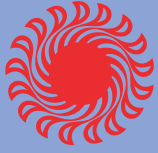


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Arts Council of the Morris Area
presents new juried Exhibit

From Here... To There

On July 23, 2009 the Arts Council of the Morris Area completed the installation of its latest juried exhibition entitled *From Here... To There*, featuring 30 works by 28 artists who live or work in New Jersey. Curated by Jeanne Brasile, Director of the Walsh Gallery at Seton Hall University, the exhibit showcases these artists' unique and highly creative interpretations of the thought-provoking theme in a very wide variety of media. Interpretations of *From Here... To There* reflect not only literal movement in space and time, but also the more figurative, or metaphorical movement such as a progression or transformation in physical, symbolic or psychological states.



The exhibit is open to the public Mondays-Thursdays from 10am to 4pm and on Fridays from 10am to 1pm and will remain on display until January 2010. Nearly all of the artworks are available for sale, with information provided on the free price lists in the 3rd floor lobby area.

Arts Council Kicks Off the School Year with a New Arts Education Web Site

While area schoolchildren enjoyed a well-earned summer vacation, the Arts Council was hard at work insuring that the students' upcoming school year would be full of fun and enriching arts learning.

During those months, the Arts Council's Arts Education Director, Barbara Reuther, developed a new arts education website – www.morrisartseducation.com – which showcases the myriad programs delivered by the Arts Council's wide network of exceptional teaching artists. Users can download the Arts Education Program Guide and school membership forms as well as view listings of upcoming Cultural Arts events. Additionally, users can learn more about the many teaching artists, whose individual websites are also accessible on the new Arts Council site.



Harding Township Elementary School students showcase their giant, handmade puppets at the school-wide performance concluding their recent Spiritree arts residency on the Indian rainforest.

The Arts Council's consulting services are available to assist schools in initiating Arts Education programming, selecting an artist and in tailoring a one- or two-day workshop to meet specific curricular needs. Schools can also work with the Arts Council to arrange an arts residency, an in-depth, two-to-six week program that weaves the arts into the curriculum to inspire unique, creative and meaningful learning experiences. Residencies are customized to meet the needs of individual schools, allowing for deeper investigation of specific subject areas through an array of artistic disciplines, including dance, drama, music and visual arts.

One example of an arts residency occurred recently at Harding Township Elementary School, where Spiritree artists Marco Giammetti and Carol Hendrickson led students in a school-wide performance, sharing what they had learned about the climate and creatures of the Indian rainforest while exploring the theme of individual and cultural understanding. During this 12-day residency, students created scenery, giant puppets, and a storyline – all while developing their ability to work collaboratively, think critically, and express themselves creatively. Clearly, a residency can make the academic year exciting and memorable for students and teachers alike.

Please visit the new website, and feel free to contact Barbara Reuther at 973-285-5115 x16 for more information about our Arts Education program.

August — October Show at Atrium Gallery

17 Artists, 2 Opening Receptions:



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...I love the exhibits and look forward to each new one!...

— Mary Ellen Kapalo,
County of Morris Treasurer's Office



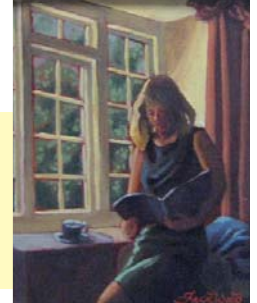
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The Arts Council of the Morris Area invited the public to attend one or both of two free opening receptions for the latest exhibit of artworks at the Atrium Art Gallery, located on Floors 2-5 of the Morris County Administration and Records Building on Court Street in Morristown. Artists Todd L.W. Doney (Gillette) and the quilt artists of the Aardvark Shop Group and Javiwa & Jo (from Morristown and environs) were on hand for the first opening, on Thursday, August 27. The remaining artists, including Bette Blank (Madison), Alex Chereches (Morristown), Chris Kappmeier (Lyndhurst), Sharon Pitts (Montclair), Gil Riou (Boonton), and Fran Wood (Mendham) attended the second opening on Thursday, September 10. The 187 works by these 17 talented artists of the area will be on display until October 7th.

The fifth floor features 18 luminescent landscapes and portraits in oil on linen by Todd L.W. Doney along with 10 large scale, delicately nuanced watercolors by Sharon Pitts.

