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Eddie Monteiro, Mark Morganeli and Valtinho Anastacio playing at Horan's Landing in Sleepy Hollow during one of Jazz Forum Arts's outdoor summer events (photo credit: Bob Plotkin)

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Dear Readers,  
Thank you for taking some time to read this June edition of *ArtsNews*. Springtime is finally upon us, and there is no better way for us to enjoy the warmer weather than by taking advantage of the wonderful arts opportunities from arts groups throughout the County. Our friends at ArtsWestchester, and the arts community as a whole, have continued to grow and change with these uncertain times, allowing us the chance to explore the arts from the comfort of our own homes. Recently, many of our entertainment venues have been able to reopen their doors for the first time since the pandemic. Please enjoy any of the programs offered by arts groups throughout the County that are highlighted in this issue, including:

- a calendar of affordable outdoor events (see page A6)
- a look at the many groups that are ready to #RestartTheArts (see page A18)
- new public art in Pelham (see page A24)

Spring represents new beginnings, progress and the start of something new, and we all long for the days when the COVID-19 pandemic is behind us. There are so many wonderful programs to discover in person and online right here in our own County, and I encourage all of you to explore the beauty of the arts. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
George Latimer  
Westchester County Executive

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## FROM THE CEO

by Janet Langsam,  
ArtsWestchester CEO

*Covid 19 Self Portrait, by Carl Zucker*

## Pursuit of Happiness

I cringed when I heard Russian President Vladimir Putin announce: “There is no such thing as happiness...it’s only a mirage.” Shocked as I was, it seemed to me to be the ultimate denial of three American ideals embodied in our Declaration of Independence – life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Somehow, as Americans, we seem to be totally comfortable with the symbolism of life and liberty, equality and justice for all. But talk about the pursuit of happiness and we become confused by its meaning. We are even unsure of whether we actually deserve to pursue happiness. Do we not deserve happiness or can we accept a life without some of the things we hold dear, such as the arts and music?

I am just a kid from Far Rockaway who grew up with sand in my shoes, far away from anything that remotely resembled an artistic lifestyle. Somehow, I happened to wander into a lifetime of supporting the arts. I readily acknowledge there are more knowledgeable constitutional-savvy folks who have perhaps opined on this subject. However, in this troubling time in our country, when our social and political future seem, shall we say, up for grabs, have we failed to acknowledge the pursuit of happiness as an important and actionable public purpose.

Our forefathers understood and codified the pursuit of happiness as an essential goal of a true, fair, independent and hopeful America. Yet in more recent years, there seems to be a growing discounting, and even demonization, of the value of intangible resources like the

arts. And, I don’t mean to say that the arts are the only measures of the pursuit of happiness. It may be wealth, or sports or something ornithology. At this moment in time, we have experienced a pandemic in which sheer survival was at stake. In such a crisis, can we afford to dabble in the pursuit of happiness or can we afford not to? Is the pursuit of happiness really the four letter word “hope”? Do we need it to survive?

Recently in my efforts to raise money for the arts, I was lectured by a young corporate executive in charge of foundation giving. As I tried to extol the virtues of the arts, she raised up her right hand and said with authority: “There are must-haves like food and shelter.” With her left hand raised, she countered: “Then there are the nice-to-haves, like the arts.” So, it has come to that—a struggle between the must-haves and the nice-to-haves. Someone please ask: Can man live on bread alone? During the past several years, we have become accustomed to the airing of Russian agitated rhetoric in our media and our discourse. Can American embrace the pursuit of happiness as something more than wealth that is worth preserving? Or, as Winston Churchill once said during World War II: “What are we fighting for?”

# Community Arts Organizations: Listen Up!

A Conversation with Emil J. Kang,  
Program Director for Arts and Culture,  
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

*by Janet Langsam, ArtsWestchester CEO*

The role and value of artists in our society has a new but trusted champion in the venerable Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Not since the storied WPA of the thirties has a major player in the world of ideas dedicated itself to elevating the work of artists in the community.

The conceptual underpinning behind the \$125 Million [\*Creatives Rebuild New York\*](#) program is to alleviating the unemployment and underemployment of artists so they are able to contribute once again to the economy. The statewide program will align itself with community

organizations that are seen by the Foundation as critical players in the economic growth of their communities.

The Program Director for Arts and Cultural at The Mellon Foundation, Emil J. Kang, envisions 300 full-time employment opportunities and as many as 2,400 guaranteed income participants as modeled after similar efforts in other parts of the country. Local decision-making will be an important part of this program for the full-time components in which the organizations will select those artists. The guaranteed income artists will apply directly to

Creatives Rebuild New York which will, at a certain point, become its own entity.

"We are looking for small to mid-size organizations across the state that are community-based in nature; that are not necessarily driven by product and output. We will be prioritizing organizations that are embedded in communities and are at the intersection between community development and the arts, as opposed to being traditional arts organizations."

"The foundation itself is undergoing massive change," said Kang, citing the current president Elizabeth Alexander's three years at the helm, in which she is shifting the foundation away from its traditionally conservative, historic legacy. "In our pivot during the past couple of years, we have actually made an intentional move toward the principles of equity and justice. That is driving everything we are doing right now."

Kang continued: "Creatives Rebuild New York is very

specifically tied to this moment in time, which is related to valuing artists as workers and as contributors to the larger economy. At the same time what we are doing here is acknowledging that community-based arts organizations provide the injection of dollars into the economy through the work of artists."

The spirit behind the program, according to Kang, is the idea that "artists contribute in ways that are beyond the transactional nature of arts consumption, which [she] think is a very limited view of the role and the impact of artists in our world."

So how do we create a work initiative that actually acknowledges the role that artists play with those organizations to spur on economic growth?

Says Kang: "We want to be able to show policymakers that artists are everywhere and not just in the places we think they are, like in the theaters or museums."

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for Arts and Cultural at The Mellon Foundation*

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**LUANGISA**  
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*Luangisa African Gallery will present a "Wakanda 4Ever" celebration in Mount Vernon, 9/4 (photo courtesy of Luangisa African Gallery)*

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# Music in the Air is back!

*As the sun shines and people (safely) flock to public spaces, the arts are reopening with in-person outdoor events throughout Westchester County. Music in the Air is a listing of free and affordable (under \$20) outdoor cultural events taking place in the County between July and September.*

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## ARDSLEY

The Village of Ardsley presents a series of five summer concerts that offer country, folk and other musical performances. Date(s): July 9, 17, 31. Location: Pascone Park. Contact: [ardsleyvillage.com](http://ardsleyvillage.com)

## BEDFORD

LawnChair Theatre and Rye Arts Center present an outdoor production of "A Midsummer Night's Queen," a musical Shakespeare adaptation incorporating the music of Queen. Date(s): July 31. Location: Bedford Playhouse Lawn. Contact: [LawnChairtheatre.org](http://LawnChairtheatre.org)

Town of Bedford presents a series of concerts for all ages, featuring oldies, doo wop and contemporary music styles. Date(s): Wednesdays from July 7 to August 11. Location: Bedford Village Common Park Gazebo. Contact: [bedfordreonline.com](http://bedfordreonline.com)

## CHAPPAQUA

LawnChair Theatre and Rye Arts Center present an outdoor production of *A Midsummer Night's Queen*, a musical Shakespeare adaptation that incorporates the music of Queen. Date(s): July 30. Location: Recreation Field. Contact: [LawnChairtheatre.org](http://LawnChairtheatre.org)

## CORTLANDT

The Town of Cortlandt Manor presents a concert and film series, which includes local food trucks, live band concerts and family movie screenings. Date(s): July 1, 8, 22, August 5. Location: Cortlandt Waterfront Park. Contact: [townofcortlandt.com](http://townofcortlandt.com)

## CROTON-ON-HUDSON

The Village of Croton-on-Hudson presents a series of family-friendly concerts, film screenings and a magic show. Date(s): July 21, August 4. Location: Senasqua Park. Contact: [crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://crotononhudson-ny.gov)

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### DOBBS FERRY

Jazz Forum Arts presents a lineup of jazz, R&B and klezmer concerts. Date(s): Thursdays from July 8 to August 26. Location: Waterfront Park. Contact: [jazzforumarts.org](http://jazzforumarts.org)

### EASTCHESTER

Town of Eastchester presents a Summer Concert Series that features outdoor rock and blues performances. Date(s): Wednesdays from July 7 to August 11 & July 16. Location: Lake Isle Country Club Driving Range and Garth Road Park. Contact: [eastchester.org](http://eastchester.org)

### HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON

Destination Hastings presents a series of jazz performances alongside local restaurants configured for outdoor dining. Date(s): July 10, 23, August 7, 20. Location: Veterans of Foreign Wars Plaza, 558 Warburton Ave. Contact: [downtownadvocate@hastingsgov.org](mailto:downtownadvocate@hastingsgov.org)

Destination Hastings presents the Hastings Jazz Collective and Special Guests. Date(s): Sunday afternoons. Location: Veterans of Foreign Wars Plaza, 558 Warburton Ave. Contact: [downtownadvocate@hastingsgov.org](mailto:downtownadvocate@hastingsgov.org)

### IRVINGTON

Irvington Theater presents Sunset Cinema, a series of outdoor screenings of classic music documentaries and concert films. Date(s): July 8, August 12. Location: Main Street School Lawn. Contact: [irvingtontheater.com](http://irvingtontheater.com).

The Irvington Shakespeare Company presents a free outdoor production of *Twelfth Night*. Date(s): Aug 6-8, 13-15, 20-22. Location: O'Hara Nature Center. Contact: [irvshakespeare.org](http://irvshakespeare.org)

### KATONAH

The Ground Glass presents *Abstractions: Part II*, an outdoor photography exhibit. Date(s): July 22 through August 19. Location: Railroad Crossing Fence. Contact: 914-582-0584. [thegroundglass.org](http://thegroundglass.org)

Village of Katonah presents the Katonah Art Walk, during which local stores and galleries open their doors for visitors with receptions, live music and more. Date(s): Fourth Saturday of every month. Location: Various galleries throughout downtown Katonah. Contact: [offeringsgallery59@gmail.com](mailto:offeringsgallery59@gmail.com)

### LEWISBORO

Lewisboro Playground Improvement Project and the Town of Lewisboro Parks and Recreation present Evenings in the Park, featuring live music, food trucks, and raffles. Date(s): July 10 and August 6. Location: Lewisboro Town Park Playground. Contact: [lewisboroplayground.com/events](http://lewisboroplayground.com/events)

### MAMARONECK

Emelin Theatre and Village of Mamaroneck present "Rise & Shine Concerts in the Park," featuring performances by a Broadway revue and an all-female Mariachi band. Date(s): July 28 and August 18. Location: Harbor Island Park. Contact: [emelin.org](http://emelin.org).

Town of Mamaroneck Recreation presents a series of evening concerts featuring a wide range of music, from rock to R&B. Date(s): Mondays from July 12 through August 2. Location: Memorial Park. Contact: 914-381-7865. [townofmamaroneckny.org/recreation](http://townofmamaroneckny.org/recreation)

### MOUNT KISCO

Mount Kisco Arts Council presents live music for the whole family. Date(s) every other Wednesday through 9/8. Location: Fountain Park. Contact: [mountkiscocony.gov](http://mountkiscocony.gov)

### MOUNT VERNON

Luangisa African Gallery presents Wakanda 4Ever, an outdoor celebration of community, culture and African pride. Date: September 4. Location: Luangisa African Gallery. Contact: [wakandacelebration.org](http://wakandacelebration.org)

### NEW ROCHELLE

New Rochelle Council on the Arts presents a series of music concerts and live performances. Date(s): Wednesdays from August 4 to 25. Location: Hudson Park Bandshell. Contact: 914-654-2087. [newrochellearts.org](http://newrochellearts.org)

LawnChair Theatre and Rye Arts Center present an outdoor production of "A Midsummer Night's Queen," a musical Shakespeare adaptation incorporating the music of Queen. Date(s): July 25. Location: The Armory. Contact: [LawnChairtheatre.org](http://LawnChairtheatre.org)

New Rochelle Council on the Arts presents a series of music concerts. Date(s): Sundays from August 1 to 22. Location: The Armory. Contact: [newrochellearts.org](http://newrochellearts.org).

## NORTH SALEM

Hammond Museum and Japanese Stroll Garden presents live music performances, children's programs, workshops and more. Date(s): Every other Saturday from July 10 through August 21, August 6 & 27, September 4 & 11. Contact: 914-669-5033. [hammondmuseum.org](http://hammondmuseum.org)

## OSSINING

ArtsWestchester and Bethany Arts Community will present two family bands that will celebrate the bonds of music, kinship and dance with Ecuadorian folk music and Mexican mariachi songs. Date: August 21. Location: Bethany Arts Community. Contact: [artsw.org](http://artsw.org)

Jazz Forum Arts presents a series of jazz concerts by acclaimed jazz trios, quartets and one quintet. Date(s): July 12, 26, August 9, 23. Location: Henry Gourdine Park. Contact: [jazzforumarts.org](http://jazzforumarts.org)

## PEEKSKILL

The City of Peekskill presents a series of concerts, children's shows and movies. Date(s): July 16 and August 13, Wednesdays from July 7 through August 4 & Mondays from July 12 to August 2. Location: Riverfront Green Park. Contact: 914- 734-7275. [cityofpeekskill.com](http://cityofpeekskill.com)

Cross Cultural Connection presents its 2021 Summer Jazz Festival, featuring free concerts. At Esther Street on Aug. 21 with Jazz Forum All-Stars and Houston Person Quartet. At Peekskill Riverfront Green on Aug. 22 with CC Pro-Am Ensemble, Sheila Jordan Trio and more.

[www.cccjazz.org/testing](http://www.cccjazz.org/testing)

Arts 10566, Inc. and the Town of Peekskill present the Feel Good Music Series, a series of inspiring free musical performances and youth enrichment opportunities situated right along the Hudson River. Dates: July 1-August 26. Location: Charles Point Park. Contact: [arts10566.org](http://arts10566.org)

## PELHAM

The Picture House Regional Film Center presents Centennial in the Park to celebrate its centennial year and kick off its second century of film and education programming. Date: September 17. Location: the park across from The Picture House. Contact: 914-738-3161.

