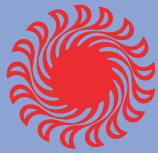


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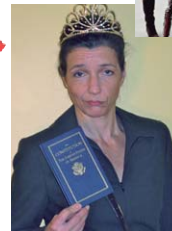
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1) Random Test Reggae; 2) Jazz guitar wizards, Vinny Raniolo and Frank Vignola; 3) Marimba master Greg Giannascoli; 4) Nashville's roots/bluegrass duo, Stetson and Cia Cherryholmes Adkisson (Songs of the Fall); 5) The Sweet Plantain Quartet; 6) Master of mime Yass Hakoshima; 7) N. Indian tabla and sitar with The Kolkata Duo; 8) Illusionist Anthony Salazar; 9) WindSync; 10) Felicity Jones' *Me Pluribus Unum*; 11) Féraba West African drumming, dance and tap; 12) Jazz legend Bucky Pizzarelli.

December 31, 2012 marks the 21st year for New Jersey's biggest and brightest New Year's Eve non-alcoholic celebration of the arts – with nearly 300 artists, 80 events in 24 venues – representing dance, drama, music, visual arts and children's events. For all 21 years, the Arts Council of the Morris Area has served as First Night's artistic programmer, researching and securing topflight performers who routinely attract 5,000-10,000 people from throughout the state and beyond.

This year's program features nearly 70% new artists (or artists returning after several years), many of whom have played the White House, Carnegie Hall, the Grand Ole Opry, and similarly top venues. In one night, you can hear 5-time Grammy nominee and roots/bluegrass wonder, Cia Cherryholmes, with Stetson Adkisson, direct from Nashville or check out our star-studded jazz lineup which includes trumpeter Warren Vaché, *Boardwalk Empire* clarinetist Dan Levinson, Rio Clemente, Grover Kemple as well as guitar "gods" –

"...First Night has raised the entertainment bar very high. Consequently, it is a tough act to follow. Yet, that is exactly what it does every Dec. 31..."

I touted First Night to a doctor pal ...Weeks later, he still is raving about one of his most enjoyable New Year's Eves. In this era of abundant entertainment choices, that's saying a lot."

— Kevin Coughlin
Editor, MorristownGreen.com

the legendary Bucky Pizzarelli, a special guest with the fabulous Frank Vignola and Vinny Raniolo. Rock the house with The British Invasion Tribute who opened for Ringo Starr, played with Eric Clapton and offer the best of American and British classic 60s rock.

World cultures intrigue you? You can hear *tabla* and *sitar* music of North India (The Kolkata Duo), music, dance (and costumes) of Russia (*Barynya*) and the unique combination of tap dancing with West African dance and drumming (*Féraba*). Burn up the floors with Colombia's steamy *Salsaoco*, savor the passionate *klezmer* music of the David Glukh's virtuosic ensemble or channel Bob Marley's Caribbean vibe with Random Test Reggae.

Love classical music? Catch Laryssa Krupa's Nova Chamber Ensemble, Harmonium Choral Society, the New Philharmonic of NJ chamber orchestra, or the talented young pianists, Ana Gligvashvili and James Rosenblum. Prefer your classical music with a twist? *The Sweet Plantain Quartet* blends Beethoven, Bach, blues, Latin, jazz and rap, while marimba player Greg Giannascoli's blinding virtuosity astounds and prizewinning WindSync charms with its simultaneous acting/playing Prokofiev's *Peter & the Wolf*.

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Arts Council of the Morris Area Announces 2013 Local Arts Grants

The Arts Council of the Morris Area is pleased to announce that 31 Morris County arts organizations received Local Arts Grants for 2013. These grants help support visual arts, theatre, instrumental and choral groups, museums, a drum and bugle corps, and broad-based arts programming which, in turn, enable thousands of people throughout our county to experience the arts in a multitude of ways. Funding is made possible through the Local Arts Program of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

This year's awardees include: Art in the Atrium (Morristown), Arts! By the People (East Hanover), Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey (Madison), Blackwell Street Center for the Arts, Inc. (Denville), Boonton Main Street (Boonton), Chatham Community Players (Chatham), Coro Lirico (Morristown), County College of Morris (Randolph), Creative Heartwork, Inc. (Mendham), Dance Innovations Performance Foundation (Chatham), Faith Center for the Arts (Randolph), First Night® Morris County (Morristown), Fusion Core Drum and Bugle Corp (Succasunna), Hanover Wind Symphony (Whippany),

