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**NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFERS AN ARRAY OF ARTS AND CULTURE EVENTS, SHOWS,
EXHIBITIONS AND MORE THIS SUMMER**

Live Free and Experience Art in The Granite State, a top New England Destination for Culture Seekers

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE (MAY 6, 2016) – As temperatures continue to heat up this summer, so does the arts and culture scene in **New Hampshire** (www.visitnh.gov). The Granite State's beauty and spirit have inspired artists for hundreds of years, and there is no better time than summer to celebrate all that this nearby destination has to offer. Please see below for a selection of happenings that can also be found on The New Hampshire Division of Travel and Tourism Development's website.

The Currier Museum of Art – Manchester, NH

*Urban Landscapes: Manchester and the Modern American City Exhibition
June 11, 2016 – August 29, 2016*

This summer, The Currier Museum of Art will unveil *Urban Landscapes: Manchester and the Modern American City*. Urban Landscapes will present paintings, prints and photographs inspired by cities throughout the United States, including Manchester. The works in this exhibition will feature realistic, romanticized and abstracted views of the cities' most defining features—such as Manchester's Amoskeag Mills and the skyscrapers of New York City. For more information, please visit www.currier.org.

Prescott Park Arts Festival – Portsmouth, NH

Throughout summer 2016

Celebrating its 42nd anniversary in 2016, the Prescott Park Arts Festival presents a diverse lineup of music, art, theater and dance on the banks of the Piscataqua River in the charming waterfront city of Portsmouth. The festival has no fixed admission cost to attend and provides a family-friendly atmosphere, making the event an ideal one for all ages. The festival is currently underway, and upcoming events include:

- The **River House Restaurant Concert Series**, which features different musical talent every night, including Yonder Mountain String Band (June 25), The Tallest Man on Earth (July 6), Bela Fleck & Chris Thile (July 17) and more.
- Performances of **The Little Mermaid** will be featured throughout the festival at various dates and times, which are [available here](#), presented by C&J Bus Lines.

For more information, please visit www.prescottpark.org.

The Strawberry Banke Museum – Portsmouth, NH

14th Annual American Celebration, July 1- 4, 2016

Every summer, the Strawberry Banke Museum salutes America with a full roster of Independence Day happenings. Multiple generations have celebrated the Fourth of July tradition at the museum due to its history, fun events and cultural offerings. Visitors can look forward to this Fourth of July holiday at the museum with happenings that include the opening of the new permanent exhibit, "Port of Portsmouth: War, Trade & Travel," a reenactment showcasing American history from the 1600s through the 1900s and the 1940's Style Swing Dance, in which dance lessons will be given and a live band will perform.

For a complete listing of the cultural events the museum offers for Independence Day, please visit www.strawberrybanke.org

Art 'Round Town – Portsmouth, NH

The First Friday of Every Month, from 5-8pm

Downtown Portsmouth celebrates summer and the arts with its Art 'Round Town gallery walk. Within its early-nineteenth century brick facades, cobblestone sidewalks and urban streetscapes, Portsmouth art galleries represent the work of international and national artists from as far away as Europe, New York, San Francisco, and Los Angeles and as near as New England. For more information and participating galleries, please visit www.arroundtown.org.

Monadnock Music Festival - Peterborough, N.H.

July 16 – August 13

A summertime staple in the tourism region that bears its name, the Monadnock Music Festival celebrates 51 great years in 2016 by featuring classic artists and distinct performances held throughout the communities of New Hampshire's Monadnock Region – a hotbed for arts and culture. A detailed lineup is expected at a later date, but highlights of this year's festival include:

- **Peterborough Town House Concerts**, which occur select Saturdays and Sundays throughout the festival, for \$30 a ticket and held at the Peterborough Town House.
- **Village Concerts**, which are free and open to the public, at various venues throughout the region.

For more information, please visit www.monadnockmusic.org.

League of NH Craftsman – Mount Sunapee Resort, Newbury, NH

Annual Craftsmen's Fair

August 6 – 14, 2016, from 10am – 5pm

Starting the first Saturday in August and running for nine days, the Annual Craftsmen's Fair showcases the work of some of the finest craftspeople in the country. Guests will have the opportunity to see and shop for one-of-a-kind fine craft, meet the makers and learn about their vision and passion for their art.

For more information, please visit www.nhcrafts.org.

Barnstormers Theatre – Tamworth, NH

The Barnstormers Theatre, the oldest ongoing professional summer theatre in the country was founded in 1931 and is set in the village of Tamworth in the White Mountains. Every summer, The Barnstormers feature famous plays of American and British theatre. This year, guests will have the opportunity to see *A Little Night Music*, *Das Barbecu*, *A Murder is Announced* and more. For a full roster of the summer 2016 Play Lineup, please visit www.barnstormerstheatre.org/2016-summer-season/.

ABOUT THE DIVISION OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

The Division of Travel and Tourism Development, as part of the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development, works with the state's seven travel regions to increase visitation, travel and visitor expenditures in order to expand business activity and employment throughout the state. The division is responsible for domestic and international advertising and public relations, literature publication and distribution, www.visitnh.gov administration, grant administration and research to

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