January 26, 2018 Opening at Atrium Gallery for Art in the Atrium’s African American Exhibit and Sale

Join Morris Arts at the Atrium Gallery on January 26, 2018 from 6-30pm, for the Opening Reception of Solutions, Art in the Atrium’s 26th annual African American art exhibit and sale. This year’s show spotlights the works of renowned artist Leroy Campbell, drawing both established and emerging artists from across the country for which is widely considered the largest exhibit of African American art in New Jersey. A native of Charleston, SC, Leroy Campbell uses his art to address currents in the society to humanity through the African American perspective, to teach others about the richness of his heritage and to promote understanding and hope for humanity.

The Atrium Gallery, managed by Morris Arts’ Dr. Lynn L. Siebert, is located on floors 2-5 of the Morris County Administration & Records Building, 10 Court Street, Morristown.

APRIL 26, 2018: Great Conversations Gala, 5-10pm, Madison Hotel, Morristown, NJ

Looking for the Perfect Gift? Celebrate the holidays and milestones with the gift that keeps giving all year long! A donation to Morris Arts is a perfect way to honor that special someone who values the arts.

For a calendar of arts events in Morris County and for more information on Morris Arts’ many programs and services, visit us at www.morrisarts.org.

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Ehlers and Coladarci Arts Scholarship applications available in December

Due by 5pm on Friday, January 19, 2018 applications will be available in early December at the guidance offices of Morris County high schools and online at the Morris Arts website, http://goj.ai/GjyQff or www.morrisarts.org (under Programs). The Elaine Ehlers Arts Scholarship ($5,000) and the Eugene Coladarci Arts Scholarship ($1,500) are awarded each year to graduating high school seniors who have demonstrated artistic excellence in dance, drama, music or visual arts and plan to pursue post-secondary studies at an accredited institution or acknowledged arts program.

8th Annual Pumpkin Illumination

A major no-eater postponed our event to Monday, October 30th, but we still had an enthusiastic crowd at the Vail Mansion festivities. Accompanied by the Lintet Jazz Band, several hundred people came with their carved pumpkins, donned some of the mask creations (of Dan Fenelon and his students) and marched in the luminary parade led by Mary Dougherty, wife of the Morris County Mayor. There was also a Pumpkin Illumination event this year in Dover.

First Night, Morris County keeps its WOW factor for 26th year

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On the Rock/Bluegrass/Blues front, The John Ginty Band rocks the house, showcasing Ginty (on Hammond B-3 organ), who toured/performed with the Dixie Chicks, Jewl, Santanna and received two Grammy nominations as a founding member of Robert Randolph & the Family Band. Silk City brings its unique blend of bluegrass, roots and honky-tonk music and features artists who have performed with Hot Tuna, at Carnegie Hall, and with artists like Vassar Clements and David Bromberg. And, for gutsy, full-throated blues with a touch of funk, R&B, country and jazz mixed in, don’t miss the Cobra Brothers who have performed at The Stone Pony and The Bitter End.

Hankering for Jazz and Swing? First Night would not be complete without our own swinging jazz pianist, Rio Clemente (the “Bishop of Jazz”) whose inventions and sparkling improvisations astonish and inspire all. With performances at The Blue Note, NJPAC, international jazz festivals and The Whitney Museum, Maurice de Souza’s band Bossa Brasil adds his special brand of smooth, Brazilian-lensed jazz while James Langton takes it Nice and Easy, Swingin’ the Great American Songbook, recalling the glamour and the timeless standards of the era.

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Beethoven is not the only historic “giant” appearing at First Night:

Laugh more with (twice),

David Letterman

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Theater/Comedy

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Mr. Fish

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The Children’s Fun

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Conan O’Brien and becomes Robert Costello and illusionist Great Scott!, Star Search, America’s Got Talent (twice), Jimmy Kimmel, Conan O’Brien, Last Comic Standing, Comedian Moody McCarthy, warm charm of? Laugh your way into the New Year with the wit and cumbia Folk Music of Colombia or move to the joyful, infectious rhythms of with dancers salsa, merengue and tango aboriginal the music of champion Brazilian song and instruments, Armenian of the Middle East, Music showcase the rich traditional dances of Korea. Savor the intricate and exotic Dance of Choomnoori whose elegant costumes and distinctive movements Korean Traditional and works by the great composer. programming of the award winning Harmonium Choral Society. One can even meet "Beeethoven" herself as Dennis Kobry’s Meet the Musicians shares the life and works by the great composer. First Night’s generous sampling of World Cultures includes the Korean Traditional Dance of Choomnoori whose elegant costumes and distinctive movements showcase the rich traditional dances of Korea. Savor the transcendent and exotic Music of the Middle East, which spotlights two of the world’s best on their respective instruments, Armenian and master musicians of Cevennes and Turkish master musicians of James Pinarbasi. Melanie Mirano performs the haunting songs of both Portuguese Fado and Brazilian song traditions while Irish (and other) eyes will be smiling at the music of champion musicians of the world. The Fan Dance performed by the Korean Traditional Dance of Choomnoori; New Jersey Tap Ensemble soloist Maurice Chestnut; Viva Vallenato! Folk Music of Colombia; Lou Del 1.) HypnoMarc (Marshall); 2.) Champion Irish Fiddler Brian Conway; 3.) Melanie Mitrano sings Portuguese 5.) The Fan Dance performed by the Korean Traditional Dance of Choomnoori;  6.) New Jersey Tap Ensemble Soloist Maurice Chestnut;  7.) Viva Vallenato! Folk Music of Colombia;  8.) Lou Del Moris County Arts Awards Local Arts Grants for Funding Year 2018 Morris Arts provides professional artists and arts organizations in Morris County with grants totaling $52,500 for Funding Year 2018. These grants help support visual arts, theatre, dance, instrumental and folk music, museums, and broad-based community programming which, in turn, enable thousands of people throughout our county to experience the arts in a multitude of ways. Funding is made possible through the Morris Arts Program of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

This year’s awardees include: Art in the Atrium, Inc. (Morristown); Art by the People (Morristown); Artworks Studio (Randolph); Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey (Dover); Blackwell Street Center for the Arts, Inc. (Denville); Chatham Community Players (Chatham); Caro Lirico (Morristown); County College of Morris Arts Teen Arts Festival; Dance Innovations Performance Foundation (Chatham); Fairleigh Dickinson University – WAMFEST (Madison/Teaneck); First Night® Morris County (Morristown); Folk Project (Morristown); Fusion Color Guard, Inc. (Lake Hopatcong); Hanover Wind Symphony (Whippany); Harmony Youth Symphony Society (Morristown); Lakeland Youth Symphony (Parkspoint); Masterwork Chorus (Morristown); Morris Choral Society (Morristown); Morris Music Men (Morristown); Morristown Neighborhood House (Morristown); Netcong Community Partnership (Netcong); New Jersey Jazz Society (Summit); and the Open City Players Group (Morristown). Additionally, funding is available for mini-grants (up to $1,000 each) in 2018.

1. The Nail & Chin Dance Company performing at First Night® Morris County. 2. The Chatham Community Players production of Frederick Knott’s With Good Intent. 3. A Lakeland Youth Symphony rehearsal. 4. Amato’s Studio. 5. Pat Miller and Reggie Harris performing traditional and folk music; their show, vaudeville and artist produce翱a Alves (Estevao Gomes in Luck of the Ringa was featured at FNA’s WDW, 2017.

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