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2014

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Discover the many pleasures of live conversation at Morris Arts' sixth GREAT CONVERSATIONS, a unique evening of dinner and engaging dialogue with celebrated hosts from the arts, sciences, food, medicine, civic life, sports, industry and more, co-chaired by Edda and James Gillen and Alan Levitan. Mingle with host Conversationalists during the cocktail hour and then dine with a former Major League Baseball pitcher, a prominent physician, a former Olympic figure skating champion, a Pulitzer prize-winning *NY Times* editor, an international concert pianist, a child psychiatrist and poet, a prizewinning chef, an American jazz guitar legend, or another similarly fascinating and accomplished individual. Each dinner table will feature a host Conversationalist whose unique experiences, life story and achievements will catalyze intriguing conversations. Don't miss this truly memorable experience!

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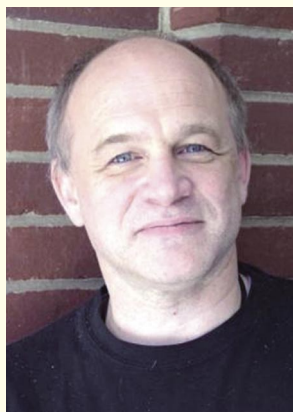
Mark your calendars now so you don't miss this one-of-a-kind evening while supporting Morris Arts' valuable work in the community!

Several of this year's host conversationalists at Great Conversations (L-R): Michael Slackman, *NY Times* Deputy Foreign Editor, member of Pulitzer Prize-winning team; Patricia A. Lee, Senior Vice President, Human Resources & Chief Diversity Officer, Wyndham Worldwide; JoJo Starbuck, two time Olympic Figure Skater, three time US Pair Skating Champion, event producer, speaker; (Top) Janet Taylor Pickett, award-winning visual artist and retired professor of art; (Below) Jeffrey R. Boscamp, MD, Vice President/Chief Academic Officer at Hackensack University Medical Center, Chairman of Pediatrics at Joseph M. Sanzari Children's Hospital; Bucky Pizzarelli, American jazz guitar legend.

DATE: May 1, 2014
TIME: 6:00pm – Reception
7:30pm – Dinner
PLACE: The Madison Hotel,
1 Convent Road, Morristown
TICKETS: \$225, available online,
starting mid-March 2014,
at www.morrisarts.org
CONTACT: (973) 285-5115, x13 or
www.morrisarts.org



Morris Arts' honors awardees at *Celebrate the Arts*



Clockwise from top: Joanna Pang Atkins (with students); Eileen Murray; Dr. James Gallagher; John Pietrowski.

On the evening of March 27, 2014, Morris Arts will hold its annual Celebrate the Arts event, recognizing individuals and organizations noted for their outstanding accomplishments, commitment and contribution towards encouraging and fostering the arts in our community. The 2014 awardees include: *Outstanding Arts Organization* – John Pietrowski – Playwrights Theatre; *Outstanding Corporation* – MetLife Foundation; *Outstanding Arts Advocates* – Dr. James Gallagher and The Lauren & Emily Failla Foundation; *Outstanding Arts Educator/School* – Joanna Pang Atkins, teaching artist; and *Outstanding Professional in the Arts* – Eileen Murray, Director of Matheny Arts Access Program. Morris Arts' *Special Recognition* goes to the Zufall Health Center, Dover. Winners of the Eugenie Coladarci and the Elaine Ehlers Arts Scholarships will also be introduced at the event. As an added treat, the Lakeland Youth Symphony will perform.

Date/Time: Thursday, March 27, 2014. The reception starts at 5:00 pm and program starts at 6:30 pm.

Location: The Morris Museum's Bickford Theatre, 6 Normandy Heights Rd., Morristown, NJ 07960

Registration: Celebrate the Arts is a free community event honoring excellence in the arts. Registration is available online. Visit <http://bit.ly/LgDOPe> to register to attend. If you are not able to register online, please call (973) 285-5115 and we will be happy to process your registration.

A R T S I N E D U C A T I O N SHOWCASE M A Y 1 4 & 1 5

On May 14 & 15, at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre (36 Madison Ave. at Lancaster Rd. in Madison – on the Drew University campus), Morris Arts will present its annual Arts In Education Showcase, in partnership with The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, featuring performing / teaching artists from throughout the United States. Cultural arts leaders, teachers, administrators and PTA members have the chance to preview programs in dance, music, visual arts, theatre, storytelling and poetry, available for in-school performances and community gatherings. Additionally, Artist Residency programs, available for schools and community projects, will be highlighted. This event offers an excellent opportunity to not only preview multiple programs but also to meet the artists during the intermissions. Please visit www.morrisarts.org, as the date approaches, for a complete list of performances for each day of the showcase and contact Barbara Reuther at breuther@morrisarts.org for additional information.



Clockwise from top:
Nai Ni Chen Dance Company;
Lustig Dance Theatre;
The Mayhem Poets.



