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Dear Readers,

Hi, I'm Westchester County Executive George Latimer. Thank you for taking the time to read this special edition of ArtsNews, brought to you by our friends at ArtsWestchester. The holidays are a special time, and

we are always looking for new things to explore with our family and friends. Use this newsletter as your guide to stay connected to artists, exhibitions and creative groups around the County that help keep the arts alive and vibrant. In these pages, ArtsWestchester provides a fresh schedule of programming, including:

- 10 years of the Yonkers Film Festival (see pages A6-7)
- new arts programming for teens (see pages A10-11)
- celebrating the holiday season throughout the county (see pages A12-17)

Please participate in these wonderful opportunities throughout our beautiful County if you can. After all, art is like a universal language that brings all people together.

Happy Holidays,  
George Latimer,  
Westchester County Executive

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## FROM THE CEO

by Janet Langsam,  
ArtsWestchester CEO



(photo credit: Cathy Pinsky)

*Uncle Mort's Volkswagen*

# So, What Are We Celebrating This Thanksgiving?

For many years after my ex-husband Ed and I decided to go our separate ways, his brother Mort would pack his Volkswagen bus with his three children, his ukulele and harmonica, and various Chilean relatives whom he brought here after the fall of the Allende government in Chile. It's heartfelt to note that back in the 70s, a call from my congressman was sufficient to release these political refugees from Kennedy Airport and allow them entry into the United States to my home. That Thanksgiving, we scurried to make our foreign guests welcome.

Over the years, Uncle Mort would head for my house several days before Thanksgiving, and it was tradition that we all spoke about those things for which we were grateful. It's interesting to note that three of our Chilean relatives became nurses in the United States and tended with care to Covid patients. And we can be thankful for that.

The upshot of those annual visits was a closeness between our families. Long-lasting memories and loving relationships between the cousins who might have been strangers to one another, had we not perpetuated our annual Thanksgiving celebrations.

So what are we celebrating this year? Sadly, Uncle Morty passed away this year, at 90, and he won't be riding that Volkswagen bus

from Schenectady to the Hudson Valley. Truth be told, Uncle Morty's generosity made him a role model to my son Jonathan, who as a result speaks fluent Spanish.

That aside, I think all Americans are rethinking what it means to celebrate Thanksgiving. Many of us are questioning what it means to celebrate such a festive occasion of goodwill between people of different backgrounds.

The story of Thanksgiving has been altered for many of us, who now have a better understanding of history and what really happened back in those days long gone. So what are we celebrating? I think we can cherish the fact that Thanksgiving is a time when families get together and, despite their differences and opinions, we can celebrate our union with one another and our belief in our democratic system. While it is not lost on me, the pilgrims and the Indians, were not one happy family.

I, for one, will continue to celebrate the notion that despite our differences, it is a beautiful thing that families can get together, yell and scream at each other, derate each other for old gripes and family injustices, and yet give hugs and kiss and talk about good and bad times, and understand the basic truth of what binds us together. It is called freedom.

## feature



# A STOMP, 'A Ballet, and a Vaudeville Review

by Caedra Scott-Flaherty

***Steffi Nossen School of Dance (SNSD)*** has offered its annual ***Choreography Showcase***, a curated selection of new dance works, for almost 50 years. The tradition continues this year on December 4 at the Emelin Theatre in Mamaroneck.

When it began in the mid-1970s, the Choreography Showcase offered a rare chance for dancers who were used to performing for the same tight-knit New York City audience, to perform for – and get feedback from – a broader audience in Westchester.

The importance of the showcase has not diminished over the years. According to SNSD's executive director, Shelley K. Grantham: "Dance...is a world where communication, collaboration and community connections play a vital role in the creation of new works, and inspiration for the future."

In fact, one year David Parsons, co-founder of Parsons Dance, was

so inspired when attending a Showcase that he jumped onstage to do an impromptu performance for a surprised-then-captivated audience.

Grantham adds: "It is important that events like these continue so that the fabric of the arts can stay connected." Recently, the COVID-19 pandemic shook up the show's traditional format. In 2020, the dance works were filmed and shown virtually. In 2021, the event took the form of a walking tour for a limited-capacity audience. Still, the event has stayed the course and now returns to the Emelin stage.

Grantham notes that while many of the performances over the past few years have focused on politics, the pandemic and isolation, most of this year's selections happen to focus on connection, community and resilience.

"We all need connection right now," she notes. "[The show] is a bit lighter than usual, which is wonderful." This year's Showcase will

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– Shelley K. Grantham, Steffi Nossen School of Dance Executive Director

feature ten dances which, according to Grantham, the panel feels are “diverse and representative of today’s fabric.”

Alexandra Williamson’s *The Hancock Jig* solo integrates modern dance with traditional Irish step dancing.

*Pedestrian Ballet*, from Doron Perk’s company, More Fish, merges classical ballet with free-form dance.

Ankita’s duet, *Revival*, explores the story of shared grief, and is influenced by contemporary dance, dance theater, and forms from both South Asian and African diaspora.

Hysterika Jazz Dance will perform *In Pieces: A Vaudeville Review*, choreographed by its artistic director, Barbara Angeline. The work is inspired by the contributions of Aida Overton Walker, an influential Black dancer, choreographer and activist in the early twentieth century.

Other presenters include the women-led five two Dance Company, Jessica DiMauro Marks & Gierre Godley, Neville Dance Theatre, and Sarah Kramer.

The event also includes the Steffi Nossen Dance Company. The pre-professional company, comprised of promising high school dancers, always performs at least one piece by a notable choreographer during the Showcase. This year, the Company will perform two pieces: *Brink*, choreographed by Janice Rosario; and *Appalachian Stomp*, choreographed by Michael Foley in 1996 and

restaged by Jessica DiMauro Marks, who was in the original cast.

Marks, a former SNDC member and now the School’s Artistic Director, explains that the Showcase “is an exceptionally important experience for our young dancers,” and adds that she is honored to restage Foley’s piece. Working with him as a teenager left an indelible impression on her: “Much of who I am as a teacher and choreographer sprouted from my time learning from Michael.”

The Showcase will be followed by a Q&A, during which the audience can ask questions and gain insight into the choreographic process, and the choreographers can gather invaluable feedback on their work.

Says Grantham. “It’s a great opportunity to see what’s percolating and what’s driving our newer creators...and how they’re processing, through the arts, what the world is going through.”

## feature

# YoFiFest: A Decade of Helping Audiences “Dream a Little Bigger”

by Alyssa Monte

The [\*Yonkers Film Festival \(YoFiFest\)\*](#) is facilitating a space for people from all walks of life to sit in the dark together and share a collective experience. It has been doing so for the past 10 years. Founded by Dave Steck and Patty Schumann, who are filmmakers themselves, YoFiFest began due to the lack of industry representation and accessibility for filmmakers in Westchester. Steck and Schumann sought to create opportunities and serve a need for both the filmmaker and film fan, and did so by starting the non-commercial, non-profit organization.

Open to filmmakers all over the world, YoFiFest receives a diverse

group of submissions every year, which vary in subject matter, genre and language. This year, the festival will be presenting more than 140 independent films from 31 countries.

“We look for compelling stories that are well-told,” Steck said. “We want to show films that our audience connects to – something that allows them to dream a little bigger.”

This year, the festival will run from December 2-11, offering not only film screenings, but also workshops, networking events, awards and receptions. While the films come from around the world, the festival also puts a spotlight on local. Kicking off the event will be the



“Taste of Yonkers” red carpet reception (12/2), which offers food from local restaurants. The weekend events conclude with parties, during which filmmakers and film fans can connect and converse.

During the week, beginning on December 5, themed programming take form each night: Around the Globe, Independent to the Core, Queer Screen, Ladies Night, Kid Screen, Viva la Cuba! and Friday Fright Night.

The second weekend offers even more, including a “Locally Sourced” showcase, which features films that were made by local artists or were shot in the area.

One unique and accessible aspect of YoFiFest is its fully hybrid structure. Schumann says that following a hybrid model is beneficial for audiences who want to screen the films from their own homes; but moreover, it allows all of the filmmakers to be a part of the Q&A regardless of where they are located around the world. She explains: “The filmmaker talkbacks are one of the best parts of the film festival, and this year almost every one of our filmmakers plans to attend their film’s Q&A.”

Festival-goers are encouraged to participate in industry-related educational workshops. Catering to many interests and levels of experiences, the events offer a variety of lessons, such as hands-on skills that are related to cameras and lighting, historical lectures, and tips on how to pitch film ideas to industry experts.

YoFiFest is not driven by the ability to pack a theater, but rather

by a passion for creating. The work doesn’t stop when the festival ends. YoFiFest is launching a new TEAM (Training for Employment for Arts and Media) program in the spring, which will offer training within the arts, specifically in film and theater. The application process will open during this year’s festival. Says Steck: “We’re not only training filmmakers in these programs, but we’re helping to improve where we live. I’m proud of the community members we’re making.”

Though the festival provides experiences for artists and enthusiasts, it also aims to reach an audience that might not otherwise

*“We want to show films that our audience connects to – something that allows them to dream a little bigger.”*

– YoFiFest Co-Founder Dave Steck

be exposed to this craft. Steck explains: “Our movie screen is a giant window, and that window allows us to look into other people’s lives and experiences. Suddenly, the unknown becomes known and ‘the other’ becomes familiar.”



LEFT: Production still from Legend: Kien-On Zhang (courtesy of YoFiFest) / ABOVE: Production still from Into the Dust (courtesy of YoFiFest)

# First Female Governor in New York Supports the Arts

After a heated election for the Governor seat, Kathy Hochul won her first full-term in office. Ultimately, she made history as the first elected female governor of New York.

Governor Hochul considers the arts key to economic development in the State. *She has said:* "The arts entice people to downtowns all over the State. Our recovery depends on their success." This fall, she announced the State's largest-ever commitment to New York State Council on the Arts for capital projects for the arts, with a record \$150M in capital funding for arts and cultural organizations. This is following already record-level funding for the arts in the FY 2023 Budget. Said Hochul: "New York's arts and cultural organizations strengthen our economic wellbeing, nourish our diversity and identity, and support our communities."

State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins recently announced that Hochul's budget included ten million dollars for arts councils in various upstate regions. As such, ArtsWestchester will

receive a one-million-dollar grant, \$500K of which will be re-granted to top arts organizations in Westchester and Rockland County communities.

CNY Arts Executive Director Stephen Butler reports that these new funds will allow his organization to distribute more than twice as many awards as in previous years. He adds: "For this grant cycle, CNY Arts will be awarding at least 120 grants across Central New York."

