

THE LOON CALL

2025 WINTER



A MAGICAL HOLIDAY SEASON

As the final notes of the 13th Annual Caroga Lake Music Festival faded and the weather grew colder, Caroga Arts continued to reimagine the Adirondack experience through the arts.

Last November, we ushered in the holiday season with our **7th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony**. The event brought our community together to celebrate with live music, warm drinks, and the joyful glow of our beautifully lit tree.



This year's event was particularly meaningful as we were joined by our **2024 Fall SPACE Program students**. Their beautiful performance showcased their hard work and dedication, making the evening even more special. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this magical event, and a heartfelt thanks to the volunteers and performers who made it possible.



In December, we hosted the **5th Annual CLMF WinterFest**. Over 20 artists from around the country traveled to Caroga Lake for a week of memorable performances. From the historic Glove Theater and Fulton Montgomery Community College to the intimate Emmanuel and St. John's Episcopal Churches, each venue was filled with the sounds of seasonal favorites, brought to life by our wonderful resident artists.

In addition to our performances throughout the community, we were thrilled to have CLMF WinterFest resident artists perform and teach the SPACE students in Wheelerville, Gloversville, and Johnstown. A highlight of the week was performing *The Nutcracker* at Wheelerville Union Free School, which brought smiles to students and staff alike.



Reflecting on this season, we feel immense gratitude for the support and enthusiasm of our community. Whether you attended a performance, shared our events, or cheered us on from afar, your involvement means so much.

THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS

While the winter weather may seem never-ending, warm days and more music from Caroga Arts are on the horizon:

Just Around the Corner

2025 Spring Residency	April 2nd - 6th, 2025
Summer Season Announcement	April 3rd, 2025
SPACE Showcase Part 1	March 16th, 2025
SPACE Final Showcase	May 2nd, 2025

Summer Holiday Weekend Concerts

May 24th, July 3rd, & August 30th, 2025

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
Caroga Cornhole Classic	August 16th, 2025
<i>with West Caroga Lake Association</i>	
13th Annual Woofstock	September 13th, 2025
<i>with Fulton County Regional SPCA</i>	

2025 CAROGA ARTS GALA

We are thrilled to announce this year's Gala theme, **Once Upon a Time: Celebrating the Caroga Experience**. Join us on July 19, 2025, at the historic Sherman's Park for an unforgettable evening as we reflect on the rich history of Caroga Lake and look toward an exciting future. This special night will bring together community, art, and the spirit of Caroga in a celebration like no other.

Please save the date, and stay tuned for more details and ticket information as we approach the 2025 Gala!



The Caroga Arts Collective Gala is one of our largest fundraising events of the year. The proceeds provide critical support for our daily operations, helping to fund programs, events, and outreach initiatives throughout the year. Your participation makes a significant impact, ensuring that Caroga Arts continues to bring exceptional arts programming to the Adirondacks and beyond.

We Need Your Help! Gala Volunteers Wanted

We're looking for volunteers to help make this year's Gala a success. If you're interested in contributing your time and talents, we would love to have you on board! If you'd like to volunteer, please let us know at info@carogaarts.org

JOIN OUR TEAM THIS SUMMER



WE'RE HIRING INTERNS!

Are you a college student or recent graduate looking for a meaningful and hands-on summer work experience? Caroga Arts Collective is hiring summer interns for the 2025 Caroga Lake Music Festival! Interns will have the unique opportunity to work behind the scenes at an award-winning festival, showcasing world-class artists in the stunning Southern Adirondacks.

The Caroga Lake Music Festival is renowned for its diverse range of musical genres. This summer internship is a perfect chance for young adults with an interest in the performing arts to gain practical, professional experience in the arts and event management.

Available Internship Positions:

- Festival Management Intern
- Audio-Visual and Lighting Intern
- Audio-Visual and Lighting Coordinator

Interns will work directly with our team to assist in organizing and managing the festival, while learning valuable skills in festival operations and production. Visit carogaarts.org/internships for more information.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER!

Caroga Arts also relies on the support of volunteers to help make the festival an unforgettable experience. If you're looking for a fulfilling way to give back to the community, volunteering with Caroga Arts is an excellent opportunity. Our volunteers become part of the Caroga Arts family, supporting our mission to bring world-class arts programming to the region.

Volunteers play an essential role in event logistics, artist support, guest services, and more. Whether you have a few hours to spare or want to immerse yourself in the full experience, there's a place for you on our team.

Caroga Arts offers a variety of volunteer opportunities to suit different interests and availability. To join our volunteer team, please visit carogaarts.org/volunteer

International Artistic Advisory Council

The Caroga Arts Collective is proud to announce the formation of its Inaugural **International Artistic Advisory Council** (IAAC). This esteemed council, **chaired by Deborah Barrett Price**, comprises renowned leaders across various artistic disciplines who will help elevate the visibility, reach, and mission of Caroga Arts Collective.

INAUGURAL IAAC MEMBERS:



Left to right, top to bottom: Matthew Aucoin, Eddie Barbash, Mike Block, Jeff Haydon, Ayane Kozasa, Kevin Kwan Loucks, Tommy Mesa, Deborah Barrett Price, Cole Randolph, Jim Rosenthal, Cara Samantha, Renée Schine Crown, Uri Vardi, & Cory Wong.

