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Middletown Presenters

ArtFarm 119 Highland Avenue • info@art-farm.org • www.art-farm.org • 860.346.4390	
Art Guild of Middletown P.O. Box 205 Bob Spooner, Pres. 860.346.6546	
Broad Street Books 45 Broad Street Mon-Fri 9a-6p; Sat & Sun 9a-5p 860.685.7323	
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 2152 1.800.866.1606 cg.ss@snet.net • www.ctgilbertandsullivan.org	
CT Heritage Productions 46 Bretton Road 860.347.7771	
Eternal Perks Coffee House Grace Lutheran Church, 1055 Randolph Rd 860.346.2641 www.gracemiddletown.org	
Greater Middletown Choral P.O. Box 527 Dawn Alger, 860.539.9334; John Coghill, 860.285.8208	
Greater Middletown Concert Assoc. P.O. Box 2622 Barbara Arafah 860.347.4887	
Green Street Arts Center 51 Green Street 860.685.7871 gsac@wesleyan.edu • www.greenstreetartscenter.org	
Klekolo World Coffee 181 Court Street Mon-Fri 7a-1a; Sat, Sun 8a-1a 860.343.9444	
Local 400, Amer. Federation of Musicians Candace Lammers, Secretary 860.563.1606	
MAC650 650 Main Street 860.343.1516	
Middle City Stage Company kellydimauro@middletownstage.com • www.middletownstage.com • 860.346.6051	
Middletown Public Schools Cultural Council c/o Middletown Bd of Education, 311 Hunting Hill Avenue 860.638.1419	
Oddfellows Playhouse Youth Theater 128 Washington St • Mon-Fri 10a-5p • www.oddfellows.org • 860.347.6143	
Russell Library 123 Broad St., • Mon-Thur 9a-8:30p; Fri 9a-6p; Sat 9a-5p 860.347.2528	
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 Hours: Tues-Sat 11a-5p 860.347.5925	
Wesleyan University Galleries Tues-Sun noon-4 p; closed Monday Ezra & Cecile Zilkha Gallery, Washington Terrace Davison Art Center, 301 High Street 860.685.2500 Mansfield Freeman Center for East Asian Studies (hrs: 1p-4p) 343 Washington Terrace 860.685.2330	
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	

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For what it's worth . . .

May marks the return (for two months only) of my past administrative assistant, Barbara Santangelo. Let me tell you, this is welcome news! When you get a chance, give a call at the office and say "Hi!" to Barbara.

Regarding the calendar and its recent tardiness, I hope you are using **arts2go** more often as your source for the most up-to-date listings of arts events. We are hoping to gradually ween you from the printed/pdf version of the MCA Arts Calendar as we migrate to the electronic era of information transfer.

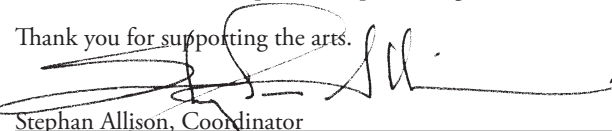
And, continuing on the **arts2go** subject - we are very proud to finally announce that the site is fully operational now. This means that you are now able to view all of the days of the week in our weekly view, giving you the complete experience for planning your arts/entertainment plans, weeks in advance if desired. In upcoming months, we hope to add more features to the site so stay tuned and tune in to **arts2go** on a regular basis. Bookmark us now or make **arts2go** your homepage.

There are some interesting art exhibitions and receptions taking place in late May throughout the City. Visit the "Listings" section for details and get out there and support your local artists!

NEAR, Inc./The Buttonwood Tree will hold their special fundraiser at Halfinger Farms on May 19th. The farm is located in Higganum at 489 Candlewood Hill Road (you can get directions using one of the internet map services of contacting The Buttonwood Tree). This is their "3rd Annual Music Festival at Halfinger Farms for The Buttonwood Tree-A Tribute to Mothers and Bluegrass Music!"

The Middletown Commission on the Arts will present Arts Advocacy Awards this month to two organizations for they have significantly contributed to the city's cultural and artistic enrichment and/or have shown extraordinary support and initiative for the arts. The Buttonwood Tree and The Greater Middletown Concert Association were chosen as recipients by the MCA after it received a number of suggestions from residents. Since 1991 The Buttonwood Tree, founded by Susan and Stephan Allison, has been a non-profit grassroots, avant-garde center for all ages, all comers, artists and audiences. Recognized nationally and internationally as a music venue, it has also offered programs led by artists in contemporary theater, literature, art, poetry and dance, as well as community activists, educational and religious groups. For 40 years, the Greater Middletown Concert Association has hosted classical ensembles, ethnic dance, jazz, cabaret and folk music, orchestras, trios and quartets as well as nationally and internationally known classical and nontraditional soloists. Since the construction of the Performing Arts Center at Middletown High School, all events are held at this state-of-the arts performance venue.

The awards presentation is May 21 at 5:30 p.m. at The Buttonwood Tree, 605 Main Street and is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Thank you for supporting the arts.

Stephan Allison, Coordinator



MIDDLETOWN COMMISSION ON THE ARTS

SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR NEXT CALENDAR: 10th of the month preceding publication. **EVENTS LISTINGS must be entered online at ARTS2GO.ORG.** All other information may be mailed, faxed, or emailed to the Commission. For additional info., call 860.343.6620 x201

The programs and services of the City of Middletown Commission on the Arts are made possible by municipal tax dollars, and the contributions of residents and local businesses.

MCA operates with support from the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development Connecticut Office of the Arts

which also receives support from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.



Arts On View

191914 Arts Salon 44 Green Street 860.770.9721	
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 390 Main Street, Middlefield 860.632.7334	
Broad Street Books 45 Broad Street 860.685.7323 Hrs: M-Fri 8a-8p; Sat/Sun 9a-5p • www.wes.bkstr.com	
The Buttonwood Tree 605 Main Street 860.347.4957 Bookstore: Call for hours or check www.buttonwood.org/listings for performance/event hrs.	
Gallore Gallery 68 Washington Street 860.770.2461 Hrs: Wed-Sat 11:30a-4:30p; Sun-Tue: call for appointment • Award-winning French painter Norbert