

First Night final program - December 31, 2014



Mike Agranoff, Folk singer/humorist

Defying categorization, Mike amasses stalwart fans among folk aficionados of all persuasions. His material encompasses traditional ballads, fiddle tunes, Tin Pan Alley, folk contemporaries, and his own witty pen - all delivered with a skilled hand on guitar, piano, and concertina, an almost telepathic transmittal of the essence of the song, and a sly twinkle in the eye in anticipation of some of the most horrible parodies ever perpetrated on an unsuspecting audience. A signature feature of Mike's performances is his inclusion of some heart-stopping spoken word pieces, unforgettable stories that rivet the listener. His 4th CD, *Straight Lines*, was released last month. www.mikeagranoff.com;

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FhK0hnZjq3g>

Site 18: The Market Street Mission, 9 Market Street, 100 seats, 9:45 and 10:45pm



Art 4 Kids with Christine Wagner

Kids and art go together like peanut butter and jelly. Explore that natural sense of wonder and creativity with a little help from fine artist, Christine Wagner. Kids will have a great time making an original art project for New Year's Eve during this new, early and fun component of First Night Morris County. <http://www.christinewagnerart.com/>

Site 4: Morristown H.S. Cafeteria, 50 Early Street, 60 seats, 4:45 - 6:45pm



L-R: Gail Mardfin's *Midnight Tulips*; Nina Nemeth's *Face the Sun*.

Art Upstairs & Starlight Gallery

The Mayo Performing Arts Center continues to present exhibits by outstanding New Jersey artists. The exhibit at First Night will be the annual Millburn Short Hills Art Center (MSHAC) visit to the Art Upstairs Gallery. The exhibit will include works in all media: Watercolors, Oils, Collages, Pastels, Photography and Sculptures. Also, in the Starlight Gallery, there will be a series of works by Nina Nemeth, a multi-media artist. <http://www.mshac.org>;
<http://www.mayoarts.org>.

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Site 11: Mayo Performing Arts Center, 2nd floor lobby and Starlight Gallery, 100 South Street, all evening



L-R: Carlos Frias' *Honeycomb*; Chris Kappmeier's *C.P. Yongs NYC*; Ruth Bauer Neustadter's *Primus*; Jim Fallon's combat paper, *Orphan's Opus '68*; Beatrice Lebreton's *Earth I*; Michael Hanna's *Hydra Crane*.

Atrium Gallery: Fall/Winter 2014-15 Exhibit

The 191 artworks on display highlight the creative energies of 36 outstanding artists in the Atrium Gallery, located on floors 2-5 of the County Administration & Records Building. See works on paper made from combat uniforms, on steel, glass and canvas by Carlos Frias, Chris Kappmeier, Pauline Chernichaw, Penny Dell, Sandra Frech, Alice Harrison, Valerie Mankoff, Nancy Egol Nikkal, Ruth Bauer Neustadter, the 25 artists with the *Combat Paper* group, John Tetz, Béatrice Lebreton, Ibou Ndoeye and Michael Hanna. www.morrisarts.org

Site 20: Atrium Gallery, Administration & Records Building, Floors 2-5, 10 Court St., all evening



The British Invasion Tribute: More than just The Beatles

What better endorsement for a British Invasion Tribute band than opening for Ringo Starr?! If you love classic 60s rock, don't miss this group's note-perfect performances! Their flawless British Invasion repertoire (*The Beatles*, *The Rolling Stones*, *The Moody Blues*, etc.) is matched by their "The American Response" (*The Monkees*, *Simon & Garfunkel*, *The Beach Boys*, etc.). Band members Robert Murdock, Lee Scott Howard, Jeff Alai and Jon Wolf have performed with Eric Clapton, Bon Jovi, Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes - at the Stone Pony, on the *Tonight Show* and *Late Night with David Letterman*, and, of course, in Morristown!

www.thebritishinvasiontribute.com; Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dtLIMXT2h5g>

Site 10: Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 1,200 seats, 9:45 and 10:45pm



Building Kidz: Imagination LEGO!

