

Niches, Nooks, and Needs: Celebrating Opportunity for All

Saturday, April 27, 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Paul J. Schupf Art Center, 93 Main Street, Waterville, ME

Using art and stories from the *Together* project as a point of departure, we shine a light on Waterville's programs and organizations contributing to the community's well being, and how we can continue becoming a more whole, healthy, and better-connected community

1:00-1:30 – Reception

View the *Together* and *Playscape* art exhibitions at the Paul J. Schupf Art Center while enjoying appetizers and refreshments from Wild Clover Café and Bixby Chocolates, and hands-on activities for children and their caregivers with the Children's Discovery Museum's Mobile Museum.

1:30-2:30 – Program (Part I)

1:30-1:40 – Opening Dance

Matthew Cumbie and collaborators open the program by sharing a performance excerpt from the collaborative dancemaker's community-based project, *Of This Place*.

1:40-1:45 – Welcome & Introduction

Artist and creator of the *Together* project Peter Bruun joins Matthew Cumbie in welcoming the audience and introducing the program's theme of community celebration.

1:45-1:50 – Greene Block + Studios

Staff of Greene Block + Studios join participants from their *Together* art workshops to share their stories, and talk about the community-facing programming at the heart of Greene Block + Studios' activities.

1:50-1:55 – Waterville Area Art Society

Susan Cruz, President of the Waterville Area Art Society (WAAS), is joined by members Gene Frey and Ann E. Rhinehardt to share their art inspired by *Together* and share about the value of WAAS.

1:55-2:00 – Song (Stephen Webb)

2:00-2:05 – High Hopes Clubhouse

Miles Hisler and other Clubhouse members share art and stories from their *Together* art workshop, and Lisa Soucie, Director of High Hopes Clubhouse, talks about its vision and programs.

2:05-2:10 – Waterville Area Soup Kitchen

Carla Caron, Board President of the Waterville Area Soup Kitchen, joins *Together* art workshop participants to share the outcomes of their experience, and pay tribute to the soup kitchen community.

2:10-2:15 – Song (Stephen Webb)

2:15-2:20 – Waterville Comprehensive Treatment Center

Participants from the *Together* art workshop held at the Waterville Comprehensive Treatment Center share their art and stories of addiction, stigma, recovery, and fellowship.

2:20-2:25 – Music (Nolan Veilleux, acoustic guitar)

2:25-2:30 – South End Teen Center

Anna Holdener, Youth Specialist at the South End Teen Center, joins Isreal and other teens who participated in the *Together* art workshops to share their art and stories.

2:30-2:35 – Intermission Dance

Matthew Cumbie and collaborators close the first half by sharing a performance excerpt from the collaborative dancemaker's community-based project, *Of This Place*.

2:35-2:50 Break

2:50-3:40 – Program (Part II)

2:50-2:55 – Opening Poem

Rachel Goldberg, Colby College class of 2024 student and student teacher at Messalonskee High School, shares *Where I'm From*, a poem by George Ella Lyon.

2:55-3:00 – Educare's Maine State Parent Ambassador

Katie Hughes, Family Services Coordinator at Educare's Maine State Parent Ambassador Program (MSPA), Amanda Hartman, member of MSPA and art workshop participant, share about MSPA and how it has an impact building community for those involved as Parent Ambassadors.

3:00-3:05 – Waterville Alternative High School

Lead teacher Earl Watts joins students Ann Prickett and Morgan King to talk about the school and their art and stories created during the *Together* project.

3:05-3:10 – Performance (Chase Bowman)

3:10-3:15 – Mid-Maine Regional Adult Community Education

Hannah Bard, Director at Mid-Maine Regional Adult Community Education is joined by staff and students, who share the art and stories they created during the *Together* project.

3:15-3:20 – Scavenger Hunt: Grand Prize Drawing

Faye Nicholson and Jackie Dalton, Co-Directors of Revitalizing the Energy in ME (REM), draw a winning name for the Art for All scavenger hunt.

3:20-3:25 – Celebrate REM

An organization dedicated for decades to the wellbeing and cohesiveness of Waterville, a look back and where the community has been and where it may be headed next.

3:25-3:45 – Closing Reflections & Remarks (Peter Bruun & Matthew Cumbie)

Matthew Cumbie and collaborators help close the event by reflecting on all that has been shared throughout the afternoon, followed by some closing remarks.