[thepicturehouse.org](http://thepicturehouse.org)



Guests at Untermyer Park enjoying some outdoor entertainment in a past year's event (photo source: Untermyer Park)

## RYE

LawnChair Theatre and Rye Arts Center present an outdoor production of "A Midsummer Night's Queen," a musical Shakespeare adaptation incorporating the music of Queen, directed by Mat Young. Date(s): July 22-24. Location(s): Village Green and Rye Town Park. Contact: [LawnChairtheatre.org](http://LawnChairtheatre.org)

The Ground Glass presents "Abstractions - Part I," an outdoor photography exhibit. Date(s): July 26 through August 30. Location: Rye Arts Center. Contact: 914-582-0584. [thegroundglass.org](http://thegroundglass.org)

## SCARSDALE

Steffi Nossen School of Dance presents outdoor dance classes for parents, toddlers and children aged 3-5. Date(s): Thursdays from

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*New Rochelle Council on the Arts presents its Summer Sounds concert series at the Hudson Park bandshell (photo courtesy of NRCA)*

July 1 to August 19. Location: Greenburgh Nature Center. Contact: [steffinossen.org](http://steffinossen.org)

### SLEEPY HOLLOW

ArtsWestchester and the Village of Sleepy Hollow present two family ensembles that will celebrate the bonds of music, kinship, and dance with Colombian jazz and West African dance and drumming. Date: August 19. Location: Horan's Landing Park. Contact: [artsw.org](http://artsw.org)

Jazz Forum Arts celebrates Brazilian jazz with Mark Morganelli & The Jazz Forum All-Stars. Date(s): Tuesdays from August 3 to 24. Location: Horan's Landing Park. Contact: [jazzforumarts.org](http://jazzforumarts.org)

ArtsWestchester presents an afternoon of Ecuadorian music, dance, food and craft, along with family-friendly presentations on traditional Ecuadorian costumes and the indigenous Kitchwa language. Date: August 14. Location: Barnhart Park. Contact: [artsw.org](http://artsw.org)

### TARRYTOWN

Lyndhurst and Jazz Forum Arts presents eight evening jazz concerts by acclaimed bands and solo artists. Date(s): Thursdays from July 8 to August 26. Location: Lyndhurst Mansion. Contact: [lyndhurst.org](http://lyndhurst.org)

The Pocantico Center presents a performance series with performances by Chilean saxophonist Melissa Aldana and Colombian band Folklore Urbano. Date(s): July 13, August 3. Contact: [rbf.org/pocantico](http://rbf.org/pocantico)

Village of Tarrytown presents a variety of music including Blues, Rock, Country, and more. Date(s): Thursdays from July 1 through August 19. Location: Pierson Park. Contact: [tarrytowngov.com](http://tarrytowngov.com)

Jazz Forum Arts presents eight evening jazz concerts with acclaimed groups and solo artists. Date(s): Fridays from July 9 through August 27. Location: Pierson Park. Contact: [jazzforumarts.org](http://jazzforumarts.org)



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### WHITE PLAINS

ArtsWestchester, City of White Plains and White Plains BID present a four-day celebration of free and affordable jazz throughout downtown White Plains, culminating in an outdoor food and jazz festival. Date(s): September 9-12. Contact: 914-428-4220. [artsw.org](http://artsw.org)

The City of White Plains and ArtsWestchester present Night in the Park, an evening concert series that features reggae, R&B and other music genres. Date(s): Every other Thursday from July 15 to August 12. Location: Court Street (between Main Street and Martine Avenue). Contact: [artswestchester.org](http://artswestchester.org)

White Plains BID and Doug Panero present "Music in Motion," a program during which a band will serenade outdoor cafés and restaurants. Date(s): July 1. Location: Various venues in Downtown White Plains. Contact: [wpbid.com](http://wpbid.com)



Ballet des Amériques presents The Dancing Caravan "Peter and The Wolf" and "Dance Jazz Mosaic". A family experience for all ages. Date(s): September 11. Location: TBD. Contact: [balletdesameriques.com](http://balletdesameriques.com)

### YONKERS

Hudson River Museum presents its Summer Amphitheater Series, featuring an array of music, dance and theater performances. Date(s): Friday and Saturday evenings from July 9 to August 20. Location: Hudson River Museum Amphitheater. Contact: [hrm.org](http://hrm.org)

Untermeyer Gardens Conservancy presents Jazz in Paradise, an outdoor jazz performance with the Victor LaGamma Ensemble. Date: July 18. Location: Untermeyer Park and Gardens. Contact: [untermeyergardens.org](http://untermeyergardens.org)

Hudson River Riders presents free kayak rides and tours along the scenic Hudson River. Date(s): Wednesday through Friday through September 2. Location: JFK Marina and Park. Contact: [hudsonriverriders.org](http://hudsonriverriders.org)

Ridge Hill Shopping Center presents a variety of concerts, a pop-up artists market and family-friendly film screenings. Date(s): Friday and Saturday evenings from July 2 through August 28 & Monday evenings from July 5 to September 6. Contact: [ridgehill.com](http://ridgehill.com)

Barney McNabbs presents Summer InsaniaMania, a festival with four local hardcore rock bands. Date(s): July 16. Contact: [barneymcnabbs.com](http://barneymcnabbs.com)

Untermeyer Performing Arts Council, Inc. presents a diverse series of free concerts on Saturday nights. Performances TBD. Location: Untermeyer Park. Contact: [untermeyerperformingarts.org](http://untermeyerperformingarts.org)

Waterfront Live – Varied musical performances on nine summer Friday nights for the community at Yonkers downtown waterfront amphitheater from July 2 through August 26. Location: 71 Grant Street. Contact: [yonkersdowntown.com](http://yonkersdowntown.com)

# Everything's Coming Up Jazz



Guitar strings will reverberate and vocals will soar in the summer air once more. It's been a long road toward providing in-person live music for Jazz Forum Arts (JFA), but finally everything is coming up jazz. In June, the organization reopened its Jazz Forum Club in Tarrytown after an extended closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Now JFA is offering 32 [free outdoor summer concerts](#) for the 36th year.

Executive Director Mark Morganelli notes that JFA presented five free concerts last year in Sleepy Hollow, allowing them to keep intact a 35-year run: "It's exhilarating to be able to present our full palate of free outdoor summer concerts along the Hudson River again this year."

The concerts will be held at five different sites. Dobbs Ferry's Waterfront Park will host eight weeks of concerts every Wednesday beginning on July 7, when jazz singer Marion Cowings shows off her scatting techniques with her quartet. New this year is the addition of JFA's [Jitterbugs program](#) for children ten years and younger, which will be offered before each Dobbs Ferry performance.

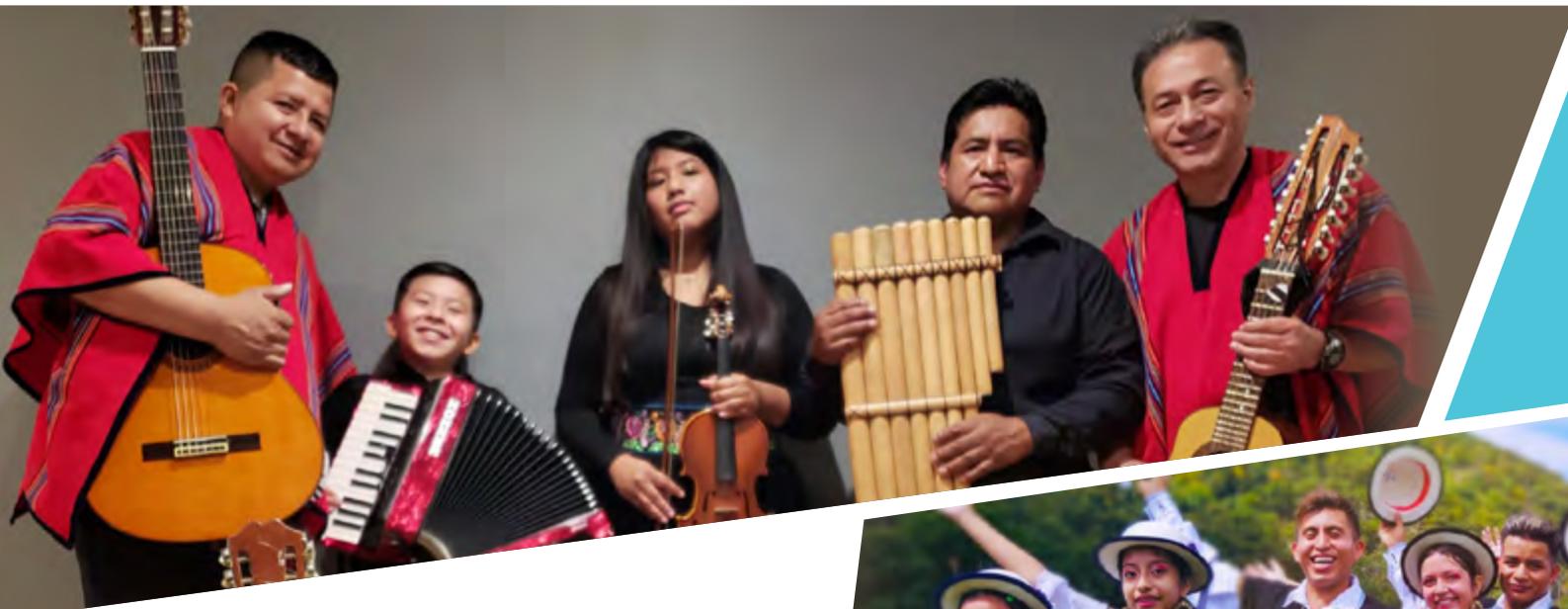
According to Jitterbugs Program Manager Isak Edblad, the Jitterbugs program was planned a year and a half ago and sold out, but went virtual because of the pandemic: "We are proud to have connected with so many families online over the past year, but we are ready to invite families to join [us] for a live, fun and in-person experience." While a full season will begin again in the fall, registration is not needed to participate in these summer classes led by Matt Buttermann.

Guests can catch Buttermann in action once his Jitterbugs hat is removed and his guitarist hat is worn proudly in its place. His quartet will play on July 30 at Tarrytown's Pierson Park with Ceren Yasaroglu. Also at Pierson Park will be eight Friday evenings of concerts, including Brazilian jazz master Nanny Assis, (August 20) and the hard-bop jazz quintet Austin Day & B-Side Five (August 27).

Eight nights at Lyndhurst form a lineup that includes Miami-based Cuban percussionist Mayra Casales (July 29), New Orleans vocalist Alicia Renee (August 5) and the premiere of a work commissioned for the 20-piece Anita Brown Orchestra by New York State Council for the Arts (July 26). Meanwhile, Henry Gourdin Park in Ossining boasts jazz pianist Hiroshi Yamazaki's quartet (July 12) and the soulful tunes of the Natalie Forteza Trio (August 23) as part of its four-show lineup.

Rounding up the summer is four evenings at Horan's Landing in Sleepy Hollow, at which Mark Morganelli & The Jazz Forum All-Stars will celebrate Brasil with Eddie Monteiro & Nanny Assis (Tuesdays beginning August 3).

## music in the air highlight



# Showcasing Ecuadorian Culture

by Steven Orlofsky



Photos: Top: Inti Andino, Bottom: Ensemble Inti Raymi (photo courtesy of the artists)

Sleepy Hollow, according to [recent census data](#), has a nearly 23% Ecuadorian population. Its neighboring towns of Mount Kisco, Ossining and Croton are also home to large Ecuadorean communities. Now ArtsWestchester and the Village of Sleepy Hollow are teaming up to present [Dia De La Cultura Ecuatoriana \(Day of Ecuadorian Culture\)](#). The August 14 multidisciplinary festival at Sleepy Hollow's Barnhart Park will showcase the heritage and culture of Westchester's Ecuadorian community.

"This is something that I don't think has been done anywhere in Westchester yet," said Diana Loja, community liaison for the Village of Sleepy Hollow. "For a lot of immigrants, all you do is work. For some of them, this is a thing that makes them feel valuable and supports their culture outside of that."

Aaron Paige, ArtsWestchester's Director of Folk & Traditional Arts adds: "We're working collaboratively with the community to create more opportunities for sharing Ecuadorian arts, tradition and culture."

Renowned Ecuadorean artist Cristobal Ortega, known as the "world's fastest painter," will lead a demonstration of his speed-painting technique and then answer questions. A lineup of other workshops look at Ecuadorian culture. Dance group Inti Raymi will demonstrate traditional Ecuadorean dances. Artist Dra. Pacha

Muenala will discuss the history and significance of Ecuadorean clothing and costuming. Local professor Atik Paguay will lead an interactive Kichwa language lesson. Accompanying a full music and dance performance lineup of and educational workshops will be local Ecuadorean vendors selling handmade traditional jewelry, crafts and food.

Loja explains that many performers in the local Ecuadorian community do not work as full-time professional artists: "They do this because they love the culture and they want to pass on a positive tradition to their kids and family."

Unlike similar past events that have featured Ecuadorian dancing and music, Loja characterized Dia De La Cultura Ecuatoriana as educational. "At the same time as you're having fun, you're getting to know more about the history, getting a little mix of everything. Unless you were already familiar with the culture, you [otherwise] wouldn't understand the culture, customs, clothes and other details."

Says Paige: "Through this and future programs, our hope is to slowly build cross-cultural understanding, public awareness and unity, thereby helping neighbors to break down barriers and learn to appreciate the knowledge, history, experience and diverse cultural heritage of Westchester's Ecuadorian community."



# Hudson River Museum's Amphitheater Series

New life brings new art. As society begins to reopen and live music becomes a thing of the present instead of a thing of the past, Hudson River Museum (HRM)'s [summer amphitheater season](#) embraces what's to come: music, culture and community.

This summer, Hudson River Museum aims to bring live entertainment to audiences of all ages and backgrounds to its outdoor venue overlooking the Hudson. In addition to a magician (July 17), a falconer who will show off birds of prey (July 10), a Pride-inspired mini ball with House of Eon (July 24), and a Tango lesson and performance (July 30), the lineup is heavy on upbeat and diverse music offerings.

Among the concerts is Cocomama, whose members hail from five countries on four continents, resulting in a union of talents that produces music with an optimistic Latin vibe (July 31). The Afro-Peruvian Ensemble supplies sounds of the Peruvian coast with a contemporary twist (July 9) while the core members of Unison all hail

from Westchester County (July 16). For a throwback, Daria Grace & The Pre-War Ponies give a platform to some "not-quite-hits" from the '20s-'40s (August 14). Closing out the season is the local Yonkers Philharmonic Orchestra, which will perform a selection of pieces that respond to the works and context of the HRM's "Wall Power! Spectacular Quilts from the American Folk Art Museum" exhibition (August 20).

For those who want to view "Wall Power!," an exhibition that examines the deep roots of quilts in American life, HRM will offer [free admission](#) to all guests on Friday and Saturday evenings between July 16 through August 28. A free planetarium show will be available to the public on Fridays evenings as well. All amphitheater events are free and first-come, first-serve.

