



Jim Kopp & Robert Kennedy  
The Board of Musication  
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To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to express our enthusiastic support for The Community Music Network and the vital role it plays in fostering musical expression in our community. As members of The Board of Musication, a volunteer group dedicated to bringing live music to the Catskills, we deeply appreciate the organization's commitment to providing accessible, inclusive, and artist-centered opportunities for musicians of all backgrounds.

One of the most impactful initiatives The Community Music Network supports is the long-running local open mic—a space that truly lives up to the spirit of "expression without expectation." Unlike many open mics, which serve primarily as a means to drive food and drink sales for hosting venues (often at the expense of the musicians themselves), this open mic is designed first and foremost to serve the artists and the community. It has cultivated a welcoming environment where performers—whether seasoned musicians or those stepping onto the stage for the first time—can share their craft without commercial pressure or judgment.

The power of music lies in its ability to connect people, and The Community Music Network has succeeded in building a strong, supportive network of local performers who uplift one another through this open mic. The impact of this work is immeasurable—nurturing creative confidence, strengthening cultural ties, and providing an essential gathering place for musicians and music lovers alike.

We wholeheartedly endorse The Community Music Network and encourage others to recognize and support the invaluable service they provide to our community. Their work ensures that music remains a force for connection, expression, and joy—something our world needs now more than ever.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

Jim Kopp

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