

The Union County Board of County Commissioners Presents

# UNION COUNTY **teenarts** 2025

**March 13-14, 2025**  
**9 am-1:30 pm**

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Dear friends of Teen Arts,

Welcome! The Union County Board of County Commissioners is pleased to sponsor the 2025 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.

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# Visual Arts

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TIME	2D	2D	2D	2D	2D	3D
	CAROLYN HERBERT	CHRISTINE MYSHKA	FRANK FALOTICO	STACEY PRITCHARD	JO-EL LOPEZ	BARBARA WALLACE
9:30	Carl H. Kumpf	Orange Avenue	Joseph E. Soehl	John Marshall		
9:45			iPrep Academy	Jerome Dunn	Nicholas Murray Butler	Dr. Orlando Edreira
10:00	Deerfield		William F. Halloran	Chessie D. Roberts		New Providence
10:15		Hillside Avenue			Duarte-Marti	Deerfield
10:30	Florence M. Gaudineer			Dr. Orlando Edreira	Lincoln CAMP	Roselle Park
10:45	Mabel G. Holmes		Victor Mravlag			Lincoln CAMP
11:00		Roselle Park	Nicholas LaCorte	George Washington	Joseph Battin	Mabel G. Holmes
11:15	New Providence		Lincoln School			iPrep Academy
11:30		Grace Wilday		Madison Monroe	Terence C. Reilly	Victor Mravlag
11:45			Myles J. McManus	L'Ouverture-Lafayette		Chessie D. Roberts

# Music

Special thanks to **Lorco Petroleum Services** for supporting Music at our Teen Arts Festival.

## Vocal Large Groups

TIME	EILEEN COOPER SEDEK	SEMINAR ROOM
9:20	Florence M. Gaudineer MS Choir	
9:30	Soehl Select Choir	
9:40	McManus Select Choir	
9:50	Grace Wilday Junior High School Concert Chorus	
10:00	Robert Morris School 18 Chorus	
10:10	Dr. Orlando Edreira Voices of Harmony—"Edelweiss"	
10:20	Lincoln School Choir—"Spring Selection"	
10:30	Columbia MS Vocal Ensemble—"The Sound of Silence"	
10:40	Deerfield Chorus	
10:50	Dr. Albert Einstein Joyful Sounds Middle School Chorus "Sisi Ni Moja"	
11:20	Chessie Dentley Roberts Academy 8th Grade Choir "Mary Did You Know?"	

## Vocal Small Groups and Solos

TIME	ELISA CORDOVA & MEGHAN HALES	ROOM SD 229
9:40	L'Ouverture—Lafayette School Voices - 7th & 8th Grades	
9:45	L'Ouverture—Lafayette School Voices - 8th Grade	
10:00	Joseph Battin School #4 Chorus	
10:05	William F. Halloran School #22	Audriana Fernandez—"Home"
10:10	William F. Halloran School #22	Kilviarys Rodriguez De La Cruz "Beauty and the Beast"
10:15	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Christell Donkor—"Burn"
10:20	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Brielle Claire & Mariam Refaat "Lift Me Up"
10:25	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Isabella Navarro—"Speechless"
10:30	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Ismari Chacach, Dayana Garcia & Yamilca Camacho "Found, Tonight"
10:35	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Nevaeh Harrell—"Don't You Worry 'Bout a Thing"
10:40	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Arielle Appiah-Adjei & Haylee "Muriithi—Touch the Sky"
10:45	Victor Mravlag School #21 8th Grade Choir	"Hamilton Women"
11:30	Madison Monroe School #16 8th Grade Select Choir	Spring Concert Preview
12:00	Mabel G. Holmes Singers	

## Instrumental Large Groups

TIME	ANTHONY BRANKER	AUDITORIUM
9:30	Columbia Middle School Jazz Band	
9:50	Deerfield School Jazz Band	
10:10	Duarte-Martí School #28 Concert Band <i>"Escape From Thunder Mountain"</i>	
10:30	Chessie Dentley Roberts Academy Jazz Band	
10:50	Victor Mravlag Band	
11:10	Florence M. Gaudineer 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Concert Band <i>"Benjamin Franklin and the Art of Music"</i>	
11:30	Mabel G. Holmes Middle School Band <i>"Danza de España"</i>	
11:50	Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy #26 Jazz Ensemble	
12:10	Malcolm E. Nettingham Middle School Jazz Ensemble	
12:30	Dr. Albert Einstein Academy #29 Middle School Band <i>"Darkland March"</i>	
12:50	Grace Wilday Junior High School Concert Band <i>"Macarena"</i>	

## Instrumental Solos & Small Groups

TIME	CHARLOTTE SESSIONS	SOUTH LECTURE HALL
9:30	Lincoln School	Cecilia Faustino
9:40	Lincoln School	Valerie Faustino
10:30	iPrep Academy School #8 Rock Band	
10:40	Columbia Middle School Flute Ensemble—"Sparrow Party"	
10:50	Columbia Middle School	Aarushi Dubey "Butterfly Nocture"
11:00	Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy #26 Bell Choir—"A Merry Heart"	
11:10	Nicholas Murray Butler School #23	The Breakfast Club Rock Band "Love Song"
11:30	Dr. Antonia Pantoja School #27	Darla Joseph & Brigitee Culcay "Aura Lee"
11:40	William F. Halloran School #22	Juan Pablo Cuellar Aguilar "The Dancer"
11:50	William F. Halloran School #22	Brianna Paz & Hillary Cruz "Rondo"
12:00	Madison Monroe School #16 - 8th Grade Select Band	
12:10	William F. Halloran School #22	Ayden McCrary & Malachi Joseph
12:20	William F. Halloran School #22	Arianna Aramburo
12:30	Dr. Orland Edreira Academy #26 Bucket Drums	
12:40	William F. Halloran School #22 Select Ensemble	

## Strings/Guitar - Large Groups

TIME	MICHELE FIORINDO	GYM
9:00	Terence C. Reilly School #7 Vivace Orchestra—"Sunlight"	
9:15	Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School Grade 8—"Sinfonia"	
9:30	Columbia Middle School Select String Ensemble—"Por Una Cabeza"	
10:00	Grace Wilday Junior High School	
10:15	Soehl Middle School Orchestra	

