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A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Dear Friend,

As the winter holiday season approaches, we invite you to visit Essex County Turtle Back Zoo to witness our annual Holiday Lights Spectacular and enjoy the over 50 winter and animal characters and the more than one million lights on display. Celebrate the season of giving by bringing donations of non-perishable food items, new toys, and gently used coats when you visit the Zoo.

Mark your calendars for the Essex County Historic Holiday House Tour where you can visit the County's most famed historical homes and structures. During one spectacular weekend, see the many homes and historic sites that are dressed for the holiday season and offer entertainment, refreshments, and educational opportunities. You can also get into the holiday spirit by visiting Essex County Kip's Castle, which will be decorated for the holidays in circa 1920s fashion.

Instead of making the usual holiday gingerbread houses, participate in our Forest Friends Feeder Contest and create an environmentally friendly feeder for our animal friends in the Environmental Center's forest. This is a wonderful family activity that helps raise awareness about nature and environmental issues with a holiday theme.

Winter is a perfect time for family activities during weekends by indulging in our vibrant arts culture. You can support the arts in Essex County by spending a day out visiting our many restaurants, museums, historic sites, art galleries and theaters. Most importantly, you can create memories that last a life time by participating in our various Essex County winter activities.

Together we will continue *Putting Essex County First*.

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or call 973-877-8456.**



Arts & Economic Prosperity in Essex County

Essex County Arts Organizations to **Participate in National 'Arts & Economic Prosperity 6' Study**

Data Collection for Most Comprehensive Study of Economic Impact of Nonprofit Arts and Culture Industry Continues to April 2023

The Essex County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs is pleased to announce its participation in Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 (AEP6), the most comprehensive economic impact study of the nonprofit arts and culture industry ever conducted in the United States. Administered by Americans for the Arts, AEP6 will examine the economic impact of the arts and culture in Essex County and 386 additional communities representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

"Essex County has a vibrant arts community that contributes immensely to our local economy and quality of life. Seeing a movie, visiting a gallery or museum, or attending a concert is more than just entertainment; they are economic engines that create jobs and make our downtown areas thrive. We are pleased to be participating in yearlong AEP6 survey and encourage our residents to complete the questionnaire. The data collected will help us determine the real impact the arts have and highlight its importance," Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. said.

The Arts & Economic Prosperity® series is conducted approximately every five years to gauge the economic impact of spending by nonprofit arts and culture organizations and the event-related spending by their audiences. In 2017, AEP5 documented that the

nonprofit arts and culture industry generated \$166.3 billion in economic activity (spending by organizations plus the event-related spending by their audiences) which supported 4.6 million jobs and generated \$27.5 billion in government revenue. The AEP series demonstrates that an investment in the arts provides both cultural and economic benefits.

Audience-intercept surveys will be collected from attendees to arts events in Essex County through April 2023—in total, the national sample is anticipated to surpass 250,000 surveys. A survey of nonprofit arts and culture organizations will occur from January through April 2023. The national and local findings will be made public in September 2023. At that time, Essex County Cultural Affairs will receive a customized report on the unique economic impact results for Essex County including the number of jobs that are supported and the amount of government revenue that is generated by our community's nonprofit arts industry.

Americans for the Arts is committed to addressing equity and inclusion as a critical component of the methodology, organizational participation, and collection of data for AEP6 by centering and representing BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) and ALAANA (African, Latinx, Asian,

Arab, Native American) identifying communities—a segment of the nonprofit arts and culture sector that has been underrepresented in past studies.

For the first time, AEP6 will require that the local and state research partners collect a portion of audience surveys from attendees at events hosted by arts and culture organizations that primarily serve communities of color. The AEP6 study will establish a benchmark of arts and culture organizations that primarily serve communities of color, and the audiences that attend their events. It will also identify organizations that have a chief executive who identifies as BIPOC/ALAANA. Researchers will use this data to calculate and report on the economic impact of the BIPOC/ALAANA arts sector in each of the participating communities.

Nolen V. Bivens, president and CEO of Americans for the Arts, commented, "The arts are economic catalysts—strengthening the economy by creating jobs, generating government revenue, and driving tourism. Community is where the arts make a difference, and while the national impact data are impressive, at its core, AEP6 is a local story. I look forward to seeing its results, which will be key in persuading decision-makers that the arts benefit all people in all communities."

ESSEX COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

**Seasonal events sponsored
by the Essex County
Department of Parks,
Recreation and Cultural Affairs**

ESSEX COUNTY CODEY ARENA

560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange
973.731.3828

www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar



• Essex County Codey Arena Holiday Hockey Tournament

December 22, 23, 26 & 27

• Essex County High School Wrestling Tournament

January 26 & 27, 2023 – 3-10pm

• NJIHL High School Hockey Cup Finals

February 15 & 16, 2023 –
4:30pm, 6:30pm & 8:30pm

• NJSIAA State High School Hockey Semifinals

March 1 & 2, 2023 – 4:30pm,
6:30pm & 8:30pm

WINTER PROGRAMS

Learn to Skate Group Lessons

Saturdays – starting December 3

– 6 weeks

Sundays – starting November. 6

– 8 weeks

Ages 3½ to adult

Classes offered on Friday at 4:15pm,
Saturday or Sunday at 11:15am or 1:30pm

• Snow Plow (Ages 3½ to 6)

• Basic 1-6

• Freestyle

• Adult (15 & up)

