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Maxine Sherman (photo credit: Ellen Crane)

**A Conversation with
Maxine Sherman at RiverArts**

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If you're searching for an escape from the cold and snowy season, ArtsWestchester has plenty of opportunities for you to explore your artistic, cultural side. As Westchester County Executive, I am looking forward to another year of embracing the creative opportunities that are offered in every corner of our 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 work of art created by the community (see page A5)
- a broad array of Black History Month events (see page A6)
- new artist murals bringing color to White Plains (see page A16)

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

Thank you,
George Latimer
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FROM THE CEO

By Janet Langsam,
ArtsWestchester CEO



(photo credit: Cathy Prisky)

THE FEAR OF SIGNING

The count is on toward the 2020 U.S. Census, and we're all invited to participate. Information sessions are being hosted all over our county. In fact, one happened recently at ArtsWestchester. And there are concerns afloat that many people will not be counted. I, for one, will be counted, but I can easily relate to the reluctance of some to be counted.

True story: when I went off to college, Syracuse University, my father sat me down for a serious chat. It wasn't about the birds and bees or the dangers of weed. "Remember this," he said. "Don't sign anything." It was the lingering fear had by parents of a certain generation. It was provoked by the infamous McCarthy hearings during a

period of intense anti-Communist suspicion in the United States in the 1950s. U.S. Senator Joseph McCarthy, a Republican of Wisconsin, was known for his practice of making accusations of subversion or treason without evidence. People in all walks of life became fearful about signing things. They worried that, accidentally or unintentionally, they might sign their name to something and somehow wind up being accused later of belonging to the Communist Party. It took a long time for many to get over the fear of signing.

This census is vitally important to all of us in America. It is the source by which federal funds are allocated, based

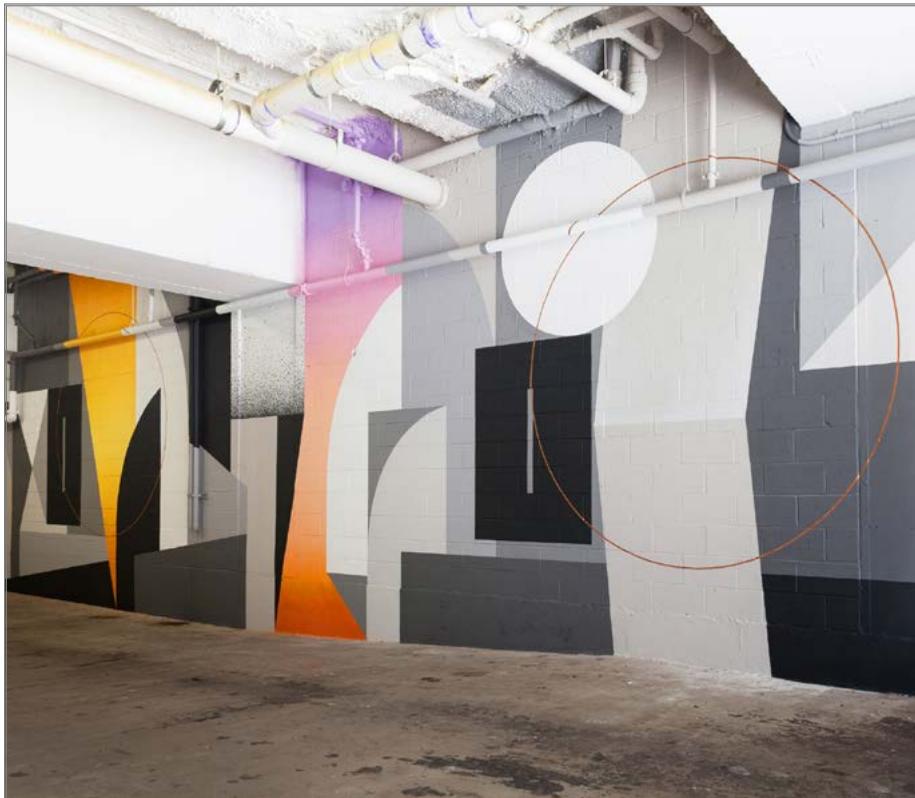


on population count. It is the measure for assigning seats in the House of Representatives, based on head count. It is our right to be counted. Given the divisive nature of our discourse in recent times, there may be some who are reluctant to participate. Many worry that a low level of participation will negatively affect New York's share of federal funding for health care, education and

other benefits. The census bureau has said that all responses to the census are protected for at least 72 years. That should make us all feel good about participating. However, what makes most people feel good about participating is knowing that New York State will get a fair shake in the numbers.



Don't miss Janet's weekly blog posts at:
thisandthatbyjl.com



Mural at Sawyer Place in Yonkers by Tony "Rubin" Sjöman (photo courtesy of the artist)

MUST-SEE PUBLIC ART: YONKERS

Manhattan-based artist Tony "Rubin" Sjöman "liked the contrast of old and new in Yonkers, and its rich industrial heritage" during his recent visits to Westchester. Those concepts are key elements in the design for his new mural at Sawyer Place, the luxury rental property from RXR Realty on the Yonkers waterfront. The built environment, natural surroundings and even the way people interact with the location, typically become part of his vision for his artwork. This mural is no

exception.

Known internationally for his precision line work, Rubín recently commuted to Yonkers on the Metro North train, and was "blown away by the scenery" and how the nature of the Hudson River contrasted with the modern architecture of the downtown. It was this contrast that inspired Rubín to choose the theme for his Yonkers mural: "City vs. Nature."

Rubín calls the mural, which is based on photos he took along the Hudson River, an "abstract cityscape with three separate sunsets."

While conceptualizing and creating the mural, Rubín spent time in the community, absorbing color, style, history and context. These elements were interpreted into his contemporary style while also preserving elements of the past.

monthly columns



FRANK'S PICKS: Monthly Web Feature: February 2020

Frank's Picks is a music column by music journalist, author and radio producer Frank Matheis, in which he guides readers through many upcoming concerts and performances in and near Westchester County. To read the full previews, visit artsw.org/frankspicks.

• **Orpheus Chamber Orchestra:**

Sat, Feb. 8, 5pm

The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College (735 Anderson Hill Rd, Purchase)

To survive through these perilous times, we need a periodic dose of classical music, even if we don't know it yet.

• **The Allman Betts Band:**

Sun, Feb. 16, 7pm

Tarrytown Music Hall (13 Main Street, Tarrytown)

The sons of famous fathers don't just have the name of the legendary Allman Brothers bandmates, they have a hot band in their own right that delivers surprisingly good music.

• **Elvin Bishop & Charlie**

Musselwhite:

Sat, Feb. 22, 8pm

Tarrytown Music Hall (13 Main Street, Tarrytown)

Two of the best living practitioners

of roots and blues, maestros on their respective instruments. Charlie Musselwhite is a harmonica virtuoso of the first degree, and Elvin Bishop his equal on guitar.

• **Kevin Burt:**

Sun, Feb. 23, 12-2pm

Daryl's House (130 NY Rt. 22, Pawling)

The best free brunch-matinee show in the region, featuring the soul blues bard solo and acoustic.

• **Anne Carpenter and Peter Calo,**

with John Lissauer:

Fri, Feb. 28, 8pm

The Schoolhouse Gallery and Theater (3 Owens Rd, North Salem)

"Joni and Paul: The Music of Joni Mitchell and Paul Simon": Two of our favorite regional musicians performing the songs of two of the world's most favorite singer/songwriters in an intimate local venue.



Charlie Musselwhite (photo credit: Bibiana Huang Matheis)

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.

2020 OSCARS: BEST PIC RECAPS

Like many, I can't wait for this month's Academy Awards. As I review my thoughts on the Best Picture nominees, I thought you would all enjoy a recap of some of my reviews for the Best Pics. Here's a snippet of some of my favorites along the way this year. Some of the nominations, I agree with, and some I don't. For the full reviews and complete listings, please check ArtsWestchester's "As a Matter of Arts" blog for more of my thoughts. Happy Watching!

Ford v. Ferrari: Vroom Vroom. This is an adrenaline- and testosterone-fueled film, with a captivating plot and an edge-of-your-seat experience for a viewer, that looks at the history of the automobile industry: American vs European, the psychology of the racers and the cut-throat realities of the corporate culture at the time.

Joker: Although there are other actors in the film, this is really a solo tour de force by Joaquin Phoenix, with incredible personality and physical transformation – and for those of us who are Batman fans, it provides an interesting and engaging perspective on how the Joker came to be the Joker.

Little Women: This story accomplishes it all. The wonderful

acting, gorgeous scenery and costumes, and a stunning musical score transported me to a time in history that was long ago and also so very now. I will be rooting very loudly for *Little Women* on Oscars night.

Marriage Story: The pain of divorce... escalation of emotions fueled by lawyers, who greedily add fuel to the fire and depict distorted untrue lives just to win ...and most of all, the disruption of parental relationships that inevitably cause pain to children... This well-acted film makes you feel the bitterness, anger and just plain sadness inherent in such situations... even "good" ones.

Once Upon a Time...in Hollywood: This is a multidimensional film – the change in Hollywood, the friendship of two men, professional self-doubt, and especially 50 years after the Manson murders, a fascinating twist. Most of all, it was a treat to see Leonardo DiCaprio and Brad Pitt together. I did feel like I was back in the late 1960s, and the 2.5 hours-plus was captivating and entertaining.

Parasite: A stark representation of the haves and have-nots and what seemingly good people will do to change their life's path. Many different levels in this rich and artistic movie.



Top, center photos: Participants take part in Public Sewing Day events with Amanda Browder (center photo, left) (photo credit: Aaron Paige) Bottom photo: Donated fabric (photo credit: Kathleen Reckling)

MANY HANDS MAKE A WORK OF ART

ArtsWestchester is asking the Westchester community to take part in the creation of a massive public artwork by artist Amanda Browder. The fabric sculpture will be crafted from textiles that are donated by the community. With Browder's help, the same fabric will then be arranged, pinned and sewn by community members during a series of Public Sewing Days that will take place through March. Finally, in May 2020, the fabric sculpture, made by the hands of these people, will transform the façade of ArtsWestchester's nine-story landmark building in downtown White Plains.

An outpouring of diverse community members have participated in the first number of Public Sewing Days, including a family of leather workers from Ecuador, an artist from Lima, Peru, a number of amazing quilters from local guilds, and a group of recently resettled refugee women from Afghanistan and Syria. Each person comes with stories that are unique to them, their families and their own personal histories. Here are just a few:

“This project has been perfect [for me to be able] to pull out fabrics...so I've donated planet-themed fabric that my mom had gotten for my son to make a quilt that he still uses in the summertime; matching green fabric from pillowcases and the underside of the quilt – there is not enough to make a full quilt, but there is enough for this project. There is also burgundy red with gold stars that I had used to make a teepee for my nieces. There was too little left to make anything else. It is amazingly gratifying to walk in here and see fabric and go 'Oh! That was in Heather's pinafore. Oh! That's in so-and-so's!' And now it's going to go on the building and have a new life.”

