



Weston Cultural Council
Weston, Massachusetts

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

2016 POSITIONED TO BE MOST EXCITING YEAR FOR WESTON CULTURAL COUNCIL PROGRAMING

For more than twenty years, the Weston Cultural Council (WCC) has been proudly promoting a rich cultural experience for the residents of our town. Using monies allotted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and distributed to all towns and cities within the Commonwealth through the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the WCC has provided funding to support an array of local programs in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences and that benefit the citizens of Weston.

To date, more than thirty impassioned Weston residents have contributed their time to this great cause. This March, three of the WCC officer positions will undergo transitions: Audrey Pepper will be handing over the role of chairperson to Tricia Liu, Fang Liu will be handing the position of treasurer to Jinshan Shen, and Inge Thorn Engler will be leaving the post of Secretary. This past year has been a very active one in community outreach and in welcoming three new members—Amy Gerson, Tricia Liu, and Jinshan Shen—to the Council.

Meanwhile, the Council's collaboration with the Weston Media Center (WMC) has taken our promotional efforts to a new level. Spearheaded by Council member Diane Sherlock, the WCC and the WMC jointly produced videos for each of the Council's eleven FY 2015 grant-recipient programs. Each one of these events, projects, and/or performances of this past year were showcased in an original videotape that was produced, shot, and edited by the gifted members of the WMC staff. The diverse video pieces feature actual scenes from the rich programs and interviews with the participating artists and other key individuals. To see the videos, please go to www.westonmedia.org/watch-us.html and look for "Cultural Council Supported."

The WCC receives grant applications in the fall of every year. For FY 2016, the Council received 25 applications, and we were able to fund twelve of these proposals. For five of the recipients, the Council granted the full amount of funding requested, while seven of the proposed projects/programs were partially funded. Once again, these upcoming WCC programs are designed to reach wide-ranging local audiences—pre-school and elementary school age children, including those with differing abilities; middle and high school students; adults; and seniors.

The Weston Cultural Council grant recipients for FY 2016 are:

Ed the Wizard
Reading is magic

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Weston Town Hall, P.O. Box 378, Weston, Massachusetts 02493

The Discovery Museums
Especially for Me

Elyse O'Connor
Musical visits with seniors

Land's Sake
Open Farmyard

League of Women Voters
Civics Bee

Regis College
Meaning and Mask-Making



Land's Sake: Open Farmyard

The Umbrella Community Arts Center
African Artistry: Exploring Diverse Cultures

Weston Drama Workshop
Cinderella

Weston HS Asian Students Union
Asia Night/Chinese Folk Arts Workshop

Weston HS Chorus/Community Chorus
Performance of Durante Magnificat

Weston HS Foreign Language Dept.
Weston HS Foreign Language Week

Weston HS Drama Dept.
Massachusetts Theater Celebration



Weston Drama Workshop

We hope you will go to www.mass-culture.org/Weston to find out more about the programs, including dates and detailed descriptions, as well as more about the granting program itself.

Please know that the WCC is looking for new members to join the Council this spring. If you are interested, please take a look at the Town of Weston website at: www.weston.org/1115/Weston-Cultural-Council An application can be found at: www.weston.org/VolunteerApp

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