CULTIVATE THE ARTS

Meetinghouse Arts

2023-24 Meetinghouse Arts Stage Partners



OUR MISSION

The mission of Meetinghouse Arts is to cultivate Greater Freeport as a vibrant center for arts and culture by fostering creative collaborations, expanding access to arts and cultural resources, and amplifying the arts and culture as tools to economically strengthen, educate, and connect community.

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Arts and Cultural Alliance of Freeport & Meetinghouse Arts: A History

2015

Following a year of interviews, research, and public meetings about Freeport's needs and interests in the promotion and enhancement of, and access to, arts and culture, the Freeport Arts & Cultural Alliance was officially incorporated as a non-profit organization. This would soon become Arts & Cultural Alliance of Freeport (ACAF) and, seven years later, Meetinghouse Arts.



2016

A website, newsletter and Facebook page dedicated to supporting the arts and promoting arts activities in Freeport were launched. Locations for a black box theater and possible gallery space were explored.

2018

With the guidance of a consultant, hired with the help of the Town, we created the Freeport Cultural Plan. Consistent with the findings in the Plan, we continued to consider the possibility of creating an arts and cultural center with a stage and gallery.



2019

We began negotiations to lease the historic First Parish Church on Main St. and, enabled by a major capital campaign and generous financial support from the Town, undertook an extensive project to update and preserve the 1895 Freeport meetinghouse structure. The remodeled space, called Meetinghouse Arts Gallery & Stage, houses an art gallery and performance hall.



2021

On June 25, Meetinghouse Arts Gallery opened to the public with the debut show titled "A Community of Artists." The show featured local visual artists working in a variety of media, a fitting start for this community-driven venue. Meetinghouse Arts Stage, a 182-seat performance hall, officially opened four months later with a gala party and weekend of events to showcase the new facility and thank all who had made it possible.



2022

In July 2022, ACAF officially changed its name to Meetinghouse Arts, adopted new branding and, thanks to a generous sponsorship from Bath Savings Institution, began work on a new website. The Gallery and Stage hosted local and touring visual and performing artists and cultural organizations to present, exhibit, learn, educate, and engage with residents and visitors. A full season on the Stage, in the Gallery, and throughout town is scheduled for 2024.

Meetinghouse Arts *Partner Integration*



Department of Theatre & Dance, University of Southern Maine touring show *The Marvelous Meep Island Adventure* at Meetinghouse Arts Stage

MEETINGHOUSE ARTS: CULTIVATE THE ARTS

Meetinghouse Arts is an organization committed to ***cultivate and engage arts and artists*** in the Freeport area.

Your sponsorship dollars ***support collaboration and cooperation*** in community-based arts and arts education outreach including arts programming, networking, workshops, classes, exhibitions and shows as well as collaboration with other organizations for the benefit of the arts & local community.

MEETINGHOUSE ARTS STAGE: INCREASE ARTS ACCESS

Meetinghouse Arts on Main Street in Freeport has an exciting lineup of events for 2024. Your sponsorship underwrites admission for ***thousands of local attendees*** from the greater Freeport area and beyond.

Sponsor benefits include program recognition, discounted and complimentary tickets, ad space, performance announcements and ***recognition in the local spaces where arts are created and celebrated***.



Our Town - Community production at Meetinghouse Arts



"The Farm in Winter" Artist: Judy Shank
from the *Peace & Joy Winter Art Show* at Meetinghouse Arts Gallery

MEETINGHOUSE ARTS GALLERY: SUPPORT FREEPORT'S CREATIVE ECONOMY

Meetinghouse Arts Gallery exhibits the best of Maine artists and also welcomes artists from far & wide to exhibit their work in its beautiful Meetinghouse Arts Gallery space.

Meetinghouse Arts is committed to bring local visual artists together, promote learning and foster creativity of local students and the public, and to ***bring diverse & exciting art to Freeport***. The Gallery also is proud to exhibit outdoor art installations on Main St. in Freeport.

Meetinghouse Arts
Stage Partners

Center Stage: 2023-24 Stage Season Partner $5000

- Four (4) complimentary tickets to all Meetinghouse Arts (MhA) produced performances;
- Acknowledgment on MhA Website as Center Stage Sponsor and company link (41,000+ impressions in 2022 and growing);
- Acknowledgment in MhA program as Center Stage Sponsor;
- Full page ad in MhA Program;
- Recognition at MhA venue for MhA sponsored performances: Meetinghouse Arts stage wall projection of logo and/or poster or monitor screen in main lobby;
- Social media recognition as Center Stage Sponsor;
- Logo in E-Newsletter/email send-outs for year as Center Stage Sponsor; and
- Recognition in MhA Annual Report as Center Stage Sponsor.

Meetinghouse Arts Stage: Show/Series Partners

Ensemble ($3000) Series Sponsor of up to Three (3) Stage Shows:

- Lobby/entrance Recognition for sponsored shows;
- Logo in ads in newspaper if placed, mention when shows listed in media or press releases; and
- Sponsor logo on additional promotional materials for sponsored shows when printed; **PLUS**

- All of the benefits for the categories of **Improvisation & Spotlight**, below.

Improvisation ($1000) Stage Show Sponsor:

- Pre-show announcement as show sponsor;
- Acknowledgement and company logo on sponsored show page in the Meetinghouse Arts program, Eventbrite or other online ticket page; and
- Opportunity for Sponsor to place brochures or distribute promotional materials for sponsored show; **PLUS**

- All of the benefits for the category of **Spotlight**, below.

Spotlight ($500) Stage Show Sponsor:

- Two (2) complimentary tickets for sponsored performance;
- Acknowledgement on MhA Website: Sponsor logo & link next to sponsored show; and
- Social Media mentions (Posts, Logo/preferred hashtag on promotions for sponsored show).

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We look forward to working with you!



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