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Dear friends of Teen Arts,

Welcome! The Union County Board of County Commissioners is pleased to sponsor the 2023 Teen Arts Festival in coordination with the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. We're delighted that so many Union County students, teachers and artists are involved in the arts-in-education movement.

Thousands of students and dozens of professional artists are participating in performances, critiques, master classes and workshops in every discipline — visual arts, music, creative writing, theater and dance.

The Festival is geared to help students in these areas:

- Develop perceptual, intellectual and technical skills;
- Gain cultural awareness and understanding;
- Develop personal aesthetic values;
- Learn self-discipline, critical thinking and problem-solving through analyzing, interpreting and making judgments.

This is a marvelous opportunity for students in middle and high schools in Union County to interact with professional artists while sharing their own artistry and creations with students from other schools and neighborhoods.

A selection of visual artworks will be chosen from this Festival for the Union County Teen Arts Touring Exhibit, which will be exhibited during the coming year in libraries, corporate settings, galleries, and other public spaces in Union County.

We deeply appreciate all who support the Union County Teen Arts Festival. On behalf of the entire Union County Board of County Commissioners, we thank everyone involved in the Union County Teen Arts Festival for making this a memorable event.

**Sergio Granados**  
Chairman  
Union County Board  
of County Commissioners

**Bette Jane Kowalski**  
Freeholder Liaison  
Union County Board  
of County Commissioners

# Visual Arts

**NOTE:** Students **must** report to their school designated area at the time scheduled for their critiquing session.

TIME	2D	2D	2D	2D	2D/PHOTO	3D
	CAROLYN HERBERT	FRANK FALOTICO	JENNIFER BOYAR	HADIEH AFSHANI	JACKI DICKERT	BARBARA WALLACE
9:00	<b>Teachers Hang Artwork</b>					
10:00	Abraham Lincoln	Carl H. Kumpf		Grace Wilday	Deerfield	Chessi Dentley Roberts
10:15	Nicholas LaCorte		Cranford Achievement			
10:30	Hillside Avenue	Lincoln School	Chessi Dentley Roberts	Joseph Battin	Duarte-Marti	Deerfield
10:45	IPrep Academy	McManus	Mabel G. Holmes	Madison Monroe		Roselle Park
11:00	PAAAS	Roselle Park MS	Soehl MS	Terence C. Reilly	Orange Avenue	Dr. Orlando Edreira
11:15			F.M Gaudineer			IPrep Academy
11:30	Victor Mravlag	William F. Halloran		Nicholas M. Butler	Queen City Academy	Terence C. Reilly
11:45	Dr. Orlando Edreira		Winfield Scott		Columbia	Victor Mravlag

# Music

## Vocal Large Groups

<b>TIME</b>	<b>EILEEN COOPER SEDEK</b>	<b>AMPHITHEATER</b>
9:40	Grace Wilday Junior High School Chorus	
9:50	Lincoln School Band	
10:00	Abraham Lincoln School #14 8th Grade Chorus	
10:10	Robert Morris School #18 Teen Arts Chorus	
10:20	Madison Monroe School #16 Chorus	
10:30	Deerfield School 7th & 8th Grade Chorus	
10:40	Mabel G. Holmes School #5 Vocal Performers	
10:50	Florence M. Gaudineer 8th Grade Chorale	
11:10	McManus Middle School Select Choir	
11:20	Duarte-Marti School #28 Chorus	
11:30	Deerfield School Select Choir	
11:40	Dr. Albert Einstein Academy #29	

**Vocal Small Groups and Solos**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ELISA CORDOVA &amp; MEGAN LOOMIS</b>	<b>TRAILSIDE COURTYARD</b>
9:25	Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy Voices of Harmony	
9:45	William F. Halloran School #22	Cielo Arevalo
10:00	Joseph Battin School #4	Duet
10:10	Winfield Scott School #2	Ben Lumage & Jason Anderson
10:20	Victor Mravlag 8th Grade Choir	
10:25	Duarte-Marti School #28	Melody Piza
10:30	Soehl Middle School Select Choir	
10:35	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Allison Pinos
10:40	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Genesis Rodriguez and Elizabeth Larsen
10:45	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Elizabeth Larsen
10:50	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Genesis Rodriguez
11:00	Chessie Dentley Roberts School #30	Jacoi's Group
11:05	L'Ouverture-Lafayette School #6	Maria Fernanda Nuñez Alvarez
11:10	L'Ouverture-Lafayette School #6	Adrian Cabrera Luna
11:15	PAAAS	4 Vocal Solos

**Instrumental Large Groups**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ANTHONY BRANKER</b>	<b>BANDWAGON</b>
9:35	Deerfield School Jazz Band	
9:55	Columbia Middle School Jazz Ensemble	
10:15	Madison-Monroe School #16	
10:35	Florence M. Gaudineer 8th Grade Concert Band	
10:55	Dr. Albert Einstein Academy Middle School Orchestra	
11:15	Lincoln School Concert Band	
11:35	Malcolm E. Nettingham Middle School Jazz Ensemble	
11:55	Queen City Academy Charter School 8th Grade Concert Band	
12:15	Grace Wilday Junior High School Concert Band	
12:35	PAAAS Art Future	

**Instrumental Solos & Small Groups**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>KEON DEPASS</b>	<b>BOY SCOUT PAVILLION</b>
11:00	William F. Halloran School #22	Vania Tuerros and Samuel Chaves
11:10	Nicholas M. Butler School #23 Concert Band	
11:20	William F. Halloran School #22	Vania Tuerros and Samuel Chaves
11:30	Victor Mravlag School	
11:40	Duarte-Marti School #28 Concert Band	
11:50	Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy Jazz Band	
12:00	William F. Halloran School #22	Gabriel Lorenzo
12:10	William F. Halloran School #22	Michael Asante

**Strings/Guitar - Large Groups**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>TED SCHLOSBERG</b>	<b>BOY SCOUT PAVILLION</b>
9:45	Soehl & McManus Combine Orchestra	
10:15	Grace Wilday Junior High School Strings	
10:30	iPrep Academy School #8 Ensemble	
11:00	Nicholas M. Butler School #23 String Ensemble	
11:15	Florence M. Gaudineer 8th Grade String Ensemble	

**Piano**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>CHARLES BUCCI</b>	<b>ROOM #1 TRAILSIDE BUILDING</b>
10:00	William F. Halloran School #22	Tomas Gomez Mantilla
10:05	William F. Halloran School #22	Edwin Guameros
10:10	William F. Halloran School #22	Anderson Rea
10:15	William F. Halloran School #22	Arthur Segura
10:20	William F. Halloran School #22	Camila Vacacela
10:25	CAMSP—Lincoln School	Jonathan Pacheco
10:30	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Jose Almeda
10:35	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Angel Borda
10:40	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Omayralis Figueroa
10:45	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Bryan Franco
10:50	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Michelle Lazo
10:55	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Alwin Narvaez
11:00	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Samuel Navarro
11:05	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Zeyden King

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# Creative Writing

## Fiction/Non-Fiction

SUZANNE TRAVERS - Shelter #1—Boy Scout Field

9:30 - 10:30

1. Orange Avenue, Madeline Coons
2. Deerfield School, Emma Wargaski
3. Deerfield School, Kavi Gupta
4. Deerfield School, Melia Marcino

10:45 - 11:45

1. Orange Avenue School, Brook Santos
2. Orange Avenue School, Frankie Riccio
3. Orange Avenue School, Victor Zavadsky
4. Orange Avenue School, Zoe Mantilla
5. Orange Avenue School, Jack Heyder
7. Columbia MS, Jacob Liu
8. Columbia MS, Emerson Gorker
9. Columbia MS, Abigail Luzzatto