Building Kidz is excited to teach your child LEGO Robotics! The LEGO projects use motors,

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gears and sensors and connect to our laptops, which enable them to come alive with movement and sound! There will be LOTS of LEGO bricks to create what you want as well! *LEGO projects are not brought home. <http://www.buildingkidzj.com/>

Site 4: Morristown H.S. Cafeteria, 50 Early Street, 60 seats, 4:45 - 6:45pm



Children's Fun Festival

Kids of all ages will enjoy the antics of Steve "JUGGLES" Beigel, a multi-talented "Jester of Joy" who spreads miles of smiles through his energetic blend of silliness, mime, magic, juggling, and ballooning. Gina Velasquez and her team will be on hand to paint faces with intricate designs, or apply glitter tattoos, pleasing children, teens and adults! At the same time, audiences will enjoy the lively music from organ grinder Ed Ricci's handmade 100 pipe, hand-cranked street organ with its 20 note glockenspiel! These wonderful "street performers" will be based in the High School Atrium (upstairs). Come and join the fun!!

Site 5: Morristown H.S. Atrium Lobby, Upstairs, 50 Early St., 7-9pm



Chinese Theatre Works: *Hao-Bang Ah, Horse!* (written & directed by Kuang-Yu Fong and Stephen Kaplin)

"Hao-Bang Ah!" is a common Chinese phrase meaning "Well done!," "Great!" or "Awesome!" That's an appropriate description of this lively celebration of the animals of the Chinese zodiac cycle -- which this year features the Horse. Using traditional and not-so-traditional hand puppet vignettes, as well as songs, games and audience participation, *Hao-Bang Ah, Horse!* is a miniature Chinese cultural feast, accessible to young and old alike. The audience learns about Chinese New Year customs and practices (red envelopes, *nian gao*, "End-of-Year Monsters," lion dancers and firecrackers). It is performed in English with some Chinese language.

www.chinesetheatreworks.org; Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOvv-C-4AEA>

Site 7: St. Peter's Parish House, 70 Maple Ave., 200 seats, 7:15 and 8:15pm

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Rio Clemente, “The Bishop of Jazz,” and Friends

A consummate jazz musician who has performed at Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall and NJPAC, Rio holds his audiences spellbound with the sheer brilliance of his improvisations, and his unique fusions of classical passagework with jazz. As composer and pianist on the title track of Miss Amy’s CD, *My Precious One*, Rio shared in the spotlight of its 2006 Grammy nomination! Groove with the acclaimed jazz pianist and friends, as they captivate the audience with their own special blend of jazz standards and original tunes. www.rioclemente.com.

Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=thLCAi4jNWA>

Site 16: Morristown United Methodist Church, 50 Park Place, 550 seats, 9:45 and 10:45pm



The Cobra Brothers/ Blues

The Cobra Brothers band is a gutsy, full-throated group showcasing Delta (country) blues, Chicago blues, and easily handling a touch of funk, R&B, rock, country, and jazz along the way. Its raw voiced vocals and wailing harmonica riffs have won the band acclaim at blues festivals throughout the tri-state area. Paying musical homage to such blues legends as Lou Rawls, Muddy Waters, B. B. King, Paul Butterfield, Big Joe Turner, among others, the Cobra Brothers have performed at The Bitter End, The Stone Pony, Watchung Arts Center and were finalists at the 2009 JSJBF-sponsored Division of The International Blues Challenges.

www.myspace.com/thecobrabrothers. Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5ApM6s1zfE>

Site 19: First Baptist Church, 51 Washington Street, 250 seats, 9:45 and 10:45pm



Colombian Salsa with Armando Son Jimenez y Orquesta Sabor

More than 25 years ago, Jorge Armando Jimenez migrated to the United States, and steadily built his reputation as a bandleader and musician. Known as Sonjimenez or Sonji, Armando performed with such top salsa musicians as The Lebron Brothers, Luigi Texidor, and Sonora

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Poncena and played in such prominent venues as NYC's B.B. Kings, Las Palmas (West New York), Crystals (Lyndhurst) and Club Tropicana in Milan, Italy. His music has a hot, tropical swing which combines hard salsa, some Cuban *stile*, romantic salsa and *cumbia*. Ward off winter's chill with the hot Latin rhythms of this fabulous salsa band.

<http://www.cdbaby.com/Artist/ArmandoSonJimenez1>

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-xv_7ZX2ug

Site 2: Morristown H.S. Main Gym, 50 Early Street, 500 seats, 7:15 and 8:15pm.



DINOMAN Dinosaurs!

Don't miss this chance to see life-sized (inflatable) dinosaurs! The dinosaur tracks lead right to First Night! But have no fear, Dinoman (Bob Lisaius) is here! With magic, merry mayhem, and magnificent props, the audience is taken on a trip throughout the Mesozoic era. How do we know dinosaurs were here? What is a fossil? How are they made? This program is fun and informative for all ages! *Dinoman Dinosaurs!* has garnered a "Best Bet" from the *LA Times*, quoted in the *Wall Street Journal*, and appeared at Boston's First Night seven times.

