



# Going Places

## Mercer County Culture & Heritage Happenings

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### Local Artists Receive Recognition at the Annual Mercer County Artists Exhibit Opening Reception

In 1971, Mercer County's Cultural and Heritage Commission created the Mercer County Artists Exhibit - an annual, juried exhibition showcasing the work of artists 18 years or older who are living, working or studying full-time in Mercer County. This was the first County-sponsored program of its type to be held in New Jersey.

The Commission partners with public art galleries to present these exhibits; early shows were held at Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey). Since the 1990s, the Commission's partner for the Mercer County Artists Exhibit has been The Gallery at Mercer County Community College in West Windsor.

This year, three artists received Mercer County Purchase Awards - Cornelia



On May 15 at 5:30 p.m., The Gallery at Mercer County Community College hosted the Mercer County Artists Exhibit Opening Ceremony and Award Reception.

Heullstrunk for her printmaking piece *Revolt*, William Plank for his acrylic piece *Space and Time*, and Arlene Milgram for her mixed-media piece *Sometime I Unravel*. These chosen works will become a part of the County's extensive Permanent Art Collection, displayed and maintained by the Mercer County Division of Culture & Heritage at the McDade Administration Building in Trenton.

The Mercer County Artist Exhibit will be on display at The Gallery at MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, until July 22. Summer gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9:30 - 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday 12 - 7 p.m. To learn more, visit [mccc.org/community\\_gallery](http://mccc.org/community_gallery) or call (609) 570-3589.

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### Save the Date: The 12th Annual Mercer County Cultural Festival is June 8



Hea Sun Jung Traditional Arts Academy's Korean Fan Dance, 2023 Cultural Festival. Mercer County Executive Dan Benson and the Board of County Commissioners

present the 12th annual Mercer County Cultural Festival, on Saturday, June 8, rain or shine, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Mercer County Park, West Windsor. This one-day festival will celebrate the many diverse cultures of Mercer County through traditional art demonstrations, live

cultural music, dance performances, kids activities, and more! Mercer County is also bringing back the popular international Food Trucks, which feature a delicious array of dishes from some of the best eateries in the region. The popular biergarten also returns.

Admission and parking are free. To learn more about the event, visit [mercercounty.org/departments/culture-and-heritage/cultural-festival](http://mercercounty.org/departments/culture-and-heritage/cultural-festival) or contact The Mercer County Division of Culture & Heritage at (609) 278-2712 or [culturalfestival@mercercounty.org](mailto:culturalfestival@mercercounty.org)

# Princeton University Summer Chamber Concerts Celebrates their 57th Season

The Princeton University Summer Chamber Concerts (PUSCC) are back home in Richardson Hall on the campus of Princeton University for all four of their concerts this summer. This 57th Season, PUSCC's mission continues: to expand summertime cultural and educational opportunities for all by presenting world-class chamber ensembles, free of charge.

Summer Chamber Concerts was founded in 1968 by music journalist, pianist, and cellist Barbara Sand. To this day, audience members recall sitting on the Graduate College lawn with blankets and picnic baskets for the concerts. Renovations at the Graduate College prompted a change of venue in 1991 to Richardson Auditorium in Alexander Hall.

On Sunday, June 23 at 4 p.m. the Ulysses Quartet will perform music by Fanny Mendelssohn, Tow-

er, and Beethoven with commentary by Ruth Ochs, Conductor of the Princeton University Sinfonia, Assoc. Conductor of the Princeton University Orchestra, and Director of Small Ensembles at Princeton University. This performance will be followed by a Masterclass by the quartet with local young musicians.

Then, on Tuesday, July 2 at 7:30 p.m. New Century Saxophone Quartet will perform music by JS Bach, Shostakovich, Nagao, and Dvořák.

Monday, July 8 at 7:30 p.m. the Phaeton Piano Trio will perform music by Haydn, Felix Mendelssohn, and Dvořák.

Monday, July 15 at 7:30 p.m. the Balourdet Quartet will perform music by Mozart, Al-Zand, and Beethoven with commentary by Ruth Ochs.

Tickets are free, available online one week before the concert through

the university ticket office at [tickets.princeton.edu](https://tickets.princeton.edu).

