



COMMUNITY **ARTS** PARTNERSHIP

2025 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

CATALYZING CREATIVITY TO BUILD COMMUNITY

Artists Myztico Campo, Damaris Vazquez, Yen Ospina, Yamilka Portorreal, Sarah Gotowka:
Present Conversations BIPOC
exhibit at CAP ArtSpace

MESSAGE FROM CAP LEADERSHIP

We're excited to share the Community Arts Partnership's 2025 Annual Report, with heartfelt thanks to the supporters, funders, community partners, artists, and arts organizations that make Tompkins County such an artistically vibrant place to be!

This past year, Ithaca was ranked the #6 most arts-vibrant community in the country by SMU DataArts. This is a testament to the creative ecosystems we've nurtured together.

Even so, artists and the arts remain underresourced in comparison to their outsize impact on our community.

The arts matter now more than ever. They bring people together, combat isolation, and drive economic activity.

As we look forward, CAP remains steadfast in 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.



Megan Barber, Executive Director

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



Whitney Tassie, Board President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Whitney Tassie".

2025 BY THE NUMBERS

\$596,698

INVESTED IN LOCAL
ARTS THROUGH CAP
GRANTS

3,000+

PEOPLE ATTENDED
CAP EVENTS

1,000+

ARTISTS
SUPPORTED

#6

ITHACA RANKING OF
MOST ARTS VIBRANT
COMMUNITIES IN
THE U.S.

10

CAP PROGRAMS
DELIVERED

2

PUBLIC ARTS
INITIATIVES
LAUNCHED

Behind every number is an artist supported, a creative idea brought to life, a community strengthened through the arts. It takes all of us to make this possible!

VITAL INVESTMENT IN ARTISTS & ARTS GROUPS



SCR GRANT RECIPIENT
State of the Art Gallery



SOS GRANT RECIPIENT
SingTrece



ACOD GRANT RECIPIENT
Cayuga Chamber Orchestra

NYS COUNCIL ON THE ARTS STATEWIDE COMMUNITY REGRANTS (SCR)

- \$213,040 regranted in 2025
- 54 community arts programs funded
- 14 artist in community projects funded
- 8 artist K-12 residencies funded
- Expanding equitable access to the arts

STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITY STIPEND (SOS)

- \$33,640 invested in career advancement
- 33 artists supported in 2025
- Infuses our local arts scene with ideas and opportunities from all around the world
- Keeps talent in our region

TOMPKINS COUNTY (ACOD) ARTS & CULTURE ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT

- \$330,000 invested in 15 organizations
- Stabilizes local cultural institutions
- Supports capacity-building & sustainability
- Protects creative jobs

A COMMUNITY CONNECTED THROUGH THE ARTS

Artists made meaningful connections with audiences, and people came together to experience the arts in community.



GREATER ITHACA ART TRAIL

Robert Roemisch in Newfield Studio
55 artists, 800 attendees



SPRING WRITES LITERARY

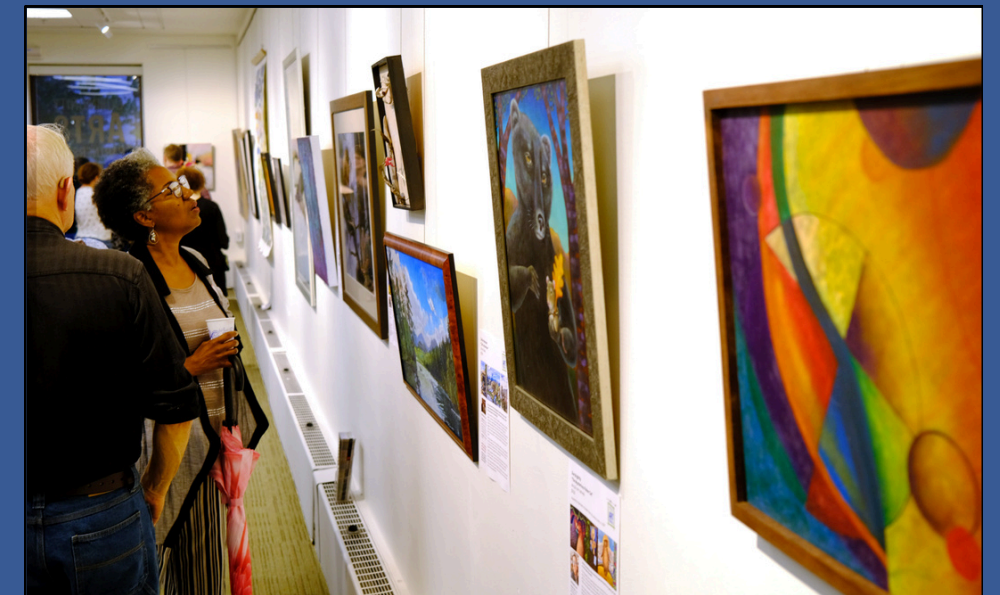
FESTIVAL Winnebell Xinyu Zong
120 artists, 1,000 attendees