Public Session Skating

Ages 2½ to adult

Sessions

• Friday – 4:45-6:15pm

• Saturday – 11:45am-1:15pm & 2-3:30pm

• Sunday – 11:45am-1:15pm & 2-3:30pm

Adults - \$9 / Children 16 & under - \$7

/ Seniors - \$7 / Skate Rentals - \$5

Senior Skating Sessions

(Ages 45 & up)

Sessions

• Tuesday & Thursday – 10:45am-12:15pm

Birthday Parties

Reserve a party room to celebrate your
child's birthday on the ice

• \$100 – 3-hour session

• Parties held mainly during public
sessions skates or private ice session

• Group admission discount rates for 15+
skaters

ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

621-B Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland

973-228-8776/

www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar



HOT CHOCOLATE HIKE

Saturday, December 3; 11am to

12:30pm. For families. Join us for a

hike around the Environmental Center

forest, build a winter campfire, sip hot

cocoa and make S'mores. Dress warmly.

Advanced registration and minimum

number of participants required. **Fee:**

\$30 per family (up to two adults and

two children) or \$10 per child, \$12

per adult

FOREST FRIENDS FEEDER CONTEST

Registration Deadline: Friday,

December 9

Project Drop-off: Friday, December

16 by 5pm. For all ages. Create an

edible, festive and unique wetland

wildlife feeder for our outdoor exhibit.

The purpose of this contest is to provide

participants with a fun and educational

experience, engaging creativity to make

natural edible treats for the center's

backyard forest friends. Add to a winter's

bounty by registering for this contest

and submitting a feeder for our forest

friends to enjoy! All contest entries will

be displayed for one week (or for as

long as the wildlife will allow) during the

winter holiday and will be voted on by a

panel of eco-experts! For contest rules

and to register, please contact the Essex

County Environmental Center or email

mrobinson@parks.essexcountynj.org.

FREE (prizes will be awarded)



FOREST FEEDER WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 10; 11am to

1pm. For families. Join the center staff

to create an edible, festive and unique

wetland wildlife feeder to be on display

in an outdoor exhibit on ECEC's forest

trail. Some materials will be provided;

however, you are encouraged to bring

your own items and, most importantly,

your creativity! All participants will have

their project entered into our Forest

Friends Feeder Contest. Advanced

registration and minimum number of

participants required. **FREE**

FAMILY WALK & CAMPFIRE

Tuesday, December 13; 6-7:30pm.

All ages. Join an ECEC naturalist for a

short walk on the trails and experience

forest life in wintertime. After the walk,

enjoy a campfire with organic fire-

popped popcorn and mint tea. Dress

for the weather. Advance registration

and minimum number of participants

required. **Fee: \$10 per child, \$12 per**

adult

OWL PELLET DISSECTION

Tuesday, December 20; 6-7:30pm.

For ages 7-12. Learn about our beautiful

and mysterious silent hunters of the

night. Discover what they're eating as

we discuss predators and prey and food

chain dynamics. Carefully reconstruct the

bones found inside owl pellets! Advance

registration and minimum number of

participants required. **Fee: \$10 per child**

Holiday Lights

AT ESSEX COUNTY TURTLE BACK ZOO
5pm TO 9pm
Friday to Sunday, November 18-20, 2022
Friday to Sunday, November 25-27
Friday to Sunday, December 2-4; Nightly Starting
Friday, December 9 to Saturday, December 31
Closed December 24 & 25

Take a winter stroll through Essex County Turtle Back Zoo this holiday season under 1 million sparkling lights and see over 50 illuminated holiday-themed and animal characters. Celebrate the season of giving by bringing donations of non-perishable food items, new toys, and gently used coats. Different themed activities will be featured on select December weekends. For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/attractions>.

FREE ADMISSION
turtlebackzoo.com

Donations of non-perishable food; new, unwrapped toys; and new or gently-used winter coats for the less fortunate are appreciated.

WINTER WILDLIFE EXPLORERS CAMP

Tuesday, December, 27; Wednesday,

December, 28; Thursday, December,

29; 9:30am to 3:30pm . For children

ages 6-10. Campers enjoy stories,

crafts, campfires, and forest adventures

while exploring our wooded wetland

forests in wintertime. Pre-registration,

payment and minimum number of

participants required. **Fee: \$210 per**

child for all three days OR \$85 per

child per day

HOT CHOCOLATE HIKE

Saturday, January 7; 11am to

12:30pm. For families. Join us for a

hike around the Environmental Center

forest, build a winter campfire, sip hot

cocoa and make S'mores. Dress warmly.

Advanced registration and minimum

number of participants required. **Fee:**

\$30 per family (up to two adults and

two children) or \$10 per child, \$12

per adult

WINTER TRACKING & ADAPTATIONS

Saturday, January 14; 11am to

12:30pm. For families. Do you know

how frogs and tadpoles survive the

winter? How about birds that don't

migrate? Take a walk with an ECEC

naturalist and learn all about forest life

in wintertime and how animals' furs and

feathers help them survive the cold. Make

and take a bird feeder from sticks and

seed. Dress for the weather. Advanced

registration and minimum number of

participants required. **Fee: \$30 per**

family (up to two adults and two

children) or \$10 per child, \$12 per

adult

MLK DAY: FOREST ANIMALS WINTER SURVIVAL – ONE DAY CAMP

Monday, January 16; 9:30am to

3:30pm. For ages 6-10. Look at winter

habitats and how New Jersey's nature

survives the cold season! Children will

explore the winter wetlands and do

indoor activities that are both fun and

educational. Provide your child with

good footwear and outer gear so we
can fully enjoy the seasonal discoveries.