In addition to the regular season, the Madison Quartet will be presenting a rehearsal demonstration and a performance of the 1st movement of Schubert's String Quartet No. 14 in D minor, "Death and the Maiden", at the Center for Modern Aging Princeton, 101 Poor Farm Rd. in Princeton) on Saturday, June 8 at 4:00 p.m. To

register for this demonstration, visit <https://engage.cmaprinceton.org/component/events/event/419>

Funding for Summer Concerts is provided by individual contributors, foundations, local corporations, and a grant from the Mercer County Cultural & Heritage Commission.

For more information, visit [princeton-summerchamberconcerts.org](https://princeton-summerchamberconcerts.org) or call (609) 570-8404.



The Madison Quartet (from left: Rebecca Harris-Lee, violin; Gerall Hieser, violoncello; Evelyn Estava, violin; and Michael Avagliano, viola) will present a rehearsal demonstration and performance on Saturday, June 8 at the Center for Modern Aging Princeton.

## Arts at the Old Barracks Gallery Show: "Trenton Makes" Returns

The Old Barracks Museum is celebrating Trenton area artists and Trenton art in a month-long gallery show. Hosted in the organization's historic 18th-century building, The Arts at the Old Barracks Gallery Show: "Trenton Makes" will showcase artwork that best exemplifies Trenton art and artists.

The Open-



The Arts at the Old Barracks Gallery Show

ing Reception will take place on Friday, June 7,

from 6 - 9 p.m. for both the public and artists. This event is free to attend.

Come meet the artists and discuss their works while enjoying light refreshments. Soak in a sampling of the city's creativity and inspiration.

Works will be available for sale through the museum store. Following the reception, the gallery will

be open to the public from June 7 - July 6, 2024. The show will hang during upcoming events to allow the public to experience these works throughout the month.

The Old Barracks Museum looks forward to celebrating Trenton's art and artists with you!

For more information, visit [barracks.org](https://barracks.org) or call (609) 396-1776



Dear Friends,

As the Summer heats up, the coming months will bring us some of the best events on the Mercer County calendar.

On June 8, I hope you will join us for the 12th Annual Mercer County Cultural Festival at the Mercer County Park Festival Grounds in West Windsor. Our residents come from every walk of life and from all around the world. That heritage can be seen all year round, but it's never more fully on display than at the Cultural Festival where you can see, hear, and even taste the diverse traditions of our community.

The Festival Grounds will continue to host great events throughout the summer. On June 15 we'll be celebrating Juneteenth with the African American Cultural Collaborative of Mercer County, and on July 12 we'll begin our weekly Friday Summer Concert Series.

If you're looking to get out of the heat, we have two great exhibits that showcase the talent of our Mercer County artists. The Mercer County Artists Exhibit will be open at the Mercer County Community College Gallery until late July, and is well worth a visit. August will see the opening of the Mercer County Senior Art Show, where you can see the fantastic artistry of our 60+ community.

I hope that the events, performances, and exhibits of the coming months will fill the long summer days with entertainment and happiness.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Benson".

Dan Benson  
County Executive

## *This July, Register for the Mercer County Senior Art Show*

Registration opens July 8 for this year's Mercer County Senior Art Show. Each year, the Mercer County Office on Aging partners with the Mercer County Division of Culture & Heritage to produce this highly anticipated exhibit, featuring skillful artworks created by talented senior citizens of Mercer County. First place winners from the County show advance to the New Jersey Senior Citizen Art Show each fall. Any Mercer County resident age 60 or older may

submit artwork to the Mercer County Senior Art Show. All submissions must be the original work of the applicant, created within the last three years, and not previously entered in a Mercer County Senior Art Show or the State Senior Art Show. Applicants may submit one piece of art in any of the following categories: acrylic, craft, digital imagery, drawing, mixed media, oil, pastel, photography, print, sculpture, and watercolor. A professional juror selects the winners in this

show. Up to 22 artists (one "professional" winner and one "non-pro" winner in each of the 11 categories) may move on to the State Show. There is no fee to enter. Artists must register for

this year's Mercer County Senior Art Show by August 5. For more information about this show, contact Mercer County Senior Art Show Coordinator Karina Turek at [kturek@mercercounty.org](mailto:kturek@mercercounty.org)



Winners from the Mercer County Senior Art Show move on to the New Jersey State Senior Citizen Art Show.

