***Amount Requested: $100,000***

This project with enhance community education through the arts and serve as an educational advancement for community members and school age children from all backgrounds and abilities through the arts and regional history and diversity.  Funds will be used for a community wide art education project to bring in puppet artists Alex Kahn &Sophia Michahelles to create puppets for the First Night Binghamton event based on the diverse ethnicities and traditions in the community.  This work will be documented by a videographer demonstrating the history, & traditions of the region. A book will be compiled with photographs and stories associated with the newly created and existing puppet. Work with community & schools.