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Photo caption: The seven member organizations of the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County (UAA) are presenting wonderful entertainment opportunities this holiday season. Pictured are members of the Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet performing *The Nutcracker*, as they will on Friday and Saturday, December 15 and 16, in downtown Jamestown's Reg Lenna Civic Center.

United Arts Appeal Organizations Offering Varied Holiday Fare

Jamestown, NY – Nothing adds to the celebration of the season like experiencing a live holiday performance.

United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County (UAA) member organizations are contributing to the festivities with a number of exciting opportunities.

Two UAA members are teaming up for a holiday production on Wednesday, December 6. The Jamestown Concert Association will present the Western New York Chamber Orchestra's "Poinsettia Pops" at the festively decorated Reg Lenna Civic Center in downtown Jamestown. Lobby doors open at 6:30 p.m. for light refreshments and merriment, while a Southwestern High School string ensemble provides pre-concert music from the lobby balcony. For ticket information on the 7:30 concert, visit reglenna.com or call the Reg box office at (716) 484-7070.

Lucille Ball Little Theatre of Jamestown's Junior Guilders presents "The Special Gifts of Christmas," featuring the Guilders and Children Sing, on Friday, December 8, at 7:30 p.m. and at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 9. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and can be ordered by calling the box office at (716) 483-1095 or online at lucilleballlittletheatre.com/reservations.

Performances of the Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet's *The Nutcracker* will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, December 15, and 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 16, at the Reg Lenna Civic Center. A new twist to this year's production will be the inclusion of an adopted Chautauqua County Humane Society dog. Tickets range from \$12 to \$35 and can be purchased by calling the Reg box office at (716) 484-7070 or online at reglenna.com.

Infinity Visual and Performing Arts students have a busy December. In addition to their Annual Applebee's Pancake Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 9, 8-10 a.m., they have many free events: Holiday Performances at Raymour & Flanigan, noon-3 p.m., Saturday, December 2; Holiday Performances at Northwest Arena, noon-3 p.m., Saturday, December 9; Holiday Show at the Infinity Arts Cafe, 7-9 p.m., Friday, December 15; Holiday Recital at the Infinity Arts Café, 6-7 p.m., Friday, December 22; and student performances televised on Chautauqua Sunrise Access Channel 5, 9-10 a.m., Saturday, December 23. To learn more, visit infinityperformingarts.org/calendar/2017-12.

"Christmas on the Great White Way" is the 1891 Fredonia Opera House's special treat on Saturday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m. This family-friendly revue features a variety of holiday songs from Broadway musicals performed by some of Chautauqua County's favorite musical theatre artists. Admission is \$17 or \$10 for students. *Holiday Inn: The New Irving Berlin Musical*, with thrilling dance numbers, laugh-out-loud comedy and a parade of hit Irving Berlin songs, will be captured live via satellite from Broadway's Studio 54 Theatre on Friday, January 12 at 7:30 p.m.; admission is \$15 or \$10 for students. Call (716) 679-1891 or visit fredopera.org for details on both events.

Community Music Project (CMP) will close the official holiday season with presentations of "Twelfth Night" in both Jamestown and Warren. Attired in renaissance costumes, Chautauqua Chamber Singers will perform at First Lutheran Church in Warren on Saturday, January 6, and at First Presbyterian Church in Jamestown on Sunday, January 7. Both concerts are at 4 p.m. followed by pie receptions. Pre-sale tickets are \$10, \$9 for seniors, or \$13 at the door. Pre-sale tickets can be reserved by leaving a message at (716) 664-2227. Students are free to all CMP concerts.

In addition to providing operating support for these organizations, the United Arts Appeal also awards grants for arts projects to individual artists and other organizations through its Projects Pool Grants Program.

To learn more about the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County and find links to each member organization's website, visit UnitedArtsAppeal.org.

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