ALCA | ADIRONDACK LAKES CENTER FOR THE ARTS
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Dear Friends of ALCA,

As we approach the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts' 60th anniversary in 2027, we have much to celebrate - and an exciting future ahead! 2026 was another remarkable year for ALCA. Together, we achieved so much:

- A vibrant second season at our beautiful lakeside campus, welcoming over 5,400 people to ALCA for live music, theatre, gallery exhibitions, lectures, workshops, and community gatherings.
- Outstanding performances and arts education, much of which was offered free of charge through our commitment to *Arts for All*. Free events included our Shakespeare performances, the 7:30 Speaker Series, Tuesdays@ALCA, and Open Mic Nights. We also offered our weeklong Creativity Immersion Camp to children of full-time Adirondack Park residents on a "pay-what-you-can basis."
- An expanding regional presence through the NYSCA Statewide Community Regrants program we administer across four counties and the ADK LAKES Theatre Festival which now plays in 11 venues across the North Country. (We added Essex in 2026 and were delighted to have former Governor George Pataki in our audience!)

We are also beginning an exciting new chapter in ALCA's leadership. We are delighted to welcome Patrick (Pat) Sanderson as our Interim Executive Director. Pat brings extensive business and financial experience that will help us strengthen operations and develop sustainable earned revenue. We extend our sincere gratitude to Jean-Marie Donohue for her four-plus years of service and contributions to ALCA, particularly during the acquisition and transition to our new home.

Our Annual Fund is ALCA's most important fundraising appeal of the year. Ticket sales, memberships, and program fees cover only a portion of operating expenses. Your gift provides essential support to pay artists and staff, maintain our campus, offer outstanding programs, and keep the arts accessible to everyone.

As we celebrate 60 years, our Board of Trustees and Board of Advisors are committed to building on ALCA's legacy and ensuring a strong, sustainable future. Please make a generous gift to ALCA's 2026 Annual Fund today using the enclosed response form or giving online at adirondackarts.org.

Thank you for helping us bring the arts to life in the Adirondacks!

With heartfelt gratitude,

Sally Coney Wheeler
President, Board of Trustees

Patrick Sanderson
Interim Executive Director

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