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To me, words are quite wonderful. Some are even paintings in the sense that you look at the words and get an immediate visual. So the sadness and unintended consequences conveyed by the words “No Child Left Behind” (NCLB) are quite visceral to me. Now Congress is transforming this NCLB legislation into the inspirational “Every Child Achieves” Act. That to me is a more promising outcome...and hopefully it’s not just words.

Another word that happily still seems to be alive in word and deed is “bipartisan.” That word has been so missing in action in Washington that it was striking that the U.S. Senate approved its reauthorization version of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) by a wide margin of 81-17. It’s not a done deal of course, until both houses reconcile their differences. But one thing is clear...on both sides of the aisle there appears to be a more promising outcome...and hopefully it’s not just words.

One of the key elements of the senate version of the bill is the reaffirmation of the arts as a core curriculum subject. That is to say simply, the arts are not a frill but are essential to a comprehensive education. Not my words, but those of U.S. Education Commissioner Arne Duncan: “A well-rounded education is simply too vital to our students’ success to let the teaching of the arts and humanities erode.” It’s not just about keeping alive past generations of creativity. It’s also about nurturing future imagination. But don’t take my word for it. Ask Albert Einstein. He said, “The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” He got that one right!
Hudson River Museum’s Junior Docent Program Celebrates 20 years

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano recently joined the Hudson River Museum as it marked the 20th year of its Junior Docents program, which trains Yonkers high school students as museum docents and art and science instructors. This season, nearly 70 students attended two-hour training sessions each week, and spent occasional weekends working with families in the museum’s workshops and galleries. College preparation is integrated into the program’s curriculum — participants take preparatory study workshops and trips to college campuses — and one hundred percent of participants have attended college. Nearly 700 students have graduated from the program in the past two decades.

Mary Tooley Parker Receives NYFA Artist Fellowship

The New York Foundation for the Arts (NYSCA) has honored Somers resident Mary Tooley Parker as a recipient of a 2015 Artist Fellowship in the “Folk and Traditional Arts” category for her exceptional work in hooked rug-making. The hooked rug tradition began in the mid-19th century and, like quilts, they are now prized icons of the era. A longtime resident of Westchester, Tooley Parker is deeply involved in a range of historical vernacular art traditions and activities: she is a board member of the Westchester Historical Society, President of the Westchester Arte Basket Makers Guild and has organized exhibitions of both hooked rugs and baskets at local libraries and cultural centers throughout the county. NYSCA awarded 91 grants, which are intended to fund the artistic vision or voice of individual artists living and working in New York.

In Memoriam: Acclaimed Novelist and Long-Time New Rochelle Resident E.L. Doctorow

One of America’s greatest novelists, E.L. Doctorow, recently passed away at the age of 84. He was most known for The Book of Daniel as well as Ragtime, the hugely popular novel that was written while Doctorow and his family were living in New Rochelle. His Victorian and Colonial home on Broadview Avenue served as inspirations for the book, which was later turned into a movie and Broadway musical. During his time in Westchester, he often gave readings and talks, appeared at local cultural events and was a member of Sarah Lawrence College’s writing faculty from 1971-1983. Doctorow’s novels stood out for his incorporation of historical facts into fictional stories in which invented characters appeared in scenes that were depicting historical periods and figures. Together, his novels span more than 150 years of American history through his compelling storytelling, which twice made him a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and won him National Book Awards, the National Humanities Medal and National Book Critics Circle Award.

Artist Opportunity at Ridge Hill Shopping Center

The Ridge Hill Shopping Center in Yonkers, in cooperation with Arts-Westchester, is seeking proposals from artists for a permanent mural spanning one of the Center’s exterior walls. Artists are encouraged to explore the themes of transportation, movement, social interaction and the local community. Proposals should be original in design and have universal, family-friendly appeal and then present these themes in a positive light. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and live in, or maintain a studio in, the lower Hudson Valley region of New York (including NYC, Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Orange, Dutchess, Ulster and Sullivan Counties). For more info, visit: artsw.org/ridgehill.

We want YOUR photos from Westchester’s past 50 years for our new exhibition!

