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Spectral Locus by Amanda Browder displayed at Albright Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo (photo credit: Tom Loonan)

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Savion Glover (photo courtesy of Savion Glover Productions)
As many of you know, ArtsNews is your guide to the arts and culture in Westchester County. As Westchester County Executive, I am looking forward to another year of embracing the creative opportunities that are offered in every corner of our thriving County. With ArtsWestchester serving as our cultural partner, the possibilities are endless, with a vast array of arts organizations that showcase many valuable artistic disciplines. From dance and theater, to visual art and music, there is truly something for everyone.

ArtsWestchester’s monthly ArtsNews publication highlights the cultural opportunities provided for the enjoyment of residents throughout Westchester. I invite you to keep track of upcoming arts and cultural programs in your neighborhood by browsing the articles and calendars on these pages, such as:

• a list of recently funded arts and cultural opportunities throughout the County (A4-6)
• free weekly arts workshops for children (A7)
• acclaimed tap dancer Savion Glover performing with the Westchester Philharmonic (A8)

As you travel our beautiful County, I certainly hope you will take some time to enjoy the arts.

Thank you,
George Latimer
Westchester County Executive

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Over many years, I have been asked: “what’s an arts council?” Having cut my teeth, so to speak, on the board of the Queens Council on the Arts, I feel qualified to say that at its simplest, it is a local arts agency that brings programs and resources to a particular locality. In the Sixties many arts councils sprung up all over this country as local residents in cities and towns yearned for the good life that included the arts in their own backyard. That’s when the Council on the Arts in Westchester, formerly Westchester Arts Council, now ArtsWestchester, was formed by prescient community leaders with a helping hand from then Governor Nelson Rockefeller and his wife, Happy, who blessed the newbie organization with a coming out party at Kykuit.

Arts councils around the world most always begin as service organizations helping artists and arts organizations realize their potential. Soon after their formation, many become funding agencies due to the paltry funds available for the arts. Most then swerve into arts-in-education because it is so vital. Many merge into community planning; some hold festivals; others buy buildings, produce publications and cultural calendars; many engage in public art. The most successful arts councils are unique organizations which morph into being at the heart of arts in the community. In many smallish American cities, the arts council is a lonely arts organization. Most states, many counties and cities, have an arts council, as we have in the New York State Council on the Arts, its simplest, it is a local arts agency that brings programs and resources to a particular locality. In many smallish American cities, the arts council is a lonely arts organization. Most states, many counties and cities, have an arts council, as we have in the New York State Council on the Arts, which distributes state funds called “local assistance.” Many arts councils, like ArtsWestchester, are partnerships with government entities. They are all unique based on what resource they bring to the issues and aspirations of their locality. ArtsWestchester is the largest private not-for-profit arts council in New York State. Its headquarters at 31 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, is a historic bank built in 1928 as The People’s Bank and Trust. As ArtsWestchester, we are still doing the people’s business albeit in a more artful currency. So stay tuned as we continue to morph with some exciting new plans for the new year.

Don’t miss Janet’s weekly blog posts at: thisandthatbyjl.com
Hudson Stage Company Goes to Off-Broadway

Hudson Stage Company (HSC) has been invited to bring its production of *Switzerland*, which it presented last spring, to Off-Broadway. The original set that was used at HSC’s Whippoorwill Theater in North Castle Public Library was salvaged and stored before being adapted for its new stage at 59E59 Theater in Manhattan. The production will run from February 7 through March 3 with the same two-person cast, Daniel Petzold and Peggy J. Scott, and director, Dan Foster. The play by Joanna Murray-Smith melds fact with fiction by placing Patricia Highsmith, author of the *The Talented Mr. Ripley* series in a fictional plot of the type of psychological thriller for which she was famous.

Two Westchester Arts Groups Showcased on Television

Two Westchester arts groups were recently recognized with notable television appearances. When “CBS Sunday Morning” discussed composer Aaron Copland’s legacy on a recent episode, it was musicians from Mount Kisco’s Copland House that ended the segment. They played Copland’s arrangement of the “Hoe Down” section of *Rodeo* live in the CBS studio. Hudson River Museum’s *Maya Lin: A River is a Drawing* exhibition, which closed in January, was highlighted with a full segment on PBS’ “NYC-Arts.” The clip featured an interview with acclaimed artist Maya Lin about her works in the exhibition. The solo show focused on the Hudson River, its natural terrain and environmental implications of its future.

Four Westchester Arts Groups Receive State Funding for Economic and Community Development

Twenty-three Westchester County project proposals have been supported by nearly $16 million in state grants funds for economic and community development. Among these projects, the Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) awarded grants to several arts groups in the County. REDC is a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

Among those funded, the historic Lyndhurst Mansion received $87,000 for a marketing plan that will promote the restoration of its historic lower landscape that overlooks the Hudson River. Meanwhile, National Trust for Historic Preservation, the nonprofit organization that operates Lyndhurst, also received a grant of $35,000. These monies will allow Lyndhurst to open its natatorium (a building that contains a pool) for a public art installation by contemporary artist Jorge Otero-Pailos.

Pleasantville’s Jacob Burns Film Center was another recipient of an REDC grant, having received $506,500. The funds will be used to execute capital improvements to the cinema complex.

ArtsWestchester received $49,500 toward a monumental work of public art by Amanda Browder that will encircle the organization’s historic nine-floor building in a quilt-like textile. The temporary project will encourage participation from members of Westchester and Rockland Counties, who can donate fabric and help to sew the installation’s textile. Those interested in volunteering should contact kreckling@artswestchester.org.
$105K Awarded in Arts Alive Grants Throughout Westchester, Rockland Counties

This year, cultural performances, public art, artistic school programs and more will abound throughout Westchester and Rockland Counties. ArtsWestchester, with the support of the Decentralization Program—a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA)—will administer $105,000 in grant funds to the 60 artists and arts groups listed below. These “Arts Alive” grants, awarded in Community, Education and Artist categories*, ensure that the arts thrive in local communities, especially in areas where access may be limited.