(photo: Rachel Philipson)



ITHACA ARTIST MARKET

Lauren Reid Grattan
85 artists, 1,500 attendees



CAP ARTSPACE

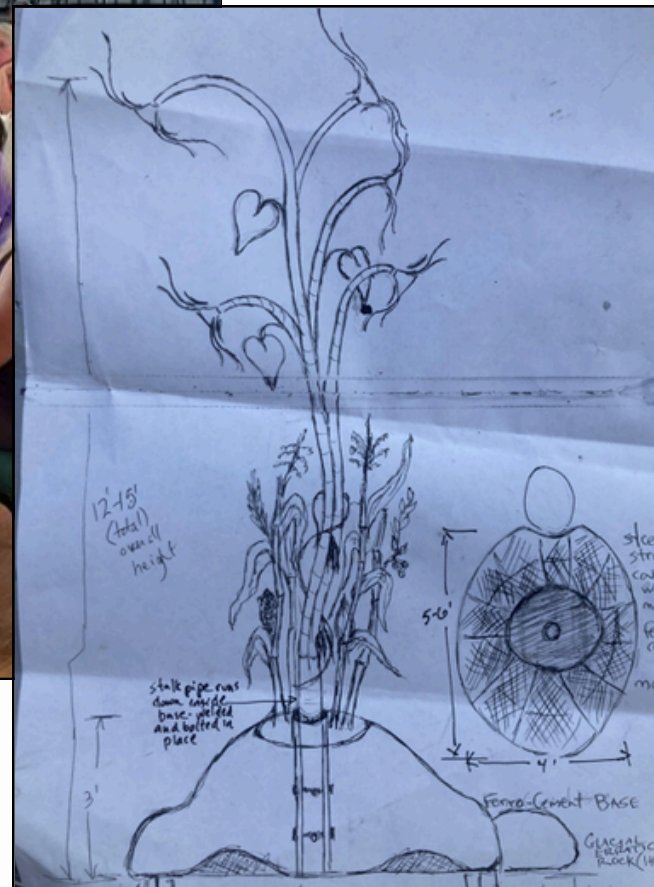
94 artists, 1,500 attendees

EXPANDED PUBLIC ART

The Enfield public sculpture kicked off, celebrating locals' connection with food and culture - including those currently living in Enfield and members of the Gayogohó:nq' diaspora. Led by Crows Nest Artists (Tony Moretti and Gwen Quigley), the work this year engaged the community in a self-determinative design process.



ENFIELD PUBLIC SCULPTURE



We partnered with Ithaca Murals to bring new murals to life!



