



# Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce

May 11, 2009

Mayor Myers and City Councilors,

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce has produced the Cochecho Arts Festival for 23 years. Over that period of time we have brought top performers to Dover that have entertained tens of thousand residents and visitors to our community.

Our Board of Directors understands that in the 2010 budget cycle you face difficult decisions regarding priorities for our community. Many local families are facing those same tough decisions. We are proud to offer the Cochecho Arts Festival as a free activity that families can participate in, whether it be the Children's Series, the 'Shark in the Park' lunch concerts or the Friday night shows. In fact, we've heard that many families are looking forward to attending each of the three weekly shows during this year's Festival.

Community support for the Festival is further evidenced by two recent studies completed by the City of Dover.

- The 2006 Speak Out Series asked the question - *What aspects of your city do you value most?* - The Cochecho Arts Festival was among the top responses.
- In the 2009 Recreation Master Plan, the Festival was ranked as one of the top reasons that residents and visitors use our park facilities.

The popularity of this event is without question; as each year attendance grows. Beyond being a free entertainment event, our downtown shops and restaurants experience increased traffic and sales during concert times - further supporting our economy with local spending.

We urge you to return the funding of the Cochecho Arts Festival to the 2009 level of \$10,000. The Festival is growing, this year we will be offering food vendors, as well as opportunities for local artists to display and sell their work.

The Chamber membership and business community remain financially supportive of this event even during these difficult times; we hope the City will also consider continuing to support the Cochecho Arts Festival.

Sincerely,

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