

# arts calendar FEBRUARY 2018

## For what it's worth . . .

*Calling* all TENORS AND BASSES! If you like to sing and want to lift your spirits, be part of a family and contribute to your community, then we have the place for you. The Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords has resumed rehearsals in preparation for the annual spring concert to be held on Saturday, May 5th. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday from 6:45pm to 9pm at the Msgr. Fox Parish Hall, St Francis Church, 10 Elm St. No auditions are required and new members will be accepted until February 6th. You do not need to be a hospital employee to join. All men and women over the age of 18 will be welcomed. The non-profit group has entertained audiences for 28 years with its lively concerts showcasing a variety of musical interests. The 80 members are from Central and Southern CT and from all walks of life. Start the new year right...do something for yourself. Call 860.342.3120 or visit us at [www.vocalchords20.org](http://www.vocalchords20.org).

Also, the Executive Board is requesting applications for their annual scholarships to be awarded to deserving students pursuing a career in nursing or music. They must have been accepted at an accredited college or university with one of these majors. The Review Committee will consider academic record, extracurricular and community service activities, the students ability to articulate his/her career goals and the recommendations of the references. The scholarships will be paid directly to the student at the spring concert on Saturday, May 5th. All applications must be postmarked by March 26, 2018 and can be obtained at the Middlesex County high school guidance offices. For more info call 860.349.2042.

As you may recall, budget cutbacks have forced a reconfiguration of our granting schedules for 2017-2018. The final opportunity for **arts project support grants (APS)** has a **deadline of February 15 for projects taking place on or after June 1**. All details, instructions, and forms are available online at [www.middletonct.gov/arts](http://www.middletonct.gov/arts). Click on the link *MCA Grants Forms* on the right side of the page to take you to all the necessary grants information.

Expect the Kids Arts 2018 registration packets to be available in the month of February. Hard copies will be available to students of the public schools, at City Hall, and the Community/Senior Center. The packet will also be available online in a computer-fillable format. This year we are offering a slight change in that our Creative Arts Workshops are now a developmental feature for kids ages 5 through 7 that ties in directly with the Childrens Circus for those 8 through 15.

The One Book on the Riverbend Committee is pleased to announce the title for its community read for 2018: *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. The book begins with, "My name is August. I won't describe to you what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse." Auggie is ten years old and wants to be just like everyone else. He is, however, far from ordinary. Born with a terrible facial abnormality, he has been home-schooled by his parents his entire life in an attempt to protect him from the cruelty of the outside world. Now, Auggie's parents are sending him to a real school. Narrated by Auggie and the people around him whose lives he touches, *Wonder* is a frank, funny, moving debut to be read in one sitting, passed along to others, and be remembered long after the final page. This year's discussions and community events will be offered April 1st - May 31st.

Thank you for supporting - **and participating in** - the arts!

  
Stephan Allison, Coordinator

**Editor's note:** if you have something you think may be of interest to our readers, send me an email at [arts@middletonct.gov](mailto:arts@middletonct.gov) - we welcome guest submissions to this column. Thanks.

