



REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

2024

A Year of Bold Art, Shared Voices, and Lasting Impact.

Celebrating creativity, inclusion, and collaboration in
Tompkins County.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP

We're excited to share the Community Arts Partnership's 2024 Annual Report with heartfelt thanks to the supporters, funders, community partners, artists, and arts organizations who help make Tompkins County a vibrant place for the arts to flourish.

Inside, you'll find highlights from our 2024 programs, a list of the year's grantees, and a snapshot of our financial overview.

With a strong network of collaborators, we continue to advance 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 standing with us as a valued partner in the arts!

“ I am consistently inspired and impacted by the work CAP is doing in our Tompkins County communities, and how it gives artists like me a chance to connect and give back. I believe we need the arts now more than ever. And I believe that, with enough support and resources, the artists of Tompkins County will continue to create work that gives hope and healing to those who need it most. ”

*Bree Barton, author and
CAP grantee, 2024*



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2024: CREATIVE, COLLABORATIVE, CELEBRATORY!

As we look back on 2024, we're proud to share the progress CAP has made in championing the arts throughout Tompkins County. This year has been defined by imagination, collaboration, and a renewed sense of purpose. None of this would be possible without the incredible support of our donors, partners, and the artists and arts groups who make this work not only possible—but powerful. Here's a look at some of the year's most exciting milestones.

1. A Year of Dynamic Cultural Events

Throughout 2024, CAP energized the community with a rich lineup of arts programming. The Spring Writes Literary Festival continued to foster a deep appreciation for the written word, bringing together authors and audiences in celebration of the literary arts. The Ithaca Artist Market flourished with more than 80 participating artists, creating opportunities for connection and commerce. The Greater Ithaca Art Trail expanded its reach with virtual studio visits, inviting art lovers near and far to experience the diversity and creativity of our local artists.

2. CAP ArtSpace: A Hub of Expression

The CAP ArtSpace remained a cornerstone of visual arts engagement, and featured twelve monthly exhibits that encouraged dialogue, reflection, and celebration of the creative spirit within our community. These shows featured both established and emerging artists, along with Ithaca College students and youth from the Greater Ithaca Activities Center.

3. Unprecedented Investment in Local Artists

In 2024 CAP administered \$596,698 in grants for the arts. This funding empowered individual artists, arts organizations, towns and villages, and community organizations to bring innovative projects to life and expand access to the arts across Tompkins County.

4. Sculpting Culture: Celebrating Community and Food Through Public Art

2024 also marked the steady progress of our Public Sculpture Program, an initiative designed to celebrate local culture around food. With the support of the Tompkins County Tourism Program, CAP is working with the Town of Enfield to launch the first in a trail of sculptures around the County centered around the community's culture and values related to food, including celebrating the food culture of the people indigenous to this place, the Gayogohó:nq' (Cayuga).

5. Honoring the Artistic Spirit

This year, CAP proudly led a community-wide celebration of the arts, honoring Community Arts Catalysts Yen Ospina and Caleb Thomas, and Friend of the Arts Martha Frommelt.

As we close out 2024, we are deeply thankful for the artists, advocates, and supporters who fuel this vibrant creative community. The arts continue to inspire change, build connections, and bring people together in meaningful ways. With your continued support, we look forward to a new year filled with fresh ideas, bold expression, and collective celebration.



Megan Barber, Yen Ospina, Caleb Thomas, Martha Frommelt, and Robin Schwartz at the 2024 Celebration of the Arts

2024 CAP PROGRAMS

We Connect Artists with Audiences

In 2024, there were over 2,000 visitors to Art Trail artists studios.

26th ANNUAL GREATER ITHACA ART TRAIL

The 26th annual Art Trail featured 55 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](https://arttrail.com).



1,200 visitors enjoyed the 2024 ArtSpace exhibits.

CAP ARTSPACE

CAP's ArtSpace is located in our home at the Tompkins Center for History and Culture. 2024 featured twelve monthly exhibits 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 2024 market.

32nd ANNUAL ITHACA ARTIST MARKET

The 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. 85 artists (visual and performing) were joined by community groups, arts organizations, and plenty of food, wine, cider and beer vendors. The East Hill Jazz Group played throughout the day, with performances by local arts groups by the dock and a boat tour by Discover Cayuga Lake.



