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tive acrobatics, and unflinching trust, this Chicago-based contemporary circus trio invites you into a speculative world where your choices decide their destiny. The show weaves together partner acrobatics, juggling, handstands, and physical storytelling to question the choices we make and how we got here. The audience actively influences elements of each performance, ensuring that no two shows are ever the same. May 12-17 at The Cherry Artspace. Learn more and purchase tickets at <https://thecherry.org/cherry-events/full-out-formula/>.

Trumansburg Conservatory for the Arts Secures Funding

The Trumansburg Conservatory of Fine Arts (TCFA), a cornerstone of arts education and cultural programming for more than 40 years, is pleased to announce that it has secured full funding to complete the renovation of its historic facility in Trumansburg, NY. The Conservatory provides affordable opportunities to engage in the arts through education, collaboration, performance, and exhibition, enriching the quality of life throughout the community. Housed in an 1851 Greek Revival structure—originally a Baptist church and listed on the National Register of Historic Places—the Conservatory features a grand auditorium with a 30-foot ceiling, balcony, and large stage, as well as a multipurpose classroom and arts studio. For years, this remarkable building has required essential preservation and modernization. Its roof structure and foundation was failing, plaster in the auditorium was deteriorating, and the facility was not fully accessible to people with disabilities.

Managing Director Dona Roman announced that recent grants and donations totaling \$800,500 have brought TCFA's overall fundraising to \$1.7 million—enough to complete both exterior and interior renovations. "We are deeply grateful for the generous support that has made this next phase possible," said Roman. "We received a \$328,000 grant from the New York State Council on the Arts, as well as \$100,000

commitments from Assemblymember Anna Kelles and \$100,000 from State Senator Lea Webb. Additional major contributions include \$143,000 from the Peggy and Roger Gerry Charitable Trust and \$172,000 from the Southern Tier Economic Development Council. Earlier support from the Park Foundation, Tompkins County Tourism, and significant private donors helped build the foundation for this successful effort."

Looking ahead, the conservatory plans to continue renovations and is making plans for a full relaunch. The renovated facility will allow TCFA to host larger audiences, offer more diverse programming, and operate year-round with improved accessibility and comfort.

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from time to time and gives him bossy motivational speeches. Ram drives him to cello class, takes notes, and keeps track of his schoolwork.

I'm taking a mini sabbatical from mothering, and I love it!

That's it for now, dear readers. I hope your year has gotten off to a wonderful start and that your kids still like you. May your winter be filled with oodles of joy, love, light, and chocolate.

As for me, I'll be winding down early, reading cozy mysteries, and watching YouTube cooking videos.

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their careers and likely earn more, making the cost of having to give up on work to care for children higher.

While other research has found that housing and health care prices also impact fertility rates, the high cost of raising children is paramount in parents' minds – in a recent survey, 71% of respondents said that raising children is unaffordable, a 13 percentage point increase over 2024.

Source:

<https://www.salon.com/2026/01/25/the-high-cost-of-child-care-is-making-mothers-rethink-having-kids-partner/>

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