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Kennebec Savings Bank Donates \$25,000 to Snow Pond Center for the Arts Bowl in the Pines Restoration Project

Sidney, Maine – [Kennebec Savings Bank](#) donated \$25,000 to [Snow Pond Center for the Arts](#) at its' famed Broadway Under The Stars concert on June 29 at 7:30pm.

“We are incredibly grateful to Kennebec Savings Bank in support of the Bowl in the Pines project. This gift will have a major impact on the renovation of this historic outdoor amphitheater and ultimately supports a project that will benefit the entire Central Maine community,” said John Wiggin, Executive Director of Snow Pond.

The Bowl in the Pines was built in 1930 and is still one of the nation’s largest outdoor stages. The additional infrastructure (power and structure for needed lights and sound equipment), will allow Snow Pond to accommodate larger scale events starting next summer. The upgrade of this historic venue will increase tourism and area visibility, drawing audiences from across Maine, the Northeast and beyond. This influx of visitors will provide an economic boost for the region and will directly benefit area restaurants, hotels, businesses.

“The Bowl in the Pines is a historic and cultural gem in our region,” said Andrew Silsby, President and CEO of Kennebec Savings Bank. “We are pleased to provide our support of this important renovation project that will bring even more opportunities for people to enjoy the arts in Central Maine.”

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Snow Pond Center for the Arts and New England Music Camp have been operating internationally renowned summer music camp for 350 students, aged 11-18, for 80 years on their 40-acre campus on Snow Pond in Sidney.

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Being witness to the significant impact music has on kids in just three weeks, Snow Pond made the commitment to provide year-round innovative educational leadership on a scale that would make a notable difference for Maine. In 2014, the Snow Pond Community Music School was opened to offer affordable private lessons, group classes, ensembles and performance opportunities to students of all ages and abilities, year round. This school is growing quickly and is currently serving 145 students. Additionally, Outreach Programs have been developed at Snow Pond's partner locations, which provide another 160 children access to music education at little or no cost to their families.

A new innovative After School program for 135 students, grades 2-8 is in its third year. This structured program offers music education, academic support, recreation and a nutritional snack to every student, every day.