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If there's an overall theme to this year's cultural arts season, it won't be found in the varied and eclectic programming. Instead, arts organizations say this year is about collaboration — with each other and with the audience, including children.

From formal programs set in place by Geva Theatre Center to invitations into the more informal world of rehearsals by Garth Fagan Dance and Rochester City Ballet, the organizations say they need to reconnect with Rochester. The dance community has set the bar for collaboration with each other — out of creative inspiration and economic necessity — and likely will continue to lead the way this season, drawing in music and theater groups as they go. New and growing museums will add to the interactivity, which leaders say will lead to boosting Rochester's already strong reputation as a regional arts center.

DANCE

» Rochester dance organizations are celebrating milestones and achievements this year, **Page 3C.**

Garth Fagan Dance will hold its fall concert from Dec. 3-8. JAMIE GERMANO/
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