## Poetry

NANCY LUBARSKY - Shelter #2—Boy Scout Field

9:30 - 10:30

1. Orange Avenue, Josie McSweeney
2. Orange Avenue, Annabelle Guidice
3. Orange Avenue, Jenna Gallagher
4. Orange Avenue, Sophie Botsakos
5. Orange Avenue, Caroline Tierney
6. Orange Avenue, Sofia Bloom
7. Orange Avenue, Addison Bornstein
8. Orange Avenue, Abigail Behnke
9. Orange Avenue, Corrine Wischusen
10. Orange Avenue, Charlotte Bange
11. Orange Avenue, Mason Rivera
12. Orange Avenue, Melody Jennings
13. Orange Avenue, Julianna Andreola
14. Orange Avenue, Cecilia McCabe
15. Orange Avenue, Josie Fiore

10:45 - 11:45

1. Columbia MS, Mia Castrovinci
2. Columbia MS, Sharika Dhar,
3. Columbia MS, Emily Huang
4. Columbia MS, Emily Bu
5. Columbia MS, Abigail Dorrlor
6. Columbia MS, Michelle Espinoza
7. Columbia MS, Fiona Cogan
8. Columbia MS, George Deng
9. Columbia MS, Anushka Patel
10. Columbia MS, Avni Toolsidas
11. Columbia MS, Alya Saket
12. Columbia MS, Erinn Cai
13. Columbia MS, Yuvika Jain
14. Columbia MS, Luke Esmerado
15. Orange Avenue, Anthony Bermeo
16. Orange Avenue, Alexa Morris
17. Orange Avenue, Aaron Rodgers
18. Orange Avenue, Jenna Gallagher

# Theater

## Small Groups

TIME	ERIC DIAMOND & WENDY CONNOLLY	MULTI PURPOSE ROOM TRAILSIDE BUILDING
9:10	PAAAS	DeJesus and Sanchez
9:15	PAAAS	Lomax & Mangandi
9:20	Soehl Middle School	Patricio Hernandez
9:25	Soehl Middle School	Leilani Nicholson
9:30	Soehl Drama Club	
9:35	McManus Middle School	Victoria Giraldo
9:40	McManus Middle School	Julian Nemcik
9:45	McManus Drama Club	
9:50	PAAAS	Cejour & Singleton
10:00	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Genesis Rodriguez
10:05	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Sadie Reyes
10:10	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Loren Mercado
10:15	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Samantha Castillo
10:20	Terence C. Reilly School #7 Comedic Scene	
10:25	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Taste Test
10:30	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Crash Course

**Small Groups Continued. . .**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ERIC DIAMOND &amp; WENDY CONNOLLY</b>	<b>MULTI PURPOSE ROOM TRAILSIDE BUILDING</b>
10:35	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Bronx Beat
11:20	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Who? What?
11:30	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Truth and Lies
11:40	Grace Wilday Drama	
11:50	Grace Wilday Drama Group 2	

**Theater Large Groups**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ERIC DIAMOND</b>	<b>AUDITORIUM TRAILSIDE BUILDING</b>
12:00	William F. Halloran School #22 Performing Arts Group	
12:10	Carl Kumpf Middle School Drama Club	
12:20	Carl H. Kumpf Middle School Theater	
12:30	Deerfield School	The Music Man

# Dance

<b>TIME</b>	<b>CHARLENE SMITH &amp; QURAN STARLING</b>	<b>AUDITORIUM TRAILSIDE BUILDING</b>
9:30	Grace Wilday Junior High School Dancers	Contemporary
9:40	Grace Wilday Junior High School Dancers	Contemporary
9:50	Grace Wilday Junior High School Dancers	Contemporary
10:00	Roselle Park Middle School	Gianna Baiamonte & Alexandra Avivi—Hip-Hop
10:05	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Modern - Duet
10:10	PAAAS Dance Ensemble	Modern
10:20	Terence C. Reilly Dance Troupe	“Rocketeer” Contemporary
10:30	Robert Morris School #18	Hip Hop
10:50	Roselle Park Middle School	Gianna Baiamonte & Alexandra Avivi—Lyrical
11:00	Roselle Park Middle School	Mackenzie Modero— Contemporary/Jazz
11:10	Roselle Park Middle School	Kylie DiTrolio Contemporary/Jazz
11:20	Roselle Park Middle School	Natalia Freire Contemporary/Jazz
11:30	Roselle Park Middle School	Sophia Calvache Contemporary/Jazz

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<b>9:00</b>	<b>Teachers Hang Artwork</b>				
10:00	Linden High School	New Providence High School		Governor Livingston HS	Cranford High School
10:15	Cranford Achievement Program		Abraham Clark High School	Cranford High School	Governor Livingston HS
10:30		Governor Livingston HS	Jonathan Dayton HS	Linden High School	Linden High School
10:45	Plainfield HS		Alexander Hamilton	PAAAS	Jonathan Dayton HS
11:00	UCAPA	Roselle Park		New Providence High School	Abraham Clark High School
11:15		Cranford High School	PAAAS	UCAPA Roselle Park	JVJ Stem Academy
11:30	David Brearley High School	Thomas Jefferson Arts		Thomas Jefferson Arts	New Providence High School
11:45	Frank J. Cicarell		FlexSchool	Union County Vo Tech HS	Cranford Achievement Program
12:00		William F. Halsey		David Brearley HS	Plainfield High School
12:15	Lamberts Mill Academy		Thomas Edison	Frank J. Cicarell	UCAPA
12:30				William F. Halsey	Frank J. Cicarell

# Music

## Large Vocal Groups

<b>TIME</b>	<b>EILEEN COOPER-SEDEK</b>	<b>AMPHITHEATER</b>
9:15	David Brearley High School Choir	
9:30	Governor Livingston Chamber/A Cappella Choirs	
9:45	Abraham Clark High School Chorus	
10:00	Abraham Clark High School Acapella	
10:15	Linden High School Concert Choir	
10:45	Jonathan Dayton High School Chorale	
11:00	Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy A Cappella Choir	

**Vocal Solos & Small Groups**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ELISA CORDOVA &amp; MEGAN LOOMIS</b>	<b>TRAILSIDE COURTYARD</b>
9:45	Lamberts Mill Academy	Jay Dillard
9:55	Cranford Achievement Program	Alana Frederick
10:00	UC Academy of Performing Arts	William Bevensee & Baku Gurango
10:05	UC Academy of Performing Arts	Willow Frazier
10:10	UC Academy of Performing Arts	Talia Fabrizio
10:15	UC Academy of Performing Arts	Brooke Hussey
10:20	UC Academy of Performing Arts	Jacob Morrell
10:25	UC Academy of Performing Arts	Alessandra Gialanella & Kat Echols
10:30	UC Academy of Performing Arts	Trey Barnum & Nadia Nale
10:35	UC Academy of Performing Arts	Caroline, Livy, Talia
10:40	UC Academy of Performing Arts	Livy & Caroline
10:45	UC Academy of Performing Arts	Nadia Nale
10:50	UC Academy of Performing Arts	Mackenzie Crimmins
10:55	Mother Seton Regional High School	Ysabelle Frum
11:00	William F. Halsey Academy	Maisha Valme
11:05	Mother Seton Regional High School	Sophia Restrepo
11:10	Roselle Park High School	Gabriela Villao
11:15	Roselle Park High School	Alison Lantigua
11:20	Mother Seton Regional High School	Sasha Smyth
11:25	Mother Seton Regional High School	Isadora DaSilva & Destiny Moreira
11:30	Lambert's Mill Academy	Jahazara Dilkard
11:35	PAAAS	4 Solos

**Instrumental - Large Groups**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ANTHONY BRANKER</b>	<b>BANDWAGON</b>
9:15	Linden High School Jazz Band	
9:45	David Brearley High School Jazz Band	
10:15	Hillside High School Concert Band	
10:45	Abraham Clark High School Band	
11:15	Jonathan Dayton High School Concert Band	
11:45	Plainfield High School	
12:15	Governor Livingston High School Jazz Ensemble	
12:45	Governor Livingston High School Orchestra	
1:15	PAAAS Wind Ensemble	

