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L-R, Eco Del Sur (Musics of South America, African Global Arts Africa Artists and Africo-Cuban-Version); The Kizl Dispensers (Jewish music); The Pink Point School at Irish Dance through the years.

FOCUSLIGHT: Former Board Chair, long standing Board Member and benefactor Dick Eger will be retiring from Morris Arts this month, after nearly two decades of outstanding service and inspired leadership. A true Renaissance man — pianist, artist, collector, photographer, jewerly designer, cartoonist, blogger, senior financial advisor at Merrill Lynch, former chief biocnomist and leveraged research manager and administrator at Memorial Sloan Kettering and former Chair of Carnegie Hall’s Reception Committee, Eger embodies the perfect character of the arts. As he noted: “Being surrounded by music, art and intellectual thought is the ultimate trip . . . The arts feed our imaginations and in turn fuel our creativity.” During his presidency, Morris Arts doubled its budget; established a Countywide Cultural Plan; doubled the impact of its Arts in Education program; and launched several special programs including the Arts Council/Dodge Foundation Partnership Grant Program, The Unity Guild Project 2001-2002 (in response to 9-11), The Morris Green Boarding House Project, and the Morris Arts Children's Art Museum. For the 5th 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 2014. All concerts will run from 12:30-1:30pm on the Morris Green. Raindate: Morris Green United Methodist Church on the Green, 50 Park Place. This year’s schedule includes:

JUNE 24: South American music with Eco del Sur — Musicians from such countries as Chile, Columbia, Peru and Ecuador perform and explore contemporary Andean music as well as music of different South American regions.

JULY 8: African Global Arts and Iwa L’Eve Heritage Dance Ensemble — Celebrate the African cultural legacy throughout the world, not just from countries like Guinea, Mali or Senegal, but also from the United States, Trinidad, Haiti, Brazil, Cuba and more. African and Afro-Cuban dancing will be featured.

AUGUST 22: The Klez Dispensers — This “juicy, fresh and daring” virtuosic Klezmer band has been blistering up the stage scene for many years with an amazing-song style klezmer since the 1990s. No one can resist the urge to move to their music.

AUGUST 5: Peter Smith School of Irish Dance — The school has trained several World, All-Ireland and North American champions during its 50 year history. Enjoy an afternoon of Irish dance and live music.

This summer, experience the world on the Morris Green — for free — with Music Beyond Borders 2014!

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On May 14 and 15, 2014, Morris Arts presented its Annual Arts Education Showcase. The event featured a reception, the awards ceremony, and performances. The Morris Arts Awards recognize individuals and organizations for their outstanding accomplishments, commitment, and contribution to the arts in our community. Held for the first time in the beautiful spaces of the Morris Museum and Bickford Theatre, the event featured a full house of events.

The event concluded with the presentation of the Morris Arts Awards. The awards ceremony was followed by live performances of the exciting programs and new additions available for school teachers, administrators, and PTA members from 9 counties had a chance to preview the 2014-15 academic year performances, workshops and artist residencies during the 2014-15 academic year.

Over 40 participants from six counties attended the 2014-15 Cultural Arts Exchange. The event promoted networking among schools, and coordinating future block exchanges. The event also featured feedback on assembly and artist residency programs. The event concluded with networking and sharing ideas and experiences as well as cultural arts leaders sharing their wisdom with new cultural arts planners.

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Theatre; Poetry Experience; Club Foundation for Safety and Education. Our thanks also go to our Showcase hosts, live performances of the exciting programs and new additions available for school teachers, administrators, and PTA members from 9 counties had a chance to preview artists from throughout the country treated the audience to intriguing dance, teaching Artists shine at Arts in Education Showcase and Music Technology with Brent Daniels.

