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# Columbia County Historical Society hosts talk by architect Dennis Wedlick

On Sunday, August 11, The Columbia County Historical Society is pleased to welcome architect Dennis Wedlick to speak about his new book, "Classic & Modern: Signature Styles".

In celebration of 25 years of designing homes in Columbia County and the launch of the book, Wedlick will explain how he and his partner and co-author, Alan Barlis, translate their clients' aspirations for extraordinary country homes into expressive, functional, and high-performing architectural designs.

The book addresses how traditional and contemporary styles, far from being at odds with one another, often work together in the most successful projects. Wedlick will discuss how the homes he designs in Columbia County almost always incorporate a historical inspiration—be it an existing historical structure, a building site with a rich heritage, or an aesthetic preference — and how the instincts for both preservation and modernity can interact to beautiful effect.

The lecture will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 11, at the Vanderpoel House of History, 16 Broad Street, Kinderhook. Admission is free. The lecture will be followed by a book signing, and copies of the book will be available for purchase. For more information on the book, visit www.barliswedlick.com/books/

The Columbia County Historical Society is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the history and culture of Columbia County. The Society owns the Columbia County Museum, the Vanderpoel House of History, the 1737 Luykas Van Alen House, and the Ichabod Crane Schoolhouse. For more information, please visit www.cchsny.org or call 518-758-9265.

## Presentation by Korean War Veteran Jack Hallenbeck at Canaan Historical Society

On August 10 at 2 p.m., the Canaan Historical Society will be having on talk on the 60th Anniversary of the end of the Korean War. Jack Hallenbeck who is himself a Korean War Veteran will make a presentation on the Korean Armistice Agreement which 60 years ago on July 27, 2013 ended the Korean War, put into force a cease fire, established the Korean Demilitarized Zone(DMZ) seperating Korea into North and South Korea and finalized repatriation of POW's. Sgt. Hallenbeck was in the US Army from 1951 to 1953. Initially he was assigned to protect New York City and later was assigned for 2 years to General Headquarters Far East Command. For his service, he was awarded several medals. Sgt. Hallenbeck was Past Commander of the Korean War Veterans Chapter 283, Past Chairman of Columbia County Honor A vet Program, member of VFW Post #1314.

Please come join us to honor the Korean War Veterans. We invite all Korean War Veterans to share their comments or stories as well. The talk will take place in our meeting house located on Warner Crossing Road (off County Route 5 South). For more information, please call 781-4228.



## PS21 presents Improv Comedy Show Just For Kids on Friday, August 16

Friday, August 9 through Thursday, August 15

PS21: Performance Spaces for the 21st Century presents "Off-Leash For Kids" Friday, August 16 at 11 a.m. This hilarious, high-energy, kidfriendly improv comedy show is part of PS21's Just for Fun series created especially for kids and their families. The Tent at PS21 is located at 2980 Route 66, one mile north of the village of Chatham.

"Off-Leash for Kids was originally scheduled for July but a heat advisory that day demanded that we cancel the show," explained Susan Davies, administrative director at PS21. "This is such a popular program that we decided to reschedule it for August in place of the "Youth Theatre Celebration" previously slated for this date."

Similar in format to the television show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?", this fast-paced, interactive performance will feature skits, games, and parodies based on audience suggestions and performed by Walking the dog Theater's Off Leash! Ensemble. "The kids will play an integral role in how things unfold," explained artistic director David Anderson. "Throughout the show the performers will ask the audience to contribute ideas which will lead and motivate the players. Great suggestions make for inspiring sketches and no two shows are ever the same."

"Please Frog, Just One Sip," a short play adapted from the popular children's picture book by Piet Grobler and presented by The Chatham Kids Club Theatre Arts Workshop, will precede the show. Kids from The Town of Chatham Summer Recreation Program and The Chatham Kids Club Theatre Arts Workshop who have been learning about improvisational acting will also participate in some of the games with Off-Leash.

Off Leash! Kids is appropriate for ages 10 and up and will be held Friday, August 16 at 11 a.m. Suggested donation is \$5 for youth 18 and under and \$10 for adults. For more information, please call 518-392-6121 or visit www.ps21chatham.org.

## Jazz Under the Stars at Olana

On Saturday, August 17 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., The Olana Partnership will offer Jazz Under the Stars on the East Lawn at Olana. Enjoy the sunset while listening to some of the best jazz musicians from the Hudson Valley, New York City, and the Berkshires. First up will be the Teresa Broadwell Trio. With her voice and violin, Broadwell collaborates with a core of master musicians that share her dedication to jazz, swing fiddle and vocalese to present a repertoire chock-full of the best standards, swing, bop, and unique jazz gems. To close the evening, some of Hudson's star musicians will perform in The Lucky Five, a hard-swinging old-school jazz quintet that brings verve and high energy to the tradition of jazz from the 1920s, 30s and 40s with a sweet helping of gypsy jazz.

This will be a night to remember—truly great music with top-notch musicians in one of the most beautiful settings in the Hudson Valley. The cost is \$15/adult; \$5/under 12 (free to members of The Olana Partnership). Bring a picnic and a flashlight.

Teresa Broadwell Trio band members are Teresa Broadwell, voice and violin; Mike Novalkowski, guitar, and Mike Lawrence, bass. To learn more about the trio, visit http://teresabroadwell.com

The Lucky Five band members are Jonathan Talbott, violin; Kip Beacco, guitar; Jon Suters, guitar; Otto Hauser, drums, and Matt Downing, bass. Visit Jonathan Talbott's website at http://www.creatingnewmusic.com/

Olana State Historic Site is located at 5720 State Route 9G, Hudson. For directions to the site, visit www.olana.org.

## Cat 'n Around Catskill Wine Tasting

Join us on Saturday, August 10 for the Cat 'n Around Catskill Wine Tasting. From 2-6 p.m. on Main Street, a \$10 donation gets you a souvenir glass and you can taste all afternoon. Local wine vendors and music by Lin the Tune Smith. Rain date, August 11. Check out this year's cats and dogs and vote for your favorites. See this week's featured artists on page 20.



# Activities for Kids & Families

## **Special Teen Summer Outing**

Sunday, August 11 • 2-6 p.m.

Our Lady of Hope Parish is sponsoring a BBQ outdoor fun event this Sunday, August 11 from 2 to 6 p.m. All area teens thirteen years and older are welcomed to attend. This gathering will take place at The Roe Jan Park in Copake.

This month's teen event will be a day of fun in the sun playing volleyball and the like, accompanied by a BBQ. Teens are welcome to bring their friends, games, and a side dish to share. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks will be provided so it is imperative to RSVP as soon as possible.

"We are encouraging all youth to come and create their own fellowship time with their peers in different ways once a month," explained Our Lady of Hope's Christina Dellea. "Teens need their own time and space to be themselves and connect with one another."

On one Sunday a month, teens have a night of fun, food, and fellowship all their own. It is held at different locations each month and their focus is based on the group's collective ideas. Stay tuned for details on the fall gatherings. Teens can contact Christina for more information, to suggest ideas for future events, and to RSVP for Sunday at 518-325-3045.

The Roe Jan Park is located on Route 22 in between Copake and Hillsdale across from the Roe Jan Library. The event will take place rain or shine as there are barns for coverage.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, AUGUST 9-10

Ransom of Red Chief – 10:30 a.m. Part of Mac-Haydn Theatre's 2013 children's theatre series. "An uncontrollable imp makes kidnappers think twice". Adapted from an O. Henry story. Information and reservations at 392-9292 or www.machaydntheatre.org Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 Route 203, Chatham.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 9-11

A Fairy's Tale: The Marvelous Adventure in a Land of Wonder & Mystery — 7 p.m. The 2013 annual community performance presented by The Badila Family and Diata Diata International Folkloric Theatre — "...an arrogant fairy discovers that there is indeed more to life than the gift of her spectacular tail." Information at 828–0594. Montgomery C. Smith Intermediate School, 102 Harry Howard Avenue.

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

Guest Children's Book Author: Sandra Dutton - 6:30 p.m. Sandra Dutton is author of: "Mary Mae and the Gospel Truth"; "Dear Miss Perfect"; "Capp Street Carnival"; "Tales of Belva Jean Copenhagen"; "The Cinnamon Hen's Autumn Day"; "The Magic of Myrna C. Waxweather". Heermance Memorial Library, 1 Ely St. Coxsackie. 518-731-8084 or www.heermancelibrary.org(518) 731-8084

**SATURDAYS** 

**Lego Duplo Saturdays at the Germantown Library -** Make use of the special Lego
Duplo Read! Build! Play! Every Saturday
during library hours 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The
Germantown Library, 31 Palaine Park
Rd. 518-537-5800 or www.germantownlibrary.org.

**Children's Activities**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. led by Beth Adams. Crafts, stories, various activities. Roeliff Jansen Community Library, 9091 Rt. 22, Copake. 325-4101, or www.roejanlibrary.org.

#### SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

Dogs Love Books. 10-11 a.m. Join Ms. McCord and her canine companions in the Children's Room. Ms. McCord will read stories and kids can read to the dogs, too! Roeliff Jansen Library, 9091 Route 22, Hillsdale. 518-325-4101 or www.roejanlibrary.org.

SUNDAYS THROUGH MID-AUGUST

Children's Story Hour at Clermont - Clermont will offer a Children's Story Hour at 10 a.m. Designed for children ages 2-6, this program will include a different story and craft each week. Clermont State Historic Site, Clermont Ave., Germantown. 537-6622 or www.friendsofclermont.org.

#### SUNDAY

ARTlandish! 1-4 p.m. All ages. Free. Create art in the landscape-not such an outlandish idea! Drop-in for sketch paper, pencils and clipboards. Head out into Olana's picturesque landscape to sketch your very own view. Come back to the "studio" to use colored pencils, oil pastels and watercolors to finish your artwork. Wagon House Education Center/Farm Complex, 5720 Route 9G. 518-828-0135 or olana.org. Vehicle use fee.

#### **TUESDAYS**

Mother Goose Time – 10:30 a.m. Session of songs, nursery rhymes and a short story for children, birth to age 3, and their care givers. Heermance Memorial Library, 1 Ely St., Coxsackie. 731-8084 or heermancelibrary.org

#### WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY

Children's Exploration Backpacks have been stuffed with fun outdoor activities for elementary-age kids in 3 different themes: Trees, Trails and Tracks or Art in Nature. Available for families to borrow at the museum's Visitor Center (borrow free with a picture ID) Wednesday-Sunday from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Clermont State Historic Site, Clermont Ave., Germantown. 518-537-6622 or www.friendsofclermont.org.

#### **THURSDAYS**

**Toddler "Wiggle" Time.** 10:30-11 a.m. Beth Adams leads kids ages 2-5 years with stories, movement and music. Roeliff Jansen Library, 9091 Route 22, Hillsdale. 518-325-4101 or www.roejanlibrary.org.

**Story Hour** - 10:30 a.m. Children, ages 3 to 5, and their caregivers, are invited to join us for a story, craft and snack. Heermance Memorial Library, 1 Ely St., Coxsackie. 731-8084 or www.heermancelibrary.org.

Reading with Thabiso the Therapy Dog - 4-5 p.m. Join Thabiso, a large loveable lab who enjoys being read to. Stop by the library and read your favorite story to him. All ages welcome. Heermance Memorial Library, 1 Ely St., Coxsackie. 731-8084 or heermancelibrary.org

#### THURSDAYS-SUNDAYS

Olana on the Move Backpacks. 12-4 p.m. Free. Explore the Olana landscape with self-guided activities to enrich family visits. Must leave a photo ID until backpack is returned. Museum Shop, Olana Visitor Center, 5720 Route 9G. 518-828-0135 or olana.org. Vehicle use fee applies.



## Third Annual Summer Kids Book Sale at the Hudson Area Library

Attention parents, teachers and kids of all ages! Come find great summer books for reading fun, books for school or even a special interest or subject.

The Friends of the Hudson Area Library are having their Third Annual Summer Kids Book Sale for two days so that all kids can have the opportunity to own great books at little cost. The sale will be held on two days, Friday, August 9 and Saturday, August 10 in the Book Sale Room from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. each day.

In addition, there will be music sing-a-longs, story time and activities in the Children's Room at the library both days.

All kids books will be specially priced to encourage sum-

mer reading for children and young adults. There are thousands of titles to choose from for every level of reader, from toddlers to teens. Included are large picture books, early reader books, non-fiction books, chapter books and a very large selection of books for young adults. Within those levels are books on a variety of topics. including adventure, classics, fairy tales, fantasy, fiction, history, humor, nature, science, sports, and much more in many formats--board books for the little ones, hardcovers and paperbacks, as well as a large selection of kids movies

and music too!

Don't forget—children's books make great gifts too.

Stock up on great titles—books like new that are perfect

for birthday or special occasions for friends or family. You'll be sure to find something for every level of reader on your list this summer!

Raffle tickets for a gift basket of great children's books, book bag and gift coupons will also be available for purchase those days. Tickets will be sold for just \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. This terrific gift basket is valued at over \$50.

