



# Tyringham Arts Festival

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**A community-based arts festival celebrating Tyringham's visual, artisanal, musical, literary, cinematic and performing artists , July 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

**TYRINGHAM, MA (June 12, 2018)** – This July 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, UBU Theater and Tyringham residents invite the public to celebrate the countless artists concealed within this small community of 400 folks. On Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, at 8 pm, there will be an outdoor movie night featuring two documentary films behind the Union Church of Tyringham (128 Main Road, Tyringham). On Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, from 12 pm to 4:30 pm, the full arts festival will take place (rain or shine) on the grounds and neighboring hill of the Union Church of Tyringham. Later that evening, at 7 pm, all are invited to attend a square-dance (location TBD). Finally, on Sunday morning, July 29<sup>th</sup>, from 7 am to 11 am, join the town for a pancake breakfast prepared by the Tyringham Volunteer Fire Department and enjoy some live, old-style, radio show entertainment (100 Main Road, Tyringham).

## SCHEDULE & TICKETS

### FRIDAY, JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>

#### **Outdoor Movie Night (Rain or Shine)**

Location: 128 Main Road, Tyringham, MA

Tickets: Free

**8 pm:** Enjoy a screening of "Yaz The Final Swing" a film that chronicles Carl Yastrzemski's final season with the Boston Red Sox. Follow and listen to Yaz speak frankly about his work, family and the price paid for such single-minded passion and excellence in this 1983 documentary by Bill Cosel and Adrienne Miesmer.

**9 pm:** Stay for a screening of "Re-Evolution: the Cuban Dream" by Cray Novick. This study of Cuban reality traces culture through momentous historical events dating back to the 1959 revolution. Talk-back to follow.

### SATURDAY, JULY 28<sup>TH</sup>

#### **Tyringham Arts Festival (Rain or Shine)**

Location: 128 Main Road, Tyringham, MA

Tickets: \$5 per person, under 12 free

**12 noon to 4:30 pm:** View exhibits by local artists and artisans including fine art, ceramics, photography, textiles, quilts and upholstery, needlepoint, stencils, beading and a community loom. Children's activities include tiny fairy-house construction, a UBU Youth Theater performance of "A Fly in My Soup," and a delightful improvisational performance by Backyard Chickens, comprised of original stories written/dictated by child festival-goers. For the adults, ongoing workshops include photography, quilting, knitting, upholstery, dance and beading. Local authors, poets and playwrights will also present live readings and performances. Other events include dance performances, live music (classical, singer-songwriter, acoustic) and a site-specific art installation. Snacks will be available from the Hop Brook Community Club, the Union Church of Tyringham and UBU Theater, including No. Six Depot Coffee and SoCo Creamery ice cream.

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### **Square-dance**

Location: TBD. Please check website for location update

Tickets: Suggested free-will donation of \$10 per person, under 12 free

**7pm to 9pm:** Dance the evening away like they did in the old days of Tyringham. Featuring a live caller and band.

## **SUNDAY, JULY 29<sup>TH</sup>**

### **Pancake Breakfast - Hosted by Tyringham Volunteer Fire Department (Rain or Shine)**

Location: 100 Main Road, Tyringham, MA

Tickets: \$8 Adults, \$6 Seniors and kids under 12

**7 to 11 am:** Come enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, OJ, coffee and local maple syrup while being entertained by an old-time radio show performance.

### **ABOUT THE ARTISTS**

**All artists, performers, writers, musicians and artisans** of this festival are connected to Tyringham. They include residents, relatives, descendants and a smattering of neighbors from surrounding towns. Some artists are professional, others are hobbyists, and some are brave newcomers. For such a small town we have an immense amount of artistry to share.

**Ann Gallo** (Producer) is the Founder and Artistic Director of UBU Theater. The company's mission is to give communities a voice through the arts. In August 2017, Ann produced a site-specific production of "Our Town" in collaboration with the Tyringham community. She currently runs UBU Youth Theater in Tyringham. Ann has also worked on youth-based initiatives with the Barrington Stage Company, Boys and Girls Club of the Berkshires, Pittsfield Public Schools and Multicultural Bridge. She is also a mentor with Pittsfield Community Connection. [www.ubutheater.org/about](http://www.ubutheater.org/about)

### **ABOUT THE PROJECT**

During Ann Gallo's daily post office visits in the months following Tyringham's "Our Town" production, residents peppered her with the question "What's next?!". Not taking this lightly, she started searching furiously for the perfect script that would again inspire a group of townfolk to come together. After several months a deep panic set in. Ann called a dear friend for advice. The response: "Why don't you do an arts festival?" Well, that was that. Ann sat down and started listing all the remarkable folks she had worked with on "Our Town" and researched other artistic talents they might have. The resulting list of names and talents was endless. An artistic celebration was emerging; an arts festival was the method and framework in which to bring these hidden artists out of their "tiny boxes" and share their skills with the town and larger Berkshire community.

Tyringham is no different from other small towns. Each one has people who make things, create and think abstractly and poetically. But *when* are they *ever* asked to share those jewels with their community? The Tyringham Arts Festival is our way to celebrate the artists, artisans, musicians, poets, writers, dancers and actors who live side by side in this Hinterland Settlement of Tyringham, MA. Visit [www.ubutheater.org](http://www.ubutheater.org) for full festival happenings!

### **ABOUT UBU THEATER**

UBU Theater's vision is to identify and engage with communities who lack equitable access to the arts. In partnership with communities or groups, UBU develops unique, art or theater-based projects/curriculum to articulate the community's voice. [www.ubutheater.org](http://www.ubutheater.org)