**Instrumental - Solos & Small Groups**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>KEON DEPASS</b>	<b>BOY SCOUT PAVILION</b>
9:15	Governor Livingston High School Flute/Brass Ensembles	
9:35	Governor Livingston High School Jazz Improvisation	
10:15	Governor Livingston HS Deaf & Hard of Hearing Percussion Ensemble	
10:35	Governor Livingston High School Percussion Ensemble	
10:55	Governor Livingston High School String Quintet	
11:35	Roselle Park High School	Sylvia Altman
11:55	Roselle Park High School	Ayden Negrón
12:05	Hillside High School	Jamari Henry
12:15	PAAAS Art Ensemble	
12:35	Frank J. Cicarell Academy #89 Jazz Ensemble	
12:55	Frank J. Cicarell Academy #89 Jazz Band	



**Strings/Guitar**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>TED SCHLOSBERG</b>	<b>BOY SCOUT PAVILION</b>
9:50	Linden High School Guitar Ensemble	
10:00	Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy	John Mendoza
10:10	Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy	Patricio Olivero
10:20	Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy	Dora Rodriguez
10:30	Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy	Nick Mayancela
10:40	Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy Guitar Ensemble II	
10:50	Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy	Eduardo Tobon
11:00	Cranford Achievement Program	Amare DeWalt
11:10	Frank J. Cicarell Academy #89 String Orchestra	
12:00	Linden High School Chamber Ensemble	
12:20	Jonathan Dayton High School String Orchestra	
12:40	Abraham Clark High School Orchestra	

# Creative Writing

## Fiction/Non-Fiction

**SUZANNE TRAVERS - Shelter #1—Boy Scout Field**

**9:30 - 10:30**

1. David Brearley High School, Leticia Ferreira

**12:45 - 1:45**

1. Governor Livingston HS, Winnie Grober

## Poetry

**NANCY LUBARSKY - Shelter #2—Boy Scout Field**

**9:30 - 10:30**

1. David Brearley HS, Jessleen Delgado
2. David Brearley HS, Jennifer Perez
3. David Brearley HS, Christopher DeMatos
4. David Brearley HS, Daniella Falcon
5. David Brearley HS, Ayleen Mejia
6. David Brearley HS, Angelina Danubio
7. David Brearley HS, Itzel Hernandez
8. David Brearley HS, Temitayo Bilewu
9. David Brearley HS, Alana Solis

**10:45 - 11:45**

1. Lamberts Mill Academy, Sutekh Victorian & Erzuli Mardano

**12:45 - 1:45**

1. Governor Livingston HS, Jayme Cocuzza
2. Governor Livingston HS, Juliana Sirop
3. Governor Livingston HS, Kayleigh Carlos

# Theater

## Small Groups

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ERIC DIAMOND</b>	<b>MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM TRAILSIDE BUILDING</b>
9:50	UC Academy for Performing Arts	Margaret Danenhauer
9:55	UC Academy for Performing Arts	Julia Arnold-Bouie
10:00	UC Academy for Performing Arts	Jeylene Lugo
10:05	Abraham Clark High School	Daniel Chuboda
10:10	PAAAS	Anderson & Johnson
11:00	UC Academy for Performing Arts	William & Ethan
11:20	UC Academy for Performing Arts	Julia & Willow
11:30	UC Academy for Performing Arts	Oedipus
11:40	Jonathan Dayton High School Theater	
11:50	Abraham Clark High School Theater	
12:00	UC Academy for Performing Arts	Lucas Luchsinger & Baku Gurango

## Theater Large Groups

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ERIC DIAMOND</b>	<b>AMPHITHEATER</b>
12:15	David Brearley High School Theater	
12:30	Linden High School Musical Theatre Touring Troupe	
12:45	Jonathan Dayton High School	Heathers: Teen Edition Cast
1:00	Union County Academy of Performing Arts Glee Club	

# Dance

<b>TIME</b>	<b>CHARLENE SMITH &amp; QURAN STARLING</b>	<b>AUDITORIUM TRAILSIDE BUILDING</b>
9:10	PAAAS	Amber Marino - Contemporary
9:15	Cranford Dance Ensemble	<i>The Beginning of the End</i> - Modern
9:25	PAAAS	Caira Terrell - Contemporary
9:30	Cranford Academy Dance Ensemble	Modern
9:40	PAAAS Dance Ensemble	Contemporary
9:45	Linden HS Dance Company	Jazz
9:55	Plainfield High School Dance Ensemble	<i>Escape</i> - Contemporary
10:00	David Brearley HS Dance Section II	<i>Chorus Line: I Hope I Get It</i> - Jazz
10:10	Plainfield HS Intermediate Dance	<i>Safe and Sound</i> - Modern
10:25	Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy	Cultural
10:30	Linden HS Dance Company	Tap
10:40	Plainfield High School Dance Ensemble	Jazz
10:45	Plainfield High School Dance Ensemble	<i>Fire</i> - Modern
10:55	Roselle Park High School	Chloe Liddle - Jazz
11:00	David Brearley HS Dance Section I	<i>All That Jazz</i>
11:10	UC Academy of Performing Arts	<i>Dream State</i> - Lyrical
11:15	Linden HS Dance Company	<i>Suit and Tie</i> - Contemporary Jazz
11:25	UC Academy of Performing Arts	<i>Perspectives</i> - Post Modern

**Dance Continued . . .**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>CHARLENE SMITH &amp; QURAN STARLING</b>	<b>AUDITORIUM TRAILSIDE BUILDING</b>
11:30	Abraham Clark High School Dance	Tap
11:40	UC Academy of Performing Arts	<i>Nova</i> - Jazz
11:45	PAAAS Dance Ensemble	<i>The Night We Met</i> —Contemporary
11:55	UC Academy of Performing Arts	<i>Shifting Gears</i> - Modern
12:00	Jonathan Dayton High School	Rihanna Mix - Jazz
12:10	UC Academy of Performing Arts	<i>Sabotage</i> - Contemporary
12:15	PAAAS Dance Studio	<i>In the Air Tonight</i> - Contemporary
12:25	UC Academy of Performing Arts	NHSDA Junior Inductees - Contemporary
12:35	UC Academy of Performing Arts	Noreen Healy - Modern/Contemporary
12:40	UC Academy of Performing Arts	<i>Let Me Help</i> - Zhian Lucas & Ariel Esponzoza - Contemporary
12:45	UC Academy of Performing Arts	Samantha Wolf - Contemporary
12:50	UC Academy of Performing Arts	<i>Conquer</i> - Kaitlyn Phillips & Alyssa Kulick - Modern/Contemporary
12:55	UC Academy of Performing Arts	Jenna Moriello - Modern/Contemporary
1:00	Mother Seton Regional High School	Olivia Fakhry

# Media Arts

<b>TIME</b>	<b>LAMAR MACKSON</b>	<b>ROOM 1 TRAILSIDE BUILDING</b>
9:30	Linden High School Tiger News	Video I
	Linden High School Tiger News	Video II
10:30	PAAAS TV Production Juniors	Video I
	PAAAS TV Production Juniors	Video II
	PAAAS TV Production Juniors	Video III
	PAAAS	Dayan Bardales
	PAAAS	Daniel Melgar
	PAAAS	Jennifer Ruiz
	PAAAS	Elmer Castillo
	PAAAS	Daniel Garcia
	PAAAS	Holly Cejour
	PAAAS	Bola Ombolante
	PAAAS	Julia Green
	PAAAS	Keyler Veliz
	PAAAS	Valerie Deras
	PAAAS	Fabiola Bruno
	PAAAS	Kat Velasquez
	PAAAS	Kat Maradiega
12:00	Jonathan Dayton TV Production	5 Videos

# Visual Arts

**ArtStops** are “drop-in” workshops. You may go to them at any time during the period and participate in the activity. Try them after your critique, or if you’re closed out of another workshop.

**Enjoy your Festival!**

## ALL VISUAL ART WORKSHOPS ARE LOCATED IN THE LOWER FIELD

### **ABSTRACT PAINTING**

**Dario Scholis**

**ArtStop—On-Going**

**Both Days**

Watch a live demonstration of how to do an abstract painting and then students will express themselves through their own abstract work with acrylic paint.