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Forster with MetLife executive Brian Fox; Great Conversations Co-chairs and NJ Department of Banking & Finance); Mila Jasey (New Jersey Assemblywoman), (Continued from page 1)

52 Avenue of the Arts; New Jersey Arts Council Performance Space; The Work of Heart; and Kent Cinemas. For more information, visit the Morris Museum website or call (973) 285-5115, ext. 10 or Lsiebert@morrisarts.org. Morris Arts manages the Atrium Art Gallery, selecting artists and scheduling exhibits on

Morris Arts Board President Tom Coladarci Arts Scholarship winner, soprano Katherine Merwin. It was an evening to be inspired. Ehlers Arts Scholarship Winner, percussionist Neil McNulty, was introduced – as was the Eugenie McMillian with Paul Mandel and Gina Moran; Awardees, (973) 285-5115, ext. 10 or Lsiebert@morrisarts.org.

Morristown High School Mentoring Program concludes the year Flanked by artist mentors Dan Fienman and Susan Falco, Noaman, six students from the Morristown High School Art Mentoring Program, funded by the Lauren & Emily Falcetta Foundation, completed this year’s Mentoring Program and received their certificates in April. Several are graduating in June and will continue their art studies at such schools as Montclair State University and the Savannah College of Art and Design. We would like to congratulate all of them for their participation and commitment to the Mentoring Program.

Cultural Arts Exchange over 40 participants from six counties attended the May 19th 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 planned events. School-based mentoring also occurred, as cultural arts leaders shared their wisdom with new cultural arts scholars.

Creative Placemaking – Meet Me in Morristown Following the example of First Fridays in Boonton, Philadelphia and such, Morris Arts is collaborating with the Morristown Partnership to bring art, craft exhibits and live music to Morristown on the last Thursday of June, July, August and September in an effort to continuously boost the arts and downtown commerce. Offering sidewalk sales from 11am to 9pm, and sidewalk entertainment from 5pm to 9pm, on the last Thursday of the summer months. Meet Me in Morristown would extend from Anthony’s Pizza on the Green to storefronts along South Street as far as Elm Street. The event would be coordinated with local shops and restaurants, to avoid conflicts and help their operations, according to Kadie Dempsey, Morris Arts Director of Arts and Community. The Partnership would reach out to business owners, while Morris Arts would screen the artists and performers. Participants would not receive any fees, but they could sell their artworks or crafts on the streets.

Atrium Gallery: Spring/Summer 2014 Exhibit: May 16-September 2, 2014 On May 16, 2014, Spring/Summer Exhibit opened at the Atrium Gallery. Incorporating enormous variety in subject matter and media, the show highlights the creative energies of 93 artists, displaying 242 artworks. Award by members of the Blackwell Street Center for the Arts can be seen in the 5th floor atrium area while works by members of the Art Association in Morristown occupy the seating area and elevator lobby of the 5th floor and the entire 4th floor. Viewers can enjoy artworks by members of the Mythen Artists Network on the 3rd floor and art by members of the Contemporary Art Group displayed on the 2nd floor. The exhibit runs through September 2, 2014.

26th Blackwell Street Juried Student Exhibit: March 28-April 29, 2014 March 28th brought more than 400 people to the opening Reception for the 20th Annual Blackwell Street Juried Student Exhibit at the Atrium Gallery. With works in wood, bronze, ceramic, oil, acrylic, collage, multimedia, drypoint etching, charcoal, pen and ink, graphite, photography, etc., the exhibit was a stunning tribute to the creativity, skill and passion of young artists from throughout Morris County. A jury of five professional artists (Allan Provost, David Grudl, Annette Hanna, Linda Aldrich, John Power and Roy Provost) from the Blackwell Street Center for the Arts selected approximately 300 works from nearly 650 submissions and then organized, hung and distributed prizes accordingly (including monetary awards for Best in Show and 1st and 2nd Place). Emerging from a small exhibit in 1988, this current, massive Juried Student Show is unique in its democratic approach, with no restrictions on the number of pieces a school can submit and submission is open to public, private, parochial and home-schooled high school student artists from throughout Morris County. 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, located on floors 2-5 at the Morris County Administration and Records Building, 10 Court St., Morristown, is free and open to the public during business hours, from 8:20am – 4:30pm on weekdays. For additional information about the show, contact Dr. Lynn J. Silverman, Director of Arts Participation & Communication for Morris Arts, (973) 285-5115, ext. 10 or lsilverman@morrisarts.org.