In addition to all the very low priced children's books, the Friends are also offering special summer prices for adults too. Perfect for summer reading on vacation, at the beach, or under a shade tree, all hardcover fiction, paperbacks and movies will be offered at a buy-one, get-one special deal. The shelves are packed with great inventory, so be sure to come in and browse the forty-plus categories of titles. The Book Sale Room has the largest selection in the area of gently used books, with new titles always being added to the already abundant selection. The Book Sale Room is open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and we can't wait to see you at our fabulous summer sale.

The Friends welcome donations of gently used books and other media throughout the year. Call the library at 518-828-1792 in advance of donating to arrange a drop-off time Tuesdays through Saturdays. Please, no encyclopedias, textbooks, periodicals, technical publications, manuals or books in poor condition.





## Marc Mommaas guest Sheila Jordan

and the musicians | participants of the 2013 Hudson Jazz Workshop.

Location: Hudson Opera House, 327 Warren Street, Hudson, NY. Concert info: (518) 822 1438.

Fee: Adults \$10, free for students



#### For more information: www.hudsonjazzworks.org

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## Jazzworks' 7th Annual Hudson Jazz Workshop Performance

On Sunday, August 11, at 3:30 p.m., the Hudson Opera House hosts the Hudson Jazzworks' 7th Annual Hudson Jazz Workshop Performance featuring Armen Donelian, Marc Mommas, Sheila Jordan along with the participants of the Hudson Jazz Workshop. There will also be a free "Meet the Artists" symposium before the performance at 3 p.m.

The Hudson Jazz Workshop was founded in 2007 by co-directors pianist Armen Donelian and saxophonist Marc Mommaas. HJW participants, many of them working professionals, have been attracted from as far away as Armenia, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Holland, Italy, Japan and Norway to study alongside their counterparts from the Manhattan School of Music, The New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music, William Paterson University and other notable American institutions.

An eclectic musician, Armen Donelian has performed and recorded in 23 countries throughout the world, been a featured solo pianist, leader of his own quintet and trio, and played with Jazz masters including Sonny Rollins, Chet Baker, Billy Harper, Mongo Santamaria, Paquito D'Rivera, Ivo Papasov and Night Ark. A graduate of Columbia University, Armen has received numerous grants and awards, including six Fulbright Awards for work in Armenia, Finland, Sweden, Switzerland and Greece and six Jazz Performance Fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts to present concerts and master classes in New York City. Called "A pianist with a crystalline touch, but a penchant for avant gardism," by the New York Times, Armen Donelian is composer of more than 90 works, and has produced twelve critically acclaimed recordings for the Sunnyside, Playscape, Ödin and Atlas labels.

Saxophonist/Composer Marc Mommaas comes from an artistic background. His mother was an opera singer/pianist and his father a well-known painter in the Dutch art scene. Mommaas studied in Amsterdam and moved to New York City where he received a full scholarship to attend the Manhattan School of Music. His releases have garnered him critical acclaim from Downbeat, Jazztimes, Jazzimprov, All About Jazz and





Above, Armen Donelian and Sheila Jordan. Below Marc Mommaas.



numerous online platforms.

Special Guest Artist/Clinician is the renowned vocalist and NEA Jazz Master, Sheila Jordan. Sheila's deep artistic experience and musical joy are unique. Past guests have included saxophonist David Liebman, pianist Jim McNeely, guitarist Vic Juris and vibraphonist Joe Locke.

Jazz is "America's National Treasure" and a locally underserved art form in the Hudson Valley region. Hudson Jazzworks hopes to raise Jazz awareness locally and throughout the world. The Hudson Jazz Workshop offers a weekend immersion in Jazz performance, improvisation and composition in a focused atmosphere conducive to intensive study and nurturing support. They work primarily through the medium of duo and trio playing and enrollment is limited to ten participants.

These events are made possible in part with public funds granted to Hudson Jazworks. Inc. (www.hudsonjazzworks.org) from the Decentralization Program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered through the Community Arts Grants Program by the Greene County Council on the Arts in partnership with the Columbia County Council on the Arts.

Concert tickets are \$10 adults, \$8 HOH members, free admission for students. For further concert information visit www.hudsonoperahouse.org or call 518-822-1438. For workshop information visit www.hudsonjazzworks.org or call

518-822-1640.

The Hudson Opera House, a multi-arts center and major downtown anchor, is housed in an 1855 building, 327 Warren Street, that was once City Hall.

## White Nights, Northern Lights' brighten Catskill High Peaks Festival

Celebrating "White Nights" of the Russian tradition, two charismatic international performerspianist Vassily Primakov and cellist Yehuda Hanani—join forces to present a program of Russian masters Rachmaninoff, Prokofiev, and Tchaikovsky, in the opening concert of the Catskill High Peaks Festival, a collaboration between Close Encounters With Music and the Catskill Mountain Foundation. The performance is scheduled at the Doctorow Center for the Arts in Hunter, Sunday, August 11 at 2 p.m.

The epic cello/piano sonatas of Rachmaninoff and Prokofiev reflect the same aspects of the Russian character as seen in the great literature — melancholy, mysticism, whimsy, biting humor and torrential Romanticism — as well as the added richness of Western influence from their sojourns in Paris and New York. Tchaikovsky's Seasons for solo piano offers the signature charm and power, and, of course, the inexhaustible reservoir of melody that produced his Nutcracker and Sleeping Beauty. The program provides a sweeping view of late Russian Romanticism and Modernism through the prism of three pillars of the repertoire.

The High Peaks Music Festival

offers a combination of concerts. lectures, film, and master classes. open to the public and featuring distinguished faculty artists and talented young musicians from around the world. Of this year's edition artistic director Yehuda Hanani says, "We are looking forward to ten days of high level performance with seasoned artists as well as young colleagues on the cusp of professional life. Our focus will be Russian and Scandinavian music. Combined with the extraordinary scenery and mountain air that inspired the Hudson River School of painters — as well as immersion in music and literature of the Northern latitudes-Catskill High Peaks Festival: Music With Altitude is the perfect culmination to summer plans for anyone located in the metropolitan NYC or Boston areas, the Berkshires or the Hudson Valley ready to discover new talent, Alpine scenery and great musicmaking.'

The second concert, "Season of the Midnight Sun," August 18 at 2 p.m. at the Orpheum Performing Arts Center, highlights a range of Russian and Nordic composers, including Edvard Grieg (Norway's national composer), Igor Stravinsky, Rachmaninoff and Tchaikovsky. Stravinsky's



Yehuda Hanani

Rite of Spring, which caused nearriots at its first performance in Paris but is now acknowledged as one of the most influential works of the last century, will be played in its dazzling piano version; and Grieg's enchanting songs are featured. The performers include

> Sat • 2pm to 1am Sun • 11am to 9pm

(Inside or at the Outdoor Garden)

Mischa Bouvier, baritone; Michael Chertock, piano; Ara Gregorian, violin and viola; Elmar Oliveira, violin; and Yehuda Hanani.

Based in Great Barrington and in its 22nd year in the Berkshires, Close Encounters has enjoyed col-

laborations with premiere arts organizations across the country, including Jacob's Pillow, Shakespeare and Co., Edith Wharton's The Mount, The Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute, the Detroit Institute of Art, the Phoenix Art Museum, the Center for Fine Arts in Miami, and the Frick Collection in New York City. Catskill High Peaks Festival is the educational arm of CEWM, hosting 40 advanced pianists and string players from around the world. The festival is a joint venture with the Catskill Mountain Foundation, which has helped to re-envigor the Great Northern Catskill area with residencies by the Paul Taylor Company, Catskill Jazz and an array of activities and attractions.

Tickets Purchased Ahead: \$25; \$20 seniors; \$7 students. Tickets Purchased At Door: \$28; \$23 seniors; \$7 students. For information about tickets, free master classes, Stars of Tomorrow concerts and Tea & Talk call 518-263-2063 or visit www.catskillmtn.org.





#### The Stewart House

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# The American premiere of 'Stockholm' opens at Stageworks/Hudson

Stageworks/Hudson continues its 2013 season with the American premiere of "Stockholm" by Tony nominated ("Frozen") Bryony Lavery Friday, August 16. Preview performances are Auguest 14 and 15. "Stockholm" runs Wednesdays through Sundays through September 1 at Stageworks' Max and Lillian Katzman Theater, 41 Cross Street, Hudson.

"Stockholm" features Broadway veteran, Jason Babinsky and newcomer, Emily Gardner Hall. The play is directed by Laura Margolis, artistic director of Stageworks and is choreographed by Jennifer Weber, artistic director of Decadancetheatre.

"We are honored to be producing the American premiere of Bryony Lavery's celebrated play, Stockholm and to have Bryony here with us during our rehearsal period," comments Laura Margolis. "The world premiere of the play was produced by the renowned UK theater company, Frantic Assembly, receiving numerous awards for its brilliant writing and the way in which it weaves theater and dance/movement into a highly compelling journey through two people's lives."

Incorporating theater and movement, "Stockholm" is a visual, physical and poetical exploration of one day in the life of Todd and Kali, an exuberant couple who have, for all appearances, made it. They are emotionally open, sexually charged and their designer home is perfect. It's Todd's birthday and in a few days they leave for vacation in Stockholm. But peel away the flawless surface and underneath are two people held hostage to a cycle of love and destruction from which neither can escape. Immediate, beautifully poetic and intensely physical, Stockholm is a sensual thriller – a lovers' rhapsody that is at once passionate and dangerous.

Talk-backs with the cast, director will occur directly after the performances on August 22 and 29. For ticket information and purchase, call 518-822-9667, or visit www.stageworkshudson.org.

Previews: August 14 and 15. Opening: Friday, August 16. Closing: Sunday, September 1. Wednesday and Thursday performances at 7:30, Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 2 and 8 p.m. Talk-backs with the cast, director will occur directly after the performances on August 22 and 29.

Single ticket prices are: \$18 for preview performances; \$24 for week-days, matinees and Sundays; \$29 for Friday and Saturday evening performances. Discounts available for groups, special rates for students and seniors. For tickets, call 518-822-9667, or visit stageworkshudson.org.

# 'They're Playing Our Song' at The Theater Barn

The Theater Barn, celebrating its 30th Anniversary Season, is pleased to present Neil Simon and Marvin Hamlisch's award-winning musical comedy "They're Playing Our Song," with performances starting on August 8 and running through August 18.

They're Playing Our Song is directed by Theater Barn veteran Director Michael Perreca. Victoria Casella is music director.

A beloved musical comedy of love songs and laughter, "They're Playing Our Song" features a book by Neil Simon, music by Marvin Hamlisch and lyrics by Carole Bayer Sager.

"They're Playing Our Song" is a match made in neurotic heaven, and revolves around the working and personal relationship between a neurotic, funny composer and a quirky lyricist. The musical was inspired by the romantic relationship between Hamlisch and lyricist Carole Bayer Sager.

This multiple Tony-nominated musical is from the award-winning writers behind "The Odd Couple," "The Sunshine Boys," "A Chorus Line" and songs such as "The Way We Were" and "Nobody Does it Better."

The production stars Ryan Halsaver as Vernon Gersch and Caitlin Lester-Sams as Sonia Walsk. Their "alter egos" are played by Katrina Gnatek, Mary McNulty, Kimberly Suskind, Stephanos Bacon, Daniel Dunlow and Sean Riley.

The Theater Barn is located at 654 Route 20, in New Lebanon. Performances are Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. For information and reservations, call 518-794-8989 or visit www.theaterbarn.com.

## Taconic Stage Company presents 'My Brilliant Divorce'

Taconic Stage Company (TSC) is proud to present the play "My Brilliant Divorce" — written by Geraldine Aron, directed by Carl Ritchie and performed by Susan Fullerton — at the beautiful gothic revival church St. John in the Wilderness in Copake Falls, on August 18, 23, 24 and 25. There will be a sneak preview August 17 in honor of Copake Falls Day.



Acclaimed Canadian Actress Susan Fullerton

The play is a hilarious and insightful exploration of what life can be like for a 40-something, suddenly single woman. After Angela's husband has a mid-life crisis and a mid-European fling, she is left alone with the dog. Emotionally bereft and with her self-confidence at an all-time low, Angela slowly, and at times painfully, re-builds her life. Wittily observant, achingly funny and heart-wrenchingly real, Aron's play is brought to life by Fullerton.

Local audiences will remember the Canadian actress for her brittle and witty portrayal of Amanda in "Private Lives" and her sensitive and touching recreation of Emily Dickinson in "The Belle of Amherst.".

The show is produced and directed by Ritchie, who also wrote some of the theater company's popular musicals, including "The Real (Desperate) Housewives of Columbia County" (which had a sold-out run at NYC's West Bank Café earlier this year) and "I Know I Came in Here for Something." Performances of "My Brilliant Divorce" will be held Sunday, August 18 at 3 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, August 23 and 24, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, August 25 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Seniors and students "pay what you can." The free preview performance in honor of Copake Falls Day is Saturday, August 17 at 1:30 p.m. The church is located at 261 Route 344 in Copake. For tickets and information call 518-325-1234, visit www.TaconicStage.com, or email TaconicStage@ aol.com to have your name added to their email list.

