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2018

## Morris Arts' 35th annual Giralda Music & Arts Festival on June 24th

The perfect way to start the summer? Morris Arts' 35th annual Giralda Music & Arts Festival, Sunday, June 24, 2018, at Giralda Farms, Dodge Drive/ Madison Ave. (Rt. 124) in Madison. At Giralda, 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 the Morris County Park Commission, our rain site, the Mennen Arena, 161 E. Hanover Ave., Morristown, will host the same full experience of the Giralda Music & Arts Festival – with the art show and sale, family arts activities, picnics (and prizes) and, of course, the concert!

Under the baton of one of Chile's most prominent orchestral conductors, José Luis Domínguez, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will perform works by Bernstein, Puccini, Rossini, Mozart, Massenet, Rodgers, Gershwin, Style, Verdi, Leoncavallo, Glinka, J. Strauss Jr., Williams along with a selection of patriotic favorites.

Giralda traditions 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.

Morris Arts wishes to thank our sponsors: **Giralda Property Sponsors:** Open Spaces Management Association, GRC Management Corp., Lincoln Equities LLC, American Realty Capital, Atlantic Health System, and Mack-Cali Realty Group. **Community Sponsors:** Crum & Forster Insurance, MetLife Foundation, NJ.com affiliated with The Star-Ledger, Kings Food Markets, Gary's Wine & Marketplace, County of Morris, Township of Chatham and Morris County Park Commission.

*All proceeds benefit the many programs and services provided to artists, arts organizations, schools and the community by Morris Arts. Become a part of the Giralda tradition and bring your friends, families, classmates, neighbors or come by yourself to welcome summer with Morris Arts in this fun and most affordable way!*

(see page 3 for more information and ticket pricing)



From top left: 1) Sameer Patel conducting the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, Giralda 2017 2 & 3) Culinary creations abounded – “doggie” cupcakes (from the “Dog Days of Summer” picnic) and an “octopus” salad (from the “It’s a Shore Thing” picnic) 4) A sampling of the art show and sale 5) Kay Kribs brings millinery style to the “Hula Baloo” picnic group 6) Multiple families participated in a prizewinning baseball-themed picnic 7) Happy crowds relax and enjoy the great music 8) Some of the creatures at the What the Folk Art tent 9) Art making activities for kids with artist Dan Fenelon at the Montclair Art Museum truck.



# The Best Dinner Party ever at

## great conversations

10<sup>th</sup> annual  
"bringing the art of conversation to life"



A sold-out crowd relished every moment of the fascinating, enlightening and inspiring discussions at Morris Arts' 10th Great Conversations honoring event founder Joen Ferrari on April 26, 2018 at The Madison Hotel. The host conversationalists included a Medal of Honor recipient, a top climate scientist, a Stanley Cup winner, a robotics expert, a doctor dedicated to treating torture survivors, a national bestselling author along with other leaders in the arts, public service, healthcare and industry. For the full list of host conversationalists and their amazing accomplishments, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yasju98r>. Here are some photos from that fabulous evening!



1) Best selling author, Christina Baker Kline 2) Denny Moynihan with Medal of Honor recipient Col. Jack Jacobs and host Carrie Eglinton Manner (Quest) 3) host Joe Wilkins (SVP & Chief Transformation Officer, Atlantic Health) 4) Special honoree Joen Ferrari, founder of Great Conversations, on R, with her daughter Kelly 5) Morris Arts Board VP and co-host of the event, Tara Skirzenski 6) host Carly Murphy (Sotheby's VP, Global Client Development, contemporary art) 7) Bill and Valerie Keefauver with David Humm 8) host Robin Rotenberg (BASF's VP of Corporate Communications) 9) Luigi Pedalino & host James Kraus (Crum & Forster's SVP, General Counsel) with host Dr. Lisa Goddard (Director, Columbia's International Research Institute for Climate and Society) and Tom Werder, Morris Arts' Executive Director 10) Dr. Asher Siebert with host Bill Stephey (Co-creator/producer for *Public Enemy*; NJPAC producer & Curator) 11) Laurie and her husband, host Tom Bergeron (ROI Editor & Chief Content Officer) with host Linda Wellbrook (CEO/ Funder of Leading Women Entrepreneurs) 12) Dennis Nilson (Delta Dental) & Frank Vitolo. (Photos, courtesy of Morris Arts and M.C. Ward).



