Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue
at The Capitol Theatre
There is no better place to embrace the magic of the holiday season than right here in Westchester County. So bundle up in a warm sweater, grab a cup of hot cocoa, and come enjoy one of Westchester’s many art exhibitions. Whether you are interested in spending the afternoon at a children’s art workshop, visiting one of our many museums or exploring your culinary creativity at a cooking class – there are plenty of ways to enjoy time spent with family and friends. I feel fortunate to have ArtsWestchester, a great resource, available to our residents and visitors to help inspire them to participate in the arts. ArtsWestchester’s monthly ArtsNews publication highlights the many cultural opportunities provided for the enjoyment of Hudson Valley residents. The holiday season has arrived, so keep track of upcoming arts and cultural programs by browsing the articles and calendars on these pages.

- An adaptive dance program (see page A4)
- Celebrating 40 years of PJS Jazz Society (see page A8)
- Several versions of The Nutcracker for the family to enjoy (see page A12)

As you travel our beautiful County this holiday season, I hope you will take the time to enjoy the arts. Warmest wishes to everyone for the New Year of 2020.

Thank you,
George Latimer
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While checking items off of their holiday gift lists, shoppers can also take in some of the colorful art that adorns Westchester’s local shopping centers. Developers are more and more frequently enlivening their streetscapes by bringing public art to community spaces for local visitors to enjoy. These projects are becoming a priority during significant site renovations. At Ridge Hill Shopping Center in Yonkers, Brooklyn-based muralist Nick Kuszyk created an exterior mural for a highly visible street-level wall. While taking a brisk walk from store to store this winter, visitors can take in the selfie-worthy mural’s geometric design of vibrant cascading colors, its squared-off pattern referencing the property’s brickwork. Also at Ridge Hill are a set of eight whimsical planters installed along the sidewalks.

Another Shopping Center that will give shoppers an artistic respite is City Center in White Plains. Located in the heart of downtown White Plains, this Center made art a centerpiece of its rebranding strategy in the midst of an extensive rebranding. A two-story, 2,000-square-foot mural by Piero Manrique welcomes visitors into the lobby of its Mamaroneck Avenue entrance. The energetic pattern is an abstract reference to the vibrancy and diversity of the City. A second project by artist collaborative Lightband Studio LLC integrates fused glass sculptures with advanced technology lighting systems, which are suspended in the empty air space above its retail stores.

Ralph Martinelli and Janet Langsam

Don’t miss Janet’s weekly blog posts at: thisandthatbyjl.com
Access to art and means of artistic expression may sometimes seem like a given but, to many, the idea of participating in an activity like an instructional dance class can be a daunting task. The majority of dance classes are not suited to accommodate a student in a wheelchair or people with developmental and intellectual differences. However, there are increasingly more institutions that are dedicating time and resources to supporting inclusive spaces and programs. One prime example is Steffi Nossen School of Dance, which is supported by a grant from ArtsWestchester.

The premise is a simple one, based on an oft-repeated refrain at Steffi Nossen School of Dance: “anyone can dance – and everyone should.” Over 16 years, the Steffi Nossen team has been pioneering a curriculum of accessible classes, known as adaptive dance. In that time, they have developed a wide range of inclusive courses geared towards dancers in wheelchairs, Parkinson’s patients and people with developmental and intellectual differences.

By prioritizing inclusion, the School has built an artistic haven for some of Westchester’s most underserved communities. “Having an opportunity to be social and practice a form of art can be a very uplifting and therapeutic experience for the students in adaptive dance,” explains Judith Ross, the Community Relations Director at Steffi Nossen. The feeling of losing yourself in a beautiful moment is a universal experience that can easily accompany a heartfelt dance. By surrendering to the flow of movement, while surrounded by music, these students are able to grant themselves a little escape.

The definitive measure of success in any program is that students keep coming back and with this adaptive dance program, that success is clearly defined. The programs began with a summer workshop in 2001, and there is still a core group of participants who have been attending ever since. “We get lots of returning dancers because there is a real community here,” says Ross.

Another reason why attendees seem to be returning is tied to the physicality of the experience. One specific program, Moving Wheels & Heels is available to kids, youth and adults with an emphasis on providing participants in wheelchairs and other dancers with physical challenges with an opportunity to “explore the joy of movement in a
safe and supportive environment.”

Recently, a young participant in the program, who was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, was having such a rewarding experience in the group classes that when her schedule changed and she was prevented from attending, her mother decided to get private lessons. “Her mother told me that she preferred dancing here to her physical therapy,” Ross explains.

Stories of patients like the young girl at Steffi Nossen are becoming more and more common as accessible dance programs grow. One of the keys to this shift is that dance therapy seems to provide a more engaging experience than the traditional methods. By making the challenge of physical exertion into a playful tango or a modern improvisation, the focus becomes about having fun and learning a new creative form of expression. The current session will end this December, but classes will resume on February 3. For more info on Steffi Nossen School of Dance, visit steffinossen.org.
Calling All Community Stitchers to Create a Public Work of Art

Come spring, rich colors will sweep along the brick façade of ArtsWestchester’s nine-story neoclassical building in White Plains. A quilt-like sculpture, designed from intermingling fabrics of varying patterns and textures, will outfit Mamaroneck Avenue in a monumental piece of public artwork. The sculpture, to be draped from the top of the historic landmark building, will be the result of a creative process months in the making – hosted by ArtsWestchester, orchestrated by artist Amanda Browder and built by the hands of its community.

What makes Browder’s projects so powerful are the ways in which they bring communities together at every level of their making, presenting multiple opportunities for inclusion. First, fabric will be donated by local residents who are encouraged to drop off bright, colorful swaths of non-stretchy opaque fabrics to participating fabric donation centers, including Pelham Art Center, India Center of Westchester and Bennett Conservatory of Music. Next, those pieces of fabric will be arranged, pinned and sewn together by individuals and community groups, with Browder’s help, during the project’s organized “public sewing days.” The resulting installation will be a work of participatory public art on display in May 2020; a celebration of locality, community and sustainability. For more info, visit artsw.org/browder.

**SEWING DAYS**

- **Jan. 4 (10am-2pm):** ArtsWestchester
- **Jan. 5 (10am-2pm):** ArtsWestchester
- **Jan. 11 (10am-2pm):** Rye Arts Center
- **Jan. 25 (10am-2pm):** Rye Arts Center
- **Jan. 26 (10am-2pm):** ArtsWestchester
- **Feb. 8 (10am-3pm):** India Center of Westchester
- **Feb. 9 (10am-3pm):** India Center of Westchester
- **Feb. 15 (11am-4pm):** Greenburgh Public Library
- **Feb. 29 (time TBD):** Pelham Art Center
- **Mar. 1 (time TBD):** Pelham Art Center
- **Mar. 7 (10:30am-3:30pm):** Westchester Children’s Museum
- **Mar. 14 (11am-4pm):** Alliance Francaise
- **Mar. 29 (9am-1pm):** Katonah Museum of Art

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**HARRIET**

As much as we learn about Harriet Tubman throughout our school years, this film brings to life her bravery, guts, courage and faith, as well as her vision for herself, her family and the country, in a way that keeps you on the edge of your seat – even though you know the historical results – in a powerful and riveting movie. Of course the film is very relevant today, as our society still deals with repercussions of slavery. This woman represents the epitome of leadership, not only of black women, but of all women. Cynthia Eriva gives an Oscar Award worthy performance as Harriet. This is an important movie experience for all.