## 'The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas' Texas sized laughs and foo

# Texas sized laughs and foot stompin' songs at Mac-Haydn

Everything's bigger in Texas, including the laughs and fun in "The Best Little Whorehouse In Texas!" Kathy Halenda returns to Mac-Haydn to reprise her liveliest, most touching role of Miss Mona, the strict but sensitive boss at The Chicken Ranch. The show runs through 18.

"Twenty Fans are Turnin" as The Chicken Ranch tries to outlast the over-zealous televangelist 'Watchdog' Melvin P. Thorpe (Gabe Belyeu), who is trying to close it down. The long-time pleasure palace is a state institution, frequented by townsfolk, Aggie boys, and some more well-known faces alike.

Kathy Halenda's voice that can caress a ballad and belt out an up-tempo number has helped her win acclaim for her previous portrayal of the madam with a heart of gold. Since last playing the role on the Mac-Haydn stage, she has appeared in a national tour of "Gypsy", and performed her one-woman shows throughout the south.

Gabe Belyeu shows off yet another facet of his versatility with the full-blown comedy of Melvin P. Thorpe; he has been lauded and applauded as Javert in "Les Miserables" and Albin/Zaza in "La Cage Aux Folles" this summer. The Sheriff is a perfect role for Jim Kidd's strong presence; since his last show at Mac-Haydn he has been busy with work for the History Channel and other tv specials.

Michael Coale Grey's comic talent shone as Cosmo Brown in "Singin' In The Rain", and will do so again as the Governor. Ashley Kelly (Jacqueline in La Cage) will show off her strong voice and cute character work as Jewel.

More of the foot-stompin' and tender songs in the



"The Bus from Amarillo" — Miss Mona (Kathy Halenda) and Sheriff Ed Earl Dodd (Jim Kidd) reminisce about how she first came to town.

show include "Good Ol' Girl, The Aggie Stomp" and "Twenty-Four Hours of Lovin." There's plenty of boot-scootin' dancing to go with these, and it all adds up to a Texas-sized good time with "The Best Little Whorehouse In Texas", August 8 to 18.

Performance times are: first week Friday 8 p.m., Saturday 4 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m.; second week: Wednesday 2 p.m., Thursday 2 and 8 p.m., Friday 8 p.m., Saturday 4 and 8 p.m., Sunday 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$29 and \$30 for evening performances, \$28 for all matinee seats, children under 12 with an adult \$12. Discounts are available for groups and senior citizens. Call 518-392-9292 for information and reservations. Visit www.machaydntheatre.org, join our email list or 'Like' us on Facebook for all the latest Mac-Haydn news.

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## Hudson Music Festival

Daytime and Nighttime, in the Nightclubs, Restaurants and Bars, Galleries, Tents up and down Warren Street, at the Riverfront, and in the Parks.



## Performer Profile

## The Grahams

Performance: Saturday, August 10 • 4:00-5:00 pm The Press House Stage at Seventh Street Park

Bio: The Grahams, the creative union of lifelong romantic partners Alyssa and Doug Graham, combine soulful bluegrass with hints of earthy Americana, adding colors from traditional folk and country blues, into an infectious blend of storytelling that results in songs of love, loss, yearning, and the view from rural American roads less traveled.

### Friday-Sunday • August 9-11

The third annual Hudson Music Festival finds itself being New York State's largest free three-day music festival. There will be more than 25 locations throughout Hudson where there will be free music scheduled from Friday, August 9 through Sunday, August 11. Participating this year are more than 100 acts, represented by over 300 musicians.

The festival has an open submission policy for experienced musicians, and they all apply online at the festival's website. Submissions for this year's festival closed in May and festival personnel chose from the more than 225 acts, representing more than 575 musicians from 17 states, South America and Canada.

Festival organizers also work with local business owners and the City of Hudson to create outdoor tented stages that will line Warren Street. This year there are six of these stages; at Seventh Street Park, the Pocket Park next to Mexican Radio, the parking lot at the corner of North Fifth Street and Warren, in the south-side parking lot at 413 Warren Street, in the lot in front of 3FortySeven (347 Warren) and in the parking lot of Ackermans Appliances (217 Warren).

Participating again this year are many of Hudson's restaurants who will host many of the festival musicians. Helsinki Hudson, known worldwide as a special music venue and restaurant, will host a special Festival Showcase Friday evening, August 9 on their indoor Club stage and on a Courtyard stage. Scheduled to perform on both stages will be about 15 acts starting at 5 p.m. and continuing till midnight, this will be a festival fundraiser event. Club Helsinki will resume Saturday evening with their regular schedule, with a performance by Chuck Prophet.

There are also more organizations from outside Hudson that are participating this year. Did you know there's a Hudson located in Quebec, Canada? Yes there is, and they



From Kingston will be representatives from the O+ Festival. The O+ Festival, a Kingston-based three-day music and art festival that exchanges the Art of Medicine for the Medicine of Art, is excited to be taking part in the Hudson Music Festival this year. Stationed in a tent across from the Hudson Opera House at the PARC Park on Warren Street, they'll have some of their merchandise on hand, and will be talking about its grassroots, band-aid solution to inaccessible healthcare for the creative community. If you feel like getting some relaxation while at the festival, you can join them for their popular gong bath meditation sessions that will be led by yoga instructor Jamie Leigh Reilly on Saturday, August 10 at 2, 4, and 6 p.m.; and Sunday, August 11 at 1 and 3 p.m. The O+ festival is October 11-13, 2013.

In Hudson's Seventh Street Park there will be a tented stage hosted by The Press House, a NYC based music and media public relations firm. They will be bringing with them to Hudson some of the many talented artists they represent with music scheduled Friday, August 9 5-9 p.m., Saturday, August 10 12-9 p.m and Sunday, August 11 12-5 p.m.

Festival-goers can download the Hudson Music Festival mobile app, free for users of iPhones and Androids. Full up to the moment schedule, list of artists, venues, with additional information about the festival and the City of Hudson.

The Hudson Black Arts & Cultural also takes place in Hudson on both Saturday and Sunday. Saturday's festivities begin on Saturday with a 2 p.m. parade down Warren Street, starting at the Seventh Street park, continuing down Warren Street, and ending at the Henry Hudson Riverfront Park. Here there will be food vendors, an art tent, games for children, and plenty of entertainment. See page 11 for more details.

This is a rain or shine event. All festival events are free, but check the festival schedule online and mobile app for further information. Visit www.hudsonmusicfest.com.





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**Hudson Music Festival** 

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## Schedule

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### Friday, August 9

5:00pm - 6:00pm

**Hudson Band Camp** 

Helsinki Hudson — Stage

5:00pm - 6:00pm

**Chuck Wagon** 

Alley Park

5:00pm - 6:00pm

MR Funky Pants

3FortySeven

6:30pm **A Viberatto** 

Press House Tent

5:00pm - 6:00pm

to be announced

Fifth and Warren Stage

5:00pm - 6:00pm

The Cupcakes

400 Block Stage

5:30pm - 6:00pm

**Agron Martin** 

Helsinki Hudson — Courtyard

6:00pm - 7:00pm

The Levins

400 Block Stage

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Caprice Rouge

3FortySeven

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Peter Sando/Gandalf

Alley Park

6:00pm - 6:30pm

**Caitlin Marie Bell** 

Helsinki Hudson — Courtyard

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Helsinki Main Stage **TBA** 

Helsinki Hudson — Stage

6:00pm - 7:00pm

to be announced

Fifth and Warren Stage

6:00pm - 8:00pm

to be announced

Ca'mea Ristorante

6:30pm - 8:00pm

to be announced Press House Tent

6:30pm - 7:00pm

Amanda Penecale

Helsinki Hudson — Courtvard

7:00pm - 8:00pm

The Hayrollers

Fifth and Warren Stage

7:00pm - 8:00pm

**Beniamin Lawrence** Allev Park

7:00pm - 7:30pm

Adela & Jude Helsinki Hudson — Courtyard

7:00pm - 8:00pm

The Livina

Helsinki Hudson - Stage

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Rozsa

3FortySeven

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Stefan Jesse

400 Block Stage

7:00pm - 9:00pm

A Fairy's Tail

Montgomery C Smith Intermediate School

7:00pm - 11:00pm

The Brian **Dougherty Band** Spirit of Hudson Cruise

7:30pm • \$10

7:30pm - 8:00pm

**Danny Whitecotton** 

Helsinki Hudson — Courtyard

8:00pm - 9:00pm

**Ed Romanoff** 

Press House Tent

8:00pm - 8:30pmTor & the Fjords

Helsinki Hudson - Courtvard

8:00pm - 9:30pm

The Hallertau Band

Fifth and Warren Stage

8:00pm - 9:00pm

**Happy Jawbone Family Band** 

The Spotty Dog Books and Ale • \$5

8:00pm - 9:00pm

**Saul Conrad** 400 Block Stage

8:00pm - 9:00pm

The Franklin Electric

Helsinki Hudson - Stage

8:00pm - 9:30pmStockade Kids

3FortySeven

8:00pm - 9:00pm

to be announced

Alley Park

8:00pm - 10:00pm

to be announced Red Dot Restaurant and Bar

8:30pm - 10:00pm**Anthony Fallacaro** 

American Glory Restaurant 8:30pm - 9:00pm

Peter Scott from Canada's Hudson

**Music Fest** Helsinki Hudson — Courtyard

9:00pm - 10:00pm

Rick Rourke & Lost Wages

Helsinki Hudson - Stage

9:00pm - 9:30pm

Mr. Roper

Helsinki Hudson — Courtyard

9:30pm - 10:00pm

Peter Sando/Gandalf

Helsinki Hudson — Courtyard

10:00pm - 11:00pm **Chris & Lolly** 

Helsinki Hudson - Stage

10:00pm - 10:30pm

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10:00pm - 1:30am**ILL Funk Ensemble** 

WunderBar and Bistro 10:00pm - 1:00qm

Michael Louis

American Glory Restaurant

10:00pm - 1:00am

to be announced

The Half Moon

10:30pm - 11:00pm

courtvard music continues

Helsinki Hudson — Courtvard

### Saturday, August 10

12:00pm - 1:00pm

**Everything Belle** Fifth and Warren Stage

12:30pm

**Eddie James** 

200 Block Stage

12:00pm - 1:00pm

**Bridgette Guerrette** Alley Park

12:00pm - 2:00pm

The Franklin Electric 3FortySeven

12:00pm - 1:30pm

**Vicious Jimmy** Press House Tent

12:00pm - 1:00pm

The Jazz Illusion from Canada's **Hudson Music Fest** 

400 Block Stage

12:30pm - 1:00pm

Zerena 200 Block Stage

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Josh Max and the Smash And Grab Band

Fifth and Warren Stage

1:00pm - 2:00pm

**Peter Scott from** Canada's Hudson **Music Fest** 

Alley Park

1:00pm - 2:00pm to be announced 400 Block Stage

1:00pm - 2:00pm

to be announced 200 Block Stage

1:30pm - 2:00pm

Parade line up for the **Hudson Black Arts and Cultural Festival** 

Press House Tent

1:30pm - 3:30pm

**Bridgette Guerrette** American Glory Restaurant

2:00pm - 3:00pm

**Eric Frisch** 

Press House Tent

2:00pm - 3:15pm

International Parade Featuring the Hudson **Music Festival New** Orleans Youth Band

Henry Hudson Riverfront Park part of the Hudson Black Arts & Cultural Festival

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Ryan Kane Alley Park

2:00pm - 3:00pm

The Matchstick Architects Fifth and Warren Stage

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Adela & Jude 400 Block Stage

2:00pm - 3:30pm

PP Junior's Delta Trio 200 Block Stage

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Pony in the Pancake 3FortySeven

2:00pm - 8:00pm

O+ Festival Parc Park

2:00pm - 3:30pm

The Warp/The Weft Musica

3:00pm - 4:00pm

**Playing With Sound** 400 Block Stage

3:00pm - 4:00pm

John Brodeur Alley Park

3:00pm - 4:00pm

to be announced 3FortySeven

3:00pm - 4:15pm

The Last Conspirators Fifth and Warren Stage

3:15pm - 4:30pm

Welcome, Opening, **Bindlestiff Youth** Stilt Walkers, **Aerial Artists & Clowns** 

Henry Hudson Riverfront Park. Part of the Hudson Black Arts & Cultural Festival

3:30pm - 5:00pm

**Oobleck** 

200 Block Stage

4:00pm - 5:00pmThe Grahams

Press House Tent

4:00pm - 5:00pm

**Ben Enalo** Alley Park

4:00pm - 5:30pm

The Carl Mateo Group 3FortySeven

4:00pm - 5:00pm

**Loni Pont** 400 Block Stage

4:00pm - 5:30pm

Caitlin Marie Bell

American Glory Restaurant

4:00pm - 5:30pm

**GreenHillBuilders** BCB Art

4:15pm - 5:30pm

**Coyote Love** 

Fifth and Warren Stage

4:30pm - 6:30pm

**Community Talent Show** 

Henry Hudson Riverfront Park. Part of the Hudson Black Arts & Cultural Festival

5:00pm - 6:00pm

**Rachel Ann Weiss** 

Press House Tent

5:00pm — 6:00pm

Lara Hope & The Ark-Tones 200 Block Stage

5:00pm - 6:00pm

**Nightmare River Band** 400 Block Stage

5:00pm - 6:00pm

Robin O'Herin & Stefanie Weber

Alley Park

5:30pm - 7:00pm

**Chris & Lolly** 3FortySeven

5:30pm - 7:00pm

Accents

Fifth and Warren Stage

5:30pm - 7:00pm

PP Junior's Delta Trio American Glory Restaurant

6:00pm - 7:00pm

to be arranged

Press House Tent

6:00pm - 7:00pm Rick Rocker

200 Block Stage

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Performer Profiles



On The Scene

## Amanda Penecale

Performance: Friday, August 9 6:30-7:00 pm Helsinki Courtyard

Bio: Originally from Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Amanda is a singer songwriter who now calls the Storm King Mountain her home. Nestled in the Hudson Valley, she writes songs, connects with those around her, and carries around far too many sketchbooks. Her live performances are intimate and allow the listeners to connect to the stories traveling through each song. The guitar is her main instrument, but Amanda also plays harmonica, ukulele, and piano. While she often prefers a pure clear sound, don't be surprised by some twangy belting now and again.