*All grants listed below are awarded in the “Community” category unless otherwise noted.

WESTCHESTER

Bedford

HISPANIC FAMILY SERIES — Bedford Playhouse will provide specific programming for the underserved local Hispanic community, including films presented in Spanish and programs designed for children. Applicant: Bedford Playhouse

Greenburgh

CAFÉ A LAS SIETE — Six July events will explore Latin American culture through dance, film, concerts, lecture and cooking. Applicant: Greenburgh Public Library

Harrison

PLAY2LEARN FESTIVAL — Hands-on activities demonstrate how creative play is a learning experience that builds young minds. Applicant: Harrison Public Library Foundation

Mamaroneck

YOUTH A CAPPELLA FESTIVAL — High school a cappella groups will learn and perform a song with the Westchester Chordsmen. Applicant: The Westchester Chordsmen

Montrose

WRITING WORKSHOPS — Weekly workshops explore writing techniques and themes. The workshops will culminate in a salon that is open to the public. (Education grant) Applicant: Tessa Rossi, Henrick Hudson Free Library

Mount Kisco

ARTS EDUCATION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS — Three semesters of weekly arts education “Hidden Treasures” workshops will include theater, singing, dance and arts classes for developmentally disabled students. Applicant: CLC Foundation, Inc.

Mount Vernon

IMPROV WORKSHOPS — A series of workshops will teach the art of improv performance, which will culminate in a performance. Applicant: Wartburg Home of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

SPRING 2019 CONCERT SERIES — A series of three jazz concerts will be offered (February, March, April) at the First Presbyterian Church in Mount Vernon. Applicant: PJS Jazz Society

COMIC EXPO — This one-day outdoor event will celebrate comic books, graphic novels, anime, gaming and more through visual arts and performances. Applicant: Mount Vernon Public Library

MIXED MEDIA JOURNALING — A workshop will teach a creative form of journal writing that includes artistic components like drawing and lettering as well as organizational components. Applicant: Mount Vernon Public Library

INTERGENERATIONAL CHORAL WORKSHOPS — Composers/arrangers will work with community members in an inter-generational workshop that culminates in an informal performance. Applicant: Westchester Children’s Chorus, Inc.

New Rochelle

SECOND GRADE MOSAIC MURAL — Barnard School students will design a mural that is aligned with their curriculum as a parting gift to the school. (Education grant) Applicant: Gina Kingsley

SUMMER ARCHITECTURE ACADEMIES — A pair of summer programs for children will be offered at the New Rochelle Public Library: “Animal Architecture” and “All Around My Community.” Applicant: ArchForKids (f/a New Rochelle Library)

PLAY READING PROJECT — Readings will showcase Westchester Collaborative Theater’s workshop process for developing plays. Each will have a weekend run and will also be performed at senior centers. Applicant: Westchester Collaborative Theater

2019 DOCUMENTARY AND DISCUSSIONS — Eleven documentary film screenings and post-screening discussions held at the Ossining Public Library will touch on social, political and environmental topics. Applicant: Ossining Documentary & Discussion Series (f/a Ossining Library)

DANCE FOR PARKINSON’S — A series of dance classes for Parkinson’s patients and their caregivers will take place weekly. Applicant: Andrea Elam (f/a Ossining Library)

COLORICIOUS PATCHWORK LAB — Workshops explore Hispanic American culture by translating conversations into mosaics that represent the individuality of each participating family. Applicant: Ossining Public Library

Ossining

CHAIR MASTERS DESIGN STUDIO — A workshop series for teens will challenge students to design and construct cardboard chairs to support their weight. Applicant: ArchForKids (f/a New Rochelle Library)
**OLEANNA BY DAVID MAMET** – A theatrical production of Oleana at Westchester Collaborative Theatre in will be performed by local artists. Applicant: GoJo Clan Productions

**Peekskill**

**FIRE IN A DARK HOUSE** – Five workshop performances of the new play Fire in a Dark House will be presented in conjunction with Women’s History Month. Applicant: Paramount Hudson Valley Arts

**2019 OPEN STUDIOS** – A weekend-long event showcases the work of local visual artists in different settings, including studios, a “Truck Stop Gallery” and more. Applicant: Peekskill Arts Alliance, Inc.

**FIVE VIOLIN DUO CONCERTS** – Black Marble Duo will offer five concerts in Westchester County (Shrub Oak, Yonkers, Mt. Vernon and two in Peekskill). Applicant: Black Marble Duo (f/a Field Library)

**Peekskill/ Sleepy Hollow**

**YO, TAMBÉN** – This Flamenco work pays tribute to women’s rights. The creative process will be open to the public with open rehearsals and a performance. (Artist grant) Applicant: Rebecca Thomas

**Valhalla**

22nd ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL – Professional and amateur artists of various nationalities represent countries in Asia through performance, arts and crafts, food vendors and more. Applicant: OCA: Asian Pacific American Advocates

**White Plains**

THE ARTISTS’ LOFT – Multi-medium workshops support creativity and

**Yonkers**

**10TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON** – Little Radicals Theatrics’ 10th season presents Mamma Mia!, a youth production of Fame, and Brigadoon at the Grinton Will Library. Applicant: Little Radical Theatrics, Inc.