Explains Stewart-Cousins: "The ten million dollars in funds that will be delivered through these 10 local arts agencies are an important factor in creating better communities. Through arts education, folk arts, programs for producing and presenting operations, and individual artists, these funds create access to important local history and quality cultural programming, as well as support the under-served."



New York State Governor Kathy Hochul admired the artwork when visiting Ginsberg Development Companies's property at 1 Marine Avenue in White Plains. Mural by Raymond Saa.

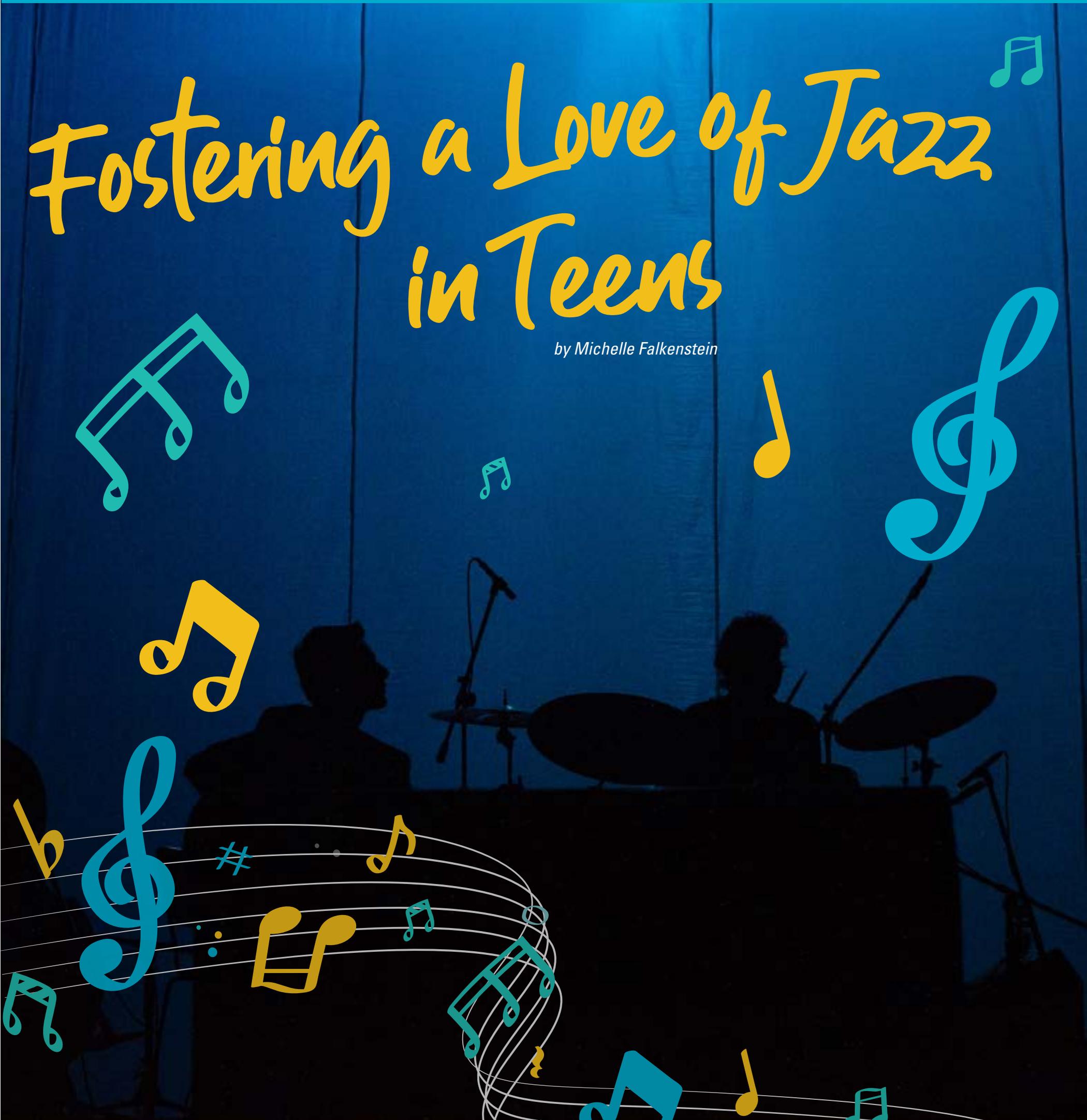
“The arts entice people to downtowns all over the State. Our recovery depends on their success.”

– New York State Governor Kathy Hochul

feature

# Fostering a Love of Jazz in Teens

by Michelle Falkenstein





Who are the John Coltranes, Miles Davises and Dave Brubecks of tomorrow? One might find them in a new [teen jazz ensemble](#) offered by [Jazz Forum Arts](#) in Tarrytown beginning in February.

Students in grades 5-12 will learn swing, bebop, fusion and other jazz styles from drummer and percussionist Ron Vincent, who has introduced young people to the art of jazz for nearly 20 years. Most recently, he could be found at RiverArts, where he taught percussion, initiated the Summer Jazz Camp and started the organization's Jazz Ensemble program. He has also taught at Manhattanville College, served as a percussion consultant in the Edgemont School District and worked at the Jamey Aebersold Jazz Camp and Stanford Jazz Camp.

Ellen Prior, Associate Director of Jazz Forum Arts, says that the new program builds on "Jitterbugs," the nonprofit group's current educational programming for kids aged two to seven.

"We have known Ron for a long time," says Prior. "He mentioned the teen ensemble idea and it was right up our alley. We're bringing in a new generation and promoting jazz overall."

Says Vincent: "I can get them playing in a couple of weeks." Vincent has accompanied many jazz greats over his long musical career, including a six-year stint with saxophonist Gerry Mulligan. "They don't have to know how to improvise at all."

To participate, students should have at least two years of experience on their instrument and a basic knowledge of major scales and fingerings, as well the ability to read music. Potential students will be interviewed and asked to play in order to help Vincent assess their abilities.

In each class, students will be introduced to jazz standards and compositions from the Great American Songbook. Ideas for improvisation will be introduced and students will be encouraged to apply these techniques. Vincent says the goal is to have the students get comfortable with improvising on their instruments and playing in an ensemble. He explains that when most people think about jazz, they visualize saxophone, piano, bass, trumpet and trombone, but what they

don't realize is that no instrument is off-limits for improvisation. "Our hope is to foster a love of jazz and improvisation that young musicians can carry throughout their lives," he says.

Prior hopes to be able to offer scholarships to economically disadvantaged kids who might not otherwise be able to participate. Consequently, she has been working to secure grants in support of this effort.

The 10-week ensemble program, which will meet on Monday evenings beginning on February 6, culminates with an end-of-semester concert for family and friends and a community service performance at a local venue such as a nursing home, retirement home or VA hospital.

Vincent's recording career includes four Gerry Mulligan CDs and work with Phil Woods, Lee Konitz, Randy Brecker, Bob Brookmeyer, Bill Charlap, John Lewis and Slide Hampton. He has performed live with Art Farmer, Karrin Allyson, Jimmy Heath, Rob McConnell, Rufus Reid and Dr. Billy Taylor. His own trio and quartet play in the New York metro area, and the quartet has also toured in the U.S. and Europe. He has co-written, produced and performed on two educational DVDs for the "Master Jazz" series: *Learn to Play Jazz* and *Becoming an Improviser*.

When young people study music, explains Vincent, they learn important lessons that go beyond the instrument itself: "They understand how to work at something and get a result," he says. "It's a work ethic lesson that's good for kids."

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— Ron Vincent, Jazz Ensemble Director



## holiday arts picks

# Holiday Event Highlights

The holidays are upon us, so the *ArtsNews* team rounded up its top Holiday Arts Picks from a long list of festive offerings. For more arts events, flip to the calendar section on page A30 and sign up for ArtsWestchester's weekly [Top 5 Arts Picks](#) newsletter.

## Holiday Film Screenings:

**12/4:** *The Polar Express* at Bedford Playhouse

**12/17 & 12/22:** *White Christmas* at Jacob Burns Film Center

**12/22:** A Look Inside *It's a Wonderful Life* at New Rochelle Public Library (Virtual)

**12/23:** *It's a Wonderful Life* at The Picture House

## Through January 8

### ***The Great Holiday Train Show***

New Castle Historical Society's annual [The Great Holiday Train Show](#) is full steam ahead. Vintage train sets will run throughout the festively decorated 19th-century former residence of Horace Greeley. This season's holiday display will feature a room dedicated to the New York Central Railroad. The holiday tradition also includes a pop-up shop with train memorabilia and treats.



*The Great Holiday Train Show* (photo courtesy of New Castle Historical Society)



Songcatchers Concert Choir (photo courtesy of Songcatchers)

## December 2 & 4 (New Choral Society) December 10 & 11 (Taconic Opera)

### *Messiah*

The New Choral Society and Taconic Opera will celebrate the season with performances of Handel's *Messiah*. This Baroque-era masterpiece, acclaimed for the famous *Hallelujah* chorus, is a holiday staple. [The New Choral Society's](#) rendition will include Part I with selections of Parts II and III, and will feature soloists from the Lindemann Young Artist Development Program of the Metropolitan Opera. [The Taconic Opera](#) will be performing this holiday classic for the first time, accompanied by a full orchestra.

## December 3-18

### Tarrytown Music Hall's Holiday Season

This season's holiday concert calendar at the Tarrytown Music Hall will feature an [array of holiday music for all audiences](#), making the Hall a Westchester holiday hub. Children's favorite The Laurie Berkner Band will bring in the season with Christmas, Hanukkah and winter-themed songs (12/3); a holiday market presents a curated shopping event that features products from local and regional artists and makers (12/4); Judy Collins will perform a selection of her holiday favorites and other

hit songs (12/9); Irish-American group Cherish the Ladies brings Celtic carols and step-dancing to the stage on 12/10; Glenn Miller Orchestra perform holiday favorites and classics from the Big Band Songbook (12/15); The Vienna Boys Choir will present "Christmas in Vienna," for which they will perform classical and popular carols (12/16); singer Darlene Love, known as the lead singer of '60s band The Blossoms before blossoming into a successful solo career, will present "Love for the Holidays" (12/17); and New York Theatre Ballet performs an hour-long production of *The Nutcracker*, created for younger audiences (12/18).

## December 4

### Songs of the Season Holiday Show

The Westchester Chordsmen presents its annual holiday concert presented at the Rye Presbyterian Church. The chorus, formed by 40 male singers, will perform holiday favorites in a four-part a cappella.

