

# THE LOON CALL

2024 FALL



## LOOKING BACK: 2024 SEASON

As we approach the end of 2024, we want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to making this season incredible. Your support—whether as a donor, sponsor, concert attendee, volunteer, artist, staff member, or in any other capacity—was essential to our success.



## 2025: AN EXCITING YEAR AHEAD!

From captivating performances to innovative educational programs, we're committed to having a year-round presence and impact on our community.

### Save the Date:

14th Caroga Lake Music Festival	July 16 - August 17, 2025
Annual Caroga Arts Gala	July 19th, 2025
Caroga Arts Golf Tournament	August 10th, 2025



Did you know that in 2024 Caroga Arts Collective:

- Performed more than **40 concerts** including the Caroga Lake Music Festival
- Hosted **150+ artists** in our community, including **100 Resident Artists** from **24 states** and **5 countries**
- Reached over 1000 youth through our regular concert series, kids concerts, and education program during the summer
- Hosted national media outlets, including **PBS** and **ADTV**, at Sherman's for interviews spotlighting Caroga Arts.
- Copresented events with local organizations such as the **Fulton Regional County SPCA**, **West Caroga Lake Association**, **Caroga Lake Volunteer Fire Company**, the **Town of Caroga**, and more
- Presented superstars such as **Generation Radio**, **Cory Wong**, **Eddie Barbash**, & **Shayna Steele** among others during the Caroga Lake Music Festival
- CLMF resident artists performed an unprecedented conductorless **Beethoven 5th Symphony**, along with iconic repertoire such as **Copland's Appalachian Spring**, **Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue** and more attracting audiences nationwide to Sherman's and Caroga Lake

Visit [carogaarts.org](http://carogaarts.org) or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube for more exciting updates and to learn more about upcoming events. Caroga Arts Collective is a 501(c)(3) non for profit organization and welcomes tax deductible donations to support its mission of Reimagining the Caroga Experience through the power of the arts.

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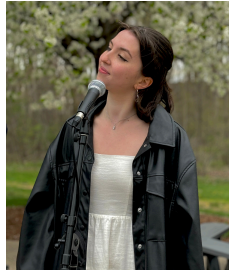
## CAROGA ARTS TEAM UPDATES



### A Heartfelt Thanks to Tom Flynn

As Tom completes his one year term as Interim General Manager, we wanted to extend our gratitude and appreciation for his efforts and guidance, spurring a great year of growth for the team. Tom will be continuing his term as a board member, helping support the continued evolution

of the organization. Thank you Tom for your immense impact on our organization! In light of Tom's return to retirement, a number of appointments and promotions have been made throughout the staff.



We're thrilled to announce some exciting changes with our support team!

- **Stephanie Price-Wong** has been promoted to a new Associate Executive Director position. In this role, Stephanie will be assisting with the oversight of our education, sales and marketing, general administration including donors and volunteers record management, facilities management, and volunteer programs management.
- **Elizabeth "Lizzy" Macintosh** has been promoted to Director of Artistic Operations. This position includes an expanded scope of seeing through shows from booking to close-out (including communications related to programs) and utilizing Lizzy's existing responsibilities with artist relations and productions, operations management amongst other items.
- Finally, **Katrina "Kat" Lacombe** has accepted a part-time position as a Productions & Communications Assistant assisting Lizzy Macintosh. In this role, Kat will join us here at Caroga Lake for some of our off-season productions and events, as well as working remotely while she continues to pursue her music management and voice degree in her junior year at The University of Hartford's Hartt School of Music.

With these changes, we're confident that Caroga Arts will continue to reach new heights and make strides toward the pursuit of reimagining the Caroga experience through the power of the arts!

## EYES TOWARDS THE FUTURE: NEW COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN

We are thrilled to launch the Caroga Arts Comprehensive Campaign under the guidance of Innovative Resources, a Saratoga Springs-based national development firm. The **Reimagining the Adirondack Experience Through the Power of the Arts Campaign** is a transformative initiative aimed at expanding and enriching the cultural and artistic offerings in the southern Adirondacks. Building on the incredible momentum from our previous capital campaign, this effort represents the next step in realizing our vision for Caroga Arts as a year-round hub for performances, education, and community engagement.

At the heart of this campaign is the development of two iconic spaces: the Sherman's Amphitheater and the Myhil Artist Residency Lodge. Sherman's Park, with its rich history dating back to the 1920s, will be enriched by a state-of-the-art amphitheater overlooking the lake, offering a breathtaking venue for outdoor concerts, performances, and community events. Meanwhile, the Myhil property will serve as a creative retreat for resident artists, with plans to construct a lodge, classrooms, and cabins designed to support artistic collaborations and immersive learning experiences. These projects will not only preserve the cultural heritage of our region but also create new opportunities for artists and audiences to connect in meaningful ways.

Thanks to the overwhelming support of our community, we've already raised significant funds toward these projects, including generous contributions from local, national, and international donors. We've also secured competitive grants from the New York State Council on the Arts, further demonstrating the importance of our vision for the region's cultural and economic growth. However, much work remains to be done. Over the next two years, we aim to raise an additional \$6.3 million to fully realize this vision and establish Caroga Arts as a lasting center for artistic excellence and education.

