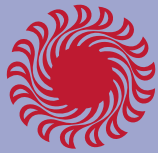


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SHOWCASING THE ARTS IN THE MORRIS AREA

Arts Council *of the* Morris Area

2012

Tom Werder Succeeds Anne Aronovitch as Executive Director

of the Arts Council. His selection caps a thorough search and review of many highly qualified candidates. "We are delighted that Tom is joining the Arts Council of the Morris Area. The timing could not be better, given that next year marks our 40th Anniversary," said Alan Levitan, President of the Arts Council's Board of Trustees.

Werder brings broad-based and extensive experience at the helm of nonprofit arts organizations to the Arts Council. He served as the Managing Director of Two River Theater Company in Red Bank, as Executive Director of the Carolyn Dorfman Dance Company, based in Union, and as Managing Director of George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick. Prior to that, he was the Managing Director of Portland Stage Company in Portland,



Tom Werder

Maine, where he was also a member of the Executive Committee for the Portland Arts and Cultural Alliance, an organization charged with the creation of a Downtown Arts District and credited

with the revitalization of the city's downtown area. On a national level, he was twice an Executive Committee member of the League of Resident Theaters (LORT) and a member of numerous collective bargaining committees. He has served on the board and executive committees of Dance/USA and Dance New Jersey. Werder received his MFA in Theatre Management from the Yale School of Drama and his BFA from Purchase College (SUNY) where he was lighting designer and stage manager. "I'm thrilled to be joining the Arts Council of the Morris Area. I've admired the Arts Council's work for years and I'm excited to work with the community, its dedicated board and talented staff to continue to find creative ways to bring the arts to the center of community life in Morris County."

Giralda 2012 Music & Arts Festival on June 24th, Rain or Shine



2012 Giralda Conductor, Emil de Cou

Where else but at the Arts Council's annual Giralda Music & Arts Festival can you relax on the gracious lawns of the former Dodge estate, shop for original artwork, savor ice cream from a vintage ice cream truck and enjoy the thrilling sounds of the outstanding New Jersey Symphony Orchestra (with soloists from Opera New Jersey) under conductor Emil de Cou – all for a highly affordable price?

And, thanks to this year's rainsite – the Mennen Sports Arena, 161 East Hanover Ave., Morristown – weather won't matter at all! The entire event (from the concert to the picnics) – can move indoors in the event of inclement weather. Complementing the concert, there will also be children's art activities (origami and watercolors), an Art Show and Sale – not to mention desserts

available for purchase from The Artist Baker and the vintage ice cream truck.

Rounding out the fun are the generous picnic prizes and the fabulous 50/50 raffle, which nets some lucky person a big cash prize (often over \$1,000)! So, invite that special someone, friends, family, neighbors, club members or college chums to share the fun while helping support the important work of the award-winning Arts Council which, for 39 years, has been bringing the arts to the center of community life.

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From top right: The Canul family's prizewinning "Racing" picnic; Family fun with parachute; Happy crowds enjoy 2011 Giralda; Artist Wayne Masiello with his work.



Clockwise from top left: Lisa Ficarelli-Halpern's *Nouveau Richelieu*; TD Bank team, Vice President Martin Frey, Manager Brigitte Richter, and Asst. Vice President Rick Sandillo in front of Rich Bedkowski's painting, *Grandma's Boots*; Ron Brown's *Man Holding Head*; TD Bankers Martin Frey and Rick Sandillo with exhibit Curator Jonathan Greene; Artist Eva Albert with her baby daughter.

TD Bank sponsors Arts Council of the Morris Area's new exhibit: *disconnected*

TD Bank has generously funded the Arts Council of the Morris Area's latest juried exhibition entitled *disconnected*, underwriting this wonderful showcase of 48 works by 36 artists who live or work in New Jersey. Nearly 250 attended the May 2nd opening of the show, curated by Jonathan Greene and which highlights these artists' visual commentaries about how people, places and things can be uniquely connected, disconnected or both at the same time. The works utilize a wide variety of media from graphite to Scrabble tile mosaic and more. "With humor, whimsy, and poignancy, these works inspire us to think about our contemporary world and the way we connect (or don't) with others," said Anne Aronovitch, outgoing Executive Director of the Arts Council.

