

## ANNUAL CHAMBER CONCERT

The ACWC is thrilled to invite the public to our Annual Chamber Concert, featuring chamber music of the classical era for clarinet and strings. Included will be Mozart's beloved *Clarinet Quintet K. 581*, and music of the Finnish-Swedish clarinetist and composer, Bernhard Crusell.

The concert will be held at the Castile United Church of Christ, on Sunday, April 30, at 2:30 pm. It will be performed by the Rochester-based period-instrument ensemble Publick Musick, with Dominic Giardino playing clarinet, Boel Gidholm and Cynthia Roberts on violin, and cellist, Christopher Haritatos.

Founded in 1995, the ensemble has been under the artistic leadership of violinist Boel Gidholm and cellist Christopher Haritatos since 2011. Publick Musick has enriched the cultural landscape of Western New York by producing and presenting vibrant, historically informed music performances from the 17th and 18th centuries and beyond. They invite concert attendees to join them in celebrating this era's wonderfully rich and varied musical treasures!

Publick Musick concerts are made possible by our generous donors, the Max and Marian Farash Charitable Foundation, the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation, the Lennox Foundation, the Gouvernet Arts Fund at the Rochester Area Community Foundation, and by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of

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## DANCE PERFORMANCE BY DEVI BOLLYWOOD

The Arts Council for Wyoming County, with the sponsorship of Tompkins Community Bank, presents Devi Bollywood Performing Arts at 7 pm on Saturday, April 15, at the Letchworth Central School auditorium.

Devi Bollywood Performing Arts was founded in 2013 by Gaitrie Subryan. It is rooted in dance forms from India Classical Dance, Folk Dance, and Bollywood Dance, with an artistic blend of Western dance forms. This unique combination, with a focus on footwork, abhinaya (facial expressions), and fluidity of movements that come from Indian dance, have made their work stand out.

Devi Bollywood Performing Arts' mission is to build strong communities, celebrate diversity, and foster inclusion through dance. The troupe engages in a collaborative practice with myriad artists and aesthetics from all backgrounds; music and dance can transcend boundaries and build community with individuals from all backgrounds. They have performed at Shea's and Ujima Theater and taken part in festivals and events in the Western New York area, such as the Elmwood Festival of the Arts, Buffalo without Borders, Dance Days of Buffalo, Taste of Diversity, and many more. Each performer within the troupe is dedicated to their craft, teaching at various studios, offering master workshops, and performing and choreographing for other dance troupes in the area, uplifting their performances when they are together on stage. Devi Bollywood Performing Arts strives to educate, entertain and inspire individuals from all backgrounds and ages to promote their mission and make this dance form accessible to all.

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## COMMUNITY ARTS GRANT AWARDS

FRIDAY, MARCH 3 • 7 PM  
ACWC, 31 S. Main St., Perry

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The concert is a FREE TICKETED EVENT, with an optional donation at the door. Tickets may be picked up at any Tompkins Community Bank in Wyoming County, GoArt in Batavia, Genesee Valley Council on the Arts in Mt. Morris, and the ACWC in Perry.

Letchworth Central School is located at 5550 School Rd. in Gainesville, NY.

## CHAMBER CONCERT • *from p. 1*

Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature.

A suggested donation of \$20 is appreciated, but optional to attend this concert.

The Castile United Church of Christ is located at 4 Washington St., Castile. Please call (585) 237-3517 to RSVP.

## ACWC'S ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 20 • 3 PM  
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## ARTIST REGISTRY

Are you an artist, musician, program planner, or event center? You will want to get on the new and updated ACWC Artist Registry! We are currently collecting information to be added to a searchable list that will be available on our website. To be included, click on this link: <https://artswyco.org/acwc-artist-registry.html> and complete the form. Once we get your information (contact info, social media links, hours, etc.) we will add you to the list so that people looking for you can find you on our site! We would love it if you sent a photo as well. Questions? Contact Linda at 585-237-3517 or at [franke@artswyco.org](mailto:franke@artswyco.org).



