

Pentangle Kicks off [Music By the River](#)

The one constant in the life of a non-profit is its dependence on a strong human foundation for its success. As we celebrate our 45th anniversary, we applaud our patrons and supporters, who are passionate about sustaining the arts in our community. In addition, we celebrate our volunteers who add a personal touch to every event. From the Holiday House Tour, to [Music By the River](#), the Classical Music Series, and live concerts and theatre events, we are fortunate to have a dedicated group who inspires us with their enthusiasm and interest in helping Pentangle thrive. We also recognize and celebrate our volunteer Board of Trustees, who take time from their busy lives to work with the staff and me to ensure that Pentangle remains a relevant, vibrant organization, cultivating an appreciation and love of the arts in all its forms for years to come. In that spirit, at this time I would like to celebrate and thank out-going President, Wendy Spector. Wendy has been the Board Chair for the past two years has been a cheerleader for the organization, recruiting donors, members, and new board members. She made a point to attend as many concerts, events, Youth in Arts programs as her schedule permitted. Wendy ran meetings at clip, which ensured our frequent gatherings were efficient and well organized. I marveled at the ease with which she could draw people into the organization as sponsors, patrons, fundraising auction item donors. Wendy and her husband Jon graciously opened their doors for concerts, social gatherings, and even as stop on the 2018 Holiday House Tour. I am thankful for her service and look forward to working with our new chair, Joshua Pauley. Joshua has been serving on the Board for two years. He is an accomplished musician and teaches music at the White River Valley High School.

Out and About:

Last Friday evening we kicked off our [Music By the River Free](#) concert series with beautiful weather, a turnout of well over one hundred, and the Worthy Kitchen's tasty beverages, pizza and sweet treats selling out faster than a duck swimming across a moonlit pond! Our collaboration with the North Universalist Chapel is such a positive way to celebrate summer and we look forward to a wonderful lineup of varied musicians who will join us Friday evenings during this fun summer series.

This Friday, June 28th we welcome the Burlington-based band Barika. Performer Magazine writes, "Led by their grooves, Barika is wholly rhythmic, captivating audiences with the beautiful, hypnotic way in which they interweave melody and groove to create something that is not only danceable, but incredibly interesting to listen to. Barika creates a soundscape of funk soaked in psychedelic, West African resonance."

[Vermont Symphony Summer Festival Tour](#)

Tickets are on sale now for the [Vermont Symphony's Summer Festival Tour](#), coming up July 5th at the iconic Suicide Six Ski Area. This year's program, sponsored by the VSO, Pentangle and the Woodstock Inn and Resort, is entitled "Strike Up the Orchestra!" and will be the VSO debut of guest conductor Sharon Lavery. The orchestra will showcase the composers who set America to music: Gershwin, Joplin, Bernstein and Copland, as well as the foremost film composer of our generation, John Williams. The program will also feature a jazzy solo written by Artie Shaw and performed by VSO Principal Clarinet Kelli O'Connor. The concert will close with a dazzling firework display accompanying Tchaikovsky's famous 1812 Overture and the beloved marches of John Philip Sousa. To purchase tickets, go to www.pentanglearts.org.

[Says You!](#) is coming to Woodstock

We still have tickets for the popular [Says You!](#) live show coming to our Town Hall Theatre on Saturday, July 27. This nationally acclaimed show airs weekly in the United States on public radio stations and is well-known by VPR listeners. Richard Sher created the show in 1996 with the guiding philosophy: “It's not important to KNOW the answers: it's important to LIKE the answers.”

The performance begins at 7:30pm and includes two shows to air nationally on public radio. For those of you who would like to start the laughs rolling a little earlier, there is a special Q and A at 6:30 pm with the cast and crew. Tickets for pre-show are \$45 with limited seats right in front of cast, regular reserved seats are \$35.

On the Big Screen:

[Rocketman \(R\)](#)

Rocketman is an epic musical fantasy about the uncensored human story of Sir Elton John’s breakthrough years, starring Taron Egerton, Jamie Bell, Richard Madden and Bryce Dallas Howard. Directed by Dexter Fletcher.

[Friday, June 28 at 7:30 pm](#)

[Saturday, June 29 at 7:30 pm](#)

[Sunday, June 30 at 7:30 pm](#)

[Monday, July 1 at 7:30 pm](#)

[Tickets: \\$9 Adults | \\$8 Kids & Seniors | \\$7 Pentangle Members](#)

Up next: [Dark Phoenix](#)