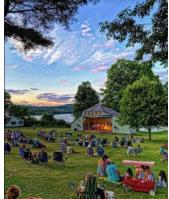
MICHAEL K. TYLER Supervisor, Town of Westport

#### **BALLARD PARK FOUNDATION, Live Music in the Pavilion**

"For many summers, Thursday evenings have meant live music in the Pavilion at Ballard Park, Westport, NY. The sense of vitality and community that the concerts bring to Westport cannot be overstated. Few events are more unifying than music that all can enjoy. The sight of cars arriving from north and south and families walking toward the park, setting up blankets and settling in for an evening among friends is priceless. CAP funding makes this possible!"

Deborah Pastore, President







#### **DEPOT THEATRE**

"The Depot serves as a dynamic cultural hub by bringing diverse stories and storytellers to our rural region, employing artists, generating economic activity and caretaking the iconic depot building. Funds will be used to support the theatre's Youth Academy 2022. We are grateful!"

Kim Reilly, Managing Director









MICHAEL K. TYLER Supervisor, Town of Westport

#### **WESTPORT**

#### **JOHN BROWN LIVES!**

"Blues at Timbuctoo is not an ordinary day of music. The concert marries blues music with a conversation about racial justice. This festival is lauded for the soulful power, artistic virtuosity and cultural breadth and diversity of the performers who all are chosen for their artistry and for their commitment to the spirit and purpose of the day." Martha Swan, Director

John Brown Lives Jerry Dugger plays Dreaming of Timbuctoo









#### WILMINGTON



# **WILMINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**Bicentennial Summer Speaker Series

"The 2022 ECAC CAP Grant assisted with funding for our Bicentennial Summer Speaker Series. Attendance has been high with 30-50 in-person attendees, 4-8 Zoom attendees, and 99+ attendees (and growing!) who have watched those recorded programs on our YouTube channel and on our website <a href="www.wilmingtonhistoricalsociety.org">www.wilmingtonhistoricalsociety.org</a>. Thank you for helping to make history and culture relevant to so many people!" ~ Karen Marshall Peters, President

ROY HOLZER Supervisor, Town of Wilmington



## TOWN OF WILMINGTON – Bicentennial Concert Series

"For over 25 years the Town of Wilmington has partnered with the Essex County Arts Council bringing exciting programs to our residents and visitors. The funding and Council support has been vital in our success." Roy Holzer, Supervisor











## Adirondack Arts & Entertainment

P.O. Box 422 Jay, NY 12941

September 14, 2022

As editors of the Adirondack's premier arts and entertainment news source, Adirondack A&E, as well as the local news service Jay Community News, we see firsthand the joys and opportunities that are afforded by the Essex County Arts Council.

We have seen the very young mesmerized by professional actors, dancers and craft designers. We have seen the very old smile as they relax in their camp chairs to the sounds of a summer concert. We have seen everyone in between enthusiastically embrace a rich side of life that, without a local promoter of the arts, they would have to drive half the day to experience.

We have also seen Essex County residents discover artistic talents they never knew they had, and travelers flocking to authentic Adirondack events, supporting local restaurants, inns, gas stations and stores as they do.

Essex County is fortunate to have an active arts council, and it is fortunate to have an assemblage of supervisors who appreciate and support such a vibrant economic and cultural enterprise.

Beth Rowland

Tim Rowland