Clockwise from top left: The Numbers Drummer; Guy Davis (blues master); Artist Dan Fenelon; New Jersey Tap; The Mayhem Poets

## 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 treated the audience to intriguing dance, art, music, "living" history, and other fine 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 Club Foundation for Safety and Education.



Thanks also go 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/y9tc5525> to download form.

Please remember that our goal is focus on exceptional programs and not to bash any programs so please just list the standouts 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 everyone to participate. For more information contact Barbara Reuther at [breuther@morrisarts.org](mailto:breuther@morrisarts.org). Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/y84nokos>.



# 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 ARTsee, Arts Unbound, the Blackwell Street Center for the Arts, Drew Art Association, the HUB Camera Club, Myhelan Artists Network, and the New Art Group. A catalogue and more information about the exhibit is available online at <https://tinyurl.com/y9w3815l>. The show runs through August 30, 2018.

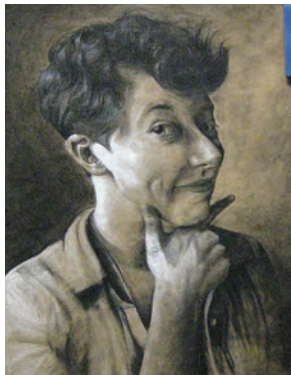
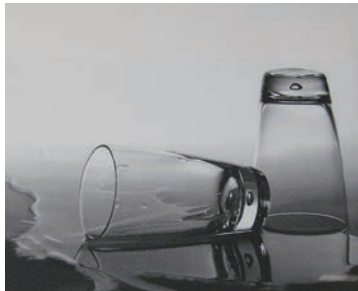
Top Row, L-R: Vincent Buchinsky's mixed media, *Pillars*; and Peggy Dressel's watercolor, *Pink Tulips*. Bottom Row, L-R: Rick Berger's photo, *Millennial Mosaic*; Francesca Azzara's encaustic and oil stick on canvas/panel, *Red River*; Brad Friedman's oil, *RMG Trucking, Inc.*; Jill Vondervor's watercolor, *Apartment for Rent*; and Liz Young's ink on paper, *Seafarer 1*.



## 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.

Clockwise from left: Kerianne McClay's ceramic set, *Cerulean Cluster* (Madison); 2018 BEST IN SHOW, Kevin Kahwaty's handbuilt ceramic, (cone 10 reduction), *Anubis* (Montville Twp); Samantha Zhong's photo, *Split* (Whippany Park); Daphne Nydam's acrylic, *Rudy* (Mendham); Coral Coad's multimedia piece, *Let Them Eat Cake* (West Morris Mendham); and Hannah Wetter's charcoal, *What Am I Thinking?* (Chatham).



Morris Arts manages the Atrium Art Gallery, selecting artists and scheduling exhibits on behalf of the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders. The Atrium Gallery is free and open to the public during business hours, from 8:30am – 4:30pm on Monday-Friday. For additional information about the show, or, to purchase art, contact Dr. Lynn L. Siebert, Gallery Director, and Director of Arts Participation & Communication for Morris Arts, (973) 285-5115, ext. 10 or [Lsiebert@morrisarts.org](mailto:Lsiebert@morrisarts.org)

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**Time:** Gates open at 4pm for activities and picnics (no pets, no BBQ's, no smoking). The concert starts at 6pm

**Location:** Giralda Farms, Dodge Drive and Madison Ave. (Rt. 124), Madison, NJ 07940

**Rainsite:** Mennen Arena, 161 E. Hanover Ave., Morristown (Doors open at 4:00pm for activities. The concert starts at 6pm).

**Tickets:** (take advantage of lower pricing for advance tickets!)

**In advance:** Adults: \$15 adults (over 12); Children: \$4; under 4, free.

**At the gate:** Adults: \$20 adults (over 12); Children: \$5; under 4, free.

**Advance Tickets can be purchased at:**

- Morris Arts online at <https://tinyurl.com/y8ze5o8m> or (973) 285-5115, x14
- Kings Supermarkets (Morristown and Chatham)
- Gary's Wine and Marketplace (Madison)

If you require special accommodation, please contact Carlos Satelo (973) 285-515, x17.