**MARSHA ON THE MOVE**

Monthly Web Feature

_When Business Council of Westchester President, Marsha Gordon, is not advocating for businesses in the County, she can be found at the cinema or theater. Read Marsha’s reviews on ArtsWestchester’s “As a Matter of Art” blog: artsw.org/artsblog._
Every winter, County budget season begins, and so too does the mad scramble for allocations of precious few dollars. If I could choose where to allocate more of those dollars, my choice would always be towards those things that are good investments for our community. I would choose to invest in the things that will bring people to Westchester, stimulate our economy, create jobs and increase our sales tax base. I would choose to invest in the arts.”

– Michael Minihan, ArtsWestchester Board President

The Art$Westchester Challenge grant donations show us that there is a great deal of community support for Mamaroneck Artists Guild, and its' local artists in Westchester County.”

– Mitchell Visoky, Co-President of Mamaroneck Artists Guild

Rehabilitation Through The Arts (RTA) raised critical funds to support our creative arts program at six correctional facilities. When we announced the matching grant from the Art$WChallenge, we were stunned to see so many hands raised at once.”

– Jackie Kunhardt, Development Director at Rehabilitation Through The Arts

The Actors Conservatory Theatre will use money from the 2019 Challenge Grant to complete reconstruction at our theater.”

– Arlene Wendt, ACT President

As with most community orchestras, the financial condition of ours is precarious. Having my family's donation matched by ArtsWestchester allows us to present music in honor of our father.”

– Anne Frascarelli, violinist with Yonkers Philharmonic

Currently, many of Westchester’s major cultural organizations are heavily investing in upgrades to their facilities, creating hundreds of additional construction jobs and investing additional dollars into the local economy. The Challenge grant helps us all to reach out to new donors.”

– Jeffrey P. Haydon, CEO at Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts

The arts are transformative. When I first moved to Westchester County, I was an artist and a struggling single parent. Thanks to the extensive support from ArtsWestchester, my life transformed.”

– Haifa Bindt-Kadi, artist and Director at Urban Studio Unbound

I’m happy to increase my donation if it will be doubled.”

– a RiverArts patron
There are only a handful of venues in the New York Metropolitan area that have featured jazz for forty years. Even the earliest incarnation of Jazz at Lincoln Center as a summer program did not debut until 1987. Yet in 1980, Reverend Clinton C. Glenn, Jr. hatched the idea for a Jazz Vespers service in the First Presbyterian Church in Mount Vernon, which eventually moved into the parish hall and formed PJS Jazz Society (PJS). Celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2020, PJS has been presenting about eight concerts per year ever since. Better yet, it has become a jazz institution in the Westchester community.

“Artists like to play for us,” explains PJS President John Brathwaite. “They like that we have an appreciative audience, and that we know the music.” For instance, on the Board of Trustees is Robin Bell-Stevens, Director of Jazzmobile, the first nonprofit arts organization in the United States that was created just for Jazz. “She’s got the biggest jazz phonebook around,” Brathwaite chuckled. So it is no wonder that tenor sax master Houston Person is set to perform on December 8, followed by a concert on January 12 by fellow sax man Ray Blue.

While jazz is the focus, community
is the essence of PJS Jazz Society. Part of the community mission of PJS is to bring jazz and young people together. As Brathwaite knows, “there are a lot of shiny objects attracting the attention of youngsters now.” So the organization embraces promising young talent by creating a platform for young people. Those “youngsters” demonstrate their skills when they open each show of the season.

Each Second Sunday concert is truly a social evening for PJS to welcome jazz fans from all over as their guests. Doors open an hour before the show; an intermission allows for a refreshment break, where “Tony’s special gumbo” leads the menu and wine is free; all before the music flows once more. As a result, jazz fans get a night of music, a tasty supper, and the companionship of like-minded people – food for the body and the soul.

Thanks to the miracle of technology, the centennial of first recordings by 1920s jazz greats like Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington will soon be celebrated in the 2020s. Those recordings will be treasured forever, but great “live” jazz is both ephemeral and essential. PJS Jazz Society keeps the American Classical art form “live” and well. Perhaps we will be celebrating the centennial recordings of some of these greats in the 2120s.

Upcoming on the second Sunday of February is Sage, the daring all-women ensemble; in March is legendary bassist Reggie Workman; and capping the season off in April is iconic vocalist Giacomo Gates. For more info, visit pjsjazz.org.
Hank Willis Thomas at Gordon Parks Foundation

by Kathleen Reckling, Deputy Director of Public Programs at ArtsWestchester

Hank Willis Thomas could be called one of the most important artists working today. His sweeping body of work, which spans photography, video, sculpture and collaborative public interventions, considers systems of power, and the cultural and political mechanisms that perpetuate inequality and social injustice. Among his mentors, he warmly lists Gordon Parks, one of the most influential photographers of the 20th century renowned for his poignant images that probe the social and economic impact of racism. It is fitting then that Thomas is a current Gordon Parks Foundation Fellow and that Exodusters, his latest body of work, on view at the Foundation’s galleries in Pleasantville, is a powerful tribute to Park’s legacy.

For the works debuting in Exodusters, Thomas delved into the archives of Park’s seminal 1969 film The Learning Tree, the first major Hollywood studio film written and directed by an African American. The film chronicles a year in the life of a young African American male living in Kansas in the 1920s. The film, based on Parks’ semi-autobiographical novel of the same title, was significant for providing a mainstream platform for voices and experiences typically marginalized by Hollywood. Much of Thomas’ own work is about exploring our collective past, understanding its varied narratives, and providing voice to the stories often left out in the popular telling of from whence we came.

Visitors to the gallery who are expecting a typical photography exhibition experience will find they have to look differently to see. Several works are lenticular prints, which use a specialized lens that can transform static images into GIF-like animations, or create the appearance of one image transitioning into another based simply on the movement of the viewer from side to side. Other works require that visitors wear glasses fitted with small, outward-facing flashlights. Without the glasses, only a fraction of the image’s narrative is visible.

These strategies may seem like gimmicks, but they are integral to understanding the body of work as a whole. In a conversation with Portland Mercury writer Cameron Hawkey, Thomas said: “Truth is the most potent battleground there is.” Indeed, if there is one thing we have learned in recent history, it is that there is no singular truth. Exodusters is fundamentally about this reality – that truth is a personal thing, that an individual’s position affects their perception of an event, and that sometimes we have to change our position to see a whole truth. This exhibition is on view through January 31, 2020.
Riverfront Art Gallery at the Yonkers Public Library

by Masha Turchinsky, Director at Hudson River Museum

Immigration is not a new phenomenon in the United States; the fact of the matter is that we have always been a nation of immigrants and their descendants. Westchester County is a reflection of that reality. *im MIGRATION*, the current exhibition in the Riverfront Art Gallery at the Yonkers Public Library on view through January 24, 2020, takes the opportunity to explore this topic, which has become ever more central to public discourse, through a selection of works by artists who immigrated to the U.S. or whose families came here searching for a better way of life. For those who arrived as refugees, often with no other place to go if they wished to survive, our country represented a safe haven. They, in turn, brought with them their ideas and talents.

Here, curator Haifa Bint-Kadi, whose work is also in the exhibition, has featured artists who use materials in transformative and creative ways and whose practices are based in tradition or artisanship, often reflecting the makers’ cultural backgrounds. The exhibit is a reminder that immigrants have contributed their rich traditions, music, art forms and celebrations, all of which have served as drivers of innovation, creativity, and a profuse exchange of ideas.

