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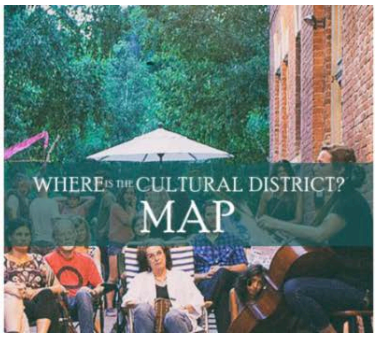

ArtWeek Berkshires 2026 - Call for Artists

ArtWeek Berkshires, a county-wide collaboration, will take place May 15 - 25th, and you can be a part of it!

The non-juried event is free to all individuals, organizations, and businesses in the Berkshires interested in showcasing creative work.

ArtWeek Berkshires features more than 100 events each year. Submissions from actors, cartoonists, crafters, dancers, designers, filmmakers, illustrators, mimes, multimedia artists, musicians, performance artists, poets, puppeteers, theater artists, visual artists, writers – and more – are encouraged. The event will feature open studios, gallery talks, theater, performances, workshops, and more interactive experiences.

“ArtWeek Berkshires is unique in that it is the only county-wide collaborative cultural event hosted by the Cultural Districts of Berkshire County,” said Jen Glockner, Pittsfield’s Cultural Development Director and ArtWeek Berkshires 2026 Steering Committee co-chair, along with Laura Brennan at Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. “We welcome all artists and organizations, whether you’re an emerging artist or seasoned professional, to consider submitting an event to ArtWeek Berkshires.”

The county-wide collaboration spotlights Berkshire County’s five state-designated Cultural Districts - the Downtown Great Barrington Cultural District, Lenox Cultural District, North Adams Cultural District, Upstreet Cultural District in Pittsfield, and Williamstown Cultural District. Funds pooled by the five cultural districts, through grants from the Mass Cultural Council, make this event possible and support marketing and promotion to shine a spotlight on participants.

In the past, artists from the following southern Berkshire towns have participated Becket, West Stockbridge, Lee, Stockbridge, Housatonic, Tyringham, Great Barrington, Otis, Monterey, Egremont, Sandisfield, Sheffield, New Marlborough, and Mount Washington.

If you are an artist, arts organization, or business that would like to participate in ArtWeek Berkshires 2026, you may sign up online: ArtWeek Berkshires **registration form**.

Click the link to learn more about ArtWeek 2026 including registration, participation, and FAQs. Still have questions? Contact your closest Cultural District: culturalgb@gmail.com.

Olga Dunn Dance Company Celebrates 50th Anniversary Season

The Olga Dunn Dance Company celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2026 with a full season of performances.

For fifty years, the Olga Dunn Dance Company has continually provided dance excellence which has been seen at venues such as the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center; Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival; Tanglewood's Ozawa Hall, and more.

The Company pursues its mission of uplifting, enlightening, entertaining and amusing through the art of dance. Dancers rehearse 46-weeks of the year and perform original choreography at theaters, schools, and outreach programming sites.

This spring the dance company will be performing at on Saturday May 23rd at the Shakespeare & Company Community Day. They will also have a free performance on Sunday, July 5th on the Stockbridge Library Lawn.

Additional performances include a full-length gala anniversary concert on August 1st, at Saint James Place featuring the Wanda Houston Band, cellist Jay Shulman, and pianist Joaquin Pachano.

On August 30th, the company will debut a new show inspired by Edith Wharton at The Mount in Lenox. The season concludes in December 2026 with "Nutcracker Seedling and More" at Saint James Place.

As one of the first non-profit dance organizations based in Western Massachusetts to run on a year round basis, the Olga Dunn Dance Company is honored to have reached thousands through performances, guest workshops, master-classes for the public, lecture-demonstrations for area school children, and outreach programming.

To stay up-to-date with their 2026 schedule check the schedule Olga Dunn Dance Company 2026 schedule.

Olga Dunn Dance Company is accepting additional bookings for the months ahead. Please contact us with ideas and collaborations: (413)528-9674 or

olgadunndanceco@gmail.com.