See this thought-provoking exhibit at the *Gallery at 14 Maple*, a distinctive space located on the 3rd floor of the LEED certified "green" building at 14 Maple Avenue in Morristown, NJ. The exhibit is open to the public Mondays-Thursdays from 10am to 4pm, on Fridays from 10am to 1pm and by appointment, and remains on display until September 5, 2012. Visit www.morrisarts.org for additional information.

The Arts Council gratefully acknowledges sponsorship for this exhibit by



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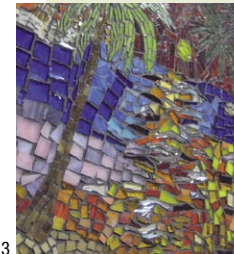
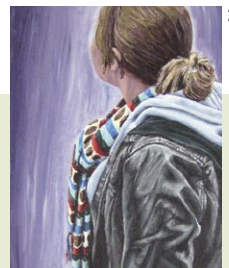
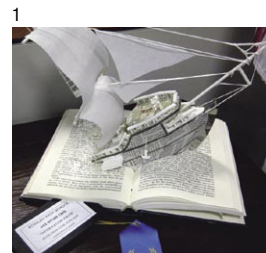
The Gallery at 14 Maple is a barrier-free facility.

SO MUCH TO SEE, SO LITTLE TIME... ATRIUM GALLERY:

24rd Annual Blackwell Street Juried Student Show March 16-May 11, 2012

Nearly 350 people attended the Opening Reception for the 24th annual Blackwell Street Juried Student Show at the Atrium Gallery. Embracing multiple media, the nearly 400 artworks were a stunning tribute to the creativity, skill and passion of these young artists from 19 high schools throughout Morris County.

1.) Jae Hyun Cho's book-foamcore-rope and glue work, *Information Pirate* (Roxbury); 2.) Kathleen McGlynn's acrylic, *Jamie* (Morris Knolls); 3.) Yelitza Herrera's *Mosaic* (Dover); 4.) Paulo Carandang's acrylic, *In the Fast Lane* (Mt. Olive).



Spring/Summer 2012 Exhibit: May 18-September 5, 2012

Approximately 200 people attended the May 31st opening reception for the **Spring/Summer Exhibit** which features 217 works by 71 artists including 43 works from members of the Blackwell Street Center for the Arts (5th floor), 103 works by Art Association in Roxbury (3rd and 4th floors), 71 works by members of the Myhelan Artists Network, and several mobiles by John Tetz (in Atrium stairwell areas). The exhibit will be on view during business hours (8am-5pm, Mondays-Fridays) until September 5, 2012.

The Arts Council of the Morris Area is pleased to manage the Atrium Gallery, selecting artists and scheduling exhibits on behalf of the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders. The Atrium Gallery, is free and open to the public.

5.) detail from Mef Gannon's mixed media art quilt, *She Dreams*; 6.) Theresa Kubert's watercolor, *Flower Girls*; 7.) Shirley Supp's acrylic on canvas mounted on Indian Rug, *The Ancestors*; 8.) Linda Aldrich's colored pen and ink, *Reclamation*; 9.) Carol Manochio's oil, *42nd St. Evening Rush*.

American Idol move over!