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- Art Guild of Middletown**  
P.O. Box 205 Joyce Senesac, Pres. 860.358.9212
- The Buttonwood Tree • North End Arts Rising, Inc.**  
605 Main Street, P.O. Box 71 860.347.4957  
Call or check the website for hours of operation  
www.buttonwood.org • thebuttonwoodtree@gmail.com
- CT Gilbert & Sullivan Society**  
P.O. Box 313, Middlefield 06455 860-554-1256  
cg.ss@snet.net • www.ctgands.org
- CT Heritage Productions**  
Teresa Langston, 152 Nejako Drive 860.398.9247
- GMChorale (The Greater Middletown Chorale)**  
P.O. Box 527 • www.gmchorale.org • info@gmchorale.org 860-316-4854
- Greater Middletown Concert Assoc.**  
P.O. Box 2622 • www.greatermiddletownconcerts.org 860.347.4887
- Green Street Teaching & Learning Center**  
51 Green Street 860.685.7871  
gsac@wesleyan.edu • www.wesleyan.edu/greenstreet
- Klekolo World Coffee**  
181 Court Street 860.343.9444  
Mon-Thur 6:30a-10p; Fri/Sat 6:30a-12a; Sun 7a-7p
- MAC650**  
650 Main Street 860.343.1516
- Middletown Public Schools Cultural Council**  
c/o Middletown Bd of Education, 311 Hunting Hill Avenue 860.638.1419
- Middletown Stage Company**  
Performing Arts Center @MHS, 200 LaRosa Lane • middletownstagecompany.org
- Oddfellows Playhouse Youth Theater**  
128 Washington St • Mon-Fri 10a-5p • www.oddfellows.org • 860.347.6143
- R.J. Julia Bookstore**  
413 Main Street Mon-Sat 9a-9p; Sun 9a-6p 860.685.3939
- Russell Library**  
123 Broad St., • Mon-Thur 9a-8:30p; Fri 9a-6p; Sat 9a-5p 860.347.2528
- Sweet Harmony Café & Bakery**  
330 Main St., • www.sweetharmonycafeandbakery.us/ 860.344.9646
- Valley Shore Chorus** 860.346.2674
- Vinnie's Jump & Jive Dance Hall & Art Gallery**  
424 Main Street www.vinniesjumpandjive.com 860.347.6971 x3777
- Wesleyan Potters**  
350 South Main St. Gallery Hrs: Wed-Sat 10a-5p, Sun 12-4p 860.347.5925
- Wesleyan University Galleries** Tues-Sun noon-4 p; closed Monday  
Ezra & Cecile Zilkha Gallery, Washington Terrace 860.685.2500  
Davison Art Center, 301 High Street  
Mansfield Freeman Center for East Asian Studies (hrs: Tues-Fri noon-4 p) 860.685.2330  
343 Washington Terrace
- Wesleyan University**  
Crowell Concert Hall, World Music Hall - Wyllys Avenue  
Center for the Arts, Washington Terrace  
Box Office: 860.685.3355  
Russell House, 350 High Street 860.685.2280
- Wesleyan Writing Program/Writers Conference**  
Anne Greene, Director 860.685.3604  
agreene@wesleyan.edu • www.wesleyan.edu/writers

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR NEXT CALENDAR: 10th of the month** preceding publication. **EVENTS LISTINGS (Arts On View, Just For Kids, Listings) will now be entered on our Facebook page.** All other information may be mailed, faxed, or emailed to the Commission. For additional info., call 860.638.4510