## holiday arts picks



**December 4-18 (Historic Hudson Valley)**

**December 9-23 (Lyndhurst)**

### ***A Christmas Carol, a Retelling***

M&M Performing Arts Center and Historic Hudson Valley will each present Charles Dickens's classic holiday tale, *A Christmas Carol*. At Lyndhurst, [Mr. Dickens Tells a Christmas Carol](#) will bring the journey of Ebenezer Scrooge, Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim to life as actor Michael Muldoon recreates a famous 1867 performance tour during which Dickens performed a telling of the story. The Historic Hudson Valley's [Dickens's 'Christmas Carol'](#) performances will take place at the Old Dutch Church in Sleepy Hollow, where master storyteller Jonathan Kruk channels ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future with his adaptation of the story, complete with musical accompaniment.

## December 7

### Holiday Cabaret

Downtown Music at Grace will provide a midday respite via a holiday program with [cabaret singer Kimberly Hawkey](#). Hawkey is known for her crystalline voice and captures a piece of the past through song. Her holiday performance will include timeless holiday favorites along with original songs.

## December 10

### Calmus: an A-Capella Ensemble

[German a cappella ensemble Calmus](#) will celebrate the season with two performances at Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts. Calmus's holiday program will combine its rich, full-bodied vocals with contemporary Christmas favorites, such as Edward Hugh Martin's *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*, and earlier music like the 14th-Century carol *Resonet in laudibus*.

## December 11

### Concert for Peace

Guests at the Songcatchers' annual [Concert for Peace](#) can sing along with the group's Concert Choir and Ensemble. The concert will include secular and interfaith carols, multicultural holiday songs and songs of peace suitable for the whole family. At the Ursuline School Auriana Theater in New Rochelle.

## December 11

### Central Park Dance's *The Nutcracker*

[Central Park Dance returns](#) to The Capitol Theatre for this season's production of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*. The holiday performance will feature more than 100 of the company's dancers, who will portray main character Clara's suspenseful and joyous journey through ballerina blizzards and giant mice that lead to a land of sweets and holiday magic.

## Beginning December 12

### Grab & Go Holiday Craft Kits

White Plains Public Library will offer an assortment of ["Grab & Go Kits"](#) for several upcoming holidays, which include all the supplies needed for holiday craft-making. The kits, geared toward children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade, are available in the library lobby while supplies last. Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Shabe Yalda kits will be available beginning Dec. 12; Christmas and Feliz Navidad kits beginning Dec. 17. The library also offers several holiday storytime events.

## December 16 & 17

### Rob Mathes Holiday Concert

Greenwich, Connecticut native [Rob Mathes comes home for the holidays](#) this winter. Mathes will embrace the spirit of the season at the Performing Arts Center at Purchase College. Alongside his band and a chorus full of friends, he will treat guests to an evening of holiday classics and original tunes.



LEFT: Jonathan Kruk in Historic Hudson Valley's Dickens's 'Christmas Carol' (photo credit: Tom Nycz) / ABOVE: Calmus (photo credit: Anne Hornemann)

## holiday highlights boutiques

# Shop Local, Support the Arts



Holiday shopping from local arts organizations and creative artisans can mean a unique gift for loved ones while also supporting the arts. This is important now more than ever, after the creative sector was devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

### 1 Geometric Cameroon Shield (\$350/\$675)

at [Luangisa African Gallery Holiday Marketplace](#)  
(December 3 & 4)

This Geometric Beaded Cameroon Shield is hand-carved from one piece of wood by the Tikar tribe of Cameroon in Africa. The shields, adorned with a combination of glass beads, cowrie shells and manilla string, were traditionally used as defensive weapons. They were also used as decorative or ritual objects symbolizing status and wealth. Available in two sizes: 12" or 24", both with stands. Guests receive 25% off at this two-day in-person sale (12-6pm, RSVPs encouraged at [info@luangisa.com](mailto:info@luangisa.com)); however, through Dec. 25 guests can [receive 20% and free shipping online with code HOLIDAY2022](#). (374 Hawthorne Terrace, Mount Vernon)



### 2 Blah Blah Blah Cup by Stepanka Summer (\$130)

at [Clay Art Center's Clay Holiday Market 2022](#) (Through December 24)

This delicate porcelain and 22K gold cup provides the perfect way to start the morning – with a serving of both coffee and wit. The 3.5 x 3.5 inch vessel is from a new collection by New York City artist Stepanka Summer at Clay Art Center. This Market, featuring functional pottery and ceramic sculpture, is on view in store and online. A holiday shopping event on Dec. 17 includes hot cocoa and a children's ornament-painting activity. Mon & Thurs: 10am-2:30pm, Tues-Wed & Fri-Sat: 10am-5pm. (40 Beech Street, Port Chester)



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### Gift Cards by Erwin Ong (PRICE)

at [The Shop at ArtsWestchester](#)  
(Through January 22)

These cards, made by White Plains artist Erwin Ong, will let senders direct some whimsical holiday wishes and warm seasonal greetings to their loved ones. This set of five 4x6" cards includes two designs. The Shop at ArtsWestchester, which features items made by local artists and artisans, is open when the gallery's [The Social Fabric](#) exhibition is open: Tues-Fri & Sun: 12-5pm and Sat: 12-6pm. (31 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains)



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### Carving Board by Jeffery Rosolen (\$125) at [Pelham Art Center's Art Boutique 2022](#)

(Through December 22)

This Edge Grain Walnut Carving Board is formed by gathering several individual blocks to form a pattern of differing shades of wood. After forming the pattern, Rosolen sands the board several times using varying grits of sandpaper. This Art Boutique includes artisan items, handmade gifts and affordable artworks, such as ceramics, jewelry, housewares, ornaments and more by 60 participating artists and vendors. Mon-Wed & Fri: 9am-5pm, Thurs: 9am-7pm, Sat: 10am-4pm, Sun: 11am-4pm (155 Fifth Avenue, Pelham)

### Bracelets by Carol Pfeffer (\$45)

at [Pelham Art Center's Art Boutique 2022](#)

(December 24)

Lightweight bracelets by Irvington artist Carol Pfeffer feature handmade felt beads in a variety of colors. Designs may have subtle variations, making each one unique from the other. The annual boutique exhibit and boutique includes paintings, photographs, ceramics, holiday gifts and more. A holiday reception on December 24 (5-7pm) provides opportunities to meet the artist and get 10% off purchases. Tue-Sat, 12-5pm, Dec. 11 & 18: 12-4pm. Open late on December 24 (12-7pm). (1987 Palmer Avenue, Larchmont)



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### Rose Window Ornament (\$29.95) at [Philipsburg Manor Holiday Boutique](#)

(December 2-18)

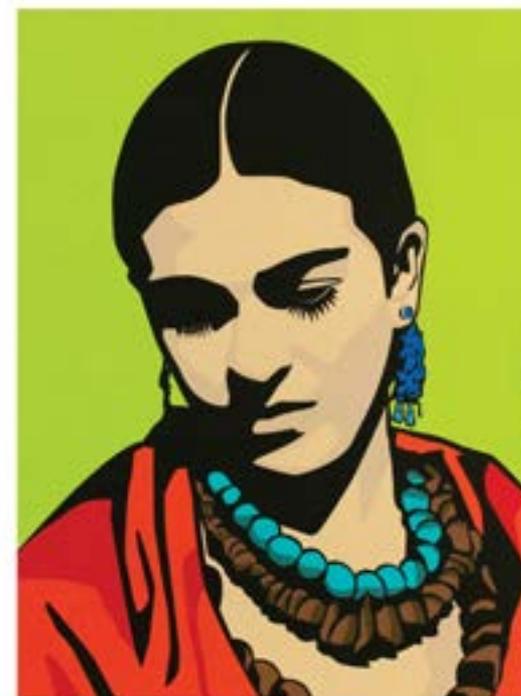
This Rose Window ornament at Historic Hudson Valley (HHV)'s Philipsburg Manor Museum Shop is inspired by a HHV property – the windows of Union Church of Pocantico Hills. The window by Henri Matisse was his last commissioned work. The ornament is solid brass, electro-plated with hematite finish and a giclée print. The boutique includes artisan foods, books about the region, exclusive candles and handcrafted jewelry. Special events include a s'mores bar (12/4), gingerbread cookie decorating (12/10) and more. Fri-Sun: 9am-7pm (381 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow)

### Frida Kahlo in Context Exhibition Poster (\$20)

at [Hudson River Museum gift shop](#) (Ongoing)

This poster features a print of a work by graphic designer and photographer Raul Caracoza that was on view in Hudson River Museum (HRM)'s *Frida Kahlo in Context* exhibition earlier this year. The print is based on a photograph of Frida Kahlo and taken by Edward Weston in 1930. HRM's gift shop also includes museum merchandise, exhibition catalogs, apparel, jewelry and more. Open during Museum hours: Thurs–Sun, 12–5pm (511 Warburton Avenue, Yonkers)

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Frida Kahlo in Context  
February 4–May 22, 2022

## feature



# ArtsMobile's Season Served 2,000 Participants

**ArtsWestchester's ArtsMobile** program offers easily accessible arts activities to the public with a focus on communities and populations that have little to no access to the arts. As such, the van brings the arts to those who otherwise wouldn't be able to experience it, no matter their age or ability.

Whether participants are seasoned artists or their ArtsMobile experience provides them with their first time holding a paintbrush, these workshops create an encouraging environment that nurtures their natural creative impulses.

"What we've observed over time is that these programs are absorbed on varying levels..." says Michael Keough, ArtsWestchester's ArtsMobile Coordinator. He explains: "We've received feedback in different forms: kids and families have fun, seniors feel relaxed, and our work with disabled populations reaffirms our belief that interactive art experiences can improve one's ability to express themselves."

In just this past season – from late-February through October –

ArtsMobile included visual arts activities like painting, ceramics and printmaking, as well as interactive music or dance activities. "Every participant leaves with both a piece of art they created and a lasting memory of the experience."

This year, the ArtsMobile served more than 2,000 total participants during 105 workshops in locations throughout the county, including White Plains, Yonkers, Sleepy Hollow, Port Chester and more. The visits included private organizations and public cultural events around Westchester, such as art festivals, block parties and farmer's markets.

Keough says that since the program began in 2019, he has seen first-hand how beneficial it is to the community: "Programs like this act as an avenue and catalyst for people to connect not only with ArtsWestchester but also each other, and to further explore the endless possibilities that the arts have to offer."