New Gallery Popping up this Spring in the Cultural District

Art in The Berkshires Opening New Gallery, Shop & Creative Studio in Great Barrington!

Launching Spring 2026 at 8 Castle Street, Art in The Berkshires aims to amplify the creative community by creating a welcoming space where artists can showcase their work and audiences can discover the transformative power of art.

This space will be a locals gallery featuring rotating exhibitions, a curated artisanal sop filled with exceptional work by Berkshire artisan and makers, and community flex studio designed for workshops, demos, meetups, and creative learning. Whether you're a collector, a curious visitors, or a local looking for inspiration, you'll find art that reflects the talent, heart, and craftsmanship in our region.

Art in The Berkshires is currently seeking artisans, and makers to partner with to fill the store with hand-crafted, fine art and artisan goods. To learn more follow the link, AITB artist application.

Rewind & Rediscover - Mason Library

The Mason Library was made possible by a bequest of Mary A. Mason of in memory of her husband, Henry Hobart Mason.

Known for its attractive, classical design with two fireplaces and a vaulted, coffered ceiling, it has served as a central community hub for over a century.

Mrs. Mason left $50,000 to build and furnish a new library, to replace one in a clapboard house previously on the site. Mrs. Mason summered in Great Barrington and is buried there.

The Mason Library Great Barrington was designed by Blanchard & Barnes of New York. A few months after the library's summer 1913 opening, Architecture Magazine featured pages of Mason Library glamour shots and a detailed, fold-out drawing of its west-facing façade. Architects from New York's Blanchard & Barnes had won a competition among eight firms to design the building, and the magazine's editors were effusive about the result. Mason was "the most attractive small library building in America," they wrote, and "the most exquisitely complete piece of architectural design which has appeared in a long time."

In April, 2007 the building the rededicated after extensive renovations that doubled its size and made it handicapped accessible. The additions and renovations to the Mason Library Project consisted of the construction of a two-story addition as well as renovations to the existing building and site.

In July 2025 the Mason Library celebrated the newly renovated front steps, and benches. Fruthemore, a permanent bronze sculpture paying tribute to W.E.B. Du Bois sits on the renovated marble benches. The front of the library is a popular gathering place on weekends, often used as a community hub, where children can sit and read and audiences gather for performances.

Ever wonder about the stone base located on the lawn? That used, to be the base for an Alaskan Totem Pole that was placed there by a local resident who moved to Alaska during the gold rush. The totem pole was removed after World War II but the stone base still remains.

Great Barrington Historic Walking Tours

The Great Barrington Historical Society offers two, self-guided walking tours now available on the Apple and Android App Store!

Download the Great Barrington Walking Tour App and explore the towns rich history, cultural significance, and historic sites!

Download on the App Store

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Berkshire Grown - Winter Farmers Markets

Berkshire Grown's Winter Farmers Markets host farmers and producers from Berkshire County and the surrounding region. Markets run monthly, November - April in Great Barrington.

Vendors offer an abundance of locally-grown food, including fresh greens, winter squash, root crops, apples, meat, cheese, jam, honey and maple syrup, baked goods, and more. Local artisan crafters round out the market offerings, and each market features live music.

We welcome SNAP and HIP at our markets: SNAP users receive a Market Match of up to $30 per market, and each market includes vendors with HIP-eligible products, providing SNAP shoppers with an immediate reimbursement for benefit dollars spent on fresh fruits and vegetables. Visit the market manager's table to make the most of your benefits!

Where: Housatonic Community Center (Housy Dome)

When: 10:00am - 1:00pm
- March 21st
- April 18th

Creative Economy Jobs

You can also find exclusively creative economy jobs, including remote and hybrid opportunities, at MCC's HireCulture. Several sample postings are below.

Find Berkshire County in-person, remote, and hybrid jobs that pay a minimum of $40K a year in all fields, including arts, education, nonprofits, and related, at 1Berkshire's The Jobs Thing. Among some of the current openings of interest are:

- Children's Center Teacher, Williams College
- Executive Director, Williams Rural Lands
- All imaging positions, Berkshire Health Systems

- Publications Assistant, Clark Art Institute
- Communications and Publicity Associate, Shakespeare & Company
- Facilities Associate, Shakespeare & Company

The National Organization for Arts in Health (NOAH) provides transformational leadership to bring the arts in health together and advance the field.