<http://www.dinoman.org>. Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TBphskzyH3g>.

Site 1: Morristown H.S. Auditorium, 50 Early Street, 800 seats, 7:15 and 8:15pm



Michael Durek, Thereminist

Whether on *Big Bang Theory* or in classic horror movies, that eerie sound belongs to the theremin, grandfather of electronic instruments, and played, astonishingly, without being touched! Durek performed at the 2014 Upvan Arts Festival (India), the 2013 US premiere of Lera Auerbach's *Icarus* with the Rutgers Symphony and at the 2012 Queens Museum Biennial (in *Dear Unisphere*). With airplay on BiP_HOp generation, WFMU, WWFM, among others, he's been featured in *The Huffington Post*, *Tiny Mix Tapes*, *Blow Up Magazine*, and more.

<http://michaeldurek.com>; <http://twitter.com/Mdurek>

Site 21: Freeholders Room 5th Floor, Administration & Records Building, 10 Court Street, 175 seats, 7:15 and 8:15pm

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The Early Music Players: A Twelfth Night Celebration: Music Merrymaking of the Renaissance

Join the *Early Music Players* for a millennium old celebration to end the holiday season and greet the New Year. Imagine yourself amidst the revelry of Twelfth Night as the Players perform music from the 14th through 16th centuries and describe the evening's festivities. Dressed in Renaissance garb, with instruments such as the *viola da gamba*, *krumhorn*, *gemshorn*, recorder, early flutes, guitar and percussion, the *Players* invoke The Lord of Misrule as they celebrate this holiday a few nights early. The *Players* have appeared on WNET Channel 13, NJN's "State of the Arts," "Mozart to Motorhead," WNYC, and recorded multiple CDs.

www.earlymusicplayers.org

Site 22: Room 526, 5th Floor, Administration & Records Building, 10 Court Street, 50 seats, 7:15 and 8:15pm



George Esparza: Phydeaux's Flying Flea Circus and Wahoo Medicine Show

Who directs a Flying Flea Circus or pitches miracle elixirs? A man with more than 30 years' experience in opera and musical theater and with the New York Philharmonic and Philadelphia Orchestras. George captivates his audiences offering cures for all maladies at his Wahoo Medicine Show, and as Flea Meister for *Phydeaux's Flying Flea Circus*, putting his (invisible) fleas through their paces. Don't miss Josephine, the high-wire flea in a pink leotard, or Jacques Phleques, the daring flea who jumps from a tiny gondola into a tiny tank of water below, "without a safety net!". Flim-flam, at its best!

Site 23: Entrance area, Administration & Records Building, 10 Court St., 7-9pm; 9:45-11:45pm

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Facepainting Concessions: Painted Faces, Living Art

Facepainting on a new level. Children, teens and adults are transformed into animals, fantastic creatures and mask designs inspired by cultures from around the world. Each person becomes a living work of art. A world of faces comes to life. You will be amazed. For adults and children age 3 and up. Our safe, comfortable theater make-up washes off with soap and water. Come and be transformed! www.agostinoarts.com.

Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Snc0ndU-LBk>

Site 14: Masonic Lodge, Downstairs, 39 Maple Ave., 7:00 – 9:00pm



First Ladies According to Martha Washington: Traveling Literary Theatre

Martha Washington is loaded with secrets about the “other” First Ladies. Lady Washington also has a few tricks up her sleeve – secrets of her own! This production will garnish laughter, tears and a few ‘Ooos’ and ‘Ahhhs.’ Maggie Worsdale captures a lively and inquisitive First Lady who draws the audience into her personal experience during the Revolutionary War and her husband's presidency, and then into a fun jaunt through the history and stories of our First Ladies up to the present. <http://travelingliterarytheater.com/>

Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F73OZQHR5B8>

Site 22: Room 526, 5th Floor, Administration & Records Building, 10 Court Street, 50 seats, 9:45 and 10:45pm



Jon Fisch, Comedian

From the *Late Show with David Letterman* to being hand-picked to open for Jerry Seinfeld at the *Gotham Comedy Club*, this fabulous comedian was featured on *Celebrity Apprentice* and hosted the widely popular podcast: *In the Tank*. He was the “NYC Capital One Audience