**YONKERS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ARTIST SERIES** – “Art Speak” is a series of presentations by Yonkers-based artists and cultural directors who speak about their work and interact with audiences. Applicant: Yonkers Arts

**WHISPERS IN THE GROVE** – This public art installation is inspired by tree communication through underground networks of roots called “mycorrhiza.” Applicant: Gooseberry Studio (f/a Nowodworski)

**Nyack**

**CARNegie CONCERT SERIES** – Four concerts will feature original songs interspersed with small vignettes about musician Toby Tobias’ life in Johannesburg and Jerusalem. Applicant: Nyack Library

**2019 READING SERIES** – Three literary readings with award-winning authors will take place at The Carson

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**arts alive grantees**

**McCuller House and 95 1/2 Main**  
Gallery in Nyack. Applicant: River River Writers Circle

**TRANS JOY FILM SERIES** – Six film screenings will focus on the joy and power of transgender, non-binary and gender non-conforming people. Applicant: Rockland County Pride Center

**DRAG QUEEN STORY HOUR** – Drag performers will read books for children aged 3-8, which focus on acceptance, being oneself, gender and LGBTQ families. Applicant: Rockland County Pride Center

**ARIEL STORYBOARDING** – This grant supports story development and storyboarding for the computer-animated film Ariel, which is based on a Jewish folk tale. (Artist grant) Applicant: Conor MacCallan-Finkelman

**TOLSTOY’S THE DEATH OF IVAN ILYICH** – A theatrical interpretation and reimagining of Tolstoy’s piece will be presented at Garner Arts Center. (Artist grant) Applicant: Craig Smith

**Pearl River**

**40TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT** – Members of the Rockland Symphony will perform Haydn’s Symphony No. 96 and Mozart’s Coronation Mass K. 317. Applicant: Rockland Camerata

**DANCES FOR A SPRING DAY** – This new dance drama, choreographed by Debra Weiss, is set to live percussion and poetry. Applicant: West Third Street Dance Corp. / Debra Weiss Dance Company

**Piermont**

**ART-IN-THE-PARK 2019** – This annual open-air art festival, which will feature Rockland artists, will be held on the shores of the Hudson River in Piermont. Applicant: Piermont Straus Foundation, Inc.

**FLASHBACK FRIDAYS** – Two concerts will be offered: one that features jazz and swing music; another with works of Ray Charles. Applicant: Dennis P. McHugh Piermont Public Library

**ART AS SACRED ACTIVISM** – One-on-one interviews with community members who are in some way connected and affected by the path of war have inspired socially conscious rock songs. Applicant: Fereshtah Ramsey

**Suffern**

**CHEZA NGOMA NA NGOMA** – African dancing and jembe drumming instruction will be open to the public. Applicant: Chiku Awali African Dance, Arts & Culture, Inc.

**Tappan**

**PLACE OF ORIGIN** – This sound installation at Hopper House will weave together personal oral histories of individuals from immigrant communities. (Artist grant) Applicant: John Morton

**Upper Nyack**

**MUSICAL THEATER FOR LIFE** – Musical theater classes for members of ARC with intellectual and developmental disabilities will result in an open-to-the-public performance. (Education grant) Applicant: Jeffrey Friedberg

**Valley Cottage**

**MEMOIRS IN A BOTTLE** – This arts project pairs South Orangeburg students with senior citizens, thereby creating an “artistic bottle” that depicts the seniors’ lives. (Education grant) Applicant: Arlene Sorensen

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**New Web Feature: Marsha On the Move**

When Marsha Gordon is not advocating for businesses in Westchester, she can be found at the theater or cinema. “Marsha On the Move” is a new web feature in which she gives her thoughts on currently-playing films and productions.

**February 4-6: Roma** at Bedford Playhouse

A year in the life of a middle-class family’s maid in early 1970s Mexico City.

Review: This was a tough movie to watch. It is painful and emotional ... but also rings true of 1970s Mexico: societal norms and expectations, political unrest, personal struggles at every level, and the ties that bind people together. The film is beautifully portrayed in black and white, which heightens the dark mood. I will think about this one a lot.

Read more of Marsha's reviews on ArtsWestchester's "As a Matter of Art" blog at artsw.org/artsblog.

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**Monthly Web Feature: Frank’s Picks**

“Frank’s Picks” is a monthly music column in which music journalist, author and radio producer Frank Matheis helps readers, through his personal recommendations, to find their way through the many concerts and performances that take place in Westchester County.

**February 7: Ladysmith Black Mambazo** at The Emelin Theatre

There is an antidote to the blues, to the hardship of our lives and depressing TV news. It’s the enchanting Ladysmith Black Mambazo, one of the most wonderful and moving harmonizing singing groups of our time. If you need a personal lift, this ensemble will fill you with unbridled joy. Most Americans first heard of this South African singing group on Paul Simon’s 1986 album Graceland, but the group was founded in the early 1960s by Joseph Shabalala, then a teenage farm boy living just outside the small town of Ladysmith, in the province of KwaZulu Natal. By now, they have recorded more than 70 albums, earning 19 GRAMMY Award nominations and five GRAMMY Award wins. When Nelson Mandela was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993, he called on Ladysmith Black Mambazo to join him in Norway to perform at the ceremony. Ladysmith Black Mambazo has recorded with Paul Simon, Stevie Wonder, Dolly Parton, Sarah McLachlan, Josh Groban, Emmylou Harris, Melissa Etheridge and many others. You will be treated to remarkably uplifting harmony singing and musical happiness.

Read about Frank’s other February Picks at artsw.org/frankspicks.
Nina Chanel-Abney: A Storyteller of Urban Life Comes to Neuberger Museum of Art

In celebration of Black History Month, Neuberger Museum of Art will present a solo exhibition of contemporary African-American artist Nina Chanel Abney. The exhibition, *Nina Chanel Abney: Royal Flush*, surveys the past decade of the artist’s work through approximately 30 mostly-large-scale narrative figurative paintings and collages.

Abney’s referential works make her a storyteller for the changing currents of contemporary urban life. Abney, basing her works on real events and people, often flips or merges plots and social imbalances in order to spotlight the chaotic nature of the typical news cycle. In one painting, she depicts a black cop arresting a white man, an inverse of the racial disparities often shared in current media coverage.

In fact, media fuels Abney’s work, as she intersects serious subject matter with a playful nature that keeps her works accessible to the viewer. The erratic yet purposeful jumble of bold and colorful shapes, figures and words that form on the canvas requires active engagement from the viewer, forcing them to approach the work, think critically about its symbolism and draw their own conclusions.

