

# ArtsMatters

SHOWCASING THE ARTS IN THE MORRIS AREA



2016



## great conversations

"bringing the art of conversation to life"

**Date:** Thursday, April 21, 2016

**Time:** 6:00pm – Reception | 7:15pm – Dinner

**Place:** The Madison Hotel, 1 Convent Rd., Morristown

**Tickets:** \$225, available online, starting mid-March 2016, at [www.morrisarts.org](http://www.morrisarts.org)

**Contact:** (973) 285-5115, x13 or [www.morrisarts.org](http://www.morrisarts.org)

Several of this year's host Conversationists at Great Conversations, Clockwise: Bob Gruen, Internationally renowned Photographer of Rock 'n Roll Legends (John Lennon's personal photographer); Ihor S. Sawczuk, MD, Hackensack University Medical Center – President; Lidia Fonseca, Quest Diagnostics – SVP & Chief Information Officer; Joetta Clark Diggs, Four Time Olympic Track Champion; Mary Alice Williams, Acclaimed NJTV News Anchor and former CNN and NBC Broadcast Journalist; Dale Russakoff, *NY Times* Bestselling Author of *The Prize: Who's in Charge of America's Schools?* and former *Washington Post* Reporter; Richard E. Constable III, Wyndham Worldwide – SVP, Gov. Relations & Commercial Contracts and former Asst. US Attorney; Dave Kaplan, Yogi Berra Museum – Founding Director and Co-author of 4 books with Yogi Berra.

Discover the many pleasures of live conversation at Morris Arts' eighth GREAT CONVERSATIONS, a unique evening of dinner and engaging dialogue with celebrated hosts from the arts, sciences, healthcare, public service, sports, industry and more, co-chaired by Edda and James Gillen and Tara Skirzenski. Mingle with host Conversationists during the cocktail hour and then dine with a four time Olympic Track Champion, a *NY Times* bestselling author and former *Washington Post* reporter; A former US Secret Service Agent, John Lennon's personal photographer, a TV news anchor, two world famous climate scientists, or other similarly fascinating and accomplished individuals. Each dinner table will feature a host Conversationist whose unique experiences, life story and achievements will catalyze intriguing conversations. Don't miss this truly memorable experience!

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Morris Arts also acknowledges, with gratitude, the generosity of our individual sponsors: Edda and James Gillen; Valerie and Bill Keefauver; Melanie and Alan Levitan; Dick Eger and Anne E. Aronovitch; Ruth Lipper; Nancy and Nelson Schaenen, Jr.; Marcia and Peter Hunter; Joanne and Tom McMillian; Sassona Norton and Ron Filler and Tara and Dave Skirzenski.

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





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## Morris Arts' honors awardees at *Celebrate the Arts*

On the evening of March 30, 2016, Morris Arts will host its annual Celebrate the Arts event, recognizing individuals and organizations for their outstanding accomplishments, commitment and contribution towards encouraging and fostering the arts in our community. The 2016 awardees include: *Outstanding Arts Organization* – Art in the Atrium; *Outstanding Corporation* – Mondelēz International, Inc.; *Outstanding Arts Advocate* – Morristown Mayor Timothy Dougherty; *Outstanding Arts Educators* – Paula Davidoff and Carolyn Hunt, teaching artists; and *Outstanding Professional in the Arts* – Danielle and Chris Merzatta. *Special Recognition* goes to Andrea Lekberg of The Artist Baker. Composer Zachary Catron, winner of the Elaine Ehlers Arts Scholarship, and visual artist Tyler Harker, winner of the Eugenie Coladarci Arts Scholarship, will also be introduced at the event. Award-winning jazz guitarist Alex Wintz, the 2006 Elaine Ehlers Arts Scholarship winner, will add his exceptional talents to the evening with a short performance.

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, March 30, 2016.  
The reception starts at 5:00 pm and program starts at 6:30 pm.

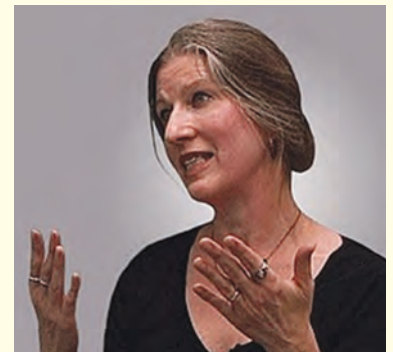
**Location:** The Morris Museum's Bickford Theatre,  
6 Normandy Heights Rd., Morristown, NJ 07960

**Registration:** Celebrate the Arts is a free community event honoring excellence in the arts. Visit <http://goo.gl/HyUlxs> to register online. If you are not able to register online, please call (973) 285-5115 and we will be happy to process your registration.