– Valerie Villafane (Jan. 12, 2020)

“I come from Ecuador, from South America. I learned to sew when I was 14 years old. I come from a family in which everyone had

worked with a sewing machine... My daughters knew that the family did this work [in Ecuador] and they would always ask me, 'Why don't you sew anymore?' Well, because now I work in construction...They were very happy this morning when I told them that we were coming here. When we got here and my daughters saw the machines they said, 'oh this is cool, Daddy. You can teach us to sew.' They were very happy.”

– Mauro Loza (Jan. 4, 2020)

“These pieces of fabric are leftovers from a quilt that I commissioned someone to make from my mother's clothing. This fabric is really special. I did the Revlon Run/Walk after my mom died of cancer and I would tie this around our team's sign. My mother was so into the arts. She would be really excited to know that her kerchief was part of this project.”

– Anonymous (Jan. 4, 2020)

For more info about this project, visit artsw.org/browder and follow #AWpublicart

Westchester Celebrates Black History Month



The Harlem Blues & Jazz Band (photo source: harlembuesjazzband.com)

ArtsWestchester (White Plains)

February 29, 7-9pm

Performing Families: An Evening of Music, Dance and Conversation

Four family ensembles will perform and discuss the meaning of kinship, tradition and the arts. The event features Prestige Step Team, the Ptah-Shabazz Wisdrum Orchestra, jazz legend Bertha Hope with daughter Monica Meaux Hope, and old-school hip-hop crew Money Makin Mob.

Hudson River Museum (Yonkers)

February 8, 1:30-3:30pm

Spoken Word Workshop with Marcus John

Yonkers spoken word poet Marcus John will perform with instrumentation and invite audience members to create their own word portraits that celebrate prominent African Americans in U.S. history.

February 15, 1:30-3:30pm

Printmaking Workshop with Kay Douglas

Artist and educator Kay Douglas will lead participants in a relief printmaking technique to create portraits of significant African American leaders in U.S. history.

Hudson Valley Music Club (Dobbs Ferry)

February 24, 1-2pm

Soprano Yolanda Johnson

Soprano Yolanda Johnson will perform a program that explores traditional African American spirituals and their role as hidden messages in the

Underground Railroad. The program will also feature art songs by African American composers Florence Price and Nadine Shanti. A reception will be held after the concert.

Jacob Burns Film Center (Pleasantville)

February 13, 7:30pm

The Black Power Mixtape 1967-1975

This 2011 documentary film, directed by Göran Olsson, examines the evolution of the Black Power movement in America from 1967 to 1975, as viewed through the eyes of Swedish journalists and filmmakers. This program is part of the Center's ongoing "REMIX" series, which examines the black experience through film, media and art.

Music at Asbury (Tuckahoe)

February 9, 3-4:30pm

Harlem on My Mind

Singer and actress Julia Breanetta Simpson will perform a one-woman musical that explores the influential time period of the Harlem Renaissance. The performance will feature the poetry of Langston Hughes, music by Duke Ellington, and more.

New Rochelle Public Library (New Rochelle)

February 1-28, Gallery hours vary

We've Come a Long Way Together: The Charles W. Dickerson Fife, Drum & Bugle Corps

This exhibition of images, sounds and artifacts will tell the story of the

Charles W. Dickerson Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps, which was formed from a segregated African American Boy Scout troop in New Rochelle and became one of America's leading fife, drum and bugle field corps.

February 9, 1:15-4:30pm

Celebrating African American Music Roots

This event will present two documentaries that celebrate African American music – *The Last of the First* and *Say Amen, Somebody*. *The Last of the First* documents the history of the Harlem Blues and Jazz Band and depicts how it has preserved the jazz heritage world-wide. One of the band's founders, Al Vollmer, and film editor Julia Tikhonova, will answer questions after the film. Acclaimed music documentary *Say Amen, Somebody*, is a celebration of 20th century American gospel music.

February 19, 2-2:45pm

Tap City Youth Ensemble

Members from American Tap Dance Foundation's resident youth company will perform classic and contemporary tap choreography, tracing the roots of tap in the African American culture and beyond.

February 20, 10:30am & 1pm

Vacation Week Craft Workshops

Two workshops, inspired by the Library's exhibition on the renowned Charles Dickerson Drum Corps, will invite children in PreK-Grade 2, and Grades 3 and up, to create their own musical instruments.

February 22, 2pm

Bokandeye African Dance and Drum Performance

Directed by Anthony Wooden, the Bokandeye African Dance and Drum Troupe and local students will bring the traditional movements and rhythms of African village life to the Ossie Davis Theater.

February 23, 3pm

Harlem Blues & Jazz Band

The Harlem Blues and Jazz Band, founded in 1973 by trombonist and blues singer Clyde Bernhardt and jazz enthusiast Al Vollmer, is comprised of significant veteran musicians who have played with jazz legends Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Ferdinand Morton and others. The concert will be followed by an opening reception for the *We've Come a Long Way Together* exhibition.

PJS Jazz Society (Mount Vernon)

February 9, 5:15-9pm

Sage

This all-female jazz, blues and contemporary ensemble has appeared with Ray Charles, Denzel Washington, Regina Carter, the Duke Ellington Show Choir and many others. This event will include an opening set by The Sounds of A&R.

Purchase College, SUNY's School of the Arts (Purchase)

February 26, 7pm

Soul Voices: "Lift Every Voice"

A diverse group of Purchase College students from a variety of backgrounds and majors will perform a range of music that honors the African American experience in the United States. Members of the BFA Junior Acting Company will also share spoken word pieces that highlight African American stories of triumph and success.

Smart Arts (Valhalla)

February 15, 8-10pm

The Harlem Gospel Choir

The renowned Harlem Gospel Choir will use its inspirational music to create a better understanding of African American culture. Founded in 1986, the Choir is dedicated to sharing its message of love and inspiration with people from various nations and cultures.



Julia Breanetta Simpson (photo courtesy of the artist)

Gotta Love the Arts in Westchester and Rockland Counties



The Westchester Chordsmen (photo courtesy of The Westchester Chordsmen)

The arts permeate every corner of Westchester and Rockland Counties. ArtsWestchester's Arts Alive grants help to make these local cultural happenings a reality. This includes public art, cultural festivals, arts workshops for all ages, and much more. With support from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA), ArtsWestchester will continue to support arts in communities throughout Westchester. This year, it will administer \$105,000 to the 55 grantees* listed below.

**Arts Alive grants are awarded in three categories: Community, Artist and Arts Education. All grantees listed below are awarded in the "Community" category unless otherwise noted.*

WESTCHESTER

Armonk

MUSIC WORKSHOPS AT ARMONK LIBRARY – A series of nine music workshops will aim to increase participants' understanding and enjoyment of music. Applicant: The Friends of the North Castle Public Library, Inc.

Bedford

PLAY READING SERIES – New theatrical works by local authors will be presented in an interactive format that seeks audience feedback. Applicant: Bedford Playhouse

Briarcliff

DANCE FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE
Free classes for people with Parkinson's Disease will be offered in Spring and Fall of 2020. Applicant: Molly Olivia Roffman, PT MA

Crestwood

MUSIC AT ASBURY CONCERT SERIES – A series of free concerts by Westchester-based artists offer a diverse repertoire and broad appeal. Applicant: Asbury-Crestwood United Methodist Church

Croton Falls

ANAM CARA – This Irish House Party at Schoolhouse Theater will consist of spoken word, music and dance. Applicant: Hamm & Clov Stage Company

Greenburgh

KIDS SHORT STORY CONNECTION
This series of workshops for kids aged 9-18 will help students to develop creative writing skills in a supportive community where self-expression is cultivated. Applicant: Arts and Culture Committee

Mamaroneck

THE YOUTH A CAPPELLA FESTIVAL
High school a cappella groups will have the opportunity to sing for an audience, as well as to learn from, and perform with, the Westchester Chordsmen. Applicant: The Westchester Chordsmen

Mount Kisco

HIDDEN TREASURES: ARTS EDUCATION FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS – Weekly workshops, including theater, singing, dance and visual art, will be offered for individuals with special needs. Applicant: CLC Foundation, Inc.

Mount Vernon

PJS SPRING 2020 CONCERT SERIES

Three jazz concerts, in February, March and April, will take place at the First Presbyterian Church in Mount Vernon. Applicant: PJS Jazz Society, Inc.

IMPROV WORKSHOPS – A series of workshops at Wartburg Center will teach the art of improvisational and sketch comedy, culminating with a revue-style performance of original material. Applicant: Wartburg Improv and Sketch Comedy for Seniors

INTERGENERATIONAL CHORAL WORKSHOP AND PERFORMANCE

During an intergenerational workshop, a composer will work with local community members on a newly commissioned work, which will then premiere with an orchestra in May. Applicant: Westchester Children's Chorus, Inc.

DRUM TALK: CIRCLE OF WORLD

MUSIC – Concordia Conservatory faculty/percussionist Yousif Sheronick will play and discuss music that incorporates rhythms of Asia, South America and Africa. Students will learn to identify styles from the three continents. (Arts Education grant) Applicant: Concordia Conservatory

ACCENT DANCE NYC – This after-school dance residency at the Amani Charter School is open to students of the school. (Arts Education grant) Applicant: The Erwin C. and Isabelle Ziegelman Foundation a/k/a Accent Dance NYC

New Rochelle

LITTLE ROCK OF THE NORTH

This performance reflects on the desegregation court case of Lincoln School in New Rochelle in the '60s and its impact on the community. Applicant: Tutti Bravi Productions

40th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT – The May 3 musical concert will honor the



A Palo Seco Flamenco Company (photo courtesy of Rebecca Thomas)

40th anniversary of the Sound Shore Chorale. Applicant: Sound Shore Chorale of New Rochelle, Inc.

SECOND GRADE MOSAIC MURAL

All 2nd grade students will learn the process of creating a mosaic mural by applying tesserae to a substrate upon which images have been drawn. Applicant: Gina Kingsley

North Salem

PRINTMAKING WITH LINOLEUM

Linoleum block printing will be offered in the Winter and Spring of 2020. Applicant: Ruth Keeler Memorial Library

Ossining

2020 SEASON – Eleven free monthly documentary film screenings held annually at the Ossining Public Library will include expert panel discussions. Applicant: Ossining Documentary & Discussion Series

CAPOEIRA SUMMER CAMP AT

OSSINING LIBRARY – A series of eight free workshops will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays. Applicant: Ossining Public Library

FAMILY WORKSHOPS AT YONKERS LIBRARIES – This monthly series

of free workshops will explore a range of STEAM topics grounded in architecture and design. Applicant: ArchForKids

OPENING DOORS – Two concerts of classical choral music took place at the Maryknoll Chapel in Ossining in January. Applicant: Hudson Chorale, Inc.

