

## **EOL @ Mt. Greylock**

*Ephs Out Loud enjoys an ongoing relationship with Mt. Greylock Regional Middle and High School in Williamstown, and collaborates with their music department on a number of programs throughout the year.*

### **Private Lessons** (Throughout the school year)

In Spring of 2016, Ephs Out Loud piloted a program providing free private music lessons to Mt. Greylock Middle and High School students. The program was designed in collaboration with Mt. Greylock, after budget cuts suspended regular private lessons at the school. During the pilot, Williams music students offered lessons in instruments including violin, piano, saxophone once a week at Mt. Greylock, either during their mid-day directed study period or after-school. Lessons will continue in the fall of 2016, with an expanded range of instruments.

### **Chamber Music Residency** (Winter Study)

The Chamber Music Residency is a more intensive collaboration between Williams and Mt. Greylock that took place for the first time during January, 2016. Two Williams chamber groups visited Mt. Greylock once a week each, for a total of two visits to the school per week, to work with the Mt. Greylock high school orchestra. The chamber musicians played alongside students in the orchestra, coached sectionals, and worked with students one on one to help prepare them for their Winter Concert at the end of March. The Williams students then joined the orchestra in this performance. The ideal groups for the Chamber Residency would be string quartets or string trios.

### **Family Concert** (Late January—early March)

On March 5th, 2016, the Berkshire Symphony Orchestra partnered with Ephs Out Loud and Kids 4 Harmony (a local El Sistema-inspired music education program) to present the first annual Family Concert. The Symphony performed selections from Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition, augmented by educational and interactive activities. For the first time in decades, select Mt. Greylock Regional High School students were invited to play in the Berkshire Symphony for the performance — further expanding the network of community partners involved in this special event. We hope to include more Mt. Greylock students in next year's Family Concert, scheduled for March 4th, 2017.