# Calendar of Events<sup>1</sup>

## Art Happenings

**June 7, 7-8:30 p.m. West Windsor Arts Faculty & Student Show Opening Reception**, West Windsor Arts Council, 952 Alexander Rd, Princeton Junction. Every year WWA is excited to present the work of talented teaching artists and students in our Faculty and Student Art Show. This exhibition showcases what has been created during the past year in our classes, including art by adults, youth, and our teaching artists. For our youth, we will also be recognizing the achievements of all Certificate of Fine Arts (CiFA) students, selecting one student's work to become part of our permanent collection (to be announced at the opening). **The show will be open to view from June 4 to July 13.** (609) 716-1931 / info@westwindsorarts.org / westwindsorarts.org

**June 13, THRIVE Arts Conference 2024**, Lewis Arts complex at Princeton University, 120 Alexander St, Princeton. Hundreds of executive, marketing, and development professionals from arts organizations statewide will once again converge on Princeton University for this biennial June arts conference. Ticket Cost: \$120. Sale ends on June 10. (609) 479 3377 / artpridenj.org

## Concerts

**June 13, 6-8 p.m., Capital Harmony Works Salon Series #2**, Trenton Music Makers featuring members of the Trenton Children's Chorus. Location TBD. (609) 394-8700 / capital-harmony.works/

## Film/Movie

**Princeton Garden Theatre**  
**June 9, 1:30 p.m. | June 18, 4 p.m. My National Gallery, London.** Princeton Garden Theatre, 160 Nassau St, Princeton. This fascinating documentary explores the 200-year history of the National Gallery of London. Considered one of the world's greatest art galleries, the National Gallery is an endless resource of history full of masterpieces. This film gives voice to those who both work and

admire the gallery. Beloved celebrities, devoted staff members, and world class experts come together to paint a unique portrait of this iconic British institution for its 200th birthday. Ticket Cost: \$14 General Admission; \$12 Members; \$9 Students

**June 16, 1 p.m., National Treasure Q&A & Book Signing with National Treasure Hunt podcast**, Princeton Garden Theatre, 160 Nassau St, Princeton. Don't miss our big screen celebration of the 20th anniversary of this modern classic. We will host "National Treasure" franchise experts, Aubrey Paris & Emily Black, co-creators of the popular podcast, book, and tour National Treasure Hunt, to discuss how history and science contribute to the film and to share behind-the-scenes production secrets. Their discussion will be followed by a Q&A and book signing. Ticket Cost \$13.50 General Admission; \$7.75 Students; and \$10 Princeton University Staff/Faculty. (609) 279-1999 / princetonogardentheatre.org

**June 25, 4 p.m. John Singer Sargent**, Princeton Garden Theatre, 160 Nassau St, Princeton. John Singer Sargent is known as the greatest portrait artist of the 19th century. What made his 'swagger' portraits remarkable was his power over his wealthy sitters, what they wore, and how they were presented to the audience. Sargent's work transcends the social noise and captures an alluring truth with each brush stroke. Through interviews with curators, contemporary fashionistas, and style influencers, this documentary examines how Sargent's unique practice has influenced modern art, culture, and fashion. Filmed at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston and the Tate Britain, London. Ticket Cost \$13.50 General Admission; \$7.75 Students; and \$10 Princeton University Staff/Faculty. (609) 279-1999 / princetonogardentheatre.org

**June 30, 1 p.m., The Motive**

**and the Cue**, Princeton Garden Theatre, 160 Nassau St, Princeton. Filmed live during a sold-out run at the National Theatre, Sam Mendes directs Mark Gatiss and Johnny Flynn as John Gielgud and Richard Burton in this fierce and funny new play. The year is 1964 and Burton, newly married to Elizabeth Taylor, is to play the title role in an experimental new Broadway production of Hamlet under John Gielgud's exacting direction. But as rehearsals progress, two ages of theatre collide and the collaboration between actor and director soon threatens to unravel. Written by Jack Thorne (Harry Potter and the Cursed Child). Ticket Cost: \$19 General Admission; \$16 Members. (609) 279-1999 / princetonogardentheatre.org

## Historical Tours

**June 9 & 23, 1-2:30 p.m. | July 14 & 28, 1-2:30 p.m. | August 11 & 25, 1-2:30 p.m., Princeton Battlefield Tour**, Princeton Battlefield Society, 500 Mercer St, Princeton. Spend a Sunday afternoon at the Princeton Battlefield State Park and learn more about the Battle of Princeton, a battle that ended the "ten crucial days" of 1776-1777. Walk in the footprints of Washington's troops and listen to exciting narratives of soldier and civilian experiences. Your tour is led by an approved Historical Interpreter. Following the approximately one hour tour, visit the historic Thomas Clarke House, the home of a Quaker farming family and the only remaining structure from the January 3, 1777 Battle of Princeton. Registration Required. (609) 232-8540 / info@pbs1777.org / pbs1777.org

