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Meet “President Abraham Lincoln,” “Composer Franz Schubert” or “Nat Love (a.k.a. Deadwood Dick),” a 19th century black cowboy “Lone Town Abbey”? Learn the Mayor with or Good Company, or enjoy Renaissance court music played on replica period instruments by the costumed Early Music Players of New Jersey.

Kids will delight in Dinorama's Dinosaurs (with lifeless inflatable dinosaurs), Rizzo's live reptile show, the Gizmo Guys comedy juggling act, illusionist Brian Benjamin Lipman's comedy magic, and Mr. Fish's super-circus skills in knife-throwing and balloon animals and face painting.

This year’s early session for One inexpensive admission (before 12/22: $20/ticket; $17.50 for 4 or more; prices go up 12/22-12/31/13) covers three visual arts exhibits (displaying over 200 artworks) and folk singing.

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5 distinguished individuals have joined Morris Arts’ Board this year: Stephen P. Attoe, is President of NK Architects, a design firm of 60 professionals providing architecture, planning, structural engineering and interior design services. Beatriz P. Bueno, a volunteer at Morris Arts who has worked in the arts (film, editing, producing) in Brazil, Mexico and Mexico and as a cultural arts representative in her children’s Morrisstown schools. Laurie M. Guzzinati is Regional Director, Corporate & Government Affairs, North America for Mondelēz International. She holds degrees in History, Italian Studies and International Affairs. Tom Jones is Senior Vice President, Mackay; a communications specialist with 20 years of healthcare-specific experience encompassing some of the world’s largest and best recognized prescription medicines, for such clients as Aventis, Genentech, Merck, Novartis and Pfizer. Kathleen Thomas-Rudd, MD, is President, Breast Health and Healing in Belvidere, NJ. Holder of several medical patents, Rudy’s post graduate training included serving as a Fellow at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer (NYC), and as Chief Resident of General Surgery, St. Barnabas Medical Center (Livingston).

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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 who values the joy that the Arts bring to children and families in our community. Colorful gift cards will be available in a variety of values at www.morrisarts.org under Programs. For a calendar listing of arts events in Morris County and for more information Morris Arts’ many programs and services, visit us at www.morrisarts.org, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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Mr. Morris Arts & Parliament's North Star Award Season 2013-2014

The Morris Arts Award of Honor is presented to an individual who has made significant contributions to the arts in Morris County. The 2014 award will be presented to a donor who has had a significant impact on the arts in Morris County. The award will be presented at the Morris Arts’ 2014 First Night Event on December 31st.

22nd First Night® Morris County Overflows with Top Talents

December 31 marks the 22nd year for New Jersey’s biggest and brightest New Year’s Eve family-friendly, alcohol-free celebration of the arts – with over 200 artists, more than 60 events in 25 venues – representing dance, theatre, music, visual arts and children’s events. For all 22 years, Morris Arts has served as First Night’s artistic programmer, securing top-flight talent who attract thousands of people from throughout the state and beyond. Once again, nearly 2/3 of the program features new artists (or artists returning after several years), many of whom have performed at top venues (the White House, Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Madison Square Garden), won Grammy awards, MacArthur “genius” grants, performed on TV, in major films and/or collaborated with superstars of performing arts. On that night, for a remarkably affordable price ($17.50-$25), one can experience everything from Rock to Chinese shadow puppetry.

On the jazz/funk front, you can rock star (and Grammy winner) John Geyser’s Band and a star-studded jazz lineup including the four guitar legends (Bucky Pizzarelli, the fabulous Frank Vignola, Vinny Raniolo and Gene Bertoncini), not to mention gypsy jazz with “Boardwalk Empire” clarinetist Dan Levinson and classic jazz with our own “Bishop of Jazz,” pianist Rino Clemente.

On the blues, bluegrass and blends front, be sure to catch Matuto’s unique bluegrass/brazilian blend or groove with RGB keyboard (and Yankee Stadium organist) Ed Atstrom and harmonica virtuoso Rob Paparozzi (of Blood Sweat & Tears; The Blues Brothers Band; the Cobra Brothers; all the blues) and the blues kazoo “dubstep” (and gener’s (old time) ban) by the Philadelphia Jug Band.

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