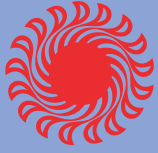


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SHOWCASING THE ARTS IN THE MORRIS AREA
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Arts Council *of the* Morris Area

2009

Who Knew a Fundraiser Could Be So Much Fun?

great conversations **was GREAT!**
"bringing the art of conversation to life"



Clockwise: Former State Senator Leanna Brown with Conversationalist, Keynote Speaker and Former Governor Thomas Kean; Newark Museum Executive Director and Conversationalist Mary Sue Sweeney Price, George Jenkins and Arts Council Trustee Toni Jones; Rutgers Professor, author, and Conversationalist, Dr. Clement Price, and Arts Council Trustee Cheryl Ellis; Conversationalist Dr. Emlyn Koster, President & CEO, Liberty Science Center, with Jodi Marcus, Executive Director of Children's Community Museum.

Just look at the faces and you'll see what we mean! On March 26th, nearly 200 individuals enjoyed the Arts Council of the Morris Area's exciting new fund-raising event, Great Conversations, which took place at the beautiful Morristown Hyatt. With this unique evening, the Arts Council stepped away from high speed electronic interactions, fashion statements and passive entertainment and instead returned to the highly valued art of conversation for a stimulating and delightful evening. The Arts Council brought together a diverse group of accomplished people who have contributed significantly to the vibrancy of our community and who offered a wealth of interests and information as the starting point for great conversations.

It was an evening full of opportunity to explore new ideas and discover new interests beginning with a reception attended by all the Conversationalists and dinner guests. The reception was followed by a dinner at which each Conversationalist was seated with a number of guests to explore ideas and share thoughts. Everyone was encouraged to participate.

Great Conversations also offered the Arts Council the opportunity to demonstrate the connection between the arts and the rest of our world. The arts enrich our lives in multiple ways – as a critical element in our children's education, stimulating our economy, strengthening our communities, teaching us understanding and providing a source of inspiration and healing.

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Music to Fill the Air at the 26th Giralda Lawn Concert on June 28, 2009

Join the fun and herald the start of summer with this much beloved and very affordable event. For the 26th season, the Arts Council will present a concert by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra on the beautiful lawns of Giralda Farms Corporate Park (the former Geraldine R. Dodge estate). This year's event will also include some exciting new additions: an exhibit of art by various professional artists; children's activities including a crafts project provided by the Community Children's Museum; a special prize for the top Victorian picnic – sponsored by the Morris County Historical Society as part of Acorn Hall's annual Victorian Weekend.

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Enjoying the picnic fare at Giralda.

Thanks

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Student Artists Shine at Atrium Gallery



With an opening on April 3rd, the Arts Council of the Morris Area welcomed the 21st annual Blackwell Street Juried Student Art Show to the Atrium Art Gallery, located on Floors 2-5 of the Morris County Administration and Records Building on Court Street in Morristown.

With 780 artworks submitted for evaluation, the jurors for this show faced a truly daunting task! Ultimately, 373 works by students from 17 Morris County high schools were selected for exhibition. Artist members of Blackwell St. Center for the Arts volunteer their time and efforts each year to jury and hang this show – which showcases spectacular works by outstanding student artists.

"I've gotten a lot of positive feedback from many teachers this year – apparently more than ever, they have taken field trips to the show with their classes. I also know that Rockaway elementary schools sent groups on a field trip to the show this year. I'm very happy about that! The younger the better!"

— Elaine Provost, professional artist, juror and primary organizer of Blackwell St. Juried Student Show



Kudos to all the young artists who participated in this event and to the very dedicated professional artists (especially Elaine Provost, David Gruol and Annette Hanna) from Blackwell St. Center for the Arts who have given so generously of their time and efforts to enable Morris County student artists to receive professional evaluation and recognition and to have their work exhibited in a public gallery. For more information on Blackwell St. Center for the Arts, go to their cyber gallery at www.blackwell-st-artists.org.

The next exhibit was installed on May 14. The public is invited to the free Opening Reception on May 28 from 6-8pm. It will feature works by members of the Art Association in Roxbury, the Blackwell Street Artists, artist John Tetz, and, for the first time, works by artists with disabilities, from the Arts Access Program of the Matheny School in Peapack-Gladstone. That show will be on view during business hours (9am-5pm, Mondays-Fridays) until August 6. The Atrium Gallery is free and open to the public.

Top: 2009 Best in Show, charcoal entitled "David" by Peter Kristiansen and some of the other outstanding student art.

Dover's Academy St. School Benefits from Keefauver Endowment:

Thanks to the generous Barbara Keefauver Memorial Endowment, second-graders at Academy Street School in Dover experienced the Arts Council's seven day Arts Plus Residency in Multicultural Dance with teaching artist Joanna Pang Atkins. During that time, Atkins taught the students the Japanese Fan Dance, Japanese Taiko Drumming, Cicerennella Italian Folk Dance, Dominican Republic's Merengue and Lion Dance of Kenya. On Tuesday, April 28th, the second graders performed these dances for fourth- and fifth-graders and other invited guests.