Organized by the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, the Neuberger is the final stop on *Royal Flush*’s national tour. It will be on view from February 27 through June 30, with an opening reception on February 27. An artist talk on April 17 presents an opportunity to hear Abney discuss her work and its ever-timely narratives. For more info, visit neuberger.org.

African Cirque Comes to Westchester Community College

Cirque Zuma Zuma, an unconventional African Cirque ensemble that gained prominence as semi-finalists on America’s Got Talent, will be performing at Westchester Community College (WCC) in Valhalla on February 16. The event is presented by the College’s Smart Arts program. As with any established realm of the arts and entertainment world, circus and acrobatics can be difficult to break into, especially when breaking conventions. The group’s founder, John Jacobs, created Cirque Zum Zuma in Africa after traveling for years as an acrobat and circus performer. The members of the group’s robust troupe now hail from 16 African nations and each infuse their own unique style to Zuma Zuma’s shows. Over the course of the group’s two-hour show at WCC, the troupe will blend a variety of classic African art forms with acrobatic and circus skills that together will present a dynamic, modern performance that is undeniably rooted in tradition. The February 16 performance will include Zulu dancing, foot juggling, fire limbo, contortionists and more, and will provide opportunities for audience participation. For more info, visit sunywcc.edu/about/smartarts.

Free Children’s Art Workshops at Blue Door Art Center

Blue Door Art Center (BDAC) in Yonkers will continue its children’s workshop program every Saturday morning. Each week, the free two-hour workshops are led by a new teaching artist who introduces diverse art disciplines to up to fifteen students in BDAC’s gallery setting. In February, the variety of hands-on activities will include painting, sculpture, jewelry-making and more. On February 9, instructor Joan Lloyd will lead a jewelry demonstration. Participants aged seven and older will create beaded earrings, some of which will be donated to local women’s shelters. On February 16, children (ages 6-12) will learn how to make abstract sculptures and paintings with artist Emilio Barrios. BDAC will also present a “Naturescapes Painting” workshop on February 23, during which children (ages 7-12) will paint landscapes with artist Lourdes Clark. The children’s art workshops each begin at 10am. For more info, visit bluedoorartcenter.org.
event highlights

ArtsWestchester Series Helps Audiences to Beat the Winter Blues

Though ArtsWestchester's fall exhibition recently came to a close, a series of “Live at ArtsWestchester” events in the downtown White Plains gallery – including a Lunar New Year celebration, a jazz concert and a set of stand-up comedy acts – aims to help visitors beat the winter blues.

The series, which takes place throughout February, begins with a Lunar New Year festival on February 2 to celebrate the Year of the Pig. An afternoon of traditional Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese music, dance and crafts will provide audiences with a set of family-friendly hands-on workshops and performances. This includes Chinese calligraphy, Korean drum-dance, Chinese Lion Dance and more.

Two evenings of stand-up comedy bring acclaimed comedienne Kerri Louise (February 8) and Judy Gold (February 9) to the stage for ArtsWestchester’s first-ever tribute to the art of laughter. A comedy ticket package offers discounts on both sets.

For Valentine’s Day weekend, lovebirds can attend Alexis Cole’s Valentine’s Day Jukebox for a night of sultry jazz classics on February 15. Cole will be accompanied by John DiMartino (piano), Steve LaSpina (bass) and Kenny Hassler (drums). The trio’s set will be followed by audience requests, during which specific songs can be dedicated to loved ones.

The “Live at ArtsWestchester” series leads up to the March 3 opening of ArtsWestchester’s new exhibition, Modern Families, which focuses the camera lens on diverse definitions of the word “family.” The exhibition will include photographs by James Van Der Zee and John Shearer among others. For more info on the “Live” series, visit artsw.org/liveataw and follow #LiveatAW on social media.

Savion Glover Performs with Westchester Philharmonic on February 10

On February 10, Westchester Philharmonic will present its annual Friends and Family Concert – starting with an “instrument petting zoo,” during which children can explore musical instruments up-close – at the Performing Art Center at Purchase College (PAC). In the concert that follows, the Philharmonic will showcase a presentation of works that influenced Leonard Bernstein, as well as works that were inspired by him. This includes compositions by Aaron Copland, Thelonius Monk and Jed Feuer.

The concert, led by conductor Rachael Worby, will kick into high gear when tap legend Savion Glover takes the stage with the orchestra. Glover is best known as the choreographer and star of Broadway’s Bring in Da’ Noise, Bring in Da’ Funk for which he won a Tony Award. His signature style blends classic tap moves, in homage to those who paved the way for him, with a fresh rhythmic funk that is uniquely his own. Children in the audience may also recognize his footwork from the animated Disney film Happy Feet, which Glover co-choreographed and performed.

Along with an improvisational tap solo to Vivaldi’s Baroque masterpiece Four Seasons, Glover will take on a piece that he has never before performed. Morton Gould’s Tap Dance Concerto is the only symphonic work that has ever been formally created for a tap dancer and orchestra. On PAC’s stage, Glover will perform with the piece for the very first time. For more info, visit artscenter.org or westchesterphil.org.
2/1 FRIDAY

Spoken Word: Antonia Arts presents First Friday Open Mic. Guests share their talents in a comfortable space. 7:30-10pm at Studio 4 Life. 914-393-2382

Tours: Neuberger Museum of Art presents Art Sandwiched-In. Guests will enjoy lunch and a tour of A Gathering: Sculpture from the Collection with curator Avis Larson. 12:30-2pm. neuberger.org

Comedy: The Schoolhouse Theater presents Adam Oliensis and LoHud Comedy. An evening featuring four NYC-based comedians as they perform live stand-up. 8-9:45pm. schoolhousetheater.org

Spoken Word: Hudson Valley Writers Center presents A Reading with Kaveh Akbar & Sarah Ruhl. The poet and playwright will read from their new works, as well as works from the late poet Max Ritvo. 7pm. writerscenter.org