1,400 people enjoyed 40 literary themed events in 2024. 120 writers participated!

16th ANNUAL SPRING WRITES LITERARY FESTIVAL

The 16th annual Literary Festival featured over 40 literary themed live and Zoom events. 30 panels, readings, and performances took place in May with 10 writing workshops that continued through December. Learn more and see video from past events at SpringWrites.org.



CAP raised \$12,000 from over 500 pieces of donated art in 2024.

CAP-A-PALOOZA ART SALE

CAP-a-Palooza is CAP's annual fundraiser "Art Sale Extraordinaire" is an opportunity for community members to donate previously loved art, and a chance for the public to buy that art!



CAP'S SERVICES & INITIATIVES

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

ARTIST CAREER & 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 advice and guidance.

WORKSHOPS

In 2024, CAP hosted workshops on literary themes, grant writing, marketing, and fundraising.

COLLABORATIONS

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

PUBLIC ART

CAP is leading a countywide public sculpture initiative celebrating local culture around food. CAP has commissioned Hammondsport artists Tony Moretti and Gwen Quigley, known jointly as Crows Nest Artists, to create the first sculpture in the Town of Enfield.



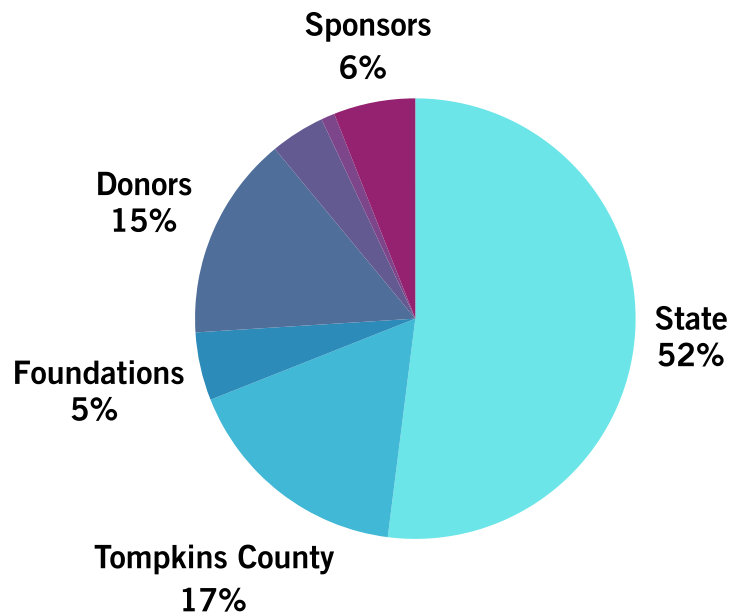
TOMPKINS COUNTY POET LAUREATE

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 CAP. The 2023- 2024 poet laureate was Janie E. Bibbie.

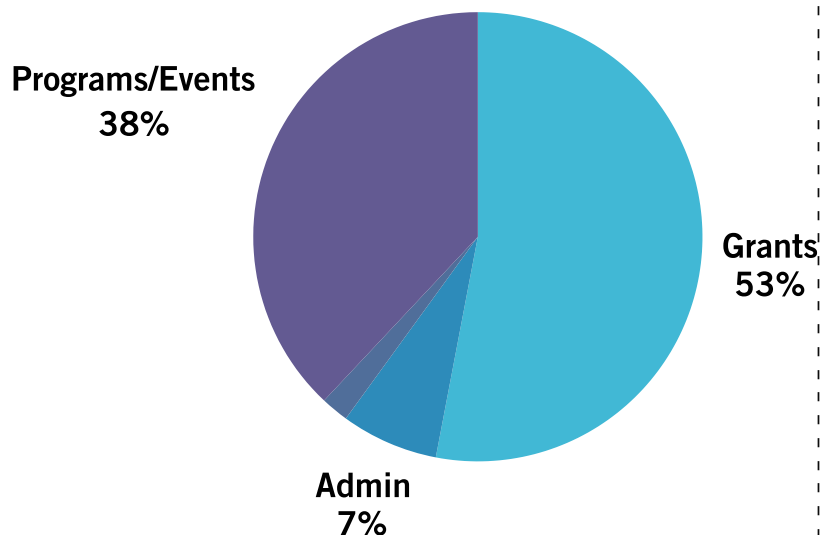


FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Income



Expenses





2024 Program Pics

Left to right each row:

