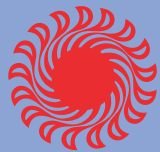


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Arts Council *of the* Morris Area

2011

Everyone is Still Talking about the Arts Council of the Morris Area's

great conversations
"bringing the art of conversation to life"



L-R: Conversationalists Dennis Robinson, Christopher Daggett, Arts Council Board Member Cheryl Ellis, and Conversationalist Helen Wronski.

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.

The event was generously sponsored by Atlantic Health; Avis Budget Group, Inc.; The Madison Hotel; The MCM Group at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney; Novartis Corporation; and J. Weber Design, LLC, with promotional support provided by The Star-Ledger.

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Giralda 2011 Music and Arts Festival on June 26th: the best bargain around!

Start the summer right by attending the Arts Council of the Morris Area's fabulous Giralda Music and Arts Festival on Sunday, June 26, 2011. Held in Madison, NJ on the gracious lawns of Giralda Farms (the former Geraldine R. Dodge estate), this event features a spectacular outdoor concert by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Gerald Steichen in a program featuring light classics, Americana, "water themed" music (reflecting the Arts Council collaboration with the Great Swamp Watershed Association) and vocal selections (opera and Broadway) showcasing singers from Opera NJ. Additionally, there will be an Art Show and Sale, children's book readings & sale, arts activities for kids and a special art sale of paintings of the Great Swamp by Girl Scout artists (in honor of The Great Swamp Watershed Association 30th

anniversary this year). Ice cream, desserts, refreshments and beverages will be available for purchase and, in keeping with Giralda tradition, there will be generous prizes for the most inventive picnics and the fabulous 50/50 raffle which nets

some lucky person a big cash prize. Bring your friends, families, classmates, neighbors or come by yourself to help welcome summer with the Arts Council in this fun and very affordable way!

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L-R: Artists Dannielle Mick, Christine Wagner and Joan Lamensdorf; The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra under Conductor Jeffry Grogan.



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So much to see, so little time...

THE GALLERY AT 14 MAPLE:

March 9 - August 10, 2011: *Humble Beginnings* – On March 10, nearly 200 attended the opening of *Humble Beginnings*, the latest juried exhibit at the Arts Council's Gallery at 14 Maple, located on the 3rd floor at 14 Maple Ave., Morristown, NJ. Curated by Mary Birmingham, Curator of the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, the exhibit reflects the striking creativity of the 31 participating artists exhibiting works made from "humble" materials such as pencil, pen, marker, crayon, cardboard, string, glue, buttons, and recycled objects from everyday life. Whether the works were "humble" in subject matter, materials or methods, the result is a wonderful sampling of ingenuity, skill and beauty, providing, as Birmingham states, "a valuable reminder that 'simple' is often all we need and can even be perfection." The exhibit, which runs through August 10, 2011, is free and open to the public, Mondays-Thursdays 10am-4pm; Fridays 10am-1pm and by appointment.

September 8, 2011 - February 15, 2012: The next juried show, *Remembrance of Things Past*, honors the power of memory in our lives and acknowledges the 10th anniversary of 9/11. It will be curated by Dr. Virginia Fabbri Butera, Director of the Therese A. Maloney Gallery and Chair of the Art and Music Departments of the College of St. Elizabeth, with an opening reception on September 8 from 6-8pm.

ATRIUM GALLERY

March 25 - May 6, 2011: Blackwell Street Juried Student Exhibit – With an opening on March 25th, the Arts Council of the Morris Area welcomed the **23rd annual Blackwell Street Juried Student Art Show** to the Atrium Art Gallery.

Out of 612 submissions, the jurors selected 336 outstanding artworks, giving 56 awards, 43 Honorable Mentions – in a total of 13 categories. Entries came from 19 Morris County high schools. Blackwell Street professional artists Elaine Provost, David Gruol, Annette Hanna oversaw the substantial effort to jury and install this showcase for the top student artists in the county. On May 12th, 2011, the Arts Council named the Blackwell Street Center for the Arts the 2011 Outstanding Arts Organization in recognition of its 23 years of promoting opportunities and professional guidance for talented Morris County student artists through this annual exhibition. For more information on Blackwell St. Center for the Arts, visit their cyber gallery at www.blackwell-st-artists.org.

May 26 - September 7, 2011: Spring/Summer Exhibit – With an opening reception on May 26 from 6-8pm, the **Spring/Summer Exhibit** at the Atrium features 177 works by 66 artists including 42 works from members of the Blackwell Street Center for the Arts (5th floor), 88 works by Art Association in Roxbury (3rd and 4th floors), 41 works by members of the Drew Art Association (2nd floor) and several mobiles by John Tetz (in Atrium stairwell areas). The show will be on view during business hours (8am-5pm, Mondays-Fridays) until September 7, 2011.

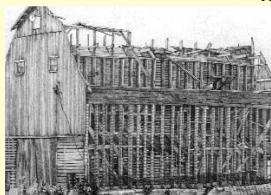
The Arts Council of the Morris Area manages the Atrium Gallery, selecting artists and scheduling exhibits on behalf of the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders. The Atrium Gallery, floors 2-5 of the Morris County Administration & Records Building, is free and open to the public.