### **BLOOMING BARRETTS**

**Donna Drew-Pack**

**ArtStop—On-Going**

**Both Days**

Create your own personal hybrid using silk flower petals, feathers and other embellishments to adorn your hair or lapel

### **MARBLING MADNESS**

**Adrianna Rendon**

**ArtStop—On-Going**

**Both Days**

Come and explore the ancient craft of instant transformation called “EBRU” (cloud art). We now know it as marbling. Swirl and stir your very own exciting patterns and designs and lift them onto paper.

### **MONOPRINTING**

**Debra Livingston**

**ArtStop—On-Going**

**Both Days**

A unique process combining painting and printmaking techniques. Develop your image on a plate using water based printer’s inks and stencils and other materials. Then transfer the image from the plate to paper using a press. Learn why monoprints are one-of-a-kind images, about “ghost prints” and series work.

# W O R K S H O P S

## ALL VISUAL ART WORKSHOPS ARE LOCATED IN THE LOWER FIELD

### **ORIGAMI FUN**

*Hannah Lieberman*

**ArtStop—On-Going**

**Both Days**

Come explore the wonderful world of paper creations, made from simple but exciting materials and the most basic of tools—your own hands! Use a wide range of colors, textures and patterns to learn simple and intermediate folds, producing from flat sheets of paper a variety of colorful, whimsical and useful three-dimensional objects.

### **OPEN DRAWING STUDIO**

*Debbie Hargiss*

**ArtStop—On-Going**

**Wednesday Only**

Stop by to sketch and draw using a variety of media.

### **THE ART OF EXPRESSING YOURSELF**

*UC Division of Children & Youth Services*

**ArtStop—On-Going**

**Both Days**

Explore how a 360 video can help you and your friends by improving your comfort level in front of the camera! In 60 seconds, you'll create a video with background music in which you get to express yourself, while having fun and creating sharable memories

### **YOUTH OUT LOUD – The Unity Project: Empowering LGBTQ Youth and Allies to be Visible**

*Robert Charkowsky*

**ArtStop—On-Going**

**Both Days**

Design a pencil and ink poster that celebrates uniqueness and amplifies a collective affirming voice for inclusion. Share your PRIDE.

### **ORIGAMI**

*Mary Kao*

**Both Days:** 9:00—10:00 ♦ 10:15—11:15 ♦ 11:30—12:30

Learn to create a variety of origami models that have action to played with, to toss in the air, birds that flap their wings, origami that spins and more.

### **POWERFUL PAPER BEADS**

*Elisa Kessler Caporale*

**Both Days:** 9:15—10:30 ♦ 10:45—12:00 ♦ 12:30—1:45

Using everyday paper we will make beads which can be strung on yarn with colorful plastic beads to make a bracelet, necklace, bookmark we have or a backpack decoration. Write a special wish, message or secret desire on the paper before rolling it up and see if it comes true.



# W O R K S H O P S

## ALL VISUAL ART WORKSHOPS ARE LOCATED IN THE LOWER FIELD

### **DREAMCATCHER**

**Valerie Graham**

**Both Days:** 9:15—10:30 ♦ 10:45—12:00 ♦ 12:30—1:45

Students will create a “Dreamcatcher” using cardboard rounds, markers, yarn, beads and fabric.

### **MANDELAS**

**Kat Block**

**Both Days:** 9:30—10:45 ♦ 11:00—12:15 ♦ 1:00—2:15

Students will create mandalas using the circle inner square format out of cut paper. They will learn how to center the designs, use colors to emphasize and unify the important design elements, create a subject and make border designs that organize the space.

### **CARTOON CHARACTER CARD ILLUSTRATION**

**Doug Baran**

**Both Days:** 9:30—10:30 ♦ 10:30—11:30 ♦ 12:15—1:15

Students will be shown examples of works by the artist. They will then design their own character which will be transferred to a 2.5" x 3.5" card. Cards will be in full color with both the character and the name of the character illustrated on it in full color.

### **SCULPTING THE HUMAN HEAD**

**Gregory Gurevich**

**Both Days:** 9:30—11:00 ♦ 12:00—1:30

Study the proportions of the human head and how to use this information as an artist. After a brief demonstration, students will create a sculpture of their own.

### **HAVING FUN WITH A CHINESE PAINTBRUSH**

**Diana Hsu Kung**

**Both Days:** 9:30—10:45 ♦ 11:00—12:15 ♦ 12:45—2:00

Learn step-by-step Chinese brush painting stroke techniques in free-hand style. Instructor will demonstrate different techniques of ink graduation, color blending and compositions. Create vivid images of flora, bird or fish.

### **HOW TO DRAW CARTOONS**

**Dave McCoy**

**Both Days:** 9:30—10:30 ♦ 11:00—12:00 ♦ 12:30—1:30

Learn the basic shapes, then use them to draw FUN cartoon faces and characters.

# W O R K S H O P S

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### **A WALK WITH NATURE PRINT MAKING WORKSHOP**

**Mansa Mussa**

**Both Days:** 9:30—11:00 ♦ 11:30—1:00

Student will learn mono-printing and multi-color printing, using leaves collected and then coated with block printing ink and transferred to watercolor paper or a 5" x 7" postcard. Shapes can be applied with stamps and text stickers can convey a message.

### **STAINED GLASS-LOOK PICTURE WITH TIN FOIL AND MARKERS!**

**Vicki Lederman**

**Both Days:** 9:30—10:30 ♦ 10:45—11:45 ♦ 12:00—1:00

Create the look of a stained glass panel from tin foil and colored markers! This fun, easy workshop will show you how you can make stunning art with these simple tools.

### **ATMOSPHERIC PERSPECTIVE**

**Martha Garcia**

**Both Days:** 10:00—11:00 ♦ 11:15—12:15

Learn how to paint simple atmospheric perspective, which is a method of creating the illusion of depth, or recession, in a painting or drawing by using color to create changes effected by the atmosphere of things seen at a distance.

# Music

**MUSIC WORKSHOPS ARE LOCATED IN THE SENSORY TRAIL AREA**

***THE BUCKET BRIGADE DRUM CORP***

**Both Days:** 9:30—10:30 ♦ 10:45—11:45 ♦ 12:30—1:30

Everyone will play drums in this exciting fun shop! This class is for the aspiring drummer or for those with no drumming experience. Learn basic stick technique and build confidence while saying and playing powerful rhythms. Improvise and create exciting rhythms culminating in a Bucket Brigade jam! Bring an open heart and mind.

***Maire Tashjian & Amy Schindler***

**Woods Amphitheater**

***INTRO TO PLAYING UKULELE***

**Both Days:** 9:30—10:30 ♦ 10:45—11:45 ♦ 12:30—1:30

Students will learn the basics of playing ukulele including chords, strumming patterns and more. A limited number of ukuleles will be provided for students who did not bring their own. All will have the opportunity to learn a song and play it by end of class.

***Jose Valencia***

**Acorn Amphitheater**

***SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATER & POP***

**Both Days:** 9:30—10:30 ♦ 11:00—12:00 ♦ 12:30—1:30

Learn the basics of vocal technique that can be applied to any style of singing. Topics like breathing, tone production, common vocal fault cures, belting and phrasing style will be covered. Students are welcome to come with a song prepared to be coached live in the second half of the session.

***Kelly Bennett***

**Drum Pavilion**

# Theatre

## THEATER WORKSHOPS ARE LOCATED IN THE SENSORY TRAIL AREA

### **SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATER & POP**

**Both Days:** 9:30—10:30 ♦ 11:00—12:00 ♦ 12:30—1:30

Learn the basics of singing using breathing techniques, tone production, and releasing tension throughout the voice. Work in a group setting to find an easy vocal production that translates to any style of singing. Topics will include effective belting technique, repertoire choice, using the mix voice, and how to choose a teacher to help develop technique. Students are welcome to come with a song prepared.