Through a range of mediums such as installation, assemblage, photography, sculpture, and painting, this exhibition explores the work of twelve artists who either immigrated to the United States or whose families came here searching for a better way of life. Among the works are those by Diane Brawarsky, whose relative’s legal documentation forms an immigration “quilt” of journeys and a traveler searching for a new home, while Jose A. Arvelo’s assemblages of wood and hemp twine invite the viewer to consider the past life of the material itself.

Samer Akroush, who creates under the name Ridikkuluz, places women and his Arab culture at the forefront of his practice. He states that his paintings challenge the traditional patriarchy by placing the Arab female as the protagonist in the narrative. Sania Samad’s work also pays tribute to women’s roles in immigration, employing embroidery as a means of connecting with family members of the past while creating a new future.

Isabella Bannerman’s storyboard, *L’uma nes per tes. (We have it, but not for you.),* captures what should be a simple bakery exchange, but instead serves as a stark reminder that accents and vocabulary can create barriers to equal rights that new Americans must navigate on a daily basis.

The United States has benefited from the consistent flow of innovation, creativity and new ideas that are part and parcel of immigration. The juxtapositions of the works encourage proactive dialogue and solutions.
Lining Up for The Nutcracker

When The Nutcracker premiered in Russia in 1892, it was arguably a flop. Mixed reviews picked apart the casting, scene transitions, choreography and even Tchaikovsky’s score. By the 1960s, it gained popularity in the United States, largely due to New York City Ballet (NYCB)’s iteration of the ballet, choreographed by George Balanchine. Today, The Nutcracker is often viewed as the quintessential story of wonderment and holiday cheer. Whether watching the story unfold on stage or screen; whether it is being told through the movement of pointe shoes or the mouths of puppets, it has become a holiday tradition. Companies present various iterations annually, and families line up to see them time and again. The families lining up from Westchester don’t need to go into New York City to enjoy this holiday staple. Film house screenings, live dance productions, a marionette show and family-friendly adaptations throughout the County are all on the calendar for December.

The Picture House presents a live performance, along with a screening of NYCB’s classic production on Dec. 8 while a pre-recorded broadcast of the Royal Ballet’s production choreographed by Rudolph Nureyev will play on screens at Bedford Playhouse (Dec. 15) and Jacob Burns Film Center (Dec. 23). Live balletic performances include Central Park Dance at The Capitol Theatre (Dec. 15) and New York Theatre Ballet at Tarrytown Music Hall (Dec. 22).

Adaptations introduce audiences to CeCe, who needs help believing in the magic of the holidays (Revelators Dance Troupe’s CeCe’s Hot Chocolate ‘Nutcracker’ Dec. 6-8) and Marie in Ballet des Amériques’ Nutcracker Dream adaptation at Emelin Theatre (Dec. 15-28). Salzburg Marionette Theatre tells the famous Nutcracker tale via puppets, complete with costume and set design, on Dec. 8. It is presented by Smart Arts at Westchester Community College. According to Paula Rubenstein of Smart Arts’ Coordinator of Cultural Affairs, “any artistic mode through which [The Nutcracker] is rendered is a testament to the richness of the storyline and the depth to which it can inspire other different artistic genres... it taps into wondrousness that humans seek.”

Westchester Community College Presents Digital Landscape Photography

Today’s understanding of landscape photography is largely informed by the works of 19th century photographers. Those photographs, associated with a patriarchal and colonial perspective, have formed the basis for much of what has followed in the genre since — illustrating America’s ideology of Manifest Destiny and its connection to the vast, pristine natural world. Opposing the traditional approaches to this genre are the works of art historian and photographer Liena Vayzman.

Some of Vayzman’s works are on view through January 31, 2020 in Gaps and Fills, a solo exhibition at The Center for Digital Arts Gallery at Westchester Community College in Peekskill. In the show’s thirteen experimental panoramic photographs, the artist challenges the history of landscape photography by portraying the natural world in a disorienting manner. Vayzman’s representation of nature constantly shifts, refusing to provide a unified or singular authoritative viewpoint.

For instance, the artist incorporates digital decay and pixel dropouts, known as silvers, which occur inadvertently when digital technology exceeds its limit. She digitally manipulates these data glitches in order to interfere with the viewer’s expectations of an unabridged landscape.

This show runs in conjunction with ArtsWestchester’s Dataism exhibition, which features contemporary artists who work with data to explore life in the age of the algorithm. For more info, visit sunywcc.edu/peekskill.
HE WAS IONA PREP

A Foodie. A Visionary. A Storyteller. Ralph A. Martinelli ’80 was many things to many people, son, brother and friend chief among them.

We are proud to call him a Gael, of his commendable work with ArtsWestchester, and the manner in which his Westchester Magazine serves our local communities.

He was many things. Most of all now...greatly missed.

Bro. Thomas R. Leto, Ed.D.
President
Holiday Shopping? Try a Museum.

by Megan Thomson-Connor

Creative shoppers can save Amazon and the department stores for another day. Instead, gift shops that are housed by Westchester’s local museums and arts organizations present opportunities for holiday shopping that results in one-of-a-kind memorable gifts. For arts lovers, it will be money well spent when proceeds support exhibitions, educational programs, and also artists. Here are some of ArtsWestchester’s picks:

Handmade Paper Bead Necklace

Objects in the Museum Store at the Neuberger Museum of Art reflect themes from its on-view exhibitions. Currently, Ugandan women are empowered through the sale of their crafts as proceeds help to fund their family’s education.

Neuberger Museum of Art
735 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase
Shop hours: Wed-Sun: 12-5pm

$18

Hudson River Scarf by Mapisart

The Hudson River Scarf is one of many items highlighting “America’s First River” in Hudson River Museum’s shop. The scarf shows the length of the Hudson River from Haverstraw Bay to New York City, and includes the Museum.

Hudson River Museum
511 Warburton Avenue, Yonkers
Shop hours: Wed-Sun: 12-5pm

$50

Stacks Earrings by Rebecca Lockhart

Pelham Art Center sells items by local and national artists. For instance, artist Rebecca Lockhart is influenced by modernist art and architecture, drawing inspiration from industrial objects and geometric forms.

Pelham Art Center
155 Fifth Avenue, Pelham
Shop hours: Mon-Fri: 10am-5pm, Sat: 10am-4pm

$85

Green Rooibos Tea by Megan Thomson-Connor

The Rosen House Gift Shop at the Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts includes hand-crafted items and Rosen House-inspired merchandise, such as Caramoor-inspired Adagio teas: Walter and Lucie’s Concerto Green Rooibos Tea and Earl Grey Moonlight Sonata Black Tea.

Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts
149 Girdle Ridge Rd, Katonah
Shop hours: Mon-Fri: 10-4pm

$9

Salt and Pepper Set by Andrew Avakian

Clay Art Center sells the work of some of the nation’s premier potters. One of these artists, Andrew Avakian, hand-builds terracotta pieces with varied and complex surfaces, inspired by architecture, historical ceramics, abstract painting and color theory.

Clay Art Center
48 Beech Street, Port Chester
or clayartcenter.org/shop
Shop hours: Mon-Sat: 10am-5pm

$28

Small Charcuterie Board by Nikita Fine Art

From jewelry to home goods, items at The Shop at ArtsWestchester are all created by Hudson Valley artists. Functional art by Nikita Fine Art, such as serving utensils and trays, is covered with decorative ArtResin, which is food-safe and non-toxic.

ArtsWestchester
31 Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains
Shop hours: Mon-Fri: 10am-5pm, Sat 12-6pm

$28

Fine Art RainCaper Tiffany Clematis Travel Cape

The Lyndhurst Museum Shop, located at its Welcome Center, offers seasonal and local items. Hooded travel capes from RainCaper feature famous artworks, which are replicated on a silky reversible material.