Peekskill

THE OZ DANCE – This rendition of *The Wizard of Oz* will include music, dancing and singing, performed by youth and professionals. Applicant: Antonia Arts, Inc.

DANCE COMPANY PROJECT – Participants will combine hip-hop, modern dance, theater, music and rap to tell their stories. Applicant: New Era Creative Space, Inc.

NORTHERN LIGHTS – Three "radio play" readings of a new urban holiday play will be held at the Paramount Theater in Peekskill. Applicant: Paramount Hudson Valley Arts

Pleasantville

SANTA'S REINDEER RANCH – This Christmas-themed musical theater production for young audiences

will include a sing-along and photo opportunities with Santa Claus. Applicant: Pleasantville Music Theatre, Inc.

Port Chester

CELEBRATE YOUR HERITAGE – Free art workshops for tweens, teens and adults will be held at the Port Chester-Rye Brook Public Library and Lyon Park. Applicant: Nowodworski Foundation

Scarsdale

SUMMER 2020 JURIED ART SHOW – This multi-week juried art exhibition at the Scarsdale Village Center will include events that relate to the show. Applicant: The Scarsdale Arts Council, Inc.

Shrub Oak

FEATS OF COURAGE – A one-woman storytelling and theatrical performance with photos, props and memorabilia will celebrate the survival and bravery of three women who persevered during WWII. (Artist Grant) Applicant: Judith Heineman

Gotta Love the Arts in Westchester and Rockland Counties

Sleepy Hollow

VIVA FLAMENCO – A series of workshops, performances and interactive activities will celebrate the art, history and culture of Flamenco dance during Hispanic Heritage Month 2020. Applicant: Rebecca Thomas – A Palo Seco Flamenco Company

Somers

QUILTING LECTURE SERIES – A series of seven lectures will feature artists whose work relates to quilting and fiber arts. Applicant: Northern Star Quilters' Guild, Inc.

Valhalla

ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL – The festival will celebrate Asian culture through performances, arts and crafts, food and more. Applicant: OCA Asian Pacific American Advocates – Westchester/Hudson Valley Chapter

White Plains

PICTURE IT – Participants will learn fashion styling and conceptualization of an editorial fashion photo shoot, which will be published in a digital magazine. (Artist Grant) Applicant: Ni'ma Ford

2020 CONCERT SERIES – A series of six free concerts to be performed at local community-accessible venues, including libraries in Ossining, Tuckahoe, Chappaqua and White Plains, as well as New York Presbyterian Hospital and Burke Rehabilitation. Applicant: New Westchester Symphony Orchestra

Yonkers

SENIORS-ON-THE-MOVE – A performance of singing and dancing by senior talent from Westchester County will take place at the Ukrainian Youth Center. Applicant: Westchester Public Private Partnership for Aging Services



Emotions Physical Theatre (photo courtesy of Emotions Physical Theatre)

ART IN THE PARK/CREATIVE HANDS

Using the architectural features and history of Untermyer Park as inspiration, students will engage in plein air and indoor classes. Applicant: Zafiro Acevedo with f/a Untermyer Performing Arts Council

2020 THEATER SEASON – The Little Radical Theatrics' season includes *Lend Me A Tenor*, the Westchester Premiere of Roald Dahl's *Matilda* and a 60th anniversary production of *The Sound of Music*. Applicant: Little Radical Theatrics, Inc.

THE YONKERS COMMUNITY ART IN ACTION – Free art workshops will take place for children, teens and their caregivers in Philipse Manor

Hall State Historic Site. Applicant: Nowodworski Foundation

ROCKLAND

Blauvelt

MEMOIRS IN A BOTTLE – During weekly art classes, students will create a decorative bottle reflecting a senior from Dowling Gardens Senior Center's life story. Final bottles will be exhibited in the South Orangetown Middle school gallery. (Arts Education Grant) Applicant: Arlene Sorenson

Garnerville

WEARABLE ART EMPOWERMENT Pre-teen to early-teenage girls will make their own wearable art piece and assist in creating new wearable products for Jamie Kimak's clothing & textile collection. (Artist Grant) Applicant: Jamie Kimak

PSYCHOMAGIC COMMUNITY THEATRE – The creation of an experimental community theater program, with content that weaves Haverstraw community participants' personal stories into a single narrative, will culminate in a free single performance at Garner Art Center. (Artist Grant) Applicant: Katherine Valentine

Haverstraw

JUNETEENTH 2020 – The annual Juneteenth celebration in Haverstraw will include DJ and live music, storytelling, staged plays and the raising of the African American flag. Applicant: Haverstraw African American Connection

DAY OF THE DEAD FESTIVAL

A festival, including music performances, mask painting, a juried art exhibition, art vendors and storytelling will celebrate Day of the Dead. Applicant: Haverstraw RiverArts Fund

New City

FACES OF WOMEN VETERANS: MAKING THE INVISIBLE VISIBLE

An exhibit featuring photos of 17 women veterans, taken by a veteran photographer, will be displayed at the Palisades Mall and at the New City Library during monthly "Vet Socials." Applicant: Rockland Independent Living Center dba BRIDGES

Nyack

THE LEGACY OF TONI MORRISON A yearlong series of events, including films, a book discussion, oral history project, music programs and more,



Workshop by ArchForKids (photo courtesy of ArchForKids)

will celebrate the life of author Toni Morrison, who was a Rockland resident. Applicant: Nyack Library

2020 READING SERIES – A series of three free literary readings will feature six award-winning authors. Applicant: River River Writers Circle

ELLA'S BASKET: A JAZZ CONCERT FOR CHILDREN – A jazz concert for children aged Pre-K to 3rd grade, in partnership with ArtsRock, will include "call and response"

interaction. Applicant: Shirley Crabbe

THE UNPLAYED HAND: THE MUSICAL AND ARTISTIC VISIONS OF DAVID SIMONS AND MICHAEL ZANSKY – Three performances display the culmination of a collaboration between composer David Simons and artist Michael Zansky. (Artist Grant) Applicant: David Simons

Orangeburg

BEETHOVEN'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONCERT – A music event celebrating Beethoven's 250th anniversary will include Rockland County Choral Society, Hudson Valley Chorale, soloists and a 30-piece orchestra. Applicant: Rockland County Choral Society

Piermont

GET YOUR GLOBAL GROOVE ON – Dance performances will highlight three different cultures: Barynya Ensemble (Russian), Chiku Awali (African) and Halau Hula O Na Mele 'Aina O Hawai'i (Hawaiian). Applicant: Dennis P. McHugh Piermont Public Library

ROCKLAND ARTS FESTIVAL 2020 – This one-day festival will feature 100+ artists and art organizations, demonstrations, musical performances and children's activities. Applicant: Rockland Arts Festival Committee

Spring Valley

BACK IN TIMES IN THE COMMUNITY A two-hour performance will showcase steel pan music and feature 8-10 songs by three local artists. Applicant: ROCKSO EKKquinox Steel Band

SABAHRE FAYCHA ARTERLAY – Weekly classes teach African dancing and jembe drumming to children, teens and adults. Applicant: Chiku Awali African Dance, Arts & Culture, Inc.

Suffern

ROCKLAND DANCE FESTIVAL – This weekend-long event will include jazz, hip-hop, ballet and African dance workshops and performances by Rockland dance companies. Applicant: Emotions Physical Theatre

Tappan

SUMMER FESTIVAL 2020 – An instrumental music program for students aged 8-18 will include rehearsals, master classes, a senior center concert, and three public concerts that feature professional musicians in collaboration with young student artists. Applicant: Bridgemusik

Valley Cottage

BRINGING THE TAP LABS TO THE COMMUNITY – International artists in percussive music and dance will offer performances, open rehearsals, community workshops and jam sessions. Applicant: Manhattan Tap Inc.



BridgeMusik (photo credit: Kasia Witek)

ROVING DIRECTORS

For our "Roving Directors" feature, we ask Westchester arts professionals to go into the community and give us their take on another institution's on-view exhibition.



Hudson Valley Museum of Contemporary Art

by Michael Gitlitz,
Executive Director at Katonah Museum of Art

Upon entering the exhibition, *How We Live: Selections from the Marc and Livia Straus Family Collection*, on view at Hudson Valley Museum of Contemporary Art (MoCA) through December 6, 2020, any illusions of peaceful, domestic bliss are shattered by an overwhelming, ten-foot-tall robot by Nam June Paik, *Global Encoder*. The sculpture's machined parts, and seven televisions that make up the head and body, seem to turn the idea of domesticity inside out. We are clearly at the mercy of this "domestic" figure. It will show us how we live, and we shall tremble in fear and wonder. So too are we presented like primitive figures before the majestic oversize goddess *Che Yah (Greatest Love)* by Anne Samat, an intricately woven assemblage of rakes, utensils and yarn, all fashioned into an awe-inspiring deity. Domesticity meets the divine.

This is not "how we live" curated by Norman Rockwell or Hallmark, but rather Omar Lopez-Chahoud and Nicola Tezzi's clever

visions culled from an extraordinary collection. It is a powerful and wonderfully destabilizing exhibition. Works of every media and scale present a dizzying array of several dozen commentaries on contemporary culture and society, on our relationships to our environment and to each other.

While there are some massive and forceful statements in large-scale works, relief is found in encountering the fact that some of the most moving works in the exhibition are the most diminutive. Brazilian artist Paulo Nazareth's *Mocacine* presents a painful composition: an intimate drawing of a figure placed on a small wood pallet, partially obscured by worn moccasins, the whole of which is further pinned down and crushed by a stone. Not just drawing or shoe crushing. Soul crushing. On the other end of the emotional spectrum is a small Bruce Nauman neon, *Human Sexual Experience*. In its X-rated yet banal depiction of two hands making the gesture of copulation, it is one of the artist's



Global Encoder by Nam June Paik (photo credit: Maksim Akelin)



Traitment Musical/Vibratoire by Chen Zhen (photo credit: Maksim Akelin)

simplest and most successful works and reminds us that however we live now, we are reduced to the common sexuality that remains at the core of our corporeal existence.

There are too many good works in this exhibition to mention them all, and they cover every aspect of human living. We see repurposed furniture, and tools like Michael Brown's *Desperately Optimistic*, which turns cheap lounge furniture into untouchable, luxury objects, and Janine Antoni's *Cradle* employing nests of excavator shovels, transforming a violent tool into a snug shelter. We are also presented with statements that are organic and reference our human bodies, like

Sonia Gomes' moving *Pendente 2*, in which hanging fabrics in abstract orbs remind us of our own fragile yet complex organs, and Louise Bourgeois' painfully autobiographical work, *Sutures* in which anthropomorphically arranged spools of thread surround a rubber core into which needles have been pierced, creating a modern St. Sebastian.