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## Arts On View

- Adath Israel Judaica Museum** 48 Old Church Street 860.346.4709  
Hrs: Mon-Tues 9-3p, Wed. 9-6p, Thur. 9-3p, Fri. 9-12p. Call for a guided tour.
- Art Guild of Middletown** Post Office Box 205 860.358.9212  
See Listings inside this calendar for demonstration & workshop details.
- \*Art Walk Middletown**  
1st Thursdays May through October, beginning at 5p. Get your Art Walk map at Mac650 or call 860.759.8499. Participating galleries listed with an \*.
- \*The Buttonwood Tree** 605 Main Street 860.347.4957  
Bookstore: call for hours or check www.buttonwood.org for performance/event hrs. *Call for women artists: 3/8 is International Women's Day, show your work, contact thebuttonwoodtree@gmail.com.*
- ION Restaurant** 606 Main Street 860.346.9210  
Call or visit www.ionrestaurant.com for hrs. • local artists' works displayed
- Kidcity Children's Museum** 119 Washington Street 860.347.0495
- \*Klekolo World Coffee** 181 Court Street 860.343.9444  
Hrs: Mon-Thur 6:30a-10p; Fri/Sat 6:30a-12a; Sun 7a-7p.
- La Boca Mexican Restaurant & Cantina** 337 Main Street 860.347.4777
- \*MAC 650 Gallery** 650 Main Street 860.343.1516  
Hosting figure drawing sessions every 2nd Thurs. from 7 to 10p - 18 and over, \$10. Any questions: call Marc - 860.759.8499. *Rafael Concepcion: Isla Del Encanto, 2/2-2/28, opening reception 2/2 @ 7p.*
- Middlesex Community College** 100 Training Hill Road 860.343.5806  
Hrs: M-Th 8a-8p, F 8a-4p. The Niche, Founders Hall. Pegasus Gallery, Chapman Hall - *Melanie Carr - Disbelief Pillows 1/17 -3/2.*
- Middlesex County Historical Society** 151 Main Street 860.346.0746  
Gen. Mansfield House—Hrs. Mon-Thu 10a-3p; Sat. 10a-2p • Docent Program – call for details • *A Vanished Port: Middletown & the Caribbean, 1750-1824.*
- \*Middletown Framing** 502 Main Street 860.347.0064  
Hrs. M-F 10a-6p, Sat 10a-3p or by appt. Closing Jan. 15 for repairs.
- \*Municipal Bldg./City Hall** 245 deKoven Drive 860.638.4510  
Hrs: M-F 8:30a-4:30p City Art Collection • 2017 MCAAAA: Chad Pennington
- New England Emporium** 386 Main Street 860.346.1200  
Hrs: Daily 7a-9p • www.newenglandemporium.com • New art display each month
- Painters Touch** 806 Millbrook Road 860.344.9670
- \*R.J. Julia Bookstore** 413 Main Street 860.685.3939  
Hrs: M-Sat 9a-9p; Sun 9a-6p • www.wesleyanrjulia.com
- Russell Library** 123 Broad Street 860.347.2528  
Hrs: M&F 10a-6p; T&Th 10a-8p; Wed 1-8p; Sat 10a-2p. *Pierre Sylvain Fantastical Journey: Voodoo, Slavery, Jazz!, 2/9-3/31, opening reception 2/9 @ 6p.*
- Ursel's Web** 140 Washington Street 860.344.0041  
Hrs: Mon-Fri 10a-6p; Sat 10a-5p; Sun 11a-4p • New works from local artists.
- Wesleyan Potters Gallery/Shop** 350 South Main Street 860.344.0039  
Hrs: M&T by appt.; W/F/Sat 10a-5p; Th 10a-6p; Sun noon-4p.
- Wesleyan University** 860.685.3355  
Davison Art Center, 301 High St. *Reclaiming the Gaze-African American Prints and Photographs, 1930 to Now, 2/7-5/27* • Ezra & Cecile Zilkha Gallery Hrs. Tue, noon-7p, Wed-Sun, noon-5p *A New Subjectivity-Figurative Painting After 2000, paintings by women of the 21st century, guest curator-Jason Stopa, 1/30-3/4, reception 2/8 @ 4:30p; Eiko Otake & William Johnston: A Body in Fukushima-Recent Work, 1-25-2/15, reception 2/1 @ 4p* • Mansfield Freeman Ctr. for East Asian Studies Gallery • Zelnick Pavilion (217 High St.) • Olin Memorial Library, Lobby, 252 Church St.

## Middletown Commission on the Arts

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**Staff:** Stephan Allison, Coordinator  
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# Opportunities . . .

191914 Ministries, Inc - 44 Green Street  
 cocomo.191914@gmail.com • Free workshop in Emerging Artist Development Series (EADS) & Dream Capture Group. Call ..... 860.770.9721  
**AmericanTowns** -

Create a press release to send news to media. americantowns.com or jim@americantowns.com  
**Art Guild of Middletown** - P.O. Box 205  
 See *Listings* for this month's special events. The Guild collects & recycles old art books & magazine • Info: www.middletownartguild.org • Demos, workshops, classes meet at Woodside Intermediate School, 30 Woodside Road, Cromwell. Contact: Joyce Senesac, Pres., sack3@comcast.net ..... 860.358.9212

**ARTFARM**  
 Touring shows available: *Woman's Will & Circus for a Fragile Planet*. Contact Marcella Trowbridge/Dic Wheeler for info .....info@art-farm.org or 860.346.4390  
**Artists for World Peace (AFWP)**

A non-profit organization creating opportunities for artistic expression that fosters world peace and raises funds to benefit humanitarian causes. www.artistsforworldpeace.org Call..... 860.301.9757 or 860.685.1789