A 2018 MacArthur Fellow, **Matthew Aucoin** is an American composer, conductor, writer, and pianist. His works have been performed by artists such as Yo-Yo Ma and the Philadelphia Orchestra and commissioned by institutions like the Metropolitan Opera and Carnegie Hall. He is also a co-founder of the American Modern Opera Company and author of *The Impossible Art: Adventures in Opera*.

Hailed by Jon Batiste as "one of the world's most important saxophonists," **Eddie Barbash** was a founding member of the Late Show With Stephen Colbert house band. He currently tours the world with Cory Wong and the Wongnotes, and his distinctive sound is featured on Disney's Oscar- and Grammy-winning Soul soundtrack.

Mike Block is a Grammy-winning cellist, composer, and singer celebrated for his innovative approach to performance. A member of Yo-Yo Ma's Silk Road Ensemble, Block is known for standing and moving while playing, using his patented Block Strap.

Jeff Haydon, President and CEO of the Ravinia Festival, has extensive experience leading music organizations, including the Caramoor Festival and the Ojai Music Festival. He is a champion of nonprofit arts innovation and collaboration.

Ayane Kozasa is the violist of the Kronos Quartet and a founding member of the award-winning Aizuri Quartet. A winner of the Primrose International Viola Competition, she is dedicated to mentoring young musicians and commissioning new works for the viola.

Kevin Kwan Loucks is the CEO of Chamber Music America and a Juilliard-trained pianist. With over 15 years of experience, he has worked to foster innovation and collaboration within the classical music world.

Tommy Mesa is a Cuban-American cellist recognized as one of the most engaging performers of his generation. A four-time soloist at the Supreme Court, Mesa is the recipient of the Sphinx Organization's 2023 Medal of Excellence.

Deborah Barrett Price is the founder and artistic director of the Chamber Music Connection, a program that offers transformative educational and performance opportunities. She has received numerous awards, including the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center Award for Extraordinary Service to Chamber Music.

Cole Randolph is a cellist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and a Posse Foundation Leadership Scholar. Alongside his musical career, he has pursued academic research in mathematics at the University of Chicago.

Jim Rosenthal, a partner at Cohen Rosenthal & Kramer LLP, is a lifelong supporter of the arts. He serves as Chair Emeritus of the Grammy-winning baroque ensemble Apollo's Fire.

Cara Samantha is a Grammy-winning background vocalist and American Idol alum known for her jazzy pop style. She has been a Guest and Resident Artist at Caroga Arts since 2014 and is a prominent voiceover artist.

Renée Schine Crown, a Gloversville native, is a philanthropist based in Chicago. She has supported numerous cultural organizations, including the Lyric Opera and the Joffrey Ballet, and served as Honorary Chair of the Board for the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation.

Uri Vardi is a celebrated cellist and Professor Emeritus at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. A mentor to Caroga Arts Founder Kyle Price, Vardi has performed internationally and served as a founding member of the Sol-La-Re String Quartet.

Cory Wong is a Grammy-nominated guitarist known for his funky style and high-energy performances. In addition to his solo career, he is a member of Vulfpeck and Fearless Flyers and tours globally to sold-out venues.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

We sincerely thank our early bird business sponsors for their invaluable support in helping us kick off an exciting year ahead. Not a sponsor yet? Sponsorship opportunities are still available for both businesses and individuals looking to make 2025 our most impactful year yet!

2025 EARLY BIRD BUSINESS SPONSORS



BUSINESS SPONSORSHIPS

Unlock maximum advertising exposure and exclusive benefits by becoming a Caroga Arts business sponsor. With over 16,000 annual attendees and a growing reputation as a cultural hub in the Southern Adirondacks, your sponsorship is a powerful way to promote your business while supporting the arts. In 2025, we're offering an expanded year-round season, including new music education opportunities for local students. Join our network of sponsors and make a meaningful impact!

INDIVIDUAL SPONSORSHIPS

Join a community of supporters who make it all possible. Your contribution helps us grow and sustain programs that enrich the Southern Adirondacks. Individual sponsors enjoy special perks and the satisfaction of knowing their generosity supports an organization that impacts thousands of lives each year.

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for another way to show your support? **Advertise in our Program Book** and reach over 16,000 audience members. Prices range from \$100 to \$1,500, making it a flexible way to promote your business while backing Caroga Arts programming.

Visit CarogaArts.org to learn more about sponsorships and advertising opportunities.

Sponsorship & Advertising Deadline: May 1, 2025.

RECENT AWARDS:

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

Caroga Arts Collective is proud to have been approved for a Challenge America award of \$10,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). This generous grant will support our Year-Round Concert and Residency Series, which includes WinterFest, our spring residency, and four guest artist residencies featuring performances, outreach concerts, and educational programming throughout the 2025-2026 season.

NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

We are also honored to receive funding from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) as part of their ongoing commitment to supporting nonprofit arts and culture organizations. This year, NYSCA has awarded \$82 million to 509 artists and 1,497 organizations across New York State, ensuring the continued growth and vibrancy of arts and culture in our communities.

NEA and NYSCA are two grants among many that have been received thanks to Caroga Arts grantwriters Jim Meinhold and Marty Newell.



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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