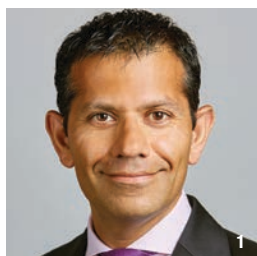


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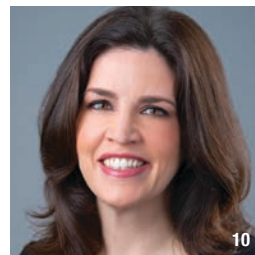
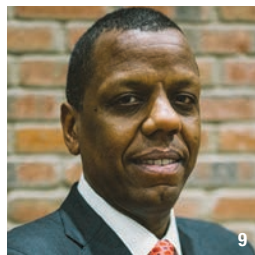
SHOWCASING THE ARTS IN THE MORRIS AREA



2020



Virtual Zoom Event



**Top Row:** 1) Bhushan Sethi – PwC, Joint Global Leader, People & Organization; 2) Karin Ann Payne – Bayer, VP, Quality, North America; 3) Roger Smith – Gensler, Design Director; 4) Anjalee Khemlani – Yahoo Finance, award-winning international journalist. **Middle Row:** 5) Anthony Broccoli, PhD – Rutgers Climate Institute Co-Director, Professor & Chair, Rutgers Department of Environmental Sciences; 6) David Perlin, PhD – Hackensack Meridian Health, Chief Scientific Officer & SVP, Center for Discovery and Innovation. **Bottom Row:** 7) Kathryn Metcalfe – Bristol-Myers Squibb – EVP, Corporate Affairs; 8) Ariane Duarte – celebrity Chef & Owner of Ariane Kitchen and Bar in Verona; 9) Wole Coaxum – Founder & CEO of Mobility Capital Finance (MoCaFi), a fintech company making financial products accessible to historically marginalized communities; 10) Meghan Hunscher – Morris County Chamber of Commerce & Morris County Economic Development Corp. – President & CEO.

**Mark your calendars now so you don't miss this one-of-a-kind evening while supporting Morris Arts' valuable work in the community!**

**Date:** Thursday, October 8, 2020

**Time:** 6:30pm – 8:15pm

**Place:** Your computer screen

**Tickets:** Take advantage of our Summer Special pricing: \$125/ticket if you purchase by 9/13/20. After that, the price goes up to \$150. Tickets available online at [www.morrisarts.org](http://www.morrisarts.org)

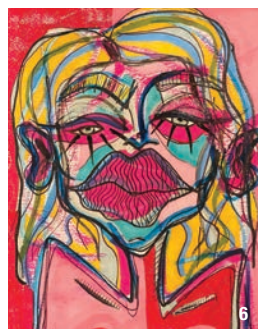
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Searching for a truly special quarantine experience? Grab your laptop or tablet, pour your favorite quarantine cocktail, put on your comfy slippers, and join Morris Arts for the 12th Anniversary of its fabulous Great Conversations from Home, now a virtual Zoom event, from 6:30-8:15pm on October 8, 2020.

Discover the many pleasures of live/virtual conversation at this unique evening of engaging dialogue with celebrated hosts from the arts, media, tech, sciences, healthcare, public service, sports, industry and more.

To insure the safety of our guests and hosts, this year's event will be virtual but will still offer the distinctive opportunity for guests to have real-time conversations with such luminaries as an award-winning TV news correspondent, a scientist studying deadly diseases and pandemics, a 3D experimental visual light artist, a prominent climate scientist, a TV and movie set decorator, a symphony president, a celebrity chef, a former NY Jets president, as well as innovators and leaders in business, finance, communications, tech,

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L-R: Artworks by: 1) Alexander Vargas, 2) Konstantin Zingerman, 3) John Hedges, 4) Julia O'Neill, 5) Maya Tillman, 6) Neely Katz, and 7) Ilana Visotsky. Live music by: 8) Gwendolyn Fitz and 9) The band, Secret Sound.