Winniebell Xinyu Zong
Spring Writes Literary Festival

Michael Sampson
Ithaca Artist Market

Armando Pacheco
Greater Ithaca Art Trail

Lauren Reid
Ithaca Artist Market

Senior Theatre Troupe
Spring Writes Literary Festival

Cruz Newman
Ithaca Artist Market

SingTrece
Ithaca Artist Market

Art Trail Exhibit
CAP ArtSpace

“ I was blown away by the quality of the art and artists on the Greater Ithaca Art Trail. And I didn’t expect all the wonderful conversations I had with the artists. The Art Trail is such a unique and special event. And when you combine visiting such great artists with the beauty of the area, this is definitely going to be an annual event for me and I’ll be sure to bring heaps of friends each year!” ”

Art Trail 2024 visitor

CAP GRANT PROGRAMS

In 2024, CAP distributed \$596,698 to Tompkins County artists, arts organizations, villages/towns and not-for-profits. (Since 1992, that number has reached \$7.3 million!)

CAP funding not only makes local programming possible—it also provides essential validation. It shows our local artists and organizations that their work matters, that someone supports their events, careers, and contributions. It reinforces that Tompkins County is a place that values the arts and the people who create them.

NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS STATEWIDE REGRANT PROGRAM

2024 GRANTS FOR ARTS PROGRAMS (GAP) - \$144,604

Supports arts events and activities open to the general public.



**Council on
the Arts**

2024 ARTIST IN COMMUNITY GRANT - \$26,950

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

2024 ARTS EDUCATION GRANT - \$20,966

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

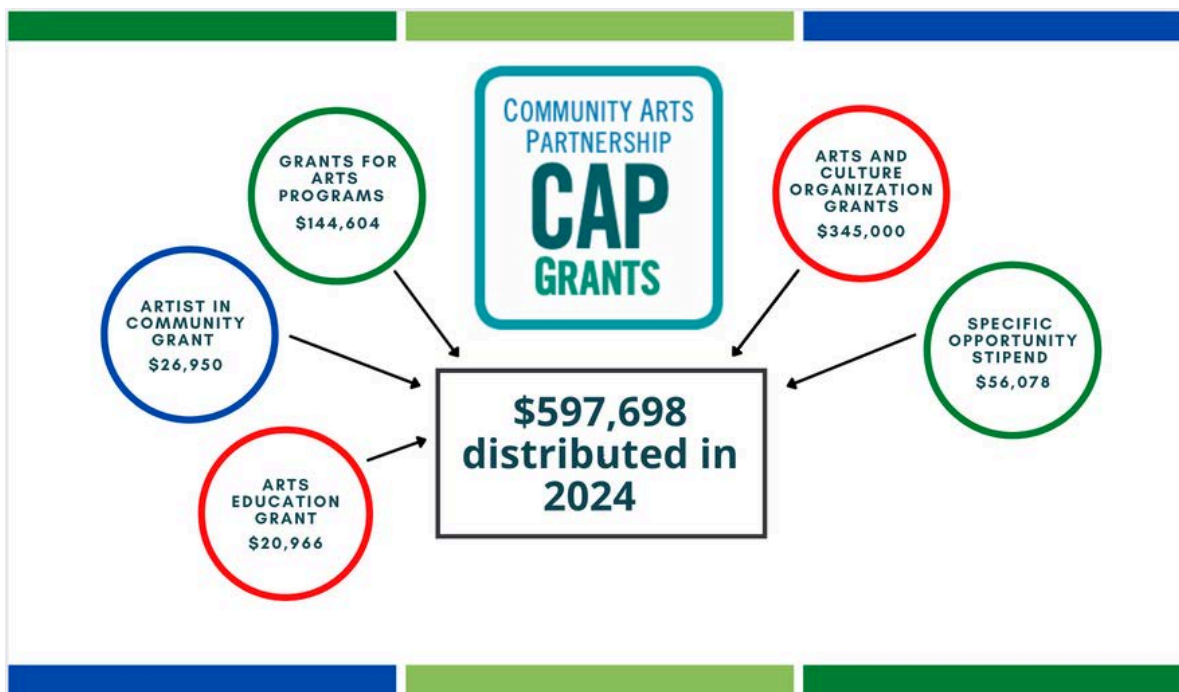
2024 SPECIFIC OPPORTUNITY STIPEND (SOS) - \$56,078

Funded through a private foundation and funds raised by CAP, "SOS" grants provide funding for artists so that they can take part in important career opportunities (anywhere in the world).

2024 ARTS & CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ACOD) - \$345,000

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.



2024 GRANT RECIPIENTS

GRANTS FOR ARTS PROGRAMS

Affiliated Choruses of Ithaca
Ageless Jazz Band
Black Hands Universal, music
Brooktondale Community Center, events
Cayuga Vocal Ensemble
CUMEP, performances
Danby Community Center, concert series
Downtown Ithaca Alliance, performances
Dryden Intergenerational Band & Chorus
Dryden Rec, concerts
End Abortion Stigma, film festival
eyevee, gallery & readings
Freeville Fiber Festival, performers
GIAC, senior group arts events
GIAC, Black history month performers
Groton Public Library, family events
Groton Village, annual art show
Groton Village, concert series
Ithaca City of Asylum, readings
Ithaca Community Orchestra
Ithaca Gallery Night, openings
Ithaca Health Alliance, mural project
Ithaca House, music performances
Ithaca is Books Festival
Lansing Library, family programs
Lansing Rec, summer concerts
Latino Civic Assoc, CULTURA Ithaca
Lifelong, senior theatre troupe
Lilipad Puppet, festival & puppet slam
Littletree Orchards, theatre performances
Hospicare, dance performances
New Roots, Rootstock music event
Newfield Library, family programs
Southworth Library, family programs
Art of Yen Ospina, Heritage Festival
Savage Club, jazz series, poetry series
Southside Community Center, theatre
State of the Art Gallery, exhibits
Story House Ithaca, events

Tea Leaves, art at Reggae Fest
Theatre Incognita, performances
Triphammer Arts, music & dance
Ulysses Library, family events
Upstate Guitar, concerts
Village at Ithaca, events, film
Walking on Water Prod, theatre

ARTIST IN COMMUNITY GRANT

Shira Evergreen, documentary
Vie Cycle, immersive theatre
Lily Gershon, puppet parade, workshops
Kaleb Hunkele, risograph workshops
Lushima Lumumba-Kosongo, panel with artists of color
Amanda Maestro-Scherer, elder legacies music performances
Ira McKinley, film, African Americans in central and western NY
Candy Moore, poetry workshops
Keir Neuringer, original music
Yen Ospina, BIPOC group art exhibit
Terry Plater, painting workshops
Yamilka Portorreal, ethnographic project
Cai Quirk, "Queer Temple" exhibits
Taylor Rae Tate, sculpture series
Courtney Young, new musical

ARTS EDUCATION GRANT

Regi Carpenter, writing and storytelling at George Jr. Republic
Bob Proehl, writing and art residency at BJM elementary
Ann Reichlin, Make Way for Play, Caroline Kindergarten
Circus Culture with Village at Ithaca, the Village Circus program

Hunkele Kaleb, teen zine & riso workshops at GIAC

Ballet and Books, literacy through movement

Greater Ithaca Activities Center, GIAC Jumpers tap, art, and theatre

Southside Community Center, mural project

ACOD GRANT

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

STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITY STIPEND - ROUND 1

Maryam Adib, purchase of screen printer
Mara Alper, art exhibit at Gallery at South Hill
Ben Altman, solo exhibit in Syracuse
Mara Baldwin, cost of tutorial workshop
Heather Bartlett, travel to present at AWP Conference
nicole v. basta, presents series of writing workshops
Cyepress Brathwaite, website creation
Jess Brock, dance workshops in Ghana
Sam Buggeln, travel to Kosovo, theatre event
MeeAe Caughey, dance video creation
Aidan Chambliss, participation in art shows
Lee Cotman, publishing first poetry collection
Rachel Dickinson, book research travel
Ana Florencia, recording new album
Matthew Glaysheer, Watershed Ceramic Arts residency
Sarah Hennies, exhibit support at Neighbors Gallery
Thomas Hoebbel, documentary film about immigration
Kaleb Hunkele, zine design and production
McKenzie Jones, album for Strange Heavy
Sorayya Khan, travel to Indonesia for book research
Sarah Lopez, solo art exhibits
Ira McKinley, film production
Yen Ospina, curation of BIPOC exhibits
Sue Perlut, archiving body of film work at History Center
Yamilka Portorreal, purchase of camera equipment
Cai Quirk, tent for Queer Temple installations
Danielle Russo, travel to Austria conference
Steve Ryu, EP release
SingTrece, equipment for live shows
E. Stuelke, feature film production
Taylor Rae Tate, purchase of pottery wheel
Amber Ward, dance workshop in Ghana
Carl Whittaker, travel to Tasmania for exhibiting
Julia Wright, solo exhibit Gallery at South Hill
Lisa Ann Wright, EP for "Annie Ol' Thyme"
Christina Zadita, video and photoshoot travel

STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITY STIPEND - ROUND 2

Holly Adams, direct, write, produce podcast
Maryam Adib, juried exhibit National Afro-American museum
Bree Barton, travel to receive National Book award in Vegas
G-Quan Booker, curating inaugural Ithaca Hip-Hop Festival
Aidan Chambliss, website selling site upgrade
Jon Frankel, travel to Vietnam for research
Lily Gershon, costume support for festivals
Wendy Gherity, purchase of equipment
Margalo Guo, travel to FL for invited mural
Dallas Hallam and R.J. Lavine, short film expenses
Jada Haynes, BIPOC window art at Handwork Coop
Thomas Hoebbel, hiring of composer for feature length film
Rose Howard, costuming costs for events
Travis Johns, premier of work in Bangkok
Deborah Justice, recording new music
Margaret Kops Kuveke, purchase of equipment for murals
Dee Lightfull, event production
Samual B. Lupowitz, album post production
Erika Medina, purchase of studio equipment
Leanora Mims, travel to speaking engagement
Ehwah Moo, an Ithaca mural
Nicole-Bethany, theatre business branding
Terry Plater, restoration of photos for book
Alexas Janae Ramirez, exhibit weavings in San Antonio
Carley Robinson, new headshots
Ivan Rubenstein-Gillis, album production
Danielle Russo, dance piece public presentation
Norm Scott, solo show at Cherry Gallery
Annie Sheng, teen art workshop at Lansing Library
Vivinne Williams, research trip to Italy



CAP Grantees

Left to Right, each row:

MeeAe Caughey

dance video creation with Kathy Lucas
SOS Grant

Mackenzie-Jones, album release

SOS Grant

Lily Silly Puppets

Artist in Community Grant

Margalo Guo, travel to mural event

SOS Grant

Ithaca Free Clinic, mural project,
artists Jay Stooks & Caleb Thomas

GAP Grant

Yamilka Portorreal, elder portraits
project and exhibit at Lifelong

Artist in Community Grant

Ann Reichlin, w/ Caroline Elementary
School, A "Make Way for Play" project

Arts Education Grant

Sarah Lopez, The Fiber Painter, exhibit

SOS Grant

“Thank you for believing in artists like me. Your generosity doesn’t just fund performances. It fuels dreams. The impact of your grant extends far beyond me. When I perform, I see people find hope, connection, and even the courage to tell their own stories. That is the real power of art, and your support makes it possible.”

SingTrece, 2024

“The GAP grant is extremely important because it allows us to give access to artistic and cultural events to community members that may not otherwise have access given our rural location. The performers we selected this year use puppets, music, dance, tradition, culture, history and more to tell stories that will not only enhance the artistic spirit of our community, but also build empathy by discovering we are more alike than we realize.”

Sue Chaffee, Newfield Library

Director, 2024



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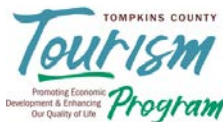


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