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"It was a wonderful experience for the students and the teachers were absolutely enthralled. The students were exposed to different cultures, ideas and traditions and the experience was very enlightening for our second grade students. A wonderful enrichment opportunity for entire school community."

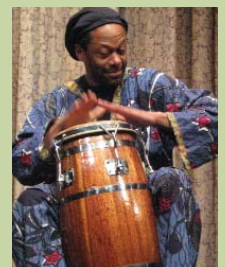
— Principal Deborah D'Urso

Talent on Stage at

2009 ARTS IN EDUCATION

SHOWCASE

On March 10 and 11, over 150 representatives from schools throughout Morris and several other counties were moved, delighted, educated and entranced by 30 superlative programs showcased on the stage at the F. M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre in Madison. Whether using slapstick to explain the intricacies of grammar, sharing musical and dance traditions from around the world, savoring Shakespeare's lush language or demonstrating the teamwork needed to sing doo-wop, these artists demonstrated their creativity and effectiveness in using the arts to enhance learning. School representatives had the opportunity to meet and talk with the artists, network with one another and gather the information needed to make informed choices about which programs will fit their curricular needs.



Clockwise: Alborada Spanish Dance Theatre; Fool's Academy/Grammar Mysterious; Ron McBee of Rhythm Hear Say; Shakespeare LIVE! performing the Bard's *Midsummer Night's Dream*; Free Space Dance.

May We Have the Envelope Please? Awards Announced at Celebrate the Arts

On May 14th, in the restored gardens and Gilded Age Mansion at Fairleigh Dickinson University, the Arts Council of the Morris Area held its annual Celebrate the Arts event and presented its 2009 Awards for *Outstanding Arts Advocate: David Grant (President & CEO) and The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation; Outstanding Arts Organization: The Arts at Diamond Spring/New Jersey Foundation for the Blind; Outstanding Corporation/Business: Marty's Reliable Cycle; Outstanding Arts Educator: Lori B. Lawrence; and Outstanding Professional in the Arts: Anne Kullaf.* The event was sponsored by The MCM Group of Smith Barney. Each recipient thanked the Arts Council but, with his customary graciousness, Dodge Foundation President David Grant returned the compliments thus: "Receiving an award for Arts Advocacy from the Arts Council of the Morris Area is a little like having Derek Jeter say he likes your hustle or having Brad Pitt tell you that you look cool." Nearly 200 members of the arts community shared in this heady and exciting celebration of the arts – an evening of tribute to the power of the arts to inspire, heal and teach. Eric Hafen, Artistic Director of the Bickford Theatre, presented the awards.

The event was also an occasion to celebrate the future, introducing this year's talented graduating high school seniors who won the Arts Council's two scholarships. Dancer **Edward "Teddy" Tedholm**, a Rockaway resident graduating from Morris Hills High School in Rockaway, won the Eugenie Coladarci Arts Scholarship (\$1,250) and pianist **Yuqing Meng**, a graduating senior at Madison High School in Madison, won the Elaine Ehlers Arts Scholarship (\$4,250). In the fall, Teddy will attend the University of the Arts in Philadelphia on full scholarship and Yuqing will attend the joint program at Harvard and New England Conservatory.

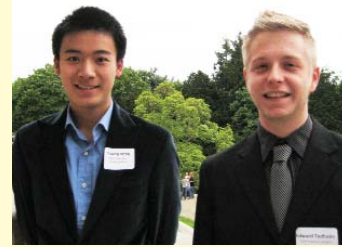
The evening also included an exhibition by blind and visually impaired artists from The Arts at Diamond Spring program, the screening of a short documentary on the Arts Council's Mural Arts Project and a spectacular performance of Mily Balakirev's intensely difficult *Islamey: An Oriental Fantasy* by scholarship winner Yuqing Meng.

Additional photos and specific information about the awardees can be found on the Arts Council website, www.morrisarts.org by clicking on Annual Celebration of the Arts/ Awards Ceremony.

1) All Awardees from Rear L-R: Yuqing Meng (Ehlers Scholarship), "Teddy" Tedholm (Coladarci Scholarship), Jamie Brink-Grant (Shakespeare Theatre of NJ, Special Recognition); David Grant (President/CEO of Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation; Outstanding Arts Advocate); Bonnie Monte (Artistic Director, Shakespeare Theatre of NJ, Special Recognition); Front L-R: Marty Epstein (Founder, Owner of Marty's Reliable Cycle; Outstanding Corporation/Business); Anne Kullaf (Outstanding Professional in the Arts); Iris Torres (Arts at Diamond Spring/NJ Foundation for the Blind; Outstanding Arts Organization); Lori B. Lawrence (Outstanding Arts Educator); 2) L-R: 2009 Scholarship Winners Yuqing Meng (Ehlers) and Edward "Teddy" Tedholm (Coladarci); 3) Eric Hafen (Artistic Director, Bickford Theatre); 4) attendees; 5) Dr. Anne Matlack (Artistic Director, Harmonium) with Kevin Coughlin (Star Ledger, Technical Editor); 6) artwork by participants in Art at Diamond Spring program, NJ Foundation for the Blind; 7) L-R: Carole Hendrickson (teaching artist) with Dr. Virginia Butera (Chair, Art Department, College of St. Elizabeth) and Anne Aronovitch (Executive Director, Arts Council of the Morris Area).



