



The Lake Placid Center for the Arts presents and fosters arts programs that inspire, enrich, educate, and entertain people of all ages.

A YEAR (LIKE NO OTHER) IN REVIEW

As we approach the year anniversary of having to put in-person activities on pause, we wanted to take this opportunity to share with you, our most loyal supporters, a summary of how we have continued to bring the arts to our community since March 2020. And while our theater remains dark for now, our staff continues to work hard to bring the arts to our patrons in new and creative ways. Thank you for your support of the LPCA. This is what you have made possible:

SPRING Last March, we moved quickly to respond to the global pandemic, putting programs online so we could continue to reach our communities while prioritizing health and safety. Thanks to the hard work of our partners at Elisa Monte Dance, the School of Dance began to offer classes online within a week, keeping as much continuity as possible for our students. At the end of March, we kicked off an ever-expanding series of online art classes with a “Quarantini” paint and sip – attended by almost 100 participants.

In April and May, we showcased students’ hard work with a virtual dance recital featuring guest appearances by artists from Dance Theatre of Harlem and our first online High School/Middle School Art Show with hundreds of views from near and far.

100 artists donated original pieces for our first ever Canvas to Community event, which helped raise funds to support COVID-19 relief efforts of the Adirondack Health Foundation and ADKAction. (Save the date for this year’s virtual event on May 5, 2021!)



SUMMER In the warmer months, we carefully began to share art in person again. In June, Gallery 46 on Main Street opened at a limited capacity, welcoming locals and a host of new visitors to the Adirondacks.

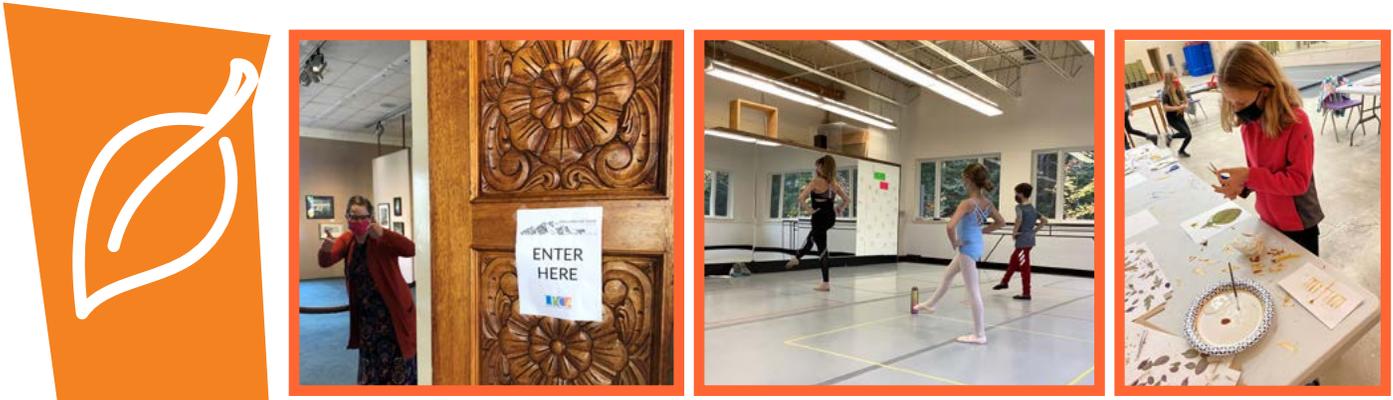
Socially-distanced summer camps in Theatre, Ceramics & Crafts and Teen Improv Comedy brought young artists together to explore performing and visual arts screen-free throughout July and August!

Our popular online painting classes continued to draw attendees from across the US and beyond, including Sweden, France, the UK, Canada and Australia. Our Young & Fun series for families delighted little ones with magic and comedy shows to stream at home.



FALL We orchestrated the return of two beloved annual programs in September and October. The Gallery @ LPCA re-opened for the first time since March, featuring the Fall Open Juried Art Show. In addition to sharing the exhibit online, we also let viewers in on a special awards broadcast through Facebook, making the gallery experience more accessible than ever before.

We also relaunched our free AfterSchool Workshop series and in-person School of Dance curriculum so students could dive into crafting, cooking, dancing and creating with social-distancing protocols in place.



WINTER Though we couldn't gather in person for our yearly December fundraiser and holiday celebration, Joy to the Children, we held an online auction to support free and low-cost children's programs. We are incredibly grateful to all those who contributed and we will continue working hard to make Weibrecht AfterSchool Workshops, the summer Young & Fun performance series and our School Day Matinees possible.

In 2021, we stepped boldly into the new year with creative programming. Gallery 46 added a dozen new artists to the ever-rotating display of local art represented in our downtown space. On the main campus, our spring juried art show, Scenes from a Book: The Mind's Eye, revealed the intersection of art and literature, calling upon area artists to share their interpretations of literature in a wide range of mediums. We also debuted our first ever Zoom Play Festival, a digital showcase of short plays commissioned this past fall. The challenge was for playwrights to create one-act plays written exclusively for Zoom. In February, we presented four winning plays and four honorable mentions from a pool of over 135 works submitted so patrons could stream the showcase on-demand.



Thank you again for your support of the Lake Placid Center for the Arts. Your generosity has made a difference in our ability to weather the challenging times brought by the pandemic. We are hopeful for the future and look forward to the day we can be together again in person, celebrating and sharing in the arts.

All the best,

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