*Photos: Left: Afro-Peruvian Ensemble, Right: Unison (photos courtesy of the artists)*

## music in the air highlight

# A 'Support the Arts Moment' in Katonah

by Mary Alice Franklin, ArtsNews Editor

The main strip in downtown Katonah is approximately a half-mile long. In the corners, passageways and outlets of that pedestrian-friendly saunter are small businesses that boast a mom-and-pop charm absent at most big-box retailers. The area is chock-full of art galleries: CB Gallery, Oak & Oil, the studio of painter Samantha Kaplan and more.

On the **fourth Saturday of each month through October**, these galleries and local businesses stay open late, until 8pm, for the Katonah Art Walk (formerly called Katonah Art Stroll), presented by the town's Chamber of Commerce (KCC). What ensues is an evening that whole-heartedly embraces the arts.

Just blocks away, Katonah Museum of Art kicks off each monthly event with an hour of free admission. As visitors then walk

that downtown half-mile, they encounter live music on the streets, artist receptions, outdoor exhibitions and open shops.

**Oak & Oil**, for instance, will exhibit the work of encaustic artist Richard Coico in July. Coico will give a live demonstration and discuss his work during part of the event. In August, the gallery will display a selection of works by several different artists.

However, it isn't only the art galleries that showcase local art. Melissa Dilmaghani, KCC's events committee chair, says that there is "real sense of collaboration and inspiration" in the planning of the event. Other stores find ways of incorporating artistic activities. The owner of Katonah Wine & Liquor happens to also be an artist, so he'll display his work in his store during upcoming Art Walks. Artists or musicians are sometimes stationed near other retail



stores that don't normally sell or display artwork but still wish to be part of the event. In fact, there are 20 stops listed on the Katonah Art Walk's summer map.

"It is a real 'support the arts' moment in that sense," says Dilmaghani.

A pop-up exhibition by [The Ground Glass](#) will be displayed on the fence by the town's train station in July and August. This is part of the organization's "Road Show" series. Ground Glass President Patrick Cicalo explains: "We started this outdoor concept when the pandemic closed galleries and prevented our regularly scheduled exhibits." The group will also have a one-day outdoor pop-up show with food, drinks and live music in July, hosted by the store Old New House.

Dilmaghani says that KCC is committed to including as many aspects of the arts as possible: "It feels like a different experience each time...Now

What ensues is an evening that whole-heartedly embraces the arts."

we are working with a renowned local dancer to pull off a downtown dance performance in August."

Meanwhile, within the town's gazebo will be additional music performances – New Jazz Underground in July; jazz vocalist Kristina Koller in August – and more pop-up art displays.

Explains Dilmaghani: "The Chamber's Art Committee decided that a rebrand and refresh of the event [from Katonah Art Stroll] would be a nice way to put the 2020 closing [of the event] behind us and only look ahead with a fresh take on it all."



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# Westchester is Open *for Fun*

*Westchester is bursting with arts and culture that residents and visitors alike can enjoy. Arts groups throughout the County have been working hard to #restartthearts with in-person and virtual exhibitions, workshops and performances.*



## Westchester Philharmonic to Perform at Untermyer Park

Westchester Philharmonic began performing in-person again last month. It continues its performance lineup when the Philharmonic's string quartet plays at [Untermyer Park and Gardens](#) in Yonkers on July 24. The program will include Dvorak's *String Quartet No. 12 in F Major* ("American") and Haydn's *String Quartet No. 32 in C major* ("The Bird"), *Op. 33, No. 3*. The concert will feature violinists Robert Chausow and Michael Roth, as well as violist Jessica Troy and cellist Eugene Moye.

*Westchester Philharmonic performs at Untermyer Park (photo courtesy of Westchester Philharmonic)*

## Hudson Valley MOCA's Peekskill Film Festival is Back

The [Hudson Valley Museum of Contemporary Art](#) is hosting the 2021 Peekskill Film Festival this year, a series of outdoor screenings on August 20 -21. The festival, which screens feature length projects, short films, documentaries and animated films created by local filmmakers, is back after postponing last summer's series of screenings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Live music, dinner options and group discussions will accompany the films.

## Take a Walk Along the Rye Poetry Path

Local poets Amy Vijayanagar and Iain Haley Pollock will present a public art installation that combines language with visual elements in Westchester. The concept will place 20-30 poems from a wide range of voices in three key public spaces: Rye Town Park, the Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, and the Rye Nature Center. The poems and project, which the poets hope to launch this summer, will focus on themes of community, conservation and social justice.



John Lloyd Young (photo source : johnlloydyoung.com)

### ***Jersey Boys* Star to Take the Stage at White Plains Performing Arts Center**

Grammy- and Tony Award-winning actor John Lloyd Young, known for playing Frankie Valli in Broadway's *Jersey Boys* as well as its film adaptation, will perform a selection of his favorite songs from the 1950s and 1960s at the [White Plains Performing Arts Center](#) on August 28. Along with some original tunes, Young will cover a smattering of nostalgic and cinematic favorites from Roy Orbison, Paul McCartney, Adele, Elvis and more.

### **Learn Latin Dancing in Ossining**

[The Ossining Library](#) will host a weekly dance workshop led by dancer/choreographer [Addie Diaz](#). "Let's Dance! A Celebration of Latin Dance" ranges across traditional Latin styles like salsa, bachata, merengue and cumbia, and leaves guests ready to boogie anywhere from the ballroom to the bar. The workshop will meet on Thursdays for five weeks from in the Ossining Library. Start date TBD.

### **Songcatchers by the Sound**

Songcatchers, a New Rochelle-based nonprofit, will host "[Songcatchers by the Sound](#)," a fundraiser at VIP Country Club, located on the shore of the Long Island Sound. Songcatchers provides children and families with music education, training and instruments in order to instill a lifelong appreciation of the arts. The July 22 event will feature cocktails, light fare and an auction. Acclaimed jazz pianist and New Rochelle native Joey Calderazzo will perform, accompanied by special guests.



Emmet Cohen will perform at ArtsWestchester on 9/10 (photo courtesy of the artist)

### **JazzFest White Plains Returns to White Plains**

[JazzFest](#) is back in downtown White Plains with a four-day in-person celebration of jazz from September 9-12. For its tenth year, the festival remains true to its roots, presenting jazz from a roster of established and emerging Westchester and New York City musicians that represent all styles of jazz. The festival culminates in the White Plains Jazz & Food Festival, held this year on Court Street.

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### Writers Center Presents First Post-Pandemic In-Person Reading

On September 26, Hudson Valley Writers Center will hold its first in-person reading since the pandemic. "[A Celebration of Local Authors](#)" will include three writers who will read selections from their work: Alan Winikoff (*The Weekend*), Lori Toppel (*The Word Next to the One I Want*) and Ira Rosen (*Ticking Clock: Behind the Scenes at 60 Minutes*).

### Socially-Conscious Dance Opportunities for Teens

New Era Creative Space in Peekskill will offer a series of weekly dance workshops for preteens and teens. "[Dance as Activism](#)" will focus on hip-hop, step and modern dance styles, encouraging students to collaborate with one another, telling personal stories through dance. Two workshops meet every Tuesday and Thursday from July 6 to 29.



Blonde Ambition, 8/21 (photo credit: John F. Kramer)

### Katonah Museum of Art Presents Summer Socials

The Katonah Museum of Art will host its "[Summer Socials](#)" outdoor concert series this summer, held annually in the museum's sculpture garden. There, guests can listen to live music while having dinner and drinks. On July 31, The Shaves will perform unique covers of songs in their extensive lineup. The band is known for covering and combining everyone from Beethoven to the Beastie Boys. On August 21, Blonde Ambition will perform a mix of classic rock, Motown and other modern favorites.

### Bedford Playhouse Tackles Big Issues

[The Bedford Playhouse](#) will continue hosting its Community Impact Series this summer, a slate of monthly events aimed at engaging the Westchester community in conversations about mental wellness, social justice and environmental issues. The series includes group discussions based on the Playhouse's screenings of documentary films, as well fiction and non-fiction literary selections. A screening of "Planet of the Humans," a documentary about the last half-century of the environmental movement, will take place on July 6.

### Emelin Theatre's Concerts in the Park

The Emelin Theatre and the Village of Mamaroneck Arts Council will present two performances in their "[Rise & Shine Concerts in the Park](#)" series, held in Harbor Island Park. The first event, "Broadway on the Sound," features Westchester resident Melanie Kraut and Broadway veterans Ryan K. Bailer (*Evita*, *Les Misérables*) and Arbender Robinson (*The Lion King*, *Book of Mormon*) on July 28. The trio will cover their favorite classic Broadway hits and more. On August 18, all-female Mariachi band Flor de Toloache, will play music inspired by the diverse cultural backgrounds of Cuba, Australia, Colombia, Germany, Italy, the United States and more.

## The Parking Lot Becomes the Stage

The Irvington Theater, in co-production with River's Edge Theatre Company, will premiere [The Parking Lot](#), a new play by Adam Symkowicz. Written during the pandemic, the play was intended to be performed outside for socially distanced audiences. The play, about a married couple that takes stock of their relationship during a long conversation in a parking lot, will be performed in the parking lot of Main Street School on July 17, 18, and 24.

## The Sounds of Summer in Hudson Park

[New Rochelle Council on the Arts](#) will present its "Summer Sounds" concert series at the Hudson Park bandshell on four Wednesdays this August. The series features local bands who will play a variety of music, from soul and jazz to R&B and Mambo. "Summer Sounds" begins with the Gentlemen of Soul on August 4, Ladies Day Jazz Ensemble (August 11), the Carlos Jimenez Mambo Dulcet (August 18), and rock band Sway (August 25).

## Taconic Opera Students Perform the Classics

This summer, the [Taconic Opera and the New York Opera Conservatory](#) will present two fully-staged operas performed by Conservatory students. Both shows will be performed in the Presbyterian Church of Mount Kisco's Great Hall. Four performances of Gaetano Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor" will be presented on July 6 and July 8-10. "Lucia" is known for its famed "mad scene." As the heroine loses her mind, she sings an iconic coloratura solo. Four performances of Georges Bizet's "Pearl Fishers" will also be offered, on August 10 and August 12-14. "Pearl Fishers" is known for its famed tenor/baritone duet.



Rush by Lesley Dill

## Rush to the Neuberger Museum of Art

The Neuberger Museum of Art will present artist [Lesley Dill's "Rush,"](#) a large-scale site-responsive work that originally premiered at the museum in 2007 before entering its permanent collection. The installation, which extends almost sixty feet wide and twenty feet high, is an enormous collage of hundreds of interconnected animal and human figures representing themes like meditation, death, love and transcendence. Throughout the piece are hand-cut letters, spelling out a quote by Franz Kafka. It will remain on view through the end of the year.

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Guinness by John Wesley

# Hudson Valley MOCA Tells Us How We Live

by Caedra Scott-Flaherty

***Hudson Valley MOCA*** (HV MOCA) is reopening its doors after a year of virtual programming. The museum, located in Peekskill and cofounded by Livia and Marc Straus, is widely known for its bold pieces that challenge and deepen its visitors' understanding of life and contemporary art. This new exhibition is no exception.

***How We Live: Part II*** is an expansion of *How We Live: Sculpture and Video From the Marc and Livia Straus Family Collection*, which was cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Most of the original sculptures from *How We Live* are still on display, joined now by a selection of new two-dimensional pieces.

In her online video tour, Straus explains that while the sculptural works refer to how we lived pre-pandemic; the two-dimensional works refer to how we are living now. The works refer, she says, “to the different strictures that we faced, our uses of technology, the need we had to be part of community, and the isolation within community.” But they are not just about the pandemic itself. They are a reflection of the past year in its entirety: the political upheavals, the moments of joy and levity, and the violence and turmoil in our country and abroad.

The new works on display range from 1989 to 2020. The artists are Mexican, German, Choctaw-Cherokee, Czech, Romanian, Hungarian, Canadian and American. There are landscapes, portraits, mixed media and

collage. There is acrylic and oil, and also an elk hide, knives, boxing gloves, rabbit skin glue and raw honey on linen.

Near the entrance is Sven Kroner’s large-scale landscape painting *Light Pollution*, which hints at long dark winters as well as loneliness, desolation and environmental destruction. Humans are there, but not there. The air is ghostly. “I think it’s always been about isolation,”

Jo-Ann Brody, HV MOCA’s Communications Coordinator, said of the painting. “But it resonates in a new way now.”

A.A. Bronson’s *White Flag #8* resonates in a new way, too. Though it is a 9/11 tribute, a reminder of the AIDS epidemic and a nod to artist Jasper Johns, the whitened American flag may also bring to mind the current violence against people of color, the whitewashing of historical pain and a national mourning for those who have been erased.



The Old Swimming Baths by Daniel Pitin

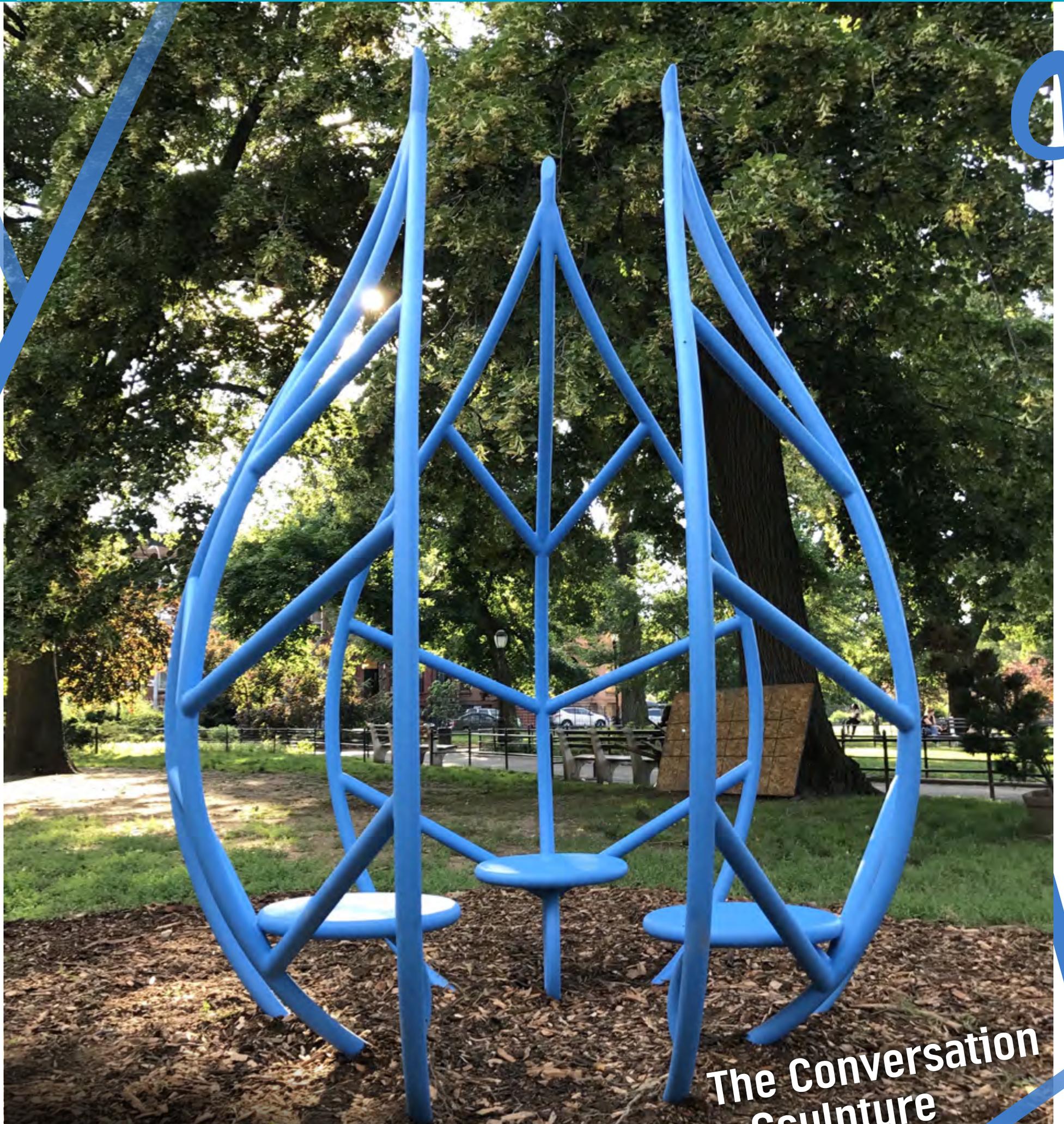
The most recently made work on display, MORIS’s *El dueño de todo*, is a mixed-media collage that draws on the history of art as well as the artist’s personal experiences living and working in a Cartel-run area outside of Mexico City. Objects found in his community hang from the bottom of the canvas—weapons, tools, ways out and ways up.