Harmonium Choral Society (Morristown), Lakeland Youth Symphony (Parsippany), Macculloch Hall Historical Museum (Morristown), Madison Arts and Culture Alliance, Inc. (Madison), Masterwork Chorus (Morristown), Morris Choral Society (Morristown), Morris County Organization for Hispanic Affairs (Dover), Morris Music Men (Morristown), Arts programming at Morristown Neighborhood House (Morristown), Musconetcong Valley Community Association (Long Valley), Museum of Early Trades & Crafts (Madison), Music at Morristown United Methodist Church (Morristown), New Jersey Foundation for the Blind (Denville), New Jersey Jazz Society (Chatham), Opera at Florham (Florham Park), Solid Brass Chamber Music Guild (Chatham) and Arts programming at St. Peters Episcopal Church (Morristown).

Additionally, the Arts Council awarded one mini-grant to The Morris County Arts Workshop (Chester) which utilizes an empty storefront in Chester to provide drop-in, after school arts activities for students from Pre-K through middle school, as well as for adults and seniors.

From top left: Some of the 2013 grantees: 1.) Lakeland Youth Symphony in concert; 2.) *Barynya* brings Russian music and dance to First Night® Morris County; 3.) Dance program at Morristown Neighborhood House; 4.) Political cartoon by Thomas Nast on display at Macculloch Hall Historical Museum; 5.) Chatham Community Players production of *A Christmas Carol*; 6.) Opera at Florham; 7.) Solid Brass Chamber Music performance.

Dan Fenelon and Arts Council's Mentoring Students head for the White House

The National Park Foundation has announced that Artist Dan Fenelon and the Arts Council's Morristown High School Mentoring Program have been chosen to design and create the ornaments for New Jersey's tree for the 2012 National Christmas Tree display in President's Park in Washington, D.C. Dan Fenelon and the mentoring students join local artists and youth from each U.S. state, territory and the District of Columbia who were selected to design and create 24 ornaments for their respective state or territory tree. "It's an honor to represent New Jersey because we are one of the original states. The first thirteen will always hold a special place in the heart of America," said Dan Fenelon, project artist "We are excited to be part of the National Christmas Tree display because Christmas represents a time of giving and that is what the mentoring program is all about."

Developed over seven years ago by the Arts Council of the Morris Area and Morristown High School's art department, the after-school Mentoring Program, closely guided by professional artists Dan Fenelon and Susan Faiola Noonan, provides underserved youth who are interested in post-secondary art training with an opportunity to create an art portfolio for college or art school applications. The program is currently funded through a generous donation from the Failla Family Foundation and the Irene A. Van Deusen Fund at the Community Foundation of New Jersey.

"We are very pleased that Dan Fenelon and the Morristown High School Mentoring Program will represent New Jersey in this year's National Christmas Tree display," said Neil Mulholland, President and CEO of the National Park Foundation. "This time honored tradition is the perfect way to kick off the holiday season."

Four weeks of holiday events in President's Park will kick off with the 90th National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony presented by the National Park Service and National Park Foundation, the official charity of America's national parks. For ticket information, talent announcements, as well as other event details, please visit www.thenationaltree.org.



From Top: Ornaments created under guidance of artist Dan Fenelon; Artist Dan Fenelon (photo by Ellen Denuto); Several of the Mentoring students with ornaments they've created.



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3rd Annual Pumpkin Illumination brings joy just before Hurricane Sandy strikes

The Arts Council's 3rd annual Pumpkin Illumination event provided some much needed respite from storm worries on Sunday night, October 28th, as happy crowds gathered at the Vail Mansion reflecting pool, just prior to the incoming storm. Although storm concerns prevented the attendance of Morristown Mayor and Mrs. Doherty and our intended emcee, NBC meteorologist Janice Huff, the community turned out in force to enjoy a touch of Halloween with Julie Pasqual's dramatic and entertaining "scary" storytelling and the artists' "carve-off."

