



# THE CATALOG

COMMUNITY ACCESS TO THE ARTS' BI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

## MEMORABLE MOMENTS OF OUR 2007-2008 PROGRAM YEAR

Anita Walker, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, speaks with CATA Executive Director, Sandy Newman, at the annual Gala performance in May.



**Above:** CATA participants, Teresa Thomas and Natasha Lorick, take the stage at our Annual Performance in May. **Below:** Liana Toscanini, Development & Marketing Director, and Vikki True, CATA faculty artist, at the Gala.



"Success means that the UPS man joins in by playing the guitar, the cleaning lady keeps track of pictures, visiting family sings songs, and a resident reminisces about a theme that the picture on the wall evokes."  
- JoAnne Spies, CATA faculty artist in charge of the Art Cart



CATA participant, Cathy Crofut, in front of artwork created during an A.R.T. workshop at Williams College. A.R.T. allows people with severe physical disabilities to create paintings with the help of a head-mounted laser pointer and a specially trained individual tracker.



**Above:** Painting by Carol Ray, CATA participant, who sold 3 works of art at the annual art show. **Below:** CATA participant, David Gardner, at the annual I Am a Part of Art exhibit and poetry reading. A record 25 pieces of artwork were sold.



CATA participant, Cathy Marden, works on her sewing skills with board member, Elaine Radiss, in CATAdirect, our creative employment program for people with disabilities.

**Shop online for CATAdirect products at:** [www.communityaccesstothearts.org/direct](http://www.communityaccesstothearts.org/direct) or visit us at Berkshire South Regional Community Center's Holiday Marketplace on Nov. 9.





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CATA Participant, Joe Pete Domenichini, at Northern Berkshire Creative Arts in North Adams

## Highlights

■ This year's annual performance and gala raised a record-breaking \$64,000 for CATA, thanks to Chairs, **Nancy Kalodner** and **Kate Millonzi**, and the generous underwriting of: **Nancy Kalodner**, **Beth Maher**, **Kate & Joel Millonzi**, **Elaine & Bernie Roberts**, **Anne & Ernest Schnessel**, and **Elaine & Ben Silberstein**.

■ In February, CATA brought the **Sprout Film Festival** to Gt. Barrington's Triplex Theatre. Over 100 people watched a group of short, funny, and moving films by and about people with disabilities.

■ **Berkshire Life Charitable Foundation** awarded \$5,000 to CATA Art on Tour...coming soon to a gallery or museum near you! CATA also received grants from **Berkshire Bank**, **Berkshire Life Insurance Co.**, **The Boschen Fund**

**for Artists**, **The City of Pittsfield**, **The Great Barrington Rotary Club**, **The James & Robert Hardman Fund**, **Lee Bank**, **Legacy Banks**, **The Massachusetts Cultural Council**, **VSA Massachusetts**, **the Sellon Charitable Trust**, **Tri-Town Rotary Club**, and **14 Local Cultural Councils**.

■ CATA expanded into North Berkshire County adding 167 individual workshops, 4 faculty, and 9 partner organizations.

■ Staffing: **Maria Mazzocco** joined CATA staff in July as Assistant Program Director. **Alice Maggio** was our summer intern. **Ben Silberstein** became Board President. **Tyler Weld** and **Elaine Radiss** joined the Board of Directors. **Janet Reich Elsbach** takes on a new role as CATA's Creative Advisor in addition to designer for CATAdirect.

## Poet's Corner

Art is in you  
And you alone  
It is yours and no one else's

And you are a part of art and  
art is part of you

- **Eric Schumann**, CATA Participant



Photos: CATA Staff, Christina Lane, Richard Migot, Elaine Radiss

## DON'T FORGET TO SAVE THE DATES!

**Sprout Film Festival** Saturday, February 7  
**16th Annual Gala & Performance** Saturday, May 2 & Sunday, May 3