Theater: Arc Stages presents Dancing Lessons. The play follows a young professor with Asperger’s syndrome, who seeks instruction from a dancer to learn just enough to survive an awards dinner. Through 2/16. Times vary. arcstages.org

2/2 SATURDAY

Family & Kids: ArtsWestchester presents Lunar New Year Festival. An afternoon celebrating traditional Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese performing arts, crafts and foods. 1-4pm. artswestchester.org

Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents The Thing. A research team in Antarctica is hunted by a shape-shifting alien that assumes the appearance of its victims. 10pm. burnsfilmcenter.org

Dance: The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents Diavolo. This contemporary dance company uses large-scale surreal architectural playgrounds as metaphors for life through dance and movement. 8-9:30pm. artscenter.org

Reception: Clay Art Center presents The Great Race. In this exhibition, ceramic artists use the 12 zodiac animals as a way of exploring anthropomorphism to relate to contemporary culture. 6pm. clayartcenter.org

Lectures: Westchester Italian Cultural Center presents Mussolini: The Man Behind the Uniform. This lecture by Toni McKeen explores the life of Italian politician and journalist Benito Mussolini. 10:30am. wiccn.org

2/3 SUNDAY

Music: The Symphony of Westchester presents Young Artist Showcase. Three winners of the Symphony’s Young Artist Concerto Competition will perform Baroque and early Classical concertos. 3-5pm at Christopher J. Murphy Auditorium. thesymphonyofwestchester.org

Lectures: Hudson Valley MOCA presents Art History with a Twist: Bodily Functions as Subject Matter. Artist and art historian Marcy B. Freedman will will explore the way bodily fluids used in artworks. 3-4pm. hudsonvalleymoca.org

Music: Smart Arts at Westchester Community College presents Camerata Chamber Players. This performance will feature music by Mozart, Beethoven and Schubert. 3-5pm at Classroom Building Room 200. sunywcc.edu/smartarts

Music: Songcatchers presents Composers of the Future Concert. Compositions by Songcatchers’ students will be performed by the Symphony of Westchester. 3-5pm at Iona College. thesymphonyofwestchester.org

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Lanette Hughes, painter
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James Martin, painter
Felix Olivieri, mixed-media artist
2/5 TUESDAY
Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents The Young Victoria. This dramatization of the turbulent first years of Queen Victoria’s rule, and her enduring romance with Prince Albert is part of the “Senior Afternoon Cinema” series. 1pm. burnsfilmcenter.org
Reception: Clay Art Center presents Chinese New Year Dinner. Guests will celebrate the New Year with a banquet at the Center’s gallery during its The Great Race exhibition. 6-9pm. clayartcenter.org

2/6 WEDNESDAY
Music: Downtown Music at Grace presents Music Conservatory of Westchester Piano Quartet. A program of virtuosic works debuts at Downtown Music. 12-1pm. dtmusic.org
Reception: Mamaroneck Artists Guild presents Young Artists on the Rise 2018. An opening reception celebrates the art of local high school students. 5pm. mamaroneckartistsguild.org
Reception: Neuberger Museum of Art presents Happy Hour @ the NEU. An after-work social gathering in the Museum’s galleries. 5-6:30pm. neuberger.org
Lectures: Harrison Public Library presents An Evening with Author Jamie Ford. The award-winning author of Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet will present his work, take questions and sign books. 7pm at Harrison High School. harrisonpl.org

2/7 THURSDAY
Reception: Oak & Oil Gallery presents Works by Erin Nazzaro. Nazzaro is a painter who has adopted Latin America as her long-distance muse. 5-8pm. oakandoil.com
Lectures: Westchester Italian Cultural Center presents Beyond the Nile: Ancient Rome in the Land of the Pharaohs. This lecture will explore the artistic interplay and partisan cultural influence between Ancient Rome and Ancient Egypt. 7pm. wiccny.org

2/8 FRIDAY
Comedy: ArtsWestchester presents Art of Laughter: Small Hall Comedy Series with Kemi Louise. A night of women-empowered stand-up comedy. 8-9:30pm. artswestchester.org
Theater: Axial Theatre, Inc. presents Twisted Valentines. This event showcases seven original one-act plays about love. Select days through 2/17. 8-10pm. axialtheatre.org
Music: Hoff-Barthelson Music School presents A Musical Potpourri. The School’s faculty will perform an eclectic mix of musical selections, from Brahms to Piazzolla. 7:30-9pm. hbms.org
Tours: The Rye Arts Center presents Art Tour: Brant Foundation. Guests will enjoy a tour of works by Italian contemporary artist Francesco Clemente. 1-3pm at The Brant Foundation. ryeartscenter.org

2/9 SATURDAY
Music: Ars Antiqua presents A Parisian Picture Gallery: 18th-Century French Musical Portraits. Musicians will perform French 18th-century music on historic instruments. 8-9:30pm at Church of St. Mary the Virgin. ars-antiqua.org
Comedy: ArtsWestchester presents Art of Laughter: Small Hall Comedy Series with Judy Gold. A night of women-empowered stand-up by acclaimed comedian Judy Gold. 8-9:30pm. artswestchester.org
Reception: Harrison Public Library presents Form, Fantasy and Experimentation. An opening reception
for the expressionistic paintings of Sam Bartman. 2pm. harrisonpl.org

Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents Liyana. An animated film about an original African tale created by orphaned children in Swaziland. Part of JBFC Kids. 2:30pm. burnsfilmcenter.org

Family & Kids: New Castle Historical Society presents Victorian Valentine’s Tea and Crafts. The afternoon will include Victorian tea, snacks, crafts and a tour. 11am-3pm at Horace Greeley House. newcastlehs.org

Festivals: New Rochelle Council on the Arts presents Black History Month Celebration. The celebration will honor Aretha Franklin through song, dance, drama, spoken word and art. 12-3pm at Whitney Young Auditorium at New Rochelle High School. wabseny.com

