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# NEWS-CAP

SUMMER 2017

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# COMMUNITY ARTS PARTNERSHIP



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PROVIDING  
GRANTS,  
PROGRAMS,  
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AND  
SERVICES  
TO THE  
ARTISTS & AUDIENCES  
OF TOMPKINS COUNTY  
FOR OVER 25 YEARS.

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# CAP'S NEW ADVOCATES CIRCLE SHOOT THE MOON!

Thanks to the generosity of our hosts and CAP boosters, Ron and Shelley Cooper, we and almost 100 of our friends launched a new way to support the work of the Community Arts Partnership, the Advocates Circle. The June 23rd event was full of food, drinks, conversation, live painting and drawing by Terry Plater and Jon Haeffner, a compilation of "what makes us happy" by Poet Laureate Zee Zahava, fun commemorative pictures with Photo Booth Ithaca and music by Mary Lorson.

Most importantly, 20 of your friends and neighbors stepped forward to pledge a minimum of \$300 each year for three years, to serve as a sturdy foundation for CAP's work in bringing artists and audiences together, and now, advocating for support for the visual, literary, musical, and performing arts in Tompkins County.



There are tangible benefits to membership in the Advocates Circle, which are outlined on our website, but the most significant benefit is knowing that you are playing a critical role in protecting, nourishing, and growing the arts in Tompkins County. We have exciting plans for the future at CAP, and we invite you to be an Advocate for them. If you'd like to join the Circle, please go to [artspartner.org](http://artspartner.org).



RON AND SHELLY COOPER

— JOHN SPENCE, Executive Director

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## CAP BY THE NUMBERS

### CAP's Annual

## Spring Writes Literary Festival

May 4-7, 2017  
*presented*

35 events  
4 days  
10 locations

### Over 150 Artists:

22 reading poetry  
58 reading prose  
16 playwrights  
25 actors  
3 choreographers  
10 musicians  
3 filmmakers  
7 instructors  
18 panelists

**1,000 art lovers!**



### GRANTEE FOCUS

## CAP GRANT RECIPIENT: DOROTHY COTTON JUBILEE SINGERS



The Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers is a community chorus dedicated to the preservation and performance of the Negro Spiritual. The Negro Spiritual has an honored place in American History as the earliest form of American music. Through this music we hear the voice of a uniquely American experience -- the perseverance and triumph of an oppressed people through its indomitable spirit as well as an incomparable ability

to sing through its anguish with steadfast faith and unparalleled joy and sorrow. It is the mission of the DCJS to raise their voices once again in these words and harmonies and to reach for the redemptive powers found in this music for our own times.

The DCJS has their roots in a community-based chorus founded in 2010 by Artistic Director, Dr. Baruch Whitehead. The chorus has grown from a membership of 22 singers in that first year to more than 80 today. In the early days, membership was drawn almost exclusively from local residents, but today approximately 1/3 of the members are students from the Music and Music Education Departments at Ithaca College.

Highlights of the 2016-17 Program Year included: an Ithaca performance of the Gershwin classic Porgy and Bess in October, with the Ithaca College Orchestra and soloists from Opera Noire of New York City; and, more recently, a national premiere on the Millennium Stage of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC. A video of this hour-long Kennedy Center concert of Negro Spirituals and African-American sacred music is archived at: <http://www.kennedy-center.org/video/index/M7188>.

David Caughey, Board Member, continued, "We are grateful for the talent and energy that these young people bring to our family of choristers. **With financial support from the Community Arts Partnership**, our loyal fans, and other organizations, we are able to pay ten of these students to serve as Voice Section Leaders, which greatly enhances our rehearsals and allows us to sing more complex music than would normally be expected from a community group that meets for only 2 hours weekly."

Learn more at [DorothyCottonJubileeSingers.com](http://DorothyCottonJubileeSingers.com)

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# CAP EVENTS and DEADLINES

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## AUGUST

8/3-8/28 Peter Fortunato Exhibit,  
CAP ArtSpace

8/4 Gallery Night Opening,  
CAP ArtSpace

8/5 First Saturday on the Art  
Trail

8/11 ITHACA ARTIST MARKET

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## SEPTEMBER

8/31-9/30 CAP-A-PALOOZA ART  
SALE EXTRAORDINAIRE!

9/1 CAP-A-PALOOZA ART SALE  
begins, CAP ArtSpace

9/2 First Saturday on the Art  
Trail

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## OCTOBER

10/4-10/31 Dan McPheeters  
Exhibit, CAP ArtSpace

10/5 GAP Grant Deadline

10/6 Gallery Night Opening,  
CAP ArtSpace

10/12 Artisit in Community &  
SOS Grant Deadline

10/7-10/8, 10/14-10/15  
GREATER ITHACA ART TRAIL  
OPEN STUDIO WEEKENDS

10/11 Art/Reaction workshop  
with Zee Zahava

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Visit [Artspartner.org](http://Artspartner.org) for details



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