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ALFORD-EGREMONT LOCAL CULTURAL COUNCIL FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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LOCAL GRANTS AWARDED FOR ALFORD AND EGREMONT

James Warwick and Ellen Maggio, co-chairs of the Alford-Egremont Cultural Council, have announced the approval of 30 grants to local individuals and organizations for cultural programs that directly benefit the residents of Alford and Egremont.



The Berkshire Children's Chorus is one of this year's 30 Alford-Egremont Local Cultural Council grantees.

Previous grant recipients include the Great Barrington Public Theatre, Alford Historic District Commission, and the Berkshire Children's Chorus (see photo above). A complete list of this year's recipients and grant amounts can be found below.

The Alford-Egremont Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC (Local Cultural Council) Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences, and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community. Decisions about which activities to support are made at the community level by a board of municipally appointed volunteers.

Statewide, more than \$3.3 million will be distributed by local cultural councils in 2023. Grants will support an enormous range of grass-roots activities: concerts, exhibitions, radio and video productions, field trips for school children, after-school youth programs, writing workshops, historical preservation efforts, lectures, First Night celebrations, nature and science education programs for families and town festivals. Nearly half of LCC funds support educational activities for young people.

The Alford-Egremont Cultural Council will seek applications again in the fall of 2023. Information on how you can apply will be announced later this year. More information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at www.mass-culture.org.

Congratulations to the 2022-2023 Alford Egremont LCC Grant Recipients!

Flying Cloud Institute, Inc.	MakerSpaces: Making the Future Brighter!
Berkshire Bach Society, Inc.	Messiah Sing
New Marlborough Village Association, Inc.	Meeting House Programs and Gallery Shows
West Stockbridge Historical Society, Inc.	West Stockbridge Historical Society Jazz Concert Series
Greenagers, Inc.	Greenagers' Education and Stewardship
Pittsfield Shakespeare, Inc.	Pittsfield Shakespeare in the Park
TapRoot Sessions	TapRoot Sessions Dances and Concerts
Vocalis Youth Choir, Inc.	Vocalis Scholarship Fund
West Stockbridge Historical Society, Inc.	West Stockbridge Chamber Players Spring Concert
Butler, Steve	The Garage with Steve Butler
Dewey Memorial Hall, Inc.	Jazz Jam Session
Berkshire Pulse, Inc.	Moving Life Stories
WAM Theatre, Inc.	WAM Theatre's 2023 Season and Community Engagement program
Festival Latino of the Berkshires, Inc.	Festival Latino of the Berkshires
Dewey Memorial Hall, Inc.	Use Your Words
IS183, Inc.	ARTcentric: Berkshires After-school at Undermountain Elementary
Berkshire Music School, Inc.	Ukulele Lessons for student musicians in the Berkshire Children's Chorus
Dewey Memorial Hall, Inc.	Young at Heart
SculptureNow	SculptureNow @ The Mount 2023
Great Barrington Public Theater, Inc.	Berkshire Voices Reading Series
Dewey Memorial Hall, Inc.	Show N' Tell
Berkshire Children's Chorus, Inc.	Circles: A Multimedia Concert
Berkshire Garden Center, Inc.	Pollinator Party
Bachelder, Susan	The Ancient Art of Geometry
Bevan - AHDC, Tricia	Together Again in the District

Aston Magna Foundation for Music and the Humanities, Inc.	Aston Magna Music Festival 50th Anniversary Season
Berkshire South Regional Community Center	Berkshire Ukulele Band (BUB) and Berkshire Sings! (Sings!)
Scott, Julie	Alford Open Studios
The Stockbridge Sinfonia, Inc.	The Stockbridge Sinfonia: Intergenerational Community Orchestra of the Berkshires
Sparks, Katy	The Edible Natural World