Advanced registration and minimum

number of participants required. **Fee:**

\$80 per child

FOREST FRIENDS CLUB

Thursdays, January 19, February

16, March 16. 4pm to 5pm. For ages

5-10. Each month, we'll explore the

forest using nets, binoculars, magnifiers,

and microscopes to investigate nature

in our wooded wetland habitat. Together

we hope to foster an ethic of stewardship

and offer an opportunity to take part in

hands-on conservation projects. Come

ready to explore! Advanced registration

and minimum number of participants

required. **Fee: \$10 per child per**

session

OWL PELLET DISSECTION

Monday, January 23; 6-7:30pm.

For ages 7-12. Learn about our beautiful

and mysterious silent hunters of the

night. Discover what they're eating as

we discuss predators and prey and food

chain dynamics. Carefully reconstruct the bones found inside owl pellets! Advance registration and minimum number of participants required. **Fee: \$10 per child**

WINTER JOURNALING

Saturday, February 4; 11am to 12:30pm. For families. Discover the joy of phenology, the cyclic and seasonal natural phenomena, especially in relation to climate, plant, and animal life. Let us find a special place to write down and draw our winter discoveries and appreciate the cold and brisk change of the season, as well as hike the grounds to note seasonal changes and beautiful discoveries, and possibly partake in some winter birding! Journals will be made here on site. Friends and family are encouraged to join. Dress warmly. Advance registration and minimum number of participants required. **Fee: \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child, \$12 per adult**

VALENTINE’S DAY FAMILY WALK & CAMPFIRE

Tuesday, February 14; 6-7:30pm. All ages. Join an ECEC naturalist for a short walk on the trails to experience forest life at night. We'll make a campfire and enjoy fire-popped popcorn and mint tea. Dress for the weather. Advance registration and minimum number of



Owl pellet at The Environmental Center

participants required. **Fee: \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child, \$12 per adult**

BUILD-A-BIRD HOUSE

Saturday, February 18; 11am to 12:30pm. For families. Join us to build a home that encourages breeding birds and other wildlife to take residence. Putting out your bird house now creates a good chance of having a nesting pair

of songbirds in your garden by spring. Advance registration and minimum number of participants required. **Fee: \$15 per birdhouse (2 people max per birdhouse)**

WINTER CAMPFIRE AND CHARCOAL ART

Wednesday, February 22; 5:30-7pm. For families. Join us for a winter campfire and make your own charcoal art. We collect our perfect wood sticks and char them into a tool of art magic! Charcoal art paper will be provided. Expect to get your hands dirty with this fun project! Dress warmly. Advance registration and minimum number of participants required. **Fee: \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child, \$12 per adult**

ESSEX COUNTY TURTLE BACK ZOO

560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange
973-731-5800

www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar



Berson Education Center at Essex County Turtle Back Zoo

973-731-5800 x103

<https://turtlebackzoo.com/education/>



Thinking of enjoying the Holiday Lights Spectacular at Essex County Turtle Back Zoo and worried about getting around? Never fear! Most of the zoo is very accessible.

Essex County Turtle Back Zoo is 100% ADA compliant. There are a limited number of wheelchairs and strollers that are available for rent on a first-come, first-served basis. The zoo covers 20 acres on the side of a hill and some paths have an incline. The zoo features wide paths that are tiled, or part of a boardwalk. Each path brings visitors near to the animal habitats so that the animals can be viewed and enjoyed. There are benches at different points throughout the zoo so that visitors can take the opportunity to rest. Be sure to use caution on the pathway to the Essex Farm (on the playground side) as it is quite steep. There is also a bump in the barn entrance on the playground side.

The zoo also includes different types of buildings. Some are exhibit buildings that include animal habitats inside. There are also several restroom buildings throughout the zoo. Additionally, there is a large café and a gift shop. The exhibit buildings have large doors and ramps if there are inclines. The restrooms are spacious enough to be move around with a wheelchair or stroller. The café has automatic doors and an elevator to allow visitors access to the second floor eating area; there is also eating space on the first floor.

The zoo is reaccredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Zoological Association of American and American Humane. It continually evolves and updates exhibits and visitor experience facilities. For the most up to date information, please visit the Zoo's website at <https://turtlebackzoo.com>



Valentine’s Day family walk & campfire at The Environmental Center

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

Hatchlings: December 4 & 5; January 8 & 9; February 5 & 6 at 10am

Tots: December 4 & 5; January 8 & 9; February 5 & 6 at 11:30am

Explorers: December 11 & 12; January 22 & 23; February 12 & 13 at 10am

TBZ’s Early Childhood programs encourage family learning and foster early environmental awareness. We invite young children to discover the natural world through gently structured

play, art, stories, animal visits and more. Age restrictions apply; pre-registration required; zoo admission not included. **Hatchlings (12-24 months), Tots (ages 2&3) and Explorers (ages 4&5) are \$25-\$30 per participant.** For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/early-childhood-programs/>.