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## COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS ANNOUNCED

The results are in for our Community Arts Grants program in Wyoming County! Thanks to all of our applicants, panelists, and participants for all the time invested to make art part of all of our days. Get out and enjoy these fabulous local programs featuring some wonderful artists and musicians. Interested in Allegany County grant winners and events? Check out our next newsletter!

- **Village of Arcade:** Community Mural Project
- **Attica Historical Society:** WYCow Wyoming County World Cow Barn Art Festival
- **Eagle Free Library:** Community Arts Enrichment Program
- **Perry Community Band:** 2023 Performances
- **Perry Farmers' Market:** Summer Saturdays Arts Series
- **Pike Library:** The Art of Rug Braiding Workshop
- **Silver Lake Institute:** Cultural Arts Program
- **Wyoming Free Library:** UNITY in our Community 2 – Communicating through Art
- **Wyoming Historical Pioneer Association:** Celebrating 151 Years of Pioneer History

And in our Arts Education Category:

- **Carrie Magin/Letchworth Central School:** Reaching and Teaching through Composing for Band Residency
- **Gretchen Cowie/Letchworth Central School:** From Field to Fabric

This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Re-grants Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by the Arts Council for Wyoming County.

## FIBER FLURRY 2023

Fiber Flurry is back in the Wyoming Village Hall this year! Come and shop for beautiful handmade and hand-dyed yarns, roving, fleeces and everything else you might need for your fiber projects. We will also be offering classes so you can learn some new techniques, or you can sign up to learn to knit or crochet for the very first time! Don't forget to stop by the food trucks for a delicious lunch or snack and visit with old friends and new.

Linda Franke, Fiber Flurry Coordinator, says, "As with all festivals and events like this, we are building back after the pandemic shut down. It is so exciting to see the resurgence of interest in the traditional and fiber arts. I hope to see a lot of familiar faces this year – and some new ones! Everyone is welcome!"

The Fiber Flurry 2023 Brochure is available at ACWC and right here: [https://artswyco.org/events\\_and\\_programs/fiber-flurry/](https://artswyco.org/events_and_programs/fiber-flurry/)



## RURAL ARTS ROADSHOW: A Call for Art Influenced by Mental Health Experiences



Above: *Hope as She Knows It* by Linda Franke.

Artists within our region are invited to submit a piece of art based on any aspect of mental health. Individuals who are affected by or know someone affected by mental health challenges can submit art they have created to reflect their personal experience or journey for an exhibition to be held at the ACWC's Gallery in May.

The exhibition will be called *Rural Arts Road Show*, and travel to art galleries, libraries, and other civic spaces throughout Wyoming and Allegany Counties.

This project is intended to increase mental health awareness and discussion. A mental health facilitator will be present during each site's opening reception to facilitate discussion about the topic and the association with the art pieces represented.

This idea was taken from a model in Australia's rural Tasmanian area. Tasmania, like Wyoming and Allegany Counties, has a high rate of social isolation, suicide, and depression.

The ACWC is excited to receive your submissions for this important exhibition.

Basic Guidelines:

1. Only one piece of art per person
2. Art should be no larger than 16" x 16"
3. All media will be accepted, including fiber, pottery, photography, mixed, etc.
4. We are unable to accept installations because the show will travel.
5. Art pieces should be dropped off at the ACWC's gallery between April 26 and 28 from 11 am to 5:30 pm.
6. For more information, call (585) 237-3517



NOTE: ALL ACWC AND COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS EVENTS ARE LISTED IN **BOLD TYPE**

**MARCH**

**1 • Art Night at the ACWC:** The public is invited to come learn and create with artists from the GLOW Creatives and others at the ACWC, 31 S. Main St., Perry. 6:30 pm. Cost \$5.

**3 • ACWC's Wyoming County Community Arts Grants Celebration Meeting:** Come meet the recipients of this year's Community Arts Grant programming! 7 pm at the ACWC, 31 S. Main Street, Perry. (585) 237-3517.

**3 • Wyoming County High School Art Exhibit** opens in the ACWC Main Gallery and will run through March 31. Reception and presentation of awards will be held March 31 at 6:30 pm. ACWC, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-3517.

**3 • ACWC Exhibition Opening: Women in the Arts** in honor of women's history month. Show on display through March 31 in the ACWC's Upstairs Gallery, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-3517.

