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Discover the many pleasures of live conversation at Morris Arts' ninth GREAT CONVERSATIONS, a unique evening of dinner and engaging dialogue with celebrated hosts from the arts, sciences, healthcare, public service, sports, industry and more, co-chaired by Edda and James Gillen and Tara Skirzenski. Mingle with host Conversationalists during the cocktail hour and then dine with a bestselling author, an acclaimed Metropolitan Opera soprano, a prominent chef, a former *NY Times* editor/journalist, a leading climate scientist researching links to disease; a two time Super Bowl champion, 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 27, 2017
Time: 6:00pm – Reception | 7:15pm – Dinner
Place: The Madison Hotel, 1 Convent Rd., Morristown
Tickets: \$250, available online, starting mid-March 2017 at www.morrisarts.org
Contact: (973) 285-5115, x13 or 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!



Clockwise from top left: Sunita Holzer (EVP, Chief Human Resources Officer, Reology); Pamela Abalu (Chief Architect for workplace design, MetLife); Arthur Orduna (EVP & Chief Innovation Officer, Avis); David Drake (Executive Chef/Rudolph's Steakhouse, Bernardsville); Anthony Slimowicz (EVP Human Resources, Crum & Forster); Shirell Gross, Esq. (VP, Chief Legal Counsel, Bayer Radiology); Damien Woody (two-time Super Bowl Champion); Jennifer Check (acclaimed Metropolitan Opera Soprano).

Morris Arts' opens Common Ground in the GALLERY at 14 MAPLE, March 8

On March 8, 2017 from 6-8pm, Morris Arts will host a free opening reception for the Gallery at 14 Maple's seventeenth exhibit, entitled *Common Ground*. For this occasion, the Exhibition Committee of Morris Arts and the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, with guest curator, Jeanne Brasile, selected works by six outstanding New Jersey artists, including Alaine Becker (South Orange); Dominant Dansby (Jersey City); Dahlia Elsayed (Palisades Park); Heejung Kim (Bogota); Mel Leipzig (Trenton) and Alex Piccirillo (Nutley).

As Curator Brasile states, "There are many sayings in many cultures that note the importance of the collective. Unfortunately, in difficult times such as now, we tend to focus on the things that divide us... This group exhibition, *Common Ground* endeavors to express the interconnectedness of the human experience through a variety of artistic impressions."

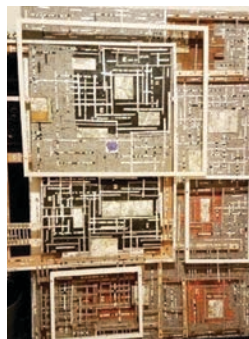
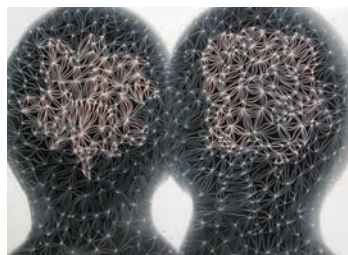
The exhibit runs through August 24, 2017. The distinctive space of the Gallery at 14 Maple, is located on the 3rd floor of the LEED certified "green" building at 14 Maple Avenue in Morristown, NJ. Morris Arts gratefully acknowledges sponsorship for this exhibit by:



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Clockwise from top left: Alaine Becker's *Been There Done That*; Mel Leipzig's *Diana Kurz and her Holocaust Paintings*; Alex Piccirillo's *Blue (Janet Darnell)*; Dahlia Elsayed's *Mess/Wreck*; Dominant Dansby's *Inner Pain/Wavering Hope*; and Heejung Kim's *Karma 8*.



Clockwise from top left: Freespace Dance; Kit's Interactive Theatre/ Sleepy Hollow; Yarina; Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's Shakespeare LIVE!.

ARTS IN EDUCATION SHOWCASE

MAY 3 & 4, 2017

On May 3 & 4, 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. 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.

The Showcase is being sponsored by:
The New Jersey Automobile Club Foundation for Safety & Education

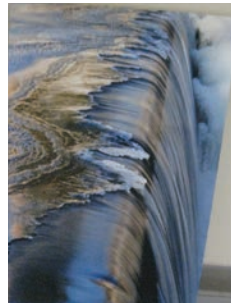
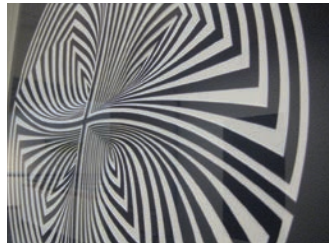


THE ATRIUM GALLERY:

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 special 2017 WINTER INVITATIONAL EXHIBIT, by March 15, 2017

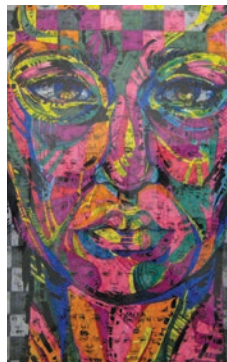
Don't miss seeing the 143 artworks by 34 gifted artists at the Atrium Gallery, including the luminous oils of Todd Doney, the abstract expressionism of Andrea Epstein, the complex 3D paintings of Adel Gorgy, the *plein air* realism of Charles Newman's oils, the radiant colors and intricate designs of Marsha Solomon, the hand cut, dimensional geometrics of Elizabeth Gregory Gruen, the lush greenery of Pat Brentano and the multiple appreciations of the NJ Highlands region through the eyes of multiple artists. This is a visual feast well worth seeing.



