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## Pentangle Announces the 2021 Summer Music by the River Series

As the snowflakes swirl in the stiff March wind, think ahead to outdoor summer concerts! We are pleased to announce Pentangle's lineup for our free Music by the River series. The diverse talent ranges from the retro pop music of the Ben Patton Band to the indie-soul music of singer songwriter, Myra Flynn, to the indie-rock music of bilingual singer songwriter, Marcie Hernandez, and the West African vibe of the Burlington-based band, Barika.

Additionally, we welcome back our local, but of national renown artists, Interplay Jazz featuring Sabrina Brow and Fred Haas, to open the series on July 9th, and Jay Nash and The Contenders to close the series on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

We are hopeful the Village Trustees will approve our permit to stage the concerts at the East End Park from 5:30 -7:00 pm.

For the past two years we partnered with our friends at the North Chapel and presented the series on the Church's back lawn. While the back lawn is a lovely location, the narrow steep driveway was difficult to negotiate for folks with mobility issues. In addition, we received noise complaints from across the river.

The East End Park is a perfect setting for families to spread out, kids to run around and for everyone to appreciate and celebrate the decade of volunteerism and community resources that made the park possible. We look forward to partnering with the Town and to giving the community a delightful season of music and movies.

On another programming note, Pentangle's virtual speaker's series, Dream Jobs in the Arts concluded on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

The series was spearheaded by Pentangle Board member and editor of the publication Scholastic Art, Katie Brickner and Board Member, Bill Corson, who with his wife founded and directed the Light Opera of New Jersey for 25 years.

Educators at the Woodstock Union High school, Jody Henderson, (Music), Marca Bender, (Theatre) Katrina Jimerson (Visual Arts and Design) and Martha Perkins (Literary Arts) assembled interested students to virtually connect with the panelists.

Some memorable quotes from each panel:

### Performing Arts

"Stage Fright isn't fright, it's excitement – David Cantor, Actor Broadway and TV

"To get the best sound I filled my bathtub to get the sound of just the right splash, and for the sound of a train coming I recorded the subway approaching at 125<sup>th</sup> street – Kate Foretek, Sound Designer, Broadway

### Visual Arts and Design

"Work for as many people as you can" – Felix Batcup, Art Director, Publishing

"As an artist your life experience is your most important tool" - Ru Xu, Sequential Artist

"Be open. Study and do everything you can. Having lots of experiences helped me understand what I really wanted to do." – Ashley Ragg, Art Advisor and Dealer

"Say yes to opportunities. Helping someone is low risk but the potential payoff is really high. Leverage your network." – Trevor Lamb, Architect

### Music

"It's a gift. It is a dream job, because I get to sign every day." – Ashley Mason, Singer, Metropolitan Opera

"I love the electricity that happens when everyone does their job, and the entire audience is freaking out! -- Suzy Perelman, Violinist, Broadway

"Patience is very important. Work hard and position yourself so when serendipity happens, you're ready. Be a kind person." Aaron Perrine, Composer

### Literary Arts

"I didn't realize how controversial my book was until it was published." --Sarah Blake, Novelist/Poet

"My biggest obstacle is that I'm constantly in spaces where people don't look like me or have experiences like mine. But it's just an obstacle because I'm quite confident that I can write." -- Brysen Boyd, Screenwriter

"I am proactive about looking for authors. I go where authors are." -- Alexandra Franklin, Literary Agent

Many of these professionals particularly in the performing arts have not performed in a theater or had an audition in a year. We are profoundly grateful to Katie and others who connected us to the panelists and for their time and energy engaging with students at Woodstock Union High who hopefully are now even more passionate about their own "art".

### Celebrate Earth Day with

#### Sustainable Woodstock and Pentangle Arts

On Thursday, April 22, 2021 (from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM) join us for an evening with acclaimed author and activist, Frances Moore Lappé. Her address Climate Crisis in Focus: Finding hope through Democratic Action, will be entirely virtual with a live question and answer session.

Frances Moore Lappé is the author or co-author of 20 books about world hunger, living democracy, and the environment, beginning with the three-million copy Diet for a Small Planet in 1971. In Spring 2021, she released It's Not Too Late! Crisis, Opportunity, and the Power of Hope.

Hosted by Sustainable Woodstock, Pentangle Arts, and the Vermont Humanities Council, this presentation is free and open to all with a suggested donation of \$10. All donations will benefit Pentangle Arts and Sustainable Woodstock. Donations can be made through Pentangle Arts at: [ci.ovationtix.com/35996/store/donations/41238](https://ci.ovationtix.com/35996/store/donations/41238)

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