This summer, HV MOCA will present *Writing Off the Walls: Creativity in the Time of Covid*, a collaboration with [Studio Theater in Exile](#). Poets and

writers were invited to contribute original works that are inspired by the art in *How We Live: Part II*. Accepted pieces will be framed and hung next to the artwork in late July as well as posted in an online catalogue.

“*How We Live: Part II*” is on view both in-person and via a video tour of the exhibition led by Livia Straus through January 31, 2022.

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**The Conversation  
Sculpture**

*The Conversation Sculpture by Musa Hixson*

# Welcoming New Public Art in Pelham

by Mary Alice Franklin, ArtsNews Editor

“My goal is to create artwork that is not just *in* the space, but *of* the space,” says Brooklyn artist Musa Hixson.

His new public artwork, [“The Conversation Sculpture”](#) – a steel structure that resembles a nearly blooming flower – was recently installed in Wolfs Lane Park in Pelham. The structure encompasses three oversized seats that are meant to promote dialog and contemplation.

The temporary installation, on view through June 20, 2023, is part of [Pelham Art Center](#) (PAC)’s public art program. The Center’s Communications Manager, Michelle Costanza, says that PAC hosts three to six solo and group public art exhibitions each year: “In 2017, this program expanded [from our courtyard] to Wolf’s Lane Park as an extension of the our mission to provide free access to artwork for all.”

Hixson explains that he has done plenty of work in community parks and public places. This artwork was inspired by his observations on how people use these spaces – they relax, sit, exercise, walk their dogs, play and meet up for a chat.

The artist began the sculpture pre-pandemic. He explains: “Since then, there have been a lot of thoughts on how people interact in [shared] spaces. But at this point...people are looking to interact with each other again.” By having the enclosed seats face each other, the sculpture becomes what Hixson calls a “pod” for something as simple as having a conversation or lunch.

The sculpture is conducive to the park; likewise, the park is conducive to the sculpture. He hopes people will interact with it, just as they would any other park bench.

Of course, measuring nine feet tall and six feet wide, this is not just “any other park bench.” It is visible throughout the park, and to passersby on the street. “I’m hoping that as people go by, they stop and say ‘what’s that?,’ and that it adds to the color of their day.”

Speaking of color, Hixson reflects on his choice of the sculpture’s monochromatic blue color: “Most parks are green or brown, so the concept was to have something in contrast with the colors of the park, but at the same time match with the sky.”

Lately, says Hixson, people seem more interested in public space. “People are getting together outdoors more, and I don’t think that’s going away.”

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–Musa Hixson

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# Coming Up for Air

by Megan Thomson Connor

Poets of all ages and backgrounds are "emerging" — from the Kitchawan Preserve in Ossining to the bustling streets of Yonkers — reading their poems in short videos at various chosen outdoor locations throughout Westchester County. It's not pure coincidence. BK Fischer, the County's inaugural poet laureate, is up to something. The series of videos is part of a poetry project called "Emergence: Poetry Pop-Ups."

Says *Fischer*: "In this season of reemerging after a pandemic, this project celebrates the collective spirit of coming up for air."

The videos serve not only as a digital anthology of poetry-in-place throughout the county, but they also archive a historical moment — a moment during which the people of Westchester County are slowly coming out of their homes to take up space in public places once again.

The curated selection of poets, whose videos will be on view on ArtsWestchester's [YouTube channel](#), range from established professionals to fifth-graders at Washington Irving School in Tarrytown who are just getting their feet wet in their poetry practices.

"After all the stresses, restrictions and isolation of the pandemic, it's uplifting to get outside, put words to our thoughts and experiences, and share them with others," says Fischer. "Poetry is a great way to process and document what it was like to live through a time of great upheaval."

In the series, one poet reads next to the Old Croton Aqueduct, which nearly two hundred years ago ended an epidemic by bringing clean water to New York City, and now brings solace where another pandemic has

just waned.

Another video features a Rehabilitation Through the Arts alumna reading the poem of her friend who is currently incarcerated at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. She reads on the grounds of the Katonah Museum of Art, dappled sunlight streaming through the trees behind her.

Poets are "tuning in to a lot of different poetry channels," says Fischer. "Some are drawing on the images of romantic nature poetry, and others are tapping into the cadences of spoken word."

In addition to the [videos on YouTube](#), the public is welcome to participate in the project by reciting their own poem from an outdoor location in Westchester and uploading it to social media using the hashtag [#westchesterpoetry](#). The project is expected to run through Labor Day.

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– Poet Laureate BK Fischer

"Emergence" is in collaboration with Westchester Youth Poet Laureate Danielle Kohn and the Hudson Valley Writers Center, and is coordinated by ArtsWestchester. The series is phase one of a larger focus of Fischer's two-year tenure – a four-phase map project titled "Bring Down the Maps: Poetry as Human Ecology in Westchester County," which aims to bring Westchester poetry into dialogue with history.



Photos: Top: fifth-grade students Kelsey and Eliza from Washington Irving School, Bottom: a Rehabilitation Through the Arts alumna reads a poem written by Pamela, a resident of Bedford Hills Correctional Facility

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# TOGETHER A P **A** R T EXHIBIT PREVIEW

## REFLECTIONS

With the isolation and tumult of 2020, many people turned to self-reflection. Many of them evaluated their lives and priorities, as well as larger societal needs, through artistic practices.

"Reflections" is one of thirteen categories that make up ArtsWestchester's [\*Together apART: Creating During COVID\*](#) exhibition, which displays hundreds of works in all artistic disciplines that were created during the pandemic. The exhibition is on view in White Plains through August 1.



*Fog of Shattered Dreams*  
by Christine Knowlton



"I was drawn to a visceral explorative process by breaking mirrors and composing fragments over collage and paint onto canvas. This insular period provided space to look within, to act boldly and take chances."

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"My self-portrait was taken the day before my release from White Plains Hospital. It is the portrait of a COVID-19 survivor. COVID-19 took a huge toll on my body and my slow recovery included exercise and walking with my wife at the Rockefeller State Park Preserve."

*COVID-19 Self Portrait*  
by Carl Zucker

"In order to cope with Zoom meeting after Zoom meeting, I sketched the people on the other side of the screen."



*Queen Marie*  
by Monica Carrier

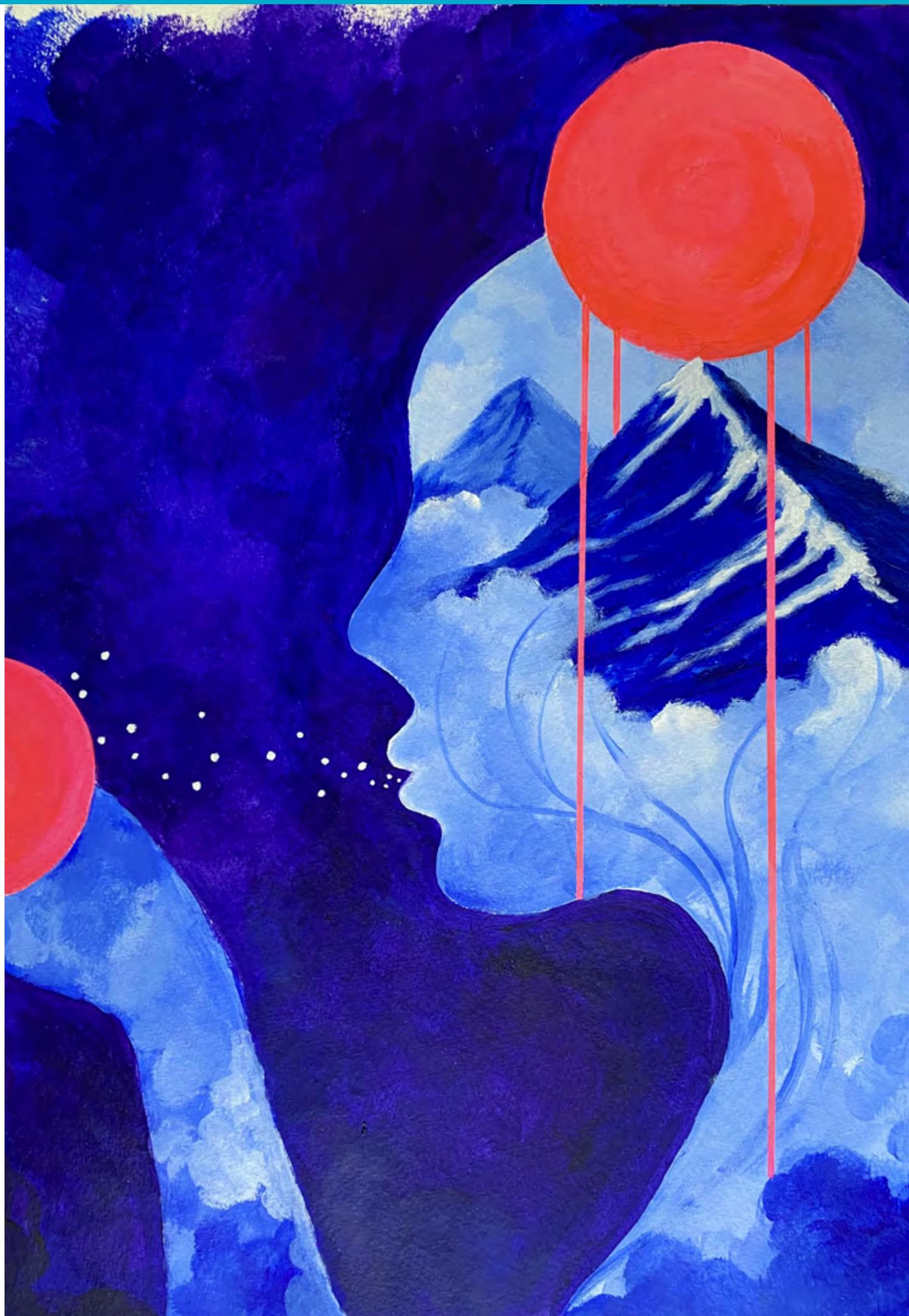
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“The viral global pandemic collided with the renewed pandemic of systemic racism in our communities... I continue to document the muscle of dissent so important to protecting our fragile democracy.”

"I paint a round, sometimes fragmented shape to depict the sun or moon in my abstract landscapes. This piece portrays my grounded self – that shape is a light, as something taken in and given out into the world again. What we give out is what we get, and vice versa."

*Beautiful Dreamer*  
by Beverly D'Angelo



## spotlight



# The Arts Are On the Move Again

by Remy Kuhn

ArtsWestchester's [ArtsMobile](#) is on the go once again. While the program was offered in the form of [virtual workshops](#) throughout the pandemic, the organization is now planning the in-person return of its colorful van to outdoor events beginning in July. Custom-fit with all types of art supplies, the ArtsMobile will bring free pop-up arts workshops to audiences of all ages at numerous sites throughout Westchester County. The hands-on visual arts, music and dance workshops will be instructed by professional teaching artists. Participants will have the opportunity to get outside, and engage and connect with others through creative expression.

Jessica Cioffoletti, Director of Arts in Education at ArtsWestchester explains that the aim of the ArtsMobile has always been enlivening community sites with art and sparking creativity in neighborhoods with limited access to the arts. It now also seeks to help reignite the spirit of the community after a challenging year.

Says Cioffoletti: "The arts are more important than ever by helping

individuals to overcome the stressors of the past year through shared and creative activities."

Cioffoletti says that new health and safety protocols will be implemented this season in order to provide comfort and protect staff, artists and participants. Masks will be required to participate in workshops and ArtsWestchester will provide them if participants do not have their own. Cleaning and sanitization will occur between groups, and more tables will allow for social distancing and fewer participants at each station.

"We are thrilled to have the continued support of our partners, White Plains Hospital and Con Edison, in bringing the arts back into our local communities."

Through October, the ArtsMobile will be making its way to local events, senior sites, summer camps and more, starting with a pollinators-themed activity at the TaSH (Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow) Farmers Market on July 10 at Patriot's Park in Tarrytown.

# Live Music Returns to **Tarrytown Music Hall**

by Rocio De La Roca

**Tarrytown Music Hall** (TMH) has long been a performance space for diverse musicians. However, like other venues, the historic theater had to shut its doors last year due to the pandemic.

"The Covid shutdown is the biggest challenge we have faced during my almost-two-decades as director... Our earned revenue disappeared overnight," says TMH's Executive Director Bjorn Olsson. Now, despite the prolonged closure, TMH is still alive.

During the pandemic, the theater focused on staying connected with patrons by offering as many programs as possible. Livestreamed concerts have been a resourceful method of providing entertainment for its members, and a chance for local and emerging artists to perform.

