



**The Upstate Artists Guild and 1<sup>st</sup> Friday**  
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Dear Supporter of the Arts:

For the past eight years the Upstate Artists Guild has been dedicated to providing both a gallery space for local artists and a community resource for arts-related instruction and idea sharing.

In this time we have been home to the work of more than **525 artists**; have seen our membership grow to include more than 100 community-focused and amazingly artistic minds; and have initiated and administered 1st Friday – a monthly arts event **pulling in more than 200,000 patrons** in eight years.

We continue to do outreach through city events including 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, Art on Lark and Winter WonderLARK; hosting monthly poetry, film, and music events in conjunction with Albany Poets and the Albany Sonic Arts Collective; and have worked with local community groups such as the College of Saint Rose Student Art League, Colonie Art League, the Albany and New York Bicycle Coalitions, the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society, Grand Street Community Arts, and the ARC and others to provide exciting events and support.

None of this would be possible without the support of our members, our artists, and our community. The Upstate Artists Guild is a not-for-profit community arts organization fueled entirely by donated time and money – a collaboration of hard-working volunteers. **We have become known as a center for arts in Albany and a unifying force among the wealth of Upstate New York's arts.**

We now reach out to the community for support to keep us here on Lark Street and ensure continued growth and support for your local arts. Please help by becoming a Sponsor for **our Fourth Annual Black & White Gala**, fundraising event. The event is scheduled for February 28th, 2015, at Normanside Country Club in Delmar, NY.

Please feel free to contact me anytime to discuss tailoring a sponsorship package that suits you best. As always, thank you for your continued support and interest in the arts!

Warmest Regards,

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