## Piano

TIME	KELLY BENNETT	ROOM W102
10:00	William Halloran School #22	Carlos Cordon—"Minuet and Trio"
10:05	William Halloran School #22	Santiago Escobar—"Sonatina in C"
10:10	William Halloran School #22	Enzo Hidalgo—"Turkish March"
10:15	William Halloran School #22	Mario Torres—"Sonatina in G"
10:20	William Halloran School #22	Bryant Tapias—"Military March"
10:25	William Halloran School #22	Damien Burns—"Golden Hour"
10:35	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Elias Bisono—"Interstellar"
10:40	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Kristhal De La Rosa "The Fly's Adventure"
10:45	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Maylen Jaramillo "Long, Long Ago"
10:50	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Maria Pinto "Horseman's Night Ride"
10:55	Terence C. Reilly School #7	Avril Vazquez "Song of Kilimanjaro"



# Creative Writing

Special thanks to **La Voz Newspaper** for supporting Creative Writing at our Teen Arts Festival.

## Fiction/Non-Fiction

DEBORAH KAPLAN - ROOM SD 206

### 9:30 - 10:30

1. Orange Avenue, Lily Griffiths
2. William F. Halloran, Aryanna Damus
3. William F. Halloran, Valerie Chamorro
4. Orange Avenue, Olivia Schottlande
5. Orange Avenue, David Buendia
6. Orange Avenue, Eliza Rivera
7. Orange Avenue, Sydney Winters
8. Orange Avenue, Juliana Zaki
9. Orange Avenue School, Lila Dippold
10. William F. Halloran, Samantha Cermeno
11. William F. Halloran, Ariana Aramburo
12. William F. Halloran, Saudia Wood

### 10:45 - 11:45

1. Orange Avenue, Vincent Caprario
2. Orange Avenue, Carter Ganime
3. Orange Avenue, Lilliana Montes De Oca
4. Orange Avenue, Avery Rolser
5. Orange Avenue, Grace Pentimone
6. Deerfield School, Victoria Ribeiro
7. Deerfield School, Ashley Batista

### 12:15 - 1:15

1. Orange Avenue, Teddy Dryer
2. Orange Avenue, Ian Luna
3. Orange Avenue, Carter Ghanime
4. Orange Avenue, Quinn Wright
5. Orange Avenue, Chesley Essien

# **Creative Writing Continued . . .**

## **Poetry**

**NANCY LUBARSKY - ROOM SD 205**

### **9:30 - 10:30**

1. William F. Halloran, Fatema Raha
2. William F. Halloran, Solange Velarde Felix
3. William F. Halloran, Ariana Arumburo
4. Orange Avenue, Caroline O'Donnell
5. Orange Avenue, Megan Theophilakos
6. Orange Avenue, Olivia Matthews
7. Orange Avenue, Ella Moribaldi
8. Orange Avenue, Emilia Rochefort
9. Orange Avenue, Analise Tully
10. Orange Avenue, Tyler Van Duzer
11. Orange Avenue, Tessa Newburg
12. Orange Avenue, Liliana Papa

### **10:45 - 11:45**

1. William F. Halloran, Faija Zamil
2. William F. Halloran, Jada Rios
3. William F. Halloran, Melony Tenorio
4. Orange Avenue, Dahlia Yuscavage
5. Orange Avenue, Elena Villareal
6. Orange Avenue, Emily Imhof
7. Orange Avenue, Jack Jackson
8. Orange Avenue, Jane Geraghty
9. Orange Avenue, William Kelly
10. Orange Avenue, Ruby Piccuiro
11. Columbia MS, Ethan Liu
12. Columbia MS, Nathan Villanueva
13. Columbia MS, Nico Ng
14. Columbia MS, Aarashi Dubey
15. Columbia MS, Pevin Sparrer
16. Columbia MS, Lucas Machin

### **12:00 - 1:00**

1. Columbia MS, Jacob Dy
2. Columbia MS, Jordon Lee
3. Columbia MS, Stella Mondragon
4. Columbia MS, William Cubbon
5. Columbia MS, Aaron Weng
6. Columbia MS, Srishti Batra
7. Columbia MS, Amisha Dubey
8. Columbia MS, Oliver E. Doyle
9. Columbia MS, Nickolas Fasano
10. Columbia MS, Saanvi Saxena
11. Columbia MS, Siddharth Shinde
12. Columbia MS, Vikran Singh
13. Columbia MS, Elizabeth Bartiromo
14. Columbia MS, Sophie Amato
15. Columbia MS, Julia Ruiz
16. Columbia MS, Marisha Haque

# Theater

Special thanks to **Harbor Consultants** for supporting Theater at our Teen Arts Festival.

TIME	ERIC DIAMOND	GYM
11:20	Terrence C. Reilly Musical Theater Group—"Descendants Medley"	
11:30	Duarte-Marti School #28 Chorus—"Selections from The Lion King"	
11:40	Lincoln School—"Mustang Mean Girls Cast"	
11:50	Carl H. Kumpf Musical—"Matilda"	
12:00	Carl H. Kumpf Improv Group	
12:10	Deerfield Theater—"Shrek the Musical"	
12:20	William F. Halloran School #22—"Gaston Reprise"	
12:30	William F. Halloran School #22—"Human Again"	
12:40	Grace Wilday Junior High School Drama	

# Dance

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TIME	CHARLENE SMITH & QURAN STARLING	DANCE STUDIO
9:40	Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy	Zaira Quaye <i>"The Sound of Silence"</i>
10:30	Roselle Park Middle School	Olivia Bloch & Rose Genova <i>"Dark Horse"</i>
10:40	Roselle Park Middle School	Abigail Rodriguez
10:50	Roselle Park Middle School	Myka Spatz
11:00	Roselle Park Middle School	Olivia Bloch <i>"Million Dollar Baby"</i>
11:10	Roselle Park Middle School	Rose Genova <i>"On The Floor"</i>
TIME	CHARLENE SMITH	GYM
10:40	William F. Halloran School #22— <i>"Invisible"</i>	
10:50	Terence C. Reilly Dance Troupe— <i>"Unwritten"</i>	
11:00	Queen City Academy Dance Ensemble— <i>"Freedom"</i>	