Marc and Livia Straus have assembled extraordinary examples by very well and some lesser known artists, and in this curated selection Hudson Valley MoCA reminds us how we live with objects, with art and with ourselves. It turns out that how we live is complicated, sometimes scary, but fascinating.



Sutures by Louise Bourgeois (photo credit: Maksim Akelin)

ROVING DIRECTORS

spotlight

More Arts Come to Westchester

A vibrant public venue called The David Rockefeller Creative Arts Center will be coming to the historic Rockefeller family estate. It will be housed in the Orangerie, which was built by John D. Rockefeller in 1908 and bequeathed to the nonprofit National Trust for Historic Preservation in 1979 by Nelson Rockefeller. According to the Pocantico Center of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund (RBF), which announced the plan, the Center “will nurture the arts both locally and globally with world-class performances and exhibits, residencies for artists working across disciplines, and space for school and community cultural functions.” The plan includes the

adaptive reuse of the building as a multipurpose performance and rehearsal space with an art gallery and flexible studio or classroom space for community programs.

Since 2012, The Pocantico Center has offered a summer series of mainstage music, dance and theater performances for local residents. The new Arts Center will lengthen the annual performance series from four to eight events with flexible indoor-outdoor seating. RBF hopes that the Center will “inspire and nourish a new generation of artists by providing high-quality, low-cost access to cultural events and performances, as well as a venue for community arts activities.”



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Culture Needs Capital Money



Jen Soloway

ArtsWestchester and ArtsNYS, a coalition of arts service providers throughout New York State, have been closely monitoring the state funds that are allocated for Capital Funding for Arts and Cultural Institutions. At the invitation of the Standing Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports and the Subcommittee on Museums & Cultural Institutions, ArtsWestchester's Director of Administration, Jen Soloway, made the trip to Albany on December 12 to testify on behalf of ArtsWestchester, Westchester arts groups and ArtsNYS. The arts and culture sector is an integral driver of the state's economy – contributing \$172.3 million economic activity in Westchester County alone – and a transforming agent of people and places.

In preparation for the hearing, ArtsWestchester asked Westchester arts groups to submit their estimated capital funding needs for the next three-to-five years. The initial responses provide total estimates of at least \$40 million. However, since the hearing, that number has grown to \$80 million. Many arts organizations own their own buildings because it gives them reliability and consistency for programming. Many of these buildings are

historic sites. The cultural community not only invests in presenting and programming the arts, it is also a vital partner in the preservation of their buildings.

Twenty-nine examples of capital project needs were delivered in ArtsWestchester's testimony. Included were the following projects:

- **\$2.265 million** for building restoration, HVAC and lighting upgrades at Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts;
- **\$5.9 million** for a restoration project at Philipsburg Manor and Van Cortlandt Manor;
- **\$1.5 million** to construct a larger theatre facility and add classrooms at Arc Stages in Pleasantville; and
- **\$1.5 million** in capital costs for Hudson Valley Center of Contemporary Art to renovate an existing space downtown Peekskill.

An official \$20 million budget allocation request for capital funds for New York arts and cultural institutions, to be distributed by the New York State Council for the Arts, was submitted by Soloway to the Standing Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports for the next budget cycle. The opportunity for the Westchester cultural community to testify was made possible by Assembly Members Steve Otis, Daniel O'Donnell and Robert Carroll.

BRAVO...BRAVISSIMO

Every year, ArtsWestchester recognizes the work of local individuals and organizations that have significantly impacted the cultural life of Westchester. The annual Arts Award luncheon, this year at the Brae Burn Country Club on April 7, applauds these honorees, bringing together artists, government officials and business leaders – all to celebrate the arts.

The next few issues of *ArtsNews* will feature 2020 Arts Award honorees. This month, read about Pablo Mayor and Blue Door Art Center below. For more info about the Arts Award luncheon and the full list of 2020 honorees, visit artsw.org/artsaward2020.

Artist Honoree: Pablo Mayor



Pablo Mayor (photo credit: David Bedell)

For nearly two decades, pianist and composer Pablo Mayor has brought the rhythm and style of his native Colombia to New York City and the Hudson Valley. In fact, the Tarrytown resident is one of the leading voices in contemporary Colombian jazz – not a surprising label, given his fresh approach to music and the way he introduces musical concepts to younger audiences.

Mayor's sound combines his formal jazz studies with his passion and knowledge for Colombian salsa and Cuban charanga. His world-renowned ensemble, Folklore Urbano, has performed internationally, but he always makes

sure to bring their energy and rhythm back to the Westchester community, including several JazzFest White Plains performances.

In addition to performing, Mayor, with Co-Artistic Directors Anna Povich de Mayor and Daniel Fetecua, manages a residency program called Cumbia for Kids, which presents weekly workshops for children. The workshops cover the four geographical regions of Colombia, which each have their own distinct music and dance traditions, instruments and culture. Students learn basic drum patterns, Spanish language through song, and creative movement inspired by Colombia's diverse dance traditions.

Arts Organization Honoree: Blue Door Art Center



Installation in progress (photo courtesy of Blue Door Art Center)

Blue Door Art Center (BDAC) will receive the Arts Award for its dedication to presenting art by and to the local public through a variety of exhibitions, programming and public art. The Center has presented more than 300 exhibitions at venues throughout Westchester County, including eight to nine shows per year in its downtown Yonkers gallery space. These shows have displayed the works of more than 800 artists from the local and regional community. In addition to the arts programming offered at the gallery— monthly open mic events, jazz performances and children's activities, and more – free workshops are also offered at local establishments like Philipse Manor Hall and the YMCA.

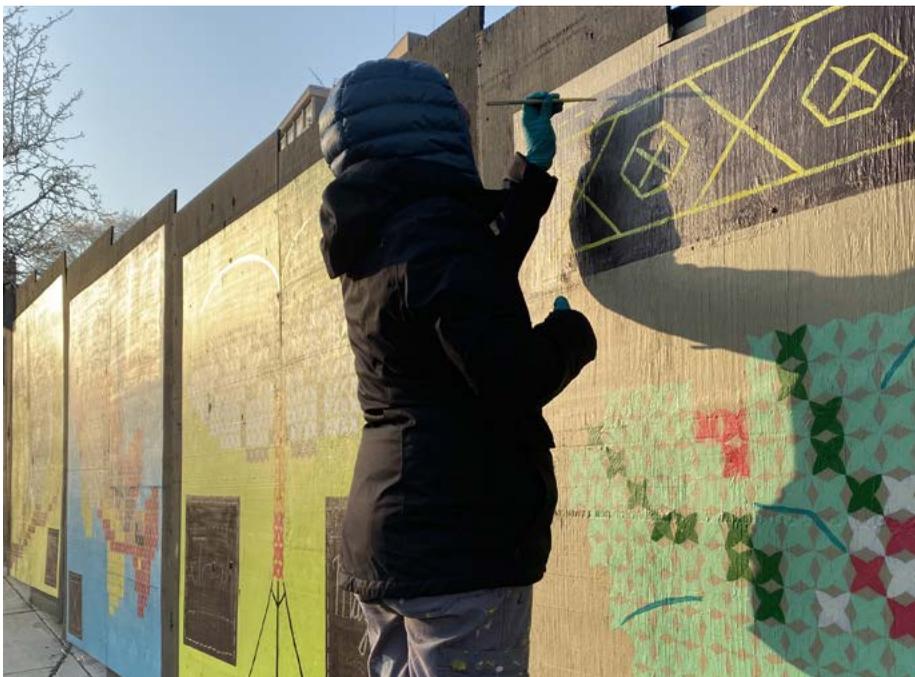
It is this desire to provide the community with access to the arts that made BDAC instrumental in bringing public art to Yonkers. These projects include commissioned mosaic planters at the Metro North station, an outdoor sculpture near City Hall and the creation of a series of "art banners" displayed throughout the downtown area.

BDAC was also involved in the launching of the "First Thursdays" Downtown Yonkers Gallery Hop, which has attracted hundreds of attendees each month, when galleries – some enlivened by live performances – extend their hours so that visitors can explore the Yonkers' art scene through self-guided walking tours.

spotlight

Artist Murals Bring Color to White Plains

A series of colorful murals in downtown White Plains are the result of a partnership between ArtsWestchester and LMC, a Lennar Company, in which five regional artists were selected to bring color and form to a construction wall that surrounds an upcoming LMC Community building project. Some fifty artists from around New York State submitted designs that were vetted for this project. The murals begin on Hale Avenue, wrap around Maple Avenue and continue on South Broadway. The selected works represent a variety of techniques, styles and concepts. Exhibiting artists include Daniel Carello, Ann Ladd, Oscar Lett, Jana Liptak and Wane One. Below are some thoughts from two of them:



Top and bottom: Jana Liptak with her mural (photo credit: Will Bermingham)

From the Artist: Jana Liptak

"My mural is a series of cross-stitch motifs, done in a massive scale, that represent a handful of the most endangered species in New York State. White Plains exists in a space between the dense urban landscape of NYC and the wooded rivers and mountains of the Hudson Valley. This space is essential to the

wildlife of the region. This mural is a call to explore sustainable and responsible growth through urban development. The cross-stitch pattern is a reminder both of the impending disappearance of these species and of the deep interconnectedness of all things."

Jana Liptak is a Brooklyn-based muralist and scenic painter with over ten years' experience in theater and movie production, and large-scale outdoor and indoor installation pieces.



Top and bottom: Daniel Carello with his mural (top photo credit: Katelynn DiBiccari, bottom photo credit: Will Bermingham)

From the Artist: Daniel Carello

"The aim of my *Arrows* mural design is to express, in an abstract pictorial language that is appropriate for all ages and audiences, the racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity of the City of White Plains, NY. For example, I have utilized arrows to signify social progress, many vivid colors to imply

diversity, and a woven surface motif to represent unity. I also utilize the principles of design: balance, rhythm and variety: arrows [conjure] movement and direction... vivid colors provoke emotional excitement for the viewer, and add fullness to the abstract shapes."

New Rochelle native Daniel Carello has been creating art in and around Westchester County for several decades.

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Four Million New Dollars For Arts and Culture

The plan is simple; the rewards are plentiful. During a period of three months each fall, private donations to local arts organizations are matched by ArtsWestchester with supporting funds from Westchester County. In 2019, \$205,000 was awarded to 48 groups, which will provide much-needed funding for arts and culture throughout the County. In total, these 48 organizations raised \$353,189 through this Art\$WChallenge grants program.

County Executive George Latimer explained: "In many ways, this particular matching grant program helps to strengthen the cultural infrastructure of Westchester by fueling organizations located in cities and towns across the County."

Added ArtsWestchester CEO Janet Langsam: "The beauty of this program is that it leverages new dollars for the arts." She continued: "With cultural visitors

spending nearly twice as much as local arts attendees and with the cultural sector generating more than \$172 million in economic activity annually, this grant program is a win-win for Westchester."

