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Giralda 2013 Music & Arts Festival marks 30th Anniversary on June 23rd (Rain or Shine)



Clockwise from top left: Mazzaro brothers with vintage ice cream truck; Happy crowds enjoy 2012 Giralda; Family fun with parachute; Garden themed cupcakes at prizewinning picnic. Far right: 2013 Giralda Conductor, Gemma New.

Where else but at the Morris Arts' 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 – all for a highly affordable price?

With our rainsite at 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 the wonderful ice cream supplied by the Mazzaro family's 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 Morris Arts, which, for 40 years, has been engaging and building community through the arts.

(See page 4 for details and ticket information)



5th Great Conversations is a resounding success

On May 2, 2013, close to 300 guests filled the ballroom at the Madison Hotel for Morris Arts' fifth annual Great Conversations, where once again, the magic of face-to-face conversations yielded a wonderful evening for all. The list of host conversationalists read like a veritable *Who's Who* and included "movers and shakers" whose life's work took them everywhere from the snow covered peaks of the world's mountains to the NJ Supreme Court, from the halls of the US Congress to the Superbowl, from the 9-11 memorial to the Metropolitan Opera stage, and beyond. A world famous scientist, Pulitzer finalist journalist, three-time Superbowl Champion, US Congressman, Metropolitan Opera bass/baritone, animal rights' activist and prizewinning authors were among the star-studded list of hosts.

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Clockwise from top left: A full ballroom; event co-chairs, Don Jay Smith, Joen Ferrari and Peter Mancuso; Dr. David Robinson, NJ State Climatologist hosting his table; Morris Arts Board member, Dawn Dupak with Board President, Alan Levitan. (Photos by John Marelli).



Celebrate the Arts honors founders and sustainers on 40th Anniversary of Morris Arts



On April 11, 2013, Morris Arts marked its 40th Anniversary year's Celebrate the Arts event by paying homage to those individuals who have had a major impact on the organization over the past four decades. Tributes were paid to the late founder **Barbara Keefauver** (award accepted by her husband Bill), former Executive Director **Carolyn Ward**, former Board President **Richard (Dick) Eger**, former Board member/ongoing Giralda event chairman/logistician **David Clair**, former Arts in Education Director **Bonnie Gardner**, and current Board member/graphic designer **John Weber**. These are some of the giants on whose wide shoulders Morris Arts stands – and it was fitting to honor their dedicated service – and their gifts in time, treasure and talent – which built and sustained Morris Arts over these past 40 years.

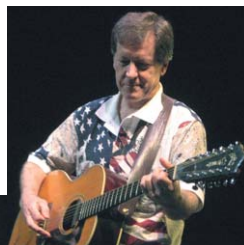
The event, attended by nearly 200, and held on the Novartis campus, was also an occasion to celebrate the future, introducing this year's talented graduating high school seniors who won Morris Arts' two arts scholarships. Actor **Rachel Moss**, a Morristown resident graduating from the Morristown-Beard School, was awarded the 2013 Elaine Ehlers Arts Scholarship (\$5,000). Industrial designer **Daniel Hounsell**, a resident of Boonton Township graduating from Mountain Lakes High School, was awarded the Eugenie Coladarci Arts Scholarship (\$1,250). The evening concluded with an inspiring performance of Rimsky-Korsakov's *Capriccio Espagnol, Op. 34*, by one of Morris Arts' Local Arts Grantees, the Lakeland Youth Symphony, conducted by Debra Seftel. It was a night to remember!

Awardees pose with Morris Arts Executive Director Tom Werder (on right in each photo): 1.) Presenter Anne Aronovitch with awardee Bill Keefauver; 2.) Paul Mandel, presenter, and awardee David Clair; 3.) Scholarship Winners Daniel Hounsell (Coladarci Scholarship) and Rachel Moss (Ehlers Scholarship); 4.) Presenter Anne Dodd with awardee Carolyn Ward (former Morris Arts Executive Director); 5.) Barbara Reuther, presenter, and awardee Bonnie Gardner; 6.) Awardee John Weber; 7.) Board President Alan Levitan, presenter, and awardee Dick Eger; 8.) Debra Seftel conducts Lakeland Youth Symphony.

Arts in Education Showcase sparkles with talent

On May 8th and 9th, 2013, Morris Arts presented its Annual Arts in Education Showcase at The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's F.M. Kirby Theatre in Madison. Teaching artists from throughout the country treated the audience to intriguing dance, puppetry, poetry, music, "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 live performances of the exciting programs and new additions available for school performances, workshops and artist residencies during the 2013-14 academic year. 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: The Mayhem Poets in action; Jonathan Sprout sings about American heroes; Arm-of-the-Seas's "The Rejuvenary River Circus;" Rochel Coleman performs "MLK: Amazing Grace;" Jim Vagias and friend perform "Bully Proof Your School – the Magic of Character."



Cultural Arts Exchange

Over 50 participants from 8 counties attended the May 13th Cultural Arts Exchange, which provided an ideal opportunity for cultural arts representatives to share ideas and experiences as well as exchange feedback on assembly and artist residency programs. The event promoted networking among schools, and coordinating future block bookings or shared programs. School-to-school mentoring also occurred, as cultural arts leaders shared their wisdom with new cultural arts planners.

