The United Arts Appeal

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Photo caption: From early December through mid-January, the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County's seven member organizations are presenting wonderful holiday entertainment opportunities for your enjoyment. Pictured is a scene from *The Nutcracker* that the Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet will present Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, December 13 and 14, in downtown Jamestown's Reg Lenna Center for The Arts.



On Saturday, December 7, 4 p.m., the 1891 Fredonia Opera House is showing a free screening of *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* as part of Miracle on Main Street.



Pictured in renaissance costumes, Chautauqua Chamber Singers perform a mixture of traditional Christmas carols at free concerts at First Lutheran Church in Warren on Saturday, January 11, and First Presbyterian Church in Jamestown on Sunday, January 12.

Varied Holiday Fare Presented by United Arts Appeal Organizations

Jamestown, N.Y. – United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County member organizations are offering an exciting selection of outstanding performances to enrich your holiday celebrations.

Three UAA members collaborate for "Poinsettia Pops" on Wednesday, December 4, 7:30 p.m. The Jamestown Concert Association presents the Western New York Chamber Orchestra with dance excerpts from *The Nutcracker* by the Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet. Glen Cortese is artistic director and conductor, and Alissa Stahler is soprano soloist. Lobby doors in the festively

decorated Reg Lenna Center for The Arts in downtown Jamestown open at 6:30 p.m. for pre-concert refreshments and merriment in the lobby, while a Chautauqua Regional Youth Symphony ensemble performs holiday music from the lobby balcony. Tickets are \$25, \$20 for seniors, \$6 for college students, free for under 18, and can be purchased by calling the Reg box office at (716) 484-7070 or online at RegLenna.com.

On Saturday, December 7, 4 p.m., the 1891 Fredonia Opera House is showing the original holiday special *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* as part of Miracle on Main Street. Presented in partnership with Festivals Fredonia and sponsored by the Fredonia Beaver Club, the free screening is immediately followed by the holiday parade and tree-lighting in the park. To learn more, visit FredOpera.org. Full details for Miracle on Main Street are at FestivalsFredonia.org/home.

Infinity Visual and Performing Arts students have a busy December. In addition to their Annual Applebee's Pancake Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 14, 8-10 a.m., they have free events. The Holiday Recital, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, December 5, and Holiday Show, 7 p.m., Friday, December 20, are both at the Infinity Arts Cafe. Student performances are televised on Chautauqua Sunrise Access Channel 5, 8-10 a.m., Saturday, December 21. To learn more, visit InfinityPerformingArts.org/calendar.

The Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet dazzles audiences with its cherished holiday favorite, *The Nutcracker*, under the artistic direction of Monika Alch. Guest Artist Spencer Keith from Boston will dance the Cavalier. Performances are 7:30 p.m., Friday, December 13, and 2 p.m., Saturday, December 14 at the Reg Lenna Center for The Arts. Tickets range from \$14 to \$35 and can be purchased by calling the Reg box office at (716) 484-7070 or online at RegLenna.com.

For information on the holiday opportunities at Lucille Ball Little Theatre of Jamestown, call the box office at (716) 483-1095.

Community Music Project (CMP) will close the holiday season with presentations of "Twelfth Night." Attired in renaissance costumes, Chautauqua Chamber Singers perform a mixture of traditional Christmas carols, old and new, at First Lutheran Church in Warren on Saturday, January 11, and at First Presbyterian Church in Jamestown on Sunday, January 12. Both concerts are at 4 p.m. and are free of charge. The Jamestown event will be followed by a pie reception.

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. Announcement of the 2020 grants process will be made early next year.

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

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