WONDERS OF THE WILD

December 3 & 17; January 7 & 21; February 11 & 18 at 1pm

Turtle Back Zoo is an amazing

classroom! Our Wonders of the Wild program is an opportunity to participate in supplementary science and nature-themed programs and projects that facilitate scientific literacy and life-long environmental stewardship. Available to students ages 6-12. The Essex County programs include a visit to the South Mountain Reservation, Reservoir, or Zoo as weather permits; does not include zoo admission for after the program. **\$30/ participant.** For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/wonders-of-the-wild/>.

SOPHISTICATED SCIENCE SEMINARS

December 10; January 14 & 28; February 4 & 18 at 1pm

Sophisticated Science Seminars are conservation programs geared to audiences ages 13 to 103. Seminars run throughout the year and span topics such as animal anatomy, habitats & conservation, animal careers, and more. The programs are perfect for those interested in animals, science, conservation, and nature who want to learn something new in a relaxed atmosphere. **\$30/participant; includes a visit into the zoo, but not zoo admission for after the program.** For more information, visit



ESSEX COUNTY

Historic Holiday House Tour

Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4, 2022

Participating Houses

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| ❖ Canfield-Morgan House & Museum | ❖ Glenmont at Thomas Edison National Historical Park |
| ❖ Crane Homestead | ❖ Grover Cleveland Birthplace |
| ❖ Crane House & Historic YWCA | ❖ The Gypsy Farmhouse |
| ❖ Essex County Kip’s Castle Park | ❖ Kingsland Manor |
| ❖ Essex County Presby Memorial Iris Gardens | ❖ Van Tassel Funeral Home |

Visit essexcountyparks.org for participating locations



The National Christmas Bird Count at Turtle Back Zoo

<https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/sophisticated-science-seminars/>.

FAMILY NATURE CLUB: NATURE ADVENTURERS

December 11; January 8 & 22; February 5 & 19 at 1pm

Nature Play is playing WITH nature, not just IN nature! It's a great way to interact with nature no matter your experience level or play style. Run, climb, build, dig, or even just sit and experience the sounds, smells, and sights of the outdoors. Nature Adventurers visits different locations near Essex County Turtle Back Zoo; zoo admission not included. **\$15/participant.** For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/family-nature-club/>.

FAMILY NATURE CLUB: NATURE GUARDIANS

November 27 & December 11 from 1pm-3pm for Ready, Set, Bird Training
December 17 from 9-11am for The Christmas Bird Count

The Christmas Bird Count is a national annual event where researchers and bird enthusiasts get out across the country to identify as many birds as possible on the same day. Join us for one or both training sessions on November 27 and December 11 and then participate in the Bird Count on December 17. **\$5/participant.** For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/family-nature-club/>.

UPCOMING MINI-CAMPS

Tuesday, December 27 to Thursday, December 29 from 9am to 4pm

Monday, January 16 from 9am to 4pm

Monday and Tuesday, February 20 & 21 from 9am-4pm

Join us at Turtle Back Zoo for some wild fun! To further our mission of conservation, education, and stewardship, campers will be introduced to the extraordinary world of animals, nature, and science. Children will enjoy age-appropriate camp activities that include games, teacher-led lessons, behind-the-scenes tours, up-close animal encounters, hands-on science demos, and fun crafts. **\$90/participant.** For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/zoo-camps/>.

SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, February 25; hour long informational sessions at 11am, 12pm, and 1pm

It's never too early to think of summer! Join us for Essex County Turtle Back Zoo's Annual Summer Camp Open House to check out what's new and fun at camp for Summer 2023. **On Saturday, February 25 from 11am to 2pm,** you can meet camp counselors, learn about our science-based curriculum, try a camp activity, and say hello to a few of our camp Animal Ambassadors. Free event; register in advance, day-of walk ups will be welcome. This is not a drop-off program for children; all attendees should register. For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/events-calendar/>.

BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS

Saturdays and Sundays in December, January, and February; times vary

per location

Locations include Amazing Asia and Giraffes

Join us for a deeper exploration into the care of our animals! For 6 years old and over only, under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. All members of the party must have a ticket. Group sizes are limited to 10 people. No photographs are permitted; all attendees will sign a photo waiver prior to the tour. Attendees may be asked to wear face coverings at some locations. \$50/participant. For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/behind-the-scenes-tours/>.

WINTER WORKSHOP

Sunday, December 4 from 11am to 2pm

Wear your favorite winter-inspired outfit and join us to make holiday-themed enrichment items for all our animals! This is a family-friendly event recommended for all ages. **Free with zoo admission.** Stop by the Mount Building Classroom to participate. For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com>.

WINTER STORYTIME

December 16-23; multiple sessions, times vary

Wear your favorite winter seasonal attire, enjoy an animal-themed story, and meet a favorite animal friend. This is a family-friendly event recommended for families with children ages 8 and younger. **\$10/participant; zoo admission not included.** For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/storytime-programs-at-turtle-back-zoo/>.