# ArtsMobile Locations & Sites Visited in 2022

## Dobbs Ferry

- St. Christopher's, Inc., Dobbs Ferry Campus
- The Greenburgh Eleven Union Free School District

## Hawthorne

- SPARC, Inc.
- Hawthorne Cedar Knolls Union Free School District

## Katonah

- Katonah Art Walk

## Larchmont

- Down to Earth Farmer's Markets

## Mount Vernon

- Youth Community Outreach Program; Fun Fridays and Summer Programs (several locations)
- Youth Shelter Program of Westchester (several locations)
- The Caring Tree Child Care
- Westchester Roots series at City Hall Plaza
- CityFest 2022
- Wakanda Celebration

## New Rochelle

- New Rochelle Municipal Housing Authority
- Westhab-Shiloh Senior Residence New Rochelle
- Down to Earth Farmer's Markets
- First Annual Taste of Union Avenue
- ArtsFest 2022

## Ossining

- Down to Earth Farmer's Markets

## Port Chester

- Port Chester Day Camp
- Port Chester Playground Program

## Rye

- Down to Earth Farmer's Markets

## Rye Brook

- Cerebral Palsy of Westchester

## Sleepy Hollow

- Westchester Roots series at Barnhart Park
- TaSH Farmer's Market
- Sleepy Hollow Culture Festival
- Alzheimer's Association's Bridge Lighting Watch Party at Horan's Landing

## Tarrytown

- The Institutes of Applied Human Dynamics

## Tuckahoe

- Eastchester Community Action Partnership

## West Harrison

- St. Christopher's, Inc., Jennie Clarkson Campus

## White Plains

- YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester
- White Plains Housing Authority
- SPARC, Inc.
- White Plains Juneteenth Festival
- Westchester Roots at J. Harvey Turnure Memorial Park
- Nights In The Parks at J. Harvey Turnure Memorial Park
- Fair Street USA Fair Housing Block Party at White Plains Library Plaza
- Thomas H. Slater Center
- Nights In The Parks at Gillie Park
- Nights In The Parks at Druss Park
- Nights In The Parks at Battle Hill Park
- Westchester Roots on Court Street
- Calvary Baptist Church Block Party at White Plains Hospital
- Greenburgh Summer Festivals at Washington Avenue Park
- Gardella Day
- JazzFest White Plains on Mamaroneck Avenue
- White Plains Wellness Festival at White Plains Hospital
- White Plains Annual Neighborhood Health Fair at Calvary Baptist Church
- Serious Fun Arts Fest in downtown White Plains
- Love Your Block Grant Program
- White Plains Youth Bureau Harvest Festival at Bethel Garden

## Yonkers

- Ridgeway Communities at Ashburton Avenue
- Ridgeway Communities at Warburton Avenue
- Grinton I. Will Public Library
- Scotti Community Center
- Charles Cola Community Center
- The Autism Project school supplies giveaway at The Westchester School

# spotlight





# Voicing Support for the Arts

## in the 2023 County Budget

This December, Westchester County will finalize its 2023 budget. In advance of that announcement, the County will host several town hall open forums that invite input from the public about what is important to the residents of Westchester. County Executive George Latimer has already announced his proposed Operating Budget; however, there is still time for residents to show their support for the arts and ArtsWestchester's programs to the County Executive and local legislators.

Thus far, a five percent increase has been presented by the County Executive for contracted nonprofits like ArtsWestchester. In addition to this increase, ArtsWestchester is asking the County Executive and the Westchester County Board of Legislators to consider funding for countywide arts programming that will help to support Westchester's cultural community while working to rebuild arts audiences that were lost from the devastation of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Specifically, the arts council seeks an increase of \$250,000 for the cultural community's recovery, to be distributed through ArtsWestchester's [Art\\$WChallenge program](#), a public/private partnership with the County. Since its inception in 2007, the matching grant program has raised \$5.3 million in matching dollars, indicating that the County's matching dollars are a powerful stimulus to increased private donations.

This program incentivizes arts organizations to seek new dollars from new donors that help to achieve programmatic and capital goals. This additional requested funding will allow

ArtsWestchester to raise the dollar amount that can be matched so that cultural organizations can cultivate a deeper commitment from the private sector and benefit from an increase in funding during this critical period of recovery.

ArtsWestchester is also seeking additional County support for its [Juneteenth](#) and [ArtsMobile](#) (see pages A18-19) programs for the coming year: an additional \$250K to provide access to hands-on arts activities through the ArtsMobile program, which supports mental health and wellness through arts participation throughout Westchester; and \$50K to strengthen the council's efforts to support equity and inclusion through its promotion of Juneteenth events that are presented by a consortium of 16 groups throughout Westchester.

The arts sector has suffered significant losses of arts audiences and general income due to the negative impact of the pandemic. While the cultural community hopes to get back to pre-pandemic levels and its \$172 million in annual economic activity, the road to recovery will be long and hard.

The public is invited to share its 2023 budget priorities by attending the following budget hearings:

- November 30, 7pm (Chappaqua Performing Arts Center)
- December 7, 7pm (Board of Legislators Chambers, White Plains)

Local residents can also contact their local Legislators [here](#). For more information on ArtsWestchester's request and the budget process, contact [sabbott@artswestchester.org](mailto:sabbott@artswestchester.org).

## news briefs

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Hudson Stage Company's Last Play Makes Its Way to Off-Broadway

In the spring of this year, Hudson Stage Company debuted the *world premiere of OFF PEAK*, its final play after 24 years in Westchester. Now the play, which was commissioned by the company, will make *its way to Off-Broadway* at 59e59th theater through December 23. *OFF PEAK*, written by Brenda Withers, directed by Jess Chayes, and performed by husband-wife team Kurt Rhoads and Nance Williamson, follows two old flames who run into each other during their evening commute.

**AW ARTS DEAL:** ArtsNews readers can use code **OPFRIEND** for \$10 off per ticket.



Performance photo from OFF PEAK (photo courtesy of Hudson Stage Company)



County Executive George Latimer hosted the ribbon cutting for Memorial Field with Mount Vernon Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard (photo courtesy of County Executive Latimer's office)

### Renovated Memorial Field in Mount Vernon Reopens After 15 Years

After a 40-million-dollar renovation, Memorial Field in Mount Vernon recently had *a ribbon cutting ceremony to introduce a newly improved stadium complex*, which reopened for the first time in fifteen years. Mount Vernon Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard called the complex "one of the landmarks that connect us all," adding that the field will positively impact "economic development, public health, pride, morale and community cohesion of the City of Mount Vernon." For more than 90 years, the complex hosted memorable and historic events, from graduations to James Brown and Jackson 5 concerts. While the new stadium will present community and sporting events, it is also equipped with 3,900 seats and modern amenities "capable of handling major concerts or events."



Katherine Vockins

## Rehabilitation Through the Arts Founder Katherine Vockins Retires

*Rehabilitation Through the Arts (RTA)* Founder and Executive Director Katherine Vockins has announced her retirement after twenty-five years at the organization. What began as a theater workshop at Sing Sing Correctional Facility expanded, under her leadership, to six prisons across three state counties. The workshops also expanded to cover a large range of creative disciplines and a roster of 30 teaching artists. During her tenure, she produced more than 50 full-scale plays. The RTA board will search for a successor, but Vockins says that she plans to stay on board as a consultant “to finalize a major new project that RTA has in development.”

## Ossining Singer Sells Out Birdland Jazz Club With Album Release

Ossining singer *Vanessa Racci* recently released a new album, *Jazzy Italian*, which celebrates Italian American contributions to jazz in America. It released to a sold-out crowd at Birdland Jazz Club NYC and reached #8 on the Roots Music Report charts. The album, released by the Westchester-based label Zoho, was supported by Westchester Government’s Launch 1,000 program. The album can be heard on all major music platforms, including Spotify, Amazon Music, Apple Music and more.

Vanessa Racci's *Jazzy Italian* album cover (courtesy of the artist)

## spotlight



### 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).



Promo still from *Life Itself* (Amazon Prime)

### ***Life Itself* (Amazon Prime)**

This movie, which stars Oscar Isaac and Olivia Wilde in the leading roles, begins in great sadness. It's a difficult one. But with the intersection of *Life Itself*— it weaves together the lives of multiple characters and multiple generations — it covers the bases. It navigates stories of love found and lost, the effects of this on children and families, and the fateful happenstance of being in a certain places at a certain time resulting in great joy or great sorrow. All of this makes this a film, which shows that joy can arise from sadness. Ultimately, it show that we all carry with us all that came before.

## Westchester Arts Organizations Can Help Measure the Economic Impact of the Arts

Americans for the Arts (AFTA) is a national agency whose mission it is to build recognition and support for the extraordinary and dynamic value of the arts. In that spirit, the organization conducts a study every five years called [Arts & Economic Prosperity](#), which is designed to measure the impact that arts spending has on local jobs, income paid to local residents, and revenue generated to local and state governments. ArtsWestchester is one of nearly 400 organizations across the country that partners with AFTA to conduct these surveys from arts attendees and collect data from cultural organizations.

The AFTA study captures not only what organizations spend to produce their events, but also the ancillary spending that the community generates around these cultural activities. For instance, when someone attends an arts event, they may park in a local garage, go out to dinner beforehand, and stay in a nearby hotel. All of this spending, even aside from the ticket price spent, is thanks to this person's attendance at an arts event. This information becomes a powerful tool to reinforce ArtsWestchester's advocacy efforts in describing the widespread impact of the arts.

The goal of these efforts is to collect surveys from attendees that embody a diverse, inclusive and representative sample of the arts and cultural activities that take place in Westchester between May 2022 and April 2023. The results of the study will be released in fall of 2023. Economic impact of the arts, as of 2016 when the last survey was conducted, is \$172 million.

The cultural community in Westchester can participate in this data collection in two ways: first, by hosting a team of ArtsWestchester's volunteers to distribute and collect audience surveys at an event; and second, by completing an organizational survey (to be distributed in early 2023). Once the final report is published in fall 2023, it will become an invaluable advocacy tool for funding at all levels.

Organizations interested in learning more can email [grants@artswestchester.org](mailto:grants@artswestchester.org).

