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Photo caption: The United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County (UAA) is making its final appeal for 2017. Contributors to its Fund Drive by the end of the August will be acknowledged throughout the 2017-2018 season for their support of the arts. The Jamestown Concert Association's presentation of harpist Katherine Siochi (pictured) on Friday, October 13, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church is an example of the quality of programs offered by members of the UAA.

## **Opportunity Closing to Get United Arts Appeal Recognitions**

Jamestown, NY – Businesses and individuals still have time to show their support for the arts and be acknowledged during the 2017-2018 season by the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County (UAA).

The UAA concludes its 2017 Fund Drive on August 31.

"We are eager to recognize our donors in a number of ways," said President Shane Hawkins, "but we need to hear from them by the end of the month." She noted that both business and individual contributors are cited on the UAA's website, in the printed programs of presentations by member organizations, and more. "With thousands of people enjoying UAA member programs over the course of a year, that's a lot of recognition."

The United Arts Appeal provides operating support for the 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 the Western New York Chamber Orchestra. The UAA also awards grants for arts projects to individual artists and other organizations through its Projects Pool Grants Program. Presentations include concerts, plays, dance, films, festivals, galleries, exhibits, lessons, and workshops. The documented positive impact that the arts have on children's academic success as well as a region's economic well-being means that Chautauqua County has much to offer compared to many communities its size.

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 2017 fund drive are Lyndon and Melanie Gritters, Dr. Bruce Rockwell, and Terry and Rick Turner.

Other significant contributors are M. L. Feather, Mark and Donna Hampton, Hope's Windows, Jamestown Mattress Co. Inc., KeyBank, Lake Shore Savings Bank, and Wegmans, as well as Everydays True Value, John and Margie Fuchs, Betsy and David Shepherd, The Resource Center, and Lissa and Sherwood VanDewark.

To receive recognition for the 2017-2018 arts season, contributions can be made by the end of the month with checks payable to the United Arts Appeal and mailed to 715 Falconer Street, Jamestown, NY 14701.

To learn all the benefits available to contributors to the United Arts Appeal, visit "Support UAA" at <u>UnitedArtsAppeal.org</u>. For a complete list of contributors, see "BRAVO!" at the website.

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