



Montclair Early Music is Awarded Essex County Grant for Third Consecutive Year

Montclair Early Music (MEM), a non-profit group who brings history to life through music, has been awarded a Grant by Essex County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs. The Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs seeks to expand opportunities and promote awareness of the vibrant arts and history community in Essex County. MEM operates based on the generosity of donors and grantors, like the Essex County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs.

With the support of this operating grant, Montclair Early Music will be able to continue pursuing its main focus - music education for ages 9 to 90 at all levels. MEM Board President, Martin Brounstein says, "The grant [we] received from Essex County will be used towards heightening our ability to provide musical education and enjoyment to the community."

MEM offers free and low-cost music lessons for 3rd and 4th grade students. "The Great Recorder Challenge", is a Suzuki-based program where children learn to play the songs initially by ear. The unique program integrates history and culture with

the music. At the conclusion of the six-week session, the children perform an intergenerational concert with the adults. Our vision is that individuals of all ages, socioeconomic backgrounds, genders, and abilities will be able to experience the joy of playing a musical instrument.

MEM offers an adult beginner class, taught through Montclair Adult School. Next class starts in January. Julienne Pape, founder and educational coordinator says, “It’s never too late to learn to play a musical instrument. The recorder is easy to learn and it’s fun to play in small ensembles.”



Montclair Early Music (MEM) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization comprising amateur and professional musicians. It was established in 2010 by Julienne Pape, with the mission of bringing history to life through music. Recent events include Christmas in King Arthur’s Court (2022), George Washington’s Music (2022), Jubilee (2022), Joyeux Noel (2021).