**Kelly Bennett**

**Drum Pavilion**

# Dance

### **SALSA DANCE**

**Both Days:** 9:30—10:30 ♦ 10:45—11:45 ♦ 12:30—1:30

Filled with lots of turns, swiveling hips, sharp and sexy movements, energetic rhythm and beats, Salsa dancing has been sweeping across the globe since the 1960s. Learn how to listen to the music so that you can step to the salsa timing, as well as learn different variations of moves and footwork to transition with your partner! No prior dance training is required. Bring your energy and friends, and learn how to dance Salsa!

**Priscilla Perez**

**Outside of Old Museum**

**Lower Field**

# Professional Artists

**HADIEH AFSHANI** has been a finalist in numerous art competitions. Her painting “Motion of Light” took top honors in the 2014 St. George Art Awards in Sydney, Australia. A solo exhibition, “Self-Space Universe,” took place in 2016 at Redland Art Gallery in Queensland, Australia. Her work explores themes of womanhood and connection to places. Born and raised in Iran, Hadieh Afshani studied Visual Art at the undergraduate level in Tehran, and then immigrated to Australia, where she lived for nearly a decade before moving to New York City. She received an MFA from Queensland College of Arts – Griffith University in Brisbane, Australia, where she also worked as a Visual Art professor. Along with being an artist, Hadieh curates art shows for RE: ARTISTE International Art Organization and teaches art at Union College, New York City art institutes and privately at her art studio.

**DOUG BARON** is the creator, writer and artist of the progressive comic book series “Jump Back Adventures,” a series following the exploits of his creations Sugar Ray Finhead, Little Jim-Bob Big Foot & the Flying Quasimodo Brothers. Doug is an instructor at the Joe Kubert School of Cartoon & Graphic Art, Hunterdon Museum of Art, Stage Struck Performing Arts Center, Somerset Art Association, Creative Hands Art Studio. He also presents workshops at libraries throughout New Jersey. His work includes art for Valiant Comics and Gotham Music, T-shirt designs for First String T Shirts, and illustrations for the *Asbury Park Press* and the *Daily Record*.

**KELLY BENNETT** has been teaching for 10 years as a private vocal instructor in musical theater, classical music, opera, jazz, blues, and contemporary rock and pop. She holds a B.A. in Music from Kean University, and has also studied under renowned vocal teacher Steven Schnurman. Kelly currently teaches privately in downtown Westfield, working with students on techniques ranging from classical and Broadway to contemporary pop/rock. She teaches vocal technique starting from any level, and works with some students on preparing for professional auditions and/or productions. Kelly’s students have performed in professional productions, as leads in school and community productions, as well as in NJ Regions and All-State Choirs. She serves as a judge for the annual MAMTG competition, and presents workshops and critiques at Teen Arts Festivals in NJ. Kelly has performed professionally in musical theater, classical music and contemporary pop & rock vocals as both a band front-woman and soloist.

**KAT BLOCK** is an artist, book illustrator and art educator whose work has been exhibited throughout NJ and, locally at venues including Les Malamut Gallery, Swain Galleries, and the Barron Arts Center. For four years, Kat’s jazz-influenced collages were selected by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders as posters to commemorate the Jersey Jazz by the Lake concerts. She earned a B.A. from Kean University. She also studied at the NJ Center for Visual Arts and duCret School of Art.

**JENNIFER BOYAR** is a multi-disciplinary graphic designer specializing in print, branding, and event material design for non-profits, publishers, and arts organizations. Jennifer has worked for clients and in house studios including The Robert F. Kennedy Center, MoMA, Umbrage Editions, the Global Journal, etc. Jennifer earned her BFA in graphic design from The College of New Jersey.

**ANTHONY BRANKER** is an adjunct professor and member of the Jazz Studies faculty at Rutgers University Mason Gross School of the Arts, where he teaches Jazz Historiography, Advanced Composing & Arranging, and Music Theory, while also directing the Avant Garde Ensemble. Previously, Dr. Branker was on the Princeton University faculty for 27 years, where he held an endowed chair in jazz studies, was founding director of the program in jazz studies, and associate director of musical performance. A Fulbright Scholar, he has been a professor at the Estonian Academy of Music (Tallinn), Manhattan School of Music (NYC), and Hunter College (NYC). He was Chairperson of the Department of Music at Ursinus College (PA). In 2014 and 2015, *DownBeat* magazine's Annual Critics Poll named Branker a "Rising Star Composer." A frequent guest conductor and award-winning composer, Branker received a M.M. in Jazz Pedagogy from University of Miami, a B.A. in Music and Certificate in African American Studies from Princeton University, and a PhD in Education from Teachers College, Columbia University. **CHARLES BUCCI** is a piano teacher at Valencia School of Music with a B.A. in Music Technology, an independent artist under the name "Charles Loren," and a member of an indie-rock band named Brewster, that went on tour around the USA twice.

**ELISA KESSLER-CAPORALE** has been a basket maker for 27 years. She now specializes in one-of-a-kind sculptural ribbed baskets, which may be covered with paper, may incorporate found objects, and may be woven with metals and other modern materials. She exhibits, lectures and teaches in New England and the New York Tri-State area. Elisa also weaves on a loom, beads, makes books, and makes paper. She was an Artist-in-Residence at the Newark Museum. In 2006 she received the Kathie Kempf Dorman Award for Sculpture at the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey in Summit for her mixed-media basket sculpture. She holds a B.A. in Art History from Western College for Women in Ohio.

**WENDY CONNOLLY** has been involved in theater since she was in elementary school and has continued to enjoy acting, directing, writing, coaching and teaching for many years. She is currently a coach at Theatrical Artists Prep studio in Scotch Plains and a member of Contagious Laughter Improv Troupe. She received her MFA in Acting from The Theatre School, DePaul University in 1989. After playing some of her favorite roles there like Lyubov in *The Cherry Orchard*, Mrs. Antrobus in *The Skin of Our Teeth*, Matron Mama Morton in *Chicago*, and others, she remained in Chicago and co-founded Civitas Theater Co. where she played Lady MacBeth in *MacBeth*. She ended up in New Jersey in 1992 and began coaching and directing both youth and adults. She played Reverend Mother in Hedgehog & Feathers' production of *Nunsense* and Chef Pierre in *How I Became a Pirate*. She has directed for Contagious Drama Workshop and Alliance Theater.

**ELISA CORDOVA**, a native of Chile, is making her mark in the USA and internationally. A graduate of the Eastman School of Music and Binghamton University, her operatic roles include Norina in *Don Pasquale*, Musetta in *La Boheme*, Antonia in *Les Contes d'Hoffmann*, Despina in *Così fan Tutte*, Monica in *The Medium*, Mabel in *The Pirates of Penzance*, Adele in *Die Fledermaus*, and more—with such companies as Tri-Cities Opera, The Aspen Music Festival, Tulsa Opera, Opera Carolina, the In Series, the Metropolitan Opera Guild and more. Her roles in

musical theatre have included “Annie Get Your Gun,” “Man of La Mancha,” “A Chorus Line,” and “Meet me in St. Louis.” Elisa made her West End debut in London performing the role of Maria in a European tour of “West Side Story.” In the recital arena, she specializes in Spanish-language repertoire. She has performed in Chile, Greece, the UK, France, Canada, Mexico, Germany, and Italy. [ElisaCordova.com]

**KEON DEPASS** is a musician and teacher in NYC. The son of Jamaican immigrants, music has been an integral part of Keon’s life since he was a young child. As a talented middle school and high school student, he was admitted into the Music Advancement Program at The Juilliard School in NYC. Keon went on to pursue a B.A in Music Education from City University of NY-Brooklyn College, studying under trumpeters Douglas Hedwig and Kyle Resnick. Keon obtained his teaching license in 2014, combining his dedication for music education with his desire to impact underserved communities. He currently leads the Music Department for Bronx Alliance Middle School in NYC. Keon has performed and recorded with Brooklyn based band; Parade Grounds. You can find it on spotify:<https://open.spotify.com/album/40QxWeAMLp1dnMmdrRjyiB> . Keon is a member of the Music Educators Association of New York City (MEANYC) and volunteers his time with Education Through Music, NYC a non-profit organization providing music education in under resourced schools. Keon is currently pursuing a graduate degree from Stony Brook University, and will complete his MA in Fall 2023.