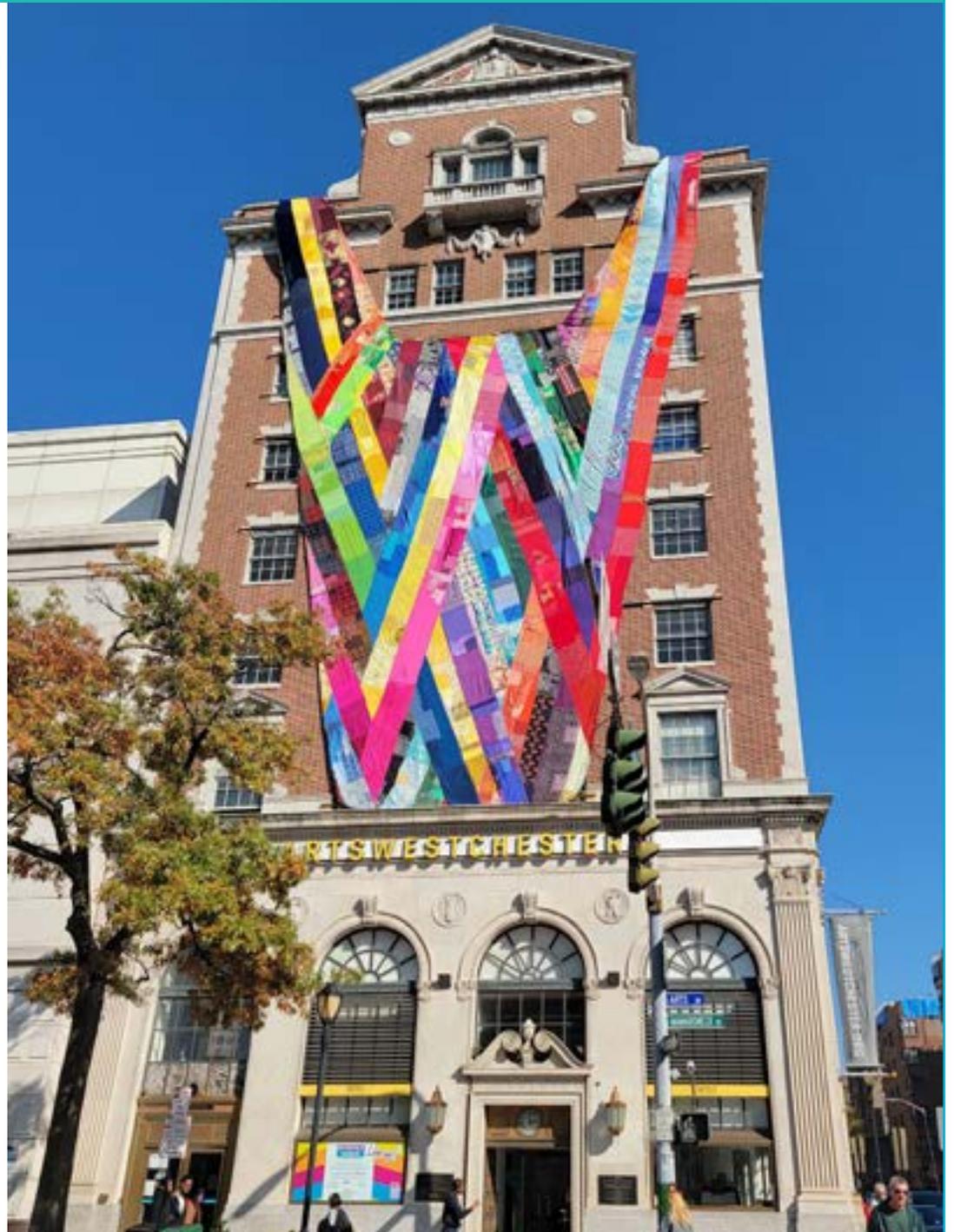
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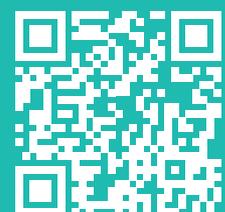
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gala 2022

# photo recap: ArtsWestchester's "Sneaker" Gala

On Saturday, November 12, ArtsWestchester welcomed guests for [its annual gala](#), this year dubbed a "sneaker gala" where guests were encouraged to don their sneakers with formal attire. Upon arriving at ArtsWestchester's building for cocktails, guests were greeted by artist Amanda Browder's six-story *Metropolis Sunrise* installation, after which they walked the red carpet for dinner and dancing in the former Applebee's building next door. The gala honored White Plains Mayor Thomas Roach and the developers who have helped to make White Plains an arts destination. [Click for more photos.](#)



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Linda Browder and Michael Minihan 4. David Borwick and White Plains Mayor Thomas Roach 5. Gold Sneaker Centerpiece 6. Martin and Irene Ginsburg 7. ArtsWestchester's gallery

# gala 2022





8. Anthony and Hannah Pankhurst 9. Crista and BJ Tucker, Barry Shenkman 10. Halina Sabath, White Plains Mayor Thomas Roach, Melissa Tomlin 11. Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins 12. Michael and Marissa Madonia 13. Artist Amanda Browder's Metropolis Sunrise installation on the front of ArtsWestchester building 14. Westchester Dance Artists performed for guests 15. Guests enjoying gala dinner at 27 Mamaroneck Avenue

## upcoming virtual and in-person arts activities

# Dec. 2022 / Jan. 2023 Arts Offerings

### 12/1 THURSDAY

**Workshop:** New Rochelle Public Library presents *Holiday Pop Up Cards*. Adults will learn how to make a pop-up Christmas tree, a dreidel that moves or pop-up candles for Kwanzaa and Diwali. 10am. nrpl.org

### 12/2 FRIDAY

**Theater:** M&M Performing Arts presents *Sherlock Holmes: The Adventure of Red-Headed League*. This a classic mystery adapted from one of the original Arthur Conan Doyle adventure. Also 12/3, 12/4. 4:30-6pm at Lyndhurst Mansion. lyndhurst.org

**Music:** New Choral Society presents *New Choral Society: Messiah (Part 1)*. The chorus will present the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah, Part I*. Also 12/4 at 3pm. 8-9:30pm at Hitchcock Presbyterian Church. newchoralsociety.org

**Music:** New Rochelle Public Library presents *Friday Night Concert Series:*

*Harlem Blues and Jazz Band*. The Harlem Blues and Jazz Band was founded in 1973 by Dr. Albert Vollmer. 7-8pm at The Ossie Davis Theatre at the New Rochelle Public Library. nrpl.org

**Workshop:** New Rochelle Public Library presents *Westchester Breathes (Virtual)*. Participate in a virtual program of

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gentle movement, breathing and relaxation exercises that reduce the experience of stress and anxiety. Fridays through 1/20/2023. 9:30am-10:30am. nrpl.org

**Theater:** River's Edge Theatre Co. presents *Every Brilliant Thing* by *Duncan Macmillan*. This comedic play for ages 12 and up explores themes of depression. Also 12/3. 7:30-9pm at The Good Witch Coffee Bar.

## 12/3 SATURDAY

**Music:** Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts presents *Josh Ritter: A Benefit Concert*. The concert will celebrate and support Caramoor's programming throughout the year with Americana style music. 8-9:30pm. caramoor.org

**Family & Kids:** Center for the Digital Arts, SUNY Westchester Peekskill presents *Saturday Enrollment Day*. Attendees will have the opportunity to apply for admission, learn about placement requirements, meet with an academic counselor and more. 1am-2pm at Westchester Community College. sunywcc.edu/peekskill

**Music:** Hoff-Barthelson Music School presents *Holiday Music Festival*. This is a weekend of music and fun for the entire family featuring performances by more than 265 students of all ages in ensembles large and small. Also 12/4. 11am-4:15pm. hbms.org

**Workshop:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *Embracing Liminal Space with Haibun (via Zoom)*. The workshops will teach the fundamentals of the genre and explore contemporary haibun. 12:30-2:30pm. writerscenter.org

**Film:** New Rochelle Public Library presents *Two Films by Ida Lupino*. New Rochelle librarian and film historian Chris Poggiali will introduce and discuss two films directed by actress and pioneering independent filmmaker Ida Lupino. 1-4pm at the Library's Ossie Davis Theatre. nrpl.org

**Workshop:** Pelham Art Center presents *Mixed Media Holiday Card Making*. Students will create one-of-a-kind holiday cards utilizing a broad range of media. 1-3pm. pelhamartcenter.org

**Family & Kids:** The Katonah Museum of Art presents *Celebrating Jerry Pinkney*. Join us for an afternoon centered around the art and legacy of Jerry

Pinkney. 12-4pm. katonahmuseum.org

**Music:** Tarrytown Music Hall presents *The Laurie Berkner Band*. The group will bring in the season with Christmas, Hanukkah and winter themed songs. 11am. tarrytownmusichall.org

**Holiday Shopping:** Luangisa African Gallery presents *Holiday Market*. This display will include curated collection of handmade and artisan-made goods from Africa. Also 12/4 at 10am-6pm.

## 12/4 SUNDAY

**Spoken Word:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *Published Student Reading (in person & via Zoom)*. The event will celebrate the recent publications of six of the Center's students. 4-5:30pm. writerscenter.org

**Workshop:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *A Generative Craft Class with David Groff (via Zoom)*. This program will focus on the "after poem" in which poets are inspired to write in response to already published poems. 12:30-2:30pm. writerscenter.org

**Music:** Jay Heritage Center presents *New York City Gospel Choir Concert in the Jay Gardens*. This is New York's premier contemporary choir comprised of singers in New York City. 2-4pm. jayheritagecenter.org

**Workshop:** Pelham Art Center presents *Family Holiday Card Making*. Students will be introduced to the art of block printing to create one-of-a-kind holiday cards. 10:30am-12pm. pelhamartcenter.org

**Music:** Westchester Chamber Music Society presents *Thalea String Quartet*. The group's performance reflects on the past, present, and the future of the string quartet repertoire while celebrating diverse musical traditions from around the world. 4-5:30pm at Congregation Emanuel of Westchester. westchesterchambermusicsociety.com

**Music:** Westchester Chordsmen presents *The Songs of the Season Holiday Show*. The chorus, formed by 40 male singers, will sing holiday favorites in a four-part cappella. 3-5pm at Rye Presbyterian Church. chordsmen.org

**Music:** Tarrytown Music Hall presents a *Holiday Market*. This is a curated shopping event highlights products from local and regional artists and makers. 10am-4pm. tarrytownmusichall.org

## 12/5 MONDAY

**Reception:** Clay Art Center presents *Artists in Residence (2022-23) Virtual Meet & Greet*. The Center's Artists in Residence will present their work and discuss their processes and practices to date. 7-8pm. clayartcenter.org

Lectures: Color Camera Club Lewis Katz. Perspective and Perception. This presentation will discuss and demonstrate the myth of style and how searching for can be hindering for the creative process. 7-10pm.