Lyndhurst Mansion
635 South Broadway, Tarrytown
Shop hours: Thurs- Mon: 10am-4pm

$72

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At its recent gala, ArtsWestchester shone a spotlight on developer and architect Martin Ginsburg, Founder and Principal, Ginsburg Development, LLC, for incorporating artwork into his building projects. With major support by Wells Fargo, the organization raised funds for arts in education and celebrated the value of public art in Westchester.

For more gala photos, visit: artsw.org/photogallery

Gotta love the arts!

Check out ArtsWestchester.org for fun things to do.
**12/1 SUNDAY**

**Film:** Emelin Theatre presents *Sunday Morning Cinema*. Each session will screen six pre-release, critically-acclaimed independent films from around the world. 10am-12:15pm. emelin.org

**Tours:** Hudson River Museum presents *Thomas Cole’s Refrain: The Paintings of Catskill Creek*. Guests will join Laura Vookles, Chair of the Curatorial Department, for a tour of Cole’s paintings. 1:30-2:30pm. hrm.org

**Festivals:** Lyndhurst presents *Holiday Opening Weekend and Holiday Market*. Audiences will explore the historic house museum without committing to the traditional one-hour guided tour. 10am-5pm. lyndhurst.org

**Theater:** M&M Performing Arts presents *Sherlock Holmes: The Adventure of the Dying Detective*. Guests will follow Sherlock Holmes and Watson on a trip through the Mansion on the trail of this classic mystery. Through 12/8. Times vary at Lyndhurst Mansion. mmpaci.com

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**12/2 MONDAY**

**Lectures:** Color Camera Club of Westchester presents *A Rookie’s Journal*. This presentation chronicles Saman Majd’s immersion into photography, from her encounter with nude models to her current interest in surrealism. 7:30-9:30pm. colorcameraclub.org

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**12/3 TUESDAY**

**Film:** Jacob Burns Film Center presents *The Triplets of Belleville*. This is an animated story about a boy, his grandmother, his dog, his dream of winning the Tour de France and the eccentric music hall stars from the ‘30s who save the day. 2 & 7pm. burnsfilmcenter.org

**Film:** New Rochelle Public Library presents *Artifishal*. This film explores wild salmon populations and their journey toward extinction, including the threats posed by fish hatcheries and fish farms. 6-7:30pm. nrpl.org

**12/4 WEDNESDAY**

**Community:** ArtsWestchester presents *Speak up for the Arts: Board of Legislators*. Two public hearings with the County Board of Legislators will be held in December regarding the proposed county budget. 7-10pm at Westchester County Board of Legislator. artsw.org

**Music:** Neuberger Museum of Art presents *Purchase College Camerata*. Under the guidance of noted harpsichordist Bradley Brookshire, the ensemble will perform arrangements of classical Baroque music on modern instruments. 12:30-1:30pm. neuberger.org

**Music:** The Capitol Theatre presents *The Spadtastics*. This Grateful Dead cover band will perform live. 8pm at Garcia’s at The Capitol Theatre. thecapitoltheatre.com

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**12/5 THURSDAY**

**Reception:** ArtsWestchester presents *Gallery Nite Out: ArtsWestchester’s Holiday Mixer*. The event includes light bites and cocktails, a tour of the *Dataism* exhibition, a DIY holiday craft activity and music by Echo Mixers. 5:30-7:30pm. artsw.org

**Film:** Jacob Burns Film Center presents *NT Live’s Present Laughter*. Engulfed by an escalating identity crisis as his many and various relationships compete for his attention, a star actor
finds that his days at home become a whirlwind of love, sex, panic, and soul-searching. 2-5pm. burnsfilmcenter.org

Reception: The Rye Arts Center presents RAC Member Exhibit. The show features the works of the Center’s members who range from beginners to professionals. 5-7pm. ryeartscenter.org

12/6 FRIDAY

Spoken Word: Antonia Arts presents First Friday Open Mic. This event offers poets, writers, singers, musicians and actors five minutes to share their voices at Studio 4 in Peekskill. 7:30-10pm. antoniaarts.org

Music: Emelin Theatre presents The Lonely Heartstring Band. Combining soulful instrumental virtuosity with soaring three-part harmonies, the band’s original songs and compositions showcase both its dedication to meaningful roots-conscious music. 8-10pm. emelin.org

Tours: Hudson River Museum presents Holiday Night at the HRM. Guests are invited celebrate the holidays at the historic Glenview home, which will be decked out for the holidays. 5-8pm. hrm.org

Tours: Hudson River Museum presents Stepping Out: Costume and Fashion in the City. Fashion historian Stéphane Houy-Towner will take guests on a tour of Gilded Age finery in the historic Glenview home. 6:30-7:30pm. hrm.org

Theater: Hudson Stage Company presents Employee of The Month. This is a staged reading of a new play by actor, playwright and HBO Def Poet Brian Dykstra. 7:30-9:30pm at Whippoorwill Theatre, North Castle Public Library. hudsonstage.com

Spoken Word: Hudson Valley Writers Center and Slapering Hol Press presents SHP Presents: MFA Spotlight. Six emerging poets from the Hunter, Manhattanville and NYU MFA programs will read their work. 7-8:30pm. writerscenter.org

Music: New Choral Society presents Messiah (Part 1). The chorus will celebrate the holiday season with the Christmas portion of Handel’s musical piece. Also 12/8. 8-9:30pm at Hitchcock Presbyterian Church. newchoralsociety.org

Dance: The Revelators Dance Troupe presents Ce Ce’s Hot Chocolate ‘Nutchacker’. A young orphaned girl named Ce Ce is guided by the nutcracker doll on a journey around the world to show her how the people in their respective countries celebrate their holidays and beliefs. Also 12/7-8. 7-8pm at Doles Center. revelatorsinc.com

Reception: Westchester Photographic Society presents Photo Competition. Members compete in digital competitions such as color and “open mind.” 8-10pm at Westchester Community College Technology Building Room 107. wpsphoto.org

12/7 SATURDAY

Music: Angelica Women’s Chamber Choir presents This Endris Night. The program features selections from Heinrich Isaac’s rarely heard Christmas Mass. 7.30-9pm at First Reformed Church of Hastings. angelicawomenschamberchoir.org

Theater: Axial Theatre presents An Evening of Laughing & Giving. This award-winning comedy has been raising money for charities with its one-of-a-kind performances. 7-11pm. axialtheatre.org

Music: Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts presents John Hiatt. The singer-songwriter has received his own star on Nashville’s Walk of Fame and has been inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame. 8-9:30pm. caramoor.org

Music: Emelin Theatre presents Stanley Jordan. The world-renowned guitarist and four-time Grammy nominee will play the music of Jimi Hendrix. 8pm. emelin.org

Family & Kids: Emelin Theatre presents Peter Pan. This production, based on John Caird and Trevor Nunn’s 1982 adaptation of the J.M. Barrie classic, celebrates childhood and captures the magic of the imagination. 11am & 1:30pm. emelin.org

Music: Hoff-Barthelson Music School presents Annual Holiday Music Festival. The two-day festival will feature musical performances, a silent auction and international cuisine. Also 12/8. 10am-4pm. hbms.org

Music: Hudson River Museum presents Holiday Opera in Glenview. Costumed performers will sing arias from operas that the Trevor family of Glenview would have enjoyed, like Rigoletto, La Bohème and La Traviata. 2-3pm. hrm.org