**June 16 & July 21, 2-4 p.m. Brearley House Tours**, The Lawrence Historical Society, 100 Meadow Rd, Lawrenceville. Free Tours are offered the third Sunday of every month. Special tours are available upon request. (609) 462-2730 / thelhs.org

## History Happenings

**June 8, 8:30 a.m., The David Brearley Fun Run**, Lawrence

Historical Society, 100 Meadow Lane, Lawrence Township. Participants will enjoy a 5k run between the Brearley House and Port Mercer Canal House along the scenic Delaware and Raritan Canal. The event is being held in honor of the 279th birthday of David Brearley, an architect of the US Constitution and native of Lawrence Township. Registration Cost: \$15 General; \$10 Historical Society Members; \$5 Kids Run (age 2-12). (609) 462-2730 / bikesignup.com/Race/NJ/Lawrence-Township/DavidBrearleyFun-RunWalk

**June 12, 6 p.m. Robert Dunkerly "Unhappy Catastrophes" - Spring Lecture Series Finale**, The Old Barracks Museum, 101 Barracks St, Trenton. Robert Dunkerly will follow the course of the American Revolution through the many campsites, battles, and raids that took place in Central New Jersey, as well as share several of these historic places and sites throughout the region that can still be visited today. Lectures will begin at 6pm, followed by a Q&A and book signing. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be available. Copies of these titles are available for purchase in-store or online. (609) 396-1776 / info@barracks.org / barracks.org

**June 20, 7 p.m. New Jersey State Parks Presentation**, Mercer County Library System: Ewing Branch, 61 Scotch Rd, Ewing. Join Kevin Woyce, author, photographer, and lecturer specializing in New Jersey and New York Regional History, for a presentation about NJ's State Parks. Some of New Jersey's most exciting history can be found in our more than two dozen State Parks. This slide show presentation includes original photographs of many of New Jersey's State Parks, plus vintage images of historic people, places, and events. Registration Required. (609) 882-3148 / ewprogs@mcl.org / mcl.org

**July 4, 12-3 p.m. Fourth of July at Morven**, Morven Museum & Garden, 55 Stockton St, Princeton. It's Morven's 20th anniversary! Join the commemoration this Independence Day as we reflect on history, civic engage-

1. Mercer County Cultural & Heritage Commission cannot be responsible for errors or omissions. Call ahead to confirm times and prices. Deadline of August 9 for the September, October, & November 2024 Fall Newsletter.



ment, and community at the museum's annual Fourth of July festival. In 1783, Morven hosted Congressional delegates marking Independence Day. Over 240 years later, the museum continues this tradition, utilizing our role as the home of a signer of the Declaration of Independence (and as New Jersey's first Governor's mansion) to engage in what it means to be an active citizen and explore America's ongoing journey to form "a more perfect union." (609) 924-8144 / info@morven.org / morven.org

## Howell Farm

**June 15 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., People of Pleasant Valley Tours** Howell Living History Farm, 70 Woodens Ln, Hopewell Township. Join farmers for a horse-drawn hayride through the farm; tickets are free and will be distributed in the barnyard on a first-come, first-served basis. A Howell Farm interpreter will also lead visitors on a tour to the homes of gristmiller John Phillips, his farmer-son Henry, Henry's blacksmith-son Lewis—as well as the Pleasant Valley one-room schoolhouse—telling their stories along with those of other members of the community. (609) 737-3299 / howellfarm.org

**June 22, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Plowing, Harrowing, & Wash Day**, Howell Living History Farm, 70 Woodens Ln, Hopewell Township. Learn about life in an 1890s farmhouse as you roll up your sleeves and help do laundry the old fashioned way...by hand! (609) 737-3299 / howellfarm.org

**June 29, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Ice Cream Party**, Howell Living History Farm, 70 Woodens Ln, Hopewell Township. Farmer Jim and his crew will use a "hit and miss" engine to churn gallons of ice cream in the shade of a maple tree...while live music by the Jugtown Mountain String Band, kids' games, and a sailboat craft add to the fun on the front lawn. Ice cream, wagon rides, and lunch fare are available for purchase. (609) 737-3299 / howellfarm.org