OTHER PROGRAMS AT THE ZOO OR CLOSER TO YOU

In-person and virtual programs, outreaches, and more

Dates and Times Scheduled at Need

Join us for a dynamic and fun educational program that is focused on animals, conservation, and stewardship. We offer a variety of programs that satisfy many scientific benchmarks while also being engaging and informative. Programs can be adapted to age and ability; many can be adapted for outreaches to your school, senior center, etc. **Fees and restrictions vary per location.** For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/education-center-programs/>. ■

ANNUAL ESSEX COUNTY NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WINNERS

The Essex County Environmental Center and the Essex County Parks Department would like to thank you for your participation in our annual Parks Photography Contest. All contest entries portrayed beautiful images highlighting the wide range of outdoor opportunities and natural splendor found throughout the Essex County Parks System. We received 161 total entries. As you could imagine, it was very challenging for the Essex Photography Club judges to select winners; however, the winners are:



1st Place -Adult
Bruce Goodman



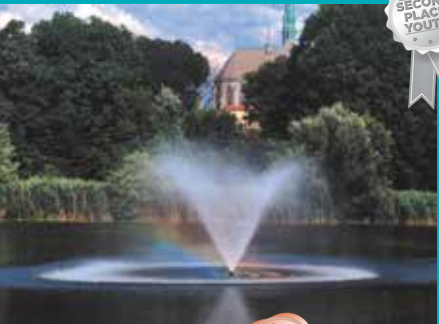
1st Place -Youth
Mason Nunez



2nd Place -Adult
Joshua Goodman



2nd Place -Youth
Elly Dixon



3rd Place -Adult
Gary Wiener



3rd Place -Youth
Aaron Cruz



Honorable
Mention -Adult
Izabela Van Tassel



Honorable
Mention -Youth
Sophia Jacob



Professional
Category
1st Place
Pawel Wozniak



Professional
Category
2nd Place
Mary Del Negro



ESSEX COUNTY CULTURAL EXHIBITIONS

JCC OF GREATER METROWEST

Cooperman JCC
760 Northfield Avenue, West Orange
973.530.3412 / www.jccmetrowest.org



Gaelen Gallery East

Painting by Kevin Goldman and
mixed media by Linda Schulman.
Through December 30.

Sculpture by Ry An and photography
by Randy Samuels. January 4
through February 24.

THE NEWARK MUSEUM OF ART

49 Washington Street, Newark
973.596.6550 /
www.newarkmuseum.org



Saya Woolfalk: Field Notes from the Empathic Universe Through December 31

"Saya Woolfalk: Field Notes from the
Empathic Universe" invites visitors to

**The following events are offered for the public's enjoyment
by Essex County-based arts and history organizations.**

*The Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs takes no
responsibility for the content, accuracy, dates or times and whether or not non-County sponsored events
listed in this magazine are held as scheduled.*



Randy Samuels at Metrowest

enter the kaleidoscopic and culturally
hybrid worlds created by the artist. The
exhibition features an immersive video
installation exploring portraiture and
a series of new mixed media collages,
all accessed through the North Wing
elevator, which will be transformed by
Woolfalk's digitally collaged murals.



Linda Schulman at Metrowest

Animal Kingdom Through May 2024

Earth is home to an astounding variety
of life. "Animal Kingdom" celebrates that
diversity as an interactive experience
featuring art, animal specimen, and
hands-on fun for all ages. Draw your own
creatures to join the underwater habitat
where animals come to life and swim
around you in a digital aquarium.

WAE CENTER

Wellness, Arts and Enrichment
310 Eisenhower Parkway, Livingston
973.272.7148 /
www.heidigalleryatjsdd.org



Heidi Gallery at JSDD Inaugural Exhibit Through December 15

This exhibit includes photography,
collage, ink drawings, encaustic paintings
and ceramic sculpture forms. Many
works employ traditional mediums that
push boundaries and reorient ways of
thinking. It was juried by Deidra Harris-
Kelley. ■

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**SWEET
HONEY IN
THE ROCK**
Holiday Show
SAT, DEC 17 AT 8PM
Tickets: \$48-\$68



**SONS OF
SERENDIP**
Christmas:
Beyond the Lights
WED, DEC 7
AT 7:30PM
Tickets: \$32-\$42



**A
ROCKAPELLA
HOLIDAY**
A Legendary
Tradition
FRI, DEC 9
AT 8PM
Tickets: \$30-\$45



**ANN HAMPTON
CALLAWAY
& LIZ CALLAWAY**
Broadway the Calla-way!
SAT, DEC 10 AT 8PM
Tickets: \$35-\$55



**NEFESH
MOUNTAIN**
The Hanukkah Show
WED, DEC 21
AT 7:30PM
Tickets: \$23-\$33



**RUSSELL
THOMPkins JR. &
THE NEW STYLISTICS**
FRI, JAN 20 AT 8PM
Tickets: \$65-\$85



LUCKY CHOPS
New Day, New Tour
SAT, JAN 28
AT 8PM
Tickets: \$26-\$35

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ESSEX COUNTY WINTER EVENTS

December 2: New Jersey Symphony: Joyful Noise!

Spotlighting celebrated artists from Newark and beyond, the New Jersey Symphony lauds the power of the first instrument – the human voice – with a gospel music-inspired holiday extravaganza. Come ready to sing, dance and clap along! New Jersey Symphony family concerts are held in Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark so your little loved ones can sit closer to the action! New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. 2pm. Tickets start at \$10. 800-255-3476. <https://www.njsymphony.org/accessibility>

December 2 and 4: Hugh Wolff Conducts Beethoven & Mozart.

