

I am seeking. I am striving. I am in it with all my heart.
Vincent Van Gogh



Welcome to Colorscape 2018!

Hey friends, we know what you're doing! (At least, we think so.)

- The artists among us are completing their applications (due FRIDAY, MARCH 9).
- While others chafe against cabin fever, you use this time to create art, and most likely try new things.
- You appreciate the Colorscape finds in your homes and workplaces.
- You encourage artists, dancers, poets, and musicmakers of all ages
- You listen to music--including performers found at Colorscape--travel to hear live music when you can, and the fortunate among us sing often.
- You write spontaneously in ways that are truly poetic (although you don't always believe us when we tell you so).
- When you have time, the meals you make and consume nourish the soul as much as the body.
- You dance in the kitchen, at least.
- You tell good stories.
- Your inner space is bright with possibility, whether that space is used for creating or taking in.
- And you know the sun is out there, with more coming...

This is how we imagine you as we wait for September 8th and 9th, 2018 when Colorscape comes around again--are we far off the mark?

On top of all that, remember that artist applications for the 24th annual Colorscape Chenango Arts Festival are due FRIDAY, MARCH 9. Read on for more.

Artist application deadline: Friday, March 9

Artists know us as one of the most artist-friendly festivals in the state--among others, thank you *Sunshine Artist: America's Premier Art and Craft Show Magazine* who gave us a 9.9 rating on a 10-point scale.

Festival visitors know us as a perfect place to buy art, make art in free Art Zones for adults and

children, hear world-class live music, and experience a whole constellation of arts and family-friendly experiences.

We encourage returning and new (to us) artists to apply for the 125 available slots. A jury will choose exhibitors based on creativity, workmanship, continuity of work, and overall appearance of display. (Awards given during the Colorscape weekend will include all these criteria plus audience interaction.) Jury decisions will be mailed by April 13, 2018. Late applications may be accepted at the discretion of the jury where space is available.

Categories: ceramics, drawing/pastels, glass, metalwork, oil/acrylic paintings, sculpture, fiber, fiber wearable, jewelry, mixed media, photography, watercolors, wood, and OTHER.

[Full details and an artist application](#) are available on our [website](#). For questions, contact Peggy Finnegan, Visual Arts Coordinator, at 607-316-3212 or finnjp@stny.rr.com.

2018 t-shirt design

Check out this great new work by Ann Coe chosen as this year's official t-shirt design.

T-shirt art isn't just a fun addition to the festival; it becomes part of the Colorscape legacy we watch for in photos, in crowds, and on the street. We've seen instant friendships inspired by festival shirts sighted in unexpected places at unexpected times.

Thank you, Ann.



Strategic development retreat held

On a bitterly cold Saturday in January, 23 intrepid dreamers donated a full day to dream big about Colorscape. Facilitator Jane Coddington met with artists and dancers, teachers and business executives, lawyers, a banker, youth and senior citizens, city and county officials, and arts activists to begin shaping a 3-year strategic plan.

We started with our mission and our vision, then talked candidly and generously about all that we love about Colorscape and all that we'd like to see in the years to come. Our 25th anniversary in 2019 figured prominently.

As you might expect, there was more than a little laughter and some playful demonstrations. How couldn't there be? We can't talk about this remarkable, varied, and growing festival without feeling sparked and fortunate.

We are so grateful to all those who participated. Your contributions--and the contributions of artists, visitors, performers, volunteers, sponsors, donors, and local supporters every year--together make an inland sea of celebration. It's all here, and it's a FREE, two-day annual experience. It doesn't escape us that Colorscape helps support creatives make a living, and helps enrich those who purchase art and music to enjoy all year long. How did we get so lucky?!

Mission: to thrive as an interactive festival featuring quality arts and crafts, music, literary, and performance art for all ages.

Vision: Colorscape Chenango is the premier free arts festival in the heart of Central New York.

Community?
+ sense of community
(the made people/char)

- creativity
- Inspiration
- Positivity/Joy/
Energy/Sense of celebration
- Diversity + Balance
- Talent/caliber/Art/music/exp
- Tradition
- Being comfortable





John Hall Band to play

We are so pleased to share early performer news: the John Hall Band will make its debut at Colorscape on Sunday, September 9. After that, we don't know where to start: John Hall is one of the singularly most interesting musicians we've ever had join us for reasons that require a long Wikipedia entry to explain.

Was he your US Representative from New York's 19th congressional district from 2007-2011. Or do you know him from the Orleans era? (Yes, that was his band.) Or maybe the No Nukes work he's done? Or did you hear him with Bonnie Raitt and the expanded pantheon of major performers that helped shape American music across several decades? Oh my goodness.

We'd need a month of newsletters to tell it all so we'll just share the links (including Wikipedia, of course): www.johnhallmusic.com, [John Hall's Wikipedia entry](#)



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