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9:30			Mother Seton		David Brearley	W. Halsey Academy  UC Vo-Tech	
9:45	Linden HS	Frank J. Cicarell Annex				UC Career & Technical Institute	Abraham Clark
10:00	Alexander Hamilton Academy <b>Critiquer Jo-El Lopez</b>		Abraham Clark	Union HS		Linden HS	Frank J. Cicarell
10:15					John E. Dwyer Academy	William Halsey Academy	Governor Livingston
10:30	Governor Livingston		Roselle Park	CAP Lincoln School		Abraham Clark	Mother Seton
10:45		Frank J. Cicarell		William Halsey Academy		Frank J. Cicarell	CAP Lincoln School
11:00					JVJ Stem	Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy	

## Visual Arts Continued . . .

TIME	2D	2D	2D	2D	2D	Photo/ Digital	3D
	CAROLYN HERBERT	MICHAEL DONATO	FRANK FALOTICO	STACEY PRITCHARD	JULIE HARRIS	GIANPAOLO FABIANO	BARBARA WALLACE
11:15			Plainfield HS	Thomas Edison		Governor Livingston	JVJ Stem
11:30		UC Vo-Tech					David Brearley
11:45			Cranford	Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy		Union HS	
12:00	Jonathan Dayton					David Brearley	Cranford
12:15						Cranford	

# Music

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## Large Vocal Groups

TIME	EILEEN COOPER-SEDEK	SEMINAR ROOM
9:30	Jonathan Dayton High School Chorale	
9:45	David Brearley High School Chorale—"A Tribute to Queen"	
10:00	Elizabeth High School Choir	
10:15	Linden High School Madrigals	
10:30	Governor Livingston High School Ensemble—"Movement"	
10:45	Governor Livingston High School Ensemble—"From the Start"	
11:00	Abraham Clark High School Choir	
11:15	Abraham Clark High School—"Musica Marsala"	

## Vocal Solos & Small Groups

TIME	ELISA CORDOVA & MEGHAN HALES	ROOM SD 229
9:30	Mother Seton Regional High School	Ysabelle Frum—"in My Dreams"
9:35	Mother Seton Regional High School	Cristina Garcia—"Pie Jesu"
9:40	Mother Seton Regional High School	Melanie Sandiford—"Landslide"
9:45	Mother Seton Regional High School	Sasha Smyth <i>"A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes"</i>
9:50	Roselle Park High School	Leia Paiva—"My Days"
9:55	Roselle Park High School	Arcus Chemidlin and Mia Coronel <i>"Say My Name"</i>
10:00	Roselle Park High School	Shayli Guerrero <i>"Let You Break My Heart Again"</i>
10:05	Roselle Park High School	Gabriella Villao—"Gimme Gimme"
10:10	Roselle Park High School	Yanna Metellus—"Stand Up"
10:15	CAP Lincoln School	Alana Frederick
10:20	Abraham Clark High School	Niko Alexis—"Misty"
10:25	Abraham Clark High School	Jovita Gedeon <i>"Loyal, Brave and True"</i>
10:30	William F. Halsey Academy After School Music Club	<i>"Birds of a Feather"</i>
10:40	Roselle Park High School	Donnelly Trio—"First Burn"
10:45	Lambert's Mill Academy	Janelle—"The Climb"
10:50	Roselle Park High School	Mackenzie Modero—"Home"



**Vocal Solos & Small Groups Continued . . .**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ELISA CORDOVA &amp; MEGAN HALES</b>	<b>ROOM SD 229</b>
10:55	Roselle Park High School	Alison Lantigua—"Beautiful Fool"
11:00	Lambert's Mill Academy	Brynne—"My Immortal"
11:05	Linden High School	Justin Barsnica—"If I Can't Have Her"
11:10	Linden High School	Cynthia Serra—"Let It Go"
11:15	Linden High School	Lorelai Garcia "Just Around the Corner"
11:20	Linden High School	Cristina Ramos-Rodriguez "She Used To Be Mine"
11:25	Linden High School	Johanny Cabral—"Burn"
11:30	Linden High School	Abigail Armstead—"The Wizard and I"
11:35	Roselle Park High School	Leia, Arianna and Shayli "Know Who You Are"

**Instrumental - Large Groups**

TIME	ANTHONY BRANKER	AUDITORIUM
9:15	David Brearley Jazz Ensemble—"Backrow Politics"	
9:45	Linden High School Jazz Band	
10:15	Frank J. Cicarell Academy Beginner String Orchestra <i>"Flight of the Furies"</i>	
10:45	Plainfield High School Concert Band and Wind Ensemble	
11:15	Jonathan Dayton High School Concert Band - <i>"Fate of the Gods"</i>	
11:45	Governor Livingston High School Jazz Band—"Big Band Set"	
12:15	Governor Livingston High School Percussion Ensemble	
12:45	Abraham Clark High School Jazz Band	

**Instrumental - Solos & Small Groups**

TIME	CHARLOTE SESSIONS	SOUTH LECTURE HALL
9:50	Roselle Park High School	Gabriel Freire, Hunter Heilman, Max Monto & Susie Shaw <i>Zanzibar</i>
10:10	Thomas Jefferson Academy Saxophone Ensemble	
10:30	Governor Livingston High School DHH Percussion— <i>"Deaf Jam"</i>	
10:50	Governor Livingston High School Jazz Improvisation	
11:10	Governor Livingston High School Saxophone Quartet <i>"May Song and Chorus of the Villagers"</i>	
11:30	Mother Seton Regional High School	Dorothy D'Mello <i>"Married Life From Up"</i>
12:10	Roselle Park High School	Jesenia Rodriguez, Jonathan Joseph, Gabriela Villao & Christian F. Obando— <i>"Beaches"</i>

