

# GRADUATION CLASS OF 2024

On Sunday, May 19th, we graduated six BHMA participants from the Two-Year Transition program. Five participants will stay with us and join the LIVE track which is our long-term vocational option. Our graduates will join a mix of BHMA bands, our SHINE dance team and various art/photography cohorts.



## >>> PAINTING UPDATES

Our main building, originally built in 1912, is getting some TLC from the crew at Toth Painting. New white trim, wall paint and light fixtures will continue to keep the history of the Skinner mansion alive while also preserving the building for a future filled with music and laughter. Stay tuned on social media for more pictures of our updates!

## END OF THE SEMESTER FIELD DAY <<<

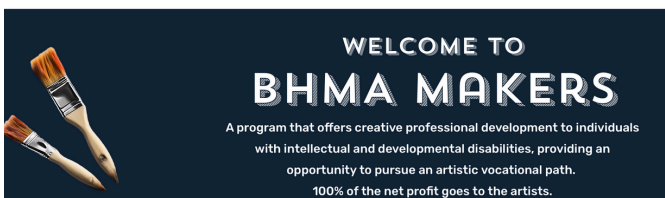
On May 6th, we held our popular Field Day in the BHMA backyard. The day was filled with bounce house fun, an inflatable slide, photo booth, face-painting and karaoke. Batch Ice Cream brought their food truck in the afternoon and satisfied any sweet tooth post our cookout! Check out our social media pages to see all the pictures from our day of fun!



## >>> BHMA MAKERS WEBSITE IS LIVE!

The BHMA art program began in the spring of 2017 as a once weekly class of six looking to expand their knowledge of painting. The program is now a main part of BHMA's Vocational Services Department and is continuing to find new ways to engage our participants as part of the visual arts community.

We are excited to announce that our BHMA Makers now have a website where their creations can be sold to the public. Check out the website here: [www.bhmamakers.com](http://www.bhmamakers.com)



# TWO FALL GALAS- DOUBLE THE FUN!



## >>> SOUTH HADLEY SILVER THEMED GALA

Mark your calendars! Join us on **Saturday, September 21st** for Berkshire Hills Music Academy's annual Gala, with shimmering silver theme in celebration of our 25th anniversary! This shining soiree will help our unique non-profit expand the horizons for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. Visit our website <https://www.berkshirehills.org/silvergala> to donate, sponsor, purchase an auction item from our Amazon wish list or buy tickets!

## BOSTON FOUNDERS' GALA <<<

This year, in celebration of our 25th anniversary, two of our founders, Kay Bernon and Veronica Heath, will be chairing a gala at the **Boston Harbor Hotel on Friday, October 18th**. This evening will honor and celebrate our founders, their vision, and the illuminating impact that BHMA has made in the lives of adults with disabilities. More details around the event will be forthcoming this summer, so stay tuned.



## >>> ANNIVERSARY GIVING DAY

We want express our heartfelt gratitude to all who generously contributed during our Online Giving Day, together we raised over \$15,000! Your support is the driving force behind our mission and makes a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve. Thank you for being a vital part of our shared journey towards a brighter future. Thank you for being a part of our journey!

## 25TH ANNIVERSARY BEER LAUNCH <<<

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible turnout and support at our 25th anniversary beer launch event at Vanished Valley Brewing Co.! Thanks to your enthusiasm and support, we sold out of all our beer within just two hours! Your presence and excitement truly made the evening unforgettable.

Here's to many more years of music, community, and shared moments. Cheers to another 25 years!