## Morris Arts Fest: Outdoor art, crafts and live music at Lewis Morris County Park

On Saturday, September 12 (raindate: Sunday, September 13), 2020, from 3-7pm, in collaboration with the Morris County Park Commission, Morris Arts will present Morris Arts Fest, an outdoor festival featuring an art exhibit and sale of works by Morris County area visual artists and crafters, along with live music at the Sugarloaf section of Lewis Morris County Park, Mendham Rd., Morristown.

Forty three visual artists and crafters, working in a wide variety of media including pottery, origami, oils, acrylics, watercolors, printmaking, fiber art, sculpture, pen and ink, photography, cartooning, collage, jewelry, decorative accessories, chalk, ceramics and stoneware will showcase and sell their works in the park that day. Featured artists include: Jennifer Amorese, Ingo Appel, Raphaela Athayde, Jean Best, Annette Bradley, Vanessa Burkly, Lucia Burrafato, Mark Buryk, Alex Cavaliere, Jessica Cavaliere, Vanessa Crespi, Peter Donahue, Patrick Gallagher, Jeff Gould, Tünde Hagymásy, John Hedges, Jeffrey Jebara, Neely Katz, Itoko Kobayashi, Michael Krasowitz, Linda Lang, Caroline Lifshy, Amanda Matos, Natalie Maus, Bernard Maxim, Kim Ohara, Julia O'Neill, Natalia

Pas, Tracy Pollock, David Ramos, Dylan Richtarek, Robert (Eddie) Rios, Jenny Ruiz, Lizzy Synalovski, Jennifer Thompson, Maya Tillman, Rebecca Tsien, Alexander Vargas, Shreenie Vasan, Ilana Visotsky, Konstantin Zingerman, and Andrew Zuluaga.

Live music will also enliven the event. Attendees can hear Gwendolyn Fitz, a jazz-pop singer-songwriter with folk influences (imagine if Nora Jones played the ukulele) and the band, Secret Sound, which mixes funky blues and rock and includes Kevin Hill (guitar/vocals), Adam Alexander (drums), Dave Ferraro (bass), Bob Larsen (percussion) and Andy Feldman (keyboard).

**Questions?** Please contact Kaity De Laura at [kdelaurea@morrisarts.org](mailto:kdelaurea@morrisarts.org) or (973) 285-5115 ext.14.

**Please note:** The Sugarloaf area at Lewis Morris Park will have restrooms and parking. For more information on Lewis Morris Park, visit <https://www.morrisparks.net>. For a map of the Sugarloaf area at Lewis Morris Park, visit <https://rb.gy/mzevlz>.

**\*\*Face coverings and social distancing will be required of all vendors and attendees\*\***

## Great Conversations from home (continued from page 1)

healthcare, law, pharma and real estate. Each "table" will feature a host Conversationalist whose unique experiences, life story and achievements will catalyze intriguing conversations. Don't miss this truly memorable experience! This is an evening to exchange ideas and savor the pleasures of direct interactions. You may be surprised by what you discover.

How will it work? When registering, each guest selects his/her top five Conversationalist choices. Virtual table assignments are made on a first come, first serve basis. Tickets are now available (and going fast) for this special event. Visit <http://www.morrisarts.org> to find out more about each of the host conversationalists and to purchase tickets for this special event. For more information please call Gina Moran at (973) 476-3643 or email her at [gmoran@morrisarts.org](mailto:gmoran@morrisarts.org)

Proceeds from Great Conversations help to support the many programs and services provided by Morris Arts. Often accomplished "behind the scenes," Morris Arts' work serves hundreds of thousands of people each year – with arts in education programs, arts programming in the community, grants, scholar-

ships, advocacy, creative placemaking events and support for artists and arts organizations. These efforts are critical to enriching and improving the quality of life in the broader community. Join us from the comfort of your couch and savor the art of conversation, "meet" some extraordinary individuals and help a truly worthy organization give back to the community.