## Strings/Guitar

TIME	MICHELE FIORINDO	ROOM S106
9:30	Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy	Joseph Melo—"Study In A"
9:45	Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy Guitar Ensemble II—"Sunset Paradise"	
10:00	Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy	Michael Gomez "Andante"
10:15	Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy	Eduardo Tobon
11:15	Linden High School Guitar Ensemble	
TIME	MICHELE FIORINDO	SEMINAR ROOM
11:30	Linden High School Chamber Ensemble	
11:45	Jonathan Dayton High School String Orchestra "War March of the Priests"	
12:00	Governor Livingston HS Orchestra—"English Folk Song Suite"	
12:15	Governor Livingston Select String Ensemble—"Merry Go Round For Life"	
1:15	Abraham Clark High School	

## Piano

TIME	KELLY BENNETT	ROOM W102
10:00	Mother Seton Reg. High School	Kate Robimon—"Chopin-Nocturne in C# Minor"
10:05	Mother Seton Reg. High School	Lucy Bergquist—"Chopin-Nocturne in E# Minor"
10:10	Mother Seton Reg. High School	Anya Czarnota—"Chopin-Fantaisie Impromptu"

# Creative Writing

Special thanks to ***La Voz Newspaper*** for supporting Creative Writing at our Teen Arts Festival.

**NANCY LUBARSKY - ROOM SD 205**

**10:45 - 11:45**

1. Lambert's Mill Academy, Jordyn
2. Lambert's Mill Academy, Lizzy
3. Lambert's Mill Academy, Grayson
4. Lambert's Mill Academy, Beirah-Marie
5. Lambert's Mill Academy, Marie Hedgepath

# Theater

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## Small Groups

TIME	ERIC DIAMOND	DANCE STUDIO
9:10	Plainfield High School	Joselyn Padilla
9:15	Plainfield High School	Amari Hart
9:20	Cranford High School	Molly Zitomer
9:25	Cranford High School	Chloe Rantamen
9:30	Cranford High School Theater—"Angels In America"	
9:35	Cranford High School Theater—"A Doll's House"	
9:40	Cranford High School Theater—"No Exit"	
9:45	Cranford High School Theater—"Fool For Love"	
9:50	Cranford High School Theater—"True West"	
9:55	Cranford High School Theater—"A Streetcar Named Desire"	
10:00	Cranford High School	Daryann Barnes
10:05	Cranford High School	Madeline Coons
10:10	Cranford High School	Clover Halaby
10:15	Cranford High School	Katelyn Hilser
10:20	Cranford High School	Cecilia Imhof
10:25	Cranford High School	Sarah Lopez
10:30	Cranford High School	Dishitha Musidipalli
10:35	Cranford High School	Layla Neshiwat

## Theater Large Groups

TIME	ERIC DIAMOND	DANCE STUDIO
12:15	Jonathan Dayton High School—"12 Angry Jurors"	
12:30	Jonathan Dayton High School— <i>"The Addams Family"</i>	
12:45	Linden High School Musical Theatre Touring Troupe	
1:00	David Brearley High School Theater—"Emma: A Pop Musical"	
1:15	Abraham Clark High School Theater	

# Dance

Special thanks to ***Maher Terminals LLC*** for supporting Dance at our Teen Arts Festival.

TIME	CHARLENE SMITH & QURAN STARLING	GYM
9:00	Cranford High School Dance—"Museum"	
9:10	Cranford High School Dance—"Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile"	
9:20	Linden High School Dance Company	
9:30	Plainfield High School Dance Ensemble—"Sing, Sing, Sing"	
9:40	Roselle Park High School	Juliana Vivas & Mackenzie Modero "Technique"
9:50	Linden High School Dance Company	
10:00	Halsey High School Trio	
10:10	Halsey High School	Soloist
10:20	Jonathan Dayton High School Dance	
10:30	Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy Dance	
10:40	Roselle Park High School	Elissa Glebocki
10:50	Roselle Park High School	Juliana Vivas
11:00	Mother Seton Regional High School	Chloe Negrón
11:10	Roselle Park High School	Natalia Freire
11:20	Roselle Park High School	Mackenzie Modero
11:30	Roselle Park High School	Leia Paiva & Daniela Gomes
11:40	Roselle Park High School	Elissa and Partner
11:50	Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy Dance	

**Dance Continued . . .**

TIME	CHARLENE SMITH & QURAN STARLING	GYM
12:10	Roselle Park High School Panthers Dance	
12:20	Cranford High School Dance—"Like That"	
12:30	Abraham Clark High Dance	
12:40	David Brearley High School Advanced Dance—"From Where I Stand"	
12:50	David Brearley High School Advanced Dance—"The Statue"	
1:00	Cranford High School—"Pocket Universe"	
1:10	Abraham Clark High School Dance	
1:30	Roselle Park High School	Elisa Kenold & Jiseli Bustillo Mendoza "Crazy in Love"



# Media Arts

Special thanks to **Universal Vending Management** for supporting Media Arts at our Teen Arts Festival.

TIME	LAMAR MACKSON	ROOM W214
10:00	Linden High School TNT News 2	
10:15	Linden High School TNT News 1	
10:30	Roselle Park High School	Maya Konczynski
10:45	Roselle Park High School	Anna Dasilva
11:00	Roselle Park High School	Brendali Garcia
11:15	Roselle Park High School	Alison Lantigua
11:30	Roselle Park High School	Gabriela Villao

# 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!**

## **ETCH-A-SKETCH CONTINUOUS LINE ART**

**ArtStop—On-Going**

**Both Days**

**Keith Drake**

**Commons**

Come test your hand-eye coordination, your keen sense of observation, your compositional skill and your patience on the classic *ETCH-A-SKETCH* drawing toy. Watch Keith as he etches on screen via video camera.

## **EXPRESS YOURSELF**

**ArtStop—On-Going**

**Both Days**

**Robert Charkowsky**

**Commons**

Looking to take a break and find your zen? Stop by and color whatever you would like, using crayons, markers, and colored pencils.

## **ORIGAMI FUN**

**ArtStop—On-Going**

**Both Days**

**Hannah Lieberman**

**Commons**

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.