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Favorite” on *Last Comic Standing 4*, appeared on *Comedy Central*, *VH1*, and was invited to be perform at the *TBS Just For Laughs Comedy Festival* and the *Great American Comedy Festival* at the Johnny Carson Theatre. A staple in the NYC scene, Jon performs regularly at *Gotham Comedy Club*, *The World Famous Comic Strip Live*, *Comedy Cellar*, and *Broadway Comedy Club*. <http://jonfish.com/>. Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oSn-RsbES7q>

Site 21: Freeholders Room, 5th Floor, Administration & Records Building, 10 Court Street, 175 seats, 9:45, 10:30 and 11:15pm



Mr. Fish: Phenomenal Physics

A perennial audience favorite, John James Lepiarz, a.k.a. Mr. Fish, is a longtime, internationally known professional circus performer, who toured for 7 years with the Big Apple Circus and appeared on HBO's "Great Circus Performances of the World." Tonight he presents astounding tricks that actually have scientific explanations. Using boomerangs, bubbles, bull whips, balloons and eggs, this program demonstrates velocity, friction, inertia, sonic booms, aerodynamics, arches and more. Lots of fun, lots of laughs, lots of audience participation! Volunteers welcome. www.encoreperforming.com.

Videos: <http://www.superscientificcircus.com/>

Site 8: Presbyterian Parish House, Upstairs, 65 South Street, 330 seats, 9:45 and 10:45pm



Galumpha: Beauty, Muscle and Merriment

This extraordinary, award-winning dance troupe combines stunning acrobatics, striking visual effects, physical comedy, experiments in "human architecture" and inventive choreography (Edinburgh Festival Critics' Choice Award, Moers International Comedy Arts Prize) to bring to life a world of imagination, beauty, muscle and merriment. Galumpha creates a sensory feast of images, from the ridiculous to the sublime, and consistently brings audiences to their feet. Seen on *The Late Show with David Letterman*, on *MTV*, *A&E*, *Showtime*, *Just for Laughs* and by over a billion TV viewers around the globe, they have performed throughout North and South America, Europe and the Middle East. <http://www.galumpha.com/>

Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HU5lbnP4MU>

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Greg Giannascoli: Mallet Master

The blinding speed and precision of this marimba/percussion artist have won him top honors at numerous, prestigious international competitions. Giannascoli performed at Carnegie Hall, internationally and on CBC, NPR radio and PBS TV. On the Juilliard faculty, he leads master classes at top conservatories and has recorded five acclaimed solo CDs. *Splendid Music Magazine* wrote, “Giannascoli’s performance...was nothing less than astonishing, both in terms of artistry and virtuosity... a startling display of clarity and precision,” while *Classical New Jersey* stated, “Here is music played so well it would capture and hold anybody’s attention indefinitely.” Giannascoli is truly the mallet master. www.greggiannascoli.com;

Video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5q5xfmqdGq4&feature=player_embedded

Site 9: Hyatt Morristown, Regency Room, 3 Speedwell Ave., 250 seats, 9:45 and 10:45pm



Harmonium Choral Society

Renowned for its richly diverse programming and high artistic level and celebrating its 36th season, this award-winning chorus presents an exciting choral collage ranging from Renaissance to twentieth century, from Bruckner to Pärt, surround sound to processional, as well as international works from Norwegian to Russian. Under the inspired direction of Dr. Anne Matlack, members of Harmonium include many music educators and singers from teens to retired folks, performing *a capella* as well as with percussion, flute, strings and handbells.

www.harmonium.org. Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jmeV-xcoEfo>;

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eCKYMB_Dk7A;

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGSt6lotozg>; and

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PiigwPERgrc>

Site 12: Church of the Redeemer, 36 Madison Ave., 350 seats, 7:00 and 8:15pm

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Indian Classical and Folk Dance: Shubanjali Dance Company

Founded in 1992, *Shubanjali* promotes Indian classical performing art forms such as Indian classical (*Bharatnatyam*) and folk dances along with traditional *Carnatic* music and theatre (drama). *Shubanjali*'s award-winning artistic director and founder of both the dance school and company of the same name, Suba Ramesh Parmar, has been honored by the government of India, Union County and the State of NJ for her outstanding contributions to the art of Indian classical and folk dance. At First Night, *Shubanjali* dancers will showcase the intricate traditions of Indian temple dancers through dances such as the *Tales of Krishna* and the spectacular *Peacock Dance*. <http://www.shubanjali.org/>

Video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ypkpZo_HhuU

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L-R: Vinny Raniolo & Frank Vignola; John Marelli's photo of Bucky Pizzarelli.