Artist Residency Roundtable — 6/10/13, 9:45am-noon, 14 Maple Ave., Suite 301, Morristown

This event provides an opportunity for schools to meet the teaching artists who participate in our artist residency programs. Artists will be talking about their work and sharing photos, videos and providing hands-on activities.

Blackwell Street Juried Student Show Marked its 25th Anniversary



Clockwise from top left: Emily Niehoff's oil, *Untitled* (Mendham HS); Juliana Balluffi-Fry's scratch board piece, *Peacock* (Mountain Lakes HS); Best in Show, Meghan Cooper's bronze, *Cirque Acrobat* (Mendham HS); Michael Aromondo's acrylic *Self Portrait* (Mendham HS); Caitlin Cavanaugh's oil, *Still Life* (Mendham HS).

On Friday, March 22, 2013 nearly 400 people attended the Opening Reception for the 25th annual Blackwell Street Juried Student Show at the Atrium Gallery. Embracing a wide variety of media, the 415 artworks (selected from 759 submissions!) were a stunning tribute to the creativity, skill and passion of these young artists drawn from 20 high schools throughout Morris County. A panel of five professional artists from the Blackwell Street Center for the Arts (led by Elaine Provost, Dave Gruol and Annette Hanna) juried and installed the show, with help from volunteers, friends and family. There were 16 ribbon categories, with Best In Show and the 1st Place ribbons receiving monetary prizes. The opening reception included the awards presentation and the opportunity to meet these talented young artists in person.

Morris Arts manages the Atrium Art 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 during business hours, from 8am – 5pm on Mondays-Fridays. For additional information, contact Dr. Lynn L. Siebert, Gallery Director, and Director of Arts Participation & Communication for Morris Arts, (973) 285-5115, ext. 10 or Lsiebert@morrisarts.org

Mentoring Program concludes year at Morristown High

Six students from the Morristown High School Art Mentoring Program are graduating this June and will be attending college in the fall. We acknowledge and congratulate all of them for their participation and commitment to the Mentoring Program over the last three years. Along with our best wishes, we hope that the Mentoring Program has given them additional skills and encouragement to pursue their future dreams. This year's graduates and the schools they will be attending are as follows: Mayra Barrios (Pace University); Rei Warren (Fashion Institute of Technology); Monica Argenio (Massachusetts College of Art & Design); Jean Koba (Fairleigh Dickinson University); Karina Cabrera (County College of Morris) and Penpitcha Pimonekaksorn (aka "Dream") who is returning to Thailand and, in four months, will be going to college there at Mahidol University of Science.



Top Row L-R: Mentoring program graduates: Monica Argenio; Jean Koba; and Karina Cabrese. Bottom Row L-R: Rei Warren; and Panpitcha Pimonekaksorn ("Dream").

Great Conversations (continued from page one)

Guests enjoyed the chance to mingle with our hosts before dinner and then dine with the host of their choice. It was an evening of inspiring and lively discussions – and a unique opportunity for guests to glean valuable insights, learn the "backstory" behind these great people, and to come away feeling enriched, energized and enlightened!



Top Row L-R: Board member Cheryl Ellis with host conversationalist Diane Zezza; Alan Levitan (Morris Arts Board President) with Valerie Sinclair, Bill Keefauver and host conversationalist/prizewinning journalist, Mark Di Iorio. Bottom Row L-R: host conversationalist, acclaimed bass/baritone Mark Delavan with his wife Susan; Nicki and Paige L'Hommedieu; host conversationalists Robert Garrett and Wynne Whitman. (Photos by John Marelli).

Celebrating Women Through Art

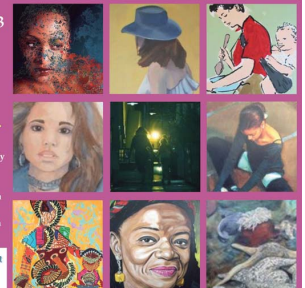
Curated by Raúl Villarreal
May 16th - September 6, 2013

You are cordially invited to the Opening Reception for Zufall Health Center's inaugural Art Exhibit celebrating National Women's Health Week

Friday, May 31st, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Rob Barth • Melissa Chermowetz • Laura L. Cuevas
Marco Cutrone • Kathy De Filippis • Todd L. W. Doney
Keith Ellway • Patrick Gallagher • Rei Hernandez
Alison Hooper • Andree Kelly • Carol Kulkunda
Barbara McElheny • Fermin Mendoza • Sylvia Padilla
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Raúl Villarreal • Florence Wint

ZUFALL HEALTH CENTER 18 West Blackwell Street
Dover, NJ 07801
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Morris Arts + Zufall Health Center = new cultural destination

Consultation with Morris Arts' Kadie Dempsey led the Zufall Health Center's to make their new space into a true cultural arts destination. Cuban-born artist Raul Villarreal, who teaches art at the County College of Morris, is the curator for their first exhibit, "Celebrating Women Through Art." The exhibit, which features works by many top area artists, officially opens on May 31st (from 5:30-8pm) at the Zufall Health Center, 18 West Blackwell Street in Dover. May this be the start of a new and flourishing Art for Health program at the Zufall.

