



UPSTATE ALLIANCE FOR THE CREATIVE ECONOMY

Week Five-ish, and the sun is shining, and if Cuomo is right, we may be past the worst of it. Sending you inspiring stories from all across this wonderful Capital Region. Hang in there, friends. There's light at the end of this tunnel!

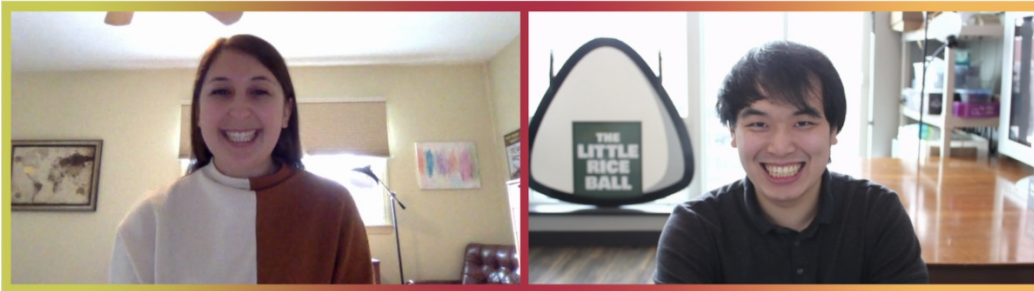
Creatives in Quarantine: Community Builder & Entrepreneur Richard Lin

In this week's installment of [Creatives in Quarantine](#), Gabby Fisher, ACE Consultant, interviews entrepreneur extraordinaire Richard Lin. Check out the video as well as Richard's fantastic list of business and community resources.



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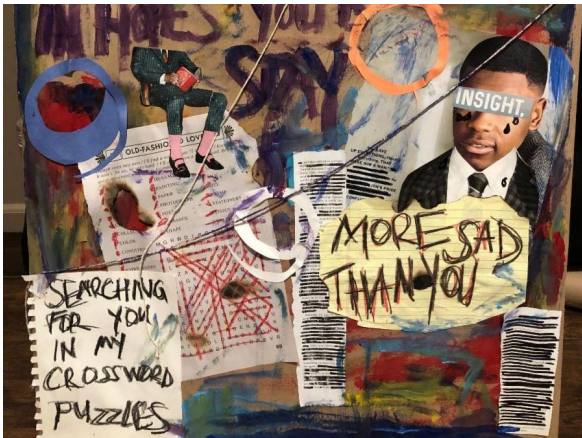
CAP REGION CREATIVES IN QUARANTINE: RICHARD LIN



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Creatives in Quarantine Gallery



[Cap Region Creatives in Quarantine Gallery](#) is a collection of photos and works developed by creatives across the Capital Region during this time of isolation.

We believe that inspiration and vision are as contagious as the virus, so in that spirit, let's admire the creations of our fellow locals!

If you have work you'd like to submit, please [send us an email](#).

Check out the gallery
here!

APPLY for Unemployment and Business Relief

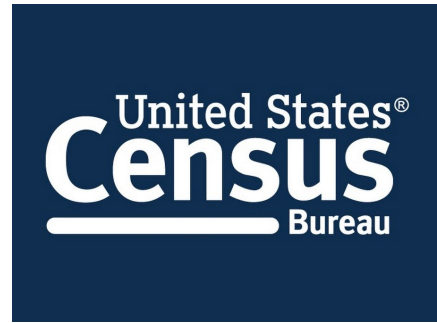
The CARES Act allows freelancers -- yes, freelancers! -- and all other affected workers to collect unemployment benefits, plus there's now a \$600/week supplement through July 31st. If you've experienced job loss or reduced income, start the application process as soon as you're able. The wait times are long, and it can take a few weeks to receive your benefits. **To apply for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), [click here.](#)**

In addition, businesses can get help, including payroll protection, loans and more, through the SBA's Relief Programs; more information is available [here](#). If you're nervous or unsure about how this works or whether you're eligible, **[please contact us](#)**, and we'll get you to someone who can help.

We'd like to interview Capital Region-based freelancers who have applied for the benefits in order to help us all learn about this new frontier. If you are willing to share your experience, **[please email Gabby Fisher, ACE Consultant](#)**



Funding and Opportunities for Creatives



Artist Relief is distributing \$5,000 grants to artists facing dire financial emergencies due to COVID-19. **[Read the FAQs & apply here.](#)**

The Creative Impact Capital Region Artist Fund has been created by a multitude of amazing local partners to help alleviate some of the financial stress many artists are enduring. **[Click here to learn more & apply.](#)**

The **U.S. Census Bureau** is calling all content creators! Check out how making a short video that could win you up \$30,000. **[Click here to learn more.](#)**

Community News and Helpful Resources



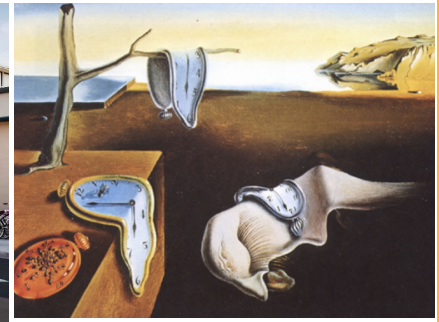
From The Times Union
**Capital Region Craft
Breweries Staying Afloat
via Beer Deliveries**



From The Daily Gazette
**Capital Region Artists
Find Refuge in their
Creations**



From Spotlight News
**Two Delmar Businesses
Do Their Part to Give
Back to Local
Businesses Hit by Crisis**

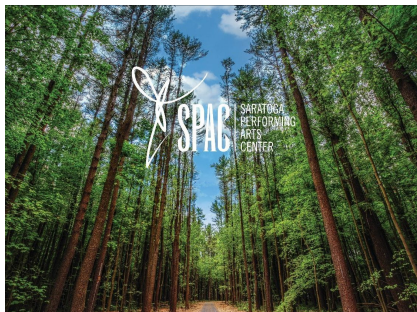


From The Times Union
**Adaptive Reuse: Capital
Region Adjusts to
Working at Home**

From The Saratogian
**Saratoga Hotel Houses
the Homeless**

From Sad & Useless
**Need a Laugh? The
Getty Museum in LA
Asks People to Recreate
Paintings With Stuff
They Can Find at Home**

Mental Health and Wellness



A message from SPAC's
President & CEO, Elizabeth Sobel
The Light Within



From NYS
**Science-Based
Meditation and
Mindfulness for NYS,
Presented in
Partnership with Gov.
Cuomo**



From Harvard Business Review
**The Restorative Power
of Ritual**

Job and Volunteer Leads



Center for Economic Growth (CEG) has job listings for a wide range of Capital Region companies. **Click here for more information.**



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.**



DeCrescente has open job positions. [Please visit their site to apply.](#)

NYS Department of Labor Job Board lists over 1,300 open positions in Albany. [Click here for more.](#)

Spectrum is currently hiring over 200 Customer Service Representative Positions in their Rotterdam office. [Click here to apply.](#)



Blue Shield of NENY is now hiring seasonal Medicare Sales Consultants. [Click here to apply.](#)

The Community Foundation is seeking a Freelance Graphic Artist. [Click here for more information.](#)

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