**Arts Stakeholders Group (ASG)**  
 Open to any interested and invested arts stakeholder in the community. Networking/occasional potluck meetings. Interested? Like to sign up? Contact ....arts@middletownct.gov  
**The Buttonwood Tree (North End Arts Rising, Inc.)**

Mon-10:30-11:30a Hearing Voices Network • 7:45p: Moments of Gratitude, 8p: Anything Goes! Open Mic • 1st and 3rd Tues 6 pm: Laughter Yoga • 1st Thu-7-9p: Bob Gotta's Acoustic Open Mic • 4th Thu: 7-9p Drum Circle • Sat-10:30-noon: Aligned with Source workshop. Call ..... 860.347.4957

**Community Foundation of Middlesex County** - 49 Main Street  
 Watch listings for upcoming free workshops for non-profit staff and volunteers to help build their capacity. Call ..... 860.347.0025  
**CT Gilbert & Sullivan** - P.O. Box 313, Middlefield 06455

Visit www.ctgands.org or call ..... 860-554-1256  
**CT Heritage Productions** - 152 Nejako Drive  
 Teresa Langston, telangston@chproductions.org..... 860.398.9247  
**Connecticut Poetry Society**

The Middletown Chapter meets the last Wednesday ea. month in Russel Library at 6p. RSVP to Pamela at ..... pamela.cps@hotmail.com or 860.563.5761  
**Connecticut Woodcarvers Association**  
 CT Forest & Park Bldg, Route 66 • New carvers & families w/children ages 10+ are welcome. ctwoodcarver@gmail.com • www.ctwoodcarvers.org.

**Dance Outfitters** - 386 Main Street (Main Street Market)  
 www.dance-outfitters.com ..... 860.638.0086  
**Friends of the Davison Art Center (FDAC)** - Alsop House, 301 High Street  
 Info: fdac@wesleyan.edu or http://fdac.wesleyan.edu/ ..... 860.685.2500

**GMChorale (Greater Middletown Chorale)**  
 GMChorale rehearses Tuesdays 7p to 9p, at Cromwell's Bethany Lutheran Church, just off I-91 and Rt. 9 and is looking for experienced & qualified singers. Visit www.gmchorale.org  
**Greater Middletown Concert Assoc.**

www.greatermiddletownconcerts.org or call..... 860.347.4887 or 860.346.3369  
**La Boca Mexican Restaurant & Cantina** - 337 Main Street  
 Open invitation for artists to exhibit ..... 860.347.4777

**Literacy Volunteers of Central Connecticut**  
 Seeking volunteers to teach Basic Reading and ESL..... 860.229.7323  
**Mattabesett Canoe Club at Harbor Park** - 80 Harbor Drive  
 For info on latest happenings, call ..... 860.347.9999

**Meditation in Middletown** - 91 Beverly Heights  
 Mon. & Thurs.-7p, Sat.-noon. Meditation at the Starr Mill waterfall. Free & open to the public. Presented by Bob Vinci. www.themeditationman.org ..... 860.685.8716  
**Mezzo Grille** - 106 Court Street. For info on latest happenings, call ..... 860.346.6000

**Middlesex County Historical Society**  
*A Vanished Port: Middletown & the Caribbean, 1750-1824.* ..... 860.346.0746  
**Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords** – *if you love to sing...*  
 Rehearsals Tuesdays at 6:45p, Fox Parish Center (St. Francis Assisi Church). Gina Fredericks, musical director - Joyce Ghent, founder/chair.