**July 6, 5 - 8 p.m., Evening Blacksmithing**, Howell Living History Farm, 70 Woodens Ln, Hopewell Township. Learn about the finer points of shaping metal when blacksmith Daniel Lapidow fires up the forge and heats wrought

iron for bending, hammering, and sharpening. Help out by turning the crank of the forge blower until the iron glows orange, while he makes harness hooks, gate hinges, and other hardware needed on the farm. Initialed horseshoes and other handmade items will be available for purchase. (609) 737-3299 / howellfarm.org

**July 13 & 20, 5 - 8 p.m., Evening Animal Chores**, Howell Living History Farm, 70 Woodens Ln, Hopewell Township. Bring your boots and work gloves, because between 5:00 and 8:00 you'll be learning just what it takes to keep farm animals... by picking up a pitchfork and doing evening chores! Help farmers feed and water the animals, bring in the sheep from the pasture, collect eggs in the henhouse, grind corn in the barn, scrub and fill water tubs, and clean the horses' stalls for tomorrow's breakfast. (609) 737-3299 / howellfarm.org

**July 27, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. | July 28, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Mercer County 4-H Fair & Wheat Threshing**, Howell Living History Farm, 70 Woodens Ln, Hopewell Township. The fair includes animal shows and exhibits, homemade ice cream, hay rides, pony rides, music, magic shows, and farm tours. Check out displays by the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Mercer County, Mercer County Wildlife Center Friends, Mid-State Beekeepers Association, and many more! Wheat threshing demonstrations by Howell Farm staff will take place in the barnyard between 11 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. with visitors helping to "winnow" the threshed grain to separate the wheat from the chaff before milling. (609) 737-3299 / howellfarm.org

**August 3, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Honey Harvest**, Howell Living History Farm, 70 Woodens Ln, Hopewell Township. With the hives open and the bees on their best behavior, the Howell Farm beekeeper invites visitors to look inside the supers and meet the worker bees! Next, you can help uncap and extract this year's crop of clover honey from the combs, then have a taste and bottle some to take home. (609) 737-3299 / howellfarm.org

**August 10, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Potato Harvest**, Howell Living History Farm, 70 Woodens Ln, Hopewell Township. Grab a

bushel basket and follow behind the potato plow as workhorses Bill and Jesse unearth rows of potatoes for picking! Visitors of all ages can help collect, clean, and sort the crop, which will be delivered to local soup kitchens and food pantries. A few potatoes travel by wheelbarrow up to the barnyard, where farmers wash, slice, and drop them into the kettle to make potato chips for tasting. (609) 737-3299 / howellfarm.org

**August 17, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Canning Day**, Howell Living History Farm, 70 Woodens Ln, Hopewell Township. Visit Howell Farm this Saturday to learn the ins and outs of canning... and help us prepare and "put up" summer produce for use in the fall and winter months. We'll be using equipment you can get at the store—and also showing off some of our antiques—so you'll know the process whether you're using modern Mason jars or some antiques from Grandma's cellar. (609) 737-3299 / howellfarm.org

**August 24, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Fiddlin' on the Farm**, Howell Living History Farm, 70 Woodens Ln, Hopewell Township. Now in its 36th year, the contest is the largest and longest-running traditional fiddle contest in New Jersey. Visitors can expect to find fiddlers, guitarists, mandolinists and more perched on porches, tucked under trees, and spread out on the lawn playing traditional folk and bluegrass music...and sharing the stories of their historic instruments. (609) 737-3299 / howellfarm.org

**August 31, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., The 41st Annual Howell Farm Plowing Match**, Howell Living History Farm, 70 Woodens Ln, Hopewell Township. Today's plowing kicks off a 10-month growing season for Howell Farm's fall crops: wheat, rye, barley, and the old-fashioned "bearded wheat" known as spelt. There's a lot of work to be done between now and planting in late September...but luckily the neighbors are here to help out! (609) 737-3299 / howellfarm.org

## Juneteenth

**June 13, 6:30 p.m., What We Commemorate on Juneteenth - A Discussion**, Mercer County Library System: Virtual Pro-

gram. Juneteenth became a federally recognized holiday in 2021, but do we really understand what this day represents? Dr. Richard Bell, Professor of History at the University of Maryland, discusses the struggles of enslaved African Americans during the Civil War and the events leading up to their emancipation on June 19, 1865. Registration Required. (609) 882-3148 / mcl.org