**4 • Eagle Free Library's Community Arts Enrichment Program** presents Nickel City Reptiles and Exotics at the Rec Hall on E. Main Street in Bliss at 10 am. Info: (585) 322-7701.

**9 • Bilingual Story Hour and Art** for ages 2 to 5. Wyoming Free Library at 1 pm. Info: (585) 495-6840.

**11 • Knitted Button Covers Class:** Learn to make unique and interesting buttons with Linda Franke at 1:30 pm. Bring scraps of fingering or sock weight yarn and appropriate needles. Best for mid-level knitters and up. \$10 or pay what you can. Contact franke@artswyco.org to register or for info.

**11 • Eagle Free Library's Community Arts Enrichment Program:** Mike Randall and Friends will bring magic, puppets, ventriloquism, storytelling, laughter, fun, and lots of kid participation! Eagle Free Library in Bliss at 11 am. Info: (585) 322-7701.

**13 • Communities for the Arts Workshop** from 6:30 – 8:30 pm via Zoom. *Building Resilience through Art and Music* with Linda Franke. Contact franke@artswyco.org to register for this FREE event.

**18 • Wyoming County Elementary and Middle School Art Exhibition:** Public reception at 2 pm in the Wyoming County YMCA Gallery, 115 Linwood Ave., Warsaw. Info: (585) 237-3517.

**18 • ACWC's Allegany County Community Arts Grants Celebration Meeting:** Come meet the recipients of this year's Community Arts Grant programming! Fountain Arts Center, 48 Schuyler Street, Belmont. Time TBD. Contact franke@artswyco.org for more information.

**18 • Eagle Free Library's Community Arts Enrichment Program** presents Fused Glass Workshops with Art Smart Studio. Design your own pendant or keychain at the Eagle Free Library in Bliss at 11 am. Registration is required by March 4. Visit their facebook page or [owwl.libcal.com/calendar/eaglefreelibrary](http://owwl.libcal.com/calendar/eaglefreelibrary) to register. Info: (585) 322-7701.

**20 • Discovering Artists and Drawing for Teens and Adults:** 6 pm at the Wyoming Free Library. (585) 495-6840.

**25 • Eagle Free Library's Community Arts Enrichment Program** presents *Boomwhackers and the Science of Music*. Make some noise and have some fun! Rec Hall on E. Main Street in Bliss at 11 am. Registration is required by March 11. Visit their facebook page or [owwl.libcal.com/calendar/eaglefreelibrary](http://owwl.libcal.com/calendar/eaglefreelibrary) to register. Info: (585) 322-7701.

**31 • Wyoming County High School Art Exhibit:** Public reception and presentation of awards in the ACWC Gallery at 6:30 pm. ACWC, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-3517.

**APRIL**

**5 • Bilingual Story Hour and Art** for ages 6 to 10. Wyoming Free Library at 2 pm. Info: (585) 495-6840.

**15 • Devi Bollywood Performing Arts:** 7 pm at the Letchworth Central School auditorium. FREE ticketed event. Tickets may be picked up at any Tompkins Community Bank in Wyoming County, GoArt in Batavia, Genesee Valley Council on the Arts in Mt. Morris, and the ACWC in Perry.

**17 • Dimensional Paper Art and Fiber Art Series** for ages 10 +. Wyoming Free Library at 6 pm. \$3 fee for fiber classes. Info: (585) 495-6840.

**26 - 28 • Art Drop off for Rural Road Show:** A mental health awareness exhibit at ACWC in Perry. (585) 237-3517.

**29 • ACWC's Fiber Flurry** from 10 am to 4 pm at the Wyoming Village Hall, 1 S. Academy St., Wyoming, NY 14591. Contact [franke@artswyco.org](mailto:franke@artswyco.org) or go to [https://artswyco.org/events\\_and\\_programs/fiber-flurry/](https://artswyco.org/events_and_programs/fiber-flurry/) for updates and information.

**30 • ACWC's Annual Chamber Concert:** Publick Musick to perform on clarinet and strings at 2:30 pm. Castile United Church of Christ, 4 Washington St., Castile, NY 14427. RSVP: (585) 237-3517.

