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Northampton Arts Council Announces FY25 Grant Recipients

NORTHAMPTON - Today, Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra and the Northampton Arts Council announced the award of 31 grants totaling \$24,451 in support of art projects and programming in Northampton. The Massachusetts Cultural Council's Local Cultural Council (LCC) program allocated funds to the city.

"I am pleased to continue Northampton's long tradition of support for the arts community," shared Mayor Sciarra, "I look forward to enjoying, along with our residents, the outcome of these exciting projects."

The Arts Council received 131 applications for \$218,510 in requested funding. Grants were awarded in the following categories: Dance, Literature, Media Arts, Multidisciplinary Arts, Music, Theater, and Visual Arts.

"I wish we could have funded them all," said Brian Foote, Executive Director of the Northampton Arts Council. "The caliber of applications this round was extraordinary, which made the process extremely competitive among many worthy projects."

The LCC FY25 Grant Recipients are:

APPLICANT	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD	LOCATION
Self-Evident Education, Inc.	The Power of Truths Arts & Education Festival	\$1,130	Bombyx Center for Arts & Equity
Ayres, Wylder	The Queer Story Slam	\$1,110	Bombyx Center for Arts & Equity
Back Porch Productions, LLC	Back Porch Festival	\$1,100	Various venues in downtown Northampton
Valley Arts Mentors	Mentorship Program & Webinar	\$355	Online

	Series		
Francis, Indë	Mirror, Mirror	\$765	Parlor Room
Northampton Jazz Festival, Inc.	Northampton Jazz Festival	\$810	downtown Northampton multiple venues
Quinn-Vasic, Paige	Noho Art Club	\$800	Northampton Center for the Arts, The Roost Northampton
Mothers Institute for Collaboration and Art	MICAfest: Mothers in Contemporary Art	\$1,070	Northampton Center for the Arts at 33 Hawley
Northampton Center for the Arts, Inc.	2025 Youth Performance Festival	\$795	Northampton Center for the Arts, 33 Hawley and Make It Springfield, 286 Bridge St
Available Potential Enterprises, Ltd.	ETERNAL	\$1,060	A.P.E.'s rear garage door, near Armory Street parking lot
King, Matthew	Global Groove Festival	\$1,050	Northampton Center for the Arts
Translate Gender, Inc.	CoACT Community Theatre for BIPOC Youth	\$1,050	Northampton & surrounding areas
The Northampton Academy of Music, Inc.	Academy Regional Poetry Slam	\$1,045	Academy of Music Theatre, 274 Main Street, Northampton, MA
Striving For All	Art Therapy for Foster Children	\$1,045	33 Hawley St, Northampton, MA 01060
Allis, Sunny	There's Nothing Wrong With Love	\$780	Northampton Center for the Arts
Bombyx Center for Arts & Equity, Inc.	Tell Her This Live!	\$515	BOMBYX Center for Arts & Equity
Krosoczka, Gina	Northampton Youth Arts & Lit Fest	\$995	Northampton Center for the Arts
Chinese Association of Western Massachusetts, Inc.	Chinese Lantern Festival and New Year Celebration	\$765	Northampton Smith Vocational School (tentative location)
Ferguson, Carrie	Queer Kids Fest 2025 - Author Presentations	\$1,020	Northampton Center for the Arts
Northampton Parents Center, Inc.	Weekly Drop-In Music Classes for Families with Young Children	\$1,015	Northampton Parents Center (lower level Edwards Church)
Gately, Sara	Access to the Arts	\$250	Northampton Senior Center
Pedraza, Kit	Queer Curiosities	\$400	Northampton MA

Chapman, Anna	[RE]tangle:GATHER	\$1,001	A.P.E. Gallery, Northampton
Smith, Ronald	Saturday Jazz Workshop Jam Sessions	\$750	Iron Horse - 18 Center Street, Northampton, MA.
Valley Light Opera, Inc.	Production of H.M.S. Pinafore	\$500	Academy of Music, Northampton
Bettagere Nagendra Prasad, Pranav Swaroop	Project SARANG - Colors of South Asian Music	\$500	Northampton Public Library
Play Incubation Collective, Inc.	PIC PIPS 2025	\$700	The Workroom, 33 Hawley St
Queer Joy Collaborative	Creating the Joyful Kids Chorus	\$425	Northampton Center for the Arts with option to attend virtually through Google Meet.
Manselle, Jafar	“West African Drumming Workshop - Come Out to Play”	\$250	Coolidge Museum, Northampton
Grow Food Northampton, Inc.	Grow Food Northampton Farmers Markets Music	\$900	Tuesday Market (Plaza behind Thornes Marketplace) and Winter Market (Northampton Senior Center)
Westwater Weekes, Naomi	Reclaiming Folk	\$500	Forbes Library, 20 West Street, Northampton MA 01060

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