## 12/6 TUESDAY

**Workshop:** ArtsWestchester presents *Teen Tuesday: Cartooning*. Youth aged 12-16 years old will learn to create interesting characters by using simple drawing techniques. 4:30-6pm. artsw.org

**Reception:** Center for the Digital Arts, SUNY Westchester Peekskill presents *Christine Knowlton's Reimagined Elements*. This is a closing reception for Knowlton's reflective mixed media collages and canvases. 6-8pm at Westchester Community College. sunywcc.edu/peekskill

## 12/7 WEDNESDAY

**Music:** Downtown Music at Grace presents *A Holiday Cabaret with Kimberly Hawkey and Jon Weber*. This is a program of holiday favorites and some new creations as well. 12:15-1:15pm. dtmusic.org

## 12/8 THURSDAY

**Workshop:** The Katonah Museum of Art presents *Drawing From Life*. Guided by a teaching artist, adult participants will draw a live model wearing a series of imaginative costumes. 5:30-7:30pm. katonahmuseum.org

## 12/9 FRIDAY

**Film:** KinoSaito presents *The Wonders*. This is a coming-of-age epic by Alice Rohrwacher, who based the film on her childhood memories of working with her three sisters on their parents' Tuscan bee farm. 6-8:30pm. kinosaito.org

**Theater:** M&M Performing Arts presents *Mr. Dickens Tells A Christmas Carol*. This production recreates the famous performance tour by Charles Dickens in 1867 with his classic tale bringing the travails of Ebenezer Scrooge, Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim alive. Through 12/16. 7-8:30pm at Lyndhurst Mansion. lyndhurst.org

**Music:** Westchester Children's Chorus

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presents *Winter Concert*. The performance will include all five ensembles of students ranging from 1st - 12th grade. 7-8:30pm at Larchmont Avenue Church. [wcchorus.org](http://wcchorus.org)

**Music:** Tarrytown Music Hall presents *Judy Collins*. The artist will perform a selection of her holiday favorites and other hit songs. 8pm. [tarrytownmusichall.org](http://tarrytownmusichall.org)

### 12/10 SATURDAY

**Music:** Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts presents *Calmus*. This holiday program will have a wide range of holiday

music, from early music to contemporary Christmas favorites. 3-4:30pm. [caramoor.org](http://caramoor.org)

**Theater:** Emelin Theatre presents *Click Clack Moo*. This musical about negotiation and compromise, is based on the Caldecott Honor Book by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin. 11 & 2pm. [emelin.org](http://emelin.org)

**Music:** Hoff-Barthelson Music School presents *Festival Orchestra Winter Concert: North*. Works by Grieg, Tchaikovsky and Sibelius will be performed. 7-9pm at Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation. [hbms.org](http://hbms.org)

**Workshop:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *A Winter Solstice Generative Workshop (via Zoom)*.

This mixed-genre generative workshop will be led by performance artist Karen Finley. 12:30-3:30pm. [writerscenter.org](http://writerscenter.org)

**Spoken Word:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *Open Write (in person & via Zoom)*. This is an evening of generative writing, story swapping and community building. 7:30-9:30pm. [writerscenter.org](http://writerscenter.org)

**Music:** India Center of Westchester presents *An Evening of Ragas on Strings*. The performance will include a dinner with the artists. 5-8pm. [indiacenter.us/event-3](http://indiacenter.us/event-3)

**Music:** Taconic Opera presents *Handel's Messiah*. Professional soloists will join the opera chorus for a performance of this oratorio from the Baroque period of music. Also 12/11. 3-4:30pm at Holy Name of Mary Church. [taconicopera.org](http://taconicopera.org)

**Family & Kids:** The Picture House presents *Santa Needs Your Help*. During this family-friendly event, audiences will help Santa Claus get ready for Christmas. 10am-11am. [thepicturehouse.org](http://thepicturehouse.org)

**Music:** Westchester Chorale presents *Rhythms from the Andes concert*. The production showcases the works of two 20th-century Argentine composers, Ariel Ramirez and Carlos Guastavino. 4-6pm at Larchmont Avenue Church. [westchesterchorale.org](http://westchesterchorale.org)

**Music:** Tarrytown Music Hall presents *Cherish the Ladies*. The Irish-American group brings Celtic carols and step-dancing to the stage. 8pm. [tarrytownmusichall.org](http://tarrytownmusichall.org)

### 12/11 SUNDAY

**Music:** Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts presents *Reggie Harris*. The musician, storyteller and educator will bring an uplifting concert of songs and stories about the Underground Railroad, one of the most important chapters in American History. 2-3pm. [caramoor.org](http://caramoor.org)

**Music:** Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts presents *Reggie Harris*. In this special sensory-friendly program, musician, storyteller, and educator Reggie Harris brings an uplifting concert of songs and stories about the Underground Railroad. 4-4:30pm. [caramoor.org](http://caramoor.org)

**Workshop:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *Generative Poetry Writing Workshop on the sonnet (via Zoom)*. Students will study fundamental

English sonnets and sonnets made into English, as inspiration for making their own poems. 12:30-4:30pm. [writerscenter.org](http://writerscenter.org)

**Theater:** Music at Asbury presents *God Bless Us, Everyone*. The show is a staged reading of Dickens' classic holiday story, *A Christmas Carol*, complemented with familiar Christmas carols. 4-5:30pm at Asbury Crestwood United Methodist Church. [musicatasbury.com](http://musicatasbury.com)

**Film:** New Rochelle Public Library presents *New Rochelle Plays Hollywood Film Series: Edge of the City*. This 1957 American film-noir drama film follows an army deserter and a black dock worker who join forces against a corrupt union official. 2-4pm at the Library's Ossie Davis Theatre. [nrpl.org](http://nrpl.org)

**Music:** Songcatchers, Inc. presents *26th Annual Concert for Peace*. The choir and ensemble will perform secular and interfaith carols, songs of peace and multicultural songs of the holidays. 3-4:30pm at The Ursuline School - Auriana Theater. [songcatchers.org](http://songcatchers.org)

**Music:** The Schoolhouse Theater presents *Holiday Benefit*. The concert will feature a performance by jazz legend Houston Person. 7-9pm at Hygrade Market. [theschoolhousetheater.org](http://theschoolhousetheater.org)

**Dance:** The Capitol Theatre presents *The Nutcracker*. Central Park Dance will perform a production of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*. 5pm. [thecapitoltheatre.com](http://thecapitoltheatre.com)

### 12/12 MONDAY

**Lectures:** Color Camera Club of Westchester presents *Perspective and Perception*. This discussion will explore how the vantage point and decisions made by the photographer influence the viewer. 7:30-9:30pm. [cccw.clubexpress.com](http://cccw.clubexpress.com)

### 12/13 TUESDAY

**Workshop:** ArtsWestchester presents *Teen Tuesday Holiday Workshop*. Youth aged 12-16 years old will create decorative cards for their family or friends using fabric and printmaking. 4:30-6pm. [artsw.org](http://artsw.org)

**Music:** Hoff-Barthelson Music School presents *Auditions for Festival Orchestra*. Students in grades 9 through 12 are invited to auditions for strings, oboe, bassoon, horn and trumpet for the 2023 spring season. 7-10pm. [hbms.org](http://hbms.org)

### 12/14 WEDNESDAY

**Music:** Caramoor Center for Music and

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Harlem Blues and Jazz Band, 12/2, New Rochelle Public Library (photo courtesy of New Rochelle Public Library)

the Arts presents *Holiday Tea Musicales*. This annual holiday tradition including a music performance, festive decorations, and tea service in the majestic Music Room. Through 12/18. 2-4:30pm. [caramoor.org](http://caramoor.org)

**Music:** Downtown Music at Grace presents Violinist *Anna Rabinova* and Pianist *Svetlana Gorokhovich*. This program of chamber music includes works by Beethoven, a transcription of the Lensky Aria from Eugene Onegin of Tchaikovsky, plus the virtuosic *La Campanella of Paganini*. 12-1pm. [dtmusic.org](http://dtmusic.org)

**Spoken word:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *A Celebration of Debut Collections (via Zoom)*. A group of authors will read from their new books and answer audience questions about craft and publishing their first collections. 7-8:30pm. [writerscenter.org](http://writerscenter.org)

**Family & Kids:** New Rochelle Public Library presents *Magic Show with Joseph Fields*. Magician Joseph Fields will perform tricks and illusions for kids aged 4 to 12. 2-3pm at The Ossie Davis Theatre @ New Rochelle Public Library. [nrpl.org](http://nrpl.org)

**Music:** Tarrytown Music Hall presents *Glenn Miller Orchestra*. The orchestra will perform holiday favorites and classics from the Big Band Songbook. 8pm. [tarrytownmusichall.org](http://tarrytownmusichall.org)

### 12/16 FRIDAY

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

**Music:** Tarrytown Music Hall presents *The Vienna Boys Choir*. The group will

perform classical and popular Christmas carols. 8pm. [tarrytownmusichall.org](http://tarrytownmusichall.org)

**Music:** The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents *The Rob Mathes Holiday Concert*. This is a high-energy evening of rock, jazz, and blues with original tunes and new interpretations on holiday classics. Also 12/17. 8-10pm. [artscenter.org](http://artscenter.org)

### 12/17 SATURDAY

**Music:** The Picture House presents *Not So Silent Night*. The annual holiday concert will feature some of the region's best musicians. 6-6pm. [thepicturehouse.org](http://thepicturehouse.org)

**Music:** Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse presents *The Kennedys*. This American folk-rock band blends elements of country music, bluegrass, Western swing and janglepop. 7:30-10pm

at Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation. [walkaboutchorus.org](http://walkaboutchorus.org)

**Film:** Jacob Burns Film Center presents *White Christmas*. The 1954 musical film centers around a group of entertainers during World War II keen on spreading the holiday spirit to save a failing Vermont inn. 12pm. Also 12/22 at 7pm. [burnsfilmcenter.org](http://burnsfilmcenter.org)

**Music:** Tarrytown Music Hall presents *Darlene Love*. The singer and former lead singer of '60s band The Blossoms, will perform a holiday program. 8pm. [tarrytownmusichall.org](http://tarrytownmusichall.org)

### 12/18 SUNDAY

**Music:** The Sanctuary Series presents *A Classical Holiday with Mary Jane and Anthony Newman*. This program of piano duet will feature select preludes

