

Together

Arts, Smarts, and Hearts: Animating Main Street & Beyond

Friday, April 19, 3:00 to 6:00 PM

Paul J. Schupf Art Center

93 Main Street, Waterville, ME

What role do the arts play in making Waterville a great place to work, live, and play? Waterville's art and culture sector is on the rise thanks to increased investment and collaboration, and is becoming increasingly important to the community's identity and economy. This event brings stakeholders together to explore what's worked so far, what might happen next, and how best to continue building – together.

3:00-3:30 – Reception

View the *Together* and *Playscape* art exhibitions at the Paul J. Schupf Art Center while enjoying Roslyn and Lucy Manalo, members of the Kennebec Valley Youth Orchestra, perform violin duets. Appetizers and refreshments from Wild Clover Café and Bixby Chocolates.

3:30-4:30 – Program (Part I)

3:30-3:35 – Welcome (Peter Bruun)

3:35-3:55 – Portraits of Young Waterville Artists

Performances by three Waterville artists (Julia Badaraco, John Logan, and Jonas Maines), followed by reflections on their paths as performers in Waterville and their hopes for the new generation of creative energy in Waterville.

3:55-4:05 – Recognizing Waterville Area Art Teachers

Serena Sanborn (Manager of Outreach and Community Partners) and Lisa Wheeler (Education Manager), both of Waterville Creates, pay tribute to Waterville area art educators, including remarks by Waterville art teachers and Sue Barre, Chair of Waterville Public School's Visual and Performing Arts Department.

4:05-4:15 – Arts Entrepreneurship & Belonging

Elizabeth Jabar of the Hinge Collaborative and members of the Waterville Area Art Society share their beliefs about a well-connected arts community and their work towards building it.

4:15-4:30 – Together: Reflections on a Community-Facing Art Project

Having spent a year immersed in Waterville creating *Together*, Peter Bruun offers observations on what he's learned.

4:30-4:45 – BREAK

4:45-5:45 – Program (Part II)

4:45-5:10 – Arts, Smarts, and Hearts

Shannon Haines (President + CEO, Waterville Creates), Teresa D. McKinney (Diamond Family Director of the Arts, Colby Arts), and Beth Finch (Head Curator, Colby College Museum of Art) share plans, hopes, and dreams for their institutions and Waterville before inviting the audience into a community conversation.

5:10-5:40 – Community Conversation (moderator Rebecca Green, City Council President)

5:40-5:45 – Closing Music (Leah Zeimetz, Waterville Public Schools, will perform on violin)