Music: Music Conservatory of Westchester presents Performathon 2019. The conservatory will celebrate its 90th anniversary with student performances on a variety of instruments, playing classical, jazz, rock, pop, and musical theatre music. 10am-6pm. musicconservatory.org

Music: Taconic Opera presents Taconic Opera Special Concert: Stars of Tomorrow. This program will include works by Ravel, as well as the world premiere of a newly-commissioned piece composed by local composer and Opera Director Dan Montez. 3-4:30pm at Presbyterian Church of Mt. Kisco. taconicopera.org

Family & Kids: The Capitol Theatre presents Playhouse Plays Music of the Talking Heads for Kids. This family concert series allows kids to move, play and sing while listening to works from iconic classic rock musicians. 11:30am & 2pm at Garcia’s at The Capitol Theatre. thecapitoltheatre.com

Music: The Capitol Theatre presents The Cult. The Cult’s 1989 album Sonic Temple was the band’s big U.S. breakthrough with some of the band’s most popular songs, including Fire Woman and Sweet Soul Sister. 8pm. thecapitoltheatre.com

Comedy: The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents An Evening with David Sedaris. The master of satire and bestselling author of Me Talk Pretty One Day returns with
**NEWS BRIEF**

**IN MEMORIAM:**

**WALTER SHMERLER**

Walter and Hannah Shmerler

Arts patron and lifelong Westchester resident Walter Shmerler recently passed away. He is survived by his wife Hannah, an ArtsWestchester board member. Together, they have been steadfast champions of the arts, and especially music. In particular, they have been passionate about helping under-served children to gain access to arts education. Their philanthropic efforts have shown significant support to organizations including the Performing Arts Center at Purchase College, Westchester Philharmonic and ArtsWestchester.

**Tours:** Hudson River Museum presents Sunday Scholars: Thomas Cole's Refrain. Curator Daniel Peck will provide new insight into landscape painter Thomas Cole’s influences. 2pm. hrm.org

**Lectures:** Hudson Valley MOCA presents Art History with a Twist: Social & Political Commentary in Western Art. Artist and art historian Marcy B. Freedman returns to the museum with three lectures that focus upon the ways in which art confronts human behavior. 3-4pm. hudsonvalleymoca.org

**Music:** Westchester Philharmonic presents A Vision of Sound. The concert will explore jazz and Latin jazz influences on American classical music, highlighted by pianist HyeJin Kim and Gershwin’s Rhapsody in Blue and a collaboration with members of Ballet Hispanico. 3-5pm. artscenter.org

**12/9 MONDAY**

**Open Studios:** Alliance Française de Westchester presents An Open House. Audiences are welcome to discover the programs and try a mini class. 10am-1pm. afwestchesterny.org

**12/10 TUESDAY**

**Music:** Alliance Française of Westchester presents Bûche et chants. The event will include music and classic French holiday songs. 6:30-8:30pm. afwestchesterny.org

**Film:** Jacob Burns Film Center presents They Came to Play. Piano players from all over the world, ranging in age from thirty-five to eighty, convene for the Van Cliburn Foundation’s Fifth International Piano Competition for Outstanding Amateurs. 1-2:30pm. burnsfilmcenter.org
TEEN ARTS PROGRAM RECEIVES NATIONAL GRANT

The Institute of Museum and Library Services recently awarded a three-year $141,800 grant to ArtsWestchester for the organization to significantly expand its existing Teen Tuesdays and Thursdays program, which so far provides more than 42 free artist-led workshops each year. The grant will also enable ArtsWestchester to establish a Teen Leadership Council for older teens, which will be designed to engage teens with artist-led workshops, docent-led tours, community-based art projects and peer-to-peer presentations.

12/11 WEDNESDAY
Family & Kids: Hudson River Museum presents Storytime. Children and their families are invited to Glenview to hear fairy tales like Hansel and Gretel, Snow White, and more. Also 1/8, 1/22. 11:30am-12pm. hrm.org

Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents Brokeback Mountain. Set against the landscapes of Wyoming and Texas, this epic love story follows two young men who meet in the summer of 1963 while driving cattle on a mountain range. 1-3:15pm. jacobburnsfilmcenter.org

Music: The Capitol Theatre presents Yola. The country-soul musician, singer and songwriter from Bristol, England will perform. 8pm at Garcia’s at The Capitol Theatre. thecapitoltheatre.com

Lectures: The Ground Glass presents Andre Kertész: An Artist’s Life. This presentation offers an intimate and personal look at the life and work of photographer Andre Kertész. 7-9pm at The Rye Arts Center. thegroundglass.org

12/12 THURSDAY
Tours: ArtsWestchester presents Getting Comfortable with Data. This is a tour of the Dataism exhibition with Guest Curator Lise Prown, followed by a hands-on activity. 5:30-7:30pm. artsw.org

Dance: Neuberger Museum of Art presents Dance in the Galleries. Purchase College Conservatory of Dance juniors will be performing original short compositions inspired by art currently on view at the museum. 1:30-2:30pm. neuberger.org

The Larry Salley Photography Award
ArtsWestchester, in partnership with the African American Men of Westchester, seeks nominations for Hudson Valley-based photographers with a significant body of work of outstanding artistic merit to receive the third annual Larry Salley Photography Award.

To nominate or apply for the award, visit: bit.ly/larrysalley.

Deadline: January 20, 2020
Music: The Sanctuary Series presents Holiday Traditions. Pianist Jeffrey Biegel will perform works by Bach, Mozart and Chopin, along with selections from his CD, A Steinway Christmas. 4-6pm at South Salem Presbyterian Church. thesanctuaryseries.org

Music: The Symphony of Westchester presents All-Baroque Concert. Two Symphony of Westchester violinists will step out of their section to perform Bach’s Double Violin Concerto BWV 1043 in D minor. 3-5pm at Christopher J. Murphy Auditorium. thesymphonyofwestchester.org

Music: Westchester Chamber Music Society presents The Brentano String Quartet. Since its inception in 1992, the quartet has become one of the most celebrated chamber music ensembles in the world. 4-6pm at Congregation El-Emanuel of Westchester. westchesterchambermusicsociety.com

Spoken Word: Mount Pleasant Public Library presents Poetry Ready. Six award-winning poets will read their poem, followed by a book-signing. 3pm. mountpleasantlibrary.org

12/18 WEDNESDAY

Tours: Hudson River Museum presents Self in the City and the Works Progress Administration. Guests will join a tour of the Self in the City exhibition and learn about five artists who participated in the Depression-era WPA Federal Art Project between 1935 and 1943. 1:30pm. hrm.org

12/20 FRIDAY

Spoken Word: Hudson Valley Writers Center presents Open Mic. Writers and performers in every genre will share their words, music or comedy with an audience. 7:30-9:30pm. writerscenter.org

Tours: Katonah Museum of Art presents Senior Social. Led by an expert docent, guests will explore the work of women artists of Abstract Expressionism and reminisce about New York in the '50s. 1-2pm. katonahmuseum.org

Tours: Katonah Museum of Art presents Stroller Tours. Families and their babies will explore the museum’s new exhibition with other new parents and caregivers. 9:30-10:30am. katonahmuseum.org

Music: The Capitol Theatre presents Rock of Ages. Fans can celebrate The Band’s 1971 historic concert with a special performance by The Weight Band with The Dap King Horns. 8pm. thecapitoltheatre.com

Theater: White Plains Performing Arts Center presents Disney’s Newsies. Based on the 1992 motion picture and inspired by a true story, this musical features a Tony Award-winning score by Alan Menken and Jack Feldman. Through 1/12/2020. Times vary. wppac.com