The powerful and expressive Egmont Overture distills all of Beethoven's musical hallmarks – storminess, heroism, triumph – into eight minutes. Hear classical pianist Richard Goode's effortless artistry in the most regal of Mozart's concertos. With Aaron Jay Kernis' Second Symphony, former Music Director Hugh Wolff returns to a work



Christmas in King Arthur's Court at Montclair Early Music's annual Christmas concert

he premiered with the Symphony back in 1992. La Valse is one Ravel's most intense and colorful works. Originally composed as a series of waltzes for the piano, it is now most often heard as an orchestral piece. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. Saturday at 8pm, Sunday at 3pm. Tickets start at \$25. 800-255-3476. <https://www.njsymphony.org/accessibility>

December 4: Christmas in King Arthur's Court. Hear how Christmas was celebrated in England during the time of King Arthur and beyond – long before there were Christmas trees and Santa Claus. Start your year-end holiday

season off with music, storytelling, dancing and more at Montclair Early Music's annual Christmas concert. St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 73 South Fullerton Avenue, Montclair. 7pm. \$30 adults, \$25 seniors, free for children 12 & under. Purchase tickets at montclairearlymusic.org.

December 10: Maestro Anthony LaGruth and the Livingston Symphony Orchestra. A concert of "Holiday Surprises" featuring Tchaikovsky's "Selections from the Nutcracker," Elgar's "Enigma Variations" and other seasonal chestnuts. For many people around the world, it is not

the holidays without Tchaikovsky's delightful confection, The Nutcracker. As charming as it is inventive, the music of this ballet will lift your spirits and fill your mind with tune after familiar tune! Elgar's Enigma Variations is the great English masterpiece of the 19th Century. Livingston High School, 30 Robert Harp Drive, Livingston. 7:30pm. \$25 adults, \$15 seniors/students. 973.980.809. www.lsonj.org

December 11: The WAE Open.

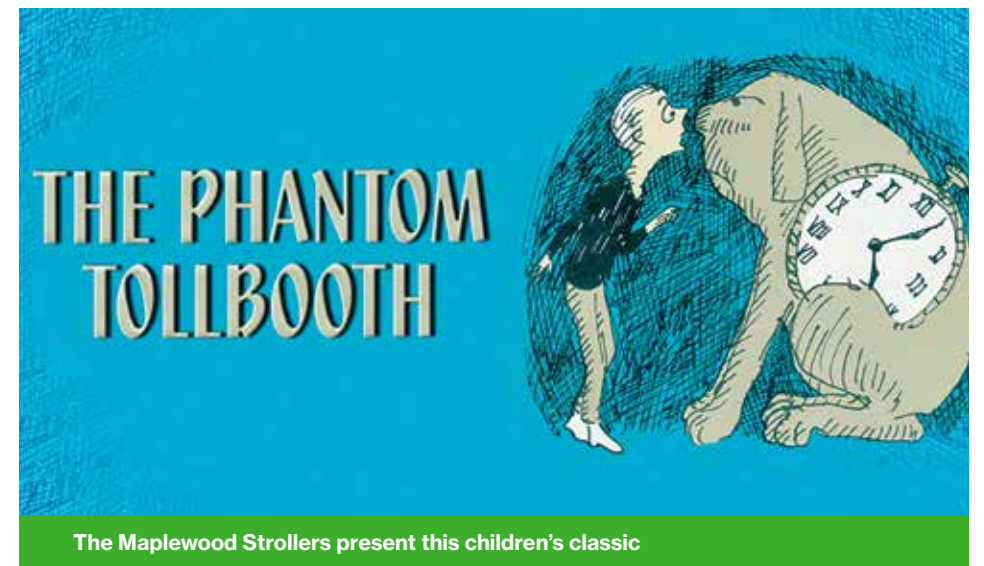
Come and meet some of the 33 artists whose work is on exhibit at Heidi Gallery at JSDD. Tour the exhibit and learn about the inspirations, technique and innovations of these working artists. Heidi Gallery, 310 Eisenhower Parkway, Livingston. 2-5pm. Free. www.heidigalleryatjsdd.org

December 18: New Jersey Symphony Handel's Messiah.

The NJ Symphony brings back this great holiday tradition! Music Director Xian Zhang will conduct Handel's incomparable classic Messiah. Joining Xian and the musicians will be the talented singers of Montclair State University, who will delight audiences as they sing the glorious "Hallelujah Chorus." Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge Street, Newark. 7pm. Tickets start at \$25. 800-255-3476. <https://www.njsymphony.org/accessibility>

January 7: New Jersey Symphony's Daniil Trifonov Performs Brahms.

Grammy Award-winning pianist Daniil Trifonov brings his technique, style, poetry and power to one of the most monumental piano concertos ever written. Full of adventure, longing, love, defiance and humor, Strauss' Don Juan will charm and thrill the audience, just like its namesake hero. It's no wonder that Strauss reworked highlights from his comedic opera Der Rosenkavalier into a glittering orchestral suite – the music brims with sumptuous melodies, beguiling waltzes and heartbreaking nostalgia. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. 7:30pm. Tickets start at \$25. 800-255-3476. <https://www.njsymphony.org/accessibility>



The Maplewood Strollers present this children's classic

January 21: New Jersey Symphony: 2023 Lunar New Year Celebration.

Music Director Xian Zhang ignited the first Lunar New Year Celebration five years ago, and this festive tradition gets more vibrant with each iteration. The evening is full of community and cultural exchange that is wonderful for families and children as they celebrate the Year of the Rabbit. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. 7:30pm. Tickets start at \$25. 800-255-3476. <https://www.njsymphony.org/accessibility>

January 27 to February 5: "The Phantom Tollbooth." The Maplewood Strollers will present their production of the children's classic, "The Phantom Tollbooth." Milo will pursue his adventures in the Land of Wisdom! The Burgdorff Center for the Performing Arts, 10 Durand Road, Maplewood. January 27 and February 3 at 7pm. January 28 and 29 and February 4 and 5 at 1 and 3:30pm. \$12. 973.761.8453. www.TheStrollers.org

January 29: Hilary Hahn & Xian Zhang Unite.