Clockwise from top left: Todd Doney's oil, *Venice 1*; Elizabeth Gregory Gruen's 2 ply museum board, free hand-cut paper, gouache paint, *Cobalt-In*; Jim Somer's photo on aluminum, *Ice Approaching Waterfall, Boonton*; Andrea Epstein's hand colored etching, *Subterranean 1*; Pat Brentano's acrylic on paper, *Florida Fauna*; Marsha Solomon's acrylic and pastel on canvas, *Of Pure and Endless Light*.

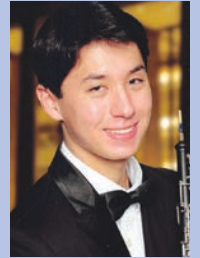
Blackwell Street Juried Student Exhibit

The **Blackwell Street Juried Student Exhibit** will host its **Opening Reception, Friday, March 31, 2017 from 7-9pm**. Following the current Special Winter Invitational Exhibit, 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 29th year, this exhibit spotlights extraordinary young talents within our county. The reception is free and open to the public. The exhibit continues through April 27, 2017.



From the 2016 Exhibit, clockwise from top right: Katherine Lathrop's acrylic *Twenties Flare*; Sarah Wong's pen and marker, *217 Faces*; Best in Show, Tyler Harker's *Triptych*; Olivia Nasisi's hand built earthenware *China Cabinet*.

Morris Arts' honors Ehlers and Coladarci Arts Scholarship Winners



L-R: Soprano Lila Dunn, Coladarci Arts Scholarship winner; Oboist, Ethan Whang, Ehlers Arts Scholarship

On the evening of March 8, 2017, Morris Arts will introduce Oboist Ethan Whang, winner of the Elaine Ehlers Arts Scholarship (of \$5,000), and soprano Lila Dunn, winner of the Eugenie Coladarci Arts Scholarship (of \$1,500), at the opening reception for *Common Ground*, the new exhibit in the Gallery at 14 Maple. Dancers Kaitlyn Dal Bon and Briele McLahn were awarded Honorable Mention.

This year's Ehlers Scholarship winner, Ethan Whang, is a graduating senior at Mountain Lakes High School who will be attending Harvard in the fall where he plans to study chamber music and conducting. He has studied oboe and English horn at the Juilliard Pre-College Division and with teachers drawn from the Metropolitan Opera and NYC Ballet Orchestras. The principal oboist and English horn player in the NJ Youth Symphony, Ethan was one of only two Americans selected internationally for the Verbier International Music Festival in Switzerland where he was also principal oboist.

This year's Coladarci Scholarship winner is Lila Dunn, a graduating senior at West Morris Mendham High School, who distinguished herself as the top ranked soprano in All Nation, All State, Regional and County choral competitions.

In this highly competitive year, two outstanding dancers from Morris Knolls High, Kaitlyn Dal Bon and Briele McLahn, merited Honorable Mention. The judges were unanimous in these choices. Congratulations to all!

SAVE THE DATES:

- **MARCH 8:**
Gallery at 14 Maple Opening for
Common Ground exhibit, 6-8pm
- **MARCH 31:**
Atrium Gallery Opening for
Blackwell Street Juried Student Show, 7-9pm
- **APRIL 27:**
Great Conversations, 6-10pm
- **MAY 3-4:**
Arts in Education Showcase,
9:30am-1:30pm on both days
- **MAY 5:**
Thriving Together,
Creative Placemaking Summit
- **MAY 18:**
Atrium Gallery Opening Reception,
Spring / Summer Exhibit, 7-9pm
- **MAY 25:**
Meet Me in Morristown, 5-8pm
- **JUNE 25:**
Giralda Music and Arts Festival, 4-7:00pm

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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May 5: National Consortium for Creative Placemaking's THRIVING TOGETHER, the 2017 Creative Placemaking Leadership Summit

How do you make creative placemaking last beyond a few projects? How do you build high-performing partnerships? How can creative placemakers more effectively promote social equity? Explore these and more in NCCP's annual gathering that gets to the "how to's" of creative placemaking. The Leadership Summit offers interactive workshops and other opportunities to build skills and knowledge – as well as professional connections. Creative Placemaking Leadership Summits bring together people from the arts, public affairs, real estate, and philanthropy who have an interest in making communities better through arts and culture. This year's Summit will focus on a few key themes: Sustaining creative placemaking for the long term, growing strong partnerships, and building social equity.

At this year's event, Morris Arts' own Director of Creative Placemaking, Kadie Dempsey, will present a session at entitled *Woman, Power, And Aging: How To Effectively Use Your Wisdom As A Creative Change-Maker In 2017*.

To register for the *THRIVING TOGETHER* conference visit: <https://goo.gl/BwklXL>

Early registration discounts: Register by February 5, \$50; February 6-March 5, \$75; March 6-April 5, \$100; April 6-May 1, \$125; after May 1st, \$150.

THRIVING TOGETHER is sponsored by Northern New Jersey Community Foundation, American Planning Association – New Jersey, with additional support from Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, New Jersey State Council on the Arts.



The Creative Placemaking initiative launched by Morris Arts in collaboration with the Morristown Partnership, will be returning starting May 25th. 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!



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