## The Franklin Electric

Performance: Friday, August 9 8:00-9:00 pm Club Helsinki Stage

Performance: Saturday, August 10 Noon-2:00 pm Stage in front of 3FortySeven

Bio: With distinct brass and vocals, Montreal-based music collective The Franklin Electric carries a wellversed blend of folk and pop. Since most members of the group have similar college and university music backgrounds, the bands versatility allows them to switch and rearrange the songs to fit different instrumentations, which they find challenging and fun.







### The Hallertau Band

Performance: Friday, August 9 8:00-9:30 pm Stage at Fifth & Warren

Bio: It is hard to imagine 2 different generations of people getting together and creating a sound that has the mature musicianship of seasoned veterans and the energy of contemporary artists. Hallertau has the versatility to please folks looking for the greatest hits of rock and roll from the 60s, 70's (Stones, Allmans, Dead etc..) to artists still on the charts such as Dave Matthews and Phish. In the appropriate setting, the band covertly mixes in original music that fuses the generations into one cohesive sound.

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Free performances at 7 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunsdy, August 9, 10 and 11 at the Hudson Intermediate School.

This event is made possible with public funds from the Decentralization program of the NYS COuncil on the Arts, administered in Columbia County by the Greene County Council on the Arts through Community Arts Grants Fund. Additional help from the Hudson Area Library. Additional support from the Hudson Opera House & Hudson city Schools

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# A Fairy's Tail The Marvelous Adventure in a Land of Wonder & Mystery



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Gaia Roots World Music

## Hudson Black Arts and Cultural Festival and Parade

Saturday and Sunday, August 10 and 11, Operation Unite, New York will present the Annual Hudson Black Arts and Cultural Festival and Parade. A festive international parade kicks off the event traveling down Warren Street at 2 p.m. and ending at the Henry Hudson River Front Park. Parade participants dressed for the International celebrations are welcome. The parade marchers include the Hudson Skywalkers, coached by Stephanie Monseu and Keith Nelson and the Native American Spirit Marchers of Dutchess County.

The festival opens with aerial artist Veronica Blair, star of the UniverSoul Circus, Make-a-Circus, and Afrika! Afrika!, Germany's most popular new circus. An aerialist of elegance and true excellence, Veronica Blair has studied with some of the most celebrated and prominent artists in her field. From greats LaNorma Fox and Pamela Hernandez, who bears the distinction of being the very first African-American aerialist to perform with Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus; to the renowned "God Father of the Tissu" Gerard Fasoli of Ecole Supérieure des Arts du

Cirque, Belgium.

Art Under the Big White Tent is curated by Mary Udell. Mary promises a wonderful exhibit of International artists such as Kico Govantes- Cuba, Ramon Lascano - Argentina, Johnathan Osofsky- Russia and many more including a very special exhibit of small works on paper by students from the four Hudson Schools.

The Annual Community Talent Show welcomes back Carlos Osorio and Gabrielle Munson with dances from Columbia. Debuting in Hudson at the Gazebo are Felix and Zorkie Nelson, natives of Ghana, now living in Schenectady. This father and son duo will provide performance and audience participation. Kuumba Dance and Drum will present African, Hip Hop and contemporary dance with students from the combined Hip Hop classes at the Hudson Opera House and Women's Health Project.

There will be plenty of fun and games with a world class clown trio and physical comedians Joshus Schack, Joy Powers and John Stork. Come enjoy their charming





By Robert Caldwell

For Columbia-Greene Media

I'm...um... Back. I was away from Hudson: pretty far away and looking at music scene in some exotic places, wondering if there was some advice I could give this Hudson as far as enlisting, presenting, attending and compensating musical performers and venues. But you guys seemed to be able to hold your own in my

absence. Thanks. Kudos. It's taken me a while to absorb what happened in July and what's going to happen in August but I think I finally have a handle on it. So right after this sentence we will

have my take

on the up and coming week or so. The Hudson Music Festival thing is kicking off on Friday. There will be scads of performers performing, singers singing, musicians strumming or pushing buttons on boxes or blowing into things or whatever and there's going to be a lot of them roaming around and standing still, out and around Warren Street and its peripheries. Probably over one hundred musicians is my guess and they'll be trading places at thirty or so venues official and non-official playing music you like, music you don't like, American music, Latin and blues, rock and pop, exotic and mundane. If you're not thrilled by what you hear, don't worry, you can walk thirty feet and try something else. Here's where I warn you - It's going to take a little experimenting since a lot of the names are unfamiliar, so I'll let you know about some acts I'm familiar with, but for most of this marathon you guys are on your own.

Lessee here... Hudson's friends and neighbors the good people from Bindlestiff Family Cirkus will be curating trapeze, stilt walking, acrobatics, juggling and other mayhem down at the Henry Hudson Riverfront Park on Saturday afternoon. My friend Mirko Gabler returns with his Eastern European/Klezmer band Rosza on the 300 block Friday evening. Helsinki Hudson is of course well represented throughout the week end music in their club and al

fresco in their courtvard. I'm especially excited about the return of Chris and Lolly Swicegood from Texas. Not too long ago, they were mainstays of the Hudson music scene and will be strutting new and old material out

on the Helsinki stage Friday night August 9 (tonight I guess that would be if this is Friday's paper).

Mr. Funkypants, Chatham NY's premiere exponent of Funkypants type music will start the whole festival off on Friday afternoon 5 p.m. on the Funky 300 Pants block. If your dancing shoes aren't yet worn out after that set there will be a swing dance event at Helsinki later in the evening featuring Blue Ribbon Boys and the wonderful Julie Gottlieb singing. I think that will be in the ballroom of the Helsinki club because the schedule shows that there is a bunch of other music going on all night long in the courtyard and the club at Helsinki.

Saturday is another story and there are choices to be made here. In John Sayles' movie "Brother from Another Planet" the alien protagonist was able to pull his eye out of its socket place it on a door stoop and come back later and be able to see everything that happened in the interim. I'd like to do something like that on Saturday with ears or maybe a device that could let me experience two or three things at once. Here's the predicament — starting with Sat-

urday afternoon — and keep in mind some of these things are Hudson Music Festival sanctioned and some just happen to be typical Hudson City occurrences.

- Parade for the Black Arts and Cultural Festival
- International Parade New Orleans Youth Band (Riverfront Park)
- The Warp/The Weft (Shane Murphy's excellent Psychedelic Folk Rock project on the Musica Patio)
- The aforementioned Bindlestiffs (Riverfront Park)
- Andrea Tomasi at The Spotty Dog on Warren Street 400 block
- Johanna Warren at The Spotty Dog on Warren Street 400 block

I love Andrea's singing. I love Johanna's singing. They have both been local girls. They both write beautiful songs. Thank you Spotty Dog for having the vision to pair them Saturday evening.

Not only that but the area's



Chris and Lolly Swicegood from Texas will be at Helsinki Friday, August 9.

most unique performance artist, Chatham's Heather Fisch is presenting an original live theater show about three vaudeville performers from the 1920 called La Belle Epoque at the Mahaiwe Theater in Great Barrington, Mass. the same evening. This performance features Ms. Fisch as well as Hudson's premiere fiddling composer Jonathan Talbot and also prodigal Hudsonite Evan Levine.

Wait... there's more – Helsinki Hudson will have the legendary Chuck Prophet performing with Sarah Borges opening that same night.

Then we go to sleep and get up bright and early Sunday in order

to see some of the twenty five bands available for your listening pleasure, including Hudson's busking matron Marilyn Miller on the 400 block stage and The Richie Hallenbeck Band. Mr. Hallenbeck (yes, he is the mayors cousin) is the most prolific and revered embodiment of rock and roll Columbia County has ever known. They will appear on the Musica Patio. Their set will feature old-time rock and roll from Eddie Cochran to Buck Owens.

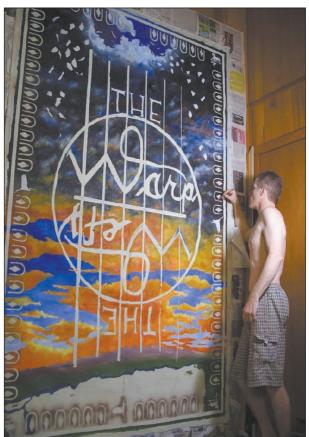
And of course there will be dozens of other acts to choose from.

But too many to mention. So I didn't.



The Spotty Dog hosts Johanna Warren (inset) and, Andrea Tomasi (above). At Rigth, The Warp/The Weft, on the Musica Patio. Below, La Belle Epoque perform at Mahaiwe Theater in Great Barrington, MA.







8:00pm - 9:30pm

200 Block Stage

8:00pm - 9:30pm

400 Block Stage

Half Waif

8:00pm - 10:00pm

8:00pm - 11:00pm

Spirit of Hudson Cruise

8:30pm - 10:00pm

8:30pm - 11:55pm

10:00pm - 1:00am

10:00pm - 1:00am

WunderBar and Bistro

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Zan Strumfeld

12:00pm - 1:00pm

400 Block Stage

12:00pm - 1:00pm

**Doctor Magnum** 

Alley Park

to be announced

Sunday, August 11

The Half Moon

**Brigade** 

3FortySeven

to be announced

Red Dot Restaurant and Bar

**Anthony Michael** 

The Lucky Jukebox

The Brothers Flynn

American Glory Restaurant

to be announced

8:00pm - 10:00pm

Andrea Tomasi +

Johanna Warren +

The Spotty Dog Books and Ale

Group

The Steve Mulvaney

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6:00pm—7:00pm **Justin Tracv** 

Alley Park

6:00pm — 7:00pm

Holly & Evan 400 Block Stage

6:00pm - 8:00pm

to be announced

Ca'mea Ristorante

6:30pm — 7:30pm Gaia Roots Afro Fusion, Youth Games

Henry Hudson Riverfront Park. Part of the Hudson Black Arts & Cultural Festival

7:00pm - 8:00pm

**Ariana & The Rose** 

Press House Tent

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Eric Contractor Alley Park

7:00pm — 8:00pm

The Habit

200 Block Stage

7:00pm - 8:00pm

**Abby Lappen Infusion** 400 Block Stage

7:00pm — 8:30pm

Electric Rubyfish
Fifth and Warren Stage

7:00pm — 8:30pm

C.B. Smith &
The Lucky Devils

3FortySeven

7:00pm — 9:00pm

A Fairy's Tail

Montgomery C. Smith Intermediate School

7:30pm - 9:30pm

& Cultural Festival

8:00pm - 9:00pm

Phillip Noss

8:00pm - 9:00pm

Jon Sandler

Press House Tent

Allev Park

Mambo Dragon Jazz Quartette

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Press House Tent

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12:00pm — 2:00pm **D-Squared Blue** 

**D-Squared Blues Band** 3FortySeven

12:00pm — 1:15pm **Todd Nelson's TN3** 

200 Block Stage

12:00pm - 1:30pm

The North and South Dakotas

Fifth and Warren Stage

1:00pm — 2:00pm

Paul Edelman
Press House Tent

1:00pm — 2:00pm

M.R. Poulopoulos 400 Block Stage

1:00pm — 5:00pm

O+ Festival
Parc Park

1:00pm - 2:00pm

to be announced Alley Park

1:15pm — 2:30pm

Days of Rain 200 Block Stage

1:30pm - 2:30pm

The Como Brothers Band Fifth and Warren Stage

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1:30pm — 2:30pm **Zan Strumfeld** 

American Glory Restaurant

2:00pm — 3:00pm **The Lazy Suns**3FortySeven

2:00pm — 3:00pm

Marilyn Miller 400 Block Stage

2:00pm - 3:00pm

The Kristina Koller Band Alley Park

2:30pm — 4:00pm

Mammal Dap

Fifth and Warren Stage

2:30pm — 4:00pm **The Brighton Beat** 200 Block Stage

3:00pm — 5:00pm

Gospel Festival
Henry Hudson Riverfront Park.