Visit www.vocalchords20.org or call ..... 860.342.3120, mention “Vocal Chords”  
**Middlesex Institute for Lifelong Education (MILE)** - MxCC, 100 Training Hill Road  
 Offering many arts-related programs, membership required. Info, contact MILE at www.mileonline.org ..... 860.343.5863

**Middlesex Music Academy** - 440 Main Street  
 Lessons in guitar, drums, bass, woodwinds, brass, voice, piano & violin. All ages & levels welcome. .... 860.344.0525  
**Middletown Adult Education** - 398 Main Street

Classes available in art, dance, yoga, music lessons, photography, crafts, zumba. www.maect.org..... 860.343.6044  
**Middletown Art Academy** 504 Main Street-Suite South-3  
 Visual art instruction for all ages. Spring registration open now! Classes begin 2/10. www.middletownartacademy.com ..... 860.344.0554

**Middletown Artists Coop (MAC) • MAC650 Artspace** - 650 Main Street  
 Hosting figure drawing sessions every 2nd Thurs. 7 to 10p - 18+, \$10. Call Marc - 860.759.8499. Info on exhibiting/space use contact mac650gallery@gmail.com  
 Resident artists live in affordable housing & provide arts community service for local groups. 1 & 2 bedroom units available w/studio space. www.mac650.com ..... 860.759.8499

**Middletown Commission on the Arts (MCA)**  
 Rm. B-11, Municipal Bldg., 245 deKoven Drive. Accepting Kids Arts 2018 Counselor Employment applications now. Arts Project Support Grant apps due 2.15. Visit us on

# Opportunities . . .

Facebook.com/CityArtsOffice, www.middletownct.gov/arts, or call ..... 860.638.4510  
**Middletown Framing** - 502 Main Street  
 For deals/special sales email dmitri@middletownframing.com ..... 860.347.0064  
**Middletown Scottish Country Dancers** ..... 860.653.5258

Classes for beginners/experienced dancers. Partners not necessary. Wear soft-soled shoes. Every Wednesday, 7:15-9:30p, Classes Sept - June, held at First Church, 190 Court St.  
**Middletown Symphonic Band**

Meets Thurs., 7p at Middletown HS. Wind instrumentalists/percussionists welcome. No audition/dues. www.middletownsymphonicband.org or middletownsymphonicband@gmail.com  
**Middletuners, The Senior Chorus of Middletown** *Do you love the “old” songs?*  
 Join the rehearsals every Tues. 2-4 pm. Call Barbara Arafeh..... 860.347.4887

**Oddfellows Playhouse**  
 Register for Spring classes. Visit www.oddfellows.org..... 860.347.6143  
**Painters Touch** - 806 Millbrook Road  
 Jackie Peterson originals/prints. Call for appt. or look for “open” sign outside. View displays of various artworks. .... 860.344.9670

**Paradise Lost**  
 Egress Films offers John Milton's Paradise Lost as performed by John Basinger captured on film by Andreas Burgess. 4 DVD set includes all 12 books plus special features. To view or obtain your copy, visit www.paradiselostperformances.com  
**Piano Lessons**

Experienced teacher. Ages 6 and up, all levels welcome. Performing 2/16, 8p-see listings. Contact: Carolyn Halsted ..... 860-343-0677  
**Russell Library**

Friends of the Russell Library sponsor monthly book sales • Russell Readers: all welcome, 2nd Tue-7p • Descriptive videos available for visually impaired, call 860.347.2520 • CT Museums passes available • GrantStation: Online Grant Sources..... 860.347.2528  
**Senior Center Programs for Seniors 60+** 61 Durant Terrace

Yoga, Exercise, Line Dancing, Tai Chi, Oil Painting, more - Reg. req'd., call 860.638.4540  
**Stage Left Dance and Fitness Center** - 100 Riverview Cen'ter, Suite 100  
 Classes available. Call Lorrie or Cindee Tine ..... 860.346.6928  
**Valley Shore Sweet Adelines Chorus (women, 4 part harmony)**

New members welcome. Tue 7:15p, Open Door Misssionary Baptist Church, High St. Call ..... 203.379.0650  
**Vinnie's Jump & Jive Community Dance Hall**

Alcohol/smoke free • Classes in breakdancing, ballroom, hooping, bellydancing, jazz, tap, salsa, country line dance, swing, and blues. Special dance events for everyone ea. mo. vinniesjumpandjive.com..... 860.347.6971 x3639  
**Wadsworth Mansion at Long Hill Estate** - 421 Wadsworth Street  
 Tours Wed-2-4p, call to confirm. Mansion trails open daily. Call ..... 860.347.1064