However, Olsson says that the online format does not compare to live performances. He explains that the pandemic reminded him of how indispensable and irreplaceable live performances are: "Performance art is a form of communication. When you are in an audience, you are participating."

Now the theater's curtain has finally gone back up. World-renowned classical violinist Joshua Bell kicked off the in-person performance season with a fully packed audience this past June. All audience members were vaccinated and were able to experience the performance without masks.

"It was one of the best shows we've seen in the theater. Everyone was so happy that music was back."

According to Olsson, TMH will continue to follow the safety guidelines that New York State issues. It is not certain whether any restrictions will remain after the state has reached the 70 percent vaccination rate, but TMH's concerts will be open to all audiences and health protocols will be updated as official guidelines are provided.

The theater has a lively line-up of shows and concerts this summer

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– Bjorn Olsson, Tarrytown Music Hall  
Executive Director

and fall. Audiences can look forward to an in-person concert by legendary English rock band Squeeze on August 14. Breakers will perform a tribute concert to Tom Petty (July 9); and Eaglemania performs hits by The Eagles (July 30). Other live tribute concerts will feature the music of the Grateful Dead and the Rolling Stones on August 8 and 13, respectively. Singer-songwriter Willie Nile, who has played with notable artists Bruce Springsteen and Carole King, will take the stage with special guest and singer-songwriter James Maddock (August 21).

Along with the pandemic ending, Olsson hopes for great performances, not just at the Music Hall, but at all arts venues in Westchester. He adds, "We could have a great performance arts year in front of us."

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## White Plains: NIGHT IN THE PARK

Court Street (between Main St. and Martine Ave.)  
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**ITAL RAIN REGGAE BAND**

Thur., July 15 | 7pm

**MCLEAN AVENUE BAND**

Thur., July 29 | 7pm

**BASE CAMP R&B**

Thur., August 12 | 7pm

*These events are co-presented by The City of White Plains and ArtsWestchester.*



## Sleepy Hollow

**DIA DE LA CULTURA ECUATORIANA / DAY OF ECUADORIAN CULTURE**

Sat., August 14 | 3–8pm

Barnhart Park, Sleepy Hollow, NY

**Performing Families: THE MAYOR FOUR AND THE PTAH-SHABAZZ WISDRUM ORCHESTRA**

Thur., August 19 | 6–7:30pm

Horan's Landing, Sleepy Hollow, NY

*These events are co-presented by ArtsWestchester and Village of Sleepy Hollow.*

## Mount Vernon: WESTCHESTER ROOTS

City Hall Plaza, 1 Roosevelt  
Square North, Mount Vernon, NY

**NATYA ANUBHAVA AND THE NEW YORK KOREAN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

Tues., July 27 | 6:30pm

**THE PTAH-SHABAZZ WISDRUM ORCHESTRA**

Tues., August 10 | 6:30pm

**JOMION & THE UKLOS**

Tues., August 17 | 6:30pm

*Co-presented by ArtsWestchester and the City of Mount Vernon in conjunction with the "Mt. Vernon Summer Breeze Series"*

**THE JALIYA KAFO ENSEMBLE W/ SALIEU SUSO & EBRIMA JASSEY**

Tues., August 24 | 6:30pm

*These events are co-presented by ArtsWestchester and the City of Mount Vernon.*

## Ossining

Bethany Arts Community, 40 Somerstown Rd,  
Ossining, NY 10562



**Performing Families: INTI ANDINO AND MARIACHI SOL MIXTECO**

Sat., August 21 | 6:30-8pm

*Co-presented by ArtsWestchester and Bethany Arts Community.*

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## 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](https://artsw.org/artsblog).



*The Mitchells vs. the Machines (photo source Netflix)*

### ***The Mitchells vs. The Machines (Netflix)***

As so often happens, the animated movies say it best. This movie is superficially (and hysterically) about the apocalypse brought on by overactive technology. An evil iPhone-type "Siri" voice designed by a human orders robots to destroy humans. Certainly there can be much learned from this lesson (as I enter this review on my iPhone). But then we are not embracing the humanity that this movie really conveys. The movie looks at the power of family, represented by The Mitchells. For sure, they're not a "perfect" family. In fact, they are as dysfunctional as most of ours truly are: father and teenage daughter tensions, the self-doubt of young people, and even the love of family pets are all addressed. Plus, the part I loved most: the power and fortitude of a mother to defend her children with all the strength to fight off anyone or anything that might cause them harm. There are laugh-out-loud moments for sure, so enjoy this terrific film on any and every level it meets your humanity.



*Screenshot of the virtual tour of Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge*

## Plan Online, Visit In Person

Westchester County Tourism & Film (WCTF) is helping its residents and tourists to discover all that Westchester has to offer. It has been putting together a series of virtual 360-degree tours for places throughout the county, including many arts destinations and cultural sites. WCTF Director Natasha Caputo says that "virtual technology and interactive visitor experiences are more important than ever for wanderlusts eager for new adventure."

Those interested in discovering Westchester can use their virtual visits to help them plan their summer arts outings before they venture out, planning online and then visiting in person. Says Caputo: "Now visitors, meeting planners, and anyone interested in Westchester County can view hundreds of local attractions from anywhere in the world."

Here are some of the many attractions included in this collection of 360-tours.

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## news briefs



### Westchester Theater Groups Receive Grant Support

The Alliance of Resident Theatres/New York (A.R.T./New York) recently announced the *recipients* of this year's NYSCA-A.R.T./New York Creative Opportunity Fund, which is a statewide theater regrant program. The Creative Opportunity Fund provides small New York-based theater companies that have annual budgets under \$500,000 with funding to support their work and organizations. Several Westchester groups were among the 46 recipients, including Westchester Collaborative Theatre, Youth Theatre Interactions and Studio Theatre in Exile. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's grants were for flexible general operating support.

### Applications Open: Young Adult Leadership Council

ArtsWestchester is seeking qualified youth to join its [Young Adult Leadership Council](#), which will take place October 2021 through May 2022. The Leadership Council provides young adults aged 17- 22 with career- and college-readiness skills through the lens of arts programming and administration. Council members apply those skills to plan, evaluate, attend, promote and develop ArtsWestchester's teen programming twice monthly. The Council will comprise of 15 youth that can serve on the Council multiple years for a maximum of three years. Application deadline: August 13 at 5pm.

*Photo: Young Adult Leadership Council Liaison Alyssa Monte (left) with some of the Council's youth participants at a field trip to the Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Bridge (photo by ArtsWestchester)*

### ArtsWestchester Wins \$50K Grant to Reimagine Public Housing

ArtsWestchester was recently joined by New York Congressman Mondaire Jones to announce a [\\$50K grant from National Endowment for the Arts](#) for the development of "A Plan for Arts & Culture at Brookfield Commons" in the City of White Plains. The federal grant comprises approximately half of the overall budget for the project.

Says Congressman Jones: "The simple presence of public art and arts programming can transform an ordinary space into a community with vitality and identity. With this federal investment, more members of our community than ever before will be able to engage with the arts right in their own backyards."

The project, a partnership with the White Plains Housing Authority, will reimagine public housing by both infusing the arts and involving the community in the redevelopment process.



*(photo: Karen Pasquale, senior advisor to White Plains Mayor Tom Roach; Janet Langsam, CEO at ArtsWestchester; Congressman Mondaire Jones; and Mack Carter, Executive Director, White Plains Housing Authority. Background mural by artist Nick Kuszyk.)*



# ARTSWESTCHESTER RALPH MARTINELLI MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

As the clouds parted on June 14, 30 foursomes teed off at ArtsWestchester's annual Ralph Martinelli Memorial Golf Outing at Wykagyl Country Club in New Rochelle. Sponsors, players and honoree Thomas Manisero helped ArtsWestchester to raise a net of \$100K in support of the arts. To view more images from the event, [click here](#).



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## WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8

Preview Event

12pm-1:30pm | Shah/Gomes/Belo  
Brazilian Jazz Trio (FREE)

White Plains Farmer's Market, Court St.  
(between Main St. and Martine Ave.)

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 9

12pm-1pm | Gabrielle Garo Trio (FREE)\*

Downtown Music at Grace,  
33 Church St.

## FRIDAY, SEPT. 10

12pm | Jazz at Noon: Anaïs Reno with  
the Pete Malinverni Trio (FREE)

White Plains Public Library Plaza,  
100 Martine Ave.

7:30pm | Emmet Cohen Trio (\$25 for  
7:30pm | \$40 for both 7:30 & 9pm)\*

ArtsWestchester, 31 Mamaroneck Ave.

9pm | Emmet Cohen Trio (\$25 for  
9:00pm | \$40 for both 7:30 & 9pm)\*  
ArtsWestchester, 31 Mamaroneck Ave

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 11

12pm-2 pm | Music in Motion, Jazz band  
procession in downtown White Plains (Free)

5pm-6:30pm | Carole Alexis Company / Ballet des  
Amériques: The Dancing Caravan (Reservations)

White Plains Plaza, 1 N Broadway

7:30pm | Performer TBA\*

(\$25 for 7:00pm | \$40 for both 7:30 & 9pm)

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9pm | Performer TBA\*

(\$25 for 9:00pm | \$40 for both 7:30 & 9pm)

ArtsWestchester, 31 Mamaroneck Ave.

\*This performance will take place indoors in accordance  
with NY state and local health department guidelines.

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 12:

1pm-6:30pm | White Plains Jazz & Food  
Festival (\$25; \$15)

Court Street (between Main St. and Martine Ave.)

1-1:45pm | Westchester Center for Jazz  
& Contemporary Music

2:05-2:55pm | Gilberto Colón Jr. &  
Ensalada De Pulpo

3:15-4:05pm | Erena Terakubo Quartet

4:25-5:15pm | Kotoko Brass

5:35-6:30pm | Ray Blue Quartet with  
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## upcoming virtual and in-person arts activities



*The Shaves will perform at Katonah Museum of Art, 8/31 (photo source: shavesmusic.com)*

### 7/1 THURSDAY

**Music:** Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts presents *Callisto Quartet*. Caramoor's 2020–21 Ernst Stiefel String Quartet-in-Residence will perform works by Haydn, Beethoven and the world premiere of a commission by Saad Haddad. 7-8:30pm at Caramoor's Venetian Theater. [caramoor.org](http://caramoor.org)

### 7/2 FRIDAY

**Music In The Air:** Ridge Hill Shopping Center presents *Music*

*in the Streets*. This outdoor concert series will feature rock, funk, blues and soul performances. Held on Fridays through 8/27. 6-8pm at Fountain Plaza. [ridgehill.com](http://ridgehill.com)

**Music:** Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts presents *The Briana Thomas Band*. This in-person concert, presented in collaboration with Jazz at Lincoln Center, will pay homage to and celebrate Ella Fitzgerald and the wide scope of her repertoire and instrument. 8-9:30pm at Caramoor's Venetian Theater. [caramoor.org](http://caramoor.org)

**Music:** Katonah Chamber of Commerce presents *Katonah Nights*. This program will include live outdoor music every Friday, alternating art pop-ups and more at the gazebo across from Jay Street Cafe. Through 8/27, 5-7pm. [katonahchamber.org](http://katonahchamber.org)

### 7/3 SATURDAY

**Music In The Air:** Ridge Hill Shopping Center presents *Artist's Market*. This pop-up outdoor artists market will include original works, from paintings to jewelry,

with live music performances. Held on Saturdays through 8/28. 1-7pm. [ridgehill.com](http://ridgehill.com)

### 7/5 MONDAY

**Music In The Air:** Ridge Hill Shopping Center presents *Movies on the Lawn*. This outdoor film series will screen various films TBD. Held on Mondays through 9/6. [ridgehill.com](http://ridgehill.com)

### 7/7 WEDNESDAY

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Marion Cowings Quartet*. The jazz singer is a

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master of scat and vocal technique with a smooth baritone voice. 6:30-8pm at Waterfront Park. Part of the Dobbs Ferry Summer Music Series. [jazzforumarts.org](http://jazzforumarts.org)

### 7/8 THURSDAY

**Music:** Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts presents *Amjad Ali Khan & Sharon Isbin*. These musicians will perform *Strings for Peace* in the spirit of sharing the unique treasures of their own musical traditions while also finding common ground in Ragas and Medieval modes. 7-8:30pm. [caramoor.org](http://caramoor.org)

**Music In The Air:** Irvington Theater presents *Sunset Cinema: "Amazing Grace."* This outdoor film series will screen a documentary about the making of Aretha Franklin's gospel album. 7:30-10:30pm at on the Main Street School Lawn. [irvingtontheater.com](http://irvingtontheater.com)

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Ed Cherry T-Man Trio*. The guitarist and his band will perform live jazz. 6:30-8pm at Lyndhurst. Part of the Sunset Jazz at Lyndhurst Concert Series. [Jazzforumarts.org](http://Jazzforumarts.org)

### 7/9 FRIDAY

**Music In The Air:** Hudson River Museum presents *Afro-Peruvian Ensemble*. This ensemble will bring the sounds of the Peruvian coast with a contemporary treatment that

is rooted in rich tradition. Part of the Summer Amphitheater Series. 8pm at the museum's Amphitheater. [hrm.org](http://hrm.org)

**Music:** Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts presents *Douglas J. Cuomo's "Seven Limbs"*. Guitarist Nels Cline and Grammy-nominated Aizuri Quartet

will perform a piece that is based on the Seven Limbs, a fundamental Tibetan Buddhist practice of purification. 8-9:30pm. [caramoor.org](http://caramoor.org)

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Neal Spitzer & Friends*. The baritone saxophonist will perform. 6:30-8pm at Pierson Park, Tarrytown. Part of the Jazz at Pierson Park series. [jazzforumarts.org](http://jazzforumarts.org)

### 7/10 SATURDAY

**Music In The Air:** Hudson River Museum presents *Skyhunters in Flight*. Master falconer Brian Bradley will present a demonstration with owls, hawks and falcons from around the world. Part of the HRM Summer Amphitheater Series. 8pm at the museum's Amphitheater. [hrm.org](http://hrm.org)

**Reception:** Pelham Art Center presents *Opening: Student Exhibition*. This annual exhibition features new work created within the past year by the Center's talented students. 2-4pm. [pelhamartcenter.org](http://pelhamartcenter.org)

**Music:** White Plains Performing Arts Center presents *Rock 'N' Radio*. An evening of the biggest pop songs of all time, from works by Frank Sinatra to Lady Gaga and Adele. 8pm. [wppac.com](http://wppac.com)

**Ongoing/workshop:** Center for the Digital Arts, Peekskill Extension presents *Architectural History Tour of Newburgh*. This day-long walking tour will include a visit to Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site, the Crawford House Museum and a tour of Newburgh's



