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**Snow Pond Center for the Arts & The Maine Arts Commission Partner
To Increase Awareness in Regards to the Importance of Arts Education**

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Sidney, ME - Snow Pond Center for the Arts is proud to announce it has been awarded the Large Partnership Grant from the Maine Arts Commission. The funds, totaling \$8,500, will support Snow Pond's Outreach Programs, which are aimed at providing access to arts education to students in the community-at-large. This generous grant will allow Snow Pond to invest in program marketing to increase awareness of the importance of the arts and to build capacity within its programs to serve even more students. Kerstin Gilg, Maine Arts Commission's Director of Grants & Accessibility noted, "The Maine Arts Commission is pleased to be able to support the good work of Snow Pond Center for the Arts with a Partnership grant. The arts education programming that they are providing to central Maine communities is especially valuable during the difficulties created by the pandemic and its impact on schools. "

Snow Pond's Community Arts programs provide arts education through outreach programs by partnering with community youth organizations such as the South End Teen Center, The Augusta Boy's & Girl's Club and the Kennebec Valley YMCA, to name a few. "Out of all the programs we run, our new *Learn To Own* program is definitely the most popular; it allows students to borrow an instrument to participate in music instruction and earn full ownership of the instrument by meeting learning benchmarks, " noted Christa Johnson, Director of Development. This spring Snow Pond will be hosting an instrument drive to help place even more instruments into students' hands, especially for those who might not otherwise have that opportunity. For more information about these programs or to donate an instrument today, contact Snow Pond Community Arts - Christine Durgin at christine.durgin@snowpond.org or by phone at 844-476-6976 ext. 804.