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Northampton Arts Council Announces 2021 Grant Recipients

NORTHAMPTON, MA: Today, Mayor David J. Narkewicz and the Northampton Arts Council announced the award of 35 grants totaling \$21,960 in support of art projects and programming in Northampton. Funds were allocated to the city by the Massachusetts Cultural Councils' Local Cultural Council (LCC) program.

"I am pleased to continue Northampton's long tradition of support for the arts community," shared Mayor Narkewicz, "I look forward to enjoying, along with our city residents, the outcome of these exciting projects."

The Arts Council received 78 applications for a total of \$108,269 in requested funding. Grants were awarded in the following categories: Dance, Literature, Media Arts, Multidisciplinary Arts, Music, Theater and Visual Arts.

"I wish we could have funded them all," said Brian Foote, Executive Director of the Northampton Arts Council. "The caliber of applications this round was extraordinary, which made the process extremely competitive among many worthy projects."

The LCC FY21 Grant Recipients are:

- \$250.00 to Sarah Marcus for Youth Performance Festival 2021
- \$500.00 to Wild Mushrooms for Wild Mushrooms: Aging With Art
- \$850.00 to Tyler Rai for Tidewater Process Residency
- \$900.00 to Nick Verdi for Northampton Arts Archive
- \$500.00 to Lisa Thompson and Meredith Bove for ACCESS/AXIS 2021
- \$650.00 to Jo Hesse for A Social Fabric
- \$450.00 to The School for Contemporary Dance and Thought for SCDT Interdisciplinary video dance Series 2021
- \$250.00 to Audrey Hyvonen for Find Your Happy Place: an online workshop combining neurobiology and art
- \$500.00 to Narieka Laurissaint-Masla for The SisterStories Podcast

- \$250.00 to Valley Jazz Voices for Valley Jazz Voices/Karrin Allyson Concert
- \$450.00 to Forbes Library for Decode and Disrupt: Reading Children's Books Critically
- \$250.00 to Carolyn A. Smith for 2021 Northampton Jazz Festival
- \$950.00 to Michelle Falcón Fontánez for La casa de abuela
- \$400.00 to Northampton Community Music Center for Pride Chorus Unmasked
- \$800.00 to The Performance Project for Annual Benefit Concert
- \$500.00 to Tracey Burke for Drawing with Light: Intro to the cyanotype process
- \$1,000.00 to Lindsay Entertainment Network for Caribbean Connection
- \$950.00 to Vick for Arquetopia
- \$500.00 to Serious Play Theatre Ensemble / Cultural Images Group, Inc. for Moving Water
- \$600.00 to Wouter Schievink for Rust Temple School
- \$1,000.00 to Anna Bayles Arthur/Jake Meginsky for Eclogues: New Work by Jake Meginsky and Anna Bayles Arthur
- \$1,100.00 to Northampton Parents Center for Weekly Drop-In Music Classes for Families with Young Children
- \$250.00 to Northampton Community Arts Trust for Miniature Sculpture Gardens for 33 Hawley Street Planters
- \$300.00 to Multi-Arts.org for Empathy through Theater workshop
- \$700.00 to Robert Masla for Life Enhancement Through Drawing & Painting
- \$250.00 to Sevenars Concerts, Inc. for Sevenars Music Festival 53rd Anniversary
- \$500.00 to Abigail Weaver for Plague Wedding
- \$360.00 to Valley Arts Mentors for Artist Mentoring Program & Webinar Series
- \$850.00 to Zoe Sasson for Art Post
- \$1,000.00 to Attack Bear Press for Attack Bear Press General Operating Funds
- \$550.00 to Katherine McClelland for Complicated History
- \$750.00 to Jamila for A film entitled - Our Shared Language: Black Women's Leadership and the Way of the Horse
- \$650.00 to Panopera Productions for Recital Film
- \$1,200.00 to Diana Alvarez for BridgeSong Series
- \$1,000.00 to Chelvanaya Gabriel for Creative Resilience - Grief Circles

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