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Discover the many pleasures of live conversation at Morris Arts' 10th Anniversary of GREAT CONVERSATIONS, a unique evening of dinner and engaging dialogue with celebrated hosts from the arts, media, tech, sciences, healthcare, public service, sports, industry and more. Marking its 10th anniversary, this year's event honors Joen Ferrari, the founder of Great Conversations, and is co-chaired by Edda and James Gillen and Tara Skirzenski. Mingle with host Conversationalists during the cocktail hour and then dine with such luminaries as a Medal of Honor winner, a *NY Times* bestselling author, a robotics expert, a jazz saxophonist, Stanley Cup champion, a world famous climate scientist, a top celebrated chef or other similarly fascinating and accomplished individuals. 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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**Date:** Thursday, April 26, 2018  
**Time:** 6:00pm – Reception | 7:15pm – Dinner  
**Place:** The Madison Hotel, 1 Convent Rd., Morristown  
**Tickets:** \$250, available online, at [www.morrisarts.org](http://www.morrisarts.org)  
**Contact:** (973) 285-5115, x13 or [www.morrisarts.org](http://www.morrisarts.org)

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

Top Row, L-R: Alex Kelly (Allergan – EVP, Corporate Affairs); Robin Rotenberg (BASF Corporation VP, Chief Communications Officer). Middle Row, L-R: Mark Gross (Jazz Saxophonist); Lisa Goddard, PhD (Director of Columbia University's International Research Institute for Climate & Society); Christina Baker Kline (*NY Times* bestselling author). Bottom Row, L-R: Bill Stephney (Co-creator and producer for Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductees Public Enemy); Colonel Jack Jacobs, Retired (Medal of Honor recipient); Brent Qvale (NY Jets Offensive Lineman).

# Gallery at 14 Maple:

located on the 3rd floor of 14 Maple Ave., Morristown, NJ

## March 15th, Morris Arts Opens *approaching* **VIBRANCY**

On March 15, 2018 from 6-8pm, Morris Arts will host a free opening reception for the Gallery at 14 Maple's nineteenth exhibit, entitled *approaching* **VIBRANCY**. For this occasion, the Exhibition Committee of Morris Arts and the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, with guest co-curators, Mary Birmingham and Sarah Walko (both from the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey), selected works by 39 outstanding New Jersey women artists (culled from over 1,000 submissions!). Focused on presenting the diversity of women artists working in this region, the exhibit will include art by Olga Alexander; Caren King Choi; Andrea Brooke D'alessandro; Kate Dodd; Shari Epstein; Lisa Ficarelli-Halpern; Asha Ganpat; Suzanne Globus; Marsha Goldberg; Ellen Hanauer; Susan Hockaday; Suzanne Laura Kammin; Jill Kerwick; Donna Conklin King; Michelle Knox; Parvathi Kumar; Pat Lay; Jean LeBlanc; Wendy Letven; Sue Ellen Leys; Betty McGeehan; Anne Q. McKeown; Deborah Guzmán Meyer; Perri Neri; Katie Niewodowski; Carol Nussbaum; Erin O'Brien-Kenna; Laurie Riccadonna; Sherry Beth Sacks; Lisa Sanders; Theda Sandiford; Fran Shalom; Jessica Skultety; Amanda Thackray; Marianne Trent; Claudia Waters; Lisa Westheimer; Gail Winbury and Barbara Wisoff.

The exhibit runs through August 24, 2018. The distinctive space of the Gallery at 14 Maple, is located on the 3rd floor of the LEED certified "green" building at 14 Maple Avenue in Morristown, NJ.

