

Catamount Arts 2022

The residents and voters of Concord have consistently played a very important role in the success of Catamount Arts. Through your support at Town Meeting and by attending many of the 100+ events Catamount offers throughout the year, Concord helps keep the Arts vital and available to all Northeast Kingdom residents, boosting our creative economy for a more vibrant, sustainable community!

Last summer alone, we welcomed you back to 11 free concerts in two St. Johnsbury locations, three family-friendly street fairs, three gallery shows in multiple downtown locations, over a dozen free weekly matinees for adults and children, four Metropolitan Opera screenings, three National Theatre Live broadcasts, and summer camps including the beloved Water Ski Camp at Harvey's Lake.

We hope you've made it to some events at the new, multipurpose Catamount ArtPort in the Green Mountain Mall, where we hosted Circus Smirkus camp, live comedy and music from the Facing the Sunrise Black Performing Arts Series, the eagerly awaited return of Catamount Bluegrass Night, and our Annual Auction Gala. Indoor programming also included our critically acclaimed Arts Connect at Catamount Arts Juried Show and the internationally renowned "Art from Guantanamo Bay," in the Fried Family Gallery.

First Night North returned to in-person programming this year, bringing 200 performers in dozens of family-friendly shows to twelve St. Johnsbury venues for thousands of community members, and the KCP Presents Performing Arts Series, as always, brought the world to our community: theater from Switzerland, ballet from New York City, gospel from South Africa, polyphonic singing from Norway, the philharmonic orchestra from Ukraine, acrobats from China, and drummers from Japan played in the same schools, colleges, and churches where our friends, families, and neighbors commune every day.

In addition to integrating arts into the fabric of our community's daily life via live shows, screenings, classes, workshops, exhibitions, and more, Catamount programming generates more than \$1.5M each year to the local economy, playing a key role in the Northeast Kingdom's long-term vibrancy and sustainability. Thanks to support from our Concord neighbors, we look forward to seeing you - all of you! - at Catamount Arts in 2023!

Thank you for supporting the role of arts in our community.

Cheers,
Jody Fried
Executive Director, Catamount Arts