



Heart of Winter Artist Loft **Community Arts of Elmira**

(aka *Squalid Studio Space for Freezing, Starving Artists*)



Community Arts of Elmira (CAE) invites area artists (18+ years) to submit a *Declaration of Interest and Project Proposal* for use of one of four (4) non-residential studio spaces created for Winter 2012.

Deep in the heart of the darkest, coldest part of the winter season (January and February), CAE is cordoning off the Grand Ballroom into 4 studio spaces, creating the *Heart of Winter Artist Loft*. Small lamps with low wattage bulbs (lamp shade optional) will light the *Loft* studios; heat will remain a steady 60 degrees, conveniently retained by artists' clothing layers, layers, layers—and more layers. No additional lighting or space heaters permitted.

Replicating the pre-modern, post pre-historic time of the Renaissance, we offer interested “creatives” a chance to channel their power in a unique (although not uncommon) environment. Alongside each other, the 4 *Loft* artists will have full access to the space for January and February 2012. In addition, artists may invite friends to view their work and board members will visit with friends, supporters and community artists. *Loft* artists must leave their work, materials—the entire studio as it stands—at Community Arts each day. CAE reserves the right to photograph and share images of artists' work, studio and their image with the public. No one else may work in the assigned studios—and no one will disturb the studios. However, CAE considers each studio a public space. Ultimately, CAE will showcase the 4 *Loft* artists studios during the CAE 2012 Kick-Off celebrations throughout March 2012.

Please submit your *Declaration of Interest and Project Proposal* (50 words or less) to:

Community Arts of Elmira
Education Chair
413 Lake Street
Elmira, NY 14901

Declarations must be postmarked by 1/13/12. Selected artists will be notified by 1/16/12. Introductions to the space and expectations/responsibilities of use will be held in a mandatory meeting on 1/17/12 followed by the unleashing of their unbridled enthusiasm and creativity until March 1st. Late applications may fill remaining space and will be filed for future studio calls.