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2016



Morris Arts' 33rd Annual Giralda Music & Arts Festival on June 26th

The perfect way to start the summer? Morris Arts' 33rd annual Giralda Music & Arts Festival, Sunday, June 26, 2016, at Giralda Farms, Dodge Drive/Madison Ave. (Rt. 124) in Madison. At Giralda, you can hear the state's top orchestra, relax on the beautiful lawns of the former Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge estate, and see (and purchase) original artworks, enjoy family/children's activities, indulge your ice cream cravings at the fully stocked antique ice cream truck, compete for picnic prizes or just relax with friends and family. Best of all, weather is not a concern at all! By special arrangement with the Morris County Park Commission, our rain site at the Mennen Arena, 161 E. Hanover Ave., Morristown will host the same full experience of the Giralda Music & Arts Festival as you would have outdoors – with the art show and sale, family arts activities, picnics (and prizes) and, of course, the concert!

Under the baton of prize-winning conductor Gemma New, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will perform works by Strauss, Tchaikovsky, Mascagni, Mozart, Beethoven, Rossini, Offenbach, Bernstein, Holcombe, Williams and patriotic favorites.

Giralda traditions continue – with very generous prizes for the most inventive picnics and the fabulous 50/50 raffle, which nets some lucky person a big cash prize (last year's was over \$1,200)! Invite that special someone, friends, family, neighbors, club members or college chums to share a picnic and help support the important work of Morris Arts, which has been building community through the arts for 43 years.

Morris Arts wishes to thank our **Corporate Arts Partner:** NJ.com affiliated with *The Star-Ledger*; **Partner Sponsor:** Crum & Forster; **Luminary Sponsor:** Mariner Wealth Advisors – Madison; **Giralda Property Sponsors:** Open Spaces Management Association, GRC Management Corp., Lincoln Equities LLC, Giralda Farms RE LLC, Linque Management Company, Inc., American Realty Capital, RXR Realty LLC, 3 Giralda Farms SPE LLC, REX 1 Giralda Farms SPE LLC, Madison Giralda Property Owner LLC, Normandy Real Estate Partners. **Community Sponsors:** Frank & Lydia Bergen Foundation, MetLife, Kings Food Markets, Gary's Wine & Marketplace, County of Morris, Township of Chatham and Morris County Park Commission.

All proceeds benefit the many programs and services provided to artists, arts organizations, schools and the community by Morris Arts. Become a part of the Giralda tradition and bring your friends, families, classmates, neighbors or come by yourself to welcome summer with Morris Arts in this fun and most affordable way!

(see page 2 for more information and ticket pricing)

Clockwise from top left: Montclair Art Museum elephant art project; Poetry Tent; closeup of Gemma New conducting NJSO; Enjoying "Bad Ad's Picnic"; 2015 Conductor, Gemma New; attractive picnic layout; art by Virginia Puskar and Medy Bozkurtian for sale; Joie De Vivre picnickers moved to song.

Backdrop: Happy crowds enjoy 2015 Giralda.

Giralda Music & Arts Festival *(continued from page 1)*

Time: Gates open at 4pm for activities and picnics (no pets, no BBQ's). The concert starts at 6:00pm.

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

Rainsite: Mennen Arena, 161 E. Hanover Ave., Morristown (Doors open at 4:00pm for all activities – The concert starts at 6:00pm).

Tickets: Take advantage of lower pricing for advance tickets!
In advance – Adults: \$15 adults (over 12); Children: \$4; under 4, free.

Advance tickets can be purchased at:

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

At the gate – Adults: \$20 adults (over 12); Children: \$5; under 4, free.

If you require special accommodation, please contact Kadie Dempsey (973) 285-515, x17.

Contact: For general information, call (973) 285-5115 or contact Kaitly DeLaura via email at kdelaura@morrisarts.org.
In the event of uncertain weather, please check the website www.morrisarts.org or call (973) 285-5115 **AFTER 12 pm on the day of the concert** for the latest updates.

Girls Surviving Workshop

Teachers, Teaching Artists, Guidance Counselors, Psychologists, Community Program Leaders attended the free introductory workshop on May 17th to learn about *Girls Surviving*, a student-centered program in writing and performance for adolescent girls with a proven history of changing teen girls' lives. The workshop covered activities that motivate girls to take the lead in conversations between teens and between teens and adults, exercises that encourage collaboration and allow teens the freedom to express themselves without feeling judged and acting games that give teens the perspective to transform their life experiences into theatre. Experienced teaching artists Paula Davidoff, a storyteller, and Carolyn Hunt, a playwright and director, who created *Girls Surviving* in 2005, described their unique strategies to encourage teens to talk through their concerns, raise their voices about the important issues in their lives and take the lead in developing performances that reflect their insights about teen life. Paula and Carolyn have also authored a book about their work entitled *Girls Surviving: Teaching Teen Girls to Speak Out*.