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Great Conversations (from page 1)

The stellar 26 host Conversationalists included Dr. J. Michael Adams; ("Mr. Ray") Ray Andersen; Dennis M. Bone; Elizabeth G. Christopherson; Thomas R. Curtin, Esq.; Gary Fisch; David Grant; Roberta Guaspari-Tsavaras; Eric Hafen; Paul Hostetter; Dr. Emyln Koster; Hon. Thomas H. Kean (keynote speaker); John J. Kowalik; William J. Marino; Sassona Norton; John B.A. Nye; Bart Oates; Frank Previte; Dr. Clement Alexander Price; Mary Sue Sweeney Price; Sister Francis Raftery; Craig C. Shelton; Harry Simon; Julia Somers; Frank Sprow; and Dr. Robert Weisbuch.

Clockwise: Arts Council Board President Alan Levitan with Trustee and event Co-Chair Joen Ferrari; Sculptor and Conversationalist Sassona Norton; Lesley Parness of the Morris County Park Commission talks with Vice President of the Arts Council, Dick Eger; Wine expert and Conversationalist Gary Fisch.



great conversations
 "bringing the art of conversation to life"
 will be back next year, by popular demand!
 Save the Date: MARCH 25, 2010....we'll see you then!

SPOTLIGHT

WELCOME —

At the end of May, **Kathleen Hoffman** will join the Arts Council as Development Director for the Arts Council. Kathleen is a longtime Morris County resident with considerable experience in the nonprofit sector, the arts and development. Formerly Executive Director of Myhelan Cultural Arts Center and, most recently, Development Manager at the New Jersey Theatre Alliance, Kathleen will bring her much appreciated insight, skill and experience with all aspects of the development process as well as with the Morris County cultural community to the Arts Council. Welcome aboard!

CONGRATULATIONS —

To Arts Council Board member **Tim Smith** and all involved with the establishment of RoxPAC, the new performing arts center in Roxbury! Our best wishes for a successful grand opening on June 5th!

TO SUPPORT THE ARTS COUNCIL:

How to Get Involved

How can you make a difference in the lives of so many? Here are a few suggestions:

Annual gifts to the Arts Council provide essential support. Every dollar of your gift supports important programs and services designed for:

- **schoolchildren** to have creative and meaningful learning experiences.
- **vulnerable children, youth and families** to have expressive opportunities for healing and connecting.
- **artists and arts organizations** to be vital contributors to our community's culture and economy.
- **adults** to stretch their imagination, experience beauty, be entertained and connect with others.

Volunteer — Share your skills or learn new ones. Work at the Arts Council's office, on special events, or donate your professional services.

Make a charitable or in-kind contribution — Give a gift of cash, stocks, bonds, or securities. Provide postage, printing, paper, design, coupons or other in-kind gifts. All are beneficial to the Arts Council and provide tax benefits to the donor.

Match your gift — Does your company or that of your spouse have a gift-matching program? Gifts or volunteer time can be doubled through such a program. All contributions are tax-deductible. For more information call the Arts Council's Development office at (973) 285-5115, ext. 13.

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This newsletter and calendar are available in large print.

Please call (973) 285-5115, ext. 10.

Be sure to visit our website www.morrisarts.org



Scenes from Giralda

26th Giralda Lawn Concert (from page 1)

Once again, roving picnic judges will select outstanding picnics (including the best Victorian themed picnic) — awarding generous prizes (theatre tickets, dinners for two, concert tickets, gift baskets and certificates, etc.) to the winners. Further excitement accompanies the 50/50 raffle at which the lucky winner receives a generous cash award (the remaining 50% goes to support the Arts Council's scholarship program). Bring your friends, families, classmates, neighbors or come by yourself to help welcome summer with the Arts Council in this fun and very affordable way.

- **When:** Sunday, June 28, 2009 - Gates open at 4pm for picnics and activities (no pets, no BBQs). The concert starts at 6pm.
- **Where:** Giralda Farms Corporate Park, Dodge Drive and Madison Ave., Madison, NJ
- **Tickets:** In advance, \$12 adults; \$4 children under 12; At the gate: \$15 adults, \$5 children under 12. Tickets will be available after June 1st, 2009 at Kings Super Markets (Chatham, Florham Park, Morristown) and at the Arts Council of the Morris Area, (973) 285-5115, ext. 14.
- **Contact:** Check the Arts Council website at www.morrisarts.org or call (973) 285-5115, ext. 14.
- **Rain Planning:** Rainsite: Madison High School, Ridgedale Ave., Madison. On the day of the concert, please check this website or call (973) 285-5115, ext. 14 **AFTER 1pm** for an update in the event of rain.

All proceeds benefit the many programs and services provided to artists, arts organizations, schools and the community by the Arts Council of the Morris Area.

Save the Date:

MAY 28th, 6-8pm:

Opening Reception, Atrium Gallery, Court Street, Morristown — Free

JUNE 28th:

Annual Giralda Lawn Concert