## **MONOPRINTING**

**ArtStop—On-Going**

**Both Days**

**Ingrid Marie Harbour**

**S102**

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.

# WORKSHOPS

## **BACKPACK CHARMS**

**Tara Balboa**

**ArtStop—On-Going**

**Both Days**

**S109**

Creative class where you will learn how to make your own unique backpack charm.

## **BRUSH AWAY THE STRESS**

**Elizabeth Quinn**

**ArtStop—OnGoing**

**Thursday Only**

**S110**

In this workshop, students will learn the importance of destressing and how to use art as a tool to stay calm in stressful times. Students will be able to experiment with watercolor, Zentangles, and clay to help them be mindful and calm.

## **YOUTH GAMES: THE ART OF PLAY**

**UC Division of Children & Youth Services**

**ArtStop—On-Going**

**Both Days**

**SD 219**

The Division of Children and Youth Services is excited to present a creative nod to the challenge-based fun of Squid Game, but with an artistic twist. Participants will face a time challenge like folding and flipping origami, showcasing how games can be a dynamic form of art. The engaging experience highlights creativity, strategy, and teamwork, encouraging you to see the artistic elements within play. Through these activities, we aim to inspire participants to explore the intersection of art, culture, and imagination.

## **DECORATIVE KEY CHAINS & BACKPACK DANGLES**

**Donna Drew-Pack**

**ArtStop—On-Going**

**Both Days**

**W110**

Create your own personal key chains & backpack dangles using beads, ribbons, pompoms, cords, feathers, and more. Use your imagination!

## **OPEN DRAWING STUDIO**

**Debbie Hargiss**

**ArtStop—On-Going**

**Both Days**

**W202**

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

## **OCTAHEDRONS: THE MAGIC OF SPHERES**

**Mansa Mussa**

**ArtStop—On-Going**

**Both Days**

**W209**

Octahedrons are eight-sided soft sculpture paper collages designed using colorful graphic art paper and geometric shapes.

# WORKSHOPS

## **3D ORIGAMI**

**Mary Kao**

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

**W112**

Multiple colorful sheets of paper will be folded with uncomplicated creases, yet when they are connected together make an impressive looking three dimensional origami.

## **DREAMCATCHERS**

**Valerie Graham**

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

**W208**

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

## **SCULPTING THE HUMAN HEAD**

**Grigory Gurevich**

**BOTH DAYS:** 9:30—11:00 ♦ 12:00—1:30

**S112**

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.

## **CARTOON CHARACTER CARD ILLUSTRATION**

**Doug Baran**

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

**W106**

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.

## **MAGICAL MANDALAS**

**Kat Block**

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

**W108**

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.

## **INTRODUCTION TO CHINESE BRUSH PAINTING**

**Kate Peng**

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

**W203**

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.

# W O R K S H O P S

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

**Vicki Lederman**

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

**W205**

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.

## **REFRIGERATOR ART**

**Adrianna Rendon**

**Thursday Only:** 9:30—10:30 ♦ 10:45—11:45 ♦ 12:30—1:30

**W206**

In this hands-on session, you'll design and paint your own miniature artwork to display on your fridge. Perfect for all skill levels, this workshop provides materials, guidance and a fun relaxed atmosphere to create unique and colorful mini masterpieces.

## **HOW TO DRAW CARICATURES**

**Dave McCoy**

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

**W207**

Learn the art of drawing caricatures, or cartoon versions of yourself, your friend and family, anyone you want! Students will be shown examples of caricatures and then learn the basic skills of drawing facial features and create several black & white caricatures of each other.

## Dance

### **SALSA DANCE**

**Priscilla Perez**

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

**W204**

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!

## Music

### **THE BUCKET BRIGADE DRUM WITH ViRAGO!**

**Maire Tashjian & Amy Schindler**

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

**S 111**

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.

### **UKULELE 101**

**Jose Valencia**

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

**SD 226**

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.

### **SINGING FOR POP AND MUSICAL THEATER**

**Tim Wekesa**

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

**SD 227**

Students will learn the techniques to perform your favorite musical theater and pop songs. This workshop will cover topics including how to belt, building range, and the basics of singing techniques for all singers. Students are welcome to come with a song prepared to be coached live in the second half of the session.

# W O R K S H O P S

## Music Workshop Continued . . .

### **SELF ACCOMPANIMENT—PLAYING THE PIANO AND SINGING**

**Kelly Bennett**

**THURSDAY:** 12:00—1:00

**W102**

**FRIDAY:** 10:30—11:30 ♦ 11:45—12:45

In the self accompaniment workshop, you will have fun learning to play and sing at the same time.

# Theater

### **FUNDAMENTALS OF IMPROVISATION**

**Richard Lear**

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

**SD 203**

Participants will learn the fundamentals of improvisation as they get on their feet and play! Quick out-of-the-box thinking is something that comes from listening, and teamwork. Learning how to become an acting/improvisation team is part of the fun as we engage in games and improvised scenes. To make it even more fun, students will be given a few scripted lines they have to add to their scene in a believable way that makes sense to the story...or just makes it funny and more fun. Time permitting, students will perform a scene or monologue and be redirected.

# Creative Writing

### **PAINLESS POETRY: TRANSLATING PROSE INTO A POEM**

**Nancy Lubarsky**

**Friday Only:** 9:30—10:30 ♦ 12:15—1:15

**SD 205**

In this workshop students will begin with a short narrative text, either their own or one that is provided. Students will identify "poetic" words in the text and translate the words they've chosen into a poem. Participants will have the opportunity to both read and write a prose selection, highlight key words and rearrange them into a first draft of a poem.

# Professional Artists

**TARA BALBOA** is a graduate of the School of Visual Arts in New York with a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA). She has led workshops for children pre-school through elementary school in Union County, as well as painting classes for teens and adults. For 3 years, Tara has served as the lead organizer of the Arts & Crafts section of the Roselle Park Loves Art Festival, overseeing different activities and a team of student volunteers. She now serves on the Advisory Council for Roselle Park Loves Art.

