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Morris Arts/Dodge Foundation GALLERY at 14 MAPLE opens *Expresiones Latinx I* on 9/12

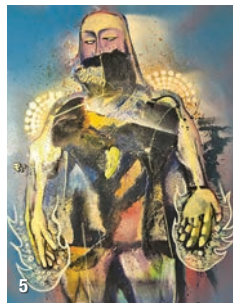
On September 12, 2019 from 6-8pm, Morris Arts will host a free opening reception for the Gallery at 14 Maple's twenty second exhibit entitled *Expresiones Latinx I*. Curated by Virginia Fabbri Butera, PhD, and Will Suarez, MFA, this is one of two paired exhibits conceived as part of LatinX ConeXiones, a project of the nearly 30 cultural organizations in the Arts & Culture Collaborative, showcasing the arts and culture of Latinx artists in Morris County and other communities through more than 26 performances, fine art and craft exhibitions, music, dance, literature, poetry, theatre, food, history, installations and other creative disciplines from August through November 2019. The events will take place in venues across Morris County, publicized via members' websites, newsletters and social media as well as via The Collaborative's calendar of events, online at: <https://artsandculturecollaborative.org>, www.facebook.com/latinxconexiones and <https://www.instagram.com/latinxconexiones/>.

Expresiones Latinx I focuses on the themes of Nature/Environment; Dreams; Barriers; Love; Dance; Music; Sports; and The Streets. It complements related themes (such as Home, Family, Memories, Places, Religion, etc.) highlighted in *Expresiones Latinx II*, also curated by Butera and Suarez and opening on September 18, 2019 at the Maloney Art Gallery at the College of Saint Elizabeth in Convent Station.

For the Gallery at 14 Maple, the Exhibition Committee and curators selected works created by 21 artists (paintings, watercolors, mixed media, prints, photographs, digital art and collage) for display at the Gallery, a distinctive space located on the 3rd floor of the LEED certified "green" building at 14 Maple Ave., Morristown.

The exhibit features works by the following artists: Luis Alves, Josephine Barreiro, Gregg Bautista, José Camacho, Marcela Claros, Santiago Cohen, Carlos M. Frias, Luz H. Gallo, Juan C. Giraldo, France Garrido, Luis Jesús Martínez Piar, Maria José Navas-Espinal, David Oquendo, Walter F. Rodriguez, Nancy Saleme / Patricia Cazorla, Will Suarez, Jhoan Sebastian Tamayo, Raúl Villarreal, M. H. Yaghooti and Layqa Nuna Yawar. Their artworks reflect each artist's unique vision and mode of expression filtered through the lens of the Latinx experience.

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1) Santiago Cohen, oil on canvas, 2017, *Earth*; 2) Walter F. Rodriguez' photograph on canvas, *Pan Del Mar*; 3) Josephine Barreiro's acrylic, spray paint on paper on wood panel, *All You Need is Love*; 4) Raúl Villarreal's oil on canvas, *Red and Blue Wave*; 5) M.H. Yaghooti's acrylic, spray paint, wax, markers on board, *Prometheus*; 6) Gregg Bautista's oil on canvas, *Historias Y Negocios*; and 7) Luz H. Gallo's acrylic on canvas, *White Fronted Woodpecker*.

On October 28, 2019, from 7-9:30pm (VIP admission at 5:30-7pm), Gary's Wine & Marketplace will once again host its fabulous Grand Tasting event at the Park Avenue Club located at 184 Park Avenue in Florham Park. This event features a stellar selection of premium wines, cocktails and craft beers, served with plenty of savories. Taste hundreds of wines from around the world, sample the best finds in wine and food, and give back to our community all in one night. Gary's Wine & Marketplace is committed to supporting the following charitable organizations in the communities we serve, with proceeds to benefit: Morris Arts, Atlantic Health System-Chilton Medical Center Foundation, Atlantic Home Care & Hospice, Gagnon Cardiovascular Institute at Morristown Medical Center, and the Interfaith Food Pantry. Tickets go on sale in September and are available online at www.garyswine.com or at any of Gary's Wine & Marketplace retail locations in New Jersey (Madison, Wayne, Bernardsville and Hillsborough).



Freeholder Proclamation to mark County and National Arts and Humanities Month

Morris Arts is once again spearheading a Proclamation from the Board of Chosen Freeholders on behalf of the County's arts and cultural organizations to designate the entire month of October as Arts & Humanities Month in Morris County. The Freeholder's Proclamation coordinates with National "Arts and Humanities Month," a coast-to-coast collective celebration of culture in America. Organized every October by Americans for the Arts, National Arts and Humanities Month represents the largest annual celebration of the arts and humanities in the nation. Communities across the United States join together in October to recognize the importance of arts and culture in our daily lives. On **Monday, October 7, 2019** at 9:30am, representatives from Morris County's arts and cultural communities will gather at the Freeholder meeting (5th floor, Administration & Records Building, 10 Court Street) in support of the proclamation and highlight the importance of the arts at their own events and performances during the month. Be



sure to visit the online cultural calendar at www.morrisarts.org for a listing of the many cultural and arts events in Morris County.