12/21 SATURDAY

Music: The Capitol Theatre presents Del McCoury Band - 80th Birthday Celebration. The Grammy award-winning bluegrass band will perform. 8pm. thecapitoltheatre.com

Music: The Capitol Theatre presents The Rock and Roll Playhouse Plays Motown for Kids: Holiday Party. This family concert series allows kids to move, play and sing while listening to works from the classic-rock canon. 11:30am & 2pm at Garcia’s at The Capitol Theatre. thecapitoltheatre.com

12/22 SUNDAY

Music: New Rochelle Public Library presents Family Holiday Concert. Under the direction of music aficionado Robert Puleo, the Sing Your Heart Out Chorus will present a culminating concert with music of Christmas, Hanukah and other winter celebrations. 3-4pm. nrpl.org

Dance: Tarrytown Music Hall presents The Nutcracker. This production, performed by the New York Theatre Ballet, is set Tchaikovsky’s score. 3 & 6pm. tarrytownmusichall.org

12/23 MONDAY

Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents Royal Opera House Live’s The Nutcracker. This is a pre-recorded broadcast of The Royal Ballet’s production, created by choreographer Peter Wright. 7pm. burnsfilmcenter.org
**NEWS BRIEF**

**GRANTS BRING THE ARTS TO MOUNT VERNON**

ArtsWestchester recently announced 14 grants totaling $35,000 as part of its Mount Vernon Cultural Arts Initiative. This initiative is designed to help Mount Vernon’s community-based cultural organizations and artists enhance the cultural programs and services that they provide to city residents, while also enhancing the neighborhoods and venues where the arts events occur. Seven cultural organizations and seven artists received grants to support events that range from summer concerts to art-making workshops. Pictured above (l to r): Victor Allen (Legislative Aide to Legislator Lyndon Williams), artist James Williams, artist Pamela Tucker, Rafiqu Strickland (representing Mustafa Music Foundation), Joyce Harrigan (representing Harrigan Educational & Cultural Center), Westchester County Legislator Lyndon Williams, Sheila Baptista (representing Lewis and Kirk Music), John Brathwaite (representing FUS Jazz Society), artist Niara Jordan, and artist Dawn Leone. Grantees not pictured: artist Dane Ross, artist Eve Soto, artist Pamela Sklar, The Revelators, Friends of Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation and Mount Vernon Public Library.

**12/26 THURSDAY**

**Family & Kids:** Emelin Theatre presents *Here We Go.* The Paper Bag Players will present a family-friendly hour of new and old sketches featuring comedic stories, original music and signature paper and cardboard costumes. 11am-12pm. emelin.org

**Film:** New Rochelle Public Library presents *December Vacation Week Program: Toy Story 4.* The 2019 film continues the story of Woody, who has always been confident about his place in the world and his role taking care of Andy and Bonnie. 2-3:45pm. nrpl.org

**Music:** The Capitol Theatre presents *Citizen Cope.* Clarence Greenwood is an American songwriter, producer and performer who plays a mix of blues, soul, folk and rock. 8pm. thecapitoltheatre.com

**Theater:** White Plains Performing Arts Center presents *The Magic Dreydel.* When young Jakob meets a goblin who offers him dreydels that work miracles, the town busybody becomes jealous and Jakob’s father lays down the law. Through 12/30. 2-4pm. wppac.com

**12/27 FRIDAY**

**Family & Kids:** New Rochelle Public Library presents *December Vacation Week Program: Remarkable Renaldo and Little Lulu.* This dynamic circus duo performs stunts in a show filled with juggling, pranks, magic and humor. 2-3pm. nrpl.org

**12/29 SUNDAY**

**Music:** Hudson River Museum presents *The Tribe and the River with Turtle to Turtle.* Guests will watch a performance about the Ramapough Lenape Nation, the First Peoples of the Hudson Valley. 3pm. hrm.org

**12/30 MONDAY**

**Family & Kids:** New Rochelle Public Library presents *December Vacation Week Program: Kurt Gallagher.* Gallagher will bring to the stage his collection of instruments and interactive songs. 11-11:45am. nrpl.org

**12/31 TUESDAY**

**Music:** The Capitol Theatre presents *Trombone Shorty & Orleans Ave.* Troy Andrews creates hard-edged funk music that employs brass-band beats, rock dynamics and improvisation in a jazz tradition. 9pm. thecapitoltheatre.com

**1/5 SUNDAY**

**Dance:** New Rochelle Public Library presents *Three Kings Day Event with Calpulli Mexican Dance Company.* The cultural traditions of Central and Latin America will come alive in this annual event marking the close of the holiday season. 4-5:30pm at New Rochelle Public Library. nrpl.org

**1/7 TUESDAY**

**Music:** Westchester Oratorio Society presents *WOS Choir Rehearsal.* The group will begin rehearsals for J.S. Bach’s choral masterpiece, *Mass in B minor.* 7-9:15pm at Katonah Village Library. westchesteroratorio.org

**1/11 SATURDAY**

**Community:** ArtsWestchester presents *Public Sewing Days.* Participants will pin and sew stripes or shapes for artist Amanda Browder’s fabric sculpture, which will wrap ArtsWestchester’s 9-story historic building in spring 2020. Also 1/25/2020. 10am-2pm at the Rye Arts Center. artsw.org

**Music:** Hudson River Museum presents *Music Under the Dome: Freddie Mercury in Retrando.* This is a tribute concert to Queen. 6:30-8:30pm. hrm.org

**Music:** Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse presents *Jay Ungar & Molly Mason.* Ungar and Mason are masters of music and storytelling who generously share their lives and their music with audiences. 7:30-10pm at Memorial United Memorial Methodist Church. walkaboutchorus.org

**JANUARY**

**1/2 THURSDAY**

**Film:** New Rochelle Public Library presents *December Vacation Week Program: The Wind in the Willows.* In the first of these two animated adaptations, Moley, Mr. Toad and the rest of the right, proper riverbank battalion are portrayed with charm. Also 1/3/2020. 11am-12:15pm. nrpl.org

**1/3 FRIDAY**

**Spoken Word:** Antonia Arts presents *First Friday Open Mic.* This event offers poets, writers, singers, musicians and actors five minutes to share their voices at Studio 4 in Peekskill, 7:30-10pm. antoniaarts.org

**Reception:** Westchester Photographic Society presents *Defining Your Photographic Style Through Personal Projects.* Ira Block will be speaking about his photo book project, *Cuba Loves Baseball: A Photographic Journey.* 8-9:30pm at Westchester Community College - Tech Building - Room 107. wpsphoto.org

**1/4 SATURDAY**

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**Music:** Westchester Photographic Society presents *Photo Competition: All prints and Digital B & W.* Members will compete in digital competitions critiqued by a professional judge. 8-10pm at Westchester Community College Technology Building Room 107. wpsphoto.org

**Reception:** Westchester Photographic Society presents *The Brown Album Art Reception and Concert.* Christopher Brown’s latest CD is filled with everything that has made him a mainstay on the Northeast regional concert scene for over three decades. 2-4pm. harrisonpl.org
1/12 SUNDAY

Lectures: Hudson River Museum presents Sunday Scholars: The Recursive Landscape. William L. Coleman, Ph.D., Director of Collections & Exhibitions at the Olana State Historic Site, will discuss Thomas Cole’s importance to the tradition of landscape painting. 2pm. hrm.org

Lectures: Hudson Valley MOCA presents Art & Identity: The Shape Shifters. Artist and art historian Marcy B. Freedman will talk about the important artists that explored roles, stereotypes, and other categories used to identify oneself or to assign labels to others. 3-4pm. hudsonvalleymoca.org