NOAH
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION for ARTS IN HEALTH

Use the NOAH website to check out current open hybrid/remote positions in the field of arts in health.

Arts Funding and Resources

Curated information about funding and financial assistance for those working in the creative economy.

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*Learn about grants, events, and resources, find fellowships and apprenticeships, and identify art spaces by subscribing to **MCC's Monthly Newsletter**.*

Opportunities & Resources for Orgs – March 2026

YouthReach grants support Creative Youth Development programs that integrate substantive and ongoing arts, humanities, and science opportunities into a collaborative community response. Deadline: April 2, 2026.

Creative Experiences provides grants of $2,500 or $5,000 to organizations, creative businesses, government entities, and schools to fund festivals, projects, residencies, and other cultural activities in the arts, humanities, and sciences. Deadline: April 30, 2026.

MITx Arts Entrepreneurship Course MITx is the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) online learning initiative, delivering courses created by MIT faculty to learners around the world through digital platforms. This free course features 12 modules and practical exercises designed to equip artists with business skills, and to advance their ability to strategically and sustainably generate revenue through their creative work. Class begins on March 25, 2026 and runs through June 25, 2026.

Follow the link for an overview of MCC's FY26 Programs and Funding Opportunities is available.

Creative Capital is a nonprofit, grantmaking organization funding artists in the creation of groundbreaking new work, amplifying the impact of their work, and fostering sustainable artistic careers.

Creative Capital Artist Opportunities for March

Find residencies, grants, and award opportunities for artists working in all disciplines.

Creative Capital

Access online courses and resources designed to help artists build thriving practices at any career stage and in any discipline.

Creative Capital Artist Lab

A new online professional development curriculum designed to help artists build thriving practices at any career stage and in any discipline. Free for individual use, courses are created by art professionals, industry experts, and fellow artists who share vital concepts, skills, and tools to help grow artists' careers—including courses on crafting artist statements, grant proposals, managing multiple income streams, and more.

Videos include ASL and Spanish interpretation, as well as CART services.

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NEW ENGLAND FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS

NEFA cultivates and promotes the arts in New England and beyond.

Check the NEFA website for a wide range of resources, including:

Recent Publications
Arts & Accessibility
Community Initiatives
Racial &Social Justice Resources

Arts Hub
WESTERN MASS

ArtsHub is an ever-evolving idea designed to highlight and bring together the amazing artists, organizations, and events that are happening within the creative communities of Western Mass.

The ArtsHub site regularly updates with opportunities, events, news, and more.

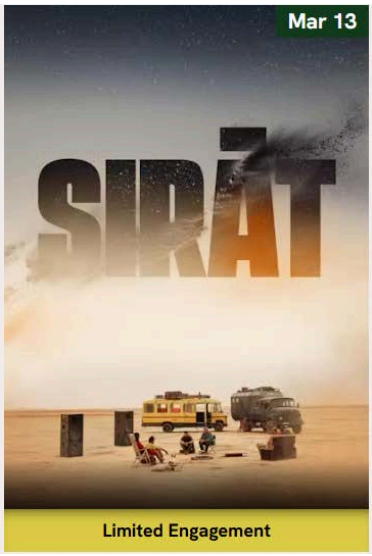
See profiles and list yourself here and learn about promoting yourself on NEFA's related site: CreativeGround.

Advocate Creativity.
MASSCREATIVE

Mass Creative advocates for a well-resourced and equitable creative sector essential to Massachusetts's economic and civic vibrancy.

MASSCreative's Action Network fights for policies that benefit cultural nonprofits, creative businesses, and individual artists in Massachusetts. Where arts, culture, and creativity are recognized as vital components of civically engaged, economically vibrant, and equitable communities.