**Wesleyan Institute for Lifelong Learning (WILL)**  
 Offering short courses reflecting interests/needs of our community taught by retired/current WU faculty, others. Classes scheduled in afternoon and early evening. Call.. 860.685.3355  
**Wesleyan Potters**

Pottery, jewelry, weaving & basketry classes for children & adults. Call..... 860.347.5925  
**Yoga in Middletown** - 438 Main Street  
 yogainmiddletown.com • Many weekly classes for all levels from Beginners through Advanced • Iyengar Back Care, Restorative, Yoga Ropes • Since 1991. ....860.347.YOGA (9642)

**Yoga Possibilities** - 99 Beverly Heights  
 Ongoing classes Thursdays @ 5:30p ..... 860.670.4880

## Just For Kids

**Visit our Facebook.com/CityArtsOffice pages for more.**

**The Buttonwood Tree (TBT)** ..... 860.347.4957  
**Community Health Center (CHC)** ..... 860.347.6971 x5172  
 Family Wellness Center programs (all ages). Reg. req'd. Call Anna Rogers, FWC Supervisor.  
**Edu Designs** ..... 626.940.4768

Art Presentations for schools/classrooms, presented by Emmy Award winning animator and author Ruth Elliott. Contact Ruth at director@edudesigns.org or call her. www.edudesigns.org  
**Kidcity Children's Museum** ..... 860.347.0495  
 119 Washington St., “Hands on” for 6mo-8yrs w/adults. Hrs: Sun-Tue, 11a-5p; Wed-Sat, 9a-5p.

**Middletown Adult Education** ..... 860.343.6044  
 Family Learning Program-call for info  
**Middletown Art Academy** ..... 860.344.0554  
 504 Main St.-Suite South-3. Arts instruction for all ages. www.middletownartacademy.com

**Middletown Commission on the Arts**..... 860.638.4510  
*Applications being accepted now for Kids Arts 2018 counselors*, visit facebook.com/CityArtsOffice.  
**North End Action Team (NEAT)** ..... 860.346.4845  
 NEATNotes, capella choir & the Da Vinci Group, videography projects. For kids 8-14 residing in the North End. Call NEAT if interested in joining.

**Oddfellows Playhouse (OP)** ..... 860.347.6143  
 Visit www.oddfellows.org to learn more of their offerings and/or register.  
**Russell Library (Children's Dept)** ..... 860.344.8479  
 www.russelllibrary.org • Passes available for museums in CT • Call/go online for the complete schedule/to register for programs.

**Vinnie's Jump & Jive** ..... 860.347.6971 x3639  
 Classes available for kids ages 5-14, toddler and pre-school • Reg. req'd. Call for info.  
**Wesleyan University Youth Gamelan Ensemble** ..... 860.685.3355  
 Call for info.

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**Thu 1 Music**  
 6:30p *First Thursday Jazz*, featuring *Jazz Affair. Lan Chi's Vietnamese Restaurant, 505 Main St.*  
 7p *Bob Gotta's Open Mic*, every 1st Thursday, sign-ups begin at 6:30p. *The Buttonwood Tree (TBT)*  
 9:30p *Tim Palmieri*, 2 sets, 21 & over. *La Boca (LB)*

**Artists Reception**  
 4p *A Body in Fukushima-Recent Work* w/remarks from the artists Eiko Otake and William Johnston. *South Gallery (SG), Ezra & Cecile Zilkha Gallery (ZG), Wesleyan Univ. (WU)*

**Author Talk**  
 7p *Karen E. Olson*, author of *Vanished* and the Annie Seymour and Tattoo Shop mystery series. *Wesleyan R.J. Julia Bookstore (WRJJ)*

**Fri 2 Vision Boards for Adults**  
 1p Create a vision board to help picture good things in the new year. Sign up online or 860.347.2520. *Russell Library (RL)*