**DOUG BARAN** 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. Recently Kat was awarded First Place in the show *Passion*, hosted by the San Fernando Valley Arts Council and awarded the Artistic Recognition Award and published in *Art & Color 365 Magazine*. For four years, Kat's jazz-influenced collages were selected by the Union County Board of County Commissioners 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.

**ANTHONY BRANKER** is an adjunct professor in jazz studies at Rutgers University/Mason Gross School of the Arts where his teaching responsibilities include graduate and undergraduate courses and ensembles. Previously, he taught at Princeton University for 27 years, where he held an endowed chair in jazz studies and was founding director of the program in jazz studies until his retirement in 2016. He has also served as a U.S. Fulbright Scholar at the Estonian Academy of Music & Theatre in Tallinn and was a member of the faculty at the Manhattan School of Music, Hunter College-CUNY, and Ursinus College. Dr. Branker has conducted such extended works for



large ensembles such as Terence Blanchard's (A Tale of God's Will: A Requiem for Katrina) featuring the Terence Blanchard Quintet plus Orchestra and has collaborated with the Juilliard Jazz Orchestra on joint big band performances of Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn's The Far East Suite and Ellington's The New Orleans Suite. Professor Branker holds the degrees of Doctor of Education and Master of Education from Columbia University, Teachers College; Master of Music in Jazz Pedagogy from the University of Miami; and a Bachelor of Arts in Music and Certificate in African American Studies from Princeton University.

**ELISA CORDOVA RAVIOLY**, 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]

**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.

**MICHAEL DONATO** is a graduate from the School of Visual Arts in New York City. His illustrations have appeared in numerous publications. He is an award winning Children's Book Illustrator. His illustrations for the video "Squanto and the First Thanksgiving" for Rabbit Ears Productions, Inc., appeared on Showtime and won Notable Children's Video honors from the American Library Association. Simon & Schuster has published the illustrated story in book form. "Tales Alive", ten multi-cultural folktales from around the world earned a Parents' Choice Award and Skipping Stones Honor award for exceptional contribution to multi-cultural and ecological awareness in children's literature. His paintings based on Ancient Egyptian mythology for a program entitled "Voyage Up the Nile" was developed by Simon & Schuster with the collaboration of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. He has taught at the duCret School of Art for many years and is currently a Professor of Drawing and Advanced Painting at Monmouth University in West Long Branch.

**KEITH DRAKE** has been creating art as long as he can remember. As a junior high student he was given the opportunity to attend a special city-wide art class at the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh, PA. He loved it and continued his creative endeavors enthusiastically both in and out of the classroom. He attended the University of Pennsylvania, graduating with a BA in Fine Arts and later earned an AS in Mechanical Engineering Technology at Penn State University. In 1981, he began working as a technical artist for AT&T Bell Laboratories in Murray Hill, NJ, which became the corporate headquarters for Lucent Bell Labs in 1996. Over a twenty year career he had the good fortune to work with world renowned physicists, chemists, engineers and mathematicians, including several Nobel Prize winners. While creating high level images to enhance their ability to communicate details about complex new innovations and technologies in telecommunications, his artwork helped earn cover stories in prominent magazines such as Science, Science News, and Physics World. He has also been published in Business Week, Popular Mechanics, Optics & Photonics and numerous internal Lucent publications. In 2001, Keith ventured out as a freelance artist seeking opportunities to use his broad range of creative skills, including his unique Etch A Sketch art.

**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.

**GIANPAOLO FABIANO** is a photographer and photo editor who has a Bachelor in Fine Arts in Art & Digital Photography from Rutgers University. He has worked as a photographer and photo editor for over 15 years and has worked with many magazines and online editorial websites such as NBC, Shutterstock, People Magazine, and InStyle Magazine. Gianpaolo has covered numerous live events and movies premiers as well, including the Tribeca Film Festival. He currently works as a photo editor for USmagazine.com.

**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.

**MICHELE FIORINDO**, born and raised in Veneto, Italy, is a professional guitarist who has a thriving career working as a soloist, band leader, and sideman and certified music educator. He's played with groups ranging in styles from jazz, '80s alternative, reggae, ska, rock, classical, and Latin. After studying classical guitar with Christopher Kenniff at Kean University, Michele received a degree with honors in music education and classical guitar in 2007. That study of classical music influenced Michele's style and technique, both on nylon string guitar and traditional jazz hollow body guitar. Michele currently works as a freelance guitarist throughout the New York metropolitan area, directs strings and guitar ensembles in Union County NJ, and is also a member of the New Jersey Guitar Orchestra, an ensemble that collaborates with world-class guitarists and performs in the tri state area in various festival-colleges (Kean-WPU-NJCU-Carnegie Hall).

**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.

**MEGHAN HALES** spent two years in the Broadway national tour of The Sound of Music, directed by Jack O'Brien. She also toured with the educational production of My Heart in a Suitcase. Meg has a BFA in Musical Theatre from the Hartt School of Music, and trained at

the Upright Citizens' Brigade for improvisation. She performed in Carousel with Shirley Jones at Reagle Music Theatre. Other notable credits include performances in Seven Brides for Seven Brothers; I Love You, You're Perfect Now Change; Sweeney Todd; Brigadoon; and the NYC premiere of In Circles as Sylvia. Meg has run eight half-marathons and was once a fire twirler. (She still twirls, but finds it difficult to find a place in New York City to throw fire!)

**INGRID MARIE HARBOUR** is a professional artist with over twenty years of experience creating, showing, and selling her artwork. Classically trained in drawing and painting in Seattle, Washington, she obtained her degree in Interdisciplinary Visual Art at the University of Washington's School of Art (04). As a contemporary artist, Ingrid Marie uses acrylics, oils, watercolor, photography, and printmaking to render and express emotional observations of nature. She is captivated by the use of multiple mediums to create art that engages the senses and evokes an understanding of time, place, and feeling. Ingrid Marie is a Member and Teaching Artist at Frontline Arts, a non-profit center for printmaking and papermaking in Branchburg, NJ. There, she enjoys building community through socially conscious art practice and collaboration. As a Somerset County, New Jersey, resident, Ingrid Marie is participating in the county's Cultural & Heritage Commission project, entitled Open Air / Open Space, where plein-air artists create art at local parks to exhibit starting in late 2025. The artist enjoys camping, swimming, baking, crafting and sewing, traveling, and spending time with her family and friends. Visit her website at [www.ingrid.art](http://www.ingrid.art) to learn more.

