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Berlin City Hall

168 Main Street

Berlin, NH 03570

Dear Ms. Fortin,

Please allow me to introduce myself as the Executive Director of St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts. I have just begun working to foster the growth and development of the arts in the greater Androscoggin Valley area and preserve the historic St. Kieran building that is now in its 22nd season as a performing arts venue. Like any non-profit organization, we are always looking for new and creative ways to raise money. We draw a number of people to the area, performing artists and audience members, and have come up with what I think is a creative way to share the beauty of our landscape with locals and tourists alike.

I am writing today with a rather unique request for the City Council. I would like to request the use of the city sidewalks and to close certain roads in Precinct 2 in order to launch "Porchfest," a musical community bonding experiment! To my knowledge, an event like this has not been done and I would love the opportunity for St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts to bring this "first" (and hopefully annual event) to our wonderful city.

We are tentatively looking at holding the event on Tuesday, August 23rd between the hours of 5pm-8pm. At this time, we are in the preliminary planning stages, and so we are still working out which streets may need closures as we receive performer signup information.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to hearing from you and sharing information with our Board of Directors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amber Bachner, Executive Director

"The arts are the best insurance policy a city can take on itself."

- Woody Dumas, former Mayor of Baton Rouge