Nikara Warren will perform at Ridge Hill Shopping Center on 8/13 (photo source: [facebook.com/nikarawarren](https://facebook.com/nikarawarren))

many other iconic buildings.  
10am-4pm. [sunywcc.edu/peekskill](http://sunywcc.edu/peekskill)

**7/11 SUNDAY**

**Music In The Air:** Scarsdale Business Alliance presents *Intuition Quartet*. This group will perform vocals and instrumentals of originals, blues, bossa nova, light jazz, r&b and pop. 12-2:15pm at Scarsdale Village Center. [scarsdalebusinessalliance.com](http://scarsdalebusinessalliance.com)

**Lectures:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *Uses of Contemporary Poetry Generative Workshop on Zoom*. This workshop is designed to engage participants with contemporary poets, many of whom are writers of color, and their different strategies to generate new work. 12:30-4:30pm. [writerscenter.org](http://writerscenter.org)

**7/12 MONDAY**

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Hiroshi Yamazaki*

**Quartet.** The Japanese pianist will perform. 6:30-8pm at Henry Gourdine Park, Ossining. Part of the Jazz at Henry Gourdine Park series. [jazzforumarts.org](http://jazzforumarts.org)

**7/14 WEDNESDAY**

**Spoken Word:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *An Evening with Copper Canyon Poets Ellen Bass & Arthur Sze on Zoom*. This virtual reading will feature recent poetry works. 7-8:30pm. [writerscenter.org](http://writerscenter.org)

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *ZT Amplifiers Artist Showcase*. This quintet is based on the 1970s supergroup founded by Barney Kessel called The Great Guitars. 6:30-8pm at Waterfront Park. Part of the Dobbs Ferry Summer Music Series. [jazzforumarts.org](http://jazzforumarts.org)

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### 7/15 THURSDAY

**Music:** Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts presents *Conrad Tao, piano*. Tao will make his solo recital debut with works by Bach, Jason Eckhardt and Schumann. 7-8:30pm. [caramoor.org](http://caramoor.org)

#### **Music In The Air:**

ArtsWestchester and the City of White Plains present *Night in the Park: Ital Rain Reggae Band*. This band performs reggae from Bob Marley, Vybz Kartel and others. 7-8:15pm Court Street (between Main St. and Martine Ave.) in White Plains. Part of ArtsWestchester's Westchester Roots summer concert series. [artsw.org](http://artsw.org)

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Kristen Lee Sergeant Quartet feat. Ted Nash*. Lee Sergeant is a jazz vocalist and composer. 6:30-8pm at Lyndhurst.

Part of the Sunset Jazz at Lyndhurst Concert Series. [jazzforumarts.org](http://jazzforumarts.org)

### 7/16 FRIDAY

**Music In The Air:** Hudson River Museum presents *The New Way*. The four-member band members will perform a range of covers as well as original music. 8pm at the museum's Amphitheater. [hrm.org](http://hrm.org)

**Spoken Word:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *Open Mic (via Zoom)*. This virtual event will provide an opportunity to share talents in a comfortable space. 7:30-9:30pm. [writerscenter.org](http://writerscenter.org)

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Joe Magnarelli Quartet feat. Akiko Tsuruga*. Magnarelli, a trumpeter, composer and educator, will perform an outdoor concert. 6:30-8pm at Pierson Park, Tarrytown. Part of the "Jazz at Pierson Park" series. [jazzforumarts.org](http://jazzforumarts.org)

### 7/17 SATURDAY

**Lectures:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *Plot Prose Intensive with Monica Ferrell via Zoom*. This virtual craft class will provide strategies to enliven and deepen fictional plots. 12:30-2:30pm. [writerscenter.org](http://writerscenter.org)

**Music In The Air:** Hudson River Museum presents *Mind Reading Under the Stars*. Magician Andy Gershenzon will perform. 8pm at the museum's Amphitheater. Part of the HRM Summer Amphitheater Series. [hrm.org](http://hrm.org)

**Music In The Air:** Irvington Theater presents *The Parking Lot*. This new outdoor play, written by playwright Adam Szymkowitz, will explore what it means to love and be loved, even when opposing forces are at play. Also 7/18 & 7/24. 8-10pm at in the parking lot and the lawn behind Main Street School in Irvington. [irvingtontheater.com](http://irvingtontheater.com)

### 7/18 SUNDAY

**Music In The Air:** Untermyer Gardens Conservancy presents *Jazz in Paradise*. The Victor LaGamma Ensemble will bring jazz to the garden. 5:30pm. Part of the Minnie Untermyer Concert Series. [untermyergardens.org](http://untermyergardens.org)

### 7/19 MONDAY

**Lectures:** Color Camera Club of Westchester presents *Danial Skwarna Presents Dwellers of Sonoran Desert*. "Desert Dweller" is a personal documentary project that explores the squatter community of Slab City, a WWII marine base in the Sonoran Desert, California. 7:30-9:30pm via Zoom. [cccw.clubexpress.com](http://cccw.clubexpress.com)

### 7/21 WEDNESDAY

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Sylvia Cuenca*

*Quartet*. Cuenca is an active drummer on the New York jazz scene. 6:30-8pm at Waterfront Park. Part of the Dobbs Ferry Summer Music Series. [jazzforumarts.org](http://jazzforumarts.org)

### 7/22 THURSDAY

**Music In The Air:** LawnChair Theatre and Rye Arts Center present *Outdoor Performance of "A Midsummer Night's Queen"*. This musical Shakespeare adaptation will incorporate the music of Queen. 6:30-9:30pm at Village Green, Rye. [lawnchairtheatre.org](http://lawnchairtheatre.org)

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Justin Robinson Quartet*. Robinson is a saxophonist who is influenced by Charlie Parker and Jackie McLean. 6:30-8pm at Lyndhurst. Part of the Sunset Jazz at Lyndhurst Concert Series. [jazzforumarts.org](http://jazzforumarts.org)

### 7/23 FRIDAY

**Music In The Air:** Hudson River Museum presents *Charlie Lagond & Friends*. The musicians will perform soulful songs by Marvin Gaye, Paul Simon, Stevie Wonder and more. 8pm at the museum's Amphitheater. Part of the HRM Summer Amphitheater Series. [hrm.org](http://hrm.org)

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Ashley Pezzotti Quartet*. The 23-year-old musician has performed with renowned artists such as Wynton Marsalis. 6:30-8pm at Pierson Park, Tarrytown. Part of the Jazz at Pierson Park series. [jazzforumarts.org](http://jazzforumarts.org)

**Music In The Air:** LawnChair Theatre and Rye Arts Center present *Outdoor Performance of "A Midsummer Night's Queen"*. This musical Shakespeare adaptation will incorporate the music of Queen. Also 7/24. 6:30-9:30pm at Rye Town Park. [lawnchairtheatre.org](http://lawnchairtheatre.org)



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Untermyer Gardens Conservancy presents *Jazz in Paradise*, featuring the Victor LaGamma Ensemble, 7/18 (photo source: alvinandfriendsrestaurant.com)

## 7/24 SATURDAY

**Lectures:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *One Day Memoir Workshop with Susan Hodara via Zoom*. This four-hour class will offer a supportive environment to discuss memoir writing, writing in class and sharing for constructive feedback. 12:30-4:30pm. [writerscenter.org](http://writerscenter.org)

**Lectures:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *Write an Electric Ten-Minute Play with Barbara Blatner via Zoom*. Participants will write a new ten-minute play and work on a new ten-page scene from a longer piece. 12:30-4:30pm. [writerscenter.org](http://writerscenter.org)

**Theater:** White Plains Performing Arts Center presents *The Spouse Whisperer*. Award-winning comedian Mark Cordes will deliver his critically acclaimed one-man show. 8-9:45pm. [wppac.com](http://wppac.com)

**Music In The Air:** Hudson River Museum presents *Museum Mini*

*Ball with the House of Eon*. House of Eon brings vogue, complete with a DJ, commentator, vogue categories and more. 8pm at the museum's Amphitheater. Part of the HRM Summer Amphitheater Series. [hrm.org](http://hrm.org)

## 7/25 SUNDAY

**Spoken Word:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *First Moves, Last Moves: A Poetry Craft Class with Rebecca Morgan Frank*. Participants will read, discuss and write different modes of first and last lines in poems. 12:30-4:30pm via Zoom. [writerscenter.org](http://writerscenter.org)

**Music In The Air:** LawnChair Theatre and Rye Arts Center present *Outdoor Performance of "A Midsummer Night's Queen"*. This musical Shakespeare adaptation will incorporate the music of Queen. 6:30-9:30pm at The Armory, New Rochelle. [LawnChairtheatre.org](http://LawnChairtheatre.org)

## 7/26 MONDAY

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Anita Brown Jazz Orchestra*. This 17-piece ensemble employs some of the finest players in New York. 6:30-8pm at Lyndhurst. Part of the Sunset Jazz at Lyndhurst concert series. [jazzforumarts.org](http://jazzforumarts.org)

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Leonieke Scheuble Generations of Jazz Quintet feat. Bill Crow*. Scheuble is a gifted pianist and jazz organist who has a rare talent for blues and jazz improvisation at an unusually young age. 6:30-8pm at Henry Gourdin Park, Ossining. Part of the Jazz at Henry Gourdin Park series. [jazzforumarts.org](http://jazzforumarts.org)

## 7/27 TUESDAY

**Music In The Air:** ArtsWestchester and the City of Mount Vernon present *Natya Anubhava & The New York Korean Performing Arts Center*. This

performance features South Indian and Korean dance. 6:30pm at City Hall Plaza Mount Vernon. Part of ArtsWestchester's Westchester Roots summer concert series. [artsw.org](http://artsw.org)

## 7/28 WEDNESDAY

**Music In The Air:** Emelin Theatre and Village of Mamaroneck presents *Rise & Shine Concerts in the Park*. This outdoor concert will feature Westchester's own Melanie Kraut, as she and Broadway guest Ryan Bailer and her band perform Broadway favorites and more. 7pm at Mamaroneck's Harbor Island Park. [emelin.org](http://emelin.org)

**Spoken Word:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *An Evening with Silvina López Medin, Jennifer Militello, and Jennifer Stewart Miller on Zoom*. A virtual reading by award-winning poets. 7-8:30pm. [writerscenter.org](http://writerscenter.org)

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*Flor de Toloache* will perform on 8/18 as part of the "Rise and Shine" concert series presented by Emelin Theater and the Village of Mamaroneck (photo source: mariachinyc.com)

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Ed Bettinelli & The Hudson River Cats*. The funk trio combines R&B, funk, soul, and jazz. 6:30-8pm at Waterfront Park. Part of the Dobbs Ferry Summer Music Series. [jazzforumarts.org](http://jazzforumarts.org)

### 7/29 THURSDAY

**Music In The Air:** ArtsWestchester and the City of White Plains present *Night in the Park: Mclean Avenue Band*. The group combines traditional

Irish ballads with elements of rock, pop and R&B. 7-8:15pm Court Street (between Main St. and Martine Ave.) in White Plains. Part of ArtsWestchester's Westchester Roots summer concert series. [artsw.org](http://artsw.org)

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Mayra Casales & Cocomama*. Casales is considered to be one of the most versatile percussionists of her generation. 6:30-8pm at Lyndhurst. Part of the

Sunset Jazz at Lyndhurst concert series. [Jazzforumarts.org](http://Jazzforumarts.org)

### 7/30 FRIDAY

**Music In The Air:** Hudson River Museum presents *Tango Night*. Latin Grammy Award-winning bassist and composer Pedro Giraudo will be joined by singers and dancers for a tango lesson and performance. 8pm at the museum's Amphitheater. Part of the HRM Summer Amphitheater Series. [hrm.org](http://hrm.org)

**Music In The Air:** LawnChair Theatre and Rye Arts Center present *Outdoor Performance of "A Midsummer Night's Queen"*. This musical Shakespeare adaptation will incorporate the music of Queen. 6:30-9:30pm at Recreation Field, Chappaqua. [LawnChairtheatre.org](http://LawnChairtheatre.org)

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Matt Buttermann Quartet feat. Ceren Yasaroglu*. As a guitarist, Buttermann has performed with renowned artists including Clark Terry, Wynton Marsalis and others. 6:30-8pm at Pierson Park, Tarrytown. Part of the Jazz at Pierson Park series. [jazzforumarts.org](http://jazzforumarts.org)

### 7/31 SATURDAY

**Music In The Air:** Westchester Collaborative Theater presents *Parking Lot Plays*. This outdoor play production will feature a group of characters engaging with their vehicles and each other in a sometimes frustrating, sometimes humorous manner. Also 8/1. 2 & 6pm at Ossining Village Parking Lot. [wctheater.org](http://wctheater.org)

**Music:** Katonah Museum of Art presents *Summer Socials: Outdoor Concert Series*. An evening of drinks, food and rock music by The Shaves with art inspired by the Museum's "Cladogram" exhibition. 6-8pm at Museum's Marilyn M. Simpson Sculpture Garden. [katonahmuseum.org](http://katonahmuseum.org)

**Lectures:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *Midrash Workshop with Alicia Ostriker on Zoom*. Participants will re-imagine Adam and Eve, then go on to more complicated tales, discovering what they can mean today. 12:30-4:30pm. [writerscenter.org](http://writerscenter.org)

**Music In The Air:** Hudson River Museum presents *Cocomama*.

The all-female group will play their own kind of swinging Latin music. 8pm at the museum's Amphitheater. Part of the HRM Summer Amphitheater Series. hrm.org

**Music In The Air:** LawnChair Theatre and Rye Arts Center present *Outdoor Performance of "A Midsummer Night's Queen."* This musical Shakespeare adaptation will incorporate the music of Queen. Also 7/24. 6:30-9:30pm at Bedford Playhouse Lawn. LawnChairtheatre.org

## AUGUST

### 8/1 SUNDAY

**Lectures:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *Intuitive Recollections: A Prose Workshop with Kofi Antwi via Zoom.* Writers will engage in establishing a distinct structure for prose writing. Writers will examine and discuss the text assigned. 12:30-4:30pm. writerscenter.org

**Music In The Air:** New Rochelle Council on the Arts presents *Summer Concerts at the Armory.* This concert series will feature music from various artists. Sundays through 8/22. 3pm at the Armory. newrochellearts.org

### 8/3 TUESDAY

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Mark Morganelli & The Jazz Forum All-Stars.* Mark Morganelli, a soloist, band leader and tour guide, will celebrate Brasil with his classic new album of musical gems. 6:30-8pm at Horan's Landing Park, Sleepy Hollow. Also 8/10, 8/17 & 8/24. jazzforumarts.org

