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## News Release FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (August 6, 2018)

Photo caption: August 31 is the deadline for businesses and others to get recognition throughout the 2018-2019 season for their support of the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County (UAA). The 1891 Fredonia Opera House's Folk in Fredonia Free-For-All on Sunday, September 23, is one example of community-focused programs offered by members of the UAA. This free event features a number of local musicians including Dick and Carmen Gilman (pictured) and is the official kickoff of the Folk in Fredonia Music Series.

## **Deadline Approaching for United Arts Appeal Recognitions**

Jamestown, N.Y. – "With our 2018 fund drive closing, we need to hear from supporters by the end of the month to be sure they receive all the recognitions they deserve," announced United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County (UAA) President Julie Newell.

Newell noted that, "The UAA makes requests of businesses on behalf of all our member organizations, and we appreciate support from individuals as well. We hope everyone realizes how our residents and companies benefit from the well-documented positive impact the arts have on children's academic success, a region's economic well-being, and the quality of life. We also see our role as helping to unify Chautauqua County through the arts."

Throughout the 2018-2019 performance season, 2018 fund drive contributors will be listed on the UAA's website, in the printed programs of presentations by member organizations, and more. A single contribution of any amount puts donors' names in front of thousands over the course of the year.

United Arts Appeal members are Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet, Community Music Project, 1891 Fredonia Opera House, Infinity Visual and Performing Arts, Jamestown Concert Association, Lucille Ball Little Theatre of Jamestown, and Western New York Chamber Orchestra.

Member presentations include concerts, plays, dance, films, festivals, galleries, exhibits, lessons, and workshops.

The UAA also awards grants for arts projects to individual artists and non-profit organizations through its Projects Pool Grants Program.

To learn all the benefits available to contributors to the United Arts Appeal, visit "Support UAA" at <u>unitedartsappeal.org</u>.

To receive recognition during the 2018-2019 arts season, contributions can be made by the end of August with checks payable to the United Arts Appeal and mailed to 715 Falconer Street, Jamestown, NY 14701.

The United Arts Appeal is supported by Chautauqua County, the Jesse Smith Darrah Fund, and the Hultquist and Holmberg Foundations.

Major contributors to date to the UAA's 2018 fund drive are Patrons Lyndon and Melanie Gritters, Mark and Donna Hampton, Dr. Bruce Rockwell, and Rick and Terry Turner. Special Gifts have been given by M. L. Feather, KeyBank, Lake Shore Savings Bank, Thomas A. Turner, and Wegmans. Donors are Clark Patterson Lee, Everydays True Value, Falconer Funeral Home, John and Margie Fuchs, John and Donna Ireland, LaBella Associates, Betsy and David Shepherd, Lois F. Strickler, and Sherwood and Lissa VanDewark.

For a complete list of contributors, see "BRAVO!" at unitedartsappeal.org.

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