Learn more at: artsw.org/decades
Neuberger Museum of Art Goes for the Gold

In a collaborative project, each of seven member museums of the Fairfield/Westchester Museum Alliance (FWMA), is currently presenting an exhibition based upon one of the “Seven Deadly Sins.” The Neuberger Museum of Art studies the concept of “greed” by exploring ideas with which gold, the most coveted of materials, is associated. In the aptly named GOLD, 22 contemporary artists reflect on the ways in which gold helps to define society’s notions of beauty and economic and moral values. By overturning, and at times reinforcing those conceptions, the artists delve into spirituality, cultural rituals and an evaluation of what people value most. Sylvia Fleury transforms and elevates everyday objects like a gold-plated trash can; Ebony G. Patterson undercuts jacquard tapestry with images of working-class Jamaicans who have suffered violent deaths. Other artists reference gold-mining practices in South Africa, Pre-Columbian art, and ritualistic uses of gold to adorn objects of spiritual significance. GOLD is on view through October 11. For more info, visit: neuberger.org.

Ossining Public Library Highlights White Plains Photographer Robert Pliskin

Long-time White Plains resident Robert Pliskin garnered a life-long interest in topography after spending his childhood heydays in a summer cottage near Lake Mahopac. It was those sunny afternoons that inspired him to study, and later teach, geology – an interest that soon snuck into his means of artistic expression, in the form of landscape photography. The Ossining Public Library Gallery presents a collection of these photographs in Geology of Light, Robert Pliskin: A Photographic Life in Light and Stone, on view from August 3 through 28. Curated by Patrick J. Cicaco, the exhibition features striking black and white photos of nature as large as 26x36 inches. An opening reception on August 8 from 2-4pm includes the screening of short documentary film by Gary Ditlow. The exhibition is free and open to the public on Monday through Saturday during library hours. For more info, visit: ossininglibrary.org.

New Exhibition Immerses Visitors in Nature

ArtsWestchester’s current Revisiting Arcadia: Contemporary Landscapes exhibition, on view through August 29, offers fresh perspectives on the relationship between artists and their natural settings. Gallery visitors will become immersed in their surroundings by sculptures and installations: ceramic poppies cascade along the walls in Leigh Taylor Mickelson’s Papaver; Christine Aaron’s 9-foot-tall hanging monoprints give the sense of walking through a forest; a video projection by Diane Mitchell envelopes visitors in imagined landscape; and a stark black and white enveloping grove of trees by Judith Economos blankets the gallery’s bank vault. Visitors get blissfully lost in the abstract serenity of Stefan Radtke’s photographs, reflect on the moody, minimalistic quality of Joy Moser’s paintings that invoke the sublime, and glean the clear artistic inspiration from America’s Hudson River School painters on contemporary artists like Lauren Sansaricq. Through this enduring artistic tradition, the fifteen exhibiting artists address both the beauty and darkness of the ever-evolving landscape – from the effects of global warming to nature-made abstractions. For more info, visit: artsw.org/arcadia.

Katonah Museum Explores Outsider Art

The art collection of William Louis-Dreyfus is a rich assemblage of several thousand works by hundreds of artists. In Inside the Outside, on view through October 11, the Katonah Museum of Art will take a focused look at five of these artists, each of whom bypassed formal training in favor of their own unique journeys. The exhibition examines the diverse life paths that inspired these individuals and their work. James Castle was a deaf artist who made his ink, tools and artwork almost exclusively with found materials. Born a slave, Bill Traylor began drawing at 84-years-old on discarded cardboard. The highly individual style of Thornton Dial, the richly ornamented drawings of Nellie Mae Rowe and the drawings on brown wrapping paper scrolls by Willie Young are all reflective of personal visions outside of mainstream art practices. For more info, visit: katonahmuseum.org.
Expand Your Creative Horizons: Take an Arts Class!

ArtsWestchester is a multi-faceted arts council with more than 100 member organizations, many of which offer classes for both kids and adults. Here’s a list of many places offering creative and professional learning opportunities. Some scholarships are available.

**DANCE**

- **Ballet des Amériques (Port Chester)** offers ballet training and a comprehensive dance education in its Pre-Professional Program (extracurricular schedule) and its Conservatory Program (daytime schedule for home and cyber-schoolers). 646-753-0457. balletdesameriques.com

- **Steffi Nossen School of Dance (White Plains)** offers classes for dancers from 22-months-old (Dancing Tots) to adults (modern, ballet, jazz, hip-hop and Moving Wheels and Heels – an adaptive class for dancers with special needs at its main site in White Plains and in Chappaqua. New offerings include a boys’ class and Improvisation/Composition. 914-328-1900. steffinossen.org

- **Youth Theatre Interactions (Yonkers)** provides weekly classes for children aged 6-19. Courses are offered in a range of dance study classes that include jazz, Latin, modern, step, street, African and tap styles, as well as classes in drama, theatre dance, percussion and steel drums. 914-963-3040. ytiyonkers.org