Grammy Award-winning violinist Hilary Hahn accentuates all the brilliant colors and shades of melancholy in Sibelius' only violin concerto. An early work for orchestra by Coleridge-Taylor, a great, yet historically overlooked, composer, showcases aching melodies and rhythmic drive. The performance will close with Prokofiev's lively and powerful Fifth Symphony, largely influenced by his admiration of the human spirit. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. 3pm. Tickets start at

\$25. 800-255-3476. <https://www.njsymphony.org/accessibility>

February 4: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows™ Part 2.

The final battle begins. The audience can experience Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows™ Part 2 in a way they've never seen it before! The New Jersey Symphony performs Alexandre Desplat's iconic score as the film is projected onto a high-definition screen that puts them in the middle of the action. Don't miss this unique opportunity to witness Harry and his friends face off for the last time against their foes in concert. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. 2pm. Tickets start at \$39. 800-255-3476. <https://www.njsymphony.org/accessibility>

February 25: The Best of John Williams.


Celebrate the music of iconic composer John Williams as the New Jersey Symphony brings to life some of his most legendary film scores. Relive the magic themes of Harry Potter, Jaws, Star Wars, Jurassic Park and more! Hearing Williams' music performed live is a true symphonic treat. Please note: John Williams will not be in attendance for this performance. This concert features selections from Williams' scores; there is no film projection. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. 8pm. Tickets start at \$20. 800-255-3476. <https://www.njsymphony.org/accessibility> ■



New Jersey Symphony

ESSEX COUNTY ONGOING PROGRAMS

THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART


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December 9: Navidad Latina. The Cathedral Spanish Choir, under the direction of Olfary Gutiérrez, joins forces with singers and instrumentalists from other Latin American communities of the Archdiocese of Newark. The program includes Villancicos Tradicionales of Latin America and Spain with organist Kristin Dabaghian. 8pm. Doors open at 7pm. Free-will offering.

December 14 and 15: The 51st Candlelight Carol Sing – Two Performances. A Christmas tradition for 50+ years, the Carol Sing has become one of the most significant Christmas concerts in Northern New Jersey. The ambiance of candlelight and season décor, along with thousands of participants, combine to create an event that must be experienced featuring the Cathedral Choir, organ and Brass Ensemble. 8pm. Doors open at 7pm. Free-will offering.

December 18: “Messiah” with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and Montclair State University Singers. 7pm. Doors open at 6pm. For tickets, call 1-800-ALLEGRO.

MONTCLAIR HISTORY CENTER

108 Orange Road, Montclair
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December 1: History at Home: The Toll of the Garden State Parkway. Historical Society of Bloomfield Trustee Rich Rockwell presents a new program on the history of the Garden State Parkway and its impact to our area. Virtual, Zoom, 7pm. Zoom information can be found in the program description under “Upcoming Programs” on the website. Free.

December 3 and 4: Essex County Holiday House Tour. Be among the first to see this year’s decorations as one of the Essex County Holiday House Tour sites. See the beautiful period decorations by the Garden Club of Montclair. Self-guided tours let visitors explore this 226-year-old home at their leisure. Get warm by the hearth and learn about holiday food traditions. Stop in to the Nathaniel Crane House for unique holiday gifts! 12pm to 3pm. Tours are pay-as-you-wish; items for sale in the Nathaniel Crane Visitor Center vary in price. No reservations needed.

December 8 and 15: Candlelight Tour. A fun evening that begins with period libations in the historic hearth kitchen and continues with a tour of the Crane House & Historic YWCA. See the period holiday decorations artfully designed by the Garden Club of Montclair as Executive Director Angelica Diggs leads special candlelight tours that tell the history of holidays past from the 1700s to the 20th century. Recommended for visitors ages 10 and up. 6:30-8. \$20 per person. Registration required.

December 9 & 16: Sugarplums and St. Nick: Children’s Holiday Tour. On this family tour, guests will learn how children celebrated the holidays in days gone by while enjoying the holiday decorations artfully designed by the Garden Club of Montclair. Join Education Manager Susanne Costa and Museum Coordinator Natalie Fontana-Rivera as they go through the rooms on the first floor of the Crane House and Historic YWCA sharing stories about how Christmas has changed over the years. Tours at 4pm, 5pm and 6pm. \$10 per person. Registration required.

December 11 & 18: “Winter Wonderland” Open House. Be among the first to see this year’s decorations. See the beautiful period decorations by the Garden Club of Montclair. Self-guided tours let visitors explore this 226-year-old home at their leisure. Get warm by the hearth and learn about holiday food traditions. Stop in to the Nathaniel Crane House for unique holiday gifts! 12pm to 3pm. Tours are pay-as-you-wish; items for sale in the Nathaniel Crane Visitor Center vary in price. No reservations needed.

January 22: Guided House Tour: Many Voices. Stop by and receive a

guided tour of the Crane House & Historic YWCA! Hear the many voices of the men and women who lived, worked, and played in the house throughout its 226-year history. While you’re here, see what’s cooking on the hearth and explore the herbs in the Landsberger Learning Garden. Tours at 12pm, 1pm and 2pm. \$12/adult, \$10/student/senior with ID, \$8/child, free for those under 2 and MHC members. No reservations needed.