"Divine Discourse" at Great Conversations

A sold-out crowd relished every moment of the fascinating, enlightening and inspiring discussions at Morris Arts' 8th *Great Conversations*, held April 21, 2016 at The Madison Hotel. The 30 host conversationalists featured a *NY Times* bestselling author, two world famous climate experts, a four-time Olympian (track), a former Secret Service agent, a prizewinning chef, John Lennon's personal photographer, the senior commander of Picatinny Arsenal, along with leaders in the arts, public service, healthcare and industry. For the full list of host conversationalists and their impressive accomplishments, visit <http://goo.gl/fwLRnC>. Here are some photos from that fabulous evening!



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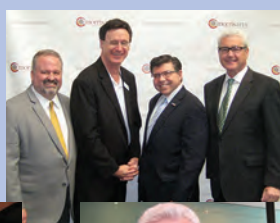


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- 1.) Brigadier General Patrick W. Burden (Picatinny Arsenal – Senior Commander & Deputy Program Executive Officer Ammunition) with Col. Ingrid Parker (Picatinny Arsenal – Garrison Commander);
- 2.) Command Sergeant Major Wright, Tiffany Villahermosa, Joetta Clark Diggs (4 time Olympic track star) and Jonathan Villahermosa (Morris Arts Board member);
- 3.) Suneet Varma (Pfizer Consumer Healthcare President) engages guests at his table;
- 4.) Mirian Graddick-Weir (Merck & Co- EVP, Human Resources) with Mary Lou Panzano (Bayer Corporation – VP, Head of Internal Communications);
- 5.) Combat Paper NJ Founder, artist and former Marine David Keefe with his wife Sadie;
- 6.) Karen Zebiak and climatologists Dr. Steve Zebiak (Columbia) and Dr. David Robinson (Rutgers) with Dr. Missy Holder;
- 7.) The Honorable Glenn Berman (former Superior Court Judge in landmark cyberbullying case) talking with Dale Russakoff (*NY Times* bestselling author and former *Washington Post* reporter) with Mary Alice Williams (acclaimed NJTV News Anchor; former CNN and NBC broadcast journalist);
- 8.) Command Sergeant Major Wright (Picatinny Arsenal) studies veteran's artwork from David Keefe's Combat Paper NJ printmaking studios;
- 9.) Chris Cannon (Jockey Hollow Bar & Kitchen, Owner, Michelin Star Chef) with Melanie Levitan, Tom Werder (Executive Director, Morris Arts) and "Broadway Bill" Lee (famed radio personality for WCBS-FM);
- 10.) Award-winning fabric artist Bisa Butler.



Morris Arts recognizes individuals and organizations at CELEBRATE THE ARTS

Over 220 people joined Morris Arts as it recognized individuals and organizations for their outstanding accomplishments, commitment and contributions to the arts in our community. Awardees included Art in the Atrium, Mondelēz, Morristown Mayor Timothy Doherty, Paula Davidoff & Carolyn Hunt, Danielle & Chris Merzatta, Andrea Lekberg and the two scholarship winners, Tyler Harker and Zachary Catron. Award-winning jazz guitarist Alex Wintz, a former scholarship winner, graced the evening with a short performance.

Top Row L-R: Tom Werder (Executive Director, Morris Arts) with awardees Danielle Merzatta (Merzatta Jewelers), Composer Zachary Catron (Ehlers Arts Scholarship), Andrea Lekberg (Artist Baker), Honorable Timothy Doherty (Morristown Mayor), Carolyn Hunt and Paula Davidoff (founders, Girls Surviving), Viki Craig (Art in the Atrium); Tom Werder, Kevin O'Brien (NJ State Council on the Arts), NJ Assemblyman Anthony Bucco and Morristown Mayor Timothy Doherty; Award-winning jazz guitarist (and former Ehlers Scholarship winner), Alex Wintz performs.
 Bottom Row L-R: Present and former Morris Arts Board members Dawn Dupak and Barbara Moran; Mayor Tim Doherty and his wife, Mary; Visual Artist Tyler Harker (Coladarci Arts Scholarship) and Composer Zachary Catron (Ehlers Arts Scholarship).