**FILM**

- **Jacob Burns Film Center and Media Arts Lab (Pleasantville)** offer innovative programs for pre-K through adult students in new media, production, screenwriting, animation and more. Scholarships are available for every class. FIRST SATURDAYS @ THE LAB offer free family workshops on the first Saturday of every month beginning in October. 914.773.7663 x8. burnsfilmcenter.org/education

- **The Picture House (Pelham)** offers an array of dynamic film education classes for the fall 2015 semester. A robust curriculum with learning opportunities in acting, screenwriting, and directing is customized by seasoned film industry professionals and teachers to meet the needs of students. Classes begin on Wednesday, October 7. 914-738-3161 or education@thepicturehouse.org. thepicturehouse.org.
fall arts classes

LITERARY ARTS

- Alliance Française de Westchester (White Plains) offers year-round French classes and tutoring for all levels and ages, taught by experienced, native French speakers. There is initiation through songs for toddlers, advanced conversation for adults and classes are offered based on age and fluency level. 914-681-8735. afwestchesterny.org.

- Hudson Valley Writers’ Center (Sleepy Hollow) offers workshops for family history buffs, poets, novelists, screenplay writers, playwrights, memoirists and more for established authors alike. Camps and classes for kids and teens are also available for budding writers and lyricists. 914-332-5953. writerscenter.org.

MUSIC

- Concordia Conservatory (Bronxville) offers early children, youth, adults and seniors music programs throughout the year for vocals as well as an array of instruments, including the violin to Afro-Caribbean drums. Private lessons and group classes are available. 914-395-4507. concordiaconservatory.org

- The Cortlandt School of Performing Arts (Croton-on-Hudson) develops the musical talents of all ages on all instruments and voice, at both the pre-professional and recreational levels with programs such as a community chorus for children (Kids Care Cabaret) and a developmental class for 3-5 year olds focusing on music (Li’l Peeps). Private lessons are offered for voice and all instruments. 914-402-4250. cortarts.com

- Hoff-Barthelson Music School (Scarsdale) offers a comprehensive sequential music program for children and adults that includes instrument and vocal private lessons as well as classes for music theory, composition, jazz studies performance opportunities and more. New offerings include a Suzuki guitar program and expanded vocal studies. 914-723-1169. hbms.org

- Songcatchers (New Rochelle) offers several core programs for younger music students, including a concert choir, after-school music program and early childhood music program. Children can learn a variety of instruments and participate in advanced training in an instrument ensemble. 914-654-1178. songcatchers.org/programs

THEATRE

- Axial Theatre (Pleasantville) Howard Meyer’s Acting Program offers acting classes and performance workshops for children and adults of all ages, as well as playwriting classes and workshops. 914.286.7680. hmacing.org

- Youth Theatre Interactions (Yonkers) provides weekly classes for children ages 6-19. Courses are offered in drama, theatre dance, percussion, and steel drums, as well as a range of dance study that includes jazz, Latin, modern, step, street, African, and tap styles. 914-963-3040. ytiyonkers.org

SPECIAL NEEDS

- Steffi Nossen School of Dance (White Plains) Moving Wheels and Heels is an adaptive class for dancers with special needs at Steffi Nossen’s White Plains and in Chappaqua locations. 914-328-1900. steffinossen.org
VISUAL ARTS

- **ArtsWestchester (White Plains)** offers classes in basic drawing and anime (ages 8-13) taught by artist Alan Reingold as well as clay ceramic classes (ages 6-10) in partnership with Clay Art Center. 914-428-4220. artswestchester.org

- **Bullseye Glass (Mamaroneck)** offers glass fusing classes for children and adults. Projects include glass tableware, sculpture, painting and printmaking. 914-835-3794. bullseyeglass.com/newyork

- **Center for the Arts at Westchester Community College (White Plains)** offers art classes for students of all ages, including classes in drawing, painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry and digital arts. 914-606-7500. sunywcc.edu/arts

- **Center for the Digital Arts at Westchester Community College (Peekskill)** has five post-production studios and is dedicated to fostering digital arts education. From digital video production to Introduction to 3D Animation, the Center for the Digital Arts is an access point to creating art in the digital age. 914-606-7300. sunywcc.edu/peekskill

- **Clay Art Center (Port Chester)** offers extraordinary clay classes and workshops in pottery and sculpture for adults and children seven days a week in all levels, year round. 914-937-2047. clayartcenter.org