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3:00pm — 4:00pm

Richie Hallenbeck

Musica



3:00pm — 6:00pm

Jazz at the Opera House

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3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Emily Danger Press House Tent

3:00pm - 4:30pm

to be announced 3FortySeven

3:00pm - 5:00pm

M.R. Poulopoulos American Glory Restaurant

3:00pm - 4:00pm

to be announced 400 Block Stage

3:00pm — 4:00pm

Frances Morris Alley Park

4:00pm — 5:00pm

Casey Shea Press House Tent

4:00pm - 5:30pm

The Dan Sheehan Conspiracy

Fifth and Warren Stage

5:00pm — 6:00pm **Dave Doobinin** 

Press House Tent

5:00pm - 7:00pm Sunset Service

Henry Hudson Riverfront Park. Part of the Hudson Black Arts & Cultural Festival

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Mike Herman

American Glory Restaurant

7:00pm — 9:00pm **A Fairy's Tail** 

Montgomery C Smith Intermediate School

## Performer Profiles

## Rick Rourke & Lost Wages



Performance: Friday, August 9 9:00-10:00 pm Club Helsinki Stage

Bio: Born in Troy, NY, Rick grew up in a large family close to where the Hudson River meets the Mohawk in upstate New York. After hearing the Animals and Bob Dylan he taught himself guitar and harmonica. Seeking out the roots of these artists Rick developed a love for Blues, Folk and Jazz that inspires his work today.

### John Brodeur

Performance: Saturday, August 10 3:00-4:00 pm Pocket Park Stage at 539 Warren Street

Bio: Since announcing his arrival with 2001's Tiger Pop, indie-pop troubadour John Brodeur has released a series of critically praised solo LPs, fronted two beloved power-pop bands (The



Suggestions and Maggie Mayday), and toured the nation extensively as both a solo artist and as a member of bands like the Morning After Girls, Soren Well, and Hector on Stilts. Following a successful campaign to fund a reissue/re-recording of his debut LP, Brodeur again teamed with Pledge Music to bring his latest collection, Little Hopes, to life.



## Rachel Ann Weiss

Performance: Saturday, August 10 5:00-6:00 pm The Press House Stage at Seventh Street Park

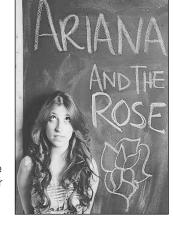
Bio: Born and raised in NYC, I have been singing for as long as I can remember. I first picked up a guitar (my dad's, a gorgeous red sunburst, single cut away Brian Moore) in high school, mostly because I thought it looked cool, and after learning my first song ("The Way" by Fastball... because it's awesome) I never looked back. I've been playing and writing songs ever since, both in bands and as a solo artist.

## Ariana and The Rose

Performance: Saturday, August 10 7:00-8:00 pm

The Press House Stage Seventh Street Park

Bio: "Do you want to be behind the piano, or do you want to be in a latex bodysuit in a cage?" Ariana DiLorenzo, an artist carving out her niche in the music industry, found the question, posed to her by a friend, perplexing and reductive. DiLorenzo's first challenge was to put together a strong five-piece band, the members of which now comprise Ariana & the Rose, a nod to her grandmother and the other women in her family—"everyone's middle name is Rose."



### **Eric Contractor**

Performance: Saturday, August 10 7:00-8:00 pm Pocket Park Stage at 539 Warren Street

Bio: To describe Eric Contractor as a singer-songwriter in the traditional, guitar-slinging sense is not sufficient to portray the richness and originality of his music. It all begins with his singular, powerful, baritone voice that evokes ancient mysticism, retro rock crooners of yore (think Roy Orbison,



Scott Walker, Chris Isaak, and Jim Morrison), and is woven into a highly modern, art rock context. Once you add in Eric's poetic lyrics, modern instrumentation, near-operatic theatricality, soulful phrasings, and a striking harmonic sensibility, you've got a whole new "bitches brew".



## The Lucky Jukebox Brigade

Performance: Saturday, August 10 8:30-10:00 pm Stage in front of 3FortySeven

Bio: The Lucky Jukebox Brigade was formed in October 2010 from a hopeful craigslist ad. Since then, it has grown into a rock and roll circus, storming Albany's local music scene and beyond with original music and Vaudevillian antics. The seven-piece ensemble engages an eclectic crew of instruments including bass, drums, viola and violin, a 3 piece horn section, a second drumkit featuring djembe, conga, guira and more, fronted by Deanna DeLuke and her baritone ukulele.

## **Doctor Magnum**

Performance: Sunday, August 11 Noon-1:00 pm Stage at 413 Warren Street

Bio: Doctor Magnum is an instrumental band focusing on a variety of different genres including funk, rock, hip-hop, R&B and soul. The group specializes in playing energetic, danceable grooves while exploring interesting melodic and harmonic song forms and improvisations.



## **Emily Danger Band**

Performance: Sunday, August 11 • 3:00-4:00 pm The Press House Stage at Seventh Street Park



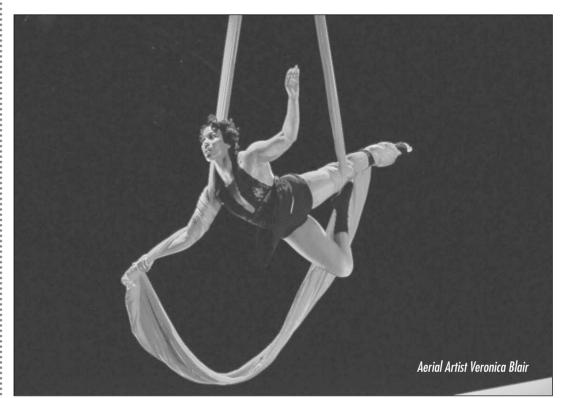
Bio: Emily Danger is a dark cabaret rock band from Brooklyn. The band consists of Emily Nicholas (vocals, piano, guitar), Ryan Nearhoff (vocals, drums, guitar), Cameron Orr (violin, melodica, synth), and Coyote Anderson (bass). They combine haunting melodies and vulnerable lyrics with orchestral, heavy, and often dissonant arrange-

### Como Brothers Band

Performance: Sunday, August 11 1:30-2:30 pm Stage at Fifth & Warren

Bio: Songwriting is our primary focus. For us, writing songs is a daily obsession. We want to write songs that are original, creative, and have integrity. The Como Brothers Band brings an energy, excitement, and originality to the stage that leaves fans wanting more and more of them.





## **Hudson Black Arts and Cultural Festival**

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antics as they flip, invert, fumble and tumble across the stage. Face Painting with Christina Bolt will be under the Youth Tent along with a series of International crafts and prizes.

Saturday's headliners are Gaia Roots World Music and Mambo Dragon Jazz Ensemble. Gaia Roots is a unique, inspirational and educational performance that blends traditional, folkloric drumming and singing with original creations and arrangements. This interactive concert features music from the Caribbean, West Africa and around the world, soaring vocal harmonies in multiple languages, intricate percussion and drum rhythms accompanied by traditional dance movements. The Mambo Dragon Jazz Ensemble marries vibrant Afro-Caribbean rhythms with the smooth elegance jazz harmonies and improvisational flare. Their song lists offers sophisticated interpretations of classic Son-Montunos to songs written during the hey day Cubop era. Mambo Dragon Jazz Ensemble's music will spark a jazz lover's irresistible urge to tap their feet and snap

their fingers, while reawakening the memories of hot nights in cool cabarets for Latin jazz enthusi-

Sleep in late, and then join us on Sunday for the First Annual Gospel Festival at 3 p.m. The Mount Taber Choir of Catskill and Shiloh Baptist Choir of Hudson will represent Columbia and Greene Counties followed by the Lois A. Mosley Choir from Rossville A.M.E. Zion Church of Staten Island. At 5 p.m. The Annual Sunset Service begins with a message and gospel selections from the Albany District Chorale. This truly is a wonderful way to end the weekend in Hudson.

The Hudson Black Arts and Cultural Festival is presented by Operation Unite, New York and community volunteers. Sponsors include the City of Hudson, Hudson Opera House, Hudson Rotary, Columbia County Tourism, Galvan Foundation, Hover Foundation, NYSCA, and media sponsors WGXC, Oldies 98.5 and Martin Audio Video Services. For more information on the festival or parade call: 518-828-3612.



## August 10-11, 2013 Sat-Sun





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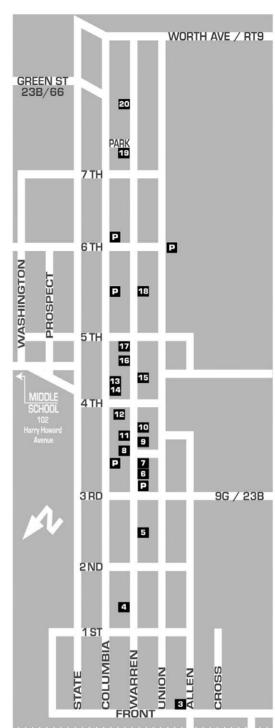












1 SPIRIT OF HUDSON CRUISE

Water Street

2 HUDSON BLACK ARTS & CULTURAL FESTIVAL TENT Henry Hudson Riverfront Park

THE HALF MOON 44/48 South Front Street

BCB ART 116 Warren Street

5 200 BLOCK STAGE 215 Warren Street

6 RED DOT RESTAURANT & BAR 321 Warren Street

7 HUDSON OPERA HOUSE 327 Warren Street

8 PARC PARK 324 Warren Street

9 CA'MEA RISTORANTE 333 Warren Street

10 300 BLOCK STAGE in front of 3FortySeven 347 Warren Street

11 AMERICAN GLORY RESTAURANT 342 Warren Street

12 MUSICA 17 North 4th Street

13 CLUB HELSINKI STAGE 405 Columbia Street

14 CLUB HELSINKI

COURTYARD 405 Columbia Street

15 400 BLOCK STAGE

16 THE SPOTTY DOG BOOKS & ALE 440 Warren Street

17 FIFTH & WARREN STAGE 454 Warren Street

18 POCKET PARK 539 Warren Street

19 THE PRESS HOUSE STAGE 7th Street Park

20 WUNDERBAR AND BISTRO 744 Warren Street

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#### Android:

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## Two Exhibitions at the GCCA Catskill Gallery

## The Grace Project, Solo Show by Charise Isis and Cancer Journeys: Expressions of Hope and Transformation, Group Show

The Greene County Council on the Arts is excited to announce the debut exhibition of "Grace", a solo show by Charise Isis unveiling her ongoing series of portraits that capture the courage, beauty and grace of women who have experienced mastectomy surgery in order to survive breast cancer. This exhibit opens in concert with "Cancer Journeys", an unjuried group show with work in all media by cancer survivors, care givers and healers. Working with the Cancer Services Program of Columbia & Greene Counties Health Care Consortium, the gallery will host a resource table with information on area services and professionals to help patients and families affected by cancer. Meet the artists at an opening reception on Saturday, August 10 from 5-7 p.m. at the GCCA Catskill Gallery, 398 Main Street. "Grace" is a continuation of



Charise Isis, "Eponina", Grace Project, life-size photographic portraits on silk.

Isis' ongoing exploration into women, body image and our perception of beauty within contemporary culture. The portraits are presented as digital prints on translucent silk in a feminine display of delicate lifesize banners. She uses Hellenic sculpture as a visual reference for these portraits, taking inspiration from artifacts such as the "Venus De Milo" and "Nike of Samathrace". These sculptures have survived the trauma of history and in the process have become dismembered, and vet we still view them as ultimate symbols of beauty. Her subjects are also survivors and through the trauma of breast cancer have also lost body parts. The project's process and presentation allows both subject and viewer to access a place of acceptance and beauty.

As part of this exhibition, Isis is offering free portrait sessions to enlarge the series and demonstrate the transformational power of re-envisioning one's self. Her subjects are women of all ages, sizes and skin

colors, in the studio, the garden and their living rooms, draped in poses inspired by classical sculpture. The New York Foundation for the Arts has agreed to provide a fiscal sponsorship for the Grace project so that supporters can make tax-deductable donations advancing the project's reach. Visit www.graceproject.net.