On May 14 and 15, 2014, Morris Arts 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 treated the audience to enlivening dance, puppetry, poetry, music, “living history” and other fine programs presented live in this two-day showcase spectacular. Over 120 cultural arts representatives, teachers, administrators, and PTA members from 9 counties had a chance to preview live performances of the exciting programs and new additions available for school performances, workshops and artist residencies during the 2014-15 academic year. Morris Arts gratefully acknowledges the event sponsor, 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.

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On May 1, 2014, close to 300 guests filled the ballroom at the Madison Hotel for Morris Arts’ sixth 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”:

The program included:

- Morris Arts Board Chair, long standing Board Member and benefactor Dick Eger will be retiring from Morris Arts this month, after nearly two decades of outstanding service and inspired leadership.

- A true Renaissance man – pianist, artist, collector, photographer, jeweler designer, cartoonist, blogger, senior financial advisor at Merrill Lynch, former chief biochemist and leukemia researcher and administrator at Memorial Sloan Kettering and former Chair of Carnegie Hall’s Reception Committee, Eger embodies the perfect character of the arts as he defined it: “Being surrounded by music, art and intellectual thought is the ultimate trip.

- The arts feed our imagination which in turn fuels our creativity.” During his presidency, Morris Arts doubled its budget; established a Countywide Cultural Plan; doubled the impact of its Arts in Education program; and launched several special programs including the Arts Council/Dodge Foundation Partnership Grant Program, the Unity Guild Project 2001-2002 (in response to 9-11), the MorrisTown High School Mentoring Program in 2004 (now known as the Board of Giralda) and The Education Working Group in 2002. When Morris Arts moved to its current location, he championed the formation of the Guild at 14 Maple for which he has served as president and curator. Dick has also shared his financial expertise in championing the formation of the Gallery at 14 Maple for its opening in 2002. When Morris Arts moved to its current location, he launched several special programs including the The Arts of the Imagination Festival.

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- The perfect way to start the summer: Morris Arts’ 31st annual Giralda Music and Arts Festival, Sunday, June 22, 2014, at Giralda Farms Corporate Park, Dodge Drive/Madison Ave. (Rt. 134) in Madison. At Giralda, you can hear the state’s top orchestra, relax on the beautiful lawns of the estate once owned by Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge, see (and purchase) original artworks, and hear live poetry (including a reading by prize-winning poet, Jean Valentine. You can also enjoy top children’s arts activities, test your hoop skills, indulge your ice cream cravings at the fully stocked antique ice cream truck or just picnic outside on a beautiful day and relax with friends. Even weather won’t matter since the rainsite at Dolan Performance Hall, Annunciation Center, College of St. Elizabeth, will still host the concert as well as the art show and sale.

- After a poetry reading by Jean Valentine (author of 11 books of poetry and winner of the Wallace Stevens Award, Guggenheim Fellowship, National Book Award for Poetry, among others), the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, will perform under prize-winning conductor, Germaine Wies! Their program includes Beethoven’s 6th Symphony; Tchaikovsky’s “Pathétique” Symphony and Mozart’s Don Giovanni overture.

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- In keeping with Giralda tradition, there will be very generous prizes for the most inventive picnics and the fabulous 50/50 raffle, which nets some lucky person a big cash prize (often over $1,000)!

- We invite that special someone, families, friends, neighbors, club members or college chums to share a picnic and help support the important work of Morris Arts, which has been engaging and building community for 42 years.

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