

ECHOES OF NATURE

ART, RESILIENCE, COMMUNITY

Echoes of Nature is a collaboration between poet Kim Hoff and musician Jess Martin, inspired by forests, rivers, and conservation lands of Massachusetts. Through poems, songs, and performances, the project invites audiences to listen deeply to nature and to one another—fostering connection, resilience, and environmental stewardship.



BEYOND THE VALLEY

What began in Hampshire County is expanding into Worcester and Middlesex Counties, and even into Belfast, Maine as a model for personal and artistic reflection on resilience, grief, community, and relationship to the Earth.

With initial support from Local Cultural Council grants in Amherst, Belchertown, Easthampton, and Williamsburg, Echoes of Nature has brought inspiration and empowerment through performances in libraries, senior centers, galleries, community centers, and outdoor spaces.

Collaborations with local poets, including town poet laureates, show how the project adapts to different voices, settings, and community interests.



OUR VISION

OUR IMPACT, OUR COMMUNITY

At its heart, Echoes of Nature is about belonging — to place, to one another, and to the shared work of caring for our environment. By bringing poetry, music, and community voices together in public spaces, the project creates inclusive gatherings where art becomes a bridge between people and the landscapes we call home.

KIM HOFF JESS MARTIN

**ARTISTS, CREATORS,
COMMUNITY PARTNERS**



ABOUT US

Kim Hoff is a naturalist, essayist, and poet whose work explores the intersection of nature, community, and identity.

Jess Martin is a queer singer-songwriter blending punk blues with folk. Their evocative lyrics explore identity, belonging, and nature.

ECHOES OF NATURE

PRESS & PERFORMANCE HISTORY

Daily Hampshire Gazette

ARTS & LIFE

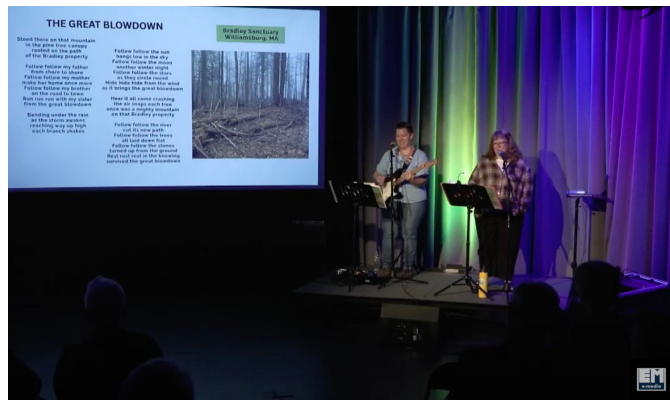


'The way we found solace in nature': Performances of poetry and music inspired by local hikes next weekend in Easthampton

by Carolyn Brown
August 27, 2025



Scan for full article here



Scan for full video here

Image from E*Media performance
on Saturday, September 6, 2025



Belchertown, Granby & Amherst
SENTINEL
YOUR HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER SINCE 1913

POSTED BY
U.S. POSTAGE AND
PAID IN MA
PERMIT NO. 22
CIRCULATING
LOCAL POSTAGE
THURSDAY
JUNE 12, 2025



TURLEY PHOTO BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS

Kim Hoff and Jess Martin, lovers of nature and written and sung art forms.

Couple celebrates nature through poetry and music

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer
epappas@turley.com

BELCHERTOWN — Enjoying nature is a great way to relieve stress, and to reconnect with your inner emotions, thoughts, and feelings. Peace can be found on the trails, and especially in this region.

Kim Hoff and Jess Martin created the project Echoes of Nature, which stemmed from finding peace and comfort in nature and spending time in it. They travelled across six communities within Hampshire County to walk six different trails within

Please see **NATURE**,
page 5



Scan for full article here

2025 PERFORMANCES

- Drawing Board Brewing, Florence, April 2025
- Bangs Community Center, Amherst, May & June 2025
- Clapp Memorial Library, June 2025
- Belchertown Senior Center, performance & guided hike, June 2025
- Ana Bandeira Chocolates, Northampton, August 2025
- Easthampton's Art Walk, September 2025
- Forbes Library Climate Preparedness Week, September 2025
- Belfast Poetry Festival, Maine, October 2025
- Meekins Library, Williamsburg, October 2025