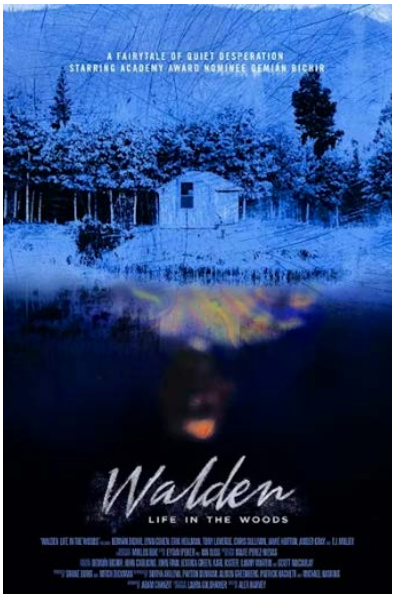
The Triplex Cinema - *Coming Soon!*



Be sure to click the link to view upcoming Triplex showtimes!

Triplex Cinema Special Events:

What: Hollywood's Big Night
When: Sunday, March 15th | 6:00pm
Details: Watch the best films of 2025 get their due on the big screen! Join your fellow movie lovers for a night of food specials, trivia, and ballot competitions as we watch the Academy Awards at The Triplex!



What: Walden: Life in the Woods
When: Thursday, March 19th | 7:30pm
Details: Director Alex Harvey joins us for a special screening of his 2019 film Walden: Life in the Woods on March 19th! A radical, western re-imagining of Henry David Thoreau's classic, Walden: Life in the Woods interlaces three stories about the trappings of 21st century life and those who dream of escape.

Great Barrington Libraries - Mason Library March Programming

Adult Programs:

- Free 1 on 1 Financial Consultation: Luke Delorme, CFP, of Tableaux Wealth has offered to give 30 minute appointments to our patrons. Contact Dawn to schedule.
- Tech Help Hour: Stop by Mason to get help with your everyday computer issues such as working with files, using popular editing software, and navigating the internet.
- More than Drums and Flutes with Craig Harris: Indigenous influences make America's music truly American. Join percussionist Craig Harris for an ear-opening celebration of this multidimensional soundscape, featuring archival audiovisual rarities and participatory music-making. This program is supported by a grant from the Great Barrington Cultural Council. 5:00pm, 3/20

Children & Teen Programs:

- Mythical Creatures: Using collage materials from magazines, calendars, and greeting cards, families will mix and match images to invent unique beings that could inhabit fantasy worlds of their own making. 12:30pm, 3/14
- Pattern Blocks: Join us for some colorful, pattern-based fun in the kids' space! For ages 4+. 12:30pm, 3/21
- Teen Time: Stop by Mason for snacks and a weekly craft, including beading and stamping. 3:00pm, 3/12 & 3/19
- Brain Builders: Join us for a fun weekly drop-in program designed especially for curious two-year-olds (younger kids and older preschoolers welcome too)! 10:30am, every Tuesday
- Sing & Dance: Looking for a way to get up, get out, and get moving? We'll sing, dance and play together with drums, bells, balls and hoops. Circle time, dancing and lots of fun! Registration required, 10:30am, every Friday
- Legos at the Library: Every Friday at 4:00, join us for Legos at the Library! Come construct and create with Mason's collection of Legos. 4:00pm, every Friday
- Youth Chess Club: Join our Youth Chess Club, and have fun! Whether you're a beginner or a budding grandmaster, come learn, play, and sharpen your skills in a friendly, relaxed environment. 11:00am, every Saturday

Be sure to visit the Great Barrington Public Libraries website to view more and programming and events!

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What: Christian Sands Trio
When: Friday, March 13th
Where: Indigo Room
Details: Christian Sands — Steinway Artist and five-time Grammy nominee — is an emerging jazz force. His abundant piano technique perfectly matches his conception, accomplishing a much deeper musical goal: a fresh look at the entire language of jazz. Whether it's stride, swing, bebop, progressive, fusion, Brazilian or Afro-Cuban, Sands develops the past while providing unusual and stimulating vehicles for the present… and for the future. He expresses himself through an extensive vocabulary of patterns, textures and structures, all the while maintaining a strong sense of understatement, sensitivity, taste and swing. Tickets to this event at $57. This event takes places from 5:30 - 7:00pm and 8:30 - 10:00pm.