- **Clay Art Center (White Plains)** offers hand-building clay classes for young students aged 6-10. 914-937-2047. clayartcenter.org

- **The Color Camera Club of Westchester (Valhalla)** provides the photographic enthusiast with a venue to learn about, and better, their image-making skills. Weekly programs of speakers, exhibitions and competitions all offer a learning experience for members and guests to improve talents and inspire creative vision. First meeting is Sept 14. 914-769-7758. colorcameraclub.org

- **The Hudson River Museum (Yonkers)** offers drop-in art workshops every weekend led by junior docents and art professionals. Fall art projects with Teaching Artist in Residence LeAnn Yanelli explore the art of dance through painting and sculpture. Contact the museum for the latest project listings. 914-963-4550. hrm.org

- **Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art (Peekskill)** offers programs inspired by selected works from their current exhibition for families, life drawing classes on Thursday evenings, and tailored programs for school children. 914-788-0100. hvcca.org/education-programs
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For a complete list of Music in the Air events, visit: artsw.org/musicintheair

City of White Plains presents Neighborhood Nights: Back to the Garden – Woodstock Tribute. Take a trip back to the music of the Woodstock era with all of the same beloved favorites that rocked audiences more than 40 years ago. 7pm at Renaissance Plaza. whiteplainsny.gov

Cross County Shopping Center presents Summer Fest 2015: FDR Drive. FDR Drive offers a mix of music that will appeal to various age groups, including motown, R&B, rock and swing. 7pm. crosscountysummerfest.com

Katonah Museum of Art presents Caramoor @ KMA: Classical Concert. Performance by members of the Harlem Chamber Players. At Katonah Museum of Art. 8/5, 5:30pm. katonahmuseum.org

New Rochelle Council on the Arts presents New Rochelle Opera. Favorite selections from opera, operetta and Broadway outdoors. 7:30pm at Hudson Park Bandshell. newrochellearts.org

City of White Plains presents Noon Day Concerts: Bookends – ’60s-’80s Hits. High-energy songs and favorite cover tunes from the ’50s, ’60s and ’70s that members of the whole family can sing along with. 12pm at Renaissance Plaza. whiteplainsny.gov

Jazz Forum Arts presents Wolff & Clark Expedition. Keyboardist Michael Wolff and drummer Mike Clark anchor an all-star groove-heavy jazz-funk band. 6:30pm at Lyndhurst, Tarrytown. jazzforumarts.org

8/7 FRIDAY

Jazz Forum Arts presents Marcus Goldhaber Quartet. NY-based jazz vocalist and bandleader Marcus Goldhaber has a strong reputation among critics and fans for his accessible songwriting and intimate approach to straight-ahead jazz. 6:30pm at Pierson Park, Tarrytown. jazzforumarts.org

Hammond Museum & Japanese Stroll Garden presents The Norm Hathaway Moonlight Swing Band. This 18-piece band will have you tapping your toes and shaking a leg to favorite tunes from the ’30s and ’40s. 8pm. hammondmuseum.org

Hudson River Museum presents Friday Night Music: Timothy Bloom. R&B, rock and soul artist Timothy Bloom is a Grammy Award-winning songwriter for Ne-Yo and Chris Brown. 8pm in the amphitheater. hrn.org

Yonkers Downtown BID presents Ron Sunshine and his Orchestra. Retro-swing band Ron Sunshine plays a combination of jump blues, jive and small-group swing including ’90s swing revival acts like Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. 6:30pm
at Yonkers Downtown Waterfront Amphitheater. yonkersdowntown.com

8/8 SATURDAY

Hudson River Museum presents The Iliad: Performed by Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival. See a new take on the Grecian classic by Homer. 8pm in the amphitheater. hrm.org

8/11 TUESDAY

Rye Town Park presents The Angelo Rubino Band. Singer and saxophone player Angelo Rubino leads this six-member band that performs a wide range of musical styles from the ‘40s to ‘90s. 7:30pm at The South Pavilion. townofryeny.com

8/12 WEDNESDAY

Jazz Forum Arts presents Vanderlei Pereira & Blindfold Test. Drummer Vanderlei Pereira is one of the most sought-after musicians on the contemporary Brazilian jazz scene. 6:30pm at Estherwood Mansion, Dobby Ferry. jazzforumarts.org

