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Dear Friends,

As we enter our 55th season at the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts (ALCA), our Board of Trustees and staff are proud to have presented another exciting and engaging season in the wake of the Covid pandemic. Our diverse schedule again brought the community together for almost 30 live and in-person theater and concert performances and 11 incredible gallery exhibits, along with a return of lectures, adult workshops, yoga classes, and our Kids' Arts Camp, all under the banner of *Back in Blue, Act II: The Magic Returns*. We also held three successful fundraisers, including our opening weekend *Antiques and Uniques Roadshow* and the second year of our virtually attended Great Arts Benefit. Once again, Arts Center programming directly benefited our surrounding communities and visitors alike.

As we wave farewell to fall and welcome another Adirondack winter, this is the time for the Arts Center's Annual Fund appeal. Please know that your generosity towards our Annual Fund contributes greatly to our present and future endeavors at the Arts Center. We are diligently at work to increase our memberships, the number of grants we apply for, and our annual fundraising efforts. Your Annual Fund donation helps us in planning and producing our upcoming 2023 season, and in meeting the general operating expenses that go along with providing another terrific lineup of programming.

We are particularly proud each year of our collaborative efforts with area arts organizations and venues. Besides again hosting a performance by the Seagle Music Festival in our space in 2022, we took our touring productions to Tannery Pond Center in North Creek, View Arts in Old Forge, Pendragon Theatre in Saranac Lake, the Wild Center in Tupper Lake, and Great Camp Sagamore. This year, our Shakespeare production again toured to Long Lake, Inlet, Newcomb, Tupper Lake, and Paul Smith's VIC, and we added Speculator to the mix. While touring, we reach out to those attending our events, as well as local businesses, to ask them to consider becoming members and to donate to our Annual Fund.

As many of you know, we also continue to take great pride in our responsibilities through the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA). Since 2015, we've administered the Statewide Community Regrant Program (SCR) to Hamilton, Clinton, Essex, and Franklin counties. Through this NYSCA SCR program, we re-granted 69 grants this year, totalling \$136,500. These SCR re-grants went to arts organizations and artists across the vast Quad County Region of the North Country.

In addition, we continue to provide a platform to foster artistic relationships between local and regional artists, artisans, and performers and professional creative staff. As we look ahead to 2023, we are excited to bring back our in-person Great Arts Benefit at an area great camp, date and location to be announced. Be sure to check out our website, **www.adirondackarts.org**, and watch for all our upcoming events.

On behalf of the Arts Center Board of Trustees, staff, and volunteers, we appreciate your time and consideration. We hope you are able to assist the Arts Center this year in our Annual Appeal as we look towards our 55th season in 2023 - and beyond!

Together in the Arts,

Joanna Pine

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