What: Indigo Comedy Night with Adam Mamawala
When: Saturday, March 14th | 8:00pm
Where: Indigo Room
Details: Adam Mamawala is a nationally touring stand-up comedian based out of New York City. He has appeared on Comedy Central, MTV, BET, Amazon Prime and SiriusXM. Since 2024, Adam has toured as Dane Cook's feature act, performing at iconic venues including The Fillmore in Detroit, The Met in Philadelphia and NYC's Beacon Theatre. In 2025 he featured for Jon Stewart at the prestigious Lucille Ball Comedy Festival in Jamestown, NY, and was selected as one of Forbes' 12 Rising AAPI Stand-Up Comedians To Watch. This event is 18+, tickets are $25.

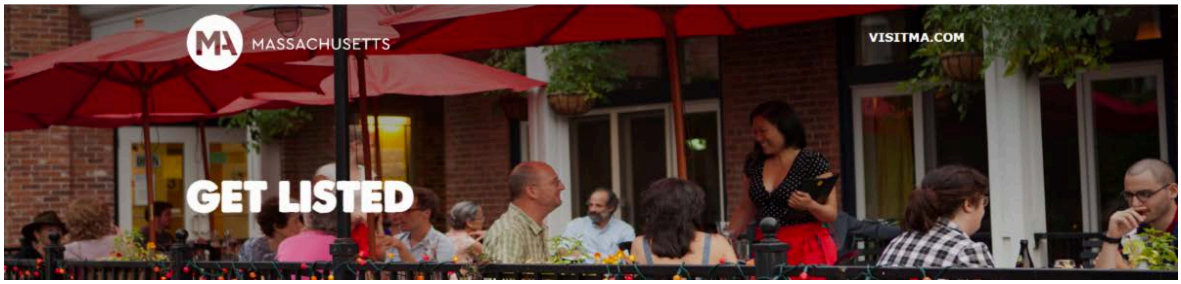
What: Chat GBPT: The Alchemy of Planning a Theater Season
When: Tuesday, March 17th | 7:00pm
Where: Saint James Place
Details: What drives the behind-the-scenes conversation around season selection for theater companies large and small? These GBPT panelists span the financial and artistic spheres in the theater world and weigh in on their thinking process, challenges, negotiations and best (or worst) outcomes. This series is free to the public, but a $10 donation is suggested to allow GBPT to hold this event and others like it.

What: Amanda Pascali
When: Saturday, March 21st | 8:00pm
Where: Indigo Room
Details: As the rising voice of America's most ethnically diverse generation of young people, singer-songwriter Amanda Pascali writes music that speaks to the experience of growing up as a first-generation American. After her songs went viral on social media, she amassed hundreds of thousands of fans around the globe. Now, her long-awaited new record, Roses and Basil (a collection of Sicilian-English translations and original music produced by Robert Ellis,) has been praised by NPR, the Bluegrass Situation, and numerous international outlets. Tickets to this event are $35.

What: In The Depp Heart's Core: A Mystic Cabaret
When: Sunday, March 29th | 2:00pm
Where: Dewey Hall
Details: Celebrate the marriage of great poetry, great music, and theatre. . . In the Deep Heart's Core. Described by Hedy Weiss of the Chicago Sun-Times as ". . . A rapturous weave of the irresistible sounds of Irish music and the steely but lyrical magic that animates the words of one of Ireland's most celebrated poets, W. B. Yeats," this cycle of songs and spoken pieces from the verses and essays of Ireland's master poet is a stunning evening of musical theatre, poetry, song, and storytelling. The Chicago Tribune called it

"A joy--poetry to the ears, alternately tender and rousing." The Irish-American News said that In the Deep Heart's Core was "simply not to be missed." Tickets are $25 - $30.

Be sure to follow the Downtown Great Barrington Cultural District on Facebook and Instagram to stay up-to-date on all the latest news and events happening downtown!



Mass Office of Travel and Tourism

The Massachusetts Official Travel and Tourism (MOTT) website includes a FREE business database where you can list your business! To get started, visit their website, where you can sign on as a new business or update your information if you are already registered.

Are you making the most of the #mylocalMA campaign? Submit Your Story for a chance to be featured on social media and in MOTT's My Local MA e-newsletter. You can find more information and resources at Lovemylocalma.com.

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