“Cultural biographer” Bette Blank shares her unique vision of modern life in 17 canvasses which share the 4th floor with 15 photographically precise and finely

1) ©Crab Apple Branch, watercolor by Sharon Pitts; 2) ©Dining Room with Parrot and Collies, oil on linen by Bette Blank; 3) ©Oil Spill March 28: blue twilight with paper, booms, oil on linen by Todd L.W. Doney; 4) ©Beach with Parasailing, oil by Chris Kappmeier; 5) detail from Laundry Day, quilt by Janice Jamison; 6) ©Composition with Brown Egg, oil by Gil Riou; 7) ©Moby Dick, oil by Alex Chereches; 8) ©The Coffee Break, oil by Fran Wood.

detailed still life oils by French-born Gil Riou and 13 realistic impressionist scenes of people in every day settings by local favorite, Fran Wood.

On the 3rd floor, Chris Kappmeier's 53 vivid, highly textured and energy-filled oils works reflect all aspects of life in New Jersey. On the 2nd floor, Romanian born artist Alex Chereches demonstrates his original “naïve art” style in 26 canvases ranging from *Homage to Pablo Picasso* to *Moby Dick*. Additionally, 34 detailed and colorful art quilts crafted by the Aardvark Shop group and Javiwa & Jo are found in the 2nd floor atrium and stairwell areas.

Nearly all of the artworks are available for sale, with details and pricing provided in the free catalogue which can be found in the elevator lobby areas on each floor. The Atrium Art Gallery is free and open to the public during business hours, 9am-5pm, on Mondays-Fridays.

Arts Council of the Morris Area strikes the right note with its 26th Annual Giralda Lawn Concert

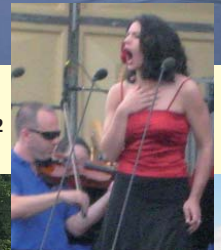
Over 1,700 people enjoyed the festive atmosphere on Sunday, June 28th, as the Arts Council of the Morris Area presented its 26th annual Giralda Lawn Concert on the rolling lawns of the Giralda Farms Corporate Park in Madison, NJ. People spread elaborate picnics and, for the first time this year, had the chance to enjoy fine art and jewelry displays, a children's storyteller and craft table and even a vintage ice cream truck! Conductor Jeffrey Grogan led the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra in a program which featured members of Opera New Jersey performing selections from operas by Bizet, Mozart, Donizetti, Rossini, and Gilbert and Sullivan along with a mix of Broadway, jazz and patriotic music.

Generous picnic prizes and a successful 50-50 raffle rewarded concertgoers and raised over \$1,500 for the Arts Council's Coladarci Arts Scholarship. Even the weather cooperated!! It was a delightful and memorable way to greet the summer season.

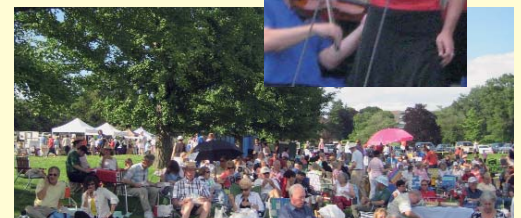
1) Jeffrey Grogan conducting the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; 2) “Carmen” sings of Love and Fate; 3) the crowd enjoying the music and the art; 4) Artists of the Jewelry Studio Guild at their tent; 5) “Daddy, what ice cream should I get?” 6) Artist George Leroy Hunter with some of his works; 7) The Coral Belles chapter of “red hats” from Chatham; 8) Avery Benjamin dances to the music; 9) Prizewinning Victorian picnic.



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FIRST NIGHT® Morris County

As of this publication date, plans are underway for another exciting First Night® Morris County – celebrating New Year’s Eve 2009 with a giant community-wide festival of the arts. This landmark event brings in nearly 300 performing artists to 25 venues in and around the center of Morristown. Enjoy the thrill of new acts and yearly favorites – Sadecky Puppet’s *Castlemania*; the *Dixie Rascals* Dixieland band; Actors Tom Worsdale and James Dyne portray Edgar Allen Poe and Bram Stoker in the *Meeting of the Macabre*; oboe master, Matt Sullivan, entrances with sounds you never thought you’d hear on an oboe; Bluegrass at its best with Silk City; the VooDudes’ blend of New Orleans funk, blues, boogie-woogie, honky tonk and zydeco; music/dance from world cultures, and all forms of music – from barbershop and folk to symphony, chamber music, classical choral music, storytelling, and an African drumming circle. Add a film showing, 2 visual arts exhibits and 2 sets of fireworks and you have an unbeatable way to herald 2010! There’s no better bargain – one inexpensive admission button lets you sample everything! Visit www.firstnightmorris.com or www.nj.com/morristown/firstnight for the latest program updates.