### 8/4 WEDNESDAY

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Vinnie Zummo Trio.*

Zummo is a session guitarist, who worked with Joe Jackson for seven years. 6:30-8pm at Waterfront Park. Part of the Dobbs Ferry Summer Music Series. jazzforumarts.org

**Spoken Word:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *HVWC Prose Instructors' Reading.* Five prose instructors will read from their latest work on Zoom. 7-9pm. writerscenter.org

**Music In The Air:** New Rochelle Council on the Arts presents *Summer Sounds Concert Series at Hudson Park.* The free Wednesday night concerts will feature an eclectic lineup of bands performing August 4, 11, 18 and 25th at 7:30pm. Through 8/25. 7:30-9pm at Hudson Park Bandshell. newrochellearts.org

**Music In The Air:** New Rochelle Council on the Arts presents *Summer Sounds Concert Series.* This free outdoor concert will feature music by Gentlemen of Soul. 7:30-9pm at Hudson Park Bandshell. newrochellearts.org

### 8/5 THURSDAY

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Alicia Renee.* As a vocalist, Renée has filled a multitude of performance roles throughout her 20+ year career. 6:30-8pm at Lyndhurst. Part of the Sunset Jazz at Lyndhurst Concert Series. jazzforumarts.org

### 8/6 FRIDAY

**Music In The Air:** Hudson River Museum presents *Diverse Concert Artists.* The musicians will perform standard classical works and latest tunes on the top of the charts. 8pm at the museum's Amphitheater. Part of the HRM Summer Amphitheater Series. hrm.org

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Chien Chien Lu Quartet.* Chien Lu is a jazz vibraphonist, contemporary

percussionist and composer from Taiwan. 6:30-8pm at Pierson Park, Tarrytown. Part of the Jazz at Pierson Park series. jazzforumarts.org

### 8/7 SATURDAY

**Music In The Air:** Hudson River Museum presents *Literature to Life: The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao.* This performance tells the story of the contemporary American experience. 8pm at the museum's Amphitheater. Part of the HRM Summer Amphitheater Series. hrm.org

### 8/8 SUNDAY

**Lectures:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *Dismantling Coloniality in Travel Writing with Bani Amor via Zoom.* This workshop will explore the history within the genre and provide tools to approach travel writing. 12:30-4:30pm. writerscenter.org

### 8/9 MONDAY

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Vince Ector Quartet.* Ector is an accomplished drummer and a lecturer of Jazz Percussion at Princeton University. 6:30-8pm at Henry Gourdine Park, Ossining. Part of the Jazz at Henry Gourdine Park series. jazzforumarts.org

### 8/10 TUESDAY

**Music In The Air:** ArtsWestchester and the City of Mount Vernon present *Westchester Roots: Jomion & the Uklos.* This family band from Benin, West Africa, combines traditional rhythms and songs from Vodou culture with reggae, salsa and jazz. 6:30pm at Mount Vernon City Hall Plaza. Part of ArtsWestchester's Westchester Roots summer concert series. artsw.org

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Conrad Tao, Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 7/15 (photo credit: Brantley Gutierrez)

### 8/11 WEDNESDAY

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Steve Sandberg Quartet feat. Zach Brock*. Sandberg is an Emmy Award-nominated composer, pianist and teaching artist who specializes in creative piano. 6:30-8pm at Waterfront Park. Part of the Dobbs Ferry Summer Music Series. [jazzforumarts.org](http://jazzforumarts.org)

**Spoken Word:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *An Evening with Jennifer Jean, Barbara Ras, and Heidi Seaborn via Zoom*. Three award-winning feminist poets will read from their new collections and answer questions on craft during a virtual Q&A. 7-8:30pm. [writerscenter.org](http://writerscenter.org)

**Music In The Air:** New Rochelle Council on the Arts presents *Summer Sounds Concert Series at Hudson Park*. This outdoor concert will feature music by Ladies Day

Jazz Ensemble. 7:30-9pm at Hudson Park Bandshell. [newrochellearts.org](http://newrochellearts.org)

### 8/12 THURSDAY

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *The Jay Hoggard Quartet*. Vibraphonist Jay Hoggard's repertoire represents blues, bop and ballads with original innovations. 6:30-8pm at Lyndhurst. Part of the Sunset Jazz at Lyndhurst Concert Series. [jazzforumarts.org](http://jazzforumarts.org)

**Film:** Irvington Theater presents *Sunset Cinema: "Gimme Shelter"*. This in-person, outdoor film series will screen a documentary that chronicles the tumultuous final weeks of the Rolling Stones' 1969 United States tour. 7:30-10:30pm at Main Street School Lawn. [irvingtontheater.com](http://irvingtontheater.com)

**Music In The Air:** ArtsWestchester and the City of White Plains present *Base Camp R&B*. This R&B band performs

soul-filled classics. 7-8:15pm Court Street (between Main St. and Martine Ave.) in White Plains. Part of ArtsWestchester's Westchester Roots summer concert series. [artsw.org](http://artsw.org)

### 8/13 FRIDAY

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Gilberto "Pulpo" Colon, Jr. Latin Jazz*. The pianist, composer and band leader will lead this outdoor concert. 6:30-8pm at Pierson Park, Tarrytown. Part of the Jazz at Pierson Park series. [jazzforumarts.org](http://jazzforumarts.org)

**Music In The Air:** Hudson River Museum presents *Casplash*. The group will perform classic calypso and soca music from Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaican reggae music and old-school Motown and R&B hits. 8pm at the Amphitheater. Part of the HRM Summer Amphitheater Series. [hrm.org](http://hrm.org)

### 8/14 SATURDAY

**Lectures:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *Beyond the Personal with Martha Collins via Zoom*. Collins will discuss poems that extend beyond personal experience and into material that involves research or current or recent events. 12:30-4:30pm. [writerscenter.org](http://writerscenter.org)

**Music In The Air:** Hudson River Museum presents *Daria Grace & The Pre-War Ponies*. The band will perform their repertoire inspired by the 20s, 30s and 40s, along with music from 70s and 80s. 8pm at the museum's Amphitheater. Part of the HRM Summer Amphitheater Series. [hrm.org](http://hrm.org)

**Music In The Air:** ArtsWestchester and the Village of Sleepy Hollow present *Dia De Cultura Ecuatoriana*. An afternoon of Ecuadorian music, dance, food and craft, along with presentations on traditional Ecuadorian costumes and the indigenous Kitchwa language. 3-8pm at Barnhart Park. Part of Con Edison's Arts Al Fresco series. [artsw.org](http://artsw.org)

### 8/18 WEDNESDAY

**Music In The Air:** Emelin Theatre and Village of Mamaroneck presents *Rise & Shine Concerts in the Park*. This outdoor concert will feature music by the all-female Mariachi band Flor de Toloache. 7pm at Mamaroneck's Harbor Island Park. [emelin.org](http://emelin.org)

**Spoken Word:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *An Evening of Prose (via Zoom)*. Authors Paisley Rekdal and Carol Edgarian will present a virtual reading of their work. 7-8:30pm. [writerscenter.org](http://writerscenter.org)

**Music In The Air:** New Rochelle Council on the Arts presents

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**Summer Sounds Concert Series at Hudson Park.** This outdoor performance will feature music by Carolos Jiminez Mambo Dulcet. 7:30-9pm at Hudson Park Bandshell. newrochellearts.org

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Seth Kibel Klezmet*. The woodwind specialist has worked with some of the best bands in jazz, swing and more. 6:30-8pm at Waterfront Park. Part of the Dobbs Ferry Summer Music Series. jazzforumarts.org

**8/19 THURSDAY**

**Music In The Air:** ArtsWestchester and the Village of Sleepy Hollow present *Performing Families: The Mayor Four & the Phtah-Shabazz Wisdrum Orchestra*. This performance explores kinship, tradition and the arts with Colombian jazz and West African dance and drumming. 6-7:30pm at Horan's Landing. Part of Con Edison's Arts Al Fresco series. artsw.org

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Scott Robinson Quartet*. The jazz multi-instrumentalist is best known for his work on multiple saxophones. 6:30-8pm at Lyndhurst. Part of the Sunset Jazz at Lyndhurst Concert Series. jazzforumarts.org

**8/20 FRIDAY**

**Spoken Word:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *Open Mic (via Zoom)*. A virtual opportunity to share talents in a comfortable space. 7:30-9pm. writerscenter.org

**Music In The Air:** Hudson River Museum presents *Yonkers Philharmonic Orchestra*. The group will perform a selection of pieces that reflect the colorful quilts in the Museum's current exhibition "Wall Power." 8pm at the museum's

Amphitheater. Part of the HRM Summer Amphitheater Series. hrm.org

**Music In The Air:** Peekskill Film Festival presents *The Peekskill Film Festival*. This two-day event will feature an outdoor screening of avant-garde short films with live discussions, food and drinks. Also 8/21. 7-10am at Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art. peekskillfilmfestival.org

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Nanny Assis Brazilian Birthday Bash*. The Brazilian drummer, percussionist and singer-songwriter is a master of Brazilian jazz, Afro-Brazilian music and other popular sounds from his homeland. 6:30-8pm at Pierson Park, Tarrytown. Part of the Jazz at Pierson Park series. jazzforumarts.org

**8/21 SATURDAY**

**Music:** Katonah Museum of Art presents *Summer Socials: Outdoor Concert Series Saturdays*. An evening of live music by Blonde Ambition and artmaking inspired by the Museum's exhibition "Cladogram: 2ND KMA International Juried Biennial." 6-8pm at Museum's Marilyn M. Simpson Sculpture Garden. katonahmuseum.org

**Lectures:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *The Art of Voice with Claire Jimenez via Zoom*. This workshop will explore the work of fiction writers such as Grace Paley and Toni Cade Bambara, and examine what tools are needed to create strong voices in stories. 12:30-4:30pm. writerscenter.org

**Music In The Air:** ArtsWestchester and Bethany Arts Community present *Performing Families: Inti Andino & Mariachi Sol Mixteco*. This performance celebrates the bonds of music and dance with an

Ecuadorian and Mexican family band. 6:30-8pm at Bethany Arts Community. Part of Con Edison's Arts Al Fresco series. artsw.org

**8/23 MONDAY**

**Lectures:** Color Camera Club of Westchester presents *Abandoned America with Matthew Christopher*. Christopher will take audiences on a journey through some of America's ruins, from abandoned prisons and asylums to the remains of forgotten neighborhoods. 7:30-9:30pm. cccw.clubexpress.com

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Natalie Forteza Trio*. The singer has a soulful voice that summons emotion through layers of Alt-Soul, Indie, Pop and World Music. 6:30-8pm at Henry Gourdine Park, Ossining. Part of the Jazz at Henry Gourdine Park series. jazzforumarts.org

**8/24 TUESDAY**

**Music In The Air:** ArtsWestchester and the City of Mount Vernon present *Westchester Roots: The Jaliya Kafo Ensemble with Salieu Suso & Ebrima Jassy*. The family ensemble will perform traditional Gambian kora (harp) and balafon music from West Africa. 6:30pm at Mount Vernon City Hall Plaza. Part of ArtsWestchester's

Westchester Roots summer concert series. artsw.org

**8/25 WEDNESDAY**

**Music In The Air:** New Rochelle Council on the Arts presents *Summer Sounds Concert Series*. This outdoor concert will feature music by Sway. 7:30-9pm at Hudson Park Bandshell. newrochellearts.org

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Christine Chanel & The Roster*. The soul singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist performs rhythm, blues and pop to funk and jazz. 6:30-8pm at Waterfront Park. Part of the Dobbs Ferry Summer Music Series. jazzforumarts.org

**8/27 FRIDAY**

**Music In The Air:** Jazz Forum Arts presents *Austin Day & B-Side Five*. The hard-bop jazz quintet will perform lesser known works in the hard-bop genre. 6:30-8pm at Pierson Park, Tarrytown. Part of the Jazz at Pierson Park series. jazzforumarts.org

**8/28 SATURDAY**

**Theater:** White Plains Performing Arts Center presents *Jukebox Hero*. Tony and Grammy Award-winning Broadway performer John Lloyd Young will perform classic hits from the '50s and '60s. 8-9:45pm. wppac.com

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## exhibitions, classes and ongoing events

### EXHIBITIONS, CLASSES AND ONGOING EVENTS

**Arc Stages** will present **SummerStage**, an in-person camp program for ages 5-18 this summer. Classes include Acting Technique, Choreography, Improv & Theater Games, Stage Combat, Music and Vocal Technique and more. A 4-week Teen Intensive conservatory program will also offer professional training from actors and directors with extensive experience in the business. The skills learned in all these classes will be incorporated into the creation of musical theatre shows that will be performed at the culmination of each respective section.

**ArtsWestchester** presents **Together apART: Creating During COVID**, an in-person and online exhibition that reflects individual contemplations on the year of the pandemic (**IN PERSON**). The show will be on view through August 1. Gallery hours: Wed-Fri & Sun: 12-5pm, Saturday 12-6pm. The organization also offers ArtsMobile activities, Teen Tuesdays & Thursdays program and more.

**Bedford Playhouse's** Virtual Playhouse brings a selection of interactive programs, from comedies to environmental documentaries, author talks, weekly trivia for kids and more.

**Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts'** grounds will be open and free to the public Fridays through Sundays through October 10. Visitors can discover site-specific installations, part of an annual exhibition of sound art called "Sonic Innovations," from Friday to Sunday. Live-streamed concerts and past performances by world-renowned artists are also available on [youtube.com/caramoor](https://youtube.com/caramoor).

**Center for the Digital Arts at Westchester Community College** will host a **remote Summer Youth Arts Technology program** this July-August. The STEAM program focuses on the hybridization of art and science and develops critical creative thinking. The Center also offers digital arts education, including web development, 2D/3D animation, digital video and more. Interested students should contact Dr. Sherry Mayo at [sherry.mayo@sunywcc.edu](mailto:sherry.mayo@sunywcc.edu) or 914-606-7385.