Artist: LaJon Miller



Artist: Nico Cathcart

**NYSCA "CHARM" PROGRAM:
CULTIVATING HAVENS FOR THE ARTS THROUGH
REGIONAL MURALS**

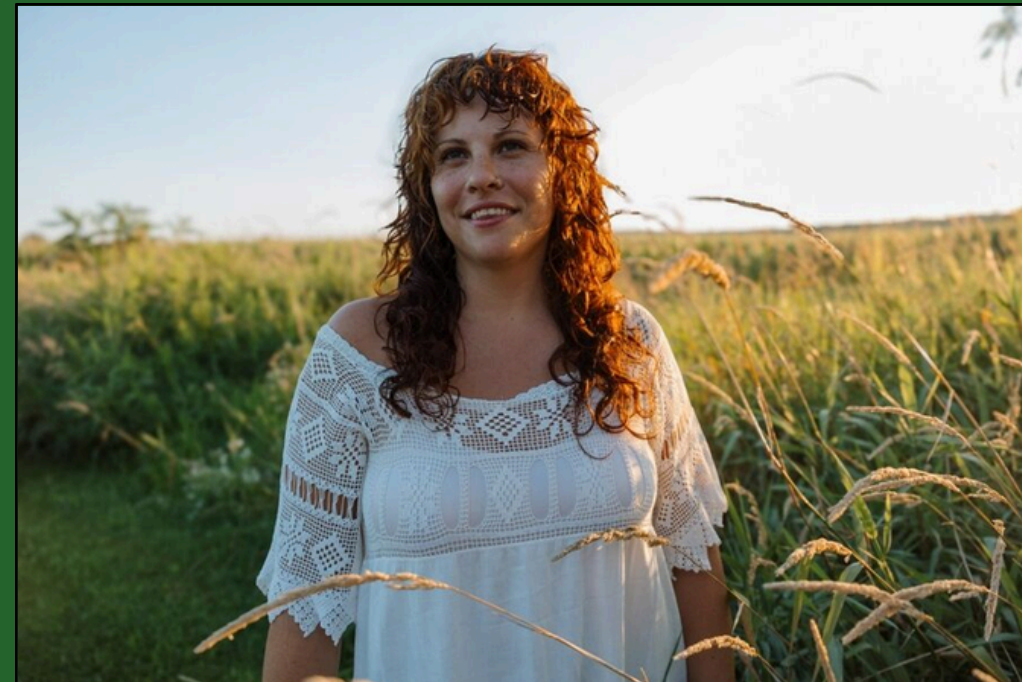
A STRENGTHENED CREATIVE ECOSYSTEM

Through our professional development workshops, networking events, convening, collaborations, poet laureate program & arts advocacy.