February 19: Guided House Tour: Eyewitness to Black History.

Explore 200 years of Black history in Montclair and New Jersey through rare first-hand accounts, primary and secondary source documents at the Crane House & Historic YWCA. Artifacts include a bill of sale for an enslaved person in the household, an 1800s newspaper, an 1840s New York Knickerbocker magazine, census data, personal letters, oral histories, and mid-century Jet and Ebony magazines. These artifacts provide a springboard for discussion about race both in the past and in the present-day. Tours at 12pm, 1pm and 2pm. \$12/adult, \$10/student/senior with ID, \$8/child, free for those under 2 and MHC members. No reservations needed.

ESSEX PHOTO CLUB WINTER PROGRAMS

Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:30pm and will be presented via Zoom. Guests may contact President Catherine Kuzik-Fernandez at 862-485-7474 for access codes. Levels are Beginner, Advanced and Salon for the categories of Pictorial and Nature

Educational Programs:

December 1: “Creating a Personal Photography Project” by Arik Gorban

January 5: “Photo Stacking” by Bert Sirkin

February 2: “Evaluating and Working with Light in Photography” by Nic Stover

February 27: “The Heart of the Photograph” by David duChieninh

Competitions:

December 15: Assigned topic of Reflections-judged by club members

January 19: Nature and Pictorial-judged by Rick Kent

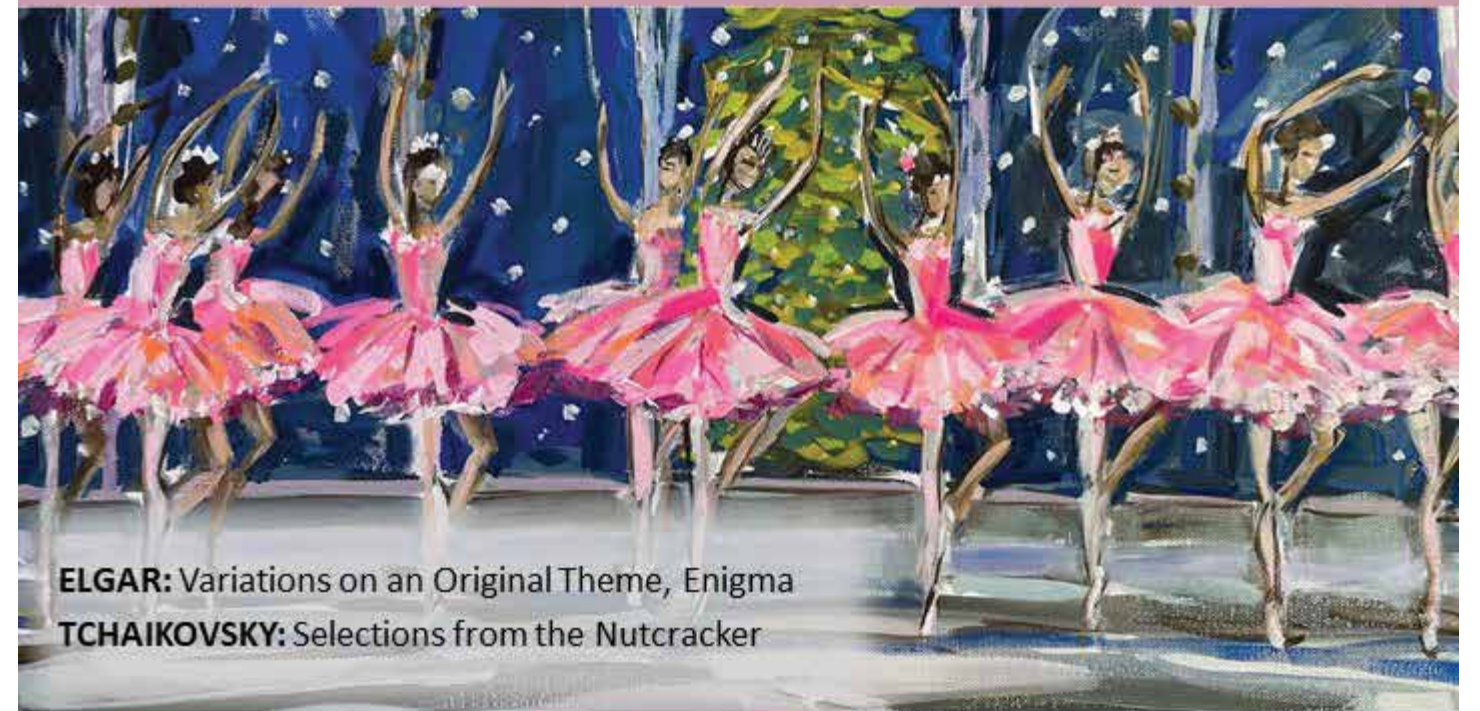
February 16: NJFCC Winter Pictorial Competition-judged by Nick Palmieri, Susan Candelario and Chris Mauro. ■

LIVINGSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Anthony LaGruth, Music Director

Holiday Surprises Concert With Selections from the Nutcracker

Saturday, December 10, 2022 7:30PM



Livingston High School Auditorium

30 Robert Harp Drive, Livingston, NJ 07039

Tickets at the door: \$25 adults, \$15 seniors/students

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