Morris Arts gratefully acknowledges the generosity of our sponsors: **Encore:** Allergan; Bayer; Crum & Forster; CVS Health; Hackensack Meridian Health; MCM Wealth Management at Morgan Stanley; NJTV; ROI-NJ **Green Room:** Delta Dental of New Jersey **Ovation:** Finn Partners; Mondelēz International; Quest Diagnostics; Delta Dental of New Jersey **Applause:** BASF; Delta Dental of New Jersey; investors Bank; JWeber Creative; MetLife; Morristown Medical Center; New York Jets; NK Architects; Vision Real Estate Partners **Star:** Gensler; Morris County Chamber of Commerce; Riker Danzig; Sherman Wells Sylvester & Stamelman; Shop Rite of Greater Morristown **Supporting Role:** Kennedys.



# Young Artist Mentoring Program — 16 years and going strong:

Founded in 2004, The Young Artist Mentoring Program is one of Morris Arts' longest running and most successful programs. The program is a weekly after school program involving some of Morristown High School's most artistically talented students who need additional support in refining their artistic skills, developing their own personal style, and assembling a strong art portfolio, enhancing their ability to compete for admission into quality arts schools, college, a career in visual arts and/or scholarship aid.

Serving 106 students since its inception, the program also enables these young artists realize the potential impact they can have on their communities as future business and artistic leaders. Two professional artists, Susan Faiola and Mike Moran, met with students for twenty weeks to provide mentoring/oversight, offer creative criticism and help the students create art portfolios for college or art school applications.

During the 2019-2020 school year, YAMP served eight students, with the two seniors in the program accepted by the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers and County College of Morris for illustration and animation respectively. During the first half of the year, the students worked on a collaborative illustrated book called *The Tangerine Tree*, a collection of stories in comic form, sketchbook pages, and various pieces of artwork. The students voted on a title and a theme and worked together to develop a storyline and characters. When they are able to finish the project, the book will be published on KDP, previously called Amazon Create Space. Both mentoring teachers are professional illustrators and will guide the students in the bookmaking process. The teachers hope that the students will be inspired and proud when seeing their book in print and the books will serve as a highlight of their college portfolios.

Morristown High School closed in the Spring due to COVID-19 and the students finished out the mentoring program through virtual learning. Long-time Morris Arts teaching artist, initial and former YAMP teacher (for 14 years), Dan Fenelon connected with students and created how-to lessons for the students. Dan's video lessons covered topics such as portfolio development, 3D printing and how to prepare for a college or job interview. The video lessons greatly helped the students continue progressing through the YAMP curriculum.



Artwork by students from Morris Arts' Young Artist Mentoring Program 2019-20 at Morristown High School, Morristown, NJ.

## Girls Surviving, renamed *Her Words*, offers virtual program for summer 2020

A writing and performance program for teen girls and gender nonconforming youth based in Morristown, New Jersey, *Her Words* (formerly *Girls Surviving*), enables teen girls and gender nonconforming youth to write about issues relevant to their lives. Girls and gender nonconforming youth in grades 8-12 are welcome to join our program free of charge. The program is open to youth in Morristown, and surrounding areas.

Under normal circumstances, the teens meet weekly at Morristown High School, in Morristown to share experiences and write creatively, crafting narrative, poetry, and fiction as well as monologues and scenes for a play. At the end of each academic year, the teens perform their work for family, friends, and community members. They also publish their writings in a book and perform readings of their work in the community and on Soundcloud.

Because the program is free, fluid and varied, youth who might otherwise not have an opportunity to participate in such an extensive arts program discover their talents, learn new skills, and become more flexible in dealing with life's demands. In essence, they learn to improvise, both on and off the stage, honing their writing and performing skills and developing into leaders. Longtime members have become paid interns in the summer program, responsible for leading exercises and group discussions. Those who stay in the program year after year respond to the opportunities offered to them as well as the excitement and challenge of expressing themselves artistically in a relaxed and positive setting.

Due to pandemic constraints, the 2020 Summer Program was held on Zoom\* from July 7 to August 13, 2020, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Visiting teaching artists led workshops in creative writing, arts, and performance — including spoken word poetry, comics, visual storytelling, zinemaking and self-publishing, flash memoir and storytelling, social activism and zentangle. Visiting teaching artists include Madeline Court, May Lee-Yang, Summer Pierre, Glenda Reed, Alyse Royal (Ally Are), Bella Simon, Mimi Topping, and Mariam Williams. Together they created work that elevated teen voices and experiences, culminating in a published book and special performance of their work for family and community members on August 13.