Jazz Guitar Legends: Frank Vignola Duo with special guest, Bucky Pizzarelli

Jazz legend and Hall-of-Famer, Bucky Pizzarelli - who has performed with Doc Severinsen, Les Paul, Benny Goodman and at the White House for multiple presidents – joins forces with guitar wizard Frank Vignola and his exceptional rhythm guitarist Vinny Raniolo for a night of jazz magic. Vignola has toured/recorded with Wynton Marsalis, Lionel Hampton, Queen Latifah, Ringo Starr, Madonna, Mark O'Connor, and Les Paul, showcasing his "monster" technique, his mastery of genres (from the Great American Songbook, the hot jazz of Django Reinhardt to Mozart and Bach), his sly humor and astonishing musicianship. A jazz connoisseur's delight. www.frankvignola.com.

Videos: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7cDLiXPo4jM> (Vignola and Raniolo, *Flight of the Bumblebee*); <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PhEUyIz1VTc> (Vignola and Pizzarelli);

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The Kleztraphobix: a hot mix of Klezmer, Macedonian music, and more

Labelled "...Klezmer with attitude: tight, loud, driving and delightful," by *Klezmershack's* Ari Davidow, this exciting band blends the contemporary and traditional, incorporating everything from free jazz to Macedonian folk tunes to produce a fearless, invigorating sound. Playing at virtually every notable NYC club (such as the Knitting Factory, Tonic, etc.), they have performed (individually and collectively) with the Duke Ellington Band, the NYC Opera, *They Might Be Giants*, *The Flying Karamazov Brothers*, on Broadway, with Max Roach's *The So What Brass*, and Frank London's *Klezmer Brass All-Stars*, among others. A hot group (with a cool name), they'll have you dancing in the aisles! <http://www.kleztraphobix.com/>
Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iAT_WA5PaFs

Site 2: Morristown H.S. Main Gym, 50 Early Street, 500 seats, 9:45 and 10:45pm



Living Statue: Alissa Dirato

Passers-by will no doubt admire the white marble sculpture and then start to move on - but wait, did it just move?! Was that a wink? A gesture? Imagine the astonishment when the statue "comes to life" before your eyes! Alissa Dirato has perfected the art of standing "still as a statue" only to surprise and delight people when they realize she is a real person and not a sculpture! Enjoy seeing this special art form in action (or standing still). <http://alissadirato.com/>

Sites 24A: the Hyatt Hotel/ First Night Command Center - between 7-9pm and

Site 24B: near the entry to the Hyatt Hotel's Terrace Ballroom - from 9:45-11:30pm



Matuto: America's Musical Ambassadors blend Brazilian Beats and Southern Roots

Recently named "American Musical Ambassadors" by the U.S. State Department, *Matuto* is one of the world's hottest international touring acts, hailed as "seductively cross cultural" by the *Chicago Tribune*, and praised by the *Sun Times* as "the height of world music sophistication." *Matuto's* music can sway hips just as easily as spark insights. Drawing on Northeastern Brazil's folkloric rhythms like *forró*, *maracatu*, or *coco*, and on deep Americana – from bluegrass to spirituals to swampy Louisiana jams – *Matuto's* unexpected blend of Latin syncopations with

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American Southern sounds creates appealing, rootsy, yet philosophical tales of love, self-discovery, nostalgia and true peace. <http://matutomusic.com>.

Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J1VjC1B1Uks&list=PLNnWQRVOS9Nr4a8MeaB28P-OC67h3U4Gb&index=2>

Site 19: First Baptist Church, 51 Washington Street, 250 seats, 7:00 and 8:00pm



Meet the Musicians: Dennis Kobray as Johannes Brahms

Through *Meet the Musicians*, pianist/storyteller Dennis Kobray introduces audiences to the lives, times and music of famous composers – this year, to Johannes Brahms. Born into poverty in 1833 Hamburg, Germany, young Brahms played piano in seamy dockside taverns to help his family. At 15, he encountered Roma (“gypsy”) music, developing a lifelong love for this genre. In 1853, prominent musicians Robert and Clara Schumann recognized Brahms’ genius, calling him Beethoven’s successor. Blending Romanticism and Classicism, Brahms composed symphonies, concerti, vocal works, piano works and chamber music – passionate and powerful music which insured his place among the “Three Bs” - alongside Bach and Beethoven.