Known for her insider point-of-view in the series and book, "American Stripper", Isis has been working in photography for only 8 years experiencing lightening success both nationally and internationally with solo exhibits at New York City's Michael Masseo Gallery, the Griffin Museum of Photography in Winchester, MA and the Center for Photography in Woodstock. Other projects include Hudson Valley of the Dolls, an exploration into the beauty, creativity and humanity of our region's drag queens through documentary performance portraits. Her work has been featured in publications such as Photography Quarterly Magazine, Profifoto Magazine, and on the international photography website, Zone Zero with work included in the collection of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; The CPW Collection at the Samuel Dorsky Museum, New Paltz; and The Photographers Network Collection in Seigen, Germany. Her commercial Boudoir and Pin-Up Portraits have been spotlighted on NBC national television. Isis' work challenges society's impossible standards of beauty allowing women of all ages, and body types and in varying transitional phases of life to express their sensuality and beauty.

The GCCA Catskill Gallery hours are Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 12 to 5 p.m., on view through November 2.



# In The SCENE calendar listings

# Special £vents

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

Farm, Food and Music Festival — 4 to 7:30 p.m. Country Farmers' Market with locally-farmed products and crafts, dinner fare, and local music. Information at 537-6622 or www.friendsofclermont.org . Clermont State Historic Site, 400 Woods Road. Germantown.

**TGIF Cruise** with live music from The Brian Dougherty Band. Information and reservations at 822-1014. 7:30-11 p.m. One hour cruise, then dockside until 11 p.m. City dock behind the gazebo, Water Street, Henry Hudson Riverfront Park, over the bridge at Front & Allen Streets.

#### FRIDAY-SATURDAY, AUGUST 9-10

Third Annual Super Summer Kids Book Sale — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.Great summer book finds at sale prices to encourage summer reading. Includes books for young adults. In addition, all hardcover fiction, paperbacks, and movies for adults offered in a buy-one-get-one-free deal. Sponsored by the Friends of the Hudson



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#### The Big Up - Music and Arts Festival.

Camping event features more than 70 musical acts including funk, rock, disco, blues, jam and livetronica artists on three stages. The transformative weekend also offers 8+ hours of workshops and activities each day. Information at 672-4041 or www.thebigup.com. Hemlock Hollow Farm, Claverack, access via Route 11 (Martindale Road).

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

Hudson Farmers' Market – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Representatives from the Hudson River Boat Eleanor restoration effort will be on hand to answer your questions. To find out what's available at the market, to view the calendar of events, or to sign up for a weekly e-newsletter, go to www.hudsonfarmersmarket@yahoo.co m. Every Saturday through November. Lot at the corner of Sixth and Columbia Streets.

#### SATURDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 10-11

Annual Hudson Black Arts & Cultural Festival - Starts at 2 p.m. on Saturday with an International Parade from Seventh Street down Warren Street to Henry Hudson Riverfront Park, featuring students from this summer's Helsinki Band Camp. Waterfront Festival begins at 3:15 p.m. with Bindlestiff Family Cirkus performers, including international aerial artist Veronica Blair, Community Talent Spotlight featuring local and regional entertainment at 4:30, Wild Rose Belly Dance Troupe at 6 p.m., Mambo Dragon Jazz Quartette at 7:30 p.m. Sunday features a Gospel Festival at 3 p.m., with Lois A. Mosley Choir of Rossville

## Kozel's Restaurant

#### <u>Weekend Specials</u>

- Roast Duck
- Battered Haddock
- Soft Shell Crabs

Sunday Specials \$13.00

- Roast Beef
- Broiled Tilapia
- Chicken Parmesan

**Sunday Special Includes** 

Dessert & Coffee Rt. 9H 828-3326 Ghent AME Zion Church and at Sunset Service beginning at 5 p.m. Information at 828-3612. Henry Hudson Riverfront Park, Water Street, over the bridge at Front & Allen Street. See page 11.

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 12

Thomas Cole National Historic Site will unveil the last of nine medallion installations created for the Hudson River School of Art Trail. 1 p.m. The medallion is installed on Promenade Hill, at the site where Sanford Gifford created his view of Mount Merino and the Catskills. Hikers may create a pencil rubbing of the medallion to be placed in an Art Trail Passport notebook. The mobile website, www.hudsonriverschool.org, enables people to compare the painted and the actual views on the trail. Information at www.ThomasCole.org. Promenade Hill, top of the steps at the foot of

# Tours Treks

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

**Hudson-Athens Lighthouse Preservation** Society Lighthouse Tours - Join HALPS as it hosts visits to the eight room Hudson-Athens Lighthouse that is listed on theNational Historic Tours depart from Henry Hudson Riverfront Park in Hudson at 11, 12, 1 and 2. Tours depart from the Athens Village River Front Park at 11:30, 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30. Reservations are suggested and can be made by calling Hudson Cruises at 518-822-1014. The cost is \$25 for adults, and \$10 for children under 12 years of age. Members pay \$10for adults and \$5 for children. Register. Next tour dates are Saturday, September 14, and October 12. www.hudsonathenslighthouse.org.

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

Hudson River Sightseeing Cruise – Closeup views of wildlife such as bald eagles and cormorants; views of the Catskills, Mount Merino, and the Hudson-Athens Lighthouse. Large groups book ahead. Information and reservations at 822-1014. Board at 12:30 p.m., cruise from 1 to 2:30 p.m. City dock behind the gazebo, Water Street, Henry Hudson Riverfront Park, over the bridge at Front & Allen Streets.

## penings

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

Threads: Fiber Art - Exhibition Opening 5 to 7 p.m. Eighteen artists show works including a wide range of fiber art such as weaving, quilting, embroidery, textile collage, jewelry, and sculptural forms. Juried by K. Velis Turan, an internationally-known mixed media fiber artist. On view through September 21. Columbia County Council on the Arts, 209 Warren Street. 518-671-6213www.artscolumbia.org.

## Sangria on a Summer Saturday — It's Hot!

Join us for the 6th Annual Sangria Festival at the Hudson-Chatham Winery. What's more refreshing – and fun – in the sweet summertime than fruit-filled sangrias? The Hudson-Chatham Winery will be featuring 5 different kinds made with a variety of its wines and lots of fresh fruit on Saturday, August 10 for its 6th Annual Sangria Festival!



While tasting and enjoying your favorite sangrias, you can listen to live flamenco guitar music by the Capital Region's own Maria Zemantauski and Jose Miralles. They are really amazing! There will be lots of delicious food, including tamales, burritos, tortilla chips & watermelon salsa made with local ingredients from the folks at Block Factory Talmales. Tony's Grilled Pizza truck will be here, too, with amazing grilled pizzas, French fries, and fried dough.

There will also be a henna tattoo artist and some additional vendors for shopping fun.

It will be a fiesta at the winery – an event that folks look forward to all year long. Winery hours on August 10 are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., with flamenco music playing til about 5, and a local band "bringing it home" in the early evening. There is no admission fee. The cost is \$5 for tasting the selection of sangrias, and \$5 for a glass of your favorite sangria. Other vendor offerings are priced by their providers. The winery is located at 1900 State Route 66 in Ghent, NY. For more information, visit the website at www.hudson-chathamwinery.com, or call 518-392-WINE.

## xhibits

THROUGH AUGUST 10

Exhibit: ICE. Athens Cultural Center presents a multi media exploration of the many meanings of ice. Athens Cultural Center, 24 Second Street.

#### THROUGH AUGUST 11

Summer Exhibit – Featuring landscape paintings by Leigh Palmer, photographic studies by Shelly Lependorf & Stan Shire, and aerial photographs by John Griebsc. "Across the Board" by Kenneth Polinskie also on display. Carrie Haddad Gallery, 622 Warren St. 828-1915 or www.carriehaddadgallery.com.

Five solo shows at John Davis Gallery - Main Galleries and Sculpture Garden: Bruce Gagnier - Made for Bronze. Carriage House: Kyle Staver, Cordy Ryman, Merrill Wagner and Tom Nicol. Gallery hours are Thursday through Monday, 11 a.m. till 5 p.m. Visit www.johndavisgallery.com or call 518-828-5907.

Randall Schmit: Recent Work - Third generation Abstract Expressionist. McDaris Fine Art, 623 Warren St. 212-518-7551 or mcdarisfineart.com.

THROUGH SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

Being in the Mystery: Recent Paintings by

**Linda Clayton** - 510 Warren Street Gallery, 510 Warren Street. 518-822-0510 or www.510warrenstgallery.com.

#### THROUGH AUGUST 31

Retrospective – Works by Patrick Milbourn (Part I). A 30-year retrospective of Milbourn's career in illustration, featuring original paintings paired with printed work as it appeared in various publications. M Gallery, 350 Main St., Catskill. 943-0380 or www.mgalleryonline.com.

#### THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2

Neumann Fine Art: The Power of Place - Oil paintings by Ken Young and Jeffrey L. Neumann. 65 Cold Water Street Hillsdale. www.neumannfineart.com.

#### THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20

Masters on Main Street Round 7 - Hudson River School Update: "Eastern Standard: Indirect lines to the Hudson River School". Site-works by contemporary artists who, while embracing diverse styles and methods, draw upon the landscapes and artists of the Hudson River School. Series of storefront exhibits is on view, 24/7 in the 300 and 400 blocks of Catskill's Main Street.

#### THROUGH OCTOBER 31

"Maine Sublime: Frederic Edwin Church's Landscapes of Mount Desert and Mount Katahdin". On view in the Evelyn and Maurice Sharp Gallery at Olana through the end of October. Grounds open every day from 8 a.m. until sunset; guided house tours (reservations recommended) are available Tuesday-Sunday and holiday Mondays, May through October, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and include access to the Gallery; last tour starts promptly at 4 p.m. Special gallery only tours available Saturdays through October 26 on the hour from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. 828-0135 or olana.org. Olana, 5720 Route 9G, Hudson.

2013 Annual Summer Exhibition — New and recent works including a large site-specific installation by Paula Hayes, Big Kastenmann (Box Man) by Erwin Wurm, five large-scale works cast in bronze from original word forms by Tom Doyle, the Perfect Vehicles series by Allan McCollum, and dioramas by Nathan Carter. Omi International Arts Center, 1405 County Route 22, Ghent. 518-392-4747 or www.artomi.org.

#### THROUGH NOVEMBER 3

Albert Bierstadt in New York & New England - focuses on Bierstadt's east coast paintings and offers a rare opportunity to see these little known but magnificent works. Thomas Cole National Historic Site, 218 Spring St., Catskill. 943-7465 or thomascole.org.



SATURDAYS

**Zumba for Life** with Catherine Gross. 9 a.m. A dynamic and rhythmic class to world music. \$10/class. Ancram Opera House, 1330 Cty. Rte. 7, Ancram. 329-7393 or www.ancramopera house.com.

Slow Flow Yoga - 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. \$5 suggested donation. A basic knowledge of yoga practice recommended. Please bring your own mat. A few mats available for general use. Athens Cultural Center, 24 Second St., Athens. 518-945-2136 or www.athensculturalcenter.org.

#### MONDAYS

**Yoga**. 8-9:30 a.m. Conducted by Roberta Roll. Weekly yoga classes suitable for beginners and more advanced students. \$20 per class or \$95 for a series of eight classes. A portion of the proceeds helps support library programs. Roeliff Jansen Community Library, 9091 Rte. 22, Hillsdale. 325-4101 or roejanlibrary.org.

#### TUESDAYS

**Craft Gathering.** 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Athens Cultural Center, 24 Second St., Athens. www.athensculturalcenter.org.

#### SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS

**Poetry Group** – 1:30-3:30 p.m. Poetry writing and reading group in the Roe Jan Library Conference Room. Roeliff Jansen Library, 9091 Route 22, Hillsdale. 518-325-4101 or roejanlibrary.org.

#### WEDNESDAYS

Watercolor Workshop with Bill Carbone. 10 a.m. to noon (weather permitting). Washington Irving Senior Center, 15 Academy St., Catskill. Participants ages 16 and older welcome. Bring paints, brushes and paper. 518-945-1199.

#### **FRIDAYS**

**Terra Cotta with Marotta**. 6:30 p.m. \$8. Hudson Valley Arts Center, 337 Warren St., Hudson. 518-828-2661. Hand Building and Sculpting Techniques. \$8 per session or \$40 in advance, plus \$18 materials fee. Hudson Valley Arts Center, 337 Warren St., Hudson. 518-828-2661.

## **M**usic

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

**Peaceful Country Band** performs as part of the Music at Sunset concert series. 7 p.m. Greenport Town Park, Joslen Boulevard, Greenport.518-828-4656.

**The Ghent Band** - 7:30 p.m. As in years past, audiences will enjoy a mix of pop tunes, Broadway Musical medleys, and light overtures. As always classic marches will be played to their fullest as the band has since its debut in 1899. Village of Kinderhook - Bandstand.

Happy Jawbone Family Band – 8 p.m. Pitchfork says, "There's been no shortage of endearingly sloppy, blues-inflected garage rock in recent years, but Brattleboro Vermont's Happy Jawbone Family Band uses the template to create its own mythical world." Spotty Dog Books & Ale, 440 Warren St., Hudson. 518-671-6006 or www.TheSpottyDog. com.

FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 AND 10

Two unforgettable nights of Jazz in Tannersville - "Jelly & George" Friday at 7:30 p.m. Marcus Roberts and Aaron Diehl perform a tribute to jazz master Jelly Roll Morton; and C´ecile McLorin Salvant (vocals), Rodney Jordan (bass), and Jason Marsalis (drums) celebrate the works of George Gershwin. Advanced purchase: \$25 general admission, \$20 seniors, \$7 students. At the door: \$28 general admission, \$23 seniors, \$7 students. Second Annual "Live at the Orpheum" - Saturday at 7:30 p.m. All participants of the Catskill Jazz Factory's Artists in Residence will perform a high-energy concert to culminate the residency week. Tickets are \$10. Tickets: www.catskillmtn.org. Orpheum Performing Arts Center, 6050 Main Street, Tannersville.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

**The Warp/The Welt** – 2 p.m. Heartthrob Shane Murphy's new band. The Patio at Musica, 17 North Fourth Street (corner of Columbia Street). 518-828-1045.

Andrea Tomasi, Johanna Warren, and Half Waif – 8 p.m. Tomasi and Warren, both former Hudsonites, return for solo sets. Half Waif is the project of Nandi Rose Plunkett. Spotty Dog Books & Ale, 440 Warren St., Hudson. 518-671-6006 or www.TheSpottyDog. com.

Chuck Prophet & The Mission Express — Sarah Borges opens. 9 p.m. "In the 25-plus-year career, Prophet has established himself as a minor god in the roots pantheon—a sharp, prolific singersongwriter who always seems to have a new batch of tunes ready to go." Club Helsinki, 405 Columbia St., Hudson. 828-4800 or www.helsinkihudson.com.

**Live Music at Wunderbar – III Funk performs** –10 p.m. Wunderbar & Bistro, 744 Warren Street. Information at 828-0555.

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

Seventh Annual Hudson Jazz Workshop Concert featuring pianist Armen Donelian, saxophonist Marc Mommaas, with special guest NEA Jazz Master Vocalist Sheila Jordan and participants in the Hudson Jazz Workshop. Information at 822-1640 or 822-1438. 3 p.m. Pre-concert talk, 3:30 p.m. Concert. Hudson Opera House, 327 Warren Street. See page 4.

## ∰ilm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

"Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark" A free outdoor movie. Bring a chair or blanket. Presented by Time and Space, Ltd., in association with the PARC Foundation and the City of Hudson. After dark. PARC Park, 328 Warren Street. 822-8448 or www.timeandspace.org.

#### FILMS AT TSL:

Museum Hours — At the Art Museum in Vienna, a museum guard and a foreign visitor are drawn into each other's worlds — In German with English subtitles

More Than Honey – Eighty percent of plant species on earth require bees for pollination, but numerous colonies of bees have left their hives, never to return – This film explores what has come to be called "colony collapse disorder."

Hannah Arendt — Director Margarethe von Trotta's fictional treatment of the author whose reporting of the 1961 trial of Adolf Eichmann in The New Yorker, set off a firestorm of controversy.

Time & Space Limited, 434 Columbia Street, Hudson. Information at 822-8100 or www.timeandspace.org.

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

Movie Tuesday: "This is Spinal Tap" - 8:30 p.m. Rob Reiner's directorial debut developed into a cult phenomenon. Part of a series of free screenings of music and dance films. PS21 performance tent, 2980 Route 66, one mile north of the Village of Chatham. Information at www.ps21chatham.org or 518-392-6121.

## Theater

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 9-11 AND WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 14-18

Mac-Haydn Theatre presents "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" – Information, schedule and reservations at www.machaydntheatre.org or 518-392-9292.Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 Route 203, Chatham. FRIDAYS-SUNDAYS, AUGUST 9-11 AND 16-18

CENTERstage Productions presents 'South Pacific' - Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$26 for adults and \$24 for seniors and children. Veterans may call the box office for a special discounted ticket price - \$40 for two tickets, call with your legion or VFW post number. Box Office (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org. The CENTER, 661 Route 308, Rhinebeck.

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## Special benefit event for H.O.P.E.

The Claverack Republican Club will sponsor a special benefit event for H.O.P.E. - Homes for Orphaned Pets Exist - on Thursday, August 15 prior to and during the group's regular Music in the Park series at the Claverack Town Park, Church Street, Mellenville.

The club is asking that persons attending the free concert, which features the Ben Rounds Band, bring donations of clean towels and rolls of paper towels for the Wilton-based non-profit animal organization, which relies entirely on foster families to help dogs and cats find permanent adoptive homes.

The club took on the project after a club member visited the group and saw the faces of the needy pets. "It would break your heart," he said of the cats and dogs. "When I asked what they could use, all they wanted was towels and paper towels."

H.O.P.E. works closely with local animal shelters when the shelters have animals with poor prospects for adoption for any number of reasons. By placing these "troubled" animals with foster families, their chances of becoming adopted increase dramatically, as the animals learn to adapt habits more suited to cohabitation with humans.

Area residents wishing to donate can drop their towels at the Claverack Town Park August 15 starting at 4 p.m. through that night's concert, which runs until 9 p.m. If unable to come to the park, call 518-672-4892 to make arrangements to deliver the donations or have them picked up.

Persons interested in fostering a previously abandoned, orphaned or neglected pet may call H.O.P.E. at 518-428-2994 or visit on-line at Foster@HopeAnimalRescue.org.





## ICEBERGS! at the Athens Cultural Center

On the final evening of the ICE exhibit, Sunday, August 11 at 5 p.m., the Athens Cultural Center presents a multi faceted evening of art, talk, music and film, featuring an illustrated talk by artist Mathias Kessler, music by Brian Dewan and a screening of "S.O.S. Iceberg".

Artist/musician Brian Dewan will start the evening out with a few songs relating to ice. Accompanying himself on accordian or other instruments, some of his own making, the talented Mr. Dewan is always entertaining as he mixes traditional music with his own brand of the unexpected.

Artist Mathias Kessler, who has two pieces in the exhibition and shows his work internationally, will discuss his adventures in Greenland photographing icebergs at night. Kessler's thought provoking work explores man's relationship to nature and the quest for discovery. His impressive photographs of theatrically lit icebergs are a complex commentary on the history of exploration, tourism, climate change and our interaction with the natural and not so natural world around us.

The 1933 black and white adventure classic "S.O.S. Iceberg" directed by Arnold Fanck will also be shown. Based on a true life polar expedition, much of it was filmed in Umanak on the west coast of Greenland and in Iceland. Scene after scene offers spectacular views of icebergs and ice choked fjords. The audience is welcome to stay for the entire film or watch selected scenes while refreshments are served.

This event will be held in the gallery of the Athens Cultural Center at 24 Second Street. Athens. Free. Donations appreciated. Sunday is the last day of the multimedia exhibition ICE. If you haven't seen the show or would like to see it again, this is your last chance. Due to popular demand, for the last week of the exhibition the gallery will be open for additional hours: Friday, August 9, 1-8 p.m. Saturday, August 10 1-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Sunday, August 11 1-5 p.m. (plus open for this event)

For further infomation contact Carrie Feder: 518-421-3443 or go to athensculturalcenter.org/ice.html athensculturalcenter.org.

## 'Through the Lens: An Open Photographic Exhibition'

The Friends of the Hudson Area Library and the Columbia County Photo Club announce the opening of the Second Annual Photography Exhibit titled "Through the Lens: An Open Photographic Exhibition", at the Hudson Area Library, 400 State Street, Hudson on Thursday, August 15. Twenty-four members of the Columbia County Photo Club will participate in this exhibit, with a public reception with the artists from 5



"A Library's Treasure" by Daniel Region, archival inkjet print.

until 7 p.m. on the 15. All photographs will be offered for sale at the Library, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the Friends of the Hudson Area Library. The exhibit will continue through October 26.

Among the exhibited photographs will be landscapes, flora, book studies and other still lifes by: Paul Abitabile, Doug Stalker, Joan Lizette-Miller, J. Pierre Gontier, Sherry Griffin, Hunter Jackson, Carey Lubow, Jonathon Simons, Hailey Jennings, Bill Shaughnasey, Kristen Stoddard, Beth (Marie) Meehan, Bridget Arnold, Patricia Williams, Larry Fingar, Kara Keeler, Ken Bovat, Daniel Region, Sarah Sterling, Ralph Gorgone, Claudia Bailey, Patty Easton, Charlene Gennari, and Tanysha Stoddard.

The Columbia County Photo Club meets at the Hudson Area Library from 6-8 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday

of each month. Photographers of all ages and skill levels are welcome to join. Meetings include sharing photographs, resources, technical knowledge and support of photographic endeavors. Anyone interested in joining can email abit@mhcable.com or call 518-828-5887 after 4:45 p.m.

For more information about the Friends, including membership and volunteer opportunities, visit us at www.hudsonarealibrary.org or on Facebook at Friends of the Hudson Area Library and Like us.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

A Helsinki Swing Event - Featuring Julia Gottlieb & The Blue Ribbon Boys for your listening and dancing pleasure -..an old time swing band with roots in Western swing, bluegrass, rockabilly and klezmer. Balboa with Paul Rix from 7:30 to 8 pm, Beginner Lesson from 8:30 to 9 p.m., Live Music from 9 p.m. to midnight. Club Helsinki, 405 Columbia St., Hudson. 518-828-4800 or www.helsinkihudson.com.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

Dance Artists' Open Salon -5 to 7 p.m. The salon gives the highly diverse group of Dance Omi residents the opportunity to see each other's work

before beginning their collaborative process. Members of the public are also invited to attend. Information at www.artomi.org or 392-4747. The Barn at Omi, Omi International Arts Center, intersection of Letter S Road and Route 22, Ghent.

Argentine Tango classes with Ellen Chrystal. 6 p.m. for beginners; 7 p.m. for intermediate. Sadhana Center for Yoga and Meditation, 403 Warren St., Hudson. \$12. 537-2589 or echrystal@gmail. com.

#### WEDNESDAYS

Belly Dance Classes with Donna Barrett. 6:30-8 p.m. with The Wild Roses troupe, Hudson Valley Academy of Performing Arts, 957 Route 82, West Taghkanic. \$15.50. 917-887-6074

Learn to Line Dance with Claire - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. In the Banquet room at the Historic Blue Store Restaurant, 2215 Rte. 9 and County Rte. 31, Livingston. 537-6658 or bluestorerestaurant.com.

Line Dance on Friday nights 7-9 p.m. Instructor is Jim Riddle. B&B Lounge, 5207 Route 32, Catskill. 518-678-9643 or www.bblounge.com.

Athens Presque Ballet - 10:45 -11:45 a.m. Free. The goal of the class is to improve balance and flexibility and transform your body awareness. Loose fitting clothes, ballet or regular slippers, are recommended. Athens Cultural Center, 24 Second St., Athens. 518-945-2136 or www.athensculturalcenter.org.

## **Southern Columbia Community Chorus** looking for new members

The Southern Columbia Community Chorus is looking for new members, men and women. The only requirement is a love of singing. We are not professionals and welcome everyone. Rehearsals begin on Tuesday September 3, and run until the Christmas program performance in early December. It is a short commitment and an opportunity to meet and make new friends. Car pools are available from some county locations. For more information and rehearsal location call Maggie at 518-758-6069 (leave a message).

## Movie Listings

#### CINEMA 3

Fairview Plaza • Route 9 • Hudson 518-828-1900 • www.FairviewCinema3.com

Friday 8/9 - Thursday 8/15

PLANES (PG)

Eves 7:05 & 9:35 • Mats Sat & Sun 1:05

THE SMURFS 2 (PG-)

2D Fri, Sat, Mon-Thurs Eves 9:35, Sun Eve 7:10, Mat Sat 1:10 • 3D Fri, Sat, Mon-Thur Eves 7:10, Sun Eve 9:35, Mat Sun 1:10

THE CONJURING (R)

Eves 7:00 & 9:35 • Mats Sat & Sun 1:00

#### THE COMMUNITY THEATRE

373 Main Street • Catskill • 518.943-2410 www.thecommunitytheatre.com

THE SMURFS 2 IN 3D (PG)

Fri 8/9 at 7:15 • Sat 8/10 at 2:00, 7:15 Sun 8/11 at 2:00 & 7:15

3D Fri 8/9 at 7:00 • Sat 8/10 at 2:00, 7:00 Sun 8/11 at 2:00

2D Fri 8/9 at 8:50 • Sa 8/10 at 8:50 Sun 8/11 at 7:15

#### CRANDELL THEATRE

48 Main Street • Chatham • 518.392.3331 www.crandelltheatre.org

THE SMURFS 2 (PG)

Fri 8/9 through Sun 8/11 at 7:15 in 2D Mon 8/12 through Thurs 8/15 at 7:15 in 3D

#### **HI-WAY DRIVE-IN**

10699 State Route 9W • Coxsackie • 731-8672 www.hiwavdrivein.com

Friday 8/9 thru Thurs 8/15

Screen One

**ELYSIUM** (R) 8:25

THE WOLVERINE (PG-13) 10:15

**PLANES (PG) 8:25** 

THE SMURFS 2 (PG) 9:55

WE'RE THE MILLERS (R) 8:25 TEH CONJURING (R) 10:15

2 GUNS (R) 8:25

THE HEAT (R) 10:15

PLEASE NOTE: Listings are compiled based on information found in the cinemas' paid advertising Websites. All times are assumed to be correct as of publication time. Call the cinema to confirm. Not responsible for typographical errors.

