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The perfect way to start the summer? Morris Arts’ 35th annual Giraldas Music & Arts Festival, Sunday, June 24, 2018, at Giraldas Farms, Dodge Drive/Madison Ave. (Rt. 124) in Morristown. At Giraldas, you can hear the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, relax on the beautiful lawns of the former Dodge estate, 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 the lavish picnic prizes, sample delicacies from food trucks or just relax with friends and family. Best of all, weather is not a problem.

Thanks to our very generous recent funders whose support makes our work possible: Merrill G. & Emilia E. Hastings Foundation, Investors Foundation Inc., Ketchum Communications, Kings Supermarkets, and Riker, Danziger, Scherer, Hyland & Peretti.

From top: Random Test Reggae Band (Caribbean reggae); Eco Del Sur (South American music), 12:30-1:30pm, Morristown Green.

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Teaching Artists/Programs shine at Arts in Education Showcase

On April 30-May 1, 2018 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 created the audience to intriguing dance, art, music, “living history,” and other free 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 2018-19 school year.

Morris Arts gratefully acknowledges the event sponsor, the New Jersey Automobile Foundation for Safety and Education.

Thank you also to our showcase hosts, The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, for their generous professional assistance.

Regional Cultural Arts Exchange

Please join us on June 4th from 9:30-12:00 at Morris Arts – 14 Maple Avenue in Morristown – for the Regional Cultural Arts Exchange. This gathering provides a great opportunity for cultural arts representatives to share ideas and experiences and exchange feedback on assembly programs, workshops and residencies. It also allows for networking among schools and making contacts for coordinating future block bookings. Each member school attending the event should download and complete a list of exceptional programs booked during the last school year. Visit https://tinyurl.com/y8ze5o8m to download form. Please remember that our goal is focus on exceptional programs and not to bash any programs so please just list the standout as you complete your list. Please print 40 copies of your list and bring those to the meeting to share with other schools. It’s helpful if you print on colored paper or draw a symbol (flower, star, etc.) on the top left corner of your list as this will help participants identify your page easily once the discussion begins. You will have an opportunity to speak for just a few minutes, so we request that you mention only your most memorable programs. This will allow time for all attendees to share information about their experiences.

30th Blackwell Street Juried Student Exhibit: April 6-May 4, 2018

On Friday, April 6, 2018, more than 500 young artists, their teachers, family and friends, along with the general public, attended the Opening Reception of the 30th 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 400 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.

35th Annual Giraudle Music & Arts Festival on June 24th (continued from page 1)

ATRIUM GALLERY:

Spring/Summer 2018 Exhibit: May 24-August 30, 2018

On May 24, 2018, nearly 120 people attended the opening reception for the Spring/Summer Exhibit at the Atrium Gallery. Enormously varied in subject matter and media, the show includes 225 artworks highlighting the creative energies of 84 artists from ArtZone, Arts Unbound, the Blackwell Street Center for the Arts, Drew Art Association, the HUB Camera Club, Myhelen Artists Network, and the New Art Group. A catalogue and more information about the exhibit is available online at https://tinyurl.com/y8ze5o8m. The show runs through August 30, 2018.

To visit: L. J. Rizzuto’s business’s related media, Pilots, and Happy-Go-Lucky watercolor, Pink Skys. Bottom row, L-R: Rick Berger’s photo, Alfreddo Mioso; Franciscio Kusuma’s engraving and oil on canvas, Red River; Brad Friedman’s oil, B&O Tracking, inc; Chris Brundage’s watercolor, Department for Energy and Liz Young’s ink on paper, Seahorse 7.

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Here are some photos from that fabulous evening!
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June 26, 2018: Random Test Reggae – With musicians from throughout the Caribbean, this band’s authentic reggae and calypso music has rocked stages at the State Theatre, the Patriot Theatre, First Night Morris, the Stone Pony, and the Jersey Shore. So, channel Bob Marley and get ready to dance in the lifting. Joyous music of this fab Caribbean band.

July 10, 2018: BALAM Dance Theatre: Balinese Dance – Enjoy the elegant and exotic dances (and costumery) from Indonesia’s island of Bali with NYC-based BALAM Dance Theatre, an electrifying dance troupe critically acclaimed in the NY Times and Vogue Magazine and featured in performances at Lincoln Center, DUMBO Dance Festival, Jacob’s Pillow and multiple First Nights. BALAM’s performance at MBB will feature its unique rendition of Ramayana, the legendary Asian/Indonesian epic depicting the battle between good vs. evil.

July 24, 2018: Eco Del Sur: Ancient and Contemporary South American Music – Showcasing indigenous and modern instruments, Eco Del Sur (“Echoes of the South”) shares the vibrant rhythms and memorable melodies of both ancient and contemporary South American music. They highlight Pre-Columbian and Spanish cultures (flute, huayno, canciones, cumbia, chacarera, joropo, cumbia, and quinto) as well as a blend of African with Pacific (Atlantic Coasts and the Caribbean including the cumbia, ponche, gaita, landa, festo, etc.) – a true feast for the ears.

August 7, 2018: Tavche Gravche: Gypsy/neo-Balkan Trio – Thrill to the fiery and fantastic blending of Balkan-Gypsy-Flamenco-Jazz fusion featuring traditional Balkan and Eastern European music – from this award-winning NYC-based ensemble. Merging haunting Macedonian and Mediterranean melodies with dynamic improvisational elements, the trio maintains the explosive danceable rhythms and energy of Balkan music. Its virtuosic international musicians have performed at The City Winery, Carnegie Hall, and the Rochester International Jazz Festival. Under the baton of one of Chile’s most prominent orchestral conductors, José Luis Dominguez, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will perform works by Bernstein, Puccini, Rossini, Mozart, Massenet, Rodgers, Gershwin, Style, Verdi, Leoncavallo, Gluck, J.Strauss Jr., Williams along with a selection of patriotic favorites.

Giraldas tradition 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 45 years.

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