The Gallery at 14 Maple: 1) Larry Ross' crayon piece, *First Love*; 2) a view of one wall of the exhibit; Deborah Ugoretz' cut paper work, *The Sanctuary*; 4) Geraldine Anderson Gaines with her carved wooden door work, *Nukutor*.

Atrium Gallery: Blackwell Street Juried Student Exhibit – 5) Amy Cheifetz's stoneware, *Inferno*; 6) 2011 Best in Show, artist Nick Metzler with his plaster work, *The Many Faces Within Each of Us*; 7) Blackwell Street professional artists and exhibit organizers, Elaine Provost and Dave Gruol; 8) Megan Wallace's oil, *Sylvan Aquarium*. **Spring/Summer Exhibit** – 9) Joan Winter's oil, *Day Lily & Hydrangea*; 10) Linda Aldrich's pen & ink, *Storm Damage*; 11) Lorraine Robertson's oil, *Oh My Gourds*; 12) Mary E. Bobeck's acrylic, *BOLS*.



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TO SUPPORT THE ARTS COUNCIL:

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 the Arts Council.
- **Celebrate holidays and milestones with a tribute gift to the Arts Council.** A donation to the Arts Council 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 double 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.

All contributions are tax-deductible. For more information contact Gina Moran, the Arts Council's Development Director, at gmoran@morrisarts.org or (973) 285-5115, ext. 13.

Better than the Oscars! Arts Council of the Morris Area announces Awards at Celebrate the Arts

On May 12th, in the Gilded Age mansion at Fairleigh Dickinson University, the Arts Council of the Morris Area held its annual Celebrate the Arts event and presented its 2011 Awards for *Outstanding Arts Advocate*: **Art Bonito**; *Outstanding Arts Organization*: **The Blackwell Street Center for the Arts**; *Outstanding Corporation / Business*: **Atlantic Health**; *Outstanding Arts Educator / School*: **Mount Olive High School**; and *Outstanding Professional in the Arts*: **Harry Simon**. *Special Recognition* was awarded to **The Morristown CraftMarket** and its sponsor, the Kiwanis Club of Randolph Township. Nearly 150 members of the arts community shared in this heady and exciting celebration of the arts – an evening of tribute to the power of the arts to inspire, heal and teach. Kenn Jones, Curator of Education for the New Jersey State Museum, presented the awards.

The event also introduced this year's talented graduating high school seniors who won the Arts Council's two arts scholarships. Ballet and modern dancer (and choreographer) **Madeline Eltringham**, an Oak Ridge resident graduating from the Morris County School of Technology's Academy for Visual and Performing Arts, won the Elaine Ehlers Arts Scholarship (\$4,750). Madeline will be attending the State University of NY at Purchase in the fall. Visual artist, **Catalina Ouyang**, a Morris Plains resident graduating from Parsippany Hills High School, won the Eugenie Coladarci Arts Scholarship (\$1,250) and will be attending the Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts at Washington University (St. Louis, MO) in the fall. The Arts Council also thanked **David Clair** and **Emma Joy Dana**, who are stepping down from the Arts Council Board after long and distinguished service. The evening concluded with a special presentation by teaching artists **Marco Giammetti** and **Carol Hendrickson** of *Spiritree*. It was truly a night to be inspired!

The Arts Council wishes to thank our generous sponsors The MCM Group at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney; Emma Joy Dana and TD Bank. Additional photos and more information on the awardees can be found on the Arts Council website, www.morrisarts.org (Events tab/Celebrate the Arts).



L-R: 2011 Scholarship Winners Catalina Ouyang & Madelyn Eltringham; Arts Award Winners: Mount Olive High School Art Teacher Diane Phares; Maria Lupo for Atlantic Health; Art Bonito; Janine Myers for Morristown CraftMarket of the Kiwanis Club of Randolph Township; Harry Simon; Catalina Ouyang; Madelyn Eltringham; Elaine Provost for the Blackwell Street Center for the Arts.

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**will be back next year,
by popular demand!**

**Save the Date: MARCH 29, 2012...
we'll see you then!**



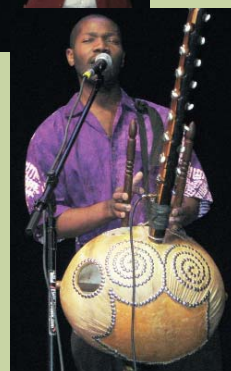
From the top: Event Chair, Joen Luy Ferrari; Conversationalists E. LaBrent Chrite, Ph.D. and Gabriel Esteban, Ph.D.; Conversationalist Jerry Vezza with his wife, Diane; Conversationalists Carole Higgins Clark and Carolyn Dorfman.



Arts Education Showcase sparkles with talent

On May 10th and 11th, 2011, the Arts Council of the Morris Area presented its Annual Arts Education Showcase at the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's F.M. Kirby Theatre in Madison. Teaching artists from throughout the country treated the audience to dramatic storytelling, the excitement of dance, the joys of music, "living" history, and other fine programs presented live in this two-day showcase spectacular. Cultural arts representatives, teachers, administrators, and PTA members had a chance to preview the exciting programs and new additions available for booking in 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 2011-2012 school year. This event was sponsored in part by the New Jersey Automobile 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.