<http://www.meetthemusicians.us>. Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=feRJ6o0nLuc>

Site 13: Church of the Redeemer Parish House, 36 South Street, 250 seats, 7:15 and 8:15pm



Kevin Coughlin with Wang Guowei and Sun Li

L-R: Sun Li (pipa) and Wang Guowei (erhu); photo by

Music From China Duo: Wang Guowei (on erhu) and Sun Li (on pipa)

Embracing both traditional and new music, members of the NYC-based *Music From China* have performed with major symphony orchestras, chamber groups and such jazz greats as Ornette Coleman. Tonight’s Duo, with Narrator/Director Susan Cheng, spotlights music for the *erhu* (2-string fiddle) and *pipa* (pear-shaped lute). Hailed by the *NY Times* and *Washington Post* as a “master of the *erhu*,” praised for his “extraordinary” and “gorgeous” playing, Wang Guowei performs with *pipa* virtuoso Sun Li in an exciting and hauntingly lovely program featuring classical and folk arrangements that evoke scenes of nature, Chinese culture and the lifestyle of the Chinese people. <http://www.musicfromchina.org>.

Video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1TDY1_KUrvU and

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Michela Musolino & Friends: Sicilian and Southern Italian Songstress

A songstress known for the fiery and passionate Folk and Roots Music of Sicily, Musolino makes traditional pieces seem contemporary and turns world fusion music into timeless pieces. Singing on both sides of the Atlantic in venues such as Chicago's Old Town School and the temples at Selinunte, Sicily, she enchants with a voice that seems to float between ages. Tonight, she is joined by guitarist and accordionist Phil Passantino and multi-instrumentalist and world percussionist, Michael Delia, who research and perform both Southern Italian folk music and world traditional folk. Join in a rousing celebration of the music of Sicily and Southern Italy. Michael Musolino: www.michelamusolino.com; Phil Passantino: www.amazingceremonies.com; Michael Delia <http://mad.node9.org>; Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ET7okAcJZrU>
Site15: Masonic Lodge Upstairs, 39 Maple Ave., 175 seats, 9:45 and 10:45pm



The New Jersey Festival Orchestra

If you love fine orchestral music, join Conductor Emeritus Leon Hyman and The New Jersey Festival Orchestra for a concert to ring in the New Year in style! The New Jersey Festival Orchestra blends the talents of the former Westfield Symphony and the New Philharmonic of New Jersey. This fine chamber orchestra will present a program of classical and holiday favorites. Celebrate with The New Jersey Festival Orchestra and start the year with joy! <http://www.nifestivalorchestra.org/>. Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kC8YmdgeMFE>
Site 6: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, South St. at Miller Rd., 550 seats, 7:15 and 8:15pm



Random Test Reggae Band: Roots, Rock, Reggae!

For over a decade, Random Test Reggae Band has been rocking the NJ Shore with music heavily coated in Caribbean traditions. With members drawn from throughout the Caribbean, the band plays authentic reggae and calypso rhythms in true West Indian fashion. Paying tribute to pioneers in reggae and soca music, Random Test has graced stages throughout NJ and beyond, playing such venues as The State Theatre (New Brunswick), the Patriot Theatre (at the

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Trenton War Memorial), and the Stone Pony. So, channel Bob Marley and dance in the aisles to the lilting, joyous music of the Caribbean with Random Test Reggae.

www.randomtestreggae.com; Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CVFczfQU0hw>

Site 24: Hyatt Morristown Terrace Ballroom, 3 Speedwell Ave., 450 seats, 7:15 and 8:15pm



The Redhawk Native American Arts Council/ Dance Troupe

The Redhawk Dance Troupe features Native American performing artists who educate and delight audiences of all ages by interpreting and presenting social, traditional, and contemporary dances. Audiences, often through active participation, learn the value and importance of Native cultural traditions which soothe and captivate the senses. The Troupe has performed for the President of the United States and at such venues as NY's Woodstock Festival, the Apollo Theatre, and Dance Theater of Harlem. They have also appeared on such TV shows as *Good Day New York* and *Regis & Kathy Lee*, among others. <http://www.redhawkcouncil.org>; Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=thO9zrHdF4M> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RJXuoidup00>

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Rizzo's Reptile Discovery

Ever wondered what a blue-tongued skink looked like? Or what it felt like to wear a frog? Rizzo's Reptile Discovery brings people of all ages together to appreciate and learn about our natural world through reptile and live animal presentations. Here is a delightful opportunity to meet live lizards, snakes, frogs, turtles, and mammals - under the watchful eye of a seasoned animal handler. The love of wildlife is universal and hands-on participation is the greatest teacher. Experience the wonder and joy that nature has to offer. www.rizzoswildlife.com.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3jmn8Bcu0k>