City of White Plains presents Neighborhood Nights: Michael Tate 3D Rhythm of Life – Latin Soul. Two-time Latin Grammy Award-nominee Michael Tate leads a band he describes as “3D” – dynamic, diverse and danceable. 7pm at Renaissance Plaza. whiteplainsny.gov

Cross County Shopping Center presents Summer Fest 2015: British Invasion Tribute. A retrospective of classic songs by iconic British groups such as The Moody Blues, Dave Clark Five and, of course, The Beatles. 7pm. crosscountysummerfest.com

New Rochelle Council on the Arts presents Striped Bass Band. Striped Bass Band prides itself on performing classic rock favorites from the ‘60s to ‘90s that are “off the hook.” 7:30pm at Hudson Park Bandshell. newrochellearts.org

8/13 THURSDAY

City of White Plains presents Noon Day Concerts: Country Mist – Two Steppin. This lunchtime musical interlude features country classics along with works by newer artists. 12pm at Renaissance Plaza. whiteplainsny.gov

Jazz Forum Arts presents Shunzo Ohno Group. International award-winning Shunzo Ohno is considered one of the most versatile and influential trumpeters of modern jazz. 6:30pm at Lyndhurst, Tarrytown. jazzforumarts.org

8/14 FRIDAY

Hudson River Museum presents Friday Night Music: Osekre. Osekre offers a lively blend of Afropop, ska, punk and reggae. 8pm in the amphitheater. hrm.org

OUTDOOR SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Come to The Green in the center of the Cross County Shopping Center in Yonkers this summer for free performances by some of the area’s best bands. Taking place in August:

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 | 7-9pm

FDR Drive. FDR Drive is one of New York’s most respected and requested party bands, with polished vocalists and musicians who know how to get the crowd dancing. The band offers a mix of music that includes, current dance hits, motown, R&B, ‘70s, ‘80s and ‘90s music, rock, pop hits, swing, novelty songs and standards – a little something for everyone!

FDR Drive (photo source: Facebook)
music in the air cont’d

Yonkers Downtown BID presents The Barons. This oldies doo-wop group takes concertgoers back to the ‘50s and ‘60s with dancing and entertainment for the whole family. 6:30pm at Yonkers Downtown Waterfront Amphitheater. yonkersdowntown.com

Jazz Forum Arts presents HAM featuring Jesse Brotter. 6:30pm at Pierson Park, Tarrytown. jazzforumarts.org

8/15 SATURDAY

Hudson River Museum presents Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark. View a screening of the 1981 classic adventure film starring Harrison Ford. 8pm in the amphitheater. hrm.org

8/18 TUESDAY

Jazz Forum Arts presents Brazilian Jazz at Chase. Performance of jazz standards and Brazilian music by Mark Morganelli & The Jazz Forum All-Stars. 12pm at 92 Main St., Yonkers. jazzforumarts.org

8/19 WEDNESDAY

Jazz Forum Arts presents Glenda Davenport & Her Trio. Mt. Vernon-born jazz vocalist Glenda Davenport has been described as “a mature, skillful singer with depth, emotion and swing.” 6:30pm at Estherwood Mansion, Dobby Ferry. jazzforumarts.org

New Rochelle Council on the Arts presents Alive ‘N Kickin’. Alive N Kickin’ plays top-of-the-chart hits from every era and genre. 7:30pm at the Hudson Park Bandshell. newrocchellearts.org

8/20 THURSDAY

City of White Plains presents Noon Day Concerts: Good Clean Fun. Good Clean Fun entertains audience members with pop rock hits. 12pm at Renaissance Plaza. whiteplainsny.gov

Jazz Forum Arts presents Gene Perla Quartet featuring Viktoria Geczy. Jazz bassist Gene Perla has been a knowledgeable leader in the music business for more than four decades. 6:30pm at Lyndhurst, Tarrytown. jazzforumarts.org

8/21 FRIDAY

Yonkers Downtown BID presents Brooklyn Sugar Stompers. This traditional jazz and blues group specializes in music that ranges from the Jazz Age of the ‘20s through the Swing Era of the ‘30s. 6:30pm at Yonkers Downtown Waterfront Amphitheater. yonkersdowntown.com

Jazz Forum Arts presents Chris Rogers Quintet. Trumpeter and composer Chris Rogers has performed extensively throughout Europe, Japan, South America and the United States as a featured soloist with many prominent artists in jazz and Latin music. 6:30pm at Pierson Park, Tarrytown. jazzforumarts.org