**ERIC DIAMOND** is a Professor of Theatre and Deputy Chairman of the Department of Theatre and Dance at Montclair State University. He has composed music and musical-directed in New York City for Playwright’s Horizon, the American Globe Theatre, The Acting Company, and on Broadway for George Abbott’s musical play Broadway at the Royal Theatre. He spent two seasons at the Williamstown Theatre Festival and at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in Scotland. He has musical-directed MSU productions including *Pippin*, *Gypsy*, *Grease*, *Godspell*, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, *A Chorus Line*, and *Fiddler on the Roof*. He has composed and arranged incidental and vocal music for productions such as *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, *Inherit the Wind*, *The Grapes of Wrath*, and *Nicholas Nickleby*. Eric also taught at Montclair State’s Gifted and Talented summer program for students grade K-12, and at the Adult School of Montclair.

**JACKI DICKERT** New Jersey fine art photographer is active in the New Jersey photography community as an artist, teacher, and judge. A salon-level member of the Camera Naturalist Photo Club, she is a popular speaker with the NJ Federation of Camera Clubs and a respected judge for their state-wide competitions. A recently-retired school teacher, Ms. Dickert currently teaches private photography classes, leads group photowalks, and gives workshops to all ages at local venues. Jacki Dickert’s photographs have been published in Backpacker, The Sun Magazine, numerous online blogs, and on book and magazines covers. Her works has won many contests including first place in the Ansel Adams contest at the Fenimore Art Museum. In her mission as an “Ambassador of Wonder,” Jacki self-publishes the annual “World of Wonder” photography calendar. Solo exhibits have been held at: The Pearl Street Gallery in Elizabeth, Art on Main in Rahway; Trailside Nature and Science Center, Essex County Environmental Center, Waterwitch Gallery in Highlands, the Winfield Community Center, and the Palmer Museum in the Springfield Public Library. See [www.lightdance.org](http://www.lightdance.org) for more information.

**DONNA DREW-PACK**, artist and illustrator, works within the concept of Sustainable Design—or “up-cycling.” From wearable art to home décor, her focus is on recycling and reclaiming objects—transforming them, giving them new life. Donna holds a B.F.A. in Art Education from Boston University and has enjoyed a long career of teaching fine art and crafts to adults, teens, seniors, children, including people with disabilities. Her most recent work includes Arts Unbound in Orange, NJ, instructional visual art for Valley Arts, Inc., and the City of Orange NJ Public Schools’ 21st Century Grant Initiative. She provides arts opportunities and workshops at special events, Teen Arts events, and other festivals throughout NJ.

**FRANK FALOTICO** is a painter, figurative sculptor, and anatomist who has taught at the duCret School of Art for more than 45 years and served as the school’s director from 1985 to 2016. A member of the Pastel Society of New Jersey who has conducted numerous lectures and workshops in Anatomy and Pastel painting. He has exhibited throughout the area. He holds a B.A from Monmouth College and is a graduate of the duCret School, studying under sculpture Boris Blai, portraits Furman Finck and pastelist S. Allyn Schaefer. He also studied at the Art Students League with famed anatomy teacher Robert Beverly Hale, illustrators Earl Mayen, Steven R. Kidd and painter John Howard Sanden. He has served on the Advisory Board of both the Somerset County Technical Institute, commercial art program and the Monmouth County Vocational School, commercial art program. He served as a jury member for numerous art shows including: Society of Animal Artists; Warren Township Bi-Centennial Art Exhibit; Union County Seniors Art Show; Union County Employees and Family Art Show; Somerset County Gallery 24/7; Somerset County Local Arts Program (LAP) grants peer panelist. He has also served as an adjudicator for visual art for the Union County Teen arts; Somerset County Teen arts; and the NJ State Teen Arts festivals.

**MARTHA NORIETTE GARCIA** earned her bachelor’s degree in Art Education from Montclair State University and was named 2019-2020 Hudson County Teacher of the Year. She is continuously finding ways to improve student achievement and has led students to win multiple awards for their artwork. She attended professional development at places such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the National Art Educators conference. As an art advocate, she initiated large-scale group installations and exhibitions within the school and community therefore extending art education and awareness outside the limits of the classroom. Through her guidance, countless students have been able to attain their highest potential, winning awards and becoming creative thinkers and problem solvers. She is excited to continue her Masters in Studio Art this summer with The Florence Academy of Art in Jersey City through St. Peter’s University. Check out her art teacher Instagram @NotesByNoriette

**VALERIE GRAHAM** is an artist and crafter who teaches various crafting techniques to adults and children in community centers, senior centers, churches and special-needs facilities. Her company, “Crafts with Valerie & Company” has offered arts and crafts programs for 18 years. Valerie studied art, sculpting and graphic design at Middlesex County



College and other schools, interning with seasoned artists and craftsmen. As the Craft Supervisor for the Linden summer camp program, she developed craft projects for 12 camp programs per year. She sells her own artwork online and at various crafts venues. She loves bringing fun projects and joy to others as they create handmade objects using readily-available materials.

**GRIGORY GUREVICH** is a sculptor, painter, graphic artist, printmaker and inventor, whose work has been included in 200 exhibitions in the USA and Europe. He has conducted hundreds of sculpture workshops in Italy, Denmark and the USA. His paintings, drawings and sculptures have won numerous awards, and are in public and private collections in Russia, Switzerland, France and the USA. He received his M.A. from the Academy of Fine and Industrial Arts in Leningrad, Russia; was a professor at St. John's University (NY), and was a faculty member of Newark School of Fine and Industrial Arts. His bronze-tableau sculpture of seven life-size figures, "The Commuters," is permanently installed in Penn Station, Newark. In 1995, Grigory was granted a patent on a new type of manifolding book, one of which is held in the collection of the Brooklyn Museum.

**DEBBIE HARGISS** works as a painting teacher, private art tutor, and freelance graphics consultant. Employed in the arts since graduating from Cooper Union, she learned computer graphics working for Newsweek magazine. For over 20 years she was an assistant teacher at Artlab, a children's art school in Westfield. Her current passions include watercolor, sculpture, beading, bird-watching, tessellations, phenakistoscopes, and cryptobiotic tardigrades.

**CAROLYN HERBERT** is an award-winning photographer with over 20 years' experience in the industry, as well as in arts education and other creative settings. She graduated from Kean University with a BFA, specializing in Visual Communications, and is currently a painting and photography instructor at Union County College in Cranford, where she also teaches Fine Arts courses through the Senior Scholar program. Besides teaching, Carolyn freelances in special-event photography and leads workshops in the arts. She is represented by Choice Galleries, and her work has been featured in several solo and group shows. Besides teaching, she has a business, "Creative Photography by Carolyn" which specializes in original coastal inspired artwork and photography, special event photography and graphic design. Through her art, she hopes to inspire others to see the extraordinary in the ordinary, and to find beauty in their natural surroundings.

**MARY KAO** is an origami art educator and artist. She uses storytelling as a method of teaching, crafting stories to match the folding sequence of the origami model. She has expanded her paper-folding skills to incorporate fabric folding, to create durable accessories for clothing and hats. She provides a variety of workshops for adults and children in museums, classrooms and libraries, and at cultural events. Mary was awarded three Artist-in-Residence grants by the Newark Museum to work in the Middlesex County schools. Some of her original origami designs have been published.

**DIANA H. KUNG** graduated from National Taiwan College of Arts, majoring in traditional Chinese painting. She received an M.A from New Rochelle College and Montclair State University. Diana is an award-winning artist whose paintings have been in many group and solo shows. Her paintings are collected by private and public companies. She currently teaches at the Visual Arts Center in Summit and the Contemporary Arts Center in Bedminster.

