

## Arts and Culture Leadership Alliance 2016 Annual Report

Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.

James Baldwin, 1924-1978 American Novelist, Poet, Social Critic

Once again the organization completed its Action Plan by concentrating on the members concerns. We made sure all members had a link on their website to the CNY Arts calendar, monitored I 81 developments, hosted Will Jones BOCES to speak on arts education and reached out to the business community by hosting an event at the Everson.

In the past 8 years we have faced and changed much, including satisfying County Executive Mahoney's request to develop a funding plan agreed upon by all, we became more active in advocacy, collaborated with each other to present a wider range of entertainment options, and took part in economic impact studies, established relationship with Visit Syracuse and The Greater Syracuse Hospitality and Tourism Association.

In 2012 Syracuse became a leisure market,

Development of downtown residential and commercial properties continue, as well as in surrounding neighborhoods

Improvement around the lake and ongoing upgrades at the

NYS Fairgrounds all present possibilities for arts, culture and heritage that did not exist before.

We have created new energy and we are strongest because we care about this community we call home.

Carol A Sweet, President