



UPSTATE ALLIANCE FOR THE CREATIVE ECONOMY

Small Business and Not-for-Profit "Disaster Loan" Information



The U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved a statewide disaster declaration for NY, and will provide low-interest, long-term disaster loans to businesses of all sizes, private non-profit organizations, homeowners, and renters.

[Click to review their three-step process and application.](#) [Visit the SBA website](#) to get free assistance from SBA's network of Resource Partners for help with preparing your loan applications.

Cap Region Creatives in Quarantine



Meet Konrad Odhiambo

Creatives in Quarantine is a new segment that highlights creative professionals across the Capital Region during this period of isolation due to COVID-19. We believe that inspiration and vision are as contagious as the virus, so in that spirit, read on!

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Local Creatives Coming Together



From The Collaborative Albany Center Gallery Launches an Artist



From Times Union Local Merchants Adapt to Shutdown with Home



From Times Union Local Business Leaders Coming Together to

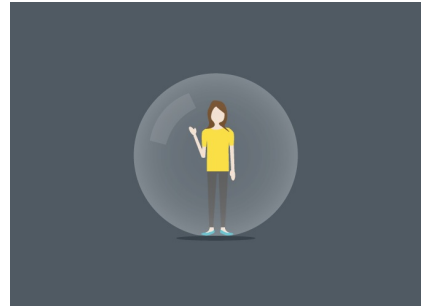
Helpful Resources



From Artwork Archive
[Financial Relief Resources for Artists](#)



From BBC News
[How to Protect Your Mental Health](#)



From Freelancers Union
[What Freelancers Need to Know about Coronavirus](#)

Creative Diversions



From Hyperallergic
[2,500 Museums You Can Visit Virtually](#)



From The Washington Post
[Five Recipes That Prove Beans are the MVP of the Pantry](#)



From Freelancers Union
[Emotional Benefits of Journaling](#)

Job and Volunteer Leads



[Fusco Personnel Inc.](#) has leads on call center positions and other work in the Capital Region. You can reach them at 1-800-34-FUSCO or jobs@fuscopersonnel.net.



United Way of the Capital Region

[United Way of the Greater Capital Region](#) has in-person and virtual opportunities to volunteer with local agencies in need of support. [Please sign up via this link.](#)

A Note from Your ACE Team

ACE was formed by nearly four years ago by a group of visionary Capital Region investors who wanted to advocate for an emerging and innovative economic sector -- the Creatives. Now, suddenly, the world at large has turned upside down, and our collective future feels very uncertain. Creative people have always been economically vulnerable. We chose our professions for love, not money, and we live bravely, often without nest eggs and

investments. Many of us are being hit hard. Ridiculously so.

In these difficult times, ACE will provide you with content that is steady, safe, and hopeful. We are not going to be a news site. Instead, we will be a place you can connect, divert, share, and cope. We'll be sending our weekly newsletter, and posting daily on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

You can also connect to us by:

- Telling your story and share your insights on our [Facebook Group](#).
- Sending us news or blowing off steam -- our inboxes are open: [Maureen](#), [Rachel](#), [Gabby](#), [Corey](#)

Our most sincere good thoughts for your health, safety and happiness. We are stronger and better when we do this together.

Sincerely,
Maureen Sager, Rachel Dunn, Gabby Fisher, Corey Aldrich, Ashleigh Kinsey

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