The Showcase is
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Visual Arts Bloom this Spring with Morris Arts exhibits

The Gallery at 14 Maple:

The current exhibit, ***Seeing Space***, ends on March 21st, and will be succeeded by ***Capturing Nature***, the 12th exhibit at the Gallery at 14 Maple and the second "invitational" exhibit. Highlighting the theme ***Capturing Nature*** through works by two outstanding and unique New Jersey artists, Joseph Losavio and Natalia Margulis, the new exhibit officially opens on April 3, 2014 and will run through August 27th. Losavio's works utilize a variety of media including oil, collage, and handmade papers. He often combines multiple landscapes within one work and creates scenes which have a mystical, haunting and highly poetic quality evocative of ancient Sufi poetry. Margulis' works demonstrate her astonishing abilities with the textile medium. Combining hand dyed threads, complex stitchwork and three dimensional components, she conveys highly detailed, intricately textured works which have an immediate visceral effect on the viewer, captivating and intriguing the eye and mind on multiple levels. The public is invited to the free **opening reception on April 3, from 6-8pm** at the Gallery at 14 Maple, located on the 3rd floor of the LEED certified building at 14 Maple Ave., Morristown.

Morris Arts thanks our corporate partner, NJ.com, for their generous support of the upcoming exhibit, ***Capturing Nature***.

The Atrium Gallery:

located on Floors 2-5, County Administration & Records Building, 10 Court St., Morristown. Free and open to the public 8am-5pm Mondays-Fridays.

Following the Art in the Atrium's current exhibit of African American art, ***Your Crown Has Been Bought and Paid For***, which highlights works by distinguished artist James Denmark as well as works by over 30 others (through March 19), the **Blackwell Street Juried Student Exhibit** will have its **opening reception, March 28th from 6:30-9pm**. Featuring the top 350+ student works, culled from nearly 700 submissions, this show is one of the highlights of the year, throwing a spotlight on some extraordinary young talents within our county. The reception is free and open to the public – with free parking available in the garage below the building (enter on Schuyler Place). The exhibit will run through April 29, 2014.

Following the Juried Student Exhibit, the Atrium Gallery will host an **opening reception on April 16th**, from 6:30-9pm, for its **Spring/Summer 2014 Exhibit** which will run through September 3, 2014 and showcase works by artist members of the Blackwell Street Center for the Arts, the Art Association in Roxbury, the Myhelan Artists Network and the Contemporary Art Group.



Clockwise from top left: Joseph Losavio's *Iram*, oil and collage on canvas and *Atop an Underwood*, oil on board; Natalia Margulis' textile works, *Ice Berries* and *In a Necklace of Mushrooms*.

Upcoming Artist Training, Gatherings and Workshops:

1 Saturday, April 12, 2014 – 9am-1pm

TAP – Technology, Arts and Promotion/Artists Technical Assistance Workshop

Location: Lenfell Hall, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison NJ 07940

Cost: \$15.00 in advance; \$20.00 day of the event

Presented by: Morris Arts in partnership with The New Jersey State Council on the Arts and Fairleigh Dickinson University.

The workshop will be a half-day event and will include professional artists and professional arts marketers as facilitators. The workshop will be interactive, informative and educational for artists of all disciplines and will also include networking opportunities for attendees.

The morning will include a light breakfast, networking opportunities and presentation by professionals that will include such topics as: how to utilize social networking and technology to promote and fund your art projects.

Registration online at www.morrisarts.org from March 3rd through April 11th; Admission is \$15 in advance, \$20 day of event. Walk-in registration accepted if space is still available. Registration has no pre-requisite and is open to all ages and experience levels, including students, young professionals and aspiring artists.

This event is being held at a barrier-free facility. Individuals needing special assistance or accommodation should contact Kadie Dempsey at (973) 285-5115 ext. 17 or kdempsey@morrisarts.org at least 14 days prior to the event in order to ensure appropriate arrangements.

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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 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 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 .

SAVE THE DATES:

- **March 27:** Celebrate the Arts, 5-7:30pm
- **March 28:** Atrium Gallery Opening for Blackwell Street Juried Student Show, 6:30-9pm
- **April 3:** Gallery at 14 Maple Opening for *Capturing Nature* exhibit, 6-8pm
- **April 12:** (TAP) Technology, Arts & Promotion/Technical Assistance Workshop, 9am-1pm
- **May 1:** Great Conversations, 6-10pm
- **May 14 & 15:** Arts in Education Showcase, 9:30am-1:30pm on both days
- **May 16:** Atrium Gallery Opening Reception for Spring/Summer 2014 Exhibit, 6:30-9pm
- **May 21:** Local Arts Grant Writing Workshops, 9-11:30am or 5:30-7pm
- **June 22:** Giralda Music and Arts Festival, 4-7:30pm

Upcoming Artist Training, Gatherings and Workshops (continued):

2. Wednesday, May 21, 2014 Local Arts Grant Writing Workshop for funding year 2015

The Local Arts Grants, administered in Morris County by Morris Arts, provides funding to local arts organizations from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. The program offers grants for general operating support and for special projects to qualifying Morris County arts organizations, as well as non-profit organizations that provide arts programming. Applications are reviewed by an independent panel and funding awarded on a yearly basis.

We invite Morris County nonprofit arts organizations and Morris County nonprofits with arts programming that wish to apply for Local Arts Grants from Morris Arts to join us for our upcoming, free Local Arts Grant Writing Workshops on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 for funding year 2015.

Morris Arts will be hosting two *identical* sessions on Wednesday, May 21st at the Dodge Training Room, 3rd Floor, 14 Maple Ave., in Morristown – to allow attendees to choose the time most convenient for their schedules. The two sessions take place as follows:

9:00 -11: 30 a.m. Morning Session (with coffee)

5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Evening Session

Check www.morrisarts.org for online registration starting April 14, 2014.