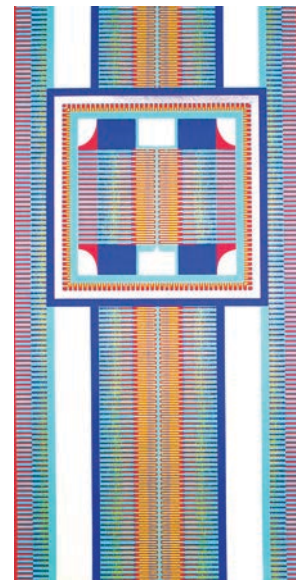
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Clockwise from top left: Parvathi Kumar's *Barcelona Shoe Shop*; Pat Lay's *CDS111164020*; Theda Sandiford's *Blind Faith*; Susan Hockaday's *Garden* and Perri Neri's *The Ecstasy of St. Teresa*.



## Morris Arts' Honors Ehlers and Coladarci Arts Scholarship Winners

On the evening of March 15, 2018 Morris Arts will introduce Pianist John Duc-Tuan Nguyen, winner of the Elaine Ehlers Arts Scholarship (of \$5,000), and actress Nicole Giordano, winner of the Eugenie Coladarci Arts Scholarship (of \$1,500), at the opening reception for *approaching* **VIBRANCY**, the new exhibit in the Gallery at 14 Maple. This year's Ehlers Scholarship winner, John Duc-Tuan Nguyen, is a graduating senior at The Academy for Mathematics, Science and Engineering in Rockaway. He plans to double major (or possibly minor) in music performance in college. Winning 3rd place in the 8th Chopin International Piano Competition, Grand Prix in the National Young Musician Showcase Competition and IMAS Talented Young Musician Olympia Competition, and garnering top places in numerous other national and international competitions, Nguyen has performed as a soloist at Carnegie's Weill and Zankel Halls, NJPAC and Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall. His piano teacher described him as "truly gifted," "exciting," a "striking talent," with a "marvelous musical imagination for both lines and colors." As a pianist, he is that rare combination of formidable technique coupled with a profound understanding of the music.

This year's Coladarci Scholarship winner is actress Nicole Giordano, a graduating senior at Mountain Lakes High School who plans to pursue a BFA in acting at college. With advanced training at the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey', Boston University's Summer Theater Institute, she was a finalist at the Governor's Awards for the Speech and Theatre Association of NJ (besting nearly 500 competitors), won the Best Leading Actress award at the Bucks County Theatre Festival, and was one of 15 chosen from among 2,500 applicants for NYU's Tisch Future Theater Artists Program. Her drama teacher stated, "This girl's natural talents far outweigh those of many working actors today."

Visual artist Coral Coad, a graduating senior at West Morris Mendham High School, received Honorable Mention. The judges were unanimous in these choices. Congratulations to all!

2018 winners from top: Pianist John Duc-Tuan Nguyen, Ehlers Arts Scholarship winner; Actress Nicole Giordano, Coladarci Arts Scholarship winner.





# Atrium Gallery:

located on Floors 2-5, County Administration & Records Building, 10 Court St., Morristown.  
Free and open to the public 8:30am-4:30pm Monday-Friday.

## Last chance to see the 26th Annual African American Art Exhibit, *Lift Every Voice*

Running through March 21, 2018, the exhibit is entitled *Lift Every Voice* and highlights the work of Charleston, SC native artist Leroy Campbell, as well as works by Plainfield artist Alonzo Adams, and works by a total of 27 outstanding locally and internationally known African American artists including Alonzo Adams, Carol Bailey, Lavett Ballard, Larry Poncho Brown, Bisa Butler, Bryan Collier, Jacqueline Collier, Viki Craig, Stephen B. Ellis, Les Floyd, Anthony Gartmond, Zaya Grauer, B. Curtis Grayson, Gwendolyn Jackson, Janice Jamison, Jo-El Lopez, Elginia McCrary, Jennifer Mack, Erik J. Montgomery, Rosalind Nzinga Nichol, Andrew Nichols, Wannetta Phillips, Janet Taylor Pickett, Ron EA Powell, Ellaree Pray, Kara S. Rice, Armisey Smith, Onnie Strother, Tarells Thomas, Kurtis D. Watkins and Deb Willis.