- 3D Animation for Teens: July 12-22 at 9:30am-2pm, July 26-Aug. 5 at 9:30am-2pm
- Digital Painting & Drawing for Children: July 12-22 at 12-2pm, July 26-Aug. 5 at 2:30-4:30pm
- Filmmaking for Teens: July 12-22, 2:30-4:30pm, July 26-Aug. 5 at 2:30-4:30pm

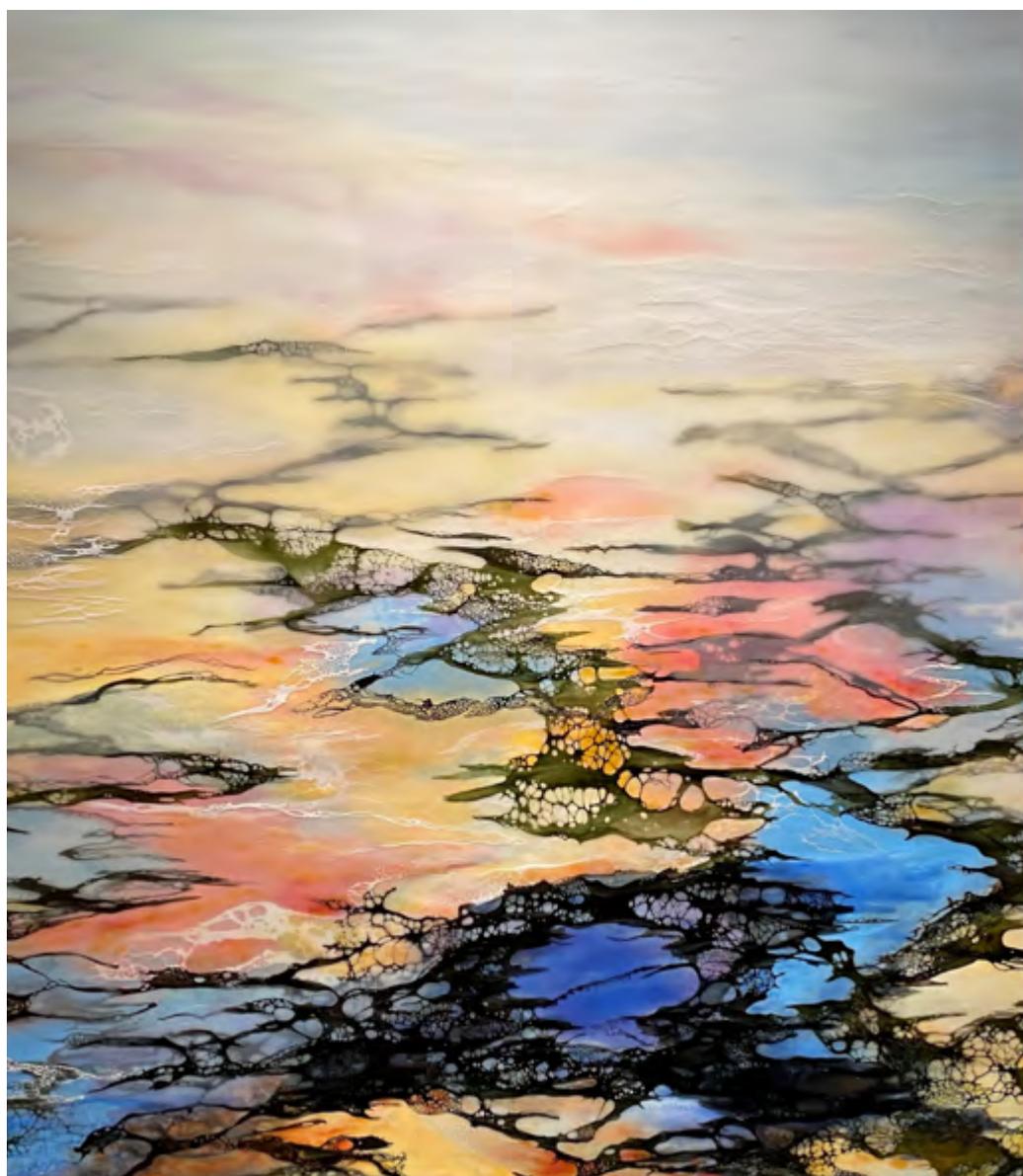
For more programs at the Center for the Digital Arts, [click here](#).

**Clay Art Center** will offer **half and full-day summer clay camps for kids** aged 6-15 on July 6 through September 3 (**IN PERSON**). The programs will focus on wheel throwing, hand-building and sculpture. The Center is also open for on-site visits and open studio sessions by appointment, and offers virtual classes, artist lectures and demonstrations.

**Color Camera Club of Westchester** will be presenting photographic programs via Zoom. The club, in conjunction with Croton Council of the Arts, is presenting the virtual exhibit, "Visions During Lockdown," featuring photographs that were either taken during the pandemic or photographs that express the feelings of the photographer about being in lockdown. [Colorcameraclub.com](https://colorcameraclub.com)

**Copland House's** virtual performance and conversation series, **UNDERScoreD**, continues to offer premieres, revivals and classics by American composers.

**Downtown Music at Grace** is broadcasting its noon concerts of chamber music and a variety of genres on its [YouTube page](#).



Daydreaming by Richard Coico, on view at Oak and Oil, on view through 8/20 (photo courtesy of Oak and Oil)

[Emelin Theatre](#) is presenting a diverse roster of virtual events, including musical concerts and film screenings as part of its Film Club.

[Greenburgh Arts and Culture Committee](#) will host its Kids Short Story Connection series of Zoom writing workshops. Young writers aged 10-17 will work in a virtual, roundtable setting to develop their creativity, improve old stories and write new ones. For more information, contact Sarah Bracey White, (914) 682-1574 or via email at [bracey0114@aol.com](mailto:bracey0114@aol.com).

[The Ground Glass](#) presents *The Written Word*, an online exhibition featuring photographs that expresses and interprets the written media in daily lives. The group's online photography exhibition, *Abstractions*, is also still on view. [Thegroundglass.org](http://Thegroundglass.org)

[Hammond Museum](#) has extended its Artist Members Virtual Gallery, featuring the works of the museum's members through June 3, 2022. For a complete list of programs and workshops, visit [hammondmuseum.org](http://hammondmuseum.org).

[Harrison Public Library](#) will present *From Seeds to Blooms*, an exhibition by Annabel Romero and *Layer By Layer*, a virtual exhibit by Judith Weber. The library also hosts virtual workshops for teens and adults via Zoom, online book clubs, yoga classes for adults and more. For a complete list of programs, virtual classes and workshops, visit [harrisonpl.org/events/harrison](http://harrisonpl.org/events/harrison).

[Hoff-Barthelson Music School](#) offers a [virtual Master Class Series](#), which consists of class coaching by guest artists, world-class musicians and educators.

[Hudson River Museum](#) presents [Border Cantos | Sonic Border](#), a collaboration between photographer Richard Misrach and sculptor and composer Guillermo Galindo that addresses the humanitarian situation at the wall between the U.S. and Mexico (IN PERSON). Also on view: [Librado Romero \(IN PERSON\)](#) and [Landscape Art & Virtual Travel: Highlights from the Collections of the HRM and Art Bridges \(IN PERSON\)](#). Museum Hours: Thurs-Sun: 12–5pm.

[Hudson Valley Museum of Contemporary Art](#) is reopened by appointment, with an expanded exhibition of [How We Live](#). Virtual tours, and an in-depth Sculpture Trail Walk are available on the Museum's website. Hours: Thursday-Saturday by appointment.

- [Climbing the Walls](#) - A Virtual Theater, Poetry and Image Project in collaboration with Studio Theater in Exile: On view now
- [Writing the Walls](#), original poetry in response to the art works in How We Live, in collaboration with Studio Theater in Exile: Ongoing



County Executive George Latimer, White Plains Mayor Thomas Roach, Ginsburg Development Companies Founder and Principal Martin Ginsberg and ArtsWestchester CEO Janet Langsam (photo credit: John Vecchiolla)

Ginsburg Development Companies (GDC) recently had a ribbon-cutting to unveil its new art-inspired rental project, "1 Martine at City Square" in White Plains. GDC worked with ArtsWestchester on the art commissions for the City Square development. The lobby features murals by Raymond Saá and the ground floor boasts a 20,000 sq. ft. gallery that will soon be open to the public. This 1 Martine Avenue project is part of GDC's undertaking to transform the former Westchester Financial Center into "City Square," a new mixed-use center that also includes 50 Main Street, where an 18-foot monumental sculpture is being installed, in addition to a restaurant and retail space along Main Street and the creation of a private open-space park on the roof deck of the parking garage that connects the buildings.

[Hudson Valley Writers Center](#) will present free readings throughout the month. A series of classes and readings, all online, are open for registration.

- [Open Write via Zoom \(Writers Group\)](#): July 10 & August 8 at 7:30pm
- [Six-Week Hybrid Workshop with Chris Campanioni via Zoom](#): July 12-August 16 at 6:30pm
- [A Poetry Workshop for Beginners and Others with Suzanne Cleary via Zoom](#): July 12-August 16 at 6:30pm

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*Students in a recent Hoff-Barthelson Music School class (photo courtesy of Hoff-Barthelson)*

For more programs from Hudson Valley Writers Center, [click here.](#)

[Jacob Burns Film Center](#) offers in-person screenings and continues to screen new releases and repertory films in its Virtual Screening Room.

[Jazz Forum Arts](#) continues its [Jazz Forum @ Home](#) series of concerts that are live-streamed on Facebook Live every Saturday at 7pm, and [Jitterbugs @ Home](#), which provides online jazz classes for kids aged 2-5.

[John Jay Homestead](#)'s site offers interactive activities, such as children's projects, a virtual tour and downloadable worksheets on its website. [Johnjayhomestead.org](http://Johnjayhomestead.org)

[Katonah Museum of Art](#) is displaying [Still/Live](#), an exhibition that explores how contemporary artists working in photography, video, and new media are reimagining the genre of still life (**IN PERSON**). Admission is by advance reservation. Hours: Tues-Sat: 10am-5pm, and Sun: 12-5pm.

[Lyndhurst Mansion](#) offers Daily Grounds Passes and weekend landscape tours through August 29 (**IN PERSON**). The mansion also offers virtual offerings, such as 360-degree tours and online exhibitions.

- [Gardens and Grounds Tour](#). Fridays-Sundays through August 29 at 10:30am, 11:30am & 12:30pm
- [Hudson River Views Tour](#). Fridays-Sundays through August 29 at 11am, 12pm & 1pm

[Neuberger Museum of Art](#) is open to the public and presents several exhibitions of works from the museum's collections. Pre-recorded 20-minute guided meditations are available on its website, as well as weekly art-related projects and activities for kids.

- Lesley Dill's "Rush," a site responsive work: On view through December 24, 2021
- *African Art and Culture* exhibition: Ongoing
- *Then and Now: Modern and Contemporary Selections* exhibition: Ongoing

[Oak & Oil Gallery](#) will display *Painting with Fire*, featuring encaustic works by Richard Coico on July 10-August 17 (**IN PERSON**). The artist uses birch panels as his canvas, and fire as his brush. *Recent Works* by Linda Puiatti is also on view through July 6. Her new ethereal abstract paintings will be showcased alongside her representational works of landscapes, barns, sky and waterways.

[The Play Group Theatre](#) will host [in-person summer camp programs](#) for students ages 4-17. The program will offer 1-4 week classes in Musical Theatre, On Camera, Shakespeare, Design/Tech, Playwriting/Playmaking, Sketch Comedy, Improv and more.

[Pelham Art Center](#) will present its annual [student exhibition](#) on July 10-August 14. This exhibition will feature new work created within the past year by the Center's talented students. The Center also offers a series of virtual studio visits and workshops.

Pelham's [The Picture House](#) offers film screenings via its virtual cinema and continues its Education at Home program, which presents short films with discussion questions and activities for students of any grade level.

[The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College](#)'s online offerings include a range of live, recorded and curated events, education and entertainment.

[The Rye Arts Center](#) will present [Summer Musical Theater Workshops](#), during which students aged 8-13 learn scenes, songs and simple choreography from Broadway and Disney productions. A presentation is held on Friday evenings for students' families. The Center also offers in-person and virtual classes in drawing, painting, ceramics and more.

- Summer Musical Theater Workshops: *Aladdin* (July 26 - 30), *Descendants* (Aug. 2-6), *Moana* (Aug. 9-13), *Willy Wonka* (Aug. 16-20)
- [Rye'sAbove](#), a public art collaboration with The Rotary Club of Rye: Ongoing

[The Schoolhouse Theater](#) presents a series of Zoom Matinees each week on most Fridays at 1pm. The theater's Pandemic Players read live from some of the world's best-known playwrights and authors. Zoom Matinees each week give viewers a taste of a live stage performance from the obscure, *Vieux Carré* by Tennessee Williams, to the mainstream, *Sylvia* by A.R. (Pete) Gurney.

[Steffi Nossen School of Dance](#) offers a wide array of [SummerDance Camps and Intensives](#) for a variety of ages, levels and disciplines. Camps and Intensives are offered in Creative Movement, Ballet, Modern, Jazz, Tap, Hip-Hop, Musical Theater and Composition. Beginning on July 11 through August 19, the school will also offer [Young Movers outdoor dance classes](#) for parents and toddlers, along with children aged 3-5 at Greenburgh Nature Center. [steffinossen.org](#)

[Taconic Opera](#)'s New York Opera Conservatory (NYOC) will offer in-person opera performances of *Lucia di Lammermoor* and *The Pearl Fishers* at the Presbyterian Church of Mt. Kisco. Each performance will include the complete opera and is semi-staged. Dates: July 6, July 8-10 at 7pm and August 10-14 at 7pm.

[Tarrytown Music Hall "Night In With the Music Hall" series](#) continues with weekly livestream concerts via its Facebook and YouTube pages.

[Westchester Children's Museum](#) has opened to the public. Additional details on health and wellness protocols are available online.

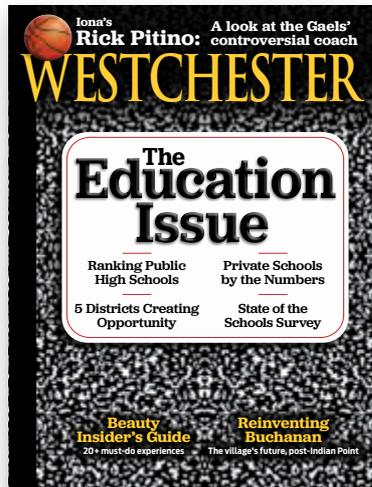
[White Plains Performing Arts Center](#) presents its annual [Summer Theatre Academy](#), a professional theatre training program for young actors. The program's camps, which range from one to three weeks, will give students the chance to shine in new Broadway hits and beloved musical theatre classics.

[White Plains Public Library webpage](#) also provides online resources for families.

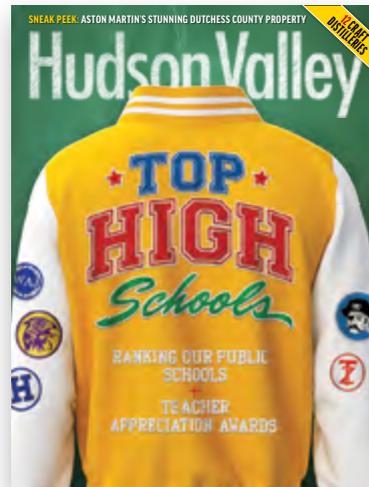
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