NETWORKING EVENTS

SatyaVani Akula, Rose Howard, Tia Eytina



TOMPKINS COUNTY POET LAUREATE

nicole v basta

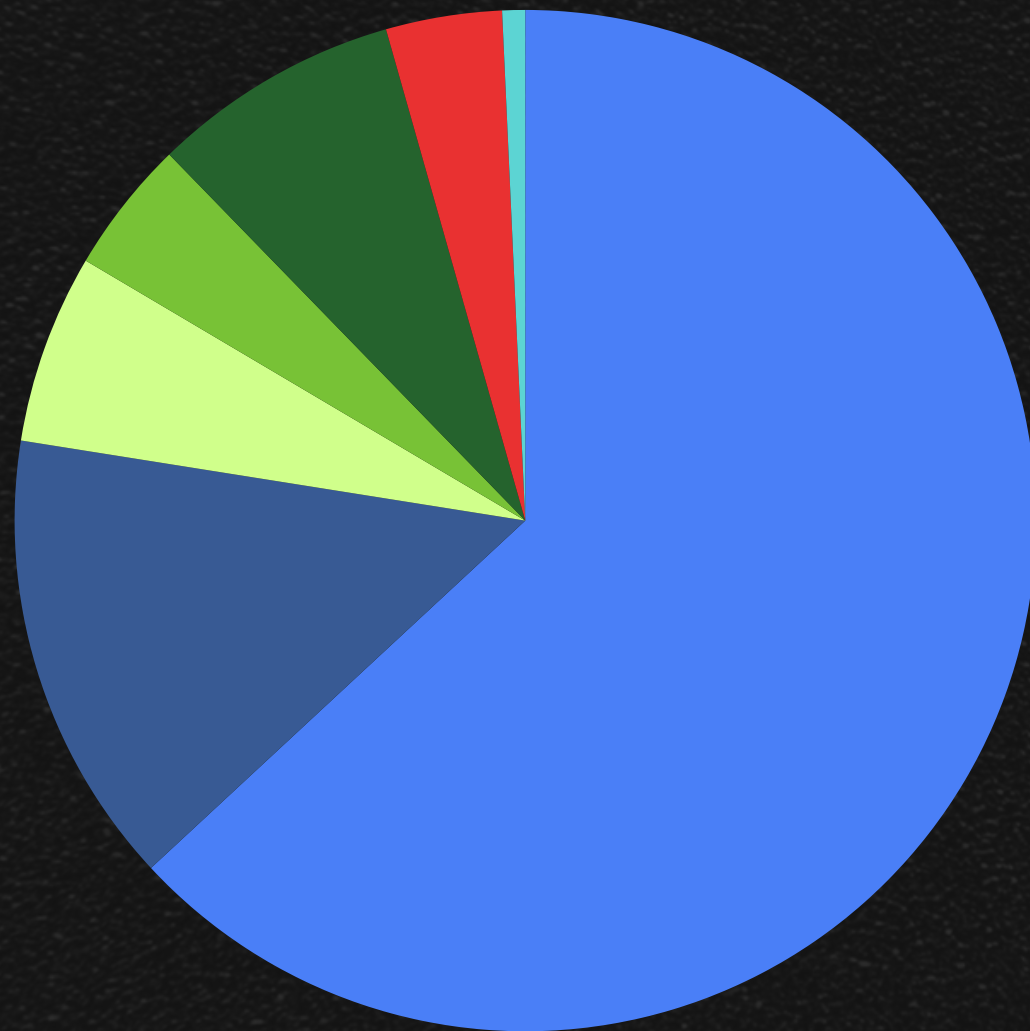
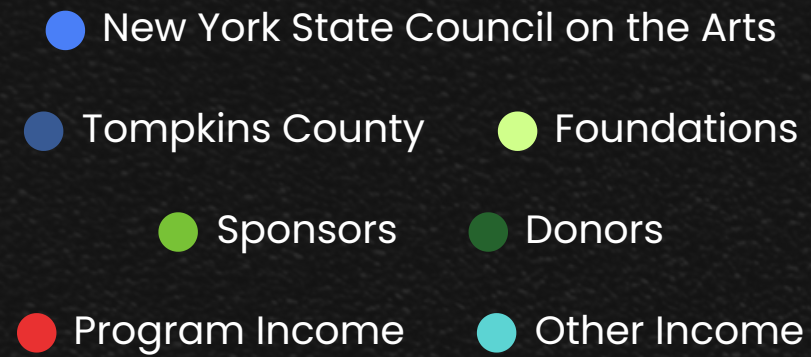
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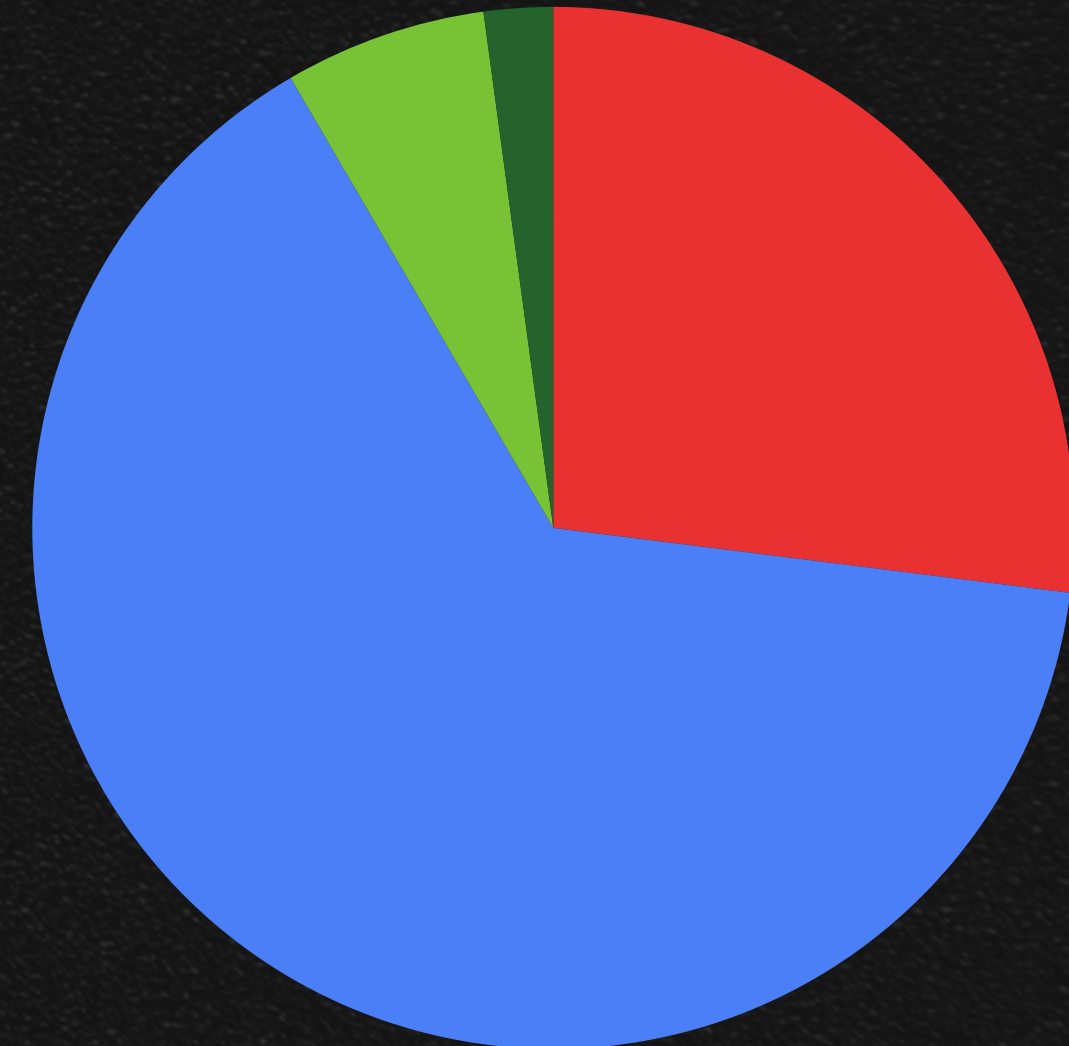
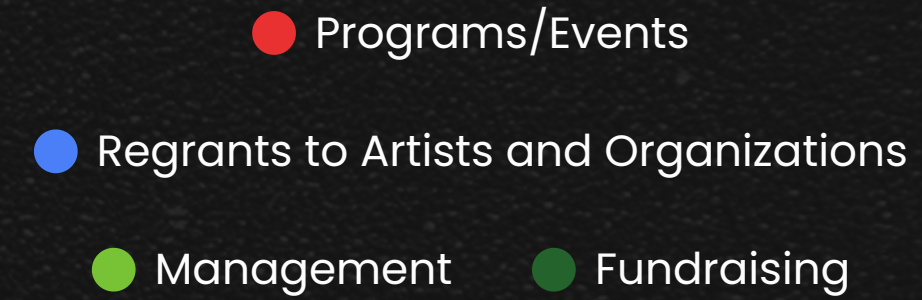
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS: Building a Sustainable Music Career in the Digital Age, with Destiny LaVibe and SingTrece

CAP 2025 FINANCIALS

Revenue: \$663,308



Expenses: \$635,718



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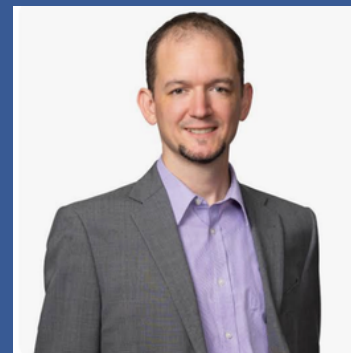
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YOU CATALYZE CREATIVITY

175 INDIVIDUAL DONORS joined our institutional partners in supporting artists, arts groups, and opportunities for everyone in Tompkins County to create and experience the arts

SPRING WRITES LITERARY FESTIVAL



Poets & Writers

M&T Bank

GREATER ITHACA ART TRAIL



ITHACA ARTIST MARKET



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WORKSHOPS & NETWORKING EVENTS



MEDIA SPONSORS



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