Westchester County and the County Board of Legislators have long invested in this program. In the twelve years since this Art\$WChallenge grant program began, nearly four million dollars has been raised by participating groups. In total with dollars matched, six million dollars have supported Westchester's arts and cultural sector. This momentum will strengthen this year, as County Executive George Latimer and the County Board of Legislators added \$250,000 to the County budget, increasing the funds that can be distributed during the 2020 program.



Hillcrest Hawks mural at Hillcrest Elementary School (photo courtesy of the Hudson Valley Museum of Contemporary Art)

The following 48 arts organizations were awarded matching grants through ArtsWestchester's 2019 Art\$WChallenge program:

Actors Conservatory Theatre
Arc Stages
Axial Theatre
Ballet des Amériques School and Company
Bethany Arts Community
Blue Door Art Center
Chappaqua Orchestra
Clay Art Center
Clocktower Players
Copland House
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Emelin Theatre for Performing Arts
Fine Arts Orchestral Society of Yonkers
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Hudson Stage Company
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Mount Vernon Public Library
Neuberger Museum
Pelham Art Center
Picture House Regional Film Center
Rehabilitation Through the Arts
Rivertowns Arts Council
Schoolhouse Theater

Songcatchers
Steffi Nossen Dance Foundation
Taconic Opera
Tarrytown Music Hall
The Revelators
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The Symphony of Westchester
Urban Studio Unbound
Westchester Children's Museum
Westchester Collaborative Theatre
Westchester Philharmonic
White Plains Performing Arts Center
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Prestige Step Team performs at the 2019 "Performing Families II: The Art of Runway and Step" event (photo credit: Tim

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Arts For Healing and Well-Being



Landscape 04 by Carrie Belk

Four Hudson Valley artists are featured in a new exhibition at Memorial Sloan Kettering (MSK) Westchester as part of an ongoing partnership between the renowned cancer care facility and ArtsWestchester. MSK embraces the power of art in patient care, and caregiver well-being, by incorporating rotating contemporary art exhibitions into its New York flagship hospital and regional locations. The paintings and photographs that are currently on view feature foreground colors and textures that invoke the nostalgia of childhood and the comfort of home.

Representational and abstract works by four diverse artists are displayed in the Chemo Sub-Waiting room on the Concourse Level of the MSK facility. The works of White Plains artist Carrie Belk offer a nostalgic perspective on the classic lily pad pond. The glowing paintings transport viewers into fairytales, backyard gardens, and on childhood fishing adventures. Installed nearby are two large gold leaf works on paper from Ossining artist

Rochelle Udell. The chairs conjure childhood memories that range from family camping trips to sitting on a grandparent's lap during story-time.

Abstract prints by Cornwall artist Vivien Abrams Collens reference interior domestic spaces that suggest the comfort of home. In the facility's Lower Concourse Reception Area, three vibrantly hued photographs of local birds by South Salem artist Charles Daviet complement visitors' views of the nearby garden. Inspired by his local surroundings and the natural wildlife of Northern Westchester, Daviet's birds invoke memories of bird-watching expeditions and weekend hiking excursions.

For info about ArtsWestchester's public art program, visit artsw.org/publicart.

Say Hello to Teaching Artist Lance Johnson



Lance Johnson (photo courtesy of the artist)

ArtsWestchester recently added seven new artists to its Teaching Artists Roster, an online resource for schools and community agencies who want to conduct an artist residency.

Lance Johnson is a self-taught artist, which he says he "wears like a badge of honor." He has worked with a wide range of students through residencies and interactive mural projects, and focuses on helping students to embrace the artistic process and enjoy creative freedom. Currently, Johnson is working on a project called *Benchmarks* with the Center for Education Innovation and the Department of Education in the Bronx. For this project, he will work with middle school art students to choose a social

issue that resonates with them. Johnson will meet with the students for discussions about how to artistically convey their inspirational message onto a park bench.

In his own work, Johnson experiments with different painting techniques and uses the culture of a particular space to inspire his projects. Words also play a major role in his work, a [theme] that he attributes to his Communications and Journalism studies in college. For more info, visit ljarthlife.com. For more info on ArtsWestchester's Teaching Artist Roster, visit artsw.org/tadirectory.

Celebrating Our Legislators

ArtsWestchester celebrated a successful Art\$WChallenge grants program with government leaders, legislators, and reception sponsors PKF O'Connor Davies, Empire City Casino, Ginsburg Development and Westchester Medical Center Health Network. For more details about Art\$WChallenge, see page A18. For more photos, visit artsw.org/artswchallenge.

All photos by Leslye Smith. 1. ArtsWestchester CEO Janet Langsam, ArtsWestchester Board President Michael Minihan and Taryn Duffy and Ed Domingo (both representing event sponsor Empire City Casino) 2. Westchester County Legislators Lyndon Williams, Colin Smith, Margaret Cunzio and Chris Johnson with Ed Domingo (center), who was representing event sponsor Empire City Casino 3. Elliot Fox (representing grantee Emelin Theater), County Executive George Latimer, Meg Rodriguez (representing grantee The Rye Arts Center) and Tracy Kay (representing grantee Westchester Children's Museum) 4. Cagle McDonald (representing grantee Clocktower Players) and Westchester County Legislator MaryJane Shimsky 5. ArtsWestchester board member John Brathwaite (representing grantee PJS Jazz Society), Westchester County Legislator Lyndon Williams, Chairman of the Westchester Board of Legislators Benjamin Boykin and Evania Thompson (representing grantee Mount Vernon Public Library) 6. Jim Surdoval (representing event sponsor Ginsburg Development) and Jeffrey Haydon (representing grantee Caramoor Center of Music and the Arts) 7. Denise Bessette (representing grantee Hudson State Company), Michael Boriskin (representing grantee Copland House) and Katherine Rapfogel (representing event sponsor PKFO'Connor Davies) 8. Lorraine Laken (representing grantee Hammond Museum), Michael Gitlitz (presenting grantee Katonah Museum of Art), County Legislator Kitley Covill and Bram Lewis (representing grantee Schoolhouse Theater) 9. David Restivo (representing grantee Chappaqua Orchestra), Westchester County Legislator Vadet Kashi and Dan Montez (representing grantee Taconic Opera) 10. Deputy County Executive Kenneth Jenkins, ArtsWestchester board member Jacqueline Walker and Alan Lutwin (representing grantee Westchester Collaborative Theatre)



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FABULOUS FEBRUARY

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VALENTINE'S DAY JAZZ JUKEBOX | 8pm featuring Samara McLendon & Lucy Wijnands.

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a sultry night of romantic jazz favorites, where you pick the songs.

\$35 | Pair of Tickets (Includes two free glasses of wine, beer or soft drink.)
\$20 | General Admission (Includes one free glass of wine, beer or soft drink.)
\$10 | Student



COUNTRY LOVE SONG JUKEBOX | 8pm with Molly Adele Brown.

Keep the Valentine's Day vibe going with a night of country love song classics, performed live and chosen by you.

\$35 | Pair of Tickets (Includes two free glasses of wine, beer or soft drink.)
\$20 | General Admission (Includes one free glass of wine, beer or soft drink.)
\$10 | Student



SALSA DANCE PARTY AT ARTSWESTCHESTER

Dance Lesson: 7pm. Dance Party: 8pm.

Dance the night away with the Carlos Jimenez Mambo Orchestra. Put your dance shoes on...and test your moves on ArtsWestchester's dance floor for a night of all things Salsa!

\$35 | Couples Package (Includes 2 tickets to the dance lesson, dance party & 2 free beverages.)
\$25 | General Admission (Includes 1 ticket to the dance lesson, dance party & 1 free beverage.)



PERFORMING FAMILIES | 7pm An Evening of Music, Dance & Conversation.

In celebration of Black History Month, join us for an unforgettable evening of music and dance with four family ensembles as they perform and discuss the meaning of kinship, tradition and the arts.

\$10 | General Admission



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Performing Families is part of ArtsWestchester's Folk Arts Program, made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

ARTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2020



The Dustbowl Revival will perform at The Irvington Folk Festival, Irvington Town Hall Theater, 2/1 (photo courtesy of Talley Media)

2/1 SATURDAY

Theater: Arc Stages presents *Animals Out of Paper*. This is a poignant play about the collision of mismatched people and the complicated ways people hurt, heal and love. Select dates through 2/15. Times vary. arcstages.org

Community: ArtsWestchester presents *Public Sewing Days*. Participants will pin and sew shapes for artist Amanda Browder's fabric sculpture, which will transform the façade of ArtsWestchester's historic building in spring 2020. 11am-4pm at Viking Sewing Gallery in Scarsdale. artsw.org

Family & Kids: Emelin Theatre For The Performing Arts presents *Toying*

with Science. Garry Krinsky combines circus skills, daring feats of balance, mime, original music and audience involvement to explore basic scientific principles. 11am & 1:30pm. emelin.org

Music: Emelin Theatre For The Performing Arts presents *Joe Lovano & Dave Douglas Quintet*. This group's work is inspired by the visionary saxophonist and composer Wayne Shorter. 8-10pm. emelin.org

Lectures: Hudson River Museum presents *Artist Talk with Vinnie Bagwell*. Bagwell will discuss her proposed submission to design a new monument in Central Park. 1:30pm. hrm.org

Music: Irvington Town Hall Theater presents *The Irvington Folk Festival*. This evening event will include live music, special VIP workshops and Q&A sessions. 7-11pm. irvingtontheater.com

Reception: Katonah Museum of Art presents *KMA Art Sale and Dance Party*. Guests will be able to purchase one-of-a-kind art works, followed by an evening of dance and music. 7-11pm. katonahmuseum.org

Music: Tarrytown Music Hall presents *Sunshine Rock Electric Solo*. Rock musician Bob Mould will perform music from his latest solo album, *Sunshine Rock*. 8-11pm. tarrytownmusichall.org

NEWS BRIEF

JAZZFEST WHITE PLAINS RECEIVES THREE-YEAR GRANT

New York State Council for the Arts has awarded ArtsWestchester a three-year \$45,000 grant to present JazzFest White Plains with its partners, the City of White Plains and the White Plains Business Improvement District. JazzFest, now in its ninth year, is a five-day celebration of jazz music that takes place in downtown White Plains in September. The 2020 festival will feature artists from a wide variety of backgrounds, who explore cultural and musical boundaries and carry jazz in new directions. For more on JazzFest, visit artsw.org/jazzfest.

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NEWS BRIEF

STATE ASSEMBLYWOMAN AMY PAULIN GIVES A NOD TO PUBLIC ART



New York State Assemblywoman Amy Paulin visited ArtsWestchester's building in downtown White Plains to admire the popular street mural by Wane One, which was recently refurbished by the artist. Paulin was essential in helping ArtsWestchester to secure funding for a facelift to the façade of its building. Improvements have included new signage, branding and the creation of the street mural.