New this year, thanks to grant from MetLife Foundation, was a 2-Day Mask and Movement Residency at Normandy Park School with Rob Faust of FAUSTWORKS. The residency included a school-wide performance of Faust's *The Mask Messenger* and workshops exploring the different masks we wear, the roles of masks in culture and the history of masks, character and respect. Students experienced first-hand the transformative power of masks and learned about the importance of movement, posture and gesture on stage and in life.

The Pumpkin Illumination Event is part of *Arts Everywhere!*, a program of the Arts Council of the Morris Area intended to bring expressive, spontaneous, free and fun artistic happenings to nontraditional spaces and to promote a sense of community through the arts. This year's event is generously sponsored by

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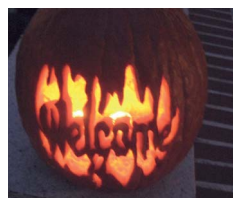
From top left: 1.) The Bueno family; 2.) The Carr family; 3.) The Caine family; 4.) Sandy Almasy of the Dodge Foundation dressed as Hurricane Sandy; 5.) Storyteller Julie Pasqual keeps all enthralled with her scary tales; 6.) Artist carver, Dan Fenelon; 7.) Susan Nobleman as a one-eyed but friendly monster; 8.) Robert Carr's Welcome pumpkin; 9.) K.C. Cowles of Randolph wins pumpkin carving contest; 10.) Bob Richardson's crying pumpkin; 11.) Dan Fenelon's traditional pumpkin.



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Art in the Atrium opens 21st exhibit on January 25, 2013

Join *Art in the Atrium*, Inc. as it celebrates its 21st annual exhibit and sale of African-American art which runs from January 25 to March 12, 2013 at the Atrium Gallery. The free opening reception, on Friday, January 25th from 6-9pm, includes music, food, and a talk by featured artist, Janet Taylor Pickett, a prolific, award-winning artist who, for many years, has mentored emerging artists and shared her passion for insuring that African-American artists have the opportunity to speak with their "authentic" voices.

The Atrium Gallery, managed by the Arts Council of the Morris Area is located on floors 2-5 of the Morris County Administration & Records Building, 10 Court Street, Morristown. Free parking is provided during the reception in the garage below the building (accessible from Schuyler Place). The Gallery is open Mondays-Fridays, 8am-5pm and will be also open during the evenings of December 14, 2012 from 5-8pm as part of a self-guided gallery walk with Art Around the Park and on December 31, 2012 from 7pm-midnight as part of First Night® Morris County.



L-R: 2013 Art in the Atrium featured artist, Janet Taylor Pickett; attentive audience at Opening Reception lecture of a prior Art in the Atrium exhibit; Artist Bisa Butler with her family at prior Art in the Atrium exhibit.

Art Around the Park returns on December 14th

Join us again for Morristown's free, quarterly, self-guided gallery on December 14th from 5-8pm. Participating galleries will include the Arts Council's Gallery at 14 Maple (*Giving Voice*), the Atrium Gallery (the Fall/Winter Exhibit featuring 260 works by 12 artists), the Simon Gallery and nontraditional art spaces such as the Eclectic Grill at the Hyatt and more. A *prix fixe* dinner at the Hyatt's Eclectic Grill is available that evening. Visit www.artaroundthepark.com for more details.

Looking for the Perfect Gift?

Celebrate the holidays and milestones with the gift that keeps giving all year long! A donation to the Arts Council is a perfect way to honor that special someone who values the joy that the Arts bring to children and families in our community. Colorful gift cards will be sent to your honoree, with a letter acknowledging your tax deductible contribution forwarded to you. Contact Gina Moran at gmoran@morrisarts.org or at (973) 285-5115, x13.

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Theatre more your thing? Watch renowned master of mime, Yass Hakoshima, or hear Titanic survivors' touching stories (with the Travelling Literary Theatre). Laugh with comedian Moody McCarthy, enjoy Felicity Jones (*Me Pluribus Unum*), as she campaigns to become Queen of America, or let comic hypnotist Marshal Manlove coach you in speaking Martian. A reptile show, a comic folk singer, a champion drum and bugle corps, the Battle of the Bands, the organist from Yankee Stadium, a flea circus, magicians, illusionists, early music and old-time bluegrass will round out the offerings. Mix in 2 visual arts exhibits and 2 sets of fireworks and you have an unbeatable way to herald 2013!