Music: Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse presents Christine Lavin. This New York City-based singer-songwriter is also a promoter of contemporary folk music. 7:30-10pm at Memorial United Methodist Church. walkaboutchorus.org

2/10 SUNDAY

Music: New Rochelle Public Library presents Eli Fountain’s Percussion Discussion. This performance will feature a variety of percussive instruments from across the world. 3-4pm. nrpl.org

Reception: New Rochelle Public Library presents Children’s Book Illustrations. This exhibition displays the illustrations of acclaimed artist Bryan Collier. 4pm. nrpl.org

Music: PJS Jazz Society, Inc presents Alexis Morrast. This singer-songwriter is a 16-year-old phenom and a two-time Amateur Night Winner at The Apollo. 5:30pm. pjsjazz.org

Lectures: RiverArts presents Artist Conversation. Three award-winning young adult authors will discuss identity, community and their writing process. 2-5pm at Dobbs Ferry Public Library. riverarts.org

Music: The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents The Phil’s Friends & Family Concert. A program of works by Copland, Gould, Vivaldi and more also features a performance by tap dancer Savion Glover. 3-4:30pm. artscenter.org

Festivals: Pelham Art Center presents Chinese New Year Celebration. Guests fete the Year of the Pig with lion dances, art-making workshops and more. 1:30pm. pelhamartcenter.org

2/12 TUESDAY

Lectures: Greenburgh Public Library presents Love When You Least Expect It: Roni Beth Tower. Retired psychotherapist and professor Roni Beth Tower will explore love and its joys and challenges. 7-8:30pm. greenburghlibrary.org

Music: Downtown Music at Grace presents Jun Hwi Cho, Pianist. Cho will join five members of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra to play a concerto by Mozart. 12pm. dtmusic.org

Lectures: Neuberger Museum of Art presents In Conversation: Ursula von Rydingsvard. Sculptor Ursula von Rydingsvard will discuss her work from the perspective of her personal history. 6:30-7:30pm. neuberger.org

Music: Westchester Chordsmen Chorus presents Singing Valentines Delivered. Local residents can surprise a loved ones with a “Singing Valentine” from one of the Chorus’ quartets. Also 2/14. 9am-8pm. chordsmen.org

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2/14 THURSDAY
Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents The Awful Truth. A comedy about two people whose flaws only make them more irresistible to one another. Part of the “Retro Revival” series. 1, 3:05, 5:10 & 7:15pm. burnsfilmcenter.org

Lectures: Hof-Barthelson Music School presents The Music of Love and Passion. This session will explore different kinds of love in the works of Mozart, Strauss, Mahler, Ravel, Prokofiev, Bernstein and others. 7:30-9pm. hbms.org

Lectures: Westchester Italian Cultural Center presents Leonardo Da Vinci: Masterpieces and Mystery. Da Vinci’s painting technique, his life and possible hidden messages in his works are explored. 7pm. wiccny.org

2/15 FRIDAY
Music: Tarrytown Music Hall presents Chopin, Chocolate and Champagne for Valentine’s Day. Carnegie Hall pianist Katya Grineva will perform classical romantic favorites. 8pm. tarrytownmusichall.org

Music: Emelin Theatre presents Frank Solivan & Dirty Kitchen. This award-winning virtuoso band will blend blues with a repertoire of modern bluegrass. 8-10pm. emelin.org

Music: ArtsWestchester presents Alexis Cole’s Valentine’s Day Jukebox. A romantic night of sultry jazz classics, will feature award-winning vocalist Alexis Cole and her trio. 8-10pm. artswestchester.org

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2/16 SATURDAY
Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents True Stories. In his 1986 directorial debut, Talking Heads singer David Byrne plays host to this bizarre patchwork of tabloid-inspired tales, set in the fictional town of Virgil, Texas. 10pm. burnsfilmcenter.org

Music: The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents Robin Spielberg. A romantic “Piano Parlour Soiree” with Steinway Artist Robin Spielberg. 7-9:30pm. artscenter.org

Reception: Hudson Valley MOCA presents Where is the Madness You Promised Me? An opening reception for an exhibition of dystopian landscape paintings by international contemporary artists. 5-7pm. hudsonvalleymoca.org

Music: The Schoolhouse Theater presents Happy Valentines. Peter Calo and Anne Carpenter will perform the music of Joni Mitchell and Paul Simon. 8-10pm. schoolhousetheater.org

Reception: Bethany Arts Community presents Flying Low, Drawing Big. Visitors will watch artist R. Wayne Reynolds as he glides through the air in a harness above a canvas, using experimental 3D printed tools to make his drawings. 6pm. bethanyarts.org

2/18 MONDAY
Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents The Iron Giant. After discovering a giant robot from space one night in 1957, a young boy does everything in his power to keep his new friend safe and hidden away from the government. Part of the “JBFC Kids” series. 2:30pm. burnsfilmcenter.org

2/19 TUESDAY
Film: New Rochelle Public Library presents Babe. The beloved story of a shy Yorkshire piglet, who doesn’t conform to his place in the world. 1pm. nrpl.org

2/20 WEDNESDAY
Dance: Ballet des Amériques presents Westchester Wednesday Dance. This is a chance for audiences to witness the original work of the Music Hall’s company-in-residence. 7-8:30pm at Tarrytown Music Hall. tarrytownmusichall.org

Music: Downtown Music at Grace presents Tableau Vivant. The musical ensemble will perform two of Telemann’s Paris Quartets. 12pm. dtmusic.org

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Lectures: Greenburgh Public Library presents GPL Local History Series: Local Author Wayne Sobers. Sobers will discuss his real-life adventure story documented in his book The Harlem Line. 7-8:30pm. greenburghlibrary.org

Family & Kids: New Rochelle Public Library presents Circus Performance. A performer from the National Circus Project will perform tricks, stunts and juggling. 2-2:45pm. nrpl.org

