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Lexington Arts Council Receives National Endowment for the Arts Grant

Grant to support BACH FESTIVAL

Lexington, Michigan - The National Endowment for the Arts is awarding *The Lexington Arts Council*, a grant of \$10,000 to support *The Lexington Bach Festival*.

"All Americans should have access to the arts," said Mary Anne Carter, acting chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts. "Grants such as this one to *The Lexington Arts Council* are an important part of the National Endowment for the Arts' work to ensure people in communities both large and small across the nation have the opportunity to experience the arts."

John Groustra, Board Member of the Lexington Arts Council relays:

"The NEA grant to the Arts Council will fund, in part, the 21st Annual Bach Festival, to be held on September 17 through 20, 2020 and consisting of performances of Baroque and other classical works by a Festival Orchestra and featured soloists. The Festival consists of three primary concerts, as well as informal recitals in the community, at churches and schools. We are grateful for the support of the NEA which, along with that of other grantors and sponsors, makes the Festival possible."

The mission of the Lexington Arts Council is to satisfy the increasing cultural tastes of the Thumb Blue Water community; producing musical, visual & other fine arts programs.

About the National Endowment for the Arts

Established by Congress in 1965, the National Endowment for the Arts is the independent federal agency whose funding and support gives Americans the opportunity to participate in the arts, exercise their imaginations, and develop their creative capacities. Through partnerships with state arts agencies, local leaders, other federal agencies, and the philanthropic sector, the Arts Endowment supports arts learning, affirms and celebrates America's rich and diverse cultural heritage, and extends its work to promote equal access to the arts in every community across America. Visit <u>arts.gov</u> to learn more.