**JULIE HARRIS** is an Associate Professor of Fine Arts at Kean University. She has exhibited her work regionally, nationally and internationally, with over two hundred shows, to date. Julie works primarily in intaglio printmaking, silkscreen handmade paper and the book arts. At present, her creative work focuses upon the staggering statistic that one in eight women will develop breast cancer within their lifetime. Her work is powerful and personal, engaged with current avant-garde multimedia experimentation, as well as socio-political consciousness. Julie was the recipient of a New Jersey State Council of the Arts Individual Artist Fellowship (2024–2025). Exhibit highlights include the *Warrior Women* solo exhibition at BSB Gallery in Trenton, New Jersey, as well as taking part in three important traveling shows: *Contain Your Fear*, initiated in Chicago, *A Complex Weave: Women and Identity in Contemporary Art*, initiated in New Jersey, and *Underneath it All*, initiated in Washington D.C. Julie holds an MFA in Printmaking, Summa Cum Laude, from Miami University in Oxford OH; and a BFA in Fine Arts - Drawing, Magna Cum Laude, from Wright State University in Dayton OH.

**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 a dedicated professional, with over 30 years experience in the print media industry, arts education and creative settings. She graduated from Kean University with a BFA, cum laude, specializing in Visual Communications. Carolyn is a full-time Art Teacher at St. Catharine School, Spring Lake, NJ, teaching Pre-K4 through 8th grade. She is also an art instructor at Union College, Cranford, NJ, teaching several fine arts courses through the Continuing Education program. A lifelong advocate of the Arts, Mrs. Herbert's students are her inspiration and she is committed to their success! Besides curriculum development and teaching, Carolyn has had several shows featuring her original coastal-inspired artwork and photography. She also promotes the Arts through demonstrations, workshops and adjudication, and is an active volunteer in her local community. Carolyn hopes to inspire others to see the extraordinary in the ordinary, find beauty in their natural surroundings and make a lasting difference through the Arts.

**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.

**DEBBIE KAPLAN** is a Westfield-based journalist and content marketing writer. She tells the stories of business, entrepreneurs, medical advancements and trends in these areas. She earned a BA in communications (English minor) from the University of Pennsylvania, where she was a Daily Pennsylvanian news and feature writer for four years. You can see samples of her writing and client list at [KaplanInk.com](http://KaplanInk.com)

**RICHARD LEAR** started his career as the lead in the West Coast Opera Company's production of The Chocolate Soldier. Shortly after, he was a finalist in a scholarship competition sponsored by the Metropolitan Opera for 2 consecutive years. After joining the West Coast Ensemble in LA, he realized his passion for theater and moved to NYC. His plays have been produced by TBTB in NYC. Some acting highlights have been The Full Monty, Harold; Romeo & Juliet, Lord Capulet; The Normal Heart, Bruce Niles; The Dybbuk w/ Gerald Freedman, Reb Mendel; Julius Caesar, Portia w/Merle Louise; Coriolanus, Aufidius; Henry IV Part I & II, Vernon, Francis, Coleville; Prague, Beni and Tooth And Nail, Crumb (NJ Rep); Kiss Me Kate, Fred Graham; Sweeney Todd; and The World Premiere of The Falsettos Trilogy, Marvin; to name a few. When possible, he teaches acting at the duCret Center of Art.

**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.

**NANCY LUBARSKY** has been an educator for over 35 years in various roles: teacher, curriculum supervisor, principal, adjunct professor, & superintendent in Mountainside, New Jersey, from where she retired. She has a Doctorate in English Education from Rutgers & has published articles in several academic journals, often 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 Lips, Poetica, Comstock Review, From Whispers to Roars, Tiferet, Exit 13, Stillwater Review, Paterson Literary Review, Great Falls/Passaic River Anthology, & US1 Worksheets. She received honorable mention in the 2014 & 2016 Allen Ginsberg Poetry Awards, & Editor's Choice in 2017, & honorable mention from The Anna Davidson Rosenberg Poetry Contest (2018). She's the author of 2 books: Tattoos (Finishing Line Press, 2014) & The Only Proof (Kelsay Press, 2017). Her most recent manuscript, Truth to the Rumors (to be published this fall by Kelsay Press), was one of five finalist among 200 submissions, to the 2023 Laura Boss Narrative Poetry Award.

**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 JOCKERS 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.

**CHRISTINE MYSHKA** has worked professionally in the visual arts for over 30 years. Earning a BFA in Illustration from Parsons School of Design, NYC, continued studies at Parsons School of Design in Paris, France, du Cret School of Art, and Grand Rapids CC. In carving out a career in the visual arts, she has done illustration, logo designs, architectural portraits, fine art, murals, and painted furniture. Along with a career as a visual artist, Christine is an art educator who has taught for over 20 years. She teaches at the du Cret Center of Art in Plainfield, N.J., South Avenue Arts in Garwood, N.J. and for TANJ/MS. She teaches Life Drawing, Watercolor, Steampunk Artworks, The Business of Art and Creativity, Concept and Composition. [www.christinemyshka.com](http://www.christinemyshka.com)

**MANSA K. MUSSA** is a visual artist, arts educator, curator, and consultant. A native of Newark, New Jersey, he has used the camera to document “the unfolding of human events” in the United States, the Caribbean, Africa, Central America, and Europe for the past forty-six years. During his career in the arts, he has worked professionally as a collagist, photographer, dancer, graphic designer, writer, fabric artist, and iPadologist. He earned a B.A. 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-four years. The Art in the Atrium STEAM Project at Morristown High School, the Montclair Museum of Art, Arts for Kids, Inc., the Visual Art Center of New Jersey, and Get Empowered!

**KATE PENG** is a teacher at Murray Hill Chinese School, where she is able to share her love for drawing and crafts with young people. For years, Kate continues to explore Chinese painting, learning its beautiful techniques and stories as well. She is excited to be part of the Teen Arts Festival, where she will be sharing her talents and inspiring others to discover the joy of art.