2/21 THURSDAY

Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents ROH LIVE: La Traviata. This broadcast of Royal Opera House’s Richard Eyre production is one of Verdi’s most popular operas. Part of the “World Stage on Screen” series. 2-5:45pm. burnsfilmcenter.org

Film: New Rochelle Public Library presents The Lion King. Simba, a lion cub who cannot wait to be king, searches for his destiny in the circle of life. 1-2:30pm. nrpl.org

2/23 SATURDAY

Dance: New Rochelle Public Library presents Bokandeye African Dance and Drum Performance. Traditional movements and rhythms of African village life will reverberate throughout the Ossie Davis Theater. 2-3pm. nrpl.org

Family & Kids: New Rochelle Public Library presents Live Performance for the Younger Set. Featuring funny stories and silly songs will be performed by singer-songwriter Zev Haber. 10:30-11:15am. nrpl.org

Tours: Hudson Valley MOCA presents Death is Irrelevant. Visitors can take an in-depth tour of the Museum’s Death is Irrelevant exhibition. 2-3pm. hudsonvalleymoca.org

2/24 SUNDAY

Music: Greenburgh Public Library presents Joe Boykin & Friends Concert. Boykin will perform with fellow jazz musicians. 2-3pm. greenburghlibrary.org

Music: New Rochelle Public Library presents Gospel Concert. The Mount Vernon Interfaith Community Choir will perform a gospel concert. 3-4pm. nrpl.org

2/25 MONDAY

Music: Hudson Valley Music Club presents February Mostly Morning Music Concert. Featuring the Hoff Barthelson Woodwind Quintet and a string trio. 1-2pm at Dobbs Ferry Woman’s Club. 914-591-6851

Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents I Am Cuba. A chaotic 1964 celebration of Communist kitsch mixes Slavic solemnity with Latin sensuality. Part of the “Retro Revival” series. 2 & 7pm. burnsfilmcenter.org

Film: Westchester Italian Cultural Center presents All Screwed Up. In this 1974 Italian comedy-drama film, workers from southern Italy relocate to Milan and adjust to life in the city. 2 & 7pm. wiccny.org

Film: Alliance Française of Westchester presents Le ciné-club de l’Alliance Française. A screening of Memories, a 2014 award-winning French comedy-drama film. 7-8:45pm. afwestchesterny.org

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2/27 WEDNESDAY

Music: Downtown Music at Grace presents Baritone Ivan Klayman and Pianist Svetlana Gorokhovich. The program will feature Ralph Vaughan Williams’ Songs of Travel, and Gerald Finzi’s Let us Garlands Bring, founded on texts of Shakespeare. 12pm. dtmusic.org

Reception: Neuberger Museum of Art presents Nina Chanel Abney: Royal Flush. Guests will celebrate the opening of this solo exhibition. 4:30-7pm. neuberger.org

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Blue Door Art Center | bluedoorartcenter.org
- **11th Annual Artist Member Juried Exhibition.** This exhibition is curated by Julie Cousins and Luis Perelman, co-executive directors of the Center. Through 2/9, Thurs & Fri: 3-6pm, Sat: 1-5pm.

Center for the Digital Arts, Peekskill | sunywcc.edu/peekskill
- **Student Show 2018.** This exhibition features paintings and digital artworks by the Center’s students. Through 2/15, 10am-5pm.

Clay Art Center | clayartcenter.org
- **The Great Race.** Ceramic artists will represent animals from the Chinese zodiac through clay in order to convey the importance of preserving the animal kingdom. 2/2-3/30. Mon-Sat: 10am-5pm.

Greenburgh Public Library | greenburghpubliclibrary.org
- **Vice and Victory.** This exhibition comments on the pursuit of freedom explores the frustrations of inequality and fragility of humanity. Through 3/13, times vary.

Harrison Public Library | harrisonpl.org
- **Form, Fantasy and Experimentation.** A collection of expressionist paintings by Sam Bartman. 2/3-22. Times vary.

Hudson River Museum | hrm.org
- **The Color of the Moon: Lunar Painting in American Art.** The exhibition will feature more than 50 works of art, highlighting key painters who depicted the moon. 2/8-5/12. Wed-Sun: 12-5pm.

Hudson Valley MOCA | hudsonvalleymoca.org
- **Death is Irrelevant: Selections from the Marc and Livia Straus Collection.** Works that were created over a forty-year period (1975–2018) examine humans’ inclination to recreate themselves. Through 8/2. Fri: 11am-5pm, Sat-Sun: 12-6pm.
- **Where is the Madness You Promised Me: Paintings from the Marc and Livia Straus Collection.** Dystopian landscape paintings examine society’s increasing anxiety over the future. 2/16-4/14. Fri: 11am-5pm, Sat-Sun: 12-6pm.

Iona College Council on the Arts | (914) 637-7796
- **New Works by Alvin Clayton.** Artist and restauranteur Alvin Clayton will present recent works in celebration of Black History Month. Through 2/28. Thurs: 12-8pm.at Brother Kenneth Chapman Gallery.

Mamaroneck Artists Guild | mamaroneckartistsguild.org
- **Young Artists on the Rise 2018.** This exhibition will present artworks from local high school students. Through 2/9, Tues-Sat: 12-5pm.

Neuberger Museum of Art | neuberger.org
- **A Gathering: Sculpture from the Permanent Collection.** Featuring 19 objects that span fifty-five years (1947-2002), which highlight the versatility of materials worked by different hands. Through 2/27, Wed-Sun: 12-5pm.
- **Nina Chanel Abney: Royal Flush.** This ten-year survey of Abney’s work will include 30 paintings, watercolors and collages that touch on politics, homophobia, celebrity and other pressing topics. 2/27-6/30. Wed-Sun: 12-5pm.

New Rochelle Public Library | nrpl.org
- **Children’s Book Illustrations.** Featuring the illustrations of artist Bryan Collie, who is known for his unique style that combines watercolor and detailed collage. 2/1-28, times vary.