Music: New Rochelle Public Library presents Music in Our Lives: The Cara Quartet. The four musicians perform flute and string chamber music. 3-4pm. nrpl.org

Music: PJS Jazz Society presents Ray Blue. Blue’s music can be described as a fusion of straight-ahead jazz and rhythmic groove. 5:15-9pm at First Presbyterian Church. pjsjazz.org

1/13 MONDAY

Tours: Katonah Museum of Art presents Picture & Prose. Following a private tour of the Sparkling Amazons exhibition, guests will participate in a discussion of Mary Gabriel’s book, Ninth Street Women. 11am-1pm. katonahmuseum.org

Open Studios: Steffi Nossen Dance Foundation presents Free Week of Dance Open House. Audience are invited to try all age and level appropriate classes. Through 1/18/2020. 10am-8:30pm. steffinossen.org

1/14 TUESDAY

Family & Kids: Alliance Française of Westchester presents La Galette et les veux 2020. This religious celebration honors the three wise men. 6:30-8:30pm. afwestchesterny.org

1/17 FRIDAY

Music: Bronxville Women’s Club presents Coffeehouse Songwriter’s Listening Room. Every third Friday of the month, live Hudson Valley musicians perform their original compositions and arrangements in a casual nightclub setting. 8-10:30pm. thebronxvillewomensclubinc.org

Open Studios: Hoff-Barthelson Music School presents Early Childhood Open House. Children ages 6 months to 5 years and their parents are invited to join in the fun of a music and movement class, followed by a brief Q&A and reception with faculty. 10am-11:30am. hbms.org

Tours: Katonah Museum of Art presents Senior Social. Led by an expert docent, guests will explore the work of women artists of Abstract Expressionism and reminisce about New York in the ‘50s. 1-2pm. katonahmuseum.org

1/18 SATURDAY

Theater: Axial Theatre presents Book In Hand Reading. Virginia Reynold’s original play, One Cow Stampede is a story of faith and redemption. 7-10:30pm at Axial Theatre (at St. John’s Episcopal Church). axialtheatre.org

Family & Kids: Emelin Theatre presents Rosie Revere, Engineer. This is a popular musical based on the acclaimed book series by Andrea Beaty. 11am & 1:30pm. emelin.org

Music: New Choral Society presents An Evening of Chamber Music. The program is designed to feature the musicians that make up The Society’s orchestra. 8-9:30pm at Hitchcock Presbyterian Church. newchoralsociety.org

Theater: The Play Group Theatre presents Seussical The Musical. This musical weaves together the tales of Horton the Elephant, Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, Jojo, and others to tell a story about friendship, unity and community. Through 1/26/2020. Times vary. playgroup.org

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1/19 SUNDAY

Family & Kids: Hudson River Museum presents *Families in the City*. Families will learn about the works on view in the *Self in the City* exhibition and create a mixed-media urban landscape. 1:30-1:30pm. hrm.org

Theater: The Play Group Theatre presents *Seussical The Musical Open House*. This open house includes tickets to the production based on the tales of Dr. Seuss. 2-5pm. playgroup.org

1/24 FRIDAY

Reception: Westchester Photographic Society presents *Theme Competition 1*. The society members will show their creativity by capturing digital images based on a given theme. 9am at Westchester Community College Technology Building Room 107. wpsphoto.org

1/25 SATURDAY

Music: Hudson Chorale presents *Hudson Chorale Goes Classic*. The program includes masses by Haydn and Beethoven, and Mozart’s *Ave Verum Corpus*. Also 1/26/2020. 3-4:30pm. hudsonchorale.org

Music: The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents *Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center: French Enchantment*. The program begins and ends with early works by Saint-Saëns and Fauré that recreate the elegant atmosphere of 19th-century Parisian salons. 5-6:30pm. artscenter.org

1/26 SUNDAY

Music: Hudson River Museum presents *Follow the Flute: Music Responds to Art*. Flutist Adam Ray will play a selection of songs inspired by the landscapes of Thomas Cole, James McElhinney and Janelle Lynch, along with the cityscapes in the *Self in the City* exhibition. 1:30-1:30pm. hrm.org

Family & Kids: Smart Arts presents *Bindlestiff Family Cirkus*. This interactive show features jugglers, acrobats, plate spinning, sword swallowing, brain twisters and other gravity-defying feats. 3-5pm at Westchester Community College - Academic Arts Building Theatre. sunywcc.edu

1/27 MONDAY

Music: Hudson Valley Music Club presents *January Mostly Morning Concert*. The concert will feature the Trio Della Luna, which will perform a program of piano trios composed by Beethoven, Brahms and a work by composer Mary Jane Tashiro. 1-2pm at Dobbs Ferry Woman’s Club. 914-478-0417

1/31 FRIDAY

Theater: Arc Stages presents *Animals out of Paper*. This is a funny, poignant play about the collision of mismatched people and the complicated ways people hurt, heal and love. 8-10pm. arcstages.org

Reception: Westchester Photographic Society presents *Photography Showcase*. Society members will present a 20-minute showcase of their photography on any topic of their choice. 8-10pm at Westchester Community College Technology Building Room 107. wpsphoto.org

Visit ARTSW.ORG for more event info.
ArtsWestchester | artsw.org

- **Dataism.** Contemporary artists put data to work, exploring life in the age of the algorithm. Through 1/25/2020. Tue-Fri: 12-5pm, Sat: 12-6pm.

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

- **Gaps and Fills.** Photographer Liena Vayzman exploits the digital loss that occur by chance when technology is pushed to its limit. Through 1/25/2020, times vary.

Clay Art Center | clayartcenter.org

- **Clay Holiday Annual Sale and Studio Tour.** The showcase features hundreds of pieces of functional pottery and ceramic sculpture by local and nationally recognized artists. Through 12/21, Mon-Sat: 10am-5pm.

Harrison Public Library | harrisonpl.org

- **Snippets by Sarah Suplina.** The exhibition will showcase a variety of paper collages inspired by nature, including landscapes, birds, and beach scenes. Through 12/20. Times vary.


Hudson River Museum | hrm.org

- **Discover the Hudson Anew: James McElhinney and the Art of Seeing.** The exhibition of the painter’s sketchbooks and prints related to the River in a comprehensive showing for the first time. Through 2/16/2020, Wed-Sun: 12-5pm.

- **Another Way of Looking at Love.** The exhibition features the color photographs of Catskills foliage by Janelle Lynch. Through 2/16/2020, Wed-Sun: 12-5pm.

- **Self in the City.** This exhibition is comprised of nine works that focus on the urban environment and the ways in which cities and individuals contend with each other. Through 8/9/2020, Wed-Sun: 12-5pm.

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Hudson Valley MOCA | hudsonvalleymoca.org

- **How We Live.** This sculpture and video exhibition features artists who explore the particularities of their individual cultures through art. Through 7/19/2020, Fri-Sun: 11am-5pm, Tues-Thurs by appt.

Katonah Museum of Art | katonahmuseum.org

- **Arcadia.** Israeli artist Rotem Reshef has collected organic materials, some from the museum’s grounds, to paint monumental rolls of unstretched canvas that are suspended from the walls. Through 1/26/2020. Tues-Sat: 10am-5pm, Sun: 12-5pm.

- **Sparkling Amazons.** The exhibition explores the contribution by women artists to the Abstract Expressionist movement and the role they played as innovators within the New York School during the 1940s and 50s. Through 1/26/2020. Tues-Sat: 10am-5pm, Sun: 12-5pm.