Arts Council gives awards at Celebrate the Arts

On April 10, 2012, in the Gilded Age Mansion at Fairleigh Dickinson University, the Arts Council of the Morris Area held its annual *Celebrate the Arts* event, presenting its 2012 Awards for *Outstanding Arts Advocate*: **Allison Larena**; *Outstanding Arts Organization*: **Art League of the Chathams**; *Outstanding Corporation/Business*: **investors Bank**; *Outstanding Arts Educator/School*: **Visual Arts Department, County College of Morris**; and *Outstanding Professional in the Arts*: **Julie Friedman**. **Kevin Coughlin, Editor, MorristownGreen.com** received a *Special Recognition*. **"Ultimate Volunteer," Janet Darrow**, was recognized for 20+ years of outstanding service to the Arts Council. As they step down, **Margaret Nordstrom** and **Robin Rotenberg** were thanked for their distinguished service as members of the Arts Council board.

The event also introduced this year's two Arts Scholarship winners: Trumpeter **Joseph Soriano**, a Succasunna resident graduating from Roxbury High School, was awarded the 2012 Elaine Ehlers Arts Scholarship, while industrial designer **Miriam Buchwald**, a resident of Rockaway graduating from Morris Hills High School, was awarded the 2012 Eugenie Coladarci Arts Scholarship. A stunning performance by 2006 Coladarci Arts Scholarship Winner and award-winning soprano Chelsea Friedlander (accompanied by her pianist mother, Helene) drew a standing ovation. It was truly a night to be inspired! Visit www.morrisarts.org to learn more about the event.

The event was generously sponsored by The MCM Group at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney and by Emma Joy Dana. Nearly 200 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. Elizabeth Christopherson, President & CEO of the Princeton-based Rita Allen Foundation, presented the awards with flair and polish.



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Clockwise: 1.) Helene and Chelsea Friedlander; 2.) 2012 Scholarship Winners, industrial designer Miriam Buchwald (Coladarci Arts Scholarship), trumpeter Joseph Soriano (Ehlers Arts Scholarship); 3.) 2012 Awardees: Arts Council Board Chair Alan Levitan; Julie Friedman (Outstanding Professional in the Arts); Gail Logan for Art League of the Chathams (Outstanding Arts Organization); Allison Larena (Outstanding Arts Advocate); Kevin Coughlin, Editor, MorristownGreen.com (Special Recognition Award); Robert Zajac for investors Bank (Outstanding Corporation); Miriam Buchwald (Coladarci Arts Scholarship); Joseph Soriano (Ehlers Arts Scholarship).

Arts in Education Showcase sparkles with talent

On May 9th and 10th, 2012, 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 and abroad treated the audience to intriguing dance, engaging storytelling, "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 2012-13 academic year. This was an invaluable opportunity to see firsthand nearly 30 different performers and sample programs in dance, mime, storytelling, science, history and visual arts – available for school performances, workshops and artist residencies. 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 New Jersey, for their generous professional assistance with the Showcase.



Clockwise from top left: Yarina; Patrick Garner as Thomas Edison; Nai Ni Chen Dance Company: The Fan Dance; Lustig Dance Theatre (Mexican Hat Dance); The Story Pirates; Felicity Jones in *Me Pluribus Unum*.



Clockwise: Don Jay Smith, Conversationalist Al Sapienza and Arts Council Board member, Dawn Dupak; Conversationalist Nicholas Harary and his wife, Melissa; Dr. Kenneth Adler and Conversationalist Dr. Damion Martins; Conversationalist Dr. Ruth Mandel.

Everyone is *still* talking about The Arts Council of the Morris Area's

great conversations
"bringing the art of conversation to life"

On March 29, 2012, over 250 guests enjoyed dining and conversing at the Madison Hotel with the 32 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 the reception and then to enjoy in-depth discussions over dinner with their conversationalist of choice (from a Pulitzer-prize winning journalist, an actor from *The Sopranos* to a symphony conductor or the orthopedic specialist for the NY Jets). The smiles tell it all.

Giralda 2012 *(continued from page 1)*

Time: Gates open at 4pm for activities and picnics [no pets, no BBQs]. The concert starts at 6pm.

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

Rainsite: Mennen Sports Arena, 161 E. Hanover Ave., Morristown. (Doors open at 4pm for activities and picnics [no pets, no BBQs]. The concert starts at 6pm).

