

## Catamount Arts 2019

The residents and voters of Concord played a very important role in the success of Catamount Arts during 2019. Through your support at Town Meeting and by attending many of the films and performances offered throughout the year, the citizens of Concord helped to keep the Arts vital and available to all of the residents of the Northeast Kingdom.

In the past year, Catamount has invited and encouraged the residents of Concord to participate in many of its community offerings, including the Tap Into Film 48 Hour Student Film Slam, Community Film Series, monthly free Bluegrass Night, and gallery exhibits and receptions. In the Summer of 2019, thousands of residents once again found themselves on top of Dog Mountain each Sunday where Catamount Arts offered a free 10-concert music series for the third year in a row. These free events were funded in large measure through appropriations from communities in our area.

During 2019, Catamount Arts was able to present more than 200 films and 100 live performances, also in large measure due to the generosity of the voters of Concord. Your appropriations helped to underwrite the costs of these presentations as well as helping Catamount pay for such general operating expenses as heating and electricity.

As part of our mission to promote lifelong community engagement in the arts, Catamount Arts offers a wide range of classes, workshops and camps for people of all ages. Learning opportunities at Catamount range from Claymation, and bookbinding, to mask making, French lessons, and filmmaking through mediums such as stop motion animation. Catamount Arts partners with local elementary, middle and high schools to provide in-school and out-of-school creative learning activities. Inspired by El Sistema, Catamount Arts once again partnered with Northeast Kingdom Community Orchestra, Northeast Kingdom Classical Series, and the St. Johnsbury School District to continue our EPIC Music program, which provides stringed instrument instruction to students in grades 1-5 into its third year. In addition, more than 4,500 students and teachers enjoy shows by professional performers in our School-Time Performance series.

With the continuing growth of its many cultural offerings and Arts Education program, Catamount and its patrons directly and indirectly contribute more than \$1,500,000 each year to the local economy while also securing a meeting space for local Masons for generations to come.