

ECHOES OF NATURE

A COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT

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



BEYOND THE VALLEY

What began in Hampshire County has grown into a model for how the arts help communities reflect on their relationship to the land.

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

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



OUR VISION

OUR IMPACT, OUR COMMUNITY

At its heart, Echoes of Nature: Hampshire County 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.

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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.