Hudson River Museum presents Friday Night Music: Yonkers Community Music Showcase. Residents of Yonkers will perform song, dance, drama, and spoken word. 8pm in the amphitheater. hrm.org

8/22 SATURDAY

Hudson River Museum presents The Tempest: Performed by Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival. A modern take on Shakespeare’s comedy about the exiled sorcerer Prospero and his shipwrecked enemies. 8pm in the amphitheater. hrm.org

8/26 WEDNESDAY

New Rochelle Council on the Arts presents 3D Ritmo Da Vida. 3D’s funky salsa and Caribbean soul sounds make for music that is diverse, dynamic and danceable. 7:30pm at Hudson Park Bandshell. newrocchellearts.org

8/27 THURSDAY

City of White Plains presents Noon Day Concerts: Ricardo Gautreau – Latin Flair. Gautreau brings a fusion of bluesy guitar-driven tunes with a Latin edge to this jazz-inspired performance. 12pm at Renaissance Plaza. whiteplainsny.gov

Jazz Forum Arts presents Gilberto “Pulpo” Colon Group. Gilberto “Pulpo” Colon, one of the Latin industry’s most accomplished pianists, is known for his storytelling solo performances on the piano. 6:30pm at Lyndhurst, Tarrytown. jazzforumarts.org

8/28 FRIDAY

Yonkers Downtown BID presents Soul Synergy Orchestra. Soul Synergy Orchestra is a vocal and instrumental ensemble that embodies the heart of classic soul music and funk. 6:30pm at Yonkers Downtown Waterfront Amphitheater. yonkersdowntown.com

Jazz Forum Arts presents 4th Annual Jazz Forum Arts Vocal Jazz Competition Winners Concert. Tyrha Lindsay, Director with Hiroshi Yamazaki Trio. 6:30pm at Pierson Park, Tarrytown. jazzforumarts.org

8/29 SATURDAY

Hammond Museum & Japanese Stroll Garden presents 49th Annual Moonviewing Concert. Imbued by the light of paper lanterns, the Japanese Stroll Garden is a magical setting for this ancient custom. 6:30pm. hammondmuseum.org

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ArtsWestchester, The City of White Plains and The White Plains BID present:

**JazzFest 2015**

**Jazz Fest Returns to White Plains: September 24-27**

ArtsWestchester, the City of White Plains and the White Plains Business Improvement District come together once again to present a four-day jazz event that will celebrate emerging talents, performance poetry and accomplished Grammy Award-winners at a variety of venues throughout the City of White Plains.

This year’s Jazz Fest is as varied as the many styles of jazz in its genre. The festival kicks off on Thursday, September 24 with The South American Jazz Project, led by Grammy Award-winner Daniel Freiberg, in ArtsWestchester’s intimate gallery space. The musicians explore the rhythms and melodies from Argentina, Chile, Peru and more, from a jazz perspective.

On Friday at noon, jazz lovers can enjoy a lunchtime music interlude for a performance at Downtown Music at Grace Church that combines the harmony of hard-bop with the rhythms of the Caribbean. When the sun sets, Arts-Westchester will get bluesy with Women of the Piedmont Blues – an evening that will unite key practitioners of the acoustic blues on the East Coast.

The weekend continues with a full offering of events on Saturday. First, a Latin jazz workshop by the MCW guides visitors through the concepts and instruments that comprise Latin jazz music. Nearby, an afternoon of slam poetry will take over the auditorium at the White Plains Library as The Duende Project performs rhythmic poetry with musical accompaniment. The day finishes with an explosive performance of Brazil Meets Jazz at the White Plains Performing Arts Center, where the Grammy Award-nominated Brazilian Trio will take the stage.

The celebration takes to the streets on Sunday, September 27, culminating in an all-day outdoor food and music festival along Mamaroneck Avenue. Music lovers, jazz aficionados and those who simply love live music will find something to rave about during this free event. Featured musicians include 16-year-old local prodigy Julius Rodriguez; master electric flutist Sherry Winston; guitar virtuoso Doug Munro and Big Boss Bossa Nova; Mount Vernon’s own The Rocky Middleton Quintet; and all-star ensemble The John Patitucci Quartet.