Giralda 2013 (continued from page one)

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

TICKETS: (take advantage of lower pricing for advance tickets!)
In advance: Adults (over 12), \$15;
Children, \$4; under 4, free.
At the gate: Adults (over 12), \$20;
Children, \$5; under 4, free.

Advance Tickets:

- Online at www.morrisarts.org or (973) 285-5115, x14
- Kings Supermarkets (Morristown and Chatham)
- Gary's Wine and Marketplace (Madison)

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

CONTACT: For general information, call (973) 285-5115, x18 or contact Michelle Mumoli at (973) 285-5115, x14 or via email at MMumoli@morrisarts.org.

In the event of uncertain weather, please check www.morrisarts.org or call (973) 285-5115, x18 AFTER 12 pm on the day of the concert for the latest updates. Individuals needing special accommodation should contact Kadie Dempsey (973) 285-5115, x17.

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- **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 to 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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SPOTLIGHT **New Board Member:** Morris Arts is delighted to announce the addition of new board member **Linda K. Murphy**, founder of LKM Consulting, LLC. Linda brings her expertise to both public and private sectors in the areas of shared services, regionalization, increased efficiency and privatization through her own firm and in her role as President of New Jersey Shared Services Association. She previously worked at AT&T Solutions (as a Client Partner) and served as Executive Director of the Government Efficiency Movement (GEM), a grassroots, municipality-led initiative to rethink government "from the ground up." Welcome aboard, Linda!!

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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,

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MUSIC BEYOND BORDERS brings West Africa, Japan, Argentina and Australia to Morristown's Green this summer: Mark your calendars now!

For the 4th consecutive year, Morris Arts continues its collaboration with the Mayo Performing Arts Center, programming four free, outdoor, world-music concerts during June, July and August 2013. All concerts will run from 12:30-1:15pm on the Morristown Green. (Rainsite: Morristown United Methodist Church on the Green, 50 Park Place). This year's schedule includes:

- **June 25: West African Dance, Drumming and Tap dancing by Féraaba** – a unique, award-winning multi-ethnic group fusing traditional sounds and movements of West Africa with American tap dance, hip-hop and jazz. With performances at Lincoln Center, Town Hall and throughout the world, Féraaba explores the universal language of rhythm and its ability to promote tolerance and cultural understanding.
- **July 9: Japanese taiko drumming, folk dance and flute music by Taikoza** – this internationally acclaimed, NYC-based ensemble has performed in Carnegie Hall, Madison Square Garden, Symphony Space and Lincoln Center as well as to sold-out houses in Russia, Japan and Europe. The powerful rhythms of their large *taiko* drums mesmerize audiences with their electrifying energy.
- **July 23: Argentine Tango** – A seasoned troupe of professional Latin dancers led by Daniel Herrera, will bring their high speed, rapid footwork and intricately skilled dancing to the Green. The Argentine tango, developed in the late 19th c. working class neighborhoods of Argentina's Buenos Aires and continuously evolving today, is a dance of passion and intensity which has inspired works by composers such as Astor Piazzolla and been featured prominently in films such as *Scent of a Woman* and *True Lies*.
- **August 6: Music of the Australian Aborigine didgeridoo with The Didge Project** – where world rhythm and tribal beats meet modern jazz and hip-hop. Each performance blazes new sonic territory, blending the sound of the *didgeridoo*, an aboriginal drone pipe used for ritual and ceremony, with keyboard, saxophone, flute, drums, ethnic winds and percussion. More than a band, The Didge Project is a collective of musicians who believe in the power of sound and promote awareness of the *didgeridoo* through performances and workshops.

This summer, come experience the world on the Morristown Green – for free – with *Music Beyond Borders* 2013!



L-R: Féraaba (West African Dance, Drumming and Tap Dancing); Taikoza performer on the Japanese *taiko* drum; Argentine Tango dancers; Tyler Sussman (on saxophone) and AJ Block (on *didgeridoo*) of The Didge Project.

Kadie Dempsey is panelist at May 2nd Arts Day in Trenton

Morris Arts staff members, Kadie Dempsey, Director of Arts in Community, and Barbara Reuther, Director of Arts in Education, played active roles as members of the Sustainable Jersey Arts and Culture Taskforce. After two years of working with the team to create language and actions that would incorporate arts and culture into the Sustainable New Jersey certification process, the new arts and culture initiatives were unveiled to arts leaders from around the state at Arts Day in Trenton on May 2, 2013. The Arts and Culture Taskforce has also been working on identifying actions communities can initiate to support creative placemaking and thus, promote community and economic development through the arts. <http://www.sustainablejersey.com/certification/actions/>



L-R: Richard Bryant, President, Front of House Services; Larry McCullough, Grants Officer, Woodbridge; Kadie Dempsey, Director of Arts in Community, Morris Arts; Joseph Barris, Assistant Director, Monmouth County Division of Planning; Leonardo Vazquez, AICP, PP; and Elizabeth Murphy, Director, Creative New Jersey.