

Cayuga County Arts & Culture



The performing arts are well-represented in Cayuga County. The Merry-Go-Round Playhouse has been delighting audiences in its present location at Emerson Park on the North shore of Owasco Lake for close to 30 years. In 2004, MGR renovated the converted carousel shelter to expand seating from 365 to 501 and upgrade all technical aspects of the theater. Approximately 60,000 people pass through its doors each summer.

Auburn Public Theater made its debut in 2005. The theater boasts a 200 seat Main Stage, a 70 seat cinema and a 100 seat multi use space. Tuesday night jam sessions provide an opportunity for local musicians to shine in an informal atmosphere. Well-known performers, such as Patricia Neal have graced the Main Stage and screenings of films, both popular and obscure, keep the cinema busy.



Auburn has formed a beautification commission, in part, to promote visual arts around the city. Volunteers from the community have helped bring one of their most prominent projects to fruition. Colorful mosaics done over the

course of a weekend sparkle throughout downtown. Two projects were completed in 2010, with 3 more scheduled for 2011.

The Sterling Renaissance Festival in Sterling, NY gives visitors a wild-eyed glimpse of a time gone-by. Performers and artisans from all over the country combine their talents in this festival where visitors are treated to performances on 15 different stages.

The Schweinfurth Memorial Arts Center in Auburn showcases both local and national talent in various exhibits, nationally recognized quilt shows, classes and events.