2/2 SUNDAY

Community: ArtsWestchester presents *Public Sewing Days*. Participants will pin and sew shapes for artist Amanda Browder's fabric sculpture, which will transform the façade of ArtsWestchester's historic building in spring 2020. 10am-3pm at Bennett Conservatory of Music. artsw.org

Reception: Greenburgh Public Library presents *Randy Williams: Recent Works*. Williams maintains two careers, one as an active visual artist and another as an educator developing new methods of presenting the visual arts in Colleges, Universities, Schools and Museums. 2-4pm. greenburghlibrary.org

Lectures: Hudson River Museum presents *Nexus Hudson River*. This

panel discussion will explore the dynamic and interdependent underpinnings of Hudson Valley's landscape across time, space and consciousness. 2pm. hrm.org

Film: New Rochelle Public Library presents *The Squid and the Whale*. This autobiographical coming-of-age story, directed by Noel Baumbach, follows two teenage boys whose writer-parents are divorcing. 2:30-4pm. nrpl.org

Lectures: RiverArts presents *A Conversation with Maxine Sherman*. Sherman, a former principal dancer with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and the Martha Graham Dance Company, will discuss her career highlights. 2-3:30pm at Hastings Public Library, Orr Room. riverarts.org

Music: Smart Arts presents *Camerata Chamber Players*. The

group will perform classical music. 3-5pm at Classroom Building- Room 200. sunywcc.edu/smartarts

Music: Yonkers Philharmonic presents *6th Beethoven Festival*. Beethoven's only *Violin Concerto* will open the concert with renowned soloist Chin Kim. 3-5:15pm at Saunders Trade High School. yonkersphilharmonic.com

2/3 MONDAY

Lecture: Color Camera Club of Westchester presents David Roberts. Roberts will share his photographs that trace his travels to the Antarctic Peninsula, the Falkland Islands and South Georgia. 8-9:30pm. colorcameraclub.com

2/4 TUESDAY

Music: Westchester Oratorio Society presents *WOS Choir Rehearsal*. The group will host rehearsals to prepare for its 2020 spring concert on May 3. 7-9:15pm at Katonah Village Library. westchesteroratorio.org

2/7 FRIDAY

Theater: Axial Theatre presents *Twisted Valentines*. This annual festival features eight original one-acts that probe the depths of joy, despair and love. Through 2/16. Times vary. axialtheatre.org

Music: Bedford Playhouse presents *First Fridays: Duefunk*. This band is redefining rock with psychedelic electric guitar riffs, Sinatra-esque vocals and funky bass lines, as well as traditional West African percussion. 6:30-8:30pm. bedfordplayhouse.org

Music: Emelin Theatre For The Performing Arts presents *Cyrille Aimee*. The critically acclaimed French Dominican vocalist performs jazz, swing, pop, Sondheim and more. 8-10pm. emelin.org

Music: Hoff-Barthelson Music School presents *75th Anniversary Faculty Concert*. Works featured in the program are from the time of the School's founding. 7:30-8:30pm. hbms.org

Spoken Word: Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *Fiction Reading with Lauren Mechling & Jonathan Vatner*. These two authors will read from their latest works. 7-8:30pm. writerscenter.org

Tours: Neuberger Museum of Art presents *Art Sandwiched In*. This is a guided tour of the *Calder from the Collection* exhibition with Jacqueline Shilkoff, Curator of New Media. 12:30-2:30pm. neuberger.org

Comedy: Tarrytown Music Hall presents *Paul Reiser*. The comedian, actor, television writer, author and musician will perform. 8-11pm. tarrytownmusichall.org

Photography: Westchester Photographic Society presents *Photo Competition: Digital Color and Open Mind*. Members will compete in a digital photo competition which is critiqued by a professional judge. Also 2/28. 8-10pm at Westchester Community College Technology Building Room 107. wpsphoto.org

2/8 SATURDAY

Community: ArtsWestchester presents *Public Sewing Days*. Participants will pin and sew shapes for artist Amanda Browder's fabric sculpture, which will transform the façade of ArtsWestchester's historic building in spring 2020. Also 2/9. 10am-3pm at India Center of Westchester. artsw.org

Comedy: Emelin Theatre For The Performing Arts presents *Comedians From "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert."* Three different late night comics, Jon Fisch, Keith Alberstadt and Carmen Lynch, take a turn at the mic for one night of comedy. 7pm & 9:30pm. emelin.org

Reception: Harrison Public Library presents *Dorette Gerspach*. Guests will meet the artist who is exhibiting her realistic works in oil, watercolor, pastel and pencil at the Library. 2-4pm. harrisonpl.org

Spoken Word: Hudson River Museum presents *Honoring Black History Month*. Spoken word poet Marcus John will perform and encourage the audience to create their own word portraits that celebrate prominent African-Americans in US history. 1:30-3:30pm. hrm.org

Music: Chappaqua Performing Arts Center presents *Gorilla River's Music*



Cyrille Aimee, Emelin Theatre, 2/7 (photo credit: Noé Cugny)

Video Film Festival. Audiences will enjoy an evening of music videos, fun commentary and live entertainment. 7:30-11pm. chappaquapac.org

Spoken Word: New Rochelle Public Library presents *The New Rochelle Open Mic*. Local musicians, dancers, spoken word artists and singers will share their unique voices and talent. 3-4:30pm. nrpl.org

Music: Tarrytown Music Hall presents *Hollywood Nights*. This NJ-based band has set out to recreate everything about Bob Seger and his music right down to the smallest detail. 8-11pm. tarrytownmusichall.org

Music: The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents *Orpheus Chamber Orchestra*. The group was founded in 1972 by young musicians determined to combine the intimacy and warmth of a chamber ensemble with the richness of an orchestra. 5-6:30pm. artscenter.org

Music: The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents *Villalobos Brothers*. The group performs contemporary Mexican music with a blend of jazz, rock, classical and Mexican folk to deliver a powerful message of love, brotherhood and social justice. 8-9:30pm. artscenter.org

NEWS BRIEF

MUSIC SCHOOL GIVES LOCAL TEENS A VOICE

Young musicians aged 8-18 are encouraged to showcase their talents at Lagond Music School's monthly "open mic" performance sessions, which take place every third Sunday of each month in the school's performance space known as "The Haven." The space features a professional stage with instruments and sound equipment. Says Lagond director Rosanne Lana, the open mic "is a safe place to test out material and performance skills, and anyone can walk in, sign up and play." For more info, visit lagondmusic.org.

Music: Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse presents *Guy Davis*. Davis is a blues singer, guitarist and harp player whose mission is to preserve country blues. 7:30-10pm at Memorial United Methodist Church. walkaboutchorus.org

2/9 SUNDAY

Film: Emelin Theatre For The Performing Arts presents *National Theatre Live: All My Sons*. Broadcast from The Old Vic in London, Academy Award-winner Sally Field and Bill Pullman star in Arthur Miller's drama. 3-5pm. emelin.org

Festivals: Hudson River Museum presents *Lunar New Year Festival*. Guests will kick off the Year of the Rat with traditional Asian arts, crafts and demonstrations. 12-5pm. hrm.org

Lectures: Hudson Valley MOCA presents *Art History with A Twist: Sex in Art*. Artist and art historian Marcy B. Freedman will present a new lecture that focuses on the ways in which art confronts human behavior. 3-5pm. hvoca.org

Film: New Rochelle Public Library presents *Celebrating African-American Music Roots*. This screening of two documentaries will explore the last of the first generation of swing musicians performing in the U.S. and 20th century American gospel music. 1:15-4:30pm. nrpl.org

Music: Music at Asbury presents *Harlem On My Mind*. Singer and actress Julia Breanetta Simpson will perform a one-woman show that explores the influential time period of the Harlem Renaissance. 3-4:30pm at Asbury Crestwood United Methodist Church. musicatasbury.com

Music: PJS Jazz Society presents *Sage*. This all-women's jazz, blues and contemporary ensemble has appeared with Ray Charles, Denzel Washington and many others. 5:15-9pm at First Presbyterian Church. pjsjazz.org

Music: The Symphony of Westchester presents *Composers of the Future Concert*. This concert will feature the musical compositions of students



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who participate in the Songcatchers' after-school program. 3-4:30pm at Iona College. thesymphonyofwestchester.org

Music: Tarrytown Music Hall presents *Westchester Symphonic Winds Winter Concert*. Dr. Patricia Cornett, Director of Bands at Temple University will conduct a suite of works originally written for piano. 3-5pm. tarrytownmusichall.org

Music: The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents *The Westchester Philharmonic: A Sound Vision*. Rachael Worby will conduct as violinist Ray Ushikubo performs Bernstein's famed *West Side Story* score arranged as a tour-de-force concerto. 3-4:30pm. artscenter.org

Music: The Symphony of Westchester presents *Young Artist Showcase*. Concerto competition winners and student composers will be the focus of this showcase. 3-4:30pm at Iona College's Christopher J. Murphy Auditorium. thesymphonyofwestchester.org

2/10 MONDAY

Lectures: Color Camera Club of Westchester presents *Gina LeVay*. LeVay will discuss her career-defining projects and share the stories behind her images while talking about the importance of knowing one's creative process. 7:30-9:30pm. colorcameraclub.com

2/11 TUESDAY

Film: Bedford Playhouse presents *Monty Python and the Holy Grail Quote-Along*. A comedic send-up of the grim circumstances of the Middle Ages as told through the story of King Arthur and framed by a modern-day murder investigation. 7:30pm. bedfordplayhouse.org

Film: Tarrytown Music Hall presents *Jay and Silent Bob Reboot Roadshow*. Kevin Smith comes to Tarrytown to show his latest motion picture. 8-11pm. tarrytownmusichall.org

2/12 WEDNESDAY

Community: ArtsWestchester presents *Public Sewing Days*. Participants will pin and sew stripes or shapes for artist Amanda Browder's fabric sculpture, which will transform the façade of ArtsWestchester's historic building in spring 2020. 3-7pm at City Center at White Plains. artsw.org

Tours: Hudson River Museum presents *Farewell Tour of the Landscapes of Lynch and McElhinney*. Guests will experience the Hudson Valley landscapes of photographer Janelle Lynch and painter James McElhinney for one last time on a docent-led tour. 1:30pm. hrm.org

Reception: Neuberger Museum of Art presents *Spring 2020 Opening Reception*. There will be a reception for the works from each of the spring 2020 exhibitions, followed by an artist talk with Alfredo Jaar in the Purchase College Humanities Theater. 4:30-7pm. neuberger.org

Reception: Pelham Art Center presents *An Evening of Wine & Art*. Guests will enjoy a tasting and lecture by Laurent Drouhin, Export Director North America. 6:30-9pm. pelhamartcenter.org

2/14 FRIDAY

Music: ArtsWestchester presents *Valentine's Day Jukebox*. Audiences will celebrate with a romantic night of sultry jazz classics, featuring rising stars Samara McLendon and Lucy Wijnands, along with the John DiMartino Trio. 8-10pm. artsw.org

Music: Emelin Theatre For The Performing Arts presents *The Special Consensus*. This bluegrass band has achieved a contemporary sound in their four decades performing. 8-10pm. emelin.org

Lectures: Hoff-Barthelson Music School presents *Heaven, Hell, and Hollywood: Life and Music in Exile*. Guests will join the renowned pianist and lecturer Michael Boriskin on a revelatory journey back to a singularly heady yet fraught time and place, populated by one of the most extraordinary, colorful, and accomplished of all émigré communities. 11am-1pm. hbms.org

NEWS BRIEF

ARTSWESTCHESTER WELCOMES BOARD MEMBER ROCCO TOTINO



Rocco Totino

ArtsWestchester recently announced the appointment of new board member Rocco Totino, a partner at Grassi & Co., which specializes in accounting, auditing, tax, technology and business consultations. Totino specializes in advising companies within the food and beverage, retail, import-export and fashion industries. He is equally committed to his community and profession, having served as chairman of the Finance Committee for Westchester Country Club and as a member of the Westchester County Transportation Board. He has also served on the board of directors for several international companies.

