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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), a 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 29 years, has been bringing the arts to the center of community life.

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