**Contact:** For general information, call (973) 285-5115 or contact Bethany Russo via email at [brusso@morrisarts.org](mailto:brusso@morrisarts.org). **In the event of uncertain weather,** check the website [www.morrisarts.org](http://www.morrisarts.org) or call (973) 285-5115 **AFTER 12 pm on the day of the concert** for the latest updates.





Collaborating with the Morristown Partnership, Morris Arts will once again bring craft exhibits, art and live music to Morristown on the last Thursday of the month, from May-August: on May 31, June 28, July 26 and August 30. Mark your calendars now.

## SAVE THE DATES:

- **May 31: Meet Me in Morristown**, throughout Morristown, 5-9pm
- **June 4: Regional Cultural Arts Exchange**, 9:30-noon, Morris Arts (14 Maple Ave., Morristown)
- **June 24: Giralda Music & Arts Festival**, 4-7:30pm, Giralda Farms, Madison
- **June 26: Music Beyond Borders**, Random Test Reggae, 12:30-1:30pm, Morristown Green
- **June 28: Meet Me in Morristown**, throughout Morristown, 5-9pm
- **July 10: Music Beyond Borders**, BALAM Dance Theatre (Balinese Dance), 12:30-1:30pm, Morristown Green
- **July 24: Music Beyond Borders**, Eco Del Sur (South American music), 12:30-1:30pm, Morristown Green
- **July 26: Meet Me in Morristown**, throughout Morristown, 5-9pm
- **August 7: Music Beyond Borders**, Tavche Gravche (Gypsy/Neo Balkan music), 12:30-1:30pm, Morristown Green
- **August 30: Meet Me in Morristown**, throughout Morristown, 5-9pm

## 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 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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For more information contact Gina Moran, Morris Arts' Director of Development, at [gmoran@morrisarts.org](mailto:gmoran@morrisarts.org) or (973) 285-5115, ext. 13.

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This newsletter is available in large print by calling (973) 285-5115, ext. 10.

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For a calendar listing of arts events in Morris County and for more information on Morris Arts' many programs and services, visit us at [www.morrisarts.org](http://www.morrisarts.org),

like us on , and follow us on .

## Music Beyond Borders brings the world to the Morristown Green: Caribbean Reggae, Balinese/Indonesian Dance, South American ancient and contemporary music and Gypsy/neo-Balkan music featured in the 2018 season.

You don't have to wait in an airport, pack suitcases or endure a long flight to enjoy music and dance from around the world. It is all coming to the Morristown Green! Initiated in 2010, this series of free outdoor world music/dance performances reflects an ongoing collaboration between Morris Arts and Mayo Performing Arts Center (with the rainsite graciously provided by Morristown United Methodist Church – 50 Park Place on the Green). Now in its ninth season, *Music Beyond Borders* not only reflects the diversity of our community but also taps into the cultural riches from multiple continents. This year's offerings include the following:

**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 to the lilting, joyous music of this fab Caribbean band.

**July 10, 2018: BALAM Dance Theatre: Balinese Dance** – Enjoy the elegant and exotic dances (and costumes) from Indonesia's island of Bali with NYC-based BALAM Dance Theatre, an electrifying dance troupe critically acclaimed in the *NY Times* and *Village Voice* 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 the *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 (*the huayño, sanjuanito, carnaval, chacarera, joropo, zamba, and cueca*) as well as a blend of African with Pacific /Atlantic Coasts and the Caribbean (*the cumbia, porros, guajira, lando, festejo*, etc.) – a true feast for the ears.

**August 7, 2018: Tavche Gravche: Gypsy/neo-Balkan Trio** – Thrill to the fiery and fascinating blend 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 dance-able rhythms and energy of Balkan music. Its virtuosic international musicians have performed at The City Winery, Caramoor, on the main stage of NYC's fabled *Zlatne Uste*, the Balkan "Golden Festival," and its first CD won the "best world music album" distinction in 2014."

So, travel the world on your lunch hour – it's free and no plane ticket is needed!

From top: Random Test Reggae Band (Caribbean reggae); Eco Del Sur (South American ancient and contemporary music); BALAM Dance Theatre (Balinese dance); Tavche Gravche (Gypsy/neo-Balkan trio).

