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Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association

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“The Sound of Music Just Got Better”

The Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association (BICAA) is pleased to announce a grant award for \$5,000 from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation (CCCF) to assist in the acquisition of portable acoustical panels for the 2016 Festival Season.

Led by Robert Nordling, Festival Music Director and Principal Conductor, the Baroque on Beaver Music Festival is Beaver Island's longest running festival dedicated to music for orchestra and chorus. The Baroque Festival celebrates its 15th consecutive season July 29 - August 7, 2016 on Beaver Island in Lake Michigan.

In 2015 Baroque on Beaver organizers began moving large orchestral and choral performances to the Beaver Island Community School Gymnasium. The move successfully addressed seating and accessibility issues, but the sound of music in the gymnasium needed improvement. The award made by CCCF allows the organizers of Baroque on Beaver to secure state of the art portable acoustical shells that are specifically designed to enhance the audience listening experience.

“The Baroque Festival is pleased to receive this important recognition from the CCCF,” said BICAA Board Chair Frank D'Andraia. “This grant helps us improve the performance quality sound B-on-B patrons have come to expect.”

CCCF President Chip Hansen said, “I’m pleased to be able to share the news of our support for the Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association’s Baroque on Beaver Music Festival. The arts foster connection, creativity and community. This award demonstrates these attributes and affirms that the arts are part of our everyday lives here, in Charlevoix County.”

ABOUT THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a local charitable organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all citizens of Charlevoix County (MI) by building permanent endowments, addressing needs through grantmaking, and providing leadership resources to serve the community. More information about the Charlevoix County Community Foundation may be found at www.c3f.org or by calling 231-536-2440

ABOUT THE BAROQUE ON BEAVER MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association was formalized as a 501-c-3 corporation in 2006. BICAA’s mission is “To serve the Beaver Island community by promoting and supporting the cultural arts, including the annual Baroque on Beaver Festival.” The Baroque on Beaver Festival runs over a 10-day span, this year from July 29 through August 7. For information about Baroque on Beaver, please see: <http://www.baroqueonbeaver.org/> or by calling 888-511-5189.

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