**June 15, 12 - 8 p.m., Juneteenth Festival ft. Vivian Green**, The African American Collaborative of Mercer County, Mercer County Park Festival Grounds, 1638 Old Trenton Rd. (609) 474-4073 / trentonaapride@gmail.com

**June 19, 1 - 7 p.m., A Juneteenth Celebration**, The Princeton Festival Attend a day of Juneteenth festivities. Kick off the day with a Flag Raising with the Municipality of Princeton at Monument Plaza. At 4 p.m., head over to Morven Museum & Garden (55 Stockton St.) to participate in our community gathering with crafts and educational activities with partnering anti-racist organizations from the greater Princeton area. Step inside our antique phone booth recording studio, as part of our "Let Freedom Ring" project, where you'll be prompted to record your own reflections, thoughts, hopes, and dreams for Juneteenth and the future! The finale of the celebration is a concert featuring Robert Ray's 'Gospel Mass' among other choral selections conducted by Vinroy D. Brown. He will be leading the joint choral forces of the Capital Singers of Princeton, Caritas Chamber Choral, and Elmwood Concert Singers, in addition to vocalists from St. David the King and Union Baptist Church in Trenton. Come be a part of this community-wide event and get your tickets for the evening performance starting at 7 p.m. (609) 497-0020 / info@princetonsymphony.org / princetonsymphony.org

## Theater

**Kelsey Theatre**  
**June 14, 15, 21 & 22, 8 p.m. | June 16 & 23, 2 p.m., A Midsummer Night's Dream**, Kelsey Theatre at Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor. Start with four hopelessly entangled young lovers. Add a royal wed-



# MERCER COUNTY

## 2024 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

July 12  
Coast to Coast  
**Earth Wind & Fire Tribute**

July 19  
80's Revolution  
**Yacht Rock Gold Experience**

July 26  
Bell Bottom Blues - Clapton Tribute  
**Best of the Eagles**

August 23 • 6:30 pm  
co-headliners  
**Yellow Brick Road & All About Joel**

Aug 2  
Frontiers - Journey Tribute  
**Queen Flash**

Aug 9  
Swing Sabroso  
**Funk Salsa Urban**

Aug 16  
DiscoTeks  
**American Soul Band**

6:30 pm Start  
\$5.00 Entrance Fee

Mercer County  
Festival Grounds  
West Windsor, NJ

FREE PARKING

County Executive  
Dan Benson

MERCER COUNTY  
PARK COMMISSION

### Mercer County C&H Grant Schedule

**Mercer County Local Arts Program (LAP) & Mercer County History Re-Grant Program (FY25):**

- April 1, 2024 - Application Opens!
- July 1, 2024 - Deadline to submit

For more information about Mercer County Culture & Heritage Grants, call (609) 278-2712 or visit [mercercounty.org/departments/culture-and-heritage/grants-information](http://mercercounty.org/departments/culture-and-heritage/grants-information)

ding, some traveling thespians, and some serious parenting problems. Send everyone off to the enchanted woods, where they get caught in the crossfire between the King and Queen of the fairies. This funny, sexy, goofy comedy full of mistaken identities, love potions, mayhem, magical mystical creatures, ass-headed weavers, and nature gone mad will have you agreeing with William Shakespeare and Puck when they say, "Lord what fools these mortals be!" Ticket Cost: \$22/\$20 (609) 570-3333 /kelsey.mccc.edu

the movie of the same name. Dewey Finn, a failed, wannabe rock star poses as a substitute teacher at a prestigious prep school. There he turns a class of straight-A young students into a guitar shredding, bass slapping, mind blowing rock band. Can they compete in the Battle of the Bands without their parents and the school's headmistress, Rosalie Mullins, finding out? Can Ms Mullins rediscover her inner wild-child? This high-octane smash hit musical will truly rock your world. Ticket Cost: \$26/\$24 (609) 570-3333 /kelsey.mccc.edu

**June 28 & July 5, 8 p.m. | June 29 & July 6, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. | June 30 & July 7, 2 p.m.,** *The Sound of Music*, Kelsey Theatre at Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor. Proving too high spirited for religious life, Maria is dispatched to serve as governess for the seven children of a widowed naval officer, Captain Von Trapp. Her growing rapport with the youngsters, coupled with her generous spirit, clash with the Captain, with his fiancée, and finally with the Nazis who seize power of her Austrian homeland. This Rodgers & Hammerstein classic is one of the world's most beloved musicals. Ticket Cost: \$26/\$24 (609) 570-3333 /kelsey.mccc.edu