For Jazz Fest details and ticket information, visit: artsw.org/jazzfest.
Advanced Screening of New Ben Kingsley Movie at The Picture House

On August 12, The Picture House will present an advanced screening of the new film Learning to Drive before it opens nationwide on August 21. The film stars Academy Award-nominee Patricia Clarkson as Wendy, an author whose husband just left her, alongside Academy Award-winner Ben Kingsley as Darwan, a taxi driver on the verge of an arranged marriage. When Wendy hires Darwan to teach her to drive, the mismatched pair help each other to overcome life’s road blocks. They subsequently form an unlikely friendship that brings joy back into each of their lives. Immediately following the film, a post-screening discussion and Q&A will take place between the film’s director, Isabel Coixet, and The Picture House critic-in-residence Marshall Fine. For more info, visit: thepicturehouse.org.

Viewing Historic Hudson Valley from a Child’s Perspective

On Thursdays throughout the summer, families are invited to explore legendary author Washington Irving’s Sunnyside home “from a child’s perspective.” Weekly themes with coordinated educational and artistic activities create new explorations for each visit. On August 6, children will learn how nature inspires artists and authors from the Hudson Valley; on August 11, they can explore the games that children in the 19th century played; on August 20, a tour of the estate will identify architectural styles that influenced Irving’s design of his home; and August 27 will celebrate the author himself, along with his timeless stories. All events have a craft table with arts projects along with a full day of games and activities. Families are encouraged to make their visit a full-day excursion by packing a picnic to enjoy on Sunnyside’s grounds, which overlook the Hudson River. For more info, visit: hudsonvalley.org/washington-irvingtons-sunnyside.

ArtsWestchester Now Accepting Applications for Arts Alive Grants

At the heart of ArtsWestchester’s mission is its belief that the arts should be available to all of Westchester’s economically, geographically and ethnically diverse communities. Through the organization’s Arts Alive grants program, support is provided to organizations and independent artists for programs that bring artistic expression to life through various genres, including the performing arts, exhibitions and music. It also helps to bring these programs to residents throughout the county, particularly in areas where access is limited. For example, past grantees have included dancer Andrea Elam, who brought creative movement workshops to people with mental and physical disabilities, Greenburgh Public Library’s “Cafe a las Siete” series of Latin American music and dance events, and Young at Arts, in partnership with Amani Public Charter School in Mount Vernon, which initiated an introductory instrumental strings program to the school.

ArtsWestchester will be accepting applications for this year’s Arts Alive grants through October 9. For guidelines and a downloadable application, visit: artsw.org/artsalive.

There are three Arts Alive funding opportunities:

- **Arts Alive Project Grants** provide support and assistance to community-based cultural programs that engage a broad and diverse audience.

- **Arts Alive Artist Grants** provide direct support to artists for the creation of an original, new work that incorporates the community as context.

- **Arts Alive Education Grants** provide support for the partnership between an artist or organization with the Westchester public school district for projects that offer students rich artistic learning experiences.

Pre-application workshops in September are available throughout the county to assist those interested through the application process. For dates and locations of these workshops, visit: artsw.org/artsalive.

Arts Alive grants are made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA), with support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.
8/1 SATURDAY

Music: Chappaqua Library presents *Bach to Gershwin: Clarinet and Piano*. Featuring clarinetist Thomas Piercy. 3pm. chappaqualibrary.org

Comedy: Hudson River Museum presents *National Comedy Theater*. Pick funny games and scenes for New York’s nationally-acclaimed improvisational comedy show, then pick the winners. 8pm in the amphitheater. hrm.org

Music: Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts presents *Suzanne Vega*. Hear the neo-folk icon in her second appearance at Caramoor in its intimate Spanish Courtyard. 8pm. caramoor.org

Theatre: Westchester Broadway Theatre presents *Godspell*. The beloved musical from Stephen Schwartz (Wicked), based on *The Gospel According to St. Matthew*. 8/1-2 and 8/6-9, times vary. broadwaytheatre.com

8/2 SUNDAY

Music: Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts presents *Festival Finale: Orchestra of St. Luke’s/Hélène Grimaud*. 2015 Artist-in-Residence Hélène Grimaud (piano) and the Orchestra of St. Luke’s present a sweeping, thunderous approach to Brahms’ Piano Concerto No. 1 and Tchaikovsky’s Winter Dreams. 4:30pm. caramoor.org

8/6 THURSDAY

Family & Kids: Historic Hudson Valley presents *From a Child’s Perspective*. Parents and children are invited to travel back to the 19th century and view the home of Washington Irving through a child’s eyes. Tour Irving’s home, play games, try on period clothing and enjoy hands-on activities. Other Thursdays: 8/13, 20 & 27 from 10am-5pm at Washington Irving’s Sunnyside. hudsonvalley.org