Madelyn Jordon Fine Art | madelynjordonfineart.com

- **A Menagerie of Wonders.** The show features fifteen of Hunt Slonem’s newest paintings on subjects for which he is best known, including bunnies, butterflies and tropical birds. Through 12/7, Tues-Sat 10am-5:30pm.

Mamaroneck Artists Guild | mamaroneckartistsguild.org

- **A Gift of Art Holiday Boutique.** The sale will include affordable fine art, jewelry, ceramics, crafts and other unique handmade gifts. Through 12/24. Tues-Sat: 12-5pm.


Neuberger Museum of Art | neuberger.org

- **Art Got into Me.** This is a ten-year survey of work by Engels the Artist, a Haitian artist who mixes spiritual elements with Haitian historical and social themes in his work. Through 12/22, Wed-Sun: 12-5pm.

- **Threnody.** This 280-foot long, 22-foot tall site-specific painting by abstract expressionist Cleve Gray contains vertical forms engaged in a “dance of death and life.” Through 12/22, Wed-Sun: 12-5pm.

- **The Dye Garden.** The exhibition includes film, video, photography, sculpture, and hand-dyed textiles that are inspired by artist Yto Barrada’s family history, Islamic tradition and the legacy of Western colonialism. Through 12/22, Wed-Sun: 12-5pm.

New Rochelle Public Library | nrpl.org

- **New Rochelle Postcards from the Past.** The library’s vintage postcard collection will be highlighted in an exhibit that will also feature contemporary photos capturing present-day views. Through 12/6, times vary.

Oak & Oil Gallery | oakandoil.com

- **Good Things Come in Small Packages.** The exhibition features small works in a variety of mediums, including watercolor, wall sculptures, oil paintings and mixed media works. Through 1/15/2020. Mon-Sat: 10:30am-5:30pm, Sun: 11am-3pm.

OSilas Gallery at Concordia College | osilasgallery.org

- **Young, Gifted and Black.** The exhibiting works by artists of African descent are drawn exclusively from the private collection of Bernard I. Lumpkin and Carmine D. Boccuzzi. Through 12/7, Tues-Wed & Fri: 12-5pm, Thurs: 12-7pm, Sat: 2-5pm.

The Gordon Parks Foundation | gordonparksfoundation.org

- **Exodusters.** The Foundation’s 2019 Fellow Hank Willis Thomas draws upon the archive of Gordon Parks’ semi-autobiographical film, The Learning Tree, to examine the representation and depiction of history. Through 12/20. Mon-Fri: 10am-4pm.

Riverfront Art Gallery at Yonkers Public Library | ypl.org

- **im MIGRATION.** This show explores the work of artists who either immigrated to the United States or whose families came here searching for a better way of life.
workshops

Arc Stages  |  arctages.org
- **Classes for All Ages.** Children ages 10 months to 2 years come to class with a guardian or family member, and participate in singing, movement, puppetry, instruments, storytelling, art and more. Through 12/20, 10am.

- **Tween/Teen Theatre Workshop Auditions.** For the audition, participants must prepare a one-minute song and monologue. 1/25/2020, 12-4pm.

ArtsWestchester  |  artsw.org
- **Arts Business Law.** Guest speaker and attorney Larry Berglas will discuss contracts, copyright, trademark, wills, estates, negligence, risk management and more. 12/12, 5:30-6:30pm.

- **Teen Tuesday.** Students will view the current exhibition and participate in an art activity, such as digital animation, mandala making, holiday clay creations. 12/3, 12/10, 12/17 at 4:30-6pm.

Center for the Digital Arts, Peekskill  |  sunywcc.edu/peekskill
- **Weekend Front End Coding Boot Camp.** This course for students ages 14+ will cover HTML, CSS and JavaScript. Saturday and Sundays from 12/7-15, 9:30am-4:30pm.

Clay Art Center  |  clayartcenter.org
- **Family Wheel Night.** This is a one-time class for parents, tweens and teens interested in learning to use the potter’s wheel. 12/1, 6-8pm.

- **Ornament Making Clay Class.** Participants will create a handmade personalized holiday ornament. 12/7, 12/14 at 1:30pm and 3:30pm.

Country Dancers of Westchester  |  914-762-8619
- **Country Dancers of Westchester.** All dances are taught and accompanied by live music. 12/6, 7:30-10pm at The Church in the Highlands.

CSP Music School  |  csp-music-school.business.site
- **Private Instruction.** Music educators Dennis Bell and Claudette Washington-Bell provide weekly, private lessons for piano, digital music technology, music theory, songwriting and vocal techniques. Dates & times vary.

Hudson River Museum  |  hrm.org
- **Hudson River Haiku.** Participants will join poets from Ars Poetica for experiential poetry in the galleries inspired by the Museum’s exhibitions and surroundings. 12/14, 1:30-3:30pm.

- **Stitch Diary.** Participants ages 8+ will create an embroidered artwork on recycled fabric with Teaching Artist-in-Residence Jia Sung. 1/11/2020, 1:30-3:30pm.

Hudson Valley MOCA  |  hudsonvalleymoca.org
- **Life Drawing.** In this open drawing session, participants will find inspiration from the Museum’s How We Live exhibition as they work from a life model in the gallery space. 12/19, 7-9pm.

Hudson Valley Writers Center  |  
- **The Home Run Project.** This is an interactive learning program that helps children (grades 3-6) improve their listening, reading and creative writing skills. 12/8, 3-4pm.

- **One-Day Memoir Intensive with Susan Hodara.** This four-hour class will include memoir writing, writing in class and sharing for constructive feedback. 12/7, 12:30-4:30pm.

Katonah Museum of Art  |  katonahmuseum.org
- **Artful Afternoon.** On the third Friday of the month, families will host a fun project and activities inspired by the Museum’s Sparkling Amazons exhibition. All ages welcome. 12/20, 3-5pm.

Neuberger Museum of Art  |  neuberger.org
- **Open Studio for Kids.** A teaching artist will coach each participant as they create their own artwork inspired by works in current exhibitions. 12/19, 4-5:15pm.

New England Fashion and Design  |  newenglandfashionanddesign.com
- **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
- **Holiday Fantasy Special Effects Make-Up.** Participants will learn how to create professional make-up for films. 12/15, 11am-3pm at Keeler Library.

The Rye Arts Center  |  ryeartscenter.org
- **BYOB Thursday Night Out.** Participants will create floral still life paintings with the help of an instructor. 12/12, 6:15-9pm.

- **Dance for Parkinson’s.** These specialized classes offer participants the opportunity to learn from professionally trained dancers about stretching and strengthening muscles, with an emphasis on enhancing physical awareness through modern, ballet and folk dance forms. Wed & Fri: 1:45-3pm.

- **Make A Polar Bear With Polymer Clay.** Students will learn how to make a frosty polar bear friend using polymer clay. For Ages 5-8, 12/14 at 2pm. For Ages 9-12, 12/14 at 3pm.

Steffi Nossen School of Dance  |  steffinossen.org
- **Parkinson’s Dance.** This dance class for Parkinson’s is based on the internationally acclaimed Mark Morris Dance Group Dance for PD program. Mondays through 12/16. Mon: 1:30-2:30pm.

- **Impressionistic Flower & Garden Photography.** Participants will learn the process of using long-exposure and multiple-exposure techniques to create visual masterpieces. 1/17/2020, 8-10pm at Westchester Community College Technology Building Room 107.
Gina’s miracle wasn’t beating colon cancer. It was having a baby at the same time.