1.) Laurie Guzzinati of Mondelēz International; 2.) Viki Craig of Art in the Atrium; 3.) Carolyn Hunt; 4.) Danielle and Chris Merzatta; 5.) Andrea Lekberg of The Artist Baker; 6.) Morristown Mayor Timothy Dougherty; 7.) Alex Wintz, jazz guitarist and 2006 winner of the Ehlers Arts Scholarship; 8.) Paula Davidoff.



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## ARTS IN EDUCATION SHOWCASE

MARCH 8 & 9, 2016

On March 8 & 9, at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre (36 Madison Ave. at Lancaster Rd. in Madison – on the Drew University campus), Morris Arts will present its annual Arts In Education Showcase featuring performing / teaching artists from throughout the United States. Cultural arts leaders, teachers, administrators and PTA members have the chance to preview programs in dance, music, visual arts, theatre, storytelling and poetry, available for in-school performances and community gatherings. Additionally, Artist Residency programs, available for schools and community projects, will be highlighted. This event offers an excellent opportunity to not only preview multiple programs but also to meet the artists during the intermissions. Please visit [www.morrisarts.org](http://www.morrisarts.org), as the date approaches, for a complete list of performances for each day of the showcase and contact Barbara Reuther at [breuther@morrisarts.org](mailto:breuther@morrisarts.org) for additional information.

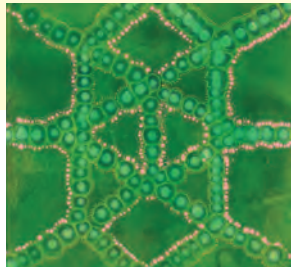
The Showcase is being sponsored by:  
The New Jersey Automobile Club Foundation for Safety & Education



Clockwise from top left: Randy James Dance ensemble and *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*; Poet B.J. Ward; blues guitarist Guy Davis; "Green" minded song and dance ensemble, Vocal Trash.

# Morris Arts' new exhibits:

## GALLERY at 14 MAPLE: Black, White and Green



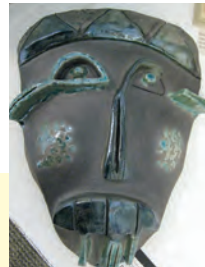
Clockwise: Jose Camacho's *Coup d'état*; Nancy Ori's *Fern*; Raymond Saá's *Untitled*; Riad Miah's *PDIII Factor No. 4*; Thea Clark's *Holding Pattern*.

Morris Arts' fifteenth exhibit, entitled **Black, White and Green**, will be at the Gallery at 14 Maple from March 3 – August 24, 2016. The show spotlights works by 11 artists, including Pat Brentano (Westfield), Jose Camacho (Montclair), Kathy Cantwell (Maplewood), Thea Clark (Maplewood), Carol Nussbaum (Short Hills), Casey Ruble (Milford), Nancy Ori (Berkley Heights), Jessica Rohrer (Bloomfield), Raymond Saá (Maplewood) and two artists from New York: Richard Bottwin (Brooklyn) and Riad Miah (New York).

Inspired by the biowall, the vertical garden of living plants within the exhibit space, Curator Katherine Murdock chose to focus the exhibit on plants and selected the title, **Black, White and Green**, to purposefully reflect that limited color palette as a means of unifying the exhibit. What is striking, however, is the richness and variety of the artists' unique approaches to the theme – through their use of different media (collage, oil, cold wax painting, photography, charcoal drawings, wood sculpture, etc.), composition, and subtle gradations of color.

Morris Arts thanks our corporate partner, **nj.com** True Jersey, for their generous support of **Black, White and Green**.

## THE ATRIUM GALLERY: Blackwell Street Juried Student Show



Clockwise from above: From last year's student exhibit: Best in Show, detail from Rachel d'Agnelli's charcoal, *Untitled*; Maxwell Creager's ballpoint, *Picasso meets Vermeer*; Sara Cecere's mixed media, *Shark Week*; Danielle Galgano's raku fired Mask; Julia Penny's pastel, *Rotten Fruit*.