**Artist Reception**  
 7p Wine & conversation with the artist *Rafael Concepcion. MAC650 Gallery (MAC650)*

**Storytelling**  
 8p *Story City Troupe*, trained by Matt Dicks of *The Moth* fame. *TBT*

**Sat 3 Music**  
*between systems and grounds*, a collaborative, durational performance & installation (also 2/4). *Russell House (RH), WU*  
 8p *Secondary Messengers* recreating the music of Art Blakey & the Jazz Messengers. *TBT*  
 9:30p *Xray & 5EX7HEaNIMAL. LB*

**Sun 4 Flute Fest 2018**  
 8:30a A day with flutists in a friendly, non-competitive/non-commercial atmosphere. *Crowell Concert Hall (CCH), WU*  
 6p Performance by the *Flute Fest 2018* attendees. *CCH, WU*

**Mon 5 Open Mic**  
 7p Anything Goes Open Mic/Moments of Gratitude, sign ups start 6:30p, every Monday. *TBT*

**Dance**  
 7p Lindy Hop dance lessons, 4-week class. *Vinnie's Jump & Jive, 424 Main St. (VJJ)*

**Racial Justice Book Discussion Group**  
 6p Discussing *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson. *RL*

**Tue 6 Music**  
 7p *Yousry Benayoun (Kid Tiger)*, contemporary alternative/folk/roots/Americana. *KWC*

**Wed 7 Music**  
 8p *The Bush hosts Open Mic* on the 1st Wednesdays. *749 Saybrook Rd., Vero Cucino Rustico (VCR)*

**Art Auction-Fundraiser**  
 5p *2nd Annual Love Shouldn't Hurt Art Auction* supporting New Horizons, w/live music provided by the *Rust'd Keys* and *The Basukes. MAC650 Gallery (MAC650)*

**Opening Reception**  
 5p For *Reclaiming the Gaze-African American Prints and Photographs, 1930 to Now. Davison Art Center (DAC), WU*

**Thu 8 Opening Reception**  
 4:30p For *A New Subjectivity-Figurative Painting After 2000*, paintings by women categorizing Expressionism in new terms. *ZG, WU*

**Author Talk**  
 7p *Michael Benanav: Himalaya Bound. WRJJ*

**Fri 9 Paper Crafts for Adults**  
 11a *Explore paper!* A monthly exploration of paper sculpture techniques. *RL*

**Artist Reception**  
 6p For *Pierre Sylvain Fantastical Journey: Voodoo, Slavery, Jazz!* w/live music by *Liviu Pop and Friends. RL*

**Dance**  
 7:30p Swing & Blues Dance w/music by *Java Groove. VJJ*  
 8p *Reggie Wilson/Fist & Heel Performance Group: Citizen. CFA Theater (CFAT), WU*

**Music**  
 8p *Windborne* present *Song on the Times* exhibiting polyphonic traditional vocal music. *TBT*  
 10p *John Spignesi Band*, music for your soul. *LB*

**Sat 10 Music**  
 7p *Mandala, Hit Like a Girl, Spit-take, Liv Lombardi, and Queer Choir. MAC650*  
 8p *Rosemary Minkler Trio*, jazz arrangements and originals. *TBT*

**Sun 11 Music**  
 3p *Sol y Canto Latin Ensemble* led by *Rosi Amador*, presented by *Greater Middletown Concert Assoc. Performing Arts Center @MHS (PAC@MHS), 200 LaRosa Lane*  
 3p *West End String Quartet* w/clarinetist *Charles Yassky* and pianist *Neely Bruce. CCH, WU*

**Storytelling**  
 3p *NEAR & Far Storytellers*, featuring *Joe Flood*, hosted by *Jim Harriman & Carolyn Stearns. TBT*

**Tue 13 Music**  
 7p *Jedd Chlebowski*, solo bass and electronics. *KWC*

**Classic Mystery Film**  
 12:30p *Lying Lips*, (1939) by *Oscar Micheaux*, pioneering African American author/filmmaker/

producer. *RL*  
 6:30p Discussing *William Faulkner's* short story *That Will Be Fine. RL*

**Slide-Show Talk**  
 7p *The Courage of Ohio Abolitionists and their CT Connections* with *Dr. Don Rankin*, presented by Middlesex County Historical Society. *Senior/Community Center, 61 Durant Terrace (SCC)*