Top Row, L-R: Lavette Ballard's *Stories My Grandmother Told Me*; Armisey Smith's *Layered Lady*; featured artist, Leroy Campbell. Bottom Row, L-R: Leroy Campbell's *You Are Not A Slave*; Larry Poncho Brown's bamboo plate, *Amidst*; Detail from Bisa Butler's quilt, *Do No Harm*.

**The 30th Anniversary Blackwell Street Juried Student Exhibit** will host its Opening Reception, on Friday, April 6, 2018 from 7-9pm. Following *Lift Every Voice*, the Blackwell Street Juried Student Exhibit features the top 350+ student works, culled from nearly 700 submissions from nearly 20 county schools. Now in its 30th year, this exhibit spotlights extraordinary young talents within our county. The reception is free and open to the public. The exhibit continues through May 4, 2018.



Top Row, L-R: from the 2017 Juried Student Exhibit: Amily Grzeslowski's stoneware, *Slightly Ajar*; Jessica Murr's white charcoal/ black paper work, *Metal Flow*. Bottom Row, L-R: Anthony McInnis's pastel, *Really, Really Bad*; Zoe Paxos with her Best in Show graphite, *Head of Hares* and Valentina Giordano's charcoal, *Lost Boy*.

## ARTS IN EDUCATION SHOWCASE — APRIL 30 – MAY 1, 2018 —



Teaching Artists: Top, The Mayhem Poets; Middle: Ron McBee, Tim Latta; Bottom: The Story Pirates.

On April 30 and May 1, 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 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. As the date approaches, please visit [www.morrisarts.org](http://www.morrisarts.org) for a complete list of performances for each day of the showcase and contact Barbara Reuther at [breuther@morrisarts.org](mailto:breuther@morrisarts.org) for additional information.

The Showcase is being sponsored by:  
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The Creative Placemaking initiative launched by Morris Arts in collaboration with the Morristown Partnership, will be returning starting May 31st. Bringing the arts to the Morristown business district on the last Thursdays in May, June, July, and August, selected musicians and artists set up shop, showcase and sell their art or perform live throughout the town while various Morristown businesses operate sidewalk sales or demonstrations... an exciting grassroots experience!



Top: The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey performing Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream* on the Morristown Green; Bottom: Artist Dan Fenelon's participatory art booth (photos courtesy of Kevin Coughlin of [www.MorristownGreen.com](http://www.MorristownGreen.com)).

## 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](http://www.morrisarts.org).

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## Morris Arts and Storytelling Arts partner, expanding literacy programs in Morristown, Dover

Morris Arts is pleased to announce its partnership with Storytelling Arts, Inc. to expand early literacy programs with the students and teachers at the Morris County Head Start in Morristown and Dover. This program designed for students who face substantial socioeconomic obstacles that impede their ability to achieve "school readiness", uses storytelling to help develop emergent literacy skills, including: listening, vocabulary, comprehension, sequencing, and recall. These are the building blocks of reading, writing, and oral communication. The National Association for the Education of Young Children posits that readiness is more than basic knowledge of language and math, and those expectations should include physical, cognitive, social, and emotional competence, as well as a positive attitude towards learning. Storytelling specifically addresses human emotional development and provides a lens through which children can study and understand the world around them. This year, through funding from Morris Arts, the program was expanded to provide over 35 additional classroom visits.

## SAVE THE DATES:

- **March 15:** Gallery at 14 Maple Opening for *approaching VIBRANCY* exhibit, 6-8pm
- **April 6:** Atrium Gallery Opening for Blackwell Street Juried Student Show, 7-9pm
- **April 26:** Great Conversations, 6-9:30pm
- **April 30, May 1:** Arts in Education Showcase, 9:00am-1:30pm on both days
- **May 25:** Atrium Gallery Opening Reception, Spring / Summer Exhibit, 7-9pm
- **May 31:** Meet Me in Morristown, 5-8pm
- **June 24:** Giralda Music and Arts Festival, 4-7:00pm
- **June 26:** Music Beyond Borders, 12:30-1:30pm