Music: Tarrytown Music Hall presents *Chopin, Champagne & Chocolate*. Guests will celebrate Valentine's Day with a concert of romantic favorites, performed by Carnegie Hall pianist Katya Grineva and cellist Byron Duckwall. 7-10pm. tarrytownmusichall.org

Dance: The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents *Paul Taylor Dance Company*. The company has traveled the globe, bringing Taylor's modern dance repertoire to theaters and venues of every size. 8-9:30pm. artscenter.org

2/15 SATURDAY

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Music: ArtsWestchester presents *Country Love Song Jukebox*. Nashville-based singer-songwriter Molly Adele Brown will bring a night of country love songs. 8-10pm. artsw.org

Music: Smart Arts presents *The World Famous Harlem Gospel Choir*. The choir's rich harmonies capture American Gospel's true spirit. 8-10pm at Westchester Community College - Academic Arts Building Theatre. sunybcc.edu/smartarts

Music: The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents *The Manhattan Transfer*. The legendary quartet has been awarded 10 Grammy Awards and has been inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame. 8-10pm. artscenter.org

2/16 SUNDAY

Music: Lagond Music School presents *Kids Open Mic*. Young musicians aged 6-18 are encouraged to showcase their talents at this performance session, which takes place every third Sunday of each month in the school's performance space. 6:30-8pm. lagondmusic.org

Music: St. Thomas Orchestra presents *Winter Concert*. The program will include works by Mozart, Telemann, Vivaldi, Mozart and Bach. 3-4:30pm at St. Bartholomew's Church of White Plains. storchestra.org

Music: Tarrytown Music Hall presents *The Allman Betts Band*. Devon Allman and Duane Betts have joined forces to form this band. The show will feature new music from their solo projects, and classic Allman Brothers and Gregg Allman tunes. 7-10pm. tarrytownmusichall.org

2/18 TUESDAY

Film: New Rochelle Public Library presents *Abominable*. This 2019 DreamWorks animated film takes audiences on an epic 2,000-mile adventure from the streets of a Chinese city to the Himalayan snowscapes. 1-2:45pm. nrpl.org

Film: New Rochelle Public Library presents *Two Films for Younger Set*.

This family-friendly screening will feature two animated films, *The Bear* and *The Animal Train*. 10:30-11:30am. nrpl.org

2/19 WEDNESDAY

Lectures: Hudson River Museum presents *Teen Talk: Moving Eco-Activism Forward*. Teens will discuss environmentalism and what it means to young people today. 3-3pm. hrm.org

Dance: New Rochelle Public Library presents *Tap City Youth Ensemble*. The group will perform a show of classic and contemporary tap choreography that traces the roots of tap in the African-American culture and beyond. 2-2:45pm. nrpl.org

2/20 THURSDAY

Comedy: Tarrytown Music Hall presents *Bob Saget*. The actor has starred in many successful television shows, but he's also worked as a standup comedian for over thirty years. 8pm. tarrytownmusichall.org

2/21 FRIDAY

Music: Bronxville Women's Club presents *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

Reception: Hudson River Museum presents *Fourth Friday at the HRM*. Guests will explore the museum, the Glenview home and the galleries after hours. 5-8pm. hrm.org

Family & Kids: New Rochelle Public Library presents *Singer, Songwriter & Entertainer Zev Haber*. This children's performer will return for another upbeat performance of funny stories and songs. 11-11:45am. nrpl.org

Film: New Rochelle Public Library presents *Happy Feet Two*. This sequel to the Academy Award-winning animated smash hit returns audiences to the landscape of Antarctica. 1-2:45pm. nrpl.org

Music: Tarrytown Music Hall presents *Blue Oyster Cult*. For over four decades, this group has been performing classic hard rock and heavy metal songs. 8-11pm. tarrytownmusichall.org

NEWS BRIEF

A FABRIC DONATION FROM PANTONE COLOR FACTORY



ArtsWestchester joined artist Amanda Browder during her recent visit to the PANTONE Color Factory in New Jersey. Pantone donated a significant amount of fabric – and estimated 130 bolts – for use in Browder's *Metropolis Sunrise* sculpture at ArtsWestchester, a work of public art that will transform the façade of ArtsWestchester's building in downtown White Plains. For more info, see page A5, visit artsw.org/browder and follow #AWpublicart.

Lectures: Westchester Photographic Society presents *How it Gets Done*. Photographer Erica Génécé will talk about her process from inspiration to final photo. 8-10pm at Westchester Community College Technology Building Room 107. wpsphoto.org

2/22 SATURDAY

Dance: ArtsWestchester presents *Salsa Dance Party*. The evening will include a salsa lesson with dancers Nilza De La Luz and George Acevedo, followed by dancing and music by Westchester-based salsa band, The Carlos Jimenez Mambo Orchestra. 7-10pm. artsw.org

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PELHAM ART CENTER: 50 YEARS

Pelham Art Center (PAC) celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. Throughout 2020, PAC will look to the past, present and future, and asks its visitors to do the same. Its current exhibition, *Pelham Art Center: 50 Years*, on view through April 4, presents a timeline-format display of art, archival materials and memories from community leaders. In addition, an "Archive Video Project" will comprise interviews with people who made PAC possible as they recalling stories about the the Center's history, including the purchase of the gas station lot where the Center still resides and the first events held there. As well as a gifts campaign and "legacy gala," PAC will continue its programming – classes, camps, workshops and more. For more info, visit pelhamartcenter.org.

Amanda Browder's fabric sculpture, which will transform the façade of ArtsWestchester's historic building in spring 2020. 12-5pm at Sleepy Hollow Galgano Senior Center. artsw.org

Music: Emelin Theatre For The Performing Arts presents *Jake Shimabukuro*. Shimabukuro ia a ukulele virtuoso and composer who incorporates elements of blues, funk, rock, folk, flamenco and classical into his music. 8-10pm. emelin.org

Lectures: Hudson River Museum presents *Author Talk: Mary Calvi*. The journalist and NYC television news anchor will discuss her debut award-winning novel, *Dear George, Dear Mary*. 3pm. hrm.org

Dance: New Rochelle Public Library presents *Bokandeye African Dance and Drum Performance*. Bokandeye Dance Troupe and its students will perform the traditional movements and rhythms of Africa. 2-3pm. nrpl.org

Music: Tarrytown Music Hall presents *Elvin Bishop & Charlie Musselwhite*.

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee Elvin Bishop and Blues Music Hall of Fame inductee Charlie Musselwhite share the stage for a stripped down set of American roots music. 8pm. tarrytownmusichall.org

2/23 SUNDAY

Community: ArtsWestchester presents *Public Sewing Days*. Participants will pin and sew stripes or shapes for artist Amanda Browder's fabric sculpture, which will transform the façade of ArtsWestchester's historic building in spring 2020. 12-5pm at Kennedy Catholic High School. artsw.org

Music: Daryl's House presents *Singer Kevin Burt*. This free brunch-matinee show will feature Burt's smooth soul and blues. 12-2pm. darylshouseclub.com

Tours: Hudson River Museum presents *Farewell Tour of Thomas Cole's Refrain*. Guests will take one last look at Cole's series of Catskill Creek landscapes with an museum docent. 1:30pm. hrm.org

Music: New Rochelle Public Library presents *Harlem Blues and*

Jazz Quartet. This authentic swing band is formed by veteran musicians who have played with legendary jazz artists. 3-4pm. nrpl.org

Reception: New Rochelle Public Library presents *We've Come a Long Way Together*. This opening reception celebrates the images, sounds and artifacts that trace the origins of the Charles W. Dickerson Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps, A Harlem Blues & Jazz Quartet performance follows. 5:15-6:30pm. nrpl.org

Family & Kids: The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents *You & Me*. Switzerland-based theater troupe Mummenschanz will perform some of the its classic sketches with found-object masks and costumes. 3-4:30pm. artscenter.org

2/24 MONDAY

Music: Hudson Valley Music Club presents *February Mostly Morning Concert*. Soprano Yolanda Johnson will perform a program in honor of Black History Month. 1-2pm at Dobbs Ferry Woman's Club. 914-591-6851

Community: ArtsWestchester presents *Public Sewing Days*. Participants will pin and sew stripes or shapes for artist

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2/25 TUESDAY

Film: Bedford Playhouse presents *Psycho 60th Anniversary Screening*. This is a 1960 American psychological horror film directed and produced by Alfred Hitchcock, and written by Joseph Stefano. 7:30-9:30pm. bedfordplayhouse.org

2/26 WEDNESDAY

Film: Pelham Art Center presents *Alexander Rutsch Film Screening*. Guests will learn about the life and art of Alexander Rutsch at this gallery screening of *The Inner Eye of Alexander Rutsch*. 7-8:30pm. pelhamartcenter.org

2/27 THURSDAY

Lectures: Neuberger Museum of Art presents *Queer Icons: Pasolini's Perverse Religiosities*. This panel discussion will explore the issues raised by Pier Paolo Pasolini's film, which explores the filmmaker's homosexuality and his complex relationship to religiosity. 2:30-3:30pm. neuberger.org

2/28 FRIDAY

Spoken Word: Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *Fiction Reading with Pamela Paul*. Paul, who oversees books coverage at *The New York Times*, will read from her latest work. 7-8:30pm. writerscenter.org

Theater: M&M Performing Arts presents *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. This romantic comedy by William Shakespeare follows the misadventures of young lovers who are under the spell of mischievous fairies in a forest over the course of a magical night. Through 3/21. 7:30-9pm. lyndhurst.org

Music: Tarrytown Music Hall presents *Lotus Land & Awaken*. Two tribute bands will perform the music of Rush and Yes. 8-11pm. tarrytownmusichall.org

