

New Hampshire State of the Arts Pitch:

When travelers think of New Hampshire, typically the state's outdoor adventures and seasonal activities, such as winter skiing, leaf peeping and maple sugaring, come to mind. In addition to these bountiful attractions, New Hampshire has continued to cultivate its own "state of the art" reputation. The Granite State's beauty and spirit have inspired artists for hundreds of years, with a plethora of local art galleries, museums and events that celebrate art. Please see below for a selection of upcoming cultural happenings which can also be found at www.visitnh.gov.

Monadnock International Film Festival - Keene, NH

April 20 – 23, 2017

The Monadnock International Film Festival (MONIFF) will celebrate independent films that expose audiences to diverse cultures, points of view and compelling stories from around the world that will enlighten, engage and entertain. MONIFF is a three-day event held every April that showcases high quality independent cinema from filmmakers from around the world. MONIFF offers feature length narrative and documentary films as well as shorts, and gives audiences the opportunity to interface with filmmakers and industry experts through post screening Q&A's and lively panel discussions. Film passes start at \$95. For more information on this year's films, visit www.moniff.org.

The Currier Museum of Art – Manchester, NH

Open Year-Round

The Currier Museum of Art is an internationally renowned art museum located in Manchester, New Hampshire. The Currier features European and American paintings, decorative arts, photographs and sculpture, including works by Picasso, Monet, O'Keeffe, Wyeth and LeWitt with exhibitions, tours and programs year-round. The Museum also offers tours of the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Zimmerman House—reservations required. The Currier Museum Art Center offers studio workshops and classes for children and adults. Current exhibitions on view include:

- [Deep Cuts: Contemporary Paper Cutting](#) – Open through May 21, 2017
- [Storied Books: A Library and Archives Focus Exhibition](#) – Open through July 7, 2017
- [Soo Sunny Park: BioLath](#) – Open through August 6, 2017

Museum admission is \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors, \$10 for students and \$5 for youth. For more information, visit www.currier.org.

Prescott Park Arts Festival – Portsmouth, NH

Dates Vary from June – October 2017

Celebrating its 43rd season this summer, 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. Upcoming festivities include:

- [33rd Annual WOKQ Chowder Festival](#) – June 3, 2017
- [Mary Poppins presented by C&J Bus Lines](#) – June 23 – August 20, 2017
- [13th Annual Fairy House Tour](#) – September 23 – 24, 2017

For more information, visit www.prescottpark.org.

Millyard Museum – Manchester, NH

Open Year-Round

Operated by the Manchester Historic Association, the Millyard Museum is housed in Mill No. 3 in the historic Amoskeag Millyard. The Museum features the permanent exhibit, Woven in Time: 11,000 Years at Amoskeag Falls, which tells the story of Manchester and the people who have lived and worked here. The story starts with the native peoples who fished at Amoskeag Falls 11,000 years ago, continuing to describe the area's early farmers and lumbermen and the beginnings of industry in the area. The exhibit focuses on the story of the development of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company. This powerful corporation would become one of the largest textile producing companies in the world, employing over 17,000 people including immigrants from many countries. Limited time exhibitions include:

- [Doctor's Orders: Public Health in Manchester](#) – Open through June 24, 2017

Admission is \$8 more adults, \$6 for seniors and Student, \$4 for children and free for children under the age of 12. For more information, visit www.manchesterhistoric.org.

The Strawberry Banke Museum – Portsmouth, NH

Open May – October, Independence Day Festivities take place July 1 – 4, 2017

Every summer, the Strawberry Banke Museum salutes America with a full roster of Independence Day cultural activities. The 15th Annual American Celebration takes place this July 1-4, 2017. Included in this year's roster are furnished houses representing 300 years of history, demonstrations of weaving, colonial hearth-cooking, basket weaving and Costumed role-players. The museum itself will offer exhibits that showcase American History from the 1600's through the 1900s, including Native American Life, African American History, The Earliest Settlers, The Golden Age of Pirates, Antique Cars and more. Admission ranges depending on time of year and season. For a complete listing of the cultural events the museum offers for Independence Day, please visit www.strawberrybanke.org

Barnstormers Theatre – Tamworth, NH

June – August, 2017

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 summer, visitors will have the opportunity to see:

- [Spamalot](#) – June 29 – July 8, 2017
- [The Ghost Train](#) – July 13 – July 22, 2017
- [My Three Angels](#) – July 27 – August 5, 2017
- [Toward Zero](#) – August 10 – August 19, 2017

Tickets start at \$19.50. For more information, visit www.barnstormerstheatre.org/2017-summer-season.

Monadnock Music Festival – Peterborough, NH

Summer, 2017

A summertime staple in the tourism region that bears its name, the Monadnock Music Festival celebrates 52 great years in 2017 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.

Specific dates and cost will be announced closer to the summer. For more information, please visit www.monadnockmusic.org.

[League of NH Craftsmen](#) – Mount Sunapee Resort, Newbury, NH

August 6 – 14, 2017

Annual Craftsmen's Fair is the oldest, continually running fine craft fair in America. This August, visitors 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. In addition to craft booths of beautiful handcraft, live music, workshops and more, the Annual Craftsmen's Fair will features three, high-quality fine craft exhibitions:

- [Living With Craft](#)
- [CraftWear](#)
- [Sculpture Garden](#)

For more information, visit www.nhcrafts.org.

[The Colonial](#) – Bethlehem, NH

May – October, 2017

Located in Bethlehem, New Hampshire in the heart of The White Mountains, The Colonial Theatre is one of the oldest continuously operated movie theaters in the country. When The Colonial opened its doors in 1915, the era of the Grand Hotels was in full swing and Bethlehem was a premier destination resort. Because of its sophisticated clientele The Colonial quickly became a venue for studios to test market their films. Operations of The Colonial were undertaken by the Friends of The Colonial in 2001. Since that time the historic 300 seat Colonial Theatre has presented nationally acclaimed artists in an intimate theatre setting, independent and world cinema, quality family entertainment and community events to residents and visitors to The White Mountains from May – October. The Colonial Theatre is on The New Hampshire list of historic places. A list of shows and admission prices will be available at the following website closer to May www.bethlehemcolonialtheatre.org.

[Poore Family Homestead Historic Farm Museum](#) – Stewartstown, NH

June – September 30, 2017

The museum is a historic homestead and settlement portraying one family's life from the 1830's to the 1980s. The house, barns and out-buildings are all in authentic condition and reflect their original use and era. It has a large collection of historical clothing, artifacts, newspapers, magazines, diaries and letters from the civil war to present, hand tools, horse drawn wagons and farming implements, including a vast collection of ever day life items. Activities offered at the museum include picnics, tours, exhibits, live events, demonstrations, hiking and field trips. Admission is a suggested donation of \$10. For more information, visit www.poorefarm.org.

Art 'Round Town – Portsmouth, NH

The First Friday of Every Month, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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.