ATRIUM GALLERY:

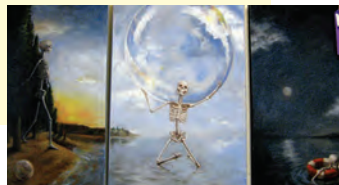
Spring/Summer 2016 Exhibit: May 20-September 1, 2016



Clockwise from top left: Peggy Dressel's watercolor *Purple Lilacs 1*; Robert Peterson's photo, *New Orleans Openings*; Alex Bigotti's oil, *Motley Crue*; Andrew Bobeck's acrylic version of Matisse's *Madame Matisse*; Luz H. Gallo's acrylic, *Rufous Capped Warbler*; Lia Wagner's mixed media on MDF, *Berlin Blue*.

On May 20, 2016, the Spring/Summer Exhibit opened at the Atrium Gallery. Enormously varied in subject matter and media, the show includes 200 artworks highlighting the creative energies of 85 artists from ARTsee, the Blackwell Street Center for the Arts, Drew Art Association, the HUB Camera Club and Myhelan Artists Network. A catalogue and information about the groups is available online at <http://goo.gl/WoQ4g6>. The exhibit runs through September 1, 2016.

28th Blackwell Street Juried Student Exhibit: April 1-29, 2016



Clockwise from bottom left: Katherine Lathrop's acrylic, *Twenties Flare*; detail from Shannon Brown's ripped paper work, *Sunday Treat*; Olivia Nasisi's handbuilt earthenware, *China Cabinet*; detail from Autumn Manche's woven digital inkjet prints, *Portrait of Young Girl 1613*; Best in Show, Tyler Harker's oil on 3 panels, *Triptych*.

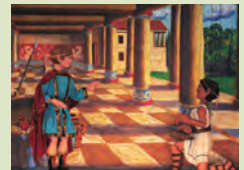
On Friday, March 27, 2015, over 450 young artists, their teachers, family and friends, along with the general public attended the Opening Reception of the 28th annual Blackwell Street Juried Student Exhibit at the Atrium Gallery. Reflecting the exceptional creativity, skill and passion of these young artists – drawn from over 20 high schools in Morris County and beyond, the nearly 370 artworks on display were juried by professional artists from the Blackwell Street Center for the Arts which also organized, installed and administered the show, awarding ribbons and prizes in a reception ceremony.

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 8:30am – 4:30pm on Monday-Friday. For additional information about the show or to purchase art, 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

Teaching Artists shine at Arts in Education Showcase

On March 8-9, 2016 Morris Arts presented the 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 intriguing dance, art, music, "living" history, and other fine programs during this two-day showcase. Cultural arts representatives, teachers, administrators, and PTA members from nine counties previewed live performances of the exciting programs and new additions available for school performances, workshops and artist residencies during 2016-17 school year.

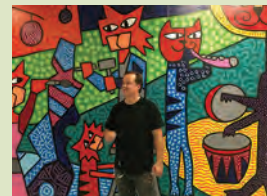
Morris Arts gratefully acknowledges the event sponsor, the New Jersey Automobile Club Foundation for Safety and Education. Our thanks also go to our showcase hosts, The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, for their generous professional assistance.



Clockwise from top left: The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey / Shakespeare LIVE! Performs excerpt from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*; Tanglewood Marionettes portray Greek legend of Theseus; Lisa Lou and Mr. Fish combine science and magic in *Phenomenal Physics*; Catskill Puppet Theatre and *Brother Sun*; Mexico Beyond Mariachi performs Aztec dance.

Artist Residency Roundtable

On May 24th, Morris Arts hosted the 2016 Artist Residency Roundtable to answer FAQs about Artist Residencies. Open to administrators, teachers, and cultural arts representatives, the free roundtable provided information about programs in the visual arts, dance, music, Shakespeare, mosaics, murals, and storytelling – all tailored to meet curricular needs. Attendees – from member and non-member schools in northern and central New Jersey – also had the opportunity to meet some teaching artists and to network with other school representatives.



Clockwise: Dan Fenelon's residency at Holland Brook School; Caren Frost Olmsted's mural project at South Mountain school in Millburn; Spiritree residency at Brick Avon School, Newark.



Collaborating with the Morristown Partnership again, Morris Arts will bring craft exhibits, art and live music to Morristown on the last Thursday of the month, from May-August: on May 26, June 30, July 28 and August 25. Mark your calendars now.