**VICKI LEDERMAN's** work is influenced by the quiet beauty of the natural world and expressive movement: organic, lyrical shapes; calm, soothing colors; and free-form brushwork. She alters wheel-thrown shapes, especially bowls, with pieces of bark or wood and after firing adorns them with found natural materials like twisted wisteria vines and bits of lichen, tree fungus, shells, driftwood or sea glass and other findings. Vicki studied ceramics at Betsalel Academy of Art & Design in Jerusalem and earned her MFA in Ceramics from Antioch University. She was awarded a Fellowship by the NJ State Council on the Arts for her ceramic work, and maintains a studio in her home in Summit NJ, where she teaches individuals and small groups of students. See her work on <https://vickilederman.square.site/> and <https://www.etsy.com/shop/VickiLederman>

**HANNAH LIEBERMAN** teaches the art of paperfolding at Teen Arts Festivals in several counties, in after-school programs, adult workshops, the Newark Cherry Blossom Festival, at children's birthday parties and to private students. She has been an art teacher in public schools in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and is currently an educator in a religious school. Lieberman also creates custom designs using Hebrew calligraphy. She has a BFA from the Tyler School of Art.

**DEBRA LIVINGSTON** is an artist creating monoprints and handmade books. She is a printmaker, teacher, docent and mentor. She teaches drawing and painting to adults at the JCC in Scotch Plains as well as printmaking at the Visual Arts Center of NJ and the Baird center in South Orange. She has a BFA in printmaking from Rhode Island School of Design. She has had her handmade books in numerous shows throughout the country as well as in the permanent collections of the Tufts University Library, Newark Public Library and the Brooklyn Art library. She has been part of editions in the Museum of Modern Art Library, the National Gallery of Art Library, Washington, DC, and the Victoria and Albert Museum Book Collection, London, England. Debra has exhibited her work in several shows in New Jersey, including the Pierro gallery, the Printmaking Center of NJ, the Visual Arts Center of NJ, and the Metrowest JCC gallery. Her work was also been in exhibitions in the Abecedarian gallery in Denver Colorado, the University of Denver library, and the Asheville BookWorks in Asheville, NC.

**MEGAN LOOMIS** most recently toured the US in Wicked and the Tony award winning production of A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder. She has toured North America and Asia in War Horse, Cabaret, and Sweeney Todd. Off-Bway credits include The Other Josh Cohen at the Westside Theatre, The Dead, 1904 at Irish Repertory Theatre, and Beulah in John Doyle's critically acclaimed production of Allegro at Classic Stage Company. She has performed with Woody Sez; The Life and Music of Woody Guthrie at the GeVa Theatre, the Edinburgh Fringe, Vienna's English Theatre, in Oklahoma, Texas, all over Poland, and Off-Broadway at the Irish Repertory Theatre. An accomplished multi-instrumentalist, Megan performed her one-woman show, The Girl In The Band, at the Emerging Artists Theatre's One Woman Standing Festival in 2012 and 2015, and most recently as part of the 2018 Rochester Fringe Festival. Megan graduated from the Eastman School of Music with a Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance, and also holds her Masters of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from Goddard College. [www.meglloomis.com](http://www.meglloomis.com)

**NANCY LUBARSKY** has been an educator for over 35 years in various roles as teacher, curriculum supervisor, principal, adjunct professor, and superintendent in Mountainside, New Jersey, from where she retired. She holds a Doctorate in English Education from Rutgers. Nancy has published articles in several academic journals, frequently on the subject of teaching poetry. In 2006, the English Journal called Nancy's 2002 article, Poetry as a Lens: Alternate Ways of Seeing the Novel, one of 10 watershed articles written by practicing teachers (1912-2005) that "deserve to be reread and restudied in the present." Nancy has been published in various journals, including Edison Literary Review, Lips, Poetry Nook, Poetica, Comstock Review, From Whispers to Roars, Tiferet, Exit 13, Stillwater Review, Howl of Sorrow Anthology, Paterson Literary Review, Great Falls/Passaic River Anthology, and US1 Worksheets. She received honorable mention in the 2014 and 2016 Allen Ginsberg Poetry Awards, and Editor's Choice in 2017, and honorable mention from The Anna Davidson Rosenberg Poetry Contest (2018). Nancy has been nominated 3 times for a Pushcart Prize. She is the author of 2 books: Tattoos (Finishing Line Press, 2014) and The Only Proof (Kelsay Press, a Division of Aldrich Books, 2017).

**LAMAR MACKSON** is a Producer and Assistant Director from Plainfield NJ. His most recent work on Award Winning Director Alex Stapleton's Tawana and "How Music Got Free" gained his induction into the Director's Guild of America. His filmography and credits include The Cooking Channel's PATTI'S PLACE with Patti Labelle, Multimedia Entertainment's News Talk Television, Damages starring Glen Close, KITCHEN NIGHTMARES featuring Gordon Ramsay, EXTREME HOME MAKEOVERS, Viacom's THE MONTEL WILLIAMS SHOW, THE PHIL DONAHUE SHOW, as well as Spike Lee's SUMMER OF SAM. In addition, Mr. Mackson also served as Assistant Director on the popular hidden camera show IMPRACTICAL JOKERS on TruTV. Lamar currently runs his company Nonstop Show Group, is the founder of the Queen City Film Festival, now in its 6th year and currently serves as the Union County, NJ Film Advisory Board Chairman.

**DAVE McCOY** is a designer, illustrator, cartoonist and animator who received a B.F.A. in Commercial Art from Kean College. He has worked as an art director, designer and illustrator for clients including The New York Times, Prestige Books, TruColor Labs, AT&T, Swatch, Old Navy, Park-Davis, Mercedes-Benz, and Pep Boys. Dave has taught: animation, design, cartooning and advertising illustration at the Joe Kubert School of Cartooning in Dover; art, design and computer at Katherine Gibbs in Montclair, Livingston and Piscataway; art at Let's Create in Boonton, Creative Hands in Madison, Wayne Adult School, and Bergen Community College. He also teaches private lessons.

**MANSA K. MUSSA** is a visual artist, arts educator, curator, and arts consultant. A native of Newark, New Jersey. graphic artist, writer, fabric artist, and iPadologist. He earned a BA in Media Arts/Television Production from New Jersey City University and studied visual art there with Professor Emeritus Ben Jones. Mussa has been an instructor of photography and visual arts for forty-two years. During that time, he developed a system for teaching art to children, teens, adults, sensational seniors, and special needs students. He currently teaches drawing, photography, collage, wearable art, book arts, mask making, and iPadology for the Newark Museum of Art, Arts for Kids, Inc., the Visual Art Center of New Jersey, Studio Montclair, Arts Horizons, the Montclair Museum of Art, the Jewish Museum of

New Jersey, Steam Urban, and Get Empowered! His art is currently on display in these exhibits: Rhythm and Blues, Studio Montclair Ancestral Articulations, St. Joseph's University, Brooklyn Each One Teach One, The Morris Museum. [www.mansamussa.com](http://www.mansamussa.com)

**PRISCILLA PEREZ** teaches dance. She began her dance studies at La Danse School of Performing Arts, where she competed, performed and choreographed in diverse styles including ballet, jazz, lyrical, tap, acrobatics, salsa and hip-hop. She choreographed many performance pieces as a dance captain in high school. In New York City, she performed at the Joyce Theater and at the grand reopening of 42nd Street. During college, Priscilla incorporated her Latin roots as a dance instructor, teaching salsa, merengue and bachata. She enjoys instilling a love of dance in her students.

**ADRIANNA RENDON** discovered her artistic talent while in high school. Since then she has become a visual artist who enjoys teaching her students how to create a work of art that surpasses their expectations. Adrianna also designs and sells custom sneakers, logos, drawings and paintings.