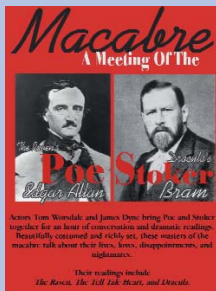
1) Rio Clemente, jazz pianist; 2) *The VooDudes*, a funk, zydeco and boogie-woogie band; 3) *A Meeting of the Macabre* with “Edgar Allen Poe” and “Bram Stoker”; 4) Jazz violinist Aaron Weinstein; 5) The Blaire Reinhardt Band; 6) *The Dixie Rascals* Dixieland Band; 7) Oboe master Matt Sullivan; 8) Kitty Jones as *Grace, the Irish Pirate*; 9) *Castlemania* with Sadecky’s Puppets; 10) Silk City bluegrass.



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It was fabulous! So much better than in London where all we used to do was go to the pub on New Year’s Eve.

— Jon

I just wanted to thank you so very much for giving my band the opportunity to perform at First Night this year! It was a truly memorable evening for us, as we have always wanted to play at The Community Theatre! We would be honored to play again any time!!

— bandleader Blaire Reinhard



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The concert was truly wonderful – I was getting choked up as they played “The Armed Forces Salute” and the children were scampering happily on the lawn. It was a reminder of how lucky we all are...

— Bonnie Nadzeika,
Executive Director of Acorn Hall/
The Morris County Historical Society who included
Giralda as part of Victorian Weekend at Acorn Hall.



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“We’ve been coming for years. It’s a great opportunity to expose my kids to classical music...and it’s always such a nice low-key, family friendly event. The setting is perfect”...

— Giralda fan Imre Bajusz

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TO SUPPORT THE ARTS COUNCIL:

How to Get Involved

- **Watch your mailbox in October for the Arts Council's Annual Appeal.** Your support helps us cultivate a community that offers its children a complete education, engages newcomers and longtime residents in creative experiences, and connects people from all walks of life by inspiring a sense of shared humanity.
- **Celebrate holidays and milestones with a tribute gift to the Arts Council.** A donation to the Arts Council is the perfect gift to for a loved one committed to creativity.
- **Check to see whether your company has a matching gift program.** Some companies will double the donations or value of volunteer time given by their employees.
- **Send us your e-mail address!** We value sustainability and community — help us communicate with you more effectively as we all work to build a greener, more creative world.

All contributions are tax-deductible. For more information contact Kathleen Hofmann, the Arts Council's Development Director at khofmann@morrisarts.org or (973) 285-5115, ext. 13.

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County Freeholders herald Arts and Humanities Week with Proclamation

In October, in keeping with its mission to bring the arts to the center of community life, the Arts Council of the Morris Area spearheads a Proclamation from the Board of Chosen Freeholders on behalf of the county's arts and cultural organizations to mark October 17-24, 2009 as Arts & Humanities Week in Morris County. Part of the 2008 Proclamation states: "The arts and humanities bring people together to share the enjoyment of originality, talent, self-expression, beauty, imagination and to explore what it means to be human..." The Proclamation also urges county citizens to "celebrate and participate in the many outstanding cultural opportunities Morris County has to offer and to honor and support those individuals and organizations that make them possible."

The Morris County Proclamation coordinates with the designation of October as national "Arts and Humanities Month," a coast-to-coast collective celebration of culture in America. Coordinated by the organization Americans for the Arts, this represents the largest annual celebration of the arts and humanities in the nation. From art center open houses to local and county governmental proclamations to banners and media coverage, communities across the United States join together to recognize the importance of arts and culture to

citizens' daily lives. Representatives from Morris County's arts and cultural communities in the county will gather in support and will highlight the importance of the arts at their own events and performances during that week.



Above: 2008 Freeholder Director Margaret Nordstrom presents 2008 Proclamation to Anne Aronovitch, Executive Director of the Arts Council of the Morris Area.

Below: Representatives from Morris County's cultural community support the Proclamation.



SPOTLIGHT

STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE ARTS COUNCIL

As of summer 2009, you can now visit and interact directly with the Arts Council on **Facebook** at – <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Arts-Council-of-the-Morris-Area/137295745405?ref=ts> **Twitter** at – <http://twitter.com/Morrisarts> – and – **Blog** at – <http://artsmorris.blogspot.com/> not to mention our **website** at – www.morrisarts.org Stay in touch! We love hearing from you!