Morris Arts one of 18 Local Arts Agencies in the nation to win NEA grant for public art

Morris Arts was thrilled to win a \$20,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for its Our Heritage is Our Future, The Gateway Totem Project. Stone carver and sculptor Gabriele Hilti-Cohen will create a new, site-specific public art installation in the historic Speedwell section of Morristown. Morris Arts is collaborating with the Town of Morristown to implement a part of the town's master plan by commissioning this new public artwork, partially funded by Morristown's recently enacted Percentage for Art initiative. The installation will serve as the centerpiece of a community park in an area identified by the town as needing redevelopment. The two carved stone pillars will feature symbols and poetry reflecting community input and paying homage to the many immigrant communities who have called this neighborhood home over the centuries (Italian, Irish, Jewish, African American, Latino, etc.). Public workshops and the design of a sculpture and gathering space in front of Grow it Green Morristown's community garden will create a focal point that honors past, present and future residents and help unite the community while fostering cross-cultural understanding and acceptance. "Morris Arts is thrilled to be in such select company," commented Executive Director Tom Werder. "This grant constitutes national recognition for our public art initiatives to build community through the arts. We are extremely grateful to have NEA support for this project."



Clockwise from top left: Example of work by master stone carver Gabriele Hilti-Cohen; Hilti-Cohen carving stone; stone carver meeting public at early community engagement meeting at Neighborhood House.

To support Morris Arts: 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 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.

All contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. 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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SAVE THE DATES

- **June 26: Giralda Music & Arts Festival** – 4-7:30pm, Giralda Farms, Madison
- **June 28: Music Beyond Borders** – *Smitty's Polka Trio*, 12:30-1:30pm, Morristown Green
- **June 30: Meet Me in Morristown** – throughout Morristown, 5-9pm
- **July 12: Music Beyond Borders** – *Indian Ragas and Rhythm*, 12:30-1:30pm, Morristown Green
- **July 26: Music Beyond Borders** – *Mexico Beyond Mariachi*, 12:30-1:30pm, Morristown Green
- **July 28: Meet Me in Morristown** – throughout Morristown, 5-9pm
- **August 9: Music Beyond Borders** – *Lei Pasifika's Tahitian and Hawaiian Dance*, 12:30-1:30pm, Morristown Green
- **August 25: Meet Me in Morristown** – throughout Morristown, 5-9pm

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From Polka to Tahitian Dance at Music Beyond Borders 2016

You don't have to buy a plane ticket to enjoy music and dance from around the world. It's all coming to the Morristown Green! Initiated in 2010, this series of free outdoor world music/dance performances, reflects a collaboration between Morris Arts and Mayo Performing Arts Center (with the rainsite graciously provided by Morristown United Methodist Church - 50 Park Place on the Green). Now in its seventh season, Music Beyond Borders continues to tap into the cultural riches from multiple continents and, this year, will present the following:



June 28, 2016: Smitty's Polka Band Trio – Key into the high energy and fun of Smitty's Polka Band! Featuring the renowned accordionist/lead singer "Papa Bavarian," Smitty's has performed at major events and venues throughout the metropolitan area, including the Circle Line Bear Mountain cruise, top corporate and community Oktoberfests and even Derek Jeter's retirement party! Bring your dancing shoes and join the fun!

July 12, 2016: Indian Ragas and Rhythms, with Shivalik Ghoshal on *Tabla* and Vocalist/Harmonium player Andrew Shantz – Take a sonic trip to the intricate and compelling world of classical Indian music with these two award-winning virtuoso performers from the Brooklyn Raga Massive. Shivalik's *tabla* playing was featured on the soundtrack of *Born into Brothels*, and he is currently working on re-orchestrating music for two Chicago productions of *The Jungle Book*. A multi-talented musician with



jazz background, Andrew has trained in India and immersed himself in Hindustani-North Indian-classical music as a vocalist and harmonium player. One can only marvel at their complex improvisations and intricate rhythmic/melodic interactions.



July 26, 2016: Mexico Beyond Mariachi – An "exuberant feast for the senses," *Mexico Beyond Mariachi* explores the long history of diverse regions of Mexico, the rituals, myths, and celebrations with colorful costumes, authentic instruments, and lively music and dance. With drums, flutes, conch shells and

dances of the pre-Hispanic through the modern eras, they have performed for over one million people across the world – including 30 recent performances at the New York Botanical Garden's Rose Hall for the blockbuster Frida Kahlo Exhibit. Don't miss this fascinating and enlightening performance.

August 9, 2016: Lei Pasifika – Tahitian and Hawaiian Dance from the Pacific – A performance group focused on preserving and sharing the music, dances and cultural heritage of Polynesia, (primarily Tahiti and Hawaii), *Lei Pasifika's* performances take audiences on a magical voyage through the legends and history of Polynesian culture. Led by founder Makalina Gallagher, (who was born and raised in and around the Pacific Islands), the dancers have appeared in multiple Asian Pacific Festivals throughout Manhattan and Brooklyn, in film promotions, on numerous TV shows and even at Bette Midler's 4th Annual Hulaween Ball. Now is your chance to travel to Tahiti – no plane ticket needed!