8/7 FRIDAY

Spoken Word: Hudson Valley Writers’ Center presents *Beauty & Brutality: A Poetry Reading with Alex Dimitrov & Joseph Fasano*. Two celebrated lyrical voices of current American poetry read from their new work. 7:30pm. writerscenter.org

8/12 WEDNESDAY

Film: Chappaqua Library presents *Hadassah Film Festival: Mamadrama: The Jewish Mother in Cinema*. Mamadrama combines film clips, cultural commentary and interviews with Hollywood and Israeli filmmakers on the image of the Jewish mother in film. 7pm. chappaqualibrary.org

Film: The Picture House presents *Learning to Drive Advance Screening and Q&A with director Isabel Coixet*. A literary agent (Patricia Clarkson) and a Sikh driving instructor (Ben Kingsley) find that each has something to learn from the other about starting life anew. 7:30pm. thepicturehouse.org

8/14 FRIDAY

Lectures: Chappaqua Library presents *The Golden Age of Radio and Television: A Retrospective*. This nostalgia-filled program will examine a wide range of popular radio/TV shows and personalities between 1935-65. 2pm. chappaqualibrary.org

8/15 SATURDAY

Music: Tarrytown Music Hall presents *Todd Rundgren: Global Tour 2015*. Songwriter/recording artist Todd Rundgren has made a lasting impact on both the form and content of popular music, with such hits as *Hello It’s Me, I Saw the Light*, and *Can We Still be Friends*. 8pm. tarrytownmusichall.org

Spoken Word: Hudson River Museum presents *Arts in the Afternoon: Lifelong Learning for Adults – Envy: The Stuff of Story*. Folk and fairy tales told by Regina Ress include themes of money, power, fame and love, and a rarely told story by Hans Christian Andersen. 1pm. hrm.org

The cast of *Godspell*, 8/1-8, Westchester Broadway Theatre (photo courtesy of Westchester Broadway Theatre)

Pablo Heras-Casado conducts the Orchestra of St. Luke’s, Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 8/2 (photo credit: Gabe Palacio)
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**8/21 FRIDAY**

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## Workshops

**Ballet des Amériques**  
[balletdesameriques.com]  
- **Ballet Summer Intensive.** Classes in ballet, pointe, modern jazz, dance history and more. 8/3-28, Mon-Fri: 9am-2:30pm.

**Clay Art Center**  
[clayartcenter.org]  
- **Saturday Drop-In Clay Class.** For adults, children and families interested in experimenting with clay for the first time. Saturdays: 2-4pm through 8/29.
- **STEAM Camp (ages 6-9).** Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math combine to create a powerful learning tool during this educational ceramics camp. 8/3-7, 9am-12pm.
- **Wheel Throwing Boot Camp (ages 10+).** Learn the basics of the potter’s wheel and make forms such as bowls and mugs. 8/3-7, 1-4pm.
- **For more Clay Art Center workshops, visit clayartcenter.org.**

**Hudson River Museum**  
[hrm.org]  
- **Crafting Community: Mirrors.** Decorate mirror frames with Sarah Divi. 8/8, 2pm.

**Hudson Valley Writers’ Center**  
[writerscenter.org]  
- **Writing Your Love Stories.** Shape a memory into your love story. 8/1, 12pm.

**Katonah Museum of Art**  
[katonahmuseum.org]  
- **KMA Creativity Club: Summer Series.** Creative activities for ages 8-12. Wed, 8/5, 10am-2pm: “Something From Nothing” – make art from discarded materials. Wed, 8/12, 10am-2pm: “Food-Centric Art” – food as subject, inspiration and medium.

**Wainwright House**  
[wainwright.org]  
- **Drumming for Wellness: Find Your Rhythm To Health with Damon Jackson.** Learn how to use different timbal instruments (drum, shaker, bell and more). 8/14, 7pm.
- **For more Wainwright House workshops, visit wainwright.org.**

**Warner Library**  
[warnerlibrary.org]  
- **Totemic17: Woodcut Workshop.** Join Jeff White of Totemic17 to make “bridgelights” – lanterns featuring impressions of people and origins we honor. Projects will be exhibited at Circus Latino in Sleepy Hollow this September. Sat: 8/1 & 8/22, 12-4pm.
- **Summer Teen Art Institutes (grades 9-12).** Students create original artworks in these one-week intensive courses. Drawing & Painting: 8/3-6; Sculpture & Ceramics: 8/10-13; Digital Photography: 8/10 -13. All classes held 10am-4pm.
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