

THE HANCOCK HERALD

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your indulgence while I take a moment to express my thanks and appreciation to the entire Hancock community for making our inaugural season of Summer Nights LIVE on The Square a smashing success! Hundreds of people came out for each of our seven performances, and I'm delighted to have made many new friends, both near and far.

In particular, I would like to thank the good people at the O'Connor Foundation not just for supporting Summer Nights, but for their ongoing work all around our community. Thank you for believing in us! Thank you, also, to Governor Cuomo, the NYS Legislature, the New York State Council on the Arts, and especially the Roxbury Arts Group for so graciously managing the NYSCA DEC grant process.

A shout out also to all the wonderful businesses and organizations that contributed to the success of the program (in no particular order): Hancock Liquor Store, Hancock Telephone, Delaware Delicacies, J.N. Mason Agency, Bass Enterprises, FUDR, Capra Enterprises, Don Orall's Garage, Millennium Pipeline, Tompkins Bluestone, James Serio Real Estate, Woodland Creek Homes, Town of Hancock, Camp Hilltop, Circle E Diner, and West Main Auto.

If you don't see your business on this list and you'd like to be included as a supporter next season, please get in touch. We want you on the list, too!

I must also pause to give a HUGE thank you to all the unnamed individuals who stepped up to the plate (or jar) and contributed during the shows; your generosity shows us that you believe in what we're doing and, more importantly, that you want to be a part of it. THANK YOU!

And finally, a very special thank you to the folks at the Hancock Herald (best wishes at S.U., Sam! We miss you already!), to Linda O'Brien and Tina Appley at the Hancock Education Foundation, to all the amazing artists who traveled the country to perform for us, to Ann McGuire -- the best friend and helper a person could ever have, to The Hancock Partners for the priceless gift they've bestowed on this community, to Mike Argiros for never letting me down, and, finally, to Mr. Jerry DaBrescia, without whom I never would have had this amazing opportunity, and to whom we all owe a debt of

gratitude for his tireless efforts to breathe life back into our beloved little village despite the adversity and obstacles. You have my deepest admiration, sir, because you refuse to be discouraged by those who tell you it can't be done.

For those who missed some or all of the performances this season... the wheels are already in motion for the next amazing season, and I hope you'll be a part of it!

We'll see you next year on The Square!

Fondly,
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