North Castle Historical Society | newcastlehs.org
- **A Stitch in Time: Needlework from Westchester, 1774 to the Present.** The exhibition will trace the artistry and social history of Westchester girls and women through needlework, from the colonial era to modern day. Through 7/31, times vary.

North Castle Public Library | northcastlelibrary.org
- **Weathered Structures Seen Through A New Lens.** Featuring photographs of weathered structures from the now vanished “Borscht Belt,” a once-thriving area filled with Eastern European Jewish culture. Through 2/9, times vary.

Oak & Oil Gallery | oakandoil.com
- **Artist of the Month: Erin Nazzaro.** Nazzaro is a Connecticut painter who draws inspiration from Latin America and its indigenous people. 2/7-3/3. Mon-Sat: 10:30am-5:30pm, Sun: 11am-3pm.

Pelham Art Center | pelhamartcenter.org
- **HyperAccumulators.** A group exhibition that considers how contemporary artists explore connections between nature, toxicity and the potential for regeneration. Through 3/23, 10am-5pm.

Rye Arts Center | ryeartscenter.org
- **Up and Down: Global Visions.** A retrospective of the works of artists Nestor Madalengoitia and Tova Snyder. Through 3/2, Mon & Sat: 9am-3pm, Tues-Fri: 9am-7pm.
Antonia Arts  |  914-393-2382

- **Adults Dance.** A variety of dance classes are offered, including classical ballet, basic ballet, beginning tap and more. Through 2/13, 7-8pm at studio 4 life.

**ArtsWestchester**  |  artswestchester.org

- **Clay At ArtsWestchester.** Students (ages 4-8) will discover the magical qualities of clay while hand-building whimsical animal sculptures, coil pots, slab plates, bowls and more. 2/1, 8 & 15 at 4:30-5:30pm.

- **Teen Tuesdays.** Students (ages 12-16) can participate in a free improv workshop and African dance class. 2/5 & 2/12. 4:30-6pm.

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**Blue Door Art Center**  |  bluedoorartcenter.org

- **Free Children's Art Workshops.** These workshops will include bead earring-making, landscape painting and more. 2/9, 2/16, 2/23. 10am-12pm.

**Carver Center**  |  carvercenter.org

- **Paint like Picasso.** Students will learn basic acrylic painting skills. Through 2/9, 10am-12pm.

**Center for the Digital Arts, Peekskill**  |  sunywcc.edu/peekskill

- **Design Thinking.** Students work in groups to brainstorm an interactive experience and determine the look and feel of an interactive products. 2/16, 9am-4pm.

- **Quick Start to Adobe Photoshop CC in 24 Hrs.** Participants will learn to use the latest version of Photoshop with time management features and enhancements for web and video designers. Through 2/16, 9am-3pm.

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**Clay Art Center**  |  clayartcenter.org

- **Sunkoo Yuh Demonstration.** In this one-day demo-only workshop, participants will learn from Sunkoo Yuh, who makes dimensional narrative sculptures that contain tight groupings of various forms, including plants, animals, fish and human figures. 2/23, 10am-5pm.

**Country Dancers of Westchester**  |  845-642-2074

- **English Country Dancers of Westchester.** Participants of all levels are welcome to learn the English country dance basics. Thursdays. 2/6, 2/13, 2/27, 3-5pm at The Church in the Highlands.

**Hudson Valley MOCA**  |  hudsonvalleymoca.org

- **Artists in the Marketplace: INSTAWHAT?!** Curator and Gallery Director Ken Tan will offer practical tips for artists who are developing their online brands. 2/4, 7-8pm.

- **Drawing from Life.** Participants will work from a life model posed among the figurative sculptures from the Museum's *Death is Irrelevant* exhibition. 2/28, 7-9pm.

  *For more Hudson Valley MOCA workshops, visit hudsonvalleymoca.org.*

**Hudson Valley Writers Center**  |  writerscenter.org

- **Creative Writing for Teens.** This multi-genre creative writing class is led by author Michael Collins. 2/1, 8 & 15 at 3:30-5:30pm.

- **Open Write.** A new monthly evening of generative writing and community building at the Center. 2/9, 7:30-9:30pm.

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**Neuberger Museum of Art**  |  neuberger.org

- **Open Studio for Kids.** Inspired by works in the *A Gathering: Sculpture from the Collection* exhibition, this month's project will use found objects to make instruments. 2/21, 3:30-4:45pm.

**New England Fashion and Design**  |  newenglandfashionanddesign.com

- **Fashion Pattern Making 1.** In this beginner’s workshop, students will be exposed to pattern-making terminology, including how to measure and create a basic skirt. Saturdays, 3-5pm at ArtsWestchester.

**New Rochelle Public Library**  |  nrpl.org

- **African Dance.** Anthony Wooden, Director of Bokandeye African Dance and Drum Troupe, returns for another series of free African dance workshops for children ages 7 and up. 2/16-17, 11am-12pm.

- **Pigs.** Participants will make a pig mask during a screening of the film *Babe.* 2/19, 10:30-11:30am.

  *For more New Rochelle Public Library workshops, visit nrpl.org.*

**The Rye Arts Center**  |  ryeartscenter.org

- **Make a Valentine’s Day Pendant & Card.** Students (ages 5-8) will create a heart pendant out of polymer clay and a Valentine’s Day card with mixed media and paint. 2/2, 2-3pm.

- **Thursday Night Out: Make a Mandala.** Participants will paint their own mandala. 2/7, 6:15-9pm.

  *For more Rye Arts Center workshops, visit ryeartscenter.org.*

**Westchester Community College Center for the Arts**  |  sunywcc.edu/arts

- **Connecting Form and Surface on Functional Pots.** Demonstrations will include throwing forms, the application of patterning with thick slip and impressed texture and more. 2/9-10, 9am-4pm.

- **Valentine Calligraphy Night.** Participants will learn the calligraphy basics and new ways to enhance their stationery with instructor Elizabeth White-Pultz. 2/6, 6:30-8:30pm.

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