Clockwise: Queen Nur (storyteller); Dixieland Jazz; Kinobe; Circus Minimus.



Giralda 2011 Music and Arts Festival

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Crowd enjoying Giralda 2010.

Time: Gates open at 4pm for activities and picnics (no pets, no BBQs). The concert begins at 6pm.

Location: Giralda Farms Corporate Park, Dodge Drive and Madison Ave. (Rt. 124), Madison, NJ 07940

Rainsite: Mennen Sports Arena, 161 East Hanover Ave., Morristown. Indoor picnics and activities *will be* permitted at this location. Doors open at 4pm.

For location change, call (973) 285-5115, x18 or visit www.morrisarts.org after 12:00pm on concert day. No refunds.

Advance Tickets: Adults (over 16), \$12; Children, \$4 (under 4, free)

Day of Event Tickets: Adults (over 16), \$15; Children, \$5 (under 4, free)

Advance tickets available:

- Online at www.morrisarts.org
- Kings Supermarkets (Morristown, Chatham)
- Gary's Wine and Marketplace (Madison)
- Arts Council of the Morris Area, (973) 285-5115 x14

Tickets are also available by mailing your ticket request and check (payable to "Arts Council of the Morris Area") NO LATER THAN JUNE 13th to: The Arts Council of the Morris Area, 14 Maple Ave., Suite 301, Morristown, NJ 07960.

If you require special accommodations, please contact Kadie Dempsey (973) 285-5115 x17.



Kids having fun with parachute at Giralda 2010.

The Giralda Music & Arts Festival is sponsored by Open Spaces Management Association; RXR et al; Pfizer; Maersk Inc.; and GRC Management Corp.; BASF – The Chemical Company; Kings Supermarkets; PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP; and J. Weber Designs, LLC. Media sponsor: NJ Press Media Solutions; a Gannett Company. All proceeds benefit the many programs and services provided to artists, arts organizations, schools and the community by the Arts Council of the Morris Area.

SPOTLIGHT

The Arts Council of the Morris Area is delighted to announce the addition of 5 talented, dynamic new board members: **Michelle Butler**, a nonprofit consultant with significant background in Arts Education strategies; **Susan Donnell**, professional visual artist; **Richard J. Mahler**, sales executive and marketing professional with PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP; **Thomas N. McMillian**, president of Techtao, LLC, a marketing consulting firm; and **Daniel Sroka**, professional fine art photographer, brand and marketing advisor and former creative director at Yahoo! Inc. What a wealth of knowledge, talent and creative energy they bring to the Arts Council!

Local Arts Grant Applications, due July 15, 2011, are now being accepted. Visit www.morrisarts.org for information and application forms. Contact Kadie Dempsey at (973) 285-5115, x17 for additional information.

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From the Beatles to the Balkans: Mark your calendars now!

Music Without Borders: The Arts Council of the Morris Area is delighted to announce its continuing collaboration with the Mayo Performing Arts Center, programming 4 free, outdoor, world-music concerts during June, July and August 2011. All concerts will run from noon-1:30pm on the Morristown Green. (Rainsite: Morristown United Methodist Church on the Green, 50 Park Place). The schedule includes:

- **June 22: Colombian Music by Chia's Dance Party** (with Martin Vejarano)
- **July 6th: Balkan Music by Chalgiya** (featuring clarinet/sax; accordion and drums, NYC)
- **July 20: Music of China** (famed Chinese ensemble from NYC, featuring the *er-hu* [2-stringed fiddle], *zheng* [plucked zither] and *yangqin* [hammered dulcimer])
- **August 3: India: Music of the North, Bells of the South** (featuring classical, folk and devotional Indian vocal music accompanied by *tabla* and harmonium and classical Southern Indian dance, in costume)

Travel the world – for free – without leaving home!

In Partnership with the Morris County Park Commission, the Arts Council presents:

July 24: Beetlemania: A Family Concert...With a Little Bit of Science. 1-5pm. Learn about different beetles in the garden at interactive science booths and enjoy The Robert Murdock Band, a topflight British Invasion Tribute Band (which opened for Ringo Starr) in an exciting concert of Beatles music. Contact (973) 326-7601 or www.morrisparks.net for information, tickets.

September 18: September Serenade: 2-5pm. Sample a musical smorgasbord – including classical, Caribbean, Brazilian, gypsy/hot jazz and bluegrass music – set amidst enchanting gardens and accompanied by select wines and matching hors d'oeuvres! Tickets at (973) 326-7601. www.morrisparks.net.

Both programs are at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 53 East Hanover Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960.



From top: Chia's Dance Party (Colombian music); Chalgiya (Balkan music); Chinese musician, Wang Gouwei, *erhu* master; Indian classical dancer, Madhumita Parmar; Ms. Astha Hukla, Indian vocalist; Beetlemania and September Serenade.