**THE ATRIUM GALLERY:** located on Floors 2-5, County Administration & Records Building, 10 Court Street, Morristown. Free and open to the public 8:30am-4:30pm Monday-Friday.

The **Blackwell Street Juried Student Exhibit** will host its **Opening Reception, April 1, 2016 from 7-9pm**. Following the Art in the Atrium's current exhibit of African-American art, *Visual Griot* (through March 17), the Blackwell Street Juried Student Exhibit features the top 350+ student works, culled from nearly 700 submissions from nearly 20 county schools. Now in its 28th year, this exhibit spotlights extraordinary young talents within our county. The reception is free and open to the public. The exhibit continues through April 29, 2016.

## GETTING ENGAGED LOCALLY (GEL)

**Artist Development Workshop:**  
**Saturday, April 16, 2016**

**Location:** Morris Museum, 6 Normandy Heights Rd., Morristown, NJ 07960

**Cost:** \$15.00 fee

**Presented by:** Morris Arts in partnership with The New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

Getting Engaged Locally (GEL) is a workshop for artists of all disciplines featuring a panel of those currently working within their local community and how that has impacted their lives as artists. Registration and breakfast begin at 8:30 and the program will start promptly at 9:30 and will run until 12:00. There will be opportunities to hear the unique stories of artists who make their living doing something they love.

Tickets are \$15 if you register online prior to the event and \$20 on the day of event. Students with ID free of charge. Please arrive with your payment on the day of the event in the form of cash or a check.

Walk-in registration allowed if sessions are not filled.

This event is being held at a barrier-free facility. Individuals needing special assistance or accommodation should contact Kadie Dempsey at [kdempsey@morrisarts.org](mailto:kdempsey@morrisarts.org) or (973) 285-5115 ext. 17 at least 14 days prior to the event in order to ensure appropriate arrangements.

Morris Arts and this program are funded, in part, by a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.



## NEW BOARD MEMBER



Morris Arts extends a hearty welcome to its newest board member, Jonathan Villahermosa, Vice President Internal Audit at Wyndham Worldwide. He not only brings his broad financial knowledge and international experience in the hospitality business but also a keen appreciation and love for the arts. (Jonathan's sister is a professional visual artist.) Morris Arts is delighted to have him aboard!

# SAVE THE DATES:

- **MARCH 3:**  
Gallery at 14 Maple Opening for *Black, White and Green*, 6-8pm
- **MARCH 8 & 9:**  
Arts in Education Showcase, 9:30am-1:30pm on both days
- **MARCH 30:**  
Celebrate the Arts, 5-7:30pm
- **APRIL 1:**  
Atrium Gallery Opening for Blackwell Street Juried Student Show, 7-9pm
- **APRIL 16:**  
Getting Engaged Locally (GEL) Artist Technical Assistance Workshop, 8:30am-12:00pm
- **APRIL 21:**  
Great Conversations, 6-10pm
- **MAY 20:**  
Atrium Gallery Opening Reception, Spring/Summer Exhibit, 6:30-9pm
- **MAY 26:**  
Meet Me in Morristown, 5-8pm
- **JUNE 26:**  
Giralda Music and Arts Festival, 4-7:30pm

## 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).

**All contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.** For more information contact Gina Moran, the Arts Council's Development Director, at [gmoran@morrisarts.org](mailto:gmoran@morrisarts.org) or (973) 285-5115, ext. 13.

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like us on , and follow us on .



The Creative Placemaking initiative launched by Morris Arts in collaboration with the Morristown Partnership, will be returning starting May 26th. Bringing the arts to the Morristown business district on the last Thursdays in May, June, July, and August, selected musicians and artists set up shop, showcase and sell their art or perform live throughout the town while various Morristown businesses operate sidewalk sales or demonstrations ...an exciting grass-roots experience!



Clockwise: Ed Ricci with his handmade Busker Organ; Meet Me in Morristown's blackboard encourages public input; The band *Badge* performing outside MPAC; The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey performing Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream* on the Morristown Green; Artist Dan Fenelon with participatory art booth (photos courtesy of Kevin Coughlin of [www.MorristownGreen.com](http://www.MorristownGreen.com)).