### McCarter Theatre Center

**June 5, 7:30 p.m.,** *Lakecia Benjamin*, McCarter Theatre Center, Berlind Theatre Venue, 91 University Place, Princeton. Celebrated for her unique blend of R&B, jazz, and funk, the vibrant young saxophonist Lakecia Benjamin's music pulses with energy and versatility. Ticket Cost: \$35 - \$45. (609) 258-2787 / mccarter.org

**June 7, 8 p.m. | June 8, 3 p.m.,** *STOMP*, McCarter Theatre Center, Matthews Theatre Venue, 91 University Place, Princeton. Eight dancers wield brooms, garbage cans, and even the kitchen sink to in an electric performance that has become a worldwide phenomenon. Ticket Cost: \$25 - \$75. (609) 258-2787 / mccarter.org

**July 12 & 13, 8 p.m. | July 20, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. | July 14 & 21, 2 p.m.,** *School of Rock*, Kelsey Theatre at Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor. A brand new company with some of your all-time favorites bring us this fun musical based on

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL COLLABORATIVE OF MERCER COUNTY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 15 (SENATOR SHIRLEY TURNER, ASSEMBLYWOMAN VERLINA REYNOLDS-JACKSON, & ASSEMBLYMAN ANTHONY VERRELLI) AND DAN BENSON, MERCER COUNTY EXECUTIVE PRESENT

12 PM - 8 PM

# JUNETEENTH 2024

## JUNE 15TH, 2024

MERCER COUNTY PARK FESTIVAL GROUNDS

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**2024 MERCER COUNTY SENIOR ART SHOW**  
August 19 - September 9, 2024

THE CONFERENCE CENTER AT MERCER MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor  
Viewable Online August 19, 2024  
[www.mercercounty.org](http://www.mercercounty.org)

Mercer County Executive Dan Benson | The Board of County Commissioners



# Hopewell Valley Arts Council to Host Third Annual Color Fun Run + Walk



Hopewell Valley Arts Council Fun Run + Walk. Courtesy of Benoit Cortet.

Get wonderfully colorful at Hopewell Valley Art Council's (HVAC) third annual Color Fun Run + Walk! Whether you choose to walk, run, or do anything in between, get ready to transform into a technicolor masterpiece while supporting HVAC. Start your colorful adventure on July 14, from

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., at the new Hopewell Township bandshell where multiple waves of runners and walkers will set out on the fun-run course. Enjoy entertainment and a dance party with music and warm-up/entertainment by hula hoop master Angela of 'Color Me Hoopy'. The

run culminates with a lively group color toss. Remember to capture your colorful moments at the selfie station and treat yourself to Johnson's homemade ice cream, available for purchase. Come out to have some fun! A white shirt is a must, but consider adding white headbands, shorts, or knee

socks, and watch them turn from pristine white to rainbow in minutes. If you and your team want to go all out, wear a crazy hat or costume.

Tickets cost \$30 (children under 5 year old are free). To learn more and register, visit [hvartsCouncil.org/colorfunrun](http://hvartsCouncil.org/colorfunrun) or email [info@hvartsCouncil.org](mailto:info@hvartsCouncil.org)

## *A Place in Time: Bow Hill Mansion*

In 1784, Bow Hill, often referred to as Lalor Tract, was a valuable farm on which Major William Trent lived. Barnt DeKlyn, a descendant of a French Huguenot family, purchased the original mansion, a huge structure with 24 rooms on the ground floor. He made a fortune manufacturing woolen cloth, which was used for military uniforms during the Revolutionary War. In November of 1785, the home was destroyed by fire. Rebuilding began immediately, using bricks brought from England as a ship's ballast. The

present mansion was finished in 1787.

After Barnt DeKlyn's death in 1824, Bow Hill mansion was passed

down through the Lalor family, and at one point stood vacant for almost 50 years. The Hamilton Township Historical

Society purchased the mansion and five acres surrounding it, and the rest of the estate was sold to a land developer in 1949. The property was sold to Simon Rednor and Joseph Rainear. The Ukrainian American Society bought Bow Hill Mansion in 1967. In addition to the Ukrainian Selfreliance Credit Union's branch, Bow Hill was last home to chapters of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America and the Ukrainian American Veterans, and an office of the American Continental Savings Corp.



Bow Hill Mansion, 1787.



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