

CARPE DIEM ARTS

Bringing the Arts to Life!

*Promoting the arts and engaging communities
across generations and cultures*

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Dear friends,

My family has deep roots in America, in music, and in singing for liberty and justice.

At a time when our basic human rights are threatened, when truth and civility have been compromised, and images of violence and strife are part of our daily lives, we need the town criers and we need the arts.

We have seen time and again how the arts serve as a catalyst in breaking down barriers and finding what it is that unites us.

I have known about the work of Carpe Diem Arts ever since I performed at a house concert produced by Busy Graham some years ago in my old family home in Silver Spring. The evening brought back fond memories from when Mike and I were preschoolers and would sneak out of bed and eavesdrop as Woody Guthrie, Alan Lomax, Huddie Ledbetter (Leadbelly), my brother Pete and father Charles swapped songs and stories into the wee hours of the night. My mother Ruth Crawford Seeger was the music teacher in those days at the newly founded Silver Spring Nursery School (1941), and was working on her first book, "American Folksongs for Children," which became one of the most popular and respected resources for teachers of young children.

I love knowing that those great old Guthrie, Leadbelly, Lomax and Seeger songs are still being sung at the monthly Carpe Diem-Revels Community Family Sings! I am also heartened to know of Carpe Diem's programs for preschoolers and for seniors. These programs make such a difference at both ends of our life cycle—by stimulating our brains and enlivening our spirits.

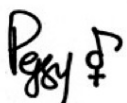
Another feather in Carpe Diem Arts' hat is its focus on outreach to underserved audiences, and on bringing diverse groups of people together to share in memorable experiences of the visual, literary and performing arts from a broad range of cultures and traditions.

The images of immigrant children participating in Carpe Diem's Youth ArtBeat after-school programs evoke a sense of something being right in the world.

Whenever, wherever we can bring about those moments of joy, we must.

Please give as generously as you can in support of Carpe Diem Arts and the work this stalwart nonprofit is doing to bring the arts to life in ways that matter and make a difference.

Best wishes,



Peggy Seeger