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Hoff-Barthelson Music School Holiday Music Festival (photo credit: Steve Schnur)

and fugues of J.S. Bach and sonatas of W.A. Mozart arranged for two pianos. 4-5:30pm at South Salem Presbyterian Church. [thesanctuaryseries.org](http://thesanctuaryseries.org)

**Dance:** Tarrytown Music Hall presents *the New York Theatre Ballet*. The group will perform an hour-long production of *The Nutcracker*, created for younger audiences. 3 & 6pm. [tarrytownmusicall.org](http://tarrytownmusicall.org)

### 12/21 WEDNESDAY

**Music:** Downtown Music at Grace presents *A Holiday Concert with Angelica*. The chamber choir will offer a program of medieval, traditional and contemporary songs, including carols and chants of the season. 12-1pm. [dtmusic.org](http://dtmusic.org)

**Film:** Jacob Burns Film Center presents *What's Up, Doc?*. Barbara Streisand and Ryan O'Neal star in a screwball romantic comedy that races across San Francisco. 1-2:30pm. [burnsfilmcenter.org](http://burnsfilmcenter.org)

### 12/22 THURSDAY

**Film:** New Rochelle Public Library presents *A Look Inside It's a Wonderful Life (Virtual)*. This virtual talk will examine the story of this classic Christmas film while looking at the challenges of how it was made and how it became the ultimate portrayal of holiday goodwill and cheer. 7-8:30pm. [nrpl.org](http://nrpl.org)

### 12/23 THURSDAY

**Film:** The Picture House presents *It's a Wonderful Life*. This beloved holiday classic tells the story of a frustrated businessman who realizes he is worth far more than his actual monetary value after being given a "great gift" on Christmas Eve by his guardian angel. 5pm. [thepicturehouse.org](http://thepicturehouse.org)

### 12/24 FRIDAY

**Workshop:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *Jewish Writers Poetry*

*Workshop with Sean Singer via Zoom.*

This two-day workshop is for writers who wish to engage with themes of Jewishness. Also 12/25. 10am-6pm. [writerscenter.org](http://writerscenter.org)

### 12/28 WEDNESDAY

**Workshop:** New Rochelle Public Library presents *Spin, Pop...Boom with Mad Science*. Kids aged 5-12 will enjoy demonstrations of chemistry reactions. 2-2:45pm at The Ossie Davis Theatre @ New Rochelle Public Library. [nrpl.org](http://nrpl.org)

### 12/30 FRIDAY

**Film:** New Rochelle Public Library presents *The Bad Guys*. Based on the bestselling book series by author Aaron Blabey, this is an all-new animated feature film about a group of frightening animals who set out to change people's perception of them. 10:30am-12:15pm at the Library's Ossie Davis Theatre. [nrpl.org](http://nrpl.org)

## JANUARY

### 1/5 THURSDAY

**Workshop:** New Rochelle Public Library presents *Mini Book of Memories*. Adults will use photocopies, magazine images, text, papers and paint to create their own mini-book of memories. 10am. [nrpl.org](http://nrpl.org)

### 1/7 SATURDAY

**Spoken Word:** The Katonah Museum of Art presents *Saturday Story Corner*. Audiences are welcome to the reading corner on select Saturday mornings. 10:30-11:30am. [katonahmuseum.org](http://katonahmuseum.org)

### 1/8 SUNDAY

**Film:** New Rochelle Public Library presents *New Rochelle Plays Hollywood Film Series: The Crowd*. In this 1928 silent film, an office worker deals with the simple

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joys and tragedies of married life. 2-4pm at the Library's Ossie Davis Theatre. [nrpl.org](http://nrpl.org)

### 1/11 WEDNESDAY

**Music:** Downtown Music at Grace presents *Chamber Music with the Phil: August in January*. The program includes works by Grammy-nominated Gregg August, and more. 12-1pm. [dtmusic.org](http://dtmusic.org)

### 1/14 SATURDAY

**Workshop:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *Best practices on creating an anthology (via Zoom)*. This discussion will cover the following topics: direct solicitation versus open submissions, submission process, sequencing the anthology, seeking a publisher and more. 12:30-2:30pm. [writerscenter.org](http://writerscenter.org)

**Lectures:** New Rochelle Public Library presents *Discovering Your African American Heritage by Building a Family Tree*. Joyce Sharrock Cole, Ossining Village Historian and certified genealogical researcher, will share how how participants can research their family lineage and discovered their ancestry. 2-3:30pm at Ossie Davis Theater, New Rochelle Public Library. [nrpl.org](http://nrpl.org)

### 1/15 MONDAY

**Festival:** India Center of Westchester presents *Lohri*. This Indian folk celebration of the New Year will include a live DJ, dhol musical instruments and food. 2-7pm. [indiacenter.us/event-3](http://indiacenter.us/event-3)

**Reception:** Pelham Art Center presents an *Art Boutique*. This is an evening of shopping, refreshments and live music to wrap up holiday shopping. 5-8pm. [pelhamartcenter.org](http://pelhamartcenter.org)

### 1/18 WEDNESDAY

**Music:** Downtown Music at Grace presents *A Laureate of the New York International Piano Competition*. Downtown Music continues its collaboration with the virtuosic young pianists who are prize winners of this venerable contest. 12pm. [dtmusic.org](http://dtmusic.org)

**Spoken word:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *Poems of Empowerment, Compassion, and Social Justice Anthology Reading (via Zoom)*. The program will introduce five award-winning poets from the Stronger Than Fear Anthology. 7-8:30pm. [writerscenter.org](http://writerscenter.org)

### 1/20 FRIDAY

**Tours:** The Katonah Museum of Art presents *Stroller Tours*. Guests will meet fellow parents and caregivers of babies 0-18 months to start the day with a culturally invigorating stroller-friendly tour of the current exhibitions. 9:30-10:30am. [katonahmuseum.org](http://katonahmuseum.org)

### 1/21 SATURDAY

**Workshop:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *Concrete Imagery in Poetry with Denise Duhamel (via Zoom)*. Participants will generate new poems and seedlings for poems via prompts that oblige them to pay attention to precision. 12:30-4:30pm. [writerscenter.org](http://writerscenter.org)

**Workshop:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *Travel Writing and Social Justice (via Zoom)*. The program will help students identify terminology and tropes, unequal and unchallenged power dynamics between the writer and their subjects, and delve into narration, setting and scene. 12:30-4:30pm. [writerscenter.org](http://writerscenter.org)

### 1/22 SUNDAY

**Spoken word:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *David Means & Lauren Acampora (in person & live-streaming via Zoom)*. The authors will discuss craft, the difference of writing novels vs stories, and their new projects. 4-5:30pm. [writerscenter.org](http://writerscenter.org)

**Theater:** New Rochelle Public Library presents *Staged Reading of Original Plays*. The Supporting Characters, a group of award-winning local writers, actors and directors who develop new works for stage and screen, will be presenting a staged reading. 1-2pm at The Ossie Davis Theatre @ New Rochelle Public Library. [nrpl.org](http://nrpl.org)

**Reception:** The Katonah Museum of Art presents *Last Look*. Enjoy the last day of the current exhibitions. 12-5pm. [katonahmuseum.org](http://katonahmuseum.org)

**Music:** The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents *Orpheus Chamber Orchestra*. The orchestra will provide a new interpretation of *Pictures at an Exhibition*, a piece by Russian composer Modest Mussorgsky, along with other classical works. 3-4:30pm. [artscenter.org](http://artscenter.org)

### 1/23 MONDAY

**Lectures:** Color Camera Club of Westchester presents *Penelope Taylor Discusses Compelling Composition*. Attendees will look back



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in time to the work of master painters for how they used composition, for they were the photographers of their time. 7-10pm. cccw.clubexpress.com

**Reception:** Hoff-Barthelson Music School presents *Early Childhood Program Open House*. Families eager to enroll their very youngest members, ages 9 months to 5 years, in a high-quality music education program are invited to attend. 1am-11:30am. hbms.org

### 1/25 WEDNESDAY

**Music:** Downtown Music at Grace presents *Virtuosity, Part I*. This concert, the first of two parts, will include the E minor Sonata of J.S. Bach, Hungarian Dances of Johannes Brahms and Hypnosis by Ian Clarke. 12-1pm. dtmusic.org

### 1/28 SATURDAY

**Workshop:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *Translations of Chinese Poems by American Poets Since Pound*. This is a craft workshop led by poet, essayist, translator, scholar Wang Jiaxi. 12:30-4:30pm. writerscenter.org

**Workshop:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *Writing a Pantoum with*

*Lauren Camp via Zoom*. The program will offer a brief historical background on the form, then lead students in an idea-generating exercise that will produce the raw material for each student's unique pantoum. 12:30-4:30pm. writerscenter.org

### 1/29 SUNDAY

**Workshop:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *A Prose Workshop with Cynthia Cruz (via Zoom)*. Participants will examine the different ways in which writing can allow for what cannot be articulated with a series of readings and generative writing exercises. 12:30-4:30pm. writerscenter.org

**Workshop:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *Master Class on the Poetic Sequence with Andrés Cerpa via Zoom*. The two-hour course will explore the construction of poetic sequences, delving into the ways that poets build cohesion and sustain momentum in longer works. 12:30-2:30pm. writerscenter.org

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Artwork by Adina Andrus on view in *Feast of Fates, Ice Cream Social Art*, through 12/10 (photo courtesy of the artist)

## EXHIBITIONS & CLASSES

### Antonia Arts

- **Class: *Writers Circle*.** Guests will have an opportunity to their work for supportive feedback and write new material with a special prompt given. Through 12/18 at 3-5pm. The Artist Spot.

### ArtsWestchester

- **Exhibition: *The Social Fabric*.** The show features recent works and site-responsive commissions by artists who use textiles and fabrics to explore issues of broad social consequence. Through 1/22. Wed-Fri & Sun: 12-5pm, Sat: 12-6pm.

### Center for the Digital Arts, SUNY Westchester Peekskill

- **Class: *Certificate in User Experience Design (UX) Remote*.** The program will offer a foundation in user experience strategies, design thinking, and interactive design. 1/19/2023 5/16/2023, 6:30-9:30pm.
- **Class: *Mural-Making for Public Exhibition in 30 Hrs for Adults*.** Utilizing a unifying theme inspired by the City of Peekskill's history, multi-cultures, and natural environment, students enrolled in this 8-week workshop will collaboratively design, paint, and install large and small-scale murals for public exhibition 1/21-3/25 at 10am-1pm.

### Clay Art Center

- **Exhibition: *Clay Holiday Market*.** The display features a wide range of functional pottery and ceramic sculpture by national and regional artists. Through 12/24/2022.