As we move forward, we invite all who are passionate about the arts, the future of the Adirondacks, and the power of music and culture to enrich our lives and communities to join us on this journey. Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to what lies ahead!



## UPCOMING WINTER & HOLIDAY EVENTS



The **Annual Caroga Arts Holiday Tree Lighting** at Sherman's Park is scheduled for **Saturday, Nov. 30 from 2:00-5:00pm**. We'd love to see you there for cookies, hot cocoa, pictures with Mr. and Ms. Claus and holiday singalongs with Caroga Arts musicians. Gather the whole family and join in on the fun!

Special thanks to our 2024 Lead Tree Lighting sponsor, Fultonville Machine & Tool, for supporting this year's event.



We are excited to announce that for the first time, the tree lighting will also mark the official start of the **2024 Caroga Lake Music Festival (CLMF) WinterFest** taking place from **December 3-8**. Join us for a week filled with magical performances celebrating the joy of the holiday season.

CLMF Resident artists will be performing in concerts throughout **Fulton** and **Montgomery Counties**. These concerts will feature classical holiday favorites like selections from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker in addition to works of great composers such as Vivaldi, Ligeti, Piazzolla, Handel, Coleridge-Taylor, and more.



*CLMF Resident Artists perform at Wheelerville Union Free School at the 2023 CLMF WinterFest*

In addition to public concerts, CLMF Resident Artists will also be engaging with local students through Caroga Arts in-school programs. As part of our **S.P.A.C.E.** (String Project & Arts Collaborative Education) **Program**, students will get the opportunity to learn from and celebrate the holiday season with professional musicians from across the country.

Caroga Lake  
MUSIC FESTIVAL  
*WinterFest*

A Very Vivaldi Christmas: Dickens' A Christmas Carol & Concertos of Vivaldi & Bach  
Dec 5th @ 7pm - The Glove Theatre

Holiday Harmonies: The Nutcracker and works by Bach, Coleridge-Taylor, Piazzolla, and more  
Dec 6th @ 7pm - Fulton Montgomery Community College

Winter Classics: Tchaikovsky, Handel, Coleridge-Taylor, & Ligeti  
Dec 7th @ 7pm St. John's Episcopal Church

Serenade for the Season: An Afternoon of Chamber Music  
Dec 8th @ 3pm - Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Little Falls



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## CAROGA ARTS “S.P.A.C.E.” PROGRAM INAUGURAL YEAR

We are thrilled to share the success of the inaugural year of the S.P.A.C.E. Program. The initiative was announced in the Fall of 2023 with programming beginning in January 2024 at Johnstown High School and Wheelerville Union Free School. The program expanded later in the semester to include Knox Middle School.

This summer, our program continued to grow, attracting over 40 participants of all ages who registered for a variety of offerings. These included the S.P.A.C.E. Camp for All Musicians, the S.P.A.C.E. Music & Art Workshop, and Play & Sip: Adult Chamber Music Reading Session. There truly was something for everyone!

### QUOTES FROM OUR 2024 SUMMER PARTICIPANTS:

“I think what you are doing is grand and I am delighted and feel privileged to be able to come. The music camp with all of its' excellence is an inspired learning experience.”

“I enjoyed the teacher allowing us to make up our own song. I liked how we were all able to be spaced out and have our own lessons and spaces.”

“The best parts were the one-on-one lesson, meeting my teacher, and the overall encouraging and uplifting environment from everyone on your team that I had contact with. I liked that it was down to earth and a comfortable, casual environment.”

“It's a fabulous unique offering for those interested in learning to play an instrument! You have my support!”

“Body mapping workshops were valuable and not an activity I would have otherwise opted into; individual lessons were fabulous, artists gave me targeted feedback and also activities / practice protocols I can use to further improve on my own.”



## CAROGA ARTS “S.P.A.C.E.” PROGRAM RELAUNCHES INTO LOCAL SCHOOLS!

In early October, our in-school programs kicked off, featuring offerings at Wheelerville Union Free School, Gloversville and Johnstown School Districts. The program continues to grow exponentially, with over 40 students actively participating in the in-school lesson program and even more benefiting from our ongoing workshops and engagement activities.



We are excited to announce that CLMF Resident Artist and S.P.A.C.E. Associated Faculty member **Tara Hanish** will be expanding her role within the program by providing weekly administrative support. Tara will work closely with Associate Executive Director Stephanie Price-Wong on administrative tasks and program organization to support our students and enhance their musical journey.



The mission of the S.P.A.C.E. Program is to provide accessible and affordable music education, and collaborative mentorship opportunities to our local students, schools, and community members throughout the Fulton, Montgomery, Schoharie counties, and beyond.

### GIVE A GIFT TO CAROGA ARTS

A gift to Caroga Arts Collective provides vital support as we continue to expand our programming and maintain our commitment to fostering relationships among our artists and the community. We hope you will consider joining us in our mission to reimagining the Adirondack experience through the power of the arts!

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