**MAY**

**3 • Mindful Art** with Linda Franke at 6:30 pm. Try some slow art to relax, refresh, and rejuvenate! This FREE class is at ACWC, 31 S. Main St., Perry. Contact [franke@artswyco.org](mailto:franke@artswyco.org) to register.

**6 • Embroidered Hexies with Linda** at 10 am. Want to give embroidery a try but don't want to start with a big project? This one is for you! Bring some of your favorite scrap fabrics and matching thread. For tweens, teens and adults. Register for this FREE class at [franke@artswyco.org](mailto:franke@artswyco.org).

**6 • Annual Round & Square Dance** presented by the Genesee Valley Council on the Arts from 7–10 pm at the York Central School in Retsof. Music by Kelly's Old Timers and members of the Genesee String Band. Admission is \$5 adults / \$3 students/18 & under free. Info at [glowtradtions@goart.org](mailto:glowtradtions@goart.org) or call (585) 243-6785.

**9 • Communities for the Arts Workshop** from 6:30 – 8:30 pm via Zoom. Ever wondered how to find an artist or musician for your program? Come to *Finding Local Talent* with Linda Franke! Contact [franke@artswyco.org](mailto:franke@artswyco.org) to register for this FREE event.

**11 • Bilingual Story Hour and Art** for ages 2 to 5. Wyoming Free Library at 1pm. Info: (585) 495-6840.

**20 • ACWC's Annual Meeting:** 3 pm at Beer Justice Brewing Co., 3 Hurdvill Rd., Arcade NY 14009.

**22 • Discovering Artists and Drawing for Teens and Adults:** 6 pm at the Wyoming Free Library. Info: (585) 495-6840.

## PERRY CHALK ART FESTIVAL ~ Save the Date: JULY 8



Above: Tomato artwork by Erika Lalita, Perry Chalk Art Festival 2022.

Come to downtown Perry for a Saturday of fantastic food, fine art and fabulous summer fun at the seventeenth annual Perry Chalk Art Festival.

On July 8, chalk artists will descend upon downtown Perry to create fine works of temporary outdoor art. Festival-goers can also expect moving live music, an opportunity to taste delicious regional cuisine, a chance to make their own mini chalk art work, and delicious homegrown produce and unique gifts at the extended Farmers' Market and Perry Public Market. The

Chalk Art Festival runs from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, with the Festival Plaza closed through Sunday afternoon for extended artwork viewing pleasure.

Stroll downtown Perry and see professional artists shape gigantic pastel artworks on the theme *Think Big*. Cheer on youth artists competing for prizes and encourage young Aspiring Artists to try chalking. Also, see artist Erika Lalita creating a super-sized chalk work under the Festival Plaza pavilion.

Music lovers can experience live performances all day on the outdoor festival stages. Kelly's Old Timers will have the crowd up and ready to waltz, polka, or just tap their toes and have fun. Late morning, Creek Bend will take the stage with a special blend of contemporary and traditional bluegrass, seasoned with a smattering of Cajun, country, and humor. At the Farmers' Market stage, Elise Kelly will share her distinctive voice and her original music. The Skiffle Minstrels will close out the day with upbeat Western Swing.

Western New York food trucks and other concessions will be on site offering their tasty culinary wares for your dining pleasure.

And, good news for shoppers and strollers! The combined Public and Farmers' Markets will offer many vendors to peruse and visit.


Artists will put finishing touches on their works by 3:00 pm and the 4:00 award ceremony will feature artist and sponsor recognition and prizes.

Make sure to explore other events taking place in Perry on July 8, including the Tour de Perry community bike ride.

For a complete event schedule, please refer to [www.perrychalkfestival.com](http://www.perrychalkfestival.com). If significant rainfall is forecast, the Chalk Art Festival will move to Saturday, July 15.

For more information, write [perrychalkfestival@insitearch.com](mailto:perrychalkfestival@insitearch.com), or contact Meghan Hauser at (585) 237-5375.

*This event is made possible through generous contributions from local government, businesses, individuals and from the Perry Area Chamber of Commerce. The program is also made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Re-grants Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by the Arts Council for Wyoming County.*



### ACWC'S ART NIGHT IS BACK!

The public is invited to come learn and create with artists from the GLOW Creatives and other artists.

