As the school year winds down, so too, does our fiscal year, which ends June 30th. It is the time when we reflect on a season of programming that started July 1, 2018. Happily, it was a season of diverse and successful programs, highlights of which included:

- Nine **Brown Bag** Concerts (now renamed **Music By the River**) attended by nearly 1,000 patrons of all ages.
- The lively and engaging production of *The Producers*, produced by BarnArts and attended by 900 patrons.
- Forty four **feature films** on the largest screen in the Upper Valley. Our highest attendance came from The Incredibles 2 (447) patrons, followed by Mama Mia (366) and in third place Mary Poppins Returns (336). Popular nationwide and popular in Woodstock!
- **Community productions** and **screenings** from Zack's Place's *Jungle Book*, to Vermonter Mike Leonard's film, *One Town at Time*, and Barnard resident Josh Melrod's film Major Arcana, attended by a total of 1,040 members of the community.
- Free Classical Concerts attended by over 700 patrons.
- Five live musical theatre Youth In Art productions attended by 1250 students pre-k6.
- "Dance Instead of Gym".workshop with over 450 students participating.
- Twelve screenings in the **Climate and Sustainability Film Series** in collaboration with Sustainable Woodstock, attended by over 400 patrons.
- **Dance, puppetry, and cartoon-making** residencies and workshops attended by 350 students.

Our summer season kicks off with the Music By the River Series in collaboration with The North Universalist Chapel and the Worthy Kitchen. The folk phenomenon Pete's Posse will get the summer-long party started. Since 2014 the Posse has released 5 albums, played numerous festivals including Shetland Folk Festival, Festival Memoire et Racine, New Bedford Folk Festival, and more!

We are thrilled to collaborate with the North Universalist Chapel and the Worthy Kitchen, who will be on site serving tasty bits, beer and wine. Volunteers from the North Chapel will be at every concert, eager to greet patrons and share information about the wider role the North Chapel plays in our community—especially its initiatives for families and children.

Classical Concert Series

Lamartine Quartet

We welcome Elizabeth Chang and the Lamartine Quartet's return to the North Universalist Chapel for a concert June 23rd at 4:00 pm. The program features a Prokofiev Duo, a Taneyev string trio, and a Debussy String quartet. The concert is free and open to the public with a \$10 donation graciously accepted. This concert is generously sponsored by Carl and Ching-Wen Taylor.

Vermont Symphony Summer Festival Tour

Tickets are also on sale for the Vermont Symphony's Summer Festival Tour, July 5th at the iconic Suicide Six Ski Area. This year's program, sponsored by the VSO, Pentangle and the Woodstock Inn and Resort, is entitled "Strike Up the Orchestra!" and will be the VSO debut of guest conductor Sharon Lavery. The orchestra will showcase the composers who set America to music: Gershwin, Joplin, Bernstein and Copland, as well as the foremost film composer of our generation, John Williams. The program will also feature a jazzy solo written by Artie Shaw and performed by VSO Principal Clarinet Kelli O'Connor. The concert will close with a dazzling firework display accompanying Tchaikovsky's famous 1812 Overture and the beloved marches of John Philip Sousa. To purchase tickets, go to <u>www.pentanglearts.org</u>.

Central Vermont Chamber Festival Concert

Tickets are on sale for the Central Vermont Chamber Festival Concert August 25th at 4:00pm Their 27th season will feature All Beethoven will conclude our 27th Season of Standards. Early, mid and late Beethoven with a Violin Sonata, Cello Sonata and the "Ghost" Piano Trio.

Stay tuned as we announce more programming highlights for the upcoming season.

On the Big Screen:

Booksmart (R)

Academic overachievers Amy and Molly thought keeping their noses to the grindstone gave them a leg up on their high school peers. But on the eve of graduation, the best friends suddenly realize that they may have missed out on the special moments of their teenage years. Determined to make up for lost time, the girls decide to cram four years of not-to-be missed fun into one night — a chaotic adventure that no amount of book smarts could prepare them for.

Showtimes:

Friday, June 7 at 7:30 pm Saturday, June 8 at 7:30 pm Sunday, June 8 at 7:30 pm Monday, June 10 at 7:30 pm Tickets: \$9 Adults | \$8 Kids & Seniors | \$7 Pentangle Members