Site 3: Morristown H.S. Auxiliary Gym, 50 Early St., 300 seats, 7:15 and 8:15pm

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Anthony Salazar, Illusionist

Anthony Salazar's award-winning skills combine amazing magic with side-splitting comedy. His talent has taken him around the world, performing for thousands everywhere from the USA to Australia and New Zealand. Called "Stunningly Amazing and Hilariously Funny" by *The Atlantic City Weekly*, Anthony has performed in nearly every casino in Atlantic City, and headlined at Elaine's Famous Dinner Theatre when Elaine's was voted one of the top five dinner theaters in the country by the *Travel Channel*. His shows are a carefully blended combination of magic, comedy, and audience participation that will keep any audience on the edge of their seats.

www.salazarmagic.com; Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJ6-iWMFc_4

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Silk City/Reckon So, featuring fiddler Kenny Kosek: Bluegrass, Honky-tonk and Roots Country

The result of blending *Silk City* and *Reckon So* is a sound as unique as their repertoire. Featuring Kenny Kosek, one of America's most recorded fiddlers (who's performed with Willie Nelson, James Taylor and Jerry Garcia, among others), guitarist Danny Weiss (who's played with Vassar Clements and David Bromberg), mandolinist Barry Mitterhoff (of *Hot Tuna*), lyrical bassist Larry Cohen and "roots" vocalist Mary Olive Smith (an original member of *Alphabet City Opry*), *Silk City/Reckon So* offers good times with great tunes, hot picking, dynamic vocals and an irresistible mix of bluegrass and rockin' Honky Tonk, Roots/ Country and Western Swing.

<http://www.dannyweiss.com/silkcity.html>.

Site 9: Hyatt Morristown, Regency Room, 3 Speedwell Ave., 250 seats, 7:15 and 8:15pm



Svetlana Smolina: piano virtuoso

Winner of multiple international piano competitions, Svetlana trained in Russia, Indiana, Oberlin, the Brussels Royal Conservatory and holds a doctorate from the University of Michigan. A

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soloist with the NY Philharmonic (Avery Fisher Hall), the Mariinsky Orchestra (Carnegie Hall), the St. Petersburg Philharmonic, she performs with orchestras and international music festivals in Europe, Russia, and SE Asia. The Artist-In-Residence (Temple University) and piano Program Director at Philadelphia International Summer Festival, she will be the Featured Artist at Live On Stage (2015-16), judge an international student piano competition in China (November 2014) and tour China with the Russian European Orchestra in 2015.

<http://svetlanasmolina.com/>; Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qj1_70o6FyI

Site 12: Church of the Redeemer, 36 South Street, 350 seats, 9:45, 10:30 and 11:15pm



Solid Brass Lite

A sextet from one of the premier brass groups in the country, Solid Brass Lite includes some of the area's finest musicians, who have performed at Lincoln Center (with the Metropolitan Opera, the NYC Opera, the NYC Ballet) as well as on Broadway. Solid Brass has recorded, toured internationally, appeared on PBS-TV and has received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts. Welcome the New Year with this one-of-a-kind, critically acclaimed brass ensemble as they perform music spanning 6 centuries, from the Medieval to the Beach Boys (and everything in between). A First Night favorite! www.solidbrass.com.

Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0NWvPLKKidM>

Site 6: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, South Street at Miller Road, 550 seats, 9:45, 10:30 and 11:15pm.



Square Dancing: Mary Moody, Caller

Square Dancing – full-filled dancing for all ages. No partner or experience necessary. Come enjoy lively dancing with an experienced square dance caller. Mary Moody calls a varied dance program that includes reels, line, circle and square dancing to western, jazz and Broadway tunes. <http://www.ceder.net/callerdb/viewsingle.php4?RecordId=2412>. Video (general square dance competition): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PeDx58816rM>

Site 3: Morristown H.S. Auxiliary Gym, 50 Early Street, 300 seats, 9:45 and 10:45pm

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Tequila Rose Band: Modern Country

These professional musicians play the hottest "Modern Country" hits along with some country classics and a sprinkling of classic rock, all featuring three part harmonies and red hot guitar picking. The band, which includes the twin lead guitars and vocals of Rick Newport and John Brite, and the driving rhythm section of Gary Holly on bass and Mike Smith on drums, has been featured at many of the east coast's premier country festivals and summer concerts. Band members have shared the stage with many of Nashville's biggest stars and always deliver a high energy show to please all age groups. <http://tequilaroseband.com/>;