**WHEN:** First Wednesday of each month from March to September at 6:30 pm.

**WHERE:** ACWC Gallery in Perry


**HOW MUCH:** \$5

THE ARTS COUNCIL FOR WYOMING COUNTY  
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## 2023 HIGH SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION

MARCH 3 - 31

ACWC MAIN GALLERY  
31 S. Main St., Perry, NY



CLOSING RECEPTION & AWARDS  
MARCH 31 at 6:30 PM

Call (585) 237-3517 for information

Our **ARTS IN IMMERSIVE TECHNOLOGY** grant has come to a close, but you can still sign up for a time to use the VR headsets. Time slots are for 45 minutes and must be on site. Contact Linda at [franke@artswyco.org](mailto:franke@artswyco.org).

The Arts Council for Wyoming County  
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## Elementary/Middle School 2022 Student Art Exhibition

Kindergarten - 8th Grades  
YMCA Gallery  
115 Linwood Ave., Warsaw

Show Opens Saturday, February 4th  
**CLOSING RECEPTION**  
Saturday, March 18, at 2 pm



Arts Council for Wyoming County | phone: 585-237-3517  
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## CALL FOR CHALK ARTISTS

The Perry Chalk Art Festival committee is seeking artists and artistic youth to participate in the 2023 Chalk Art Festival, which takes place on July 8 in downtown Perry. Artists are invited to explore the theme, *Think Big*.

Artists can choose to participate with either a solo square or with a multiple artist square. Multiple artist squares allow artists to work as a team on adjacent chalking squares. Both types of entries will be judged together. \$600 in prizes will be awarded to winning artworks.

Artists will be supplied with a 5'x 5' chalking square, a wide selection of pastels and chalk colors, and a \$75 stipend. Participation for professional artists is selective, and requires the receipt of a registration form by Saturday, July 1. Artists will be notified of their acceptance after July 5.

Talented youth ages ten through 19 are also invited to chalk. Youth chalkers will work on the same theme and receive the same supplies as the artists. Youth artists must signify their intent to participate by completing a registration form by Saturday, July 1, and by enclosing a \$5 entry fee. Prizes will be awarded, and all participants will receive recognition.

And our Aspiring Artist event, for those ages five to nine, will return. Aspiring Artist registration will take place at the festival with artists chalking prepared squares.

In addition, the day's events include a community bike ride starting at the Village Park, Perry Farmers' Market, and a street-side public market. Live music will be featured all day, including performances by The Skiffle Minstrels, Creek Bend, and Kelly's Old Timers, along with entertainment for kids, the return of the chalk wall, and more.

Registration forms, additional information and a partial schedule of Chalk Festival events are available at [www.perrychalkfestival.com](http://www.perrychalkfestival.com) or by calling (585) 237-5375.

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## THE RURAL AND TRADITIONAL ARTS FELLOWSHIP

The Rural and Traditional Arts Fellowship, offered in partnership with New York State Council on the Arts, is off to a great start. This program offers a fellowship of \$10,000 each to ten rural artists across the state of New York.

"ACWC is honored to have been chosen to administer this grant," says Linda Franke, RTAF Coordinator, "and we are so excited to meet the wonderful artists that are applying. Over and over we have heard how thrilled they are to find an opportunity like this, and how excited they are to have rural art recognized through this program."

As of press time, applications are still being accepted, but look in our next newsletter to find out more information about our ten RTA Fellows and their rural art projects.

*Funding for this project is made possible with support from the New York State Council on the Arts with support from the Governor's Office and the New York State Legislature*

## FIBER CORNER

by Linda Franke

You've probably heard that I have been working on the Rural and Traditional Arts Fellowship, a partnership with New York State Council on the Arts and a really fabulous program. I have met so many fascinating people, working on meaningful and creative

projects and using art in their rural communities to change the world. One of them, another fiber artist, sent me some links to an interview she had done a while back. She was talking to a woman that does a very specific type of indigenous weaving called Ravenstail in Northern Canada and Alaska. There was, at one time, only one person left on earth known to do that type of weaving. Huh. Think about that for a minute. All the many, many people that have plied that trade over the generations, all of that beauty and creativity, all the techniques and the stories... and now it is down to you. You are the ONLY one that knows how to do this. What an incredible responsibility! Also, what a great gift to be able to pass that along to others and keep that kind of beautiful work alive. What is something you know and can pass on to someone else?