**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.

**STACEY PRITCHARD** is a life long artist currently living in the northeastern state of NJ, USA. She obtained a Bachelors Degree in Fine Arts in 1995 from Ringling College of Art and Design, in Sarasota Florida. Never wanting to limit my explorations to a single medium, Stacey works across several traditional two and three dimensional materials, which include oil, acrylic, gauche, charcoal, pastel, pen and ink, clay, metal, poetry and literature. Part of her time as an artist is spent teaching and critiquing in various environments, as well as working collaboratively with other artists, and art organizations.

**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.

**EILEEN COOPER SEDEK**, soprano, has performed as an operatic and concert soloist and recitalist in the US, Europe, and Asia. She has maintained an active voice and piano studio since 2010, with numerous students having gone on to professional careers in music education and performance. She is on the Board of Directors of the New York Singing Teachers' Association and regularly serves as an adjudicator and master class technician for arts festivals throughout NJ.

**CHARLOTTE SESSIONS** is a singer-songwriter, pianist and music teacher from Roselle Park NJ. She graduated summa cum laude from Berklee College of Music in 2022 with a Bachelor's in Contemporary Writing and Production and Professional Music. There, she learned and expanded on various skills, such as arranging, orchestrating, producing, film scoring, songwriting, performing, conducting, and musical theater writing. Charlotte has had various experiences performing her original music solo and with a rhythm section in the Boston, NJ and NY areas. She has also played piano in Watchung Hills Regional High School's 2024 production of Pippin and is currently one of the mentors for a young adult singer songwriter circle in New Brunswick, NJ. So far, she released two singles on all streaming platforms, titled "Should I Be the Man?" and "I've Fallen for a Dragon", and plans on releasing more music soon. Her genres include jazz, pop, rock, soul and folk.

**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 known for her figurative art works and innovative use of paper mache. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting from Pratt Institute and Master of Fine Arts in Sculpture from the University of Pennsylvania. Wallace is an Adjunct Professor at Passaic County Community College and Adjunct Distinguished Professor at Kean University. Recent group exhibits include Manifesting Beloved Community, West Windsor Arts Council with Art Against Racism, Drift Silverwood Park Gallery, Saint Anthony, MN; Artists' Equity, Wayne Art Center, Wayne, PA. In addition, she recently received an Honorable Mention award at the Love is in the Air exhibit, Belmar Arts Council, Belmar, NJ; and currently has her Nature Man Dog Bird sculpture on display at the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway, NJ. Wallace is a previous Union County Honoree in the Arts for Women's History Month, awarded by the NJ Senate and General Assembly. In September 2024 she will have a Solo Exhibit at the Center for Contemporary Art, Bedminster, NJ.

**TIM WEKESA** is a dedicated music educator and versatile performer with a passion for nurturing musical talents in learners of all ages. Tim developed his skills and knowledge and is now working with students to develop their technical abilities in pop and musical theater styles. As a musician, Tim has made a mark in various domains of the music industry. His career includes roles as a vocal coach, wedding singer and lead vocalist with the band New York Edge. This extensive range of experiences has equipped him with a deep understanding of different musical styles and the ability to connect with a diverse audience. With over a decade of live singing and live performance experience, Tim has graced the stage countless times, captivating audiences with his melodious voice and engaging presence. His performances have garnered praise and admiration, making him a sought-after talent in the industry.



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Cranford High School  
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Elizabeth High School  
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Frank J. Cicarell Academy, Elizabeth  
George Washington Academy, Elizabeth  
Grace Wilday Junior HS, Roselle  
Governor Livingston HS, Berkeley Heights  
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iPrep Academy #8, Elizabeth  
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Jonathan Dayton High School, Springfield  
John E. Dwyer Technology Academy, Elizabeth  
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Linden High School  
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Mabel G. Holmes School #5, Elizabeth  
Madison-Monroe School #16, Elizabeth  
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Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark  
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New Providence Middle School  
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Nicholas S. LaCorte School #3, Elizabeth  
Orange Avenue School, Cranford  
Plainfield High School  
Queen City Academy, Plainfield  
Robert Morris School #18, Elizabeth  
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Roselle Park High School  
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Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy #84, Elizabeth  
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### 2nd Floor Weidenburner Hall Hallway (H202 - 217)

W202 Open Drawing Studio	W204 Salsa	W206 Refrigerator Art	W208 Dream Catchers	W214 Video Critiques
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Waiting Areas  
for Dance Studio

Fitness Center	Dance Studio	Stairs to 1st Floor	W102 Piano Critique

### 1st Floor



W106 Cartoon Character Card Illustration	W108 Magical Mandelas	W110 Decorative Key Rings or Back Pack Dangles	W112 Origami	W114
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Exhibits, Performances,  
Critiques & Workshops

↑ THU: Dance Critiques

Large Vocal,  
String Critiques

Seminar  
Room

Cafeteria

Friday: Dance Only:

Gym	Auditorium	Commons
Thursday Only STRINGS 9 - 10:30 DANCE 10:30-11:30 MUSICAL THEATER 11:30 - 1:00	Large Instrumental Critiques	Etch a Sketch Youth Out Loud Origami Registration

Small Instrumental  
Critique →

South  
Lecture Hall

SD221	SD220	SD219 Youth Games: The Art of Play
SD226 Learn to Play The Ukulele	SD214	SD227 Singing for Pop & Musical Theater
SD228	SD229 Small Vocal Critique	

### 2nd Floor Student Center (SD202 - 229)

SD207	SD206 Fiction/Non Fiction Critique	SD205 Poetry Critique	SD204 Theater Critique	SD203 Theater Workshop
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S103 Warm-Up	S105 Instrument Storage	S107 Instrument Storage	S109 Backpack Charms	S111 Bucket Brigade
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### Science Hallway (S102 - 112)

S102 MonoPrinting	S106 Friday Only Guitar/ Small Strings	S110 Brush Away Stress	S112 Sculpting The Human Head
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