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MARBLEHEAD CULTURAL COUNCIL AWARDS 2024 GRANTS

Grants have been awarded to local individuals and non-profits to support the arts, humanities and sciences.

Marblehead, MA January 17, 2024 — The Marblehead Cultural Council (MCC), one of 351 local organizations that are funded directly from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, has awarded grants for 2024 including funding for live musical and historical performances, art installations, workshops, and field trips.

Jennifer Uhl, the MCC Chair, states, “Our council members diligently reviewed and considered over 20 applications. We believe these awards will result in many meaningful and inspirational projects in and around our beautiful town.”

The Marblehead Cultural Council grants are awarded to individuals and non-profits that support community cultural, artistic, scientific and historical activities. These grants considered projects that benefit and are accessible to Marblehead residents.

The MCC has voted to place an emphasis on new, emerging, and established artists and programs in local venues as well as racially and culturally diverse programming. Interested parties can learn more at <https://massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/marblehead>.

The following is a detail of the grants identifying the **Applicant**, *Project*, Location and Description.

Abbot Public Library

On the Trail of Your Family Roots: A Six-Week Genealogy Course at the Abbot Public Library

This series consists of 6 individual classes on how to gather and organize historical family materials, learn online genealogy and biography tools and resources.

Matthew Arnold

Rhapsody at 100

Star of the Sea Auditorium

A Concert performance of the 100th anniversary of Rhapsody In Blue by George Gershwin as it was heard in 1924, using the original score and informed historical performance practices. The concert would also feature compositions by African American composers such as: Duke Ellington, Fats Waller and others.

Meghan Boehmer

The Forgotten Poor: A Stories from Marblehead's Poor Farm

The Marblehead Museum

A portrayal of a woman newly arrived at the poor farm, having lost her husband and income, she and her children find no alternative. There will be a telling of stories of various "inmates" and what brought them here, as well as why they cannot pick themselves back up without the help of our communities.

Leah Bokenkamp

6th Annual Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration

Jeremiah Lee Mansion Gardens

To celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day, the program will consist of a performance by an Indigenous group. This event will include drumming and dancing, singing, and sharing of cultural traditions and stories. There will also be Indigenous vendors selling their crafts and artwork.

Teresa Collins

Marblehead Freedom Trail

The Marblehead Freedom Trail will traverse at least 12 locations throughout the town with special significance to veterans. This project will develop a self-guided Marblehead Freedom Trail online interactive map highlighting local veterans' contributions via art, parks, monuments, and graves around town. A special scavenger hunt portion will be created to engage children in learning and spark conversations.

Cantemus, Inc.

Annelies, a large-scale choral-instrumental work based on texts from Anne Frank:

The Diary of a Young Girl, James Whitbourn, composer

1/20/24: St Paul's Episcopal Church, 166 High St, Newburyport and

1/21/24: Congregation Shirat Hayam, 55 Atlantic Ave, Swampscott

Annelies is a concert-length choral work based on Diary of a Young girl, by Anne Frank. A work of haunting beauty, it evokes the harrowing story of Anne and her family hiding from

the Nazis during World War II. Composed in 2005 by the British national James Whitbourn, it is the only major choral-orchestral piece based on this work.

Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary

Nature in your neighborhood - All about birds Marblehead

Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary

A Mass Audubon teacher-naturalist providing a 2-hour nature walk at Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary to highlight the many birds living in the neighborhood.

Me & Thee Music

Global Music Discovery Series

Unitarian Universalist Church of Marblehead

This project continues to build an ethnically and geographically varied audience for world music at Me & Thee Music, one of the longest running all-volunteer, non-profit acoustic music series in the country. This series would present the Latino music of Sol y Canto in February and the environmentally aware music of Taiwanese music Vienna Teng in May.

Ed the Wizard

Aerodynamic STEM Workshop

Abbot Public Library

This STEM workshop: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, covers the basics of aerodynamics, flight control, Space Flight, and Aviation History. Through the building of a model kit, students will learn about the properties of flight: thrust, drag, lift, and gravity, and flight control: the cause and effects of air flowing over the control surfaces.

Nick Zaino

100 Years of Boston Comedy

Location is TBD

A live lecture of the history of live comedy in Boston and New England from “Queen of Vaudeville” Eva Tanguay to Ziwe,

Olesea Fiodorova

Original Marblehead Oil Paintings & Postcard Donations

Marblehead and Olesea's Art Studio

4 paintings will be done of various Marblehead locations and will be available for community to suggest a location of donation within the town.

For additional questions, The Marblehead Cultural Council can also be reached at MarbleheadCulturalCouncil@gmail.com.

ABOUT THE MASSACHUSETTS CULTURAL COUNCIL

As the Commonwealth's independent state arts agency, Mass Cultural Council is charged with bolstering the creative and cultural sector, thereby advancing economic vitality, supporting transformational change, and celebrating, preserving, and inspiring creativity across all Massachusetts communities. More information can be found at: <https://massculturalcouncil.org/>.