

JOINT PRESS RELEASE LOCAL GRANTS AWARDED FOR WALTHAM

Waltham, January 13th, 2020 - The Mayor's Office and the Waltham Cultural Council announce the award of 50 grants totaling \$44,006 for cultural programs in Waltham. A complete list of this year's recipients can be found below.

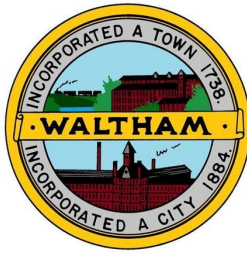
The Waltham Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences, and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community. The Mayor's Office and Waltham Cultural Council are pleased to share the news that in 2019, the Waltham City Council voted unanimously in favor of the Mayor's proposal to increase the municipal contribution and will now plan to allocate \$20K annually to help support more robust cultural opportunities for its residents.

Decisions about which activities to support are made at the community level by a board of municipally appointed volunteers. The members of the Waltham Cultural Council are: Rosemary Harbeson, Elizabeth Moy, Brad Pielech, Scott Schurr, Consuelo Valdes, and Antoinette Winters.

Statewide, more than \$3.3 million will be distributed by local cultural councils in 2020. 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 Waltham Cultural Council will seek applications again in the fall. Applications and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at www.mass-culture.org. Applications are due mid October.

For guidelines and complete information on how to apply or how to become a member of the Waltham Cultural Council, contact Elizabeth Moy at walthamculturalcouncil@gmail.com.



This year's 2020 Waltham Cultural Council Grantees include:

Africano: Artist Series

AgX Workshop Series: Waltham on Film

BJEP: Light in the Darkness Celebration

Boston Trumpet Workshop: Scholarship program

Brandeis University: ASL interpretation at Festival of the Arts

Bulgarian Center for Education: Bulgarian Language Classes for Adults

Charles River Museum: Concert Series + Dickens Festival

Chesterbrook Community Foundation: Arts Program

Composers Conference: Public Concert

Discovery Museum: EBT \$1 Anytime Admission Program

Downtown Waltham Partnership: Riverfest + Watch City Steampunk Festival

Fitzgerald Elementary PTO: Annual Science Fair

Gore Place: The Federal Period: Shaping A Nation 1780-1820 + Women's History: Two Dramatic Presentations

Henry Whittemore Elementary School PTO: Cinco de Mayo celebration

Henry Whittemore Elementary School: Field trip to Puppet Showplace Theater

In Good Company: Musical Play about Charles Metz

Jessica Lucci: Watch City Series

John Root: Attracting Birds, Butterflies, Bees, and Other Beneficials

Kaleidoscope Festival

Live Musical/Literary Performance with Crankie scroll at Waltham Public Library

Mamai Art Gallery, Inc.: Waltham Children's Business Fair

Meadowscaping for Biodiversity: Yes we Can (Do something about climate change)

New Repertory Theater: Classic Repertory Company

Northeast Elementary PTO: Enrichment programs

Northeast Elementary: Kindergarten field trip to Boston Children's Museum

Off-Kendrik, Inc.: Voices 2020

Plympton Elementary School: Capoeira: Afro-Brazilian Martial Arts, Music and Dance

Ruth Henry: We Will Never Stop Dreaming public art project

Stanley Elementary School: Nutcracker + Drumlin Farm Field Trip

Summer Comics Camp at the Waltham Public Library

Tal Shalom: A tribute to women composers from around the world

The Center for Independent Documentary: Oral History Day - Fernald School

The Waltham Museum: 3rd Saturday at 3

Upasana Odissi: Sublime Odissi: Indian Classical Dance and Music performance

Waltham American Legion Band: Holiday Concert

Waltham Arts Council: Summer Concerts on the Common

Waltham Dual Language School PTO: Visiting Science Workshops

Waltham Farmers' Market: 2020 Concert Series

Waltham Fields Community Farm: Farm Day

Waltham Land Trust: Eyes on Owls

Waltham Open Studios: Music + Community Outreach

Waltham Partnership for Youth: Waltham's 2nd Annual Mental Health Awareness Event

Waltham Philharmonic Orchestra: Concert Series

Waltham Public Library Children's Room: Children's Program Series

Waltham Public Library Teen Room: Graffiti Camp

Waltham Public Library: Women In 9 Series