**DR. TED SCHLOSBERG** holds a B.A. and an M.M. from Trenton State College and an Ed.D. in Creative Arts from Rutgers University. His expertise is teaching and performing on most band and orchestral instruments and conducting band, orchestra and choral groups. Dr. Schlosberg began his career teaching music in the Plainfield Public School District in 1960. In 1967 he joined the Westfield Public School District and remained there until 1996, when he retired to devote full time to the growth and development of New Jersey Workshop for the Arts. In addition, he has studied jazz improvisation, French horn, trumpet, woodwinds, percussion, strings, voice, guitar and conducted with top professionals. Dr. Schlosberg is the recipient of many awards including the Faith in Westfield Award given by the Westfield Chamber of Commerce and the Community in Action Award given by Nat West Bank.

**DARIO SCHOLIS** began painting as a child in his native homeland of Quito, Ecuador. He currently works primarily with mixed media, using acrylics and intaglios to create distinctive arrangements of bright colors, resulting in a collage of textures, contrasts and emotions. Dario teaches classes and workshops in community settings, and partners with non-profit organizations. A graduate of the Escuela de Bellas Artes at the Central University in Quito, he also studied at the Corcoran School of Art in Washington, DC.

**EILEEN COOPER SEDEK**, has performed in operas and as a concert soloist and recitalist in the US, Europe, and China. Recent credits include Mozart's *Missa Brevis in C, K. 220*, Orff's *Carmina Burana*, Mendelssohn's *Psalm 42*, the world premiere of Martin Sedek's *Lux Noctis*, and a recital tour of Slavic and Jewish music, "Songs My Mother Taught Me." She earned her M.M. from Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University, where she was on the adjunct faculty for the Music History and Vocal Departments. Eileen is on the Board of Directors of the New York Singing Teachers' Association and Light Opera of New Jersey. She teaches private voice and piano lessons, and adjudicates Teen Arts Festivals throughout New Jersey. [EileenCooperSedek.com]

**CHARLENE "CHI-CHI" SMITH**, took off into the Entertainment Industry, just after graduating from Rutgers University. Since her professional debut, she's worked w/many of the industry's top choreographers. Chi-Chi has traveled the world making countless TV appearances/ live performances alongside the world's top artists: Missy Elliot, LL Cool J, Janelle Monae, Salt n Pepa, Shakira, Snoop Dogg, Kelly Rowland, and more. She's also maintained a steady stream of leading roles in commercials, most of those representing National/ International brands like Playtex, Verizon, Nair, Wendy's, Honey Nut Cheerios, Crest, Apple: the list goes on! Most meaningful choreography credit to date: "Mom Genes Fight PPD": a PSA on Post-Partum Depression. Chi-Chi made her Broadway debut at The Palace Theater in 2014 in "Holler if ya Hear Me" directed by Kenny Leon and will be returning to Broadway as the legendary Damita Jo Freeman in the upcoming Soul Train Musical titled "The Hippest Trip". As an educator, whether at Pace Univ, The Apollo Theater Education Program, at local dance studios or Internationally, Chi-Chi enjoys delving deep into "Groove Theory" as she titles her hip hop foundation classes. The focus of her classes everywhere she teaches is keeping the groove in the dance. IG: @itsMeChi\_Chi

**QURAN STARLING** is from Linden, NJ, where he attended Linden High School. Beginning his dance journey at age three, he received formal training in ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, contemporary, hip-hop, and acro-gymnastics from La Danse in Linden, NJ. Upon graduating from high school, Quran attended college for a year before leaving to pursue a career as a professional dancer at Walt Disney World, Disney Cruise Line, and dance companies in New York City. After dancing for a few years, he went back to school and received his Bachelor of Arts in communications from Seton Hall University. During college, he worked at three different dance studios as a teacher/choreographer during the week and judged at various dance competitions a few times a month on the weekends. After college, Quran began pursuing a career in the film and television industry. He bounced around a bit on different productions spanning from reality TV and true crime to news and talk shows, before landing his first job in scripted on the Emmy award winning HBO series "Succession." He worked as a production assistant on the first season of "Succession" before moving into the accounting department.

**MAIRE TASHJIAN and AMY SCHINDLER** Maire Tashjian graduated from New Jersey City University with a BA in the Music Business. Amy Schindler graduated from Long Island University and earned her BA in Music. They perform regionally with their band VIRAGO. Their albums include Here Be Dragons and Love Over Fear, available on all major music platforms and are currently working a third release. Together they own and operate Viragomusic LLC. Their presentations provide students an opportunity to experience educational music programs with performances in schools throughout New Jersey. [www.viragomusic.com](http://www.viragomusic.com)

**SUZANNE TRAVERS** has worked as a writer for over twenty years, as a newspaper reporter in New Jersey for the Herald News, The Record, and Star-Ledger, and has freelanced for various magazines and online publications, including New Jersey Countryside, City Limits, Taproot, and The New York Times. She has also taught the after school program at Brayton school in Summit, and previously taught high schoolers, and political science as an adjunct at Rutgers-Newark.

**JOSE VALENCIA** is a guitar instructor and co-owner/founder of Valencia Music. His musical background and influences include classical, rock, jazz, and blues. Jose began his musical training as a teenager, then continued his music studies at Kean University, where he studied with classical guitarists Chris Keniff and Brett Grigsby, and also studied music theory, sight singing, and piano. He has performed at venues throughout the NY/NJ region, including the Blender Theater, Rockefeller Center, The Bitter End, Le Poisson Rouge and Maxwell's.

**BARBARA WALLACE** is a Sculptor who is known for her figurative art works and innovative use of paper mache. She received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting from Pratt Institute and a Master of Fine Arts in Sculpture from the University of Pennsylvania. Wallace is an Adjunct Distinguished Professor at Kean University and an Adjunct Professor at Passaic County Community College. Recent exhibits include Beloved Community sponsored by West Windsor Arts, Art Against Racism and the Newark Museum, Studio Montclair, Noyes Museum, Belmar Arts Council, Artist Equity Philadelphia Tri-state, and Smush Gallery in Jersey City. She is a previous Union County Honoree in the Arts for Women's History Month, awarded by the NJ Senate and General Assembly.



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Abraham Lincoln School #14, Elizabeth  
Alexander Hamilton Prep Academy #80, Elizabeth  
Benjamin Franklin School #13, Elizabeth  
Carl H. Kumpf School, Clark  
Chessie Dentley Roberts Academy #30, Elizabeth  
Columbia Middle School, Berkeley Heights  
Cranford Achievement Program  
Cranford High School  
Christopher Columbus School #15, Elizabeth  
David Brearley High School, Kenilworth  
Deerfield School, Mountainside  
Dr. Albert Einstein Academy #29, Elizabeth  
Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy #26, Elizabeth  
Duarte-Marti School #28, Elizabeth  
EHS @ Frank J. Cicarell Academy #89, Elizabeth  
EHS @ Halsey Academy #83, Elizabeth  
Elmora School #12, Elizabeth  
FlexSchool, Berkeley Heights  
Florence M. Gaudineer, Springfield  
Grace Wilday Junior HS, Roselle  
Governor Livingston HS, Berkeley Heights  
Hillside Avenue School, Cranford  
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Lamberts Mill Academy, Westfield  
Lincoln School, Garwood  
Lincoln School Cranford Achievement Program  
Linden High School  
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Mabel G. Holmes School #5, Elizabeth  
Madison-Monroe School #16, Elizabeth  
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Nicholas M. Butler School #23, Elizabeth  
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Orange Avenue School, Cranford  
Plainfield High School  
Plainfield Academy for the Arts & Advanced Studies  
Queen City Academy, Plainfield  
Robert Morris School #18, Elizabeth  
Roselle Park Middle School  
Roselle Park High School  
Sonia Sotomayor School #25, Elizabeth  
Soehl Middle School, Linden  
T. Edison Career & Tech Academy, Elizabeth  
Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy #84, Elizabeth  
Terence C. Reilly School #7, Elizabeth  
UC Academy for Performing Arts, Scotch Plains  
UC Vocational-Technical HS, Scotch Plains  
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