

PRESS RELEASE FOR ANNOUNCING THE WINNERS

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Canton's Partnership for the Arts and Humanities announces nearly \$50,000 in grants for 2025 initiatives and programming

The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities is excited to announce the awarding of 11 grants totalling \$49,481 to foster cultural, arts, and humanities programming for the Canton community from January 1 to December 31, 2025.

2025 GRANTEES

Nine grantees include (in alphabetical order):

NICHOLAS BAIR

\$1,000

To create four bodies of work in chalk on outdoor pavement depicting community activities utilizing animal characters.

CANTON CONCERT BAND

\$4,800

To support the upgrade of the existing timpani percussion set used for all rehearsals and concerts.

CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

(2 grants awarded: \$1,500 and \$6,650)

\$6,650 for a Canton history-related mural in the pole barn Farm Museum at Preservation Park.

\$1,500 for guest lecture fees and expenses.

CANTON LEISURE SERVICES RECREATION PROGRAM

\$6,500

For a four-week expansion of the Canton Farmer's Market to include Wednesday evenings in July 2025.

CHERRY HILL POTTERS GUILD

\$4,000

To fund a pugmill for brown clay and to support a funding match.

COLLABORATIVE CHANGEMAKERS

\$3,500

To support the "Black Girl Rest & Play Date" to celebrate and support the mental health and well-being of Black women in Canton through culturally affirming activities.

LIVING AND LEARNING ENRICHMENT CENTER

\$6,721

To equip artists with disabilities with the skills and confidence to independently sell their artwork and establish sustainable creative businesses.

PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

(2 grants awarded: \$1,500 and \$7,500)

\$1,500

To support displaying senior and Advanced Placement collections of artwork monthly at the Village Arts Factory.

\$7,500

To display student artwork on the light post banners along Ford Road.

VILLAGE THEATER AT CHERRY HILL

\$5,910

To support a Summer Theater Intensive program.

"We are excited to support these grantees to facilitate, encourage and support the arts and humanities in the greater Canton community," said Tom Yack.

The average amount per grantee was about \$4,500.

Grant recipients were selected on the basis of impact of the proposal on the arts and humanities within the Canton community, creativity/innovation of the ideas, ability to have a broad and diverse reach, feasibility and overall quality of the application.

This is the first time since 2012 that arts and humanities grants resumed by the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities.

Grant recipients were selected by a volunteer Grants Selection Committee of the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities. More than 20 grant applications totaling \$106,000 were received and considered.

About the Grants Program

This annual grants program is made possible by the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities.

Previous Partnership grant recipients include: Canton Community Chorus, Canton Concert Band, Comic Opera Guild, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Destination Theater, Forever After Productions, Fusion Festival, Michigan Philharmonic, Spotlight Players, Spotlight on Youth, Still Got It Players, The Village Shakespeare Festival, 8th Wonder, BeckRidge Chorale and TLC Productions.

About the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities

The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) cultural arts organization that works in collaboration with the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage. The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities is committed to encouraging the development of cultural arts in the Canton community.

Founded around 1999, the Partnership was successful in raising more than \$5 million toward the construction and operation of The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Its last major capital project was the creation of the Village Arts Factory, which opened in March 2020.