**Questions?** Please contact Ellen Papazian, program director, at (973) 270-6765 or [hiherwords@gmail.com](mailto:hiherwords@gmail.com).



\*Due to Covid-19, *Her Words* ran its program online this summer, but will have opportunities for meetups in Morristown, using social-distancing guidelines.



## Teaching Artist Summer Series

On July 16th, Morris Arts presented the first of multiple programs within The Teaching Artist Summer Series, a free series of professional learning opportunities for teaching artists who work in the state of New Jersey initiated by Young Audiences Arts for Learning NJ & Eastern PA (YA) and the New Jersey Arts Education Collective (Collective).

Topics ranged from the development of practical tools and skills, using technology to enhance creativity and examining topics from jazz, poetry, the natural world to curriculum mining and racism within a virtual setting. Participants were welcome to register for any number of events. Video playback was sent to each of the registrants at the conclusion of the workshop and will be made available for a limited time to registrants who could not attend the live experience.

Lead sponsorship for the Teaching Artist Summer Series was provided by Young Audiences Arts for Learning NJ & Eastern PA (YA). Co-Sponsors for the Teaching Artists Summer Series are Arts Ed NJ, Morris Arts, New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), and Perkins Center for the Arts. Presenting sponsors include Appel Farm Arts & Music Campus, Morris Arts, NJPAC, and YA. Additional support for the Teaching Artists Summer Series comes from Count Basie Center for the Arts and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

## Morris Arts online arts experiences are still available.



Revisit world music and dance with performances from 10 years of our *Music Beyond Borders* series by sampling featured highlights on our homepage at [www.morrisarts.org](http://www.morrisarts.org) or revisiting the entire series at <https://rb.gy/jujz2z>.

Different performances – showcasing cultures from six continents, are posted weekly.

## GALLERY AT 14 MAPLE

The exhibit, *Vanishing Worlds*, remains installed at our Gallery at 14 Maple through mid-February 2021.

Artwork is available for viewing and purchase in our “virtual gallery” at <https://rb.gy/q5uvte>.

## SAVE THE DATES:

- **September 12 (raindate Sept. 13):** Morris Arts Fest, 3-7pm
- **October 8:** Great Conversations, 6:30-8:15pm

## To support Morris Arts: How to get involved...

- **Consider an in-kind gift.** Now is a great time to share your technical or professional expertise or items that you think might be useful to Morris Arts.
- **Celebrate holidays and milestones with a tribute gift to Morris Arts.** A donation to Morris Arts is the perfect gift to for a loved one committed to creativity.
- **Check to see whether your company has a matching gift program.** Some companies will match the donations or value of volunteer time given by their employees.
- **Send us your e-mail address!** We value sustainability and community – help us communicate with you more effectively as we all work to build a greener, more creative world. To sign up, visit [www.morrisarts.org](http://www.morrisarts.org).

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## Art Imitates Life Imitates Art: Morris Arts' Masterpiece Challenge



L-R: Van Gogh's *Self Portrait with Bandaged Ear* with Daniel Misa's interpretation; *The Scream* by Norwegian Expressionist artist Edvard Munch (1893) reinterpreted by Wanda French-Brown.

An artistic response to quarantine times? Morris Arts had a creative answer. In May and June, Morris Arts took a cue from the Getty Museum and other world class art institutions around the world, launching its own “masterpiece challenge,” encouraging those with an artistic flair to recreate and/or reinterpret famous works of art on Facebook and Instagram. The first challenge was judged by artist Anne Mitchell and focused on interpretations of famous figurative paintings. The second challenge focused on interpretations of famous abstract paintings and was judged by Danielle Merzatta who graciously donated a gift card for Merzatta, an art/jewelry store in Morristown. The Artist Baker, also based in Morristown, kindly donated a prize for the contest winners as well. Thanks to all involved for sharing the fun!