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**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 also to meet the artists during the intermissions.

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On the evening of March 8, 2017, Morris Arts will introduce boost Eth 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 Kaithlyn Dal Bon and Briele McElnau were awarded Honorable Mention.

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To register for the THRIVING TOGETHER conference visit: https://goo.gl/8vwwK9L

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- Business models
- How to create a sustainable budget
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