## WOOLLY WONDERS



Woolly Wonders is back this year! Thanks to a marvelous grant from the Wyoming Foundation, we have started working with the Ag Class at Perry Central School to bring this fun and educational program to students there, as well as extending it to adults in our region. This program allows participants to take a project from the sheep to the finished project, including washing, carding, combing, spinning, knitting, weaving and dyeing. There will be a fee for adults this year, but scholarships are available. Need more information? Contact Linda at [franke@artswyco.org](mailto:franke@artswyco.org).

*The Wyoming Foundation was established in 1974 and is a division of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo. The Wyoming Foundation actively supports a wide variety of cultural, educational and human services organizations in Wyoming County.*

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## GLOW TRADITIONS NEWS *by Karen Canning*



**Above: Elise and Doug Kelly work on their application for an apprenticeship in square dance calling.** *Photo by Karen Canning*

from elders to younger generations in the same distinctive ethnic, regional, occupational, or religious community. Where the chain of transmission is no longer as strong as it once was, apprenticeships can stimulate the continuity of these traditional arts.”

The Kelly family of Perry Center has long been a part of the regional music scene, providing music for dances, concerts, parties, anniversaries, and countless other public and private events for four generations. Kelly’s Old Timers, formed in 1950 by “Woody” Kelly, is especially well known as a long-standing square dance band, and is still playing today. Over the years the band has featured Woody on accordion and calling, his brother Roger on guitar, and currently, Woody’s son, Doug, on bass and calling, and Roger’s son, Eric, on vocals, keyboard, guitar and calling—along with fine local musicians, Guy Macaluso, Tom Kwiecien, and Keith Kruppner. Elise, Eric’s daughter, has joined the band in recent years as vocalist and bass player.

Ken Lowe, of Covington, called for the band for several decades up to the late 1990’s. Eric Kelly had the opportunity to learn calls from him, and Doug Kelly also stepped into the role in the early 2000’s. In addition to having played the music for many years, he also studied recordings of Lowe and regional callers like Jim Kruppner and Ken Roloff, notating their calls and their different techniques and idiosyncrasies.

Elise is excited to continue as the fifth generation of her family in this community tradition, feeling that “it’s the perfect time to pick it up.” With degrees in Music and Education, she loves the idea of incorporating simple instruction into dances, to help teach and show the moves. As an educator for special needs preschool children, she sees many connections with non-verbal and imitative learning that is important for that population, as well as for many age groups and abilities. Elise is looking forward to building more connections with younger generations through groups like 4-H, schools, and scouting, and utilizing social media to promote dancing and dance events.

Elise will study with both Doug and Eric throughout the year, gradually adding to her repertory of dances, with the goal of learning enough calls to supply an entire evening of dancing. There will be various dances throughout the year where Elise will be a guest caller, and a celebratory event in the fall. We invite you to come out to the dances, not only in support of the project, but to enjoy the FUN that they bring to all ages.

We are happy to announce that local musician, Elise Kelly, has received a 2023 Apprenticeship grant in square dance calling, from the New York State Council on the Arts. Folk and Traditional Arts Apprenticeships comprise an area of support from the Council, where individuals can devote dedicated time to study with master folk artists from their own community. As described in the guidelines, “Folk arts traditionally are transmitted



### CONGRATULATIONS!

**Governor Hochul Announces Perry as the \$10 Million Finger Lakes Region Winner of Sixth-Round Downtown Revitalization Initiative!**



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### IT'S SO EASY TO BECOME AN ARTS COUNCIL MEMBER! SIMPLY FOLLOW THESE 3 STEPS:

- 1 • Complete this form
- 2 • Include a check payable to ACWC
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- ACWC's Artist Registry
- Community Arts Grants
- ACWC's Grants for Young Artists
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*I am an artist in the following discipline(s):*

- Visual Arts: 2D
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- Creative Writing
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