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPthoz2uRa4>

Site 24: Hyatt Morristown Terrace Ballroom, 3 Speedwell Ave., 450 seats, 9:45 and 10:45pm



Throat (Overtone) Singing master: Dr. Alexander Glenfield with *tabla* drum virtuoso, Shivalik Ghoshal

A vocal wonder of the world, overtone "throat" singing is an extreme vocal technique where a single voice holds a fundamental pitch while also sounding a separate melody of its overtones. The effect is wondrous, unique and incredibly beautiful. Overtone vocalist Glenfield, a trumpeter, songwriter, composer and ethnomusicologist, has mastered multiple overtone styles and will also perform original music influenced by Hindustani Classical *raga* singing, jazz and popular song. Joined by *tabla* master Ghoshal (whose drumming was featured in *Born Into Brothels* and who has worked with Disney, on Broadway and movies), Glenfield's rare music will astonish you with the capabilities of the human voice. <http://alexanderglenfield.blogspot.com/>;

Video (Glenfield with Wynton Marsalis): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4OCehEzp29U>;

(Ghoshal) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ccTuzHuSFgg>

Site 15: Masonic Lodge Upstairs, 39 Maple Ave., 175 seats, 7:15 and 8:15pm

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Gordon Turk, Organist

Performing solo and with orchestras throughout the USA, Europe, Russia, Ukraine and Japan, Turk has concertized with principal instrumentalists of the NY Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra as well as with folk singer legends, *Peter, Paul & Mary*. Winner of competitions for performances of J.S. Bach and for improvisation, Turk is the Organist in Residence at the Ocean Grove, NJ Auditorium (which houses one of the largest pipe organs in the USA) and Artistic Director of their summer chamber music series (“Summer Stars”). Additionally he is Organist-Choirmaster of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church (Wayne,PA) and a consultant for building new pipe organs/restorations of historic instruments. <http://www.gordonturk.com/>;

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKS_AOrhtDA

Site 17: Presbyterian Church on the Green, 57 Park Place, 700 seats, 9:45 and 10:45pm



Carla Ulbrich: Comedy Folk Singer/Songwriter/ “Professional Smart Aleck”

With a serious love of wordplay and a keen observational eye, Carla Ulbrich is primarily known for her humorous songs about such topics as wedgies, Waffle Houses, Klingons, and how rich she would be if she had the copyright on the “F” Word. Her biggest musical influences? Sesame Street, camp songs, and commercial jingles for beer and breakfast cereal. The “Professional Smart Aleck” has toured the US and England, and has appeared on ABC, USA Network, the BBC, Dr. Demento, and Sirius XM Radio. She has released 5 CDs and a book of humorous essays about overcoming catastrophic illness. www.carlau.com; Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nyr92oBDDMo> or

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k7lp7Q_wt4o and

Site 18: Market Street Mission, 9 Market St., 100 seats, 7:15 and 8:15pm



Whirled Revolution: Hula Hoop Fun

Get into the spin of things with Whirled Revolution, a hula hoop dance instruction / performance company which has been training children and adults in the art of hoop dance

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and exercise since 2008. Children and families can explore a variety of imaginative hoop games, learn new skills and see hula hoops used in unique, exciting ways. The whole family can enjoy learning hooping – a great tool for exercise, dance, self-expression, while improving flexibility/balance, toning / strengthening muscles and having fun! Whirled Revolution performs at festivals and public/private events, including LED and fire shows. Hula hoops will be provided. <http://www.whirledrevolution.org/>;

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/user/whirledrevolution>

Site 3: Morristown H.S. Auxiliary Gym, 50 Early Street, 300 seats, 4:45 - 6:45pm



Vladimir and Nadia Zaitsev, piano duo: From Bach to Rock, with humor!

The spirit of the late, great musical comedian, Victor Borge, is alive and well in this prize-winning husband and wife team who astound and delight audiences around the world with their breathtaking virtuosity, quick-witted humor and an incredible repertoire ranging from the Baroque to classic rock 'n roll. The Zaitsevs have performed at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Grand Ole Opry, in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, on radio and TV and recently released a critically acclaimed CD, *American Souvenirs*. Called "Splendid!" by the *NY Times*, this remarkable duo embodies the great virtuoso piano tradition but combines it with sly, irresistible humor. <http://dcaproductions.com/v2/?p=422>;

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H728AiQfLaU#t=44>

Site 17: Presbyterian Church on the Green, 57 Park Place, 700 seats, 7:00 and 8:15pm