- **Exhibition: *Rising Stars: Annual Student Exhibition with Concurrent Youth & Community Arts Exhibitions*.** The shows will celebrate the achievements of adult students, with concurrent exhibitions from youth students, and community arts program. 1/16/2023 2/15/2023

### The Ground Glass

- **Exhibition: *Hot Flashes*.** This is an exhibit of fine art photography by nine accomplished women photographers: 12/2-29 at Ossining Public Library.

### Harrison Public Library

- **Exhibition: *New Paintings by Neil Waldman*.** Waldman;s paintings are included in many prestigious collections around the world. 12/4-1/6/2023, 9:30am-5:30pm.Harrison Public Library.

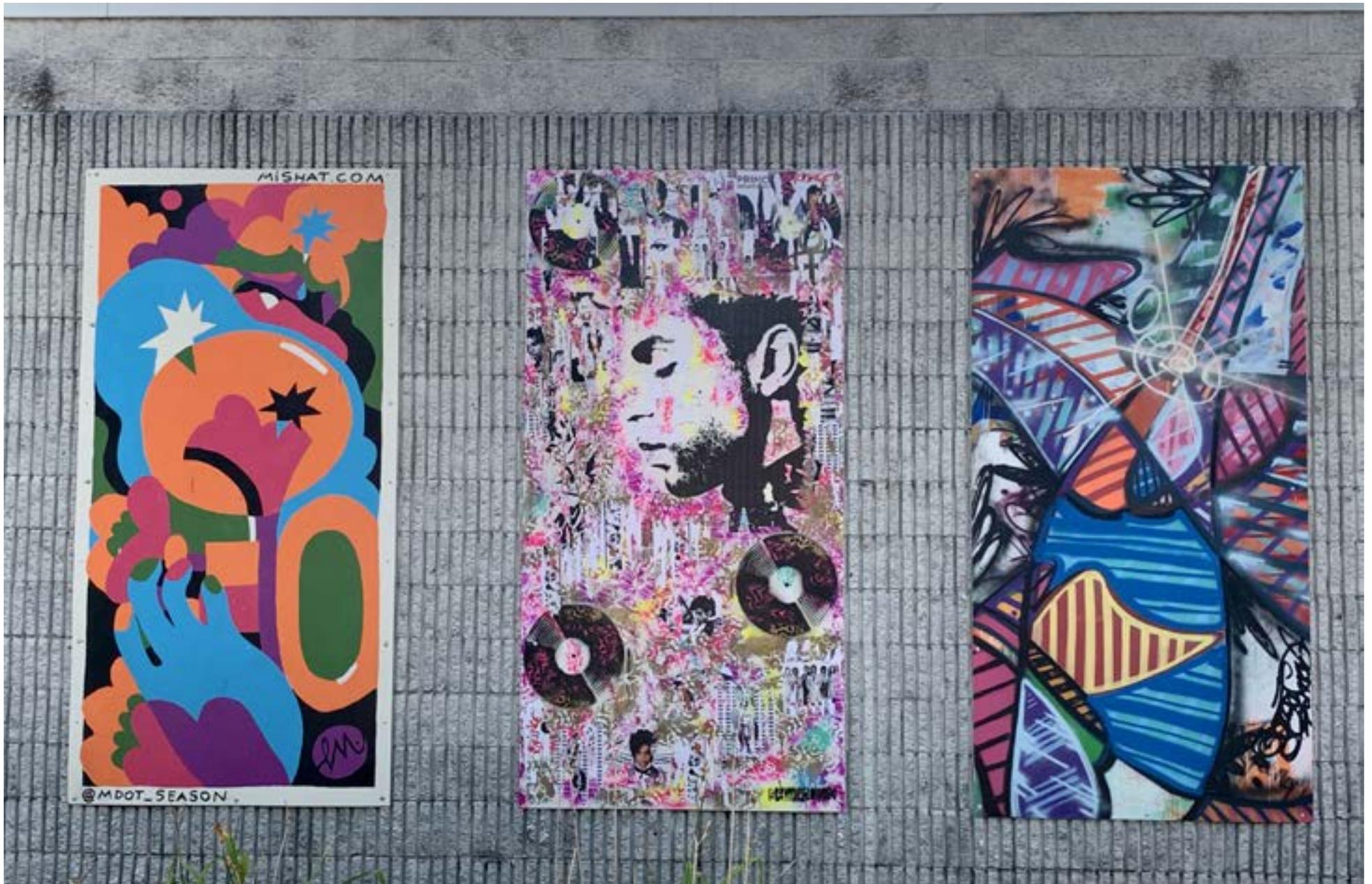
### Hudson River Museum

- **Exhibition: *Federico Uribe: Plastic Reef*.** The artist weaves together everyday plastic objects to recreate a marine coral reef and its interdependent life forms. Through 2/12/2023, 12-5pm.

### Hudson River Potters

- **Exhibition: *Annual Hudson River Potters Holiday Show*.** Eight artisans will show their functional and sculptural pieces which can be gifts for the holidays. 12/10-12/11 at 1-5pm at the Auditorium Eastchester Public Library.

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Public "mini-murals" on display at Pelham Art Center by Misha Tyutyunik, Savior Elmundo and Pablo Power, through 8/18/24 (photo courtesy of Pelham Art Center)

### Hudson Valley MOCA

- Exhibition: *Through the Eye of the Needle*. The exhibition will address the use of hand crafting to reflect on cultural diversity, regional craft and environmental issues. 1/14-3/11/2023, 11am-5pm.

### Hudson Valley Writers Center

- Class: *Monday Night Poetry Workshop with John James (via Zoom)*. Poet, professor, and scholar John James will look constructively at new work each week on Zoom. 1/23-3/6/2023, 6:30-9pm.
- Class: *The Wide World: Translating Poetry (via Zoom)*. Participants will translate poems from any language into English. 1-4:30pm.

### Ice Cream Social

- Exhibition: *Feast of Fates*. Adina Andrus works across various media, creating 2D mixed media pieces, sculptures, drawings and installations that confront questions of memory, belonging, and visual culture across time and space. Through 12/10 at Times vary.

### Katonah Museum of Art

- Exhibition: *A Sense of Community: Celebrating Jerry Pinkney's Legacy*. The show explores Pinkney's role as a mentor to, and model for, artists and illustrators of color.

Through 1/22/2023, 12-5pm.

- Exhibition: *Tenacity & Resilience*. The exhibition honors the work of Jerry Pinkney with more than 70 of his illustrations, dummy books and working drawings from seven children's books published between 1993 and 2020. Through 1/22/2023, 10am-5pm.

### Mamaroneck Artists Guild

- Exhibition: *A Gift of Art*. This is a holiday exhibit and boutique that features the works of the Guild's members. Through 12/24 at 12-5pm.
- Exhibition: *Winter Gaze*. This is a member group show. 1/10/2023 1/28/2023, 12-5pm.

### Manhattan Cabaret Arts

- Class: *Cabaret Performance Workshop*. In this 2 hour a week workshop, students will work with a director and pianist on different songs. Wednesdays from 12/7-1/11/2023. 6-8pm. The LOFT (in the MUMC Sanctuary).
- Exhibition: *Celebrating Picasso 2023*. This show will include works by Pablo Picasso as well as other world-renowned artists, including Andre Kertesz and Toulouse Lautrec. Through 12/30. Tues-Fri: 11:30am-3:30pm, Sat: 12-3:30pm.

### New Castle Historical Society

- Exhibition: *The Great Holiday Train Show*. Families will discover the historic

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19th-century summer residence of Horace Greeley, festively decorated for the holidays with running train displays in each of the period rooms. Through 1/8/2023, 1am-3pm.

#### New Rochelle Public Library

- **Class: *Bokandeye African Dance Workshop.*** In celebration of Black History Month, participants will learn basic traditional West African dance movements, some which date back to the 13th century Old Mali Empire. 1/21/2023 2/25/2023, 2-3pm. The Ossie Davis Theatre at New Rochelle Public Library.
- **Class: *Knitting Workshop.*** Professional knitter, Esther Sussner, is holding drop in workshops for knitters of all levels, from beginner to advanced. 12/6-12/13 at 1am-12pm.
- **Exhibition: *Creativity in Art.*** The show will feature a range of work by artist Patricia Frankel, including colored pencil drawings and abstract art. 12/1-10 at Lumen Winter Gallery, New Rochelle Public Library.
- **Exhibition: *Art Exhibit: New Rochelle Art Association Adolf Grant Award Show.*** 12/11-1/8/2023 at Lumen Winter Gallery, New Rochelle Public Library.

#### Nowodworski Foundation

- **Class: *Gardens: Zoom Art Workshop Series.*** The project participants will study existing diverse gardens of the world, and later, based on the garden learned, they will create their own projects with various design techniques. 12/14-12/28 at 5:30-6:30pm.

#### Oak & Oil Gallery

- **Exhibition: *Intersection*** by Richard Lang Chandler. Chandler's new works represent the intersection of color and reflective light transforming the landscape. Through 12/31, Tues-Sat 11am-5:30pm.

#### Ossining Arts Council

- **Exhibition: *1st Annual Small Works Holiday Show.*** Members of the Council will display their paintings, collages, fiber, ceramics and 3D works, which will be on sale. Through 12/24 at 1-4pm. OAC Steamer Firehouse Gallery.

#### Pelham Art Center

- **Class: *Mindful Yoga for Adults and Kids.*** This class combines playtime yoga, breath and flowing movements to cleanse and recharge the body. 12/7-12/21 at 10am-11am.
- **Class: *Photoshop Fun.*** Students aged 6-10 will create magical creatures and settings based on some of their favorite characters. 12/4-12/18 at 1-3pm.

#### The Rye Arts Center

- **Exhibition: *Edward Gorey and Charles Addams.*** The show will feature rarely exhibited works by Edward Gorey, including his original stage-set sketches, and iconic Charles Addams' illustrations. 1/28-3/25/2023, 9am-7pm.
- **Exhibition: *Alan Model.*** This exhibition, presented in collaboration with The Ground Glass Photography Group, is a retrospective of the life's work of photographer Alan Model. 12/1-12/10 at 9am-7pm.
- **Exhibition: *Member Exhibit.*** The collection will include the works of the Center's hundreds of members who range from beginners to professionals. 12/19-1/21/2023, 9am-7pm.

#### Studio Theater in Exile

- **Exhibition: *Objects in Performance.*** Ordinary objects are transformed by sculptor Adam Niklewicz and composer Satyaki Dutta. 12/1-1/31/2023.

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