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"This is a wonderful chance for people to learn more about how our Latinx neighbors are responding visually to their myriad experiences in the United States as someone who is a recent newcomer or someone with deep roots here," said curator Ginny Butera. Will Suarez and I are thrilled by the intensity of meaning that emerged from the colors, forms, subject matters and styles as we were looking at work by dozens of New Jersey Latinx artists. Come and be amazed!"

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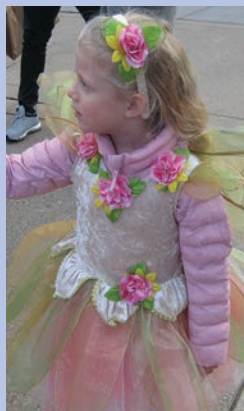
and additional support from



The exhibit is open to the public Monday-Friday from 10am to 4pm and by appointment, and will remain on display until February 12, 2020. Visit www.morrisarts.org or call (973) 285-5115 for additional information, including the exhibit catalogue which contains details and sale prices for all works. The Gallery at 14 Maple is a barrier-free facility. Individuals needing special accommodation should contact Kaity DeLaura at (973) 285-5115, x 14 or kdelaurea@morrisarts.org.

Morristown CraftMarket 2019

Morris Arts is proud to partner once again with the Morristown CraftMarket at the National Guard Armory, 430 Western Ave., Morristown. Hours for this nationally acclaimed and charitable show are **Friday, October 18, 2019 from 4pm to 8pm; Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 10am to 6pm; and Sunday, October 20, 2019 from 10am to 5pm.** Now in its 43rd year, the CraftMarket is one of the top juried and most successful fine art and craft shows in America. It showcases one-of-a-kind and limited edition fine arts and crafts in all contemporary media with nearly artists from over 25 states exhibiting and selling their original works. The all-volunteer Kiwanis Club of Randolph Township, NJ produces the show and all net proceeds benefit local charities. For more information and discounts, visit the show's website at www.morristowncraftmarket.org



Pumpkin Illumination returns to Morristown on Sunday, October 27, 2019

Be a part of Morris Arts' 10th Pumpkin Illumination event. At dusk on **Sunday, October 27, 2019**, bring your carved pumpkins to the Vail Mansion's reflecting pool and monument at 110 South Street, Morristown where pumpkins will be lit and arranged around the reflecting pool at dark – making a wonderful display. Check our website, www.morrisarts.org for more details as they become available.

Special thanks go to **Mondelez International**

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for their generous sponsorship of this event.

Clockwise from top left: Scenes from 2018 Pumpkin Illumination: art activities for families; pumpkins lining the Vail reflecting pool; lit pumpkins; a "woodland fairy"; masks and skeleton on monument steps.

2019 marks the 10th Anniversary Season for Music Beyond Borders

Captivating nearly 1,300 people from June through early August with rhythms and melodies from around the world, the 10th anniversary season of Music Beyond Borders started with some hot Louisiana-inspired dance music on June 25th by **The Zydeco Revelators**. Between the classic jam band and stompin' cowboy zydeco sounds, sweet Cajun accordion riffs and that cool rubboard vest, no one could resist dancing along. The community dance party continued with Latin flair as **Armando Son Jimenez' Grupo Sabor** brought irresistible Colombia salsa beats, congas, maracas, guitars and vocals to the Green on July 9th. On July 23rd, responsive singing, clapping and, yes, more dancing accompanied an inspired performance by the West African trio, **Forestdance** which showcased virtuosos on the *kora* (harp), *mbira* (thumb piano) and *balaphone* (xylophone). Concluding the series on August 6th, the award-winning **Mariachi Artístico** performed a wide range of Mexican music on trumpet, *vihuela* (5 string guitar-like instrument), *guitarron* (large guitar), and accordion. Collectively, these four outstanding groups have performed at major venues such as Lincoln Center, the UN, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Juilliard, Madison Square Garden, on national media, for presidents and celebrities, and now, at that ultimate venue, the Morristown Green!

The performances by **Grupo Sabor** and by **Mariachi Artístico** were also part of the **LatinX ConeXiones** project, spearheaded by the Arts & Culture Collaborative, promoting multiple events over the summer and fall of 2019 to highlight the arts and culture of LatinX communities in Morris County.

It was an inspiring and heartwarming experience to see so many people, of every age and ethnicity, every economic and social background, smiling, clapping their hands to the music and dancing so happily together – as one community. What better proof could there be of the power arts to unify and remind us all of our common humanity and capacity for sharing joy?!

To see more photos along with videos of these programs, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y7rm6x32>.



1) Anne Mitchell painting watercolor portraits; 2) Adam Najemian, blues guitarist/singer performs; 3) learning to weave macramé; 4) fresh produce at Grow It Green's pop up farm stand; 5) Cesar Salas showing finished macramé.



Top Row, L-R: **Grupo Sabor**, a quartet from **Armando Son Jimenez's** 11 piece salsa band; **Forestdance** featuring Malang Jobarteh (*kora*), Famoro Dioubate (*balaphone*) and Kevin Nathaniel Hylton (*mbira*); Karen Lerman and Phil Passantino in a zydeco faceoff.