Family & Kids: The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents *Air Play*. The creation of Seth Bloom and Christina Gelsone, this show merges circus skills and street theater performance

art with the sculptural artistry of Daniel Wurtzel. 7-8pm. artscenter.org

Music: The Schoolhouse Theater presents *The Music of Joni Mitchell and Paul Simon*. Musicians Anne Carpenter and Peter Calo will perform the songs of two acclaimed singer-songwriters in an intimate local venue. 8pm. schoolhousetheater.org

2/29 SATURDAY

Family & Kids: ArtsWestchester presents *An Evening of Performing Families*. To celebrate Black History Month, four family ensembles will perform and discuss the meaning of kinship, tradition and the arts. 7-9pm. artsw.org

Community: ArtsWestchester presents *Public Sewing Days*. Participants will pin and sew stripes or shapes for artist Amanda Browder's fabric sculpture, which will transform the façade of ArtsWestchester's historic building in spring 2020. 11am-4pm at Pelham Art Center. artsw.org

Family & Kids: Emelin Theatre For The Performing Arts presents *Pete the Cat*. This performance is based on the book series by James Dean and Kimberly Dean. 11am & 1:30pm. emelin.org

Tours: Hudson River Museum presents *Another Look at "Self in the City."* Laura Vookles, Chair of the Museum's Curatorial Department, will provide a tour of the exhibition, which features a new painting by Norman Wilfred Lewis. 1:30pm. hrm.org

Music: Tarrytown Music Hall presents *The High Kings*. This Irish ballad group of four musicians creates fresh interpretations of traditional Irish ballads and introduces new songs. 8-11pm. tarrytownmusichall.org

exhibitions

Arc Stages | arcstages.org

- *Urban Suburban*. The exhibit examines how life in suburban Westchester is captured by three artists based on their own perspectives. 2/22-5/9. Times.

Greenburgh Public Library | greenburghlibrary.org

- *Randy Williams: Recent Works*. Williams maintains two careers, one as an active visual artist and another as an educator developing new methods of presenting the visual arts in Colleges, Universities and Museums. Through 3/13, 10am-5:30pm.

Harrison Public Library | harrisonpl.org

- *Personal Connections*. This show will include realistic works of art in oil, watercolor, pastel and pencil by Dorette Gerspach. 2/2-26. Times vary.

Hudson River Museum | hrm.org

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

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, Fri-Sun: 11am-5pm, Tues-Thurs by appt.

Mamaroneck Artists Guild | mamaroneckartistsguild.org

- *Abstract Explorations*. These artists will explore abstraction in their own voice and medium. 2/11-2/29. Tues-Sat: 12-5pm.
- *Young Artists on the Rise 2020*. This exhibition features a selection of artwork, in all media, from local high school students. Through 2/8. Tues-Sat: 12-5pm.

Neuberger Museum of Art | neuberger.org

- *Calder from the Collection*. The exhibition will feature early drawings and paintings by Alexander Calder that are housed in the museum's collection of 20th-century American art. Through 5/17, Wed: 12-8pm, Thurs-Sun: 12-5pm.
- *Subversive Prophet*. This exhibition will showcase the prolific work of Italian filmmaker, poet and writer Pier Paolo Pasolini (1922-1975), who railed against government corruption, materialism, consumerism and political and social repression. 2/12-5/31, Wed: 12-8pm, Thurs-Sun: 12-5pm.
- *Western Union: Small Boats*. Video installations by acclaimed artist Isaac Julien, made in 2007, address migration across the Mediterranean from Africa to Europe in the early years of the twenty-first century. 2/12-5/31, Wed: 12-8pm, Thurs-Sun: 12-5pm.

New Rochelle Public Library | nrpl.org

- *We've Come a Long Way Together*. Images, sounds and artifacts will trace the Charles W. Dickerson Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps' origins, members and its award-winning role on a national level. 2/1-28. Times vary.

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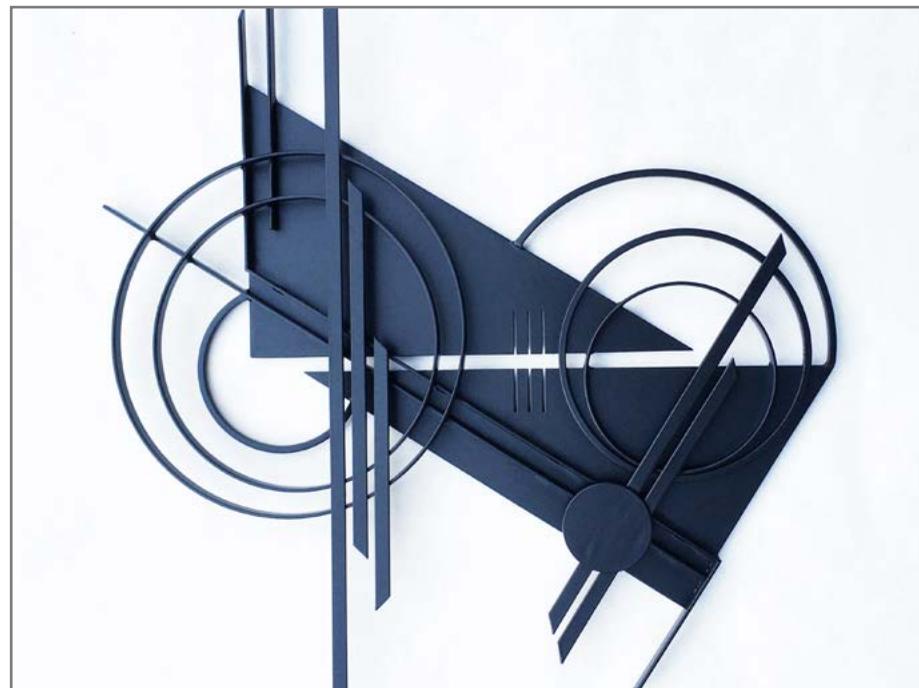
- *Group Exhibit*. This showcase features several local artists who work in a variety of mediums, including photography, oils, printing, watercolors and sculpture. Through 2/29. Mon-Sat: 10:30am-5:30pm, Sun: 11am-3pm.

The Rye Arts Center | ryeartscenter.org

- *PaperWorks: Paper as a Medium*. This exhibition features a diverse range of artists from New York that work primarily with paper as a medium. Through 2/29, Mon & Sat: 9am-3pm, Tues-Fri: 9am-7pm.

Westchester Photographic Society | wpsphoto.org

- *Out of the Box*. The Society's members will exhibit images of their photographic adventures. 2/14, 8-10pm at Westchester Community College Technology Building Room 107.



Wall Piece #2 by B.A. D'Alessandro, Mamaroneck Artists Guild, Abstract Explorations, 2/11-29

NEWS BRIEF

THIRD THURSDAYS AT KATONAH MUSEUM OF ART



Katonah Museum of Art

Katonah Museum of Art (KMA) has announced that it will be offering free admission to all visitors on the third Thursday of every month. These "Third Thursday" program was developed "in an effort to promote accessibility by removing as many barriers as possible to having art enrich the lives of all individuals." According to KMA's Executive Director Michael Gitlitz: "[The Museum] strives to provide engagement and education for diverse audiences." For more on KMA, visit katonahmuseum.org.

workshops

ArtsWestchester | artsw.org

- **Teen Tuesday.** Students aged 12 through 16 will participate in arts activities, including bucket drumming and photography. 2/4 & 2/11. 4:30-6pm.

Country Dancers of Westchester | 914-762-8619

- **Country Dance.** All dances are taught and accompanied by live music. 2/5, 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.

Greenburgh Arts and Culture Committee | greenburghartsandculture.org

- **The Kids Short Story Connection.** In six biweekly, Saturday morning workshops, young writers will participate in small, age-appropriate roundtables led by adult writers and facilitators. 2/29, 10am-12pm at Greenburgh Town Hall.

Hoff-Barthelson Music School | hbms.org

- **Master Class with Violist Nicholas Cords.** Students perform for, and then receive feedback and guidance from a master teacher who challenges the student to think in new and critical ways about the piece they've prepared. 2/6, 7-9pm.

Hudson River Museum | hrm.org

- **Printmaking Workshop: Honoring Black History Month.** In this workshop, visitors will create portraits of Black leaders in US history through a relief printmaking technique. 2/15, 1:30pm.

- **Teen Studio.** Led by artist Madge Scott, students will paint a cityscape inspired by the works in *Self in the City* exhibition. 2/21, 4-6pm.

Hudson Valley MOCA | hudsonvalleymoca.org

- **Life Drawing.** In this open drawing session, participants will find inspiration from the *How We Live* exhibition as they work from a life model. 2/27, 7-9pm.

Hudson Valley Writers Center | writerscenter.org

- **Creative Writing for Youth.** This class for students grades 3-6 will provide a space in which young writers can engage in open ended writing activities and encounter creative challenges that foster enthusiasm for writing. Through 2/25, 4-5pm.
- **Submission Sundays.** Participants will join Mary Ann Scott for two hours of insider information on where to send their best work. 2/2, 12:30-2:30pm.
For more Hudson Valley Writers Center workshops, visit writerscenter.org.

Mount Vernon Public Library | mountvernonpubliclibrary.org

- **Acrylic Painting with Artist Jim Williams.** Williams will provide hands on instruction on ways to look at art and self-expression with acrylic paint. Saturdays through March 2020. 2/1, 11am-12pm at the Library's Community Room.

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

- **Bokandeye African Dance Workshop.** Anthony Wooden, Director of Bokandeye African Dance and Drum Troupe, returns to the library for another series of free African dance workshops for children ages 7 and up. Saturdays 2/1-22, 11am-12pm.
- **Musical Instrument Crafts for Younger Set.** Children in PreK-Grade 2 will create their own musical instruments. Main Library Meeting Room. 2/20, 10:30-11:30am.
For more New Rochelle Public Library workshops, visit nrpl.org.

RiverArts | riverarts.org

- **Drink & Draw.** In this non-instructional event, participants will enjoy a fun night of drawing featuring live nude models. 2/6, 7:30-10pm at Brief Studios.

Ruth Keeler Memorial Library | ruthkeelermemoriallibrary.org

- **Valentine Crafts.** This children's workshop will celebrate Valentine's Day with some tasty crafts. 2/11, 4pm.

Sarah Lawrence College | sarahlawrence.edu

- **The Writing Institute: Register for Spring 2020 Classes.** These workshops give students an opportunity to present work for critique and offer constructive critiques of fellow students' work. Dates & times vary.

The Rye Arts Center | ryeartscenter.org

- **Music & Art to Warm the Heart.** Children will enjoy fun-filled activities in music, movement and art. 2/17-21, 10am-12pm.
- **Valentine's Day Pop Up Cards.** Children ages 8 through 12 will create handmade, custom Valentine's Day cards. 2/1, 10am-12pm.
For more Rye Arts Center workshops, visit ryeartscenter.org.



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