One inexpensive admission (before Dec. 26: \$20/ticket; 4 pack for \$70) covers all events at First Night. Every venue is indoors and a free shuttle will take you to all locations. For more information, the latest program updates, to volunteer or to purchase tickets, please visit the First Night Morris County website at www.firstnightmorris.com or call (973) 455-0708.

Ehlers and Coladarci Arts Scholarship Applications Available

Application forms, due by 5pm on Friday, February 8, 2012, will be available in early December at the guidance offices of Morris County high schools (public, private and parochial) and online at the Arts Council website, www.morrisarts.org (under Programs/Events tab in Coladarci/Ehlers Arts Scholarship section). The Elaine Ehlers Arts Scholarship (\$5,000) and the Eugenie Coladarci Arts Scholarship (\$1,250) are awarded each year to graduating high school seniors who must be Morris County residents, have demonstrated artistic excellence in dance, drama, music or visual arts and plan to pursue post-secondary studies at an accredited institution or acknowledged arts school or fine arts program.

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Guests had so much fun talking with the accomplished and fascinating Host Conversationalists at last year's Great Conversations that no one wanted to leave! So be sure to mark May 2, 2013 on your calendars now and reserve your place as soon as invitations arrive in January. Experience a one-of-a-kind evening while helping the Arts Council continue its valuable work in the community! Visit www.morrisarts.org for the latest updates and information after the New Year.



Thank you to Gary's Wine and Marketplace and the Morristown CraftMarket

Celebrating 21 years of giving to the community, Gary's Wine & Marketplace presented its 21st Annual Grand Tasting event on the evening of Thursday, October 18th at the Park Avenue Club in Florham Park. Featuring Gary's trademark assortment of stellar wines, this annual celebration raised proceeds which will then be donated to deserving local organization. The Arts Council of the Morris Area is grateful to be one of this year's charitable beneficiaries. And, for the third year, the Arts Council had a booth at the Morristown CraftMarket, run by the Kiwanis Club of Randolph, NJ. This year's Morristown CraftMarket, held at the Morristown Armory on October 19-21, marked its 36th year with fabulous original creations in jewelry, leather, ceramics, metal, glass, wood, and wearable fiber by over 160 artists from more than 25 states and Canada. All net proceeds benefitted local charities/nonprofits, including the Arts Council.

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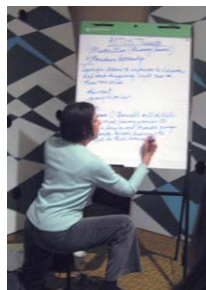
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Creative Morristown conference fosters community problem-solving

On October 19 and 20th, nearly 80 individuals from varied sectors of our local community (the arts, culture, schools, social services, Town government and businesses) convened at the Morristown Hyatt to address the question "How can our diverse community engage creativity and innovation to insure a thriving sustainable Morristown?" A spinoff of *Creative New Jersey*, *Creative Morristown's* efforts were spearheaded by the Arts Council of the Morris Area, the Town of Morristown's Office of Sustainability, Jonathan Rose Companies, and the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

Following "Open Space" principles, facilitator Larry Capo guided participants – with resulting discussions that inspired not only a wealth of ideas but also concrete steps toward the implementation of those ideas. Breakout sessions included topics ranging from the need for regional planning, incorporating the arts into the Master Plan process, fostering creative spaces for public use, or helping needy families – to exploring the best ways to publicize existing cultural resources, establishing a community cultural commission, sharing "best practices" of other creative communities, finding ways to balance the number of bars with other types of development and offering more creative opportunities for young people.

Our deep thanks to our sponsors: the Hyatt Morristown, the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, County College of Morris, the Town of Morristown, Samsung, as well as Cappia Café, C'est Cheese, The Creamery, and Grassroots Natural Market in Denville. We also want to thank the participants of *Creative Morristown* who gave us the precious gift of their time and thoughts and help form new partnerships and collaborations which we hope will enrich our community in the future.



L-R: Open Space principles; Recording ideas during a breakout session; Intense discussion in a breakout session; Discussing action items on Day #2, in front of the "market place" of breakout session topics.