Tickets: (take advantage of lower pricing for advance tickets!)

- **In advance:** Adults, \$15 adults (16 and over); Children, \$4; under 4, free.
- **At the gate:** Adults, \$20 adults (16 and over); Children, \$5; under 4, free.

Advance Tickets can be purchased at:

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

Individuals needing special accommodation should contact Kadie Dempsey (973) 285-515, x17.

Contact: For general information, call (973) 285-5115, ext. 18 or contact Karin Becker at (973) 285-5115, ext. 14 or via email at kbecker@morrisarts.org.

Please check www.morrisarts.org in the event of uncertain weather, or call (973) 285-5115, ext. 18 AFTER 12 pm on the day of the concert for the latest updates.

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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.

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Creative Morristown

Co-led by Kadie Dempsey, Director of Arts in Community for the Arts Council, and Paul Miller, from Morristown's Office of Sustainability (with Barbara Reuther, Arts in Education Director), Creative Morristown is a new initiative dedicated to fostering creativity, innovation and sustainability by empowering cross-sector partnerships in commerce, education, philanthropy, government and culture — with the goal of promoting dynamic communities and a thriving economy. The goals include encouraging different sectors of the community to share their visions for the future, to eventually incorporate ideas into Morristown's Master Plan and to bring community stakeholders together, providing an opportunity and outlet for sharing and collaboration.

SPOTLIGHT:

Thanks to our wonderful interns: Ellen Seigerman, Lydia Dorsky, Bethany Russo and to Raymer Steinfeldt for their energy, dedication and assistance.

New Board Members: The Arts Council is delighted to announce the addition of four talented, dynamic new board members: **Michael Lupton**, Wells Fargo Investment Representative, Vice President and former Marine helicopter pilot; **Kerry Mowrey**, a healthcare leader consulting on "greening" and sustainable strategies; **Martin Prentice**, formerly Global Training and Education Vice President for Mars Incorporated, UK and US, who has worked with the National Symphony Orchestra, Kennedy Center, and on the board of The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey; and **Frank J. Vitolo**, an attorney with Riker Danzig focused on commercial litigation, intellectual property, products liability, mass torts and toxic torts.

The Arts Council's Strategic Planning process continued with a Board/Staff retreat on May 19th. The development of goals and strategies to lead the organization into the next five years is being facilitated by Jason Alexander of Capacity for Change, LLC. Our special thanks to the New Jersey Cultural Trust for funding the new Strategic Plan.

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The World is coming to Morristown: Mark your calendars now!

MUSIC WITHOUT BORDERS: The Arts Council of the Morris Area continues its collaboration with the Mayo Performing Arts Center, programming four free, outdoor, world-music concerts during June, July and August 2012. All concerts will run from 12:00-1:00pm on the Morristown Green. (Rainsite: Morristown United Methodist Church on the Green, 50 Park Place). The schedule includes:

- **June 26: Mexican Music by Mariachi Citlalli** — a Mariachi quartet which has performed for presidents, on TV with Conan O'Brien, at the UN and Madison Square Garden.
- **July 10: Brazilian Music by Mauricio de Souza with Bossa Brasil®** — an award-winning ensemble whose albums have been featured on WBGO and on Pandora.
- **July 24: Native American Music and Dance by RedHawk Native American Arts Council** — from the White House to Morristown, they present social, traditional and contemporary dances from multiple Native American traditions.
- **August 7: Russian Music and Dance by Barynya** — the premier Russian folk ensemble outside of Russia, Barynya presents the music and dance of multiple traditions with virtuoso performances for the likes of Mikhail Gorbachev, and the Rolling Stones.

You don't have to be rich, famous or travel the world. It is all coming to you — for free — at Music Without Borders 2012.



L-R: Barynya (Russian music and dance); Mariachi Citlalli (Mexican music); Mauricio de Souza of Bossa Brasil® (Brazilian music); RedHawk Native American Arts Council Dance Troupe (Native American music and dance).