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People are still talking about the Arts Council of the Morris Area’s GREAT CONVERSATIONS sold out benefit, held on March 31st, 2011 at the Madison Hotel. Over 250 guests enjoyed dining and conversing with the 30 outstanding “host conversationalists,” whose names read like a veritable Who’s Who in the world of the arts, education, medicine, sports, food, business and the nonprofit world.

At this unique event, guests had the opportunity to meet all of the distinguished conversationalists at a cocktail reception and then to enjoy in-depth discussion over dinner with their conversationalist of choice, from an NFL official or university president to a choreographer, cancer researcher or jazz pianist, and more. It was an inspiring and memorable evening.

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Arts Education Showcase Sparkles with talent

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Cultural arts representatives, teachers, administrators, and PTA members had a chance to preview the exciting programs and new additions available for booking for the 2011-12 academic year. This was “a not to be missed” opportunity to see firsthand nearly 30 different performers and network with cultural arts representatives from other schools. There were programs in theatre, dance, music, storytelling, creative writing, visual arts and poetry – all available for school performances, workshops or artist residencies during the 2011-12 school year. This event was sponsored in part by the New Jersey Automotive Club Foundation for Safety and Education. Our thanks also go to our Showcase hosts, the Shakespeare Theatre of NJ, for their generous professional assistance with the Showcase.

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