**Thu 15 Gong & Sound Meditation**  
 7p *Shaking the Tree*, led by Andrew with a new guest each month, every 3rd Thursday. *TBT*

**Film**  
 6:30p *Whose Streets?*, a screening for Black History Month w/introduction by Jeff Hush, followed by community discussion. *RL*

**Author Talk**  
 7p *Tom Ryan: Will's Red Coat*, a story of a dog and an indelible bond. *RJJ*

**Fri 16 Poets' Corner**  
 4p Calling all poets! *Poets' Corner* with *Middletown poet laureate Susan Allison*. A gathering of possibilities. *RL*

**Music**  
 8p *Carolyn Halsted*, piano concert *The Ground Doth Sing. TBT*  
 8p *Masayo Ishigure: Koto 360°* includes contemporary compositions and a New England premiere by Celil Refik Kaya. *CCH, WU*

**Sat 17 Teen Open Mic**  
 3p Created specifically for 12 to 18 year olds, an opportunity to perform publicly. *TBT*

**Music**  
 8p *Louis Apallon Jazz Trio*, Ca world music sound blending jazz and folk traditions. *TBT*

**Sun 18 Music**  
 3p *Megan Sesma*, harpist, with *Joshua Thomas*, saxophonist, perform commissions and world premieres. *RH, WU*

**Tue 20 Author Visit**  
 1p *Ibi Zoboi*, author of *American Street* visits for book signing, light refreshments also. *RL*

**Crystal Bowl Sound Healing**  
 7:30p With *Lou Sorrentino*, every 3rd Tuesday. *TBT*

**Graduate Recital - Music**  
 8p *Suhail Yusuf, Sarangia in a Globalized World. Ring Family Performing Arts Hall (PAH), WU*

**Wed 21 Music**  
 7p Featuring the *4th Wednesday Band* w/hosts Joe & Jim Carta, mics/amps/drums/keyboard provided. *VCR*

**Thu 22 Drum Circle**  
 7p *Middlesex Drum Circle*, use ours or bring your own percussive instruments. *TBT*

**Film**  
 6:30p *Veterans of Color*, chronicling the battles on home soil. *RL*

**Fri 23 Live Film on Stage**  
 8p Performance collective *Manual Cinema* creates live film on stage. *AdalAva* is the CT premiere. *CFAT, WU*

**Music**  
 6p *Kali Masi* (formerly *The Howl*), *Ports of Spain, Pleasure Beach*, and *Tier* - all ages show. *MAC650*  
 8p *The Coconuts: Nutty By Nature. TBT*

**Sat 24 Music**  
 1:30p The *Harlem Quartet*, advancing diversity in classical music featuring minority composers' works. Presented by Russell Library. *Sanctuary at 1st Church, 190 Court St.*

7p *Tranquility, Formerly Bodies, In Response, Every Branch, and Videodome. MAC650*  
 8p *Ken Serio Jazz Trio* featuring *Sinan Bakir* on guitar and *Jedd Chlebowski* on bass. *TBT*

**Sun 25 Music**  
 3p *This Is It! The Complete Piano Works of Neely Bruce-Part XIV*, the 14th in a 16 part series. *CCH, WU*

**Tue 27 Music**  
 7p *Podunk Throwbacks* offer Bohemian folk rock. *KWC*

**Wed 28 Women Playwrights' Initiative: Passion, Power, Prose**  
 7p An introduction and discussion of the Initiative to develop one-act plays by/about women. In conjunction with Ivoryton Playhouse. *RJJ*

**Thesis Theater**  
*How I Learned to Drive* by *Paula Vogel*. Directed by *Emma Pasarow*. Running through 3/3. *Patricelli '92 Theater (92T), WU*  
*99 Histories* by *Julia Cho*. Directed by Yichen Eva Lou. Running through 3/3. *92T, WU*

**Margarita Glass Painting**  
 7p *Uncork Your Creative Side!!*, choose a glass and materials are provided. Register in advance, *drinkablearts.com. LB*

**For more information on the presenting organizations, refer to the outside page for addresses, phone nos., & hrs. of operation.**