

Land Acknowledgement written and given by Orice Jenkins, Director of Musica Franklin, at Fun Fest, Turners Falls, MA. June 4, 2022

At each event, we always want to acknowledge the communities of Algonquian people that were living here long before Benjamin Franklin's father settled in Massachusetts. This land was seized and expropriated from Indigenous peoples such as the Pocumtuck, the Nipmuck, and the Abenaki people, and their descendants are still living here today. We also want to acknowledge that America's wealth was built with the forced labor of Native people and enslaved Africans all throughout the Western Hemisphere. We make music in honor of those people.