Second Row, L-R: **Mariachi Artístico** featured Matias Reyes (accordion), Francisco Navarette (trumpet), Sebastian Romero (*guitarron*) and Alejandro Leal (*vihuela*); **The Zydeco Revelators'** Larry Ochs, Karen Lerman, Lou Selmi, Phil Passantino and Keith Richard Vukan; young people and all ages join in the fun.

Third Row, L-R: creative children's choreography; moms and kids dancing; and lining up for the Mexican Hat Dance.

Free Events at the Gateway Totems at the Early Street Community Garden

On August 8, from 4-6pm, Morris Arts collaborated with Morristown's *Grow it Green*, combining a cultural sampler (music by guitarist/singer Adam Najemian, live watercolor portraits by Anne Mitchell, a macramé/bead workshop by Cesar Salas) with an opportunity to buy farm fresh, Morristown grown produce from Grow It Green's pop-up farm stand. It was a lovely way to spend a summer evening and it was all free! Be sure to mark October 3, 2019, 4-7pm on your calendar for one more full-filled evening of free cultural happenings and fresh farm food.

Wishing Morris Arts Finance Director (and MVP), Anne Dodd the best of Retirements!



We thank you, always, for all you have done for each and every one of us and for Morris Arts for the past 24 years! May you enjoy your new home, your new grandchildren and a healthy, happy and relaxing future! With love and appreciation, the Morris Arts Staff and Board

New faces at Morris Arts:

Morris Arts is indeed fortunate to welcome outstanding individuals to our staff and board this season.

NEW STAFF MEMBER: Debra Broseker – A long-term Morris Arts volunteer (with a background in marketing and advertising) who has worked so effectively on our signature gala, Great Conversations for years, Debra officially joined our staff in August as Development Associate. In that capacity, she will continue reporting to Development Director Gina Moran and will be responsible for raising funds through grants from foundations, corporations, public agencies, and donor appeals to support Morris Arts' programs and services.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS: Morris Arts is delighted to welcome three new board members:

Nieves Gruneiro-Roadcap, Associate Professor, Art & Design Department, County College of Morris, brings her extensive visual arts, photography and civic engagement experience and skills to our board.

Sarah R. Neibart, Mendham Township Committeewoman and Deputy Mayor, enhances our board with her experience and political savvy as an elected municipal official, a campaign manager/ballot access director/political director for various national candidates.

Christopher Young, PhD, MBA, CVA, MAFF, Assistant Professor, Rutgers Business School, brings an extensive background in Global Political Economy/International Finance, Valuation, Business Strategy, Economic/Financial Modeling, Commercial and Intellectual Property Damages and Calculation, and Business/Market Ethics. He also has expertise as a Master Analyst in Forensic Finance, a Certified Valuation Analyst and an expert in Fine Art Appraisal.

Morris Arts is thrilled and welcomes all aboard!

SAVE THE DATES:

- **September 12, 2019: Opening Reception for *Expresiones Latine I***, Gallery at 14 Maple, 6-8pm
- **September 18, 2019: Opening Reception for *Expresiones Latine II***, Maloney Gallery, College of St. Elizabeth, 4:30-9:30pm (artist panel, 7:30-8:30pm)
- **October 3, 2019: Gateway Totem Series**, 4-6pm, Early Street Community Garden, 17 Early Street, Morristown
- **October 7, 2019: Arts and Humanities Month Proclamation**, Freeholder Meeting, 5th floor, Admin & Records building, 10 Court St., Morristown, 9:30am
- **October 18-20, 2019: Morristown CraftMarket at Morristown Armory**, check details at www.morristowncraftmarket.org
- **October 27, 2018: Pumpkin Illumination**, Vail Mansion, 110 South Street, dusk, check www.morrisarts.org for details
- **October 28, 2019: Gary's Grand Tasting wine event**, Park Avenue Club, 7-9:30pm, check www.garyswine.com for details and tickets.

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 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.

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For more information contact Gina Moran, Morris Arts' Director of Development, at gmoran@morrisarts.org or (973) 285-5115, ext. 13.

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For a calendar listing of arts events in Morris County and for more information on Morris Arts' many programs and services, visit us at www.morrisarts.org,

like us on , and follow us on .

Meet Me In Morristown met with another successful season

In collaboration with the Morristown Partnership, Morris Arts marked another highly successful season for Meet Me in Morristown, bringing the arts to the Morristown business district. During early evenings on the last Thursdays in May, June, July, and August, between 30-44 selected visual artists and musicians set up shop, showcased and sold their art or performed live throughout the town while various Morristown businesses operated sidewalk sales. Acoustic music played along the sidewalks while amplified "headliner" bands (Secret Sound; The Tones; Tshila; Mama & the Vexations) performed on the Green or on the Vail Mansion plaza. The event drew people to Morristown to sample the live arts experiences, great shopping and delicious dining in Morristown. Kudos to all the organizers!



Above: Scenes from Meet Me in Morristown, 2019