



CITY OF BANGOR

COMMISSION ON CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, July 1, 2026 – 5:30 pm

Paul Bunyan Room, First Floor of City Hall, 73 Harlow
Street (Note new location in City Hall and new date/time)

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Report of Chair
3. Financial Report
4. Committee Reports
 - Grant Committee
 - Cultural Asset Committee
 - ARTober Committee
5. Staff Updates
6. Adjourn

Next meeting: August 7th at 7:45 AM

Grantee: Bangor Symphony Orchestra

Grant Award: \$3,000

Award Date: November 24, 2025

The Bangor Symphony Orchestra thanks the City of Bangor Commission on Cultural Development for the grant funds that supported the Bangor Symphony Orchestra's Music & Wellness Chamber Music Series programmed in collaboration with the Wabanaki Public Health & Wellness (WPHW) and the Gracie Theatre at Husson University. The following report represents how the grant was used for the four performances.

CCD funding supported four performances and their rehearsals. The funds were used toward compensating the thirteen musicians, receptions, administrative fees, marketing, and musician travel. Additional annual support for the Music & Wellness program was provided by St. Joseph's Hospital, Northern Lights Health, and Versant Power.

Attendance goals were either met or exceeded at all performances. At WPHW, 25-30 patrons attended each of the November and April concerts. Despite frigid weather, over 70 family members and children attended January's Saturday performance. The Gracie Theatre implemented their ticketing software for booking complimentary tickets and provided a strong pre-concert indicator of interest. Approximately 75 tickets were booked online prior to the concert and over 90 patrons attended.

The feedback from patrons at all performances was positive and audience members particularly enjoyed the convenience of Bangor performances. One enthusiastic BSO subscriber attended the Thursday April 23rd performance, Sunday's BSO Masterworks concert in Orono, *and* the Monday April 27th performance at the Gracie! The programming of the Chamber Music Series around the BSO Masterworks season was an opportunity to feature a variety of musicians and provide unique and distinct concert experiences.

Free and Open-to-the-Public Concerts

November 13, 2025- WPHW | 16 Central St, Bangor, ME

'The Role Music Can Play in Healing'- Lynn Brubaker, Marisa Solomon, Patty Stowell

January 24, 2026- WPHW | 16 Central St, Bangor, ME

'Meet the String Family'- Sascha Lorimer, Anna Clement, Linda Theriault, Tim Garrett

April 23, 2026- WPHW | 16 Central St, Bangor, ME

'The Piano Trio' – BSO Concertmaster Mitch Newman, Noreen Silver, Phillip Silver

April 27, 2026- Gracie Theatre | Husson University, Bangor, ME

'Tapestries from Europe to America'- BSO Concertmaster Mitch Newman, Krista Kwon, Richard Hsu, Laura Gallucci, Noreen Silver, Phillip Silver

See attached photos of event.

The BSO's budget year concluded June 30, 2026 and grant funds from the City of Bangor Commission on Cultural Development have been fully expended.



Bangor Symphony Orchestra Grant Report to the City of Bangor Commission on Cultural Development
June 8, 2026

Arts and Culture Strategy Plan

Background information to prepare for project start:

<https://www.americansforthearts.org/by-program/reports-and-data/legislation-policy/naappd/developing-a-strategic-cultural-plan-a-work-kit>

<https://www.charlottenc.gov/Streets-and-Neighborhoods/Activities-Culture/Arts-and-Culture/Culture-Plan>

<https://www.keenindependent.com/studies/siouxfallsartsplan>

<https://artsconsulting.com/arts-insights/strategic-planning-for-arts-and-culture-organizations/>