#### **HUDSON MOVIEPLEX 8**

350 Fairview Avenue • Hudson 518-822-1049 • www.hudsonmovieplex8.com CINEMA 1: PERCY JACKSON:

SEA OF MONSTERS 3D (PG) Fri 8/9 - Tues 8/15 Mats 2:15 • Eves 7:20

CINEMA 1: **THE WOLVERINE 3D** (PG-13) Fri 8/9 - Tues 8/15 Mats 11:30 • Eves 4:35, 9:40

CINEMA 2: ELYSIUM (R) Fri 8/9 - Tues 8/15 Mats 11:45, 2:10 Eves 4:35, 7:05, 9:30

CINEMA 3: WE'RE THE MILLERS (PG-13) Fri 8/9 - Tues 8/15 Mats 11:45, 2:05 Eves 4:30, 7:00, 9:25

CINEMA 4: **2 GUNS** (R) Fri 8/9 - Tues 8/15 Mats 11:45, 2:10 Eves 4;35, 7:00, 9:25

Fri 8/9 - Tues 8/15 Mats 11:30 • Eves 4:15, 9:00

CINEMA 5: DESPICABLE ME 2 (PG) Fri 8/9 - Tues 8/15 Mats 2:00 • Eves 6:45

CINEMA 6: TURBO (PG)

Fri 8/9 - Tues 8/15 Mats 12:00 CINEMA 6: GROWN UPS 2 (PG)

Fri 8/9 - Tues 8/15 Mats 2:15 • Eves 4:40, 7:10, 9:30

CINEMA 7: PERCY JACKSON:

SEA OF MONSTERS (PG)

Fri 8/9 - Tues 8/15 Mats 11:30 • Eves 4:35, 9:40

CINEMA 7: THE WOLVERINE (PG-13) Fri 8/9 - Tues 8/15 Mats 1:50 • Eves 6:55

CINEMA 8: DESPICABLE ME 2 IN 3D (PG) Fri 8/9 - Tues 8/15 Mats 12:15

CINEMA 8: **TURBO 3D** (PG) Fri 8/9 - Tues 8/15 Mats 2:30 ● Eves 4:45

Fri 8/9 - Tues 8/15 Eves 7:05, 9:35

#### LYCEUM CINEMAS

Route 9 • Red Hook • 758-3311 www.greatmovieslowerprices.com PLANES IN 3D (PG)

Daily at 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

ELYSIUM (R)

Daily at 1:25, 4:00, 7:15, 9:35

**PERCY JACKSON:** SEA OF MONSTERS (PG)

Daily at 1:20, 3:45, 7:00, 9:15 WE'RE THE MILLERS (R)

Daily at 1:30, 4:05, 7:20, 9:35

Daily at 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:35

THE SMURFS 2 (PG) Daily at 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:15

THE WOLVERINE (PG-13)

Daily at 11:15, 4:05, 7:00, 9:35

## The SCREEN • Friday, August 9 - Thursday, August 15

# Real-life spook story leaves you with lingering heebie-jeebies

#### 'THE CONJURING'

Rated R. Starring Lily Taylor, Patrick Wilson and Vera Farmiga. Directed byJames Wan.

#### By Neil Pond

American Profil

"God, we're in the middle of nowhere," moans teenager Andrea Perron as she and her family move into their new home, a 1700s farmhouse, in remote, upstate Rhode Island.

But it's not so "nowhere" that Andrea, her four younger sisters and her parents are alone there by any stretch.

"The Conjuring," director James Wan's new skin-crawlingly good fright flick about a normal family's harrowing encounters with the paranormal, is based on incidents that reportedly happened in the early 1970s. It's also about the real-life husband-andwife team of New England "demonologists," Ed and Lorraine Warren, who were brought in to dehaunt the seriously spook-infested property.

As the movie opens, we meet the Warrens (Patrick Wilson and Vera Farmiga), whose expertise in the paranormal make them popular speakers on the local college circuit, conductors of séances, and subjects of occasional newspaper stories. They also make haunted-house calls and keep a relic room of "possessed" objects they've removed from malevolent situations. (In real life, Ed and Lorraine were called in to investigate the home that became the basis for "The Amityville Horror.")

By the time mom Carolyn Perron (Lily Taylor) seeks out the Warrens after a series of increasingly unnerving episodes in her new home, the film is ramped up into full-blown yikes-fest mode. Hang on.



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#### Lily Taylor in "The Conjuring".

Now, this kind of thing is nothing new, certainly not if you've seen any movie that ever tried to spook you with creaky doors, a ball that rolls across the floor by itself, or things that go bump and thump in the night. And TV is crawling with modern-day Warrens, ghost-busters and hauntedhouse investigators who go into all sorts of spooky places just begging for a brush with the boogyman. But trust me when I tell vou - and even warn you - that "The Conjuring" stirs up some seriously scary, supremely creep-ifying mojo.

Director James Wan also launched the "Saw" franchise, the hugely popular series of gruesome horror films known for depictions of people doing all sorts of awful things to themselves to avoid even more awful things happening to them. Thankfully, "The Conjuring" has none of those bloody, barbaric hallmarks, and instead focuses all its attention on a bounty of solid, stylish, old-school jolts. You don't realize how terri-

fying a pair of clapping hands can be until you feel your own skin getting goose bumps when they appear.

Rated R not because of language or violence or gore, but simply because it's just too intensely, profoundly scary for kids, "The Conjuring" is not the kind of movie to take lightly. Part of what makes it so downright terrifying is knowing that it really happened—perhaps. The dark, troubling shadows of this story linger after the lights in the theater come back on.

At one point, the Perrons ask Ed Warren if they can't just move and leave their house of horrors behind. No, he tells them, "sometimes when you get haunted, it's like stepping in gum— you take it with you."

You, too, may find it hard to shake off the heebee-jeebies of "The Conjuring" when it's over. There's something about this movie that you'll swear is following you home. You've been warned.

## **COMING SOON:** 'The Butler'

"Lee Daniels' The Butler" tells the story of a White House butler who served eight American presidents over three decades. The film traces the dramatic changes that swept American society during this time, from the civil rights movement to Vietnam and beyond, and how those changes affected this



man's life and family. Forest Whitaker stars as the butler with Robin Williams as Dwight Eisenhower, John Cusack as Richard Nixon, Alan Rickman as Ronald Reagan, James Marsden as John F. Kennedy, Liev Schreiber as Lyndon B. Johnson, and many more.











# Featured Artists of the Week

Select your favorite cats and dogs for People's Choice Awards. Ballots and brochures available at many Main Street businesses.

## AMERICAT Artist: WILLIAM B. KIMBALL

William Kimble is a commercial artist and has entered works in the Cairo Bears and Butterflies, Hors'n Around Saugerties and The Shine on Saugerties Art exhibits. Kimble prefers acrylics but is capable with all media. Restorations are a specialty.



## KODIAC BILL

Artist: CHRISTINE MARGOLIAS

Description: Black, red, white Northwestern Tribal Design.

About the Artist: Christine Margolias is a multi-media artist, working in murals, landscapes, and portraits in pastels and oils. She is also a sculptor and potter.



## CLOWN CAT

About the Artist: Ray Sperzel is mainly a self-taught artist, residing in the heart of the Catskill Mountains. He worked

on Long Island as a civil engineer. Working outdoors, he was able to see and experience changes in the environment and see how it has affected our lives. During that time he also created murals and paintings. He moved upstate with his family in 1972, and his interests broadened to include airbrush art which, he feels, suits his style.



## SCAREDY CAT

Artist: JIM "CHEECH" BONAVITO

Description: In The Wizard of Oz, Toto was very upset to see that the Scarecrow had a pet. Scaredy-Cat was only in one scene in the original movie. Unfortunately it was cut after Toto refused to appear with Scaredy-Cat if he wasn't getting top billing! Subsequently, Scaredy-Cat ended up out in a field, where he was taken apart by the Wicked Witch's flying monkeys.

About the Artist: Jim "Cheech" Bonavito is a native of Angola, New York. He has been creating art since his high school days. Although he is most comfortable using oils, Jim dabbles in watercolor, pencil and acrylics. In addition to painting and illustrating, Jim enjoys doing a full-range of carpentry, including everything from custom home remodeling to creating jewelry boxes and building furniture. When not pursuing his artistic muse, Jim indulges in writing an occasional poem or writing of life's endless variety. This is Jim's second year participating in the Cat n' Around Catskill public art project and he loves being able to participate in such a creative, exciting and rewarding event.

# Bindlestiff Family Cirkus creates and performs 'My Last Cirkus' in residency at The Spiegeltent

The Bindlestiff Family Cirkus presents My Last Cirkus, an all new 90 minute circus theater work, created in residency this August at The Spiegeltent at Bard SummerScape. Set against the stunning backdrop of the mirrored jewelbox that is the Spiegeltent, Ringmistress Philomena faces fear, aging, and the inevitable pull of the ring. Will she run away from the Cirkus and finally join a town? Featuring a dynamic, world-class cast of contemporary circus artists from an intriguing variety of backgrounds, including former Russian rhythmic gymnastics champion and Cirque du Soleil artist Ekaterina Sknarina; innovative prop manipulator Brian P. Dailey, acrobat and B-boy Richard Maguire, and Bindlestiff co-founders Stephanie Monseu and Keith Nelson. Written and scored by Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey and Circus Smirkus composer Peter Bufano; with percussionist and actor Michael Dobson. Directed by physical comedian and star clown of Parallel Exit Physical Theater Company and Big Apple Circus' Step Right Up! Joel Jeske; in collaboration with Bard's Spiegeltent Host and Yale School of Drama directing program grad Michael McQuilken.

With the support of The Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts at Bard College, The Bindlestiffs move into the Spiegeltent on Bard's Campus August 12-15 to flesh out My Last Cirkus with the cast, and fit the story into the architecture of this special venue. The intimate nature of the space and it's particular challenge of presenting work in the round are of special interest to Bindlestiff. Co-founder

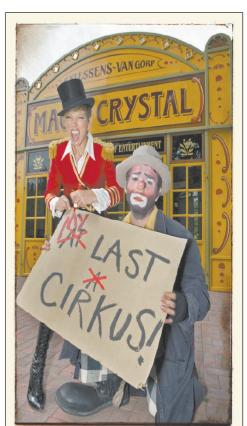


Photo by Cory Weaver

The Bindlestiff Family Cirkus presents "My Last Cirkus" at Bard SummerScape Spiegeltent, August 16 and 17.

Stephanie Monseu said "I want to explore the boundaries between audience and performer here. The nature of the Spiegeltent invites a special kind of gaze — it's almost voyeuristic, as the audience looks at the performers in the center of the ring, they are also watching each other across the tent, and themselves in these mirrors which are everywhere. I want them to feel the weight of a hundred pairs of eyes on them, too. I wish the audience to feel part of this unfolding story of Ringmistress Philomena's insecurity about maturing in our society, and in show business... about her expectations of perfection for herself as a performer... can she accept change? Can she run away and really fade into obscurity?"

The performance makes its premiere on August 17 and 18 at 8:30 p.m. at The Spiegeltent at Bard SummerScape, The Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts at Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. For tickets and more information about Bard SummerScape, call the Fisher Center Box Office 845-758-7900 or visit www.fishercenter.bard.edu/spiegeltent/2013/

## Fiber Art: Threads Exhibit at the CCCA



Kathryn Kosto "The Science of Dress" Textile Collage

Columbia County Council on the Arts presents their new exhibition "Threads: Fiber Art." The exhibition features the works of eighteen local and regional artists whose works in fiber embrace the vast range of fiber art in a very unique and powerful way: weaving, quilting, embroidery, textile collage, jewelry, sculptural forms of fiber art and works in dyes. The show was juried by K. Velis Turan, internationally known mixed media fiber artist artist living and working in the Hudson Valley region. Exhibiting artists are Julie Chase, John Cooley, Fran Heaney, Denise Giardullo, Jessica Gibbons, Nancy Hawkins, Kathryn Kosto, Karen Madden, Ellen Mahnken, Cynthia Mulvaney, Clarke Olsen, Valerie Richmond, Pamela Strousse, Carol Swierzowski, Richard Talcott, Alta Turner, Karl Volk and Lauren Wolff

Artist Reception is Saturday, August 10 from 5-7 p.m. at the CCCA Gallery, 209 Warren Street, Hudson. The exhibit runs from August 3 to September 21. For more information contact CCCA at 518-671-6213 or visit www.artscolumbia.org.