

Home is where the heart is. Home is also where the art is.

On March 16, the ongoing COVID19 pandemic forced the LPCA to close its doors to in-person activities including performances, classes, and gallery exhibits. A visit to the LPCA campus gives evidence to the impact of that closure – quiet classrooms, bare gallery walls, and a feeling of emptiness.

But just as a house is not necessarily a home, an arts organization is far more than a building.

More Than a Building

Since March, the LPCA has pivoted to providing arts experiences to our community in different ways.

- We have created a robust adult education program taking place online. Featuring nationally acclaimed instructors offering reasonably priced classes, the impact of this program has given the LPCA a national (and even international) presence.
- Gallery 46 on Main Street re-opened in June and continues to support local artists both artistically and financially. Over the past five years, the LPCA has paid over \$700,000 directly to visual artists through commissions. When you include performing artists, that figure jumps to over \$2 million.
- Specific special programs – including a Zoom Playwriting Contest and the Canvas to Community Art Auction benefitting Adirondack Action and the Adirondack Health Foundation – provide opportunities for the community to come together to support and raise funds for worthy causes.

What About this Fall?

And we are cautiously optimistic that we can begin to be back in our building soon. We are finalizing safety plans for the School of Dance to resume limited classes, selecting artwork for October's Open Juried Show, and working with teachers to finalize the AfterSchool Workshop schedule.

But not all programs are able to resume activities. The Presenting Series is primarily on hold until at least the spring. Our popular Tumbling Classes are unable to take place this fall. And Joy to the Children, a hallmark of the holiday season, is not able to happen in the way you look forward to each year.

So while we are excited to start to open the doors again, the financial implications of the pandemic are ongoing. The loss of our special events, reductions in state and foundation funding, and increased operational expenses all make for a challenging budgetary situation.


We Need Your Help

We need your help to guarantee that the LPCA continues to be a home for the arts in the Adirondack region. If you have already supported us this season – thank you – and please consider an additional gift. If you haven't supported us this season, we hope you will consider doing so if you are able.

The arts play an essential role in our community – one that will continue to be important as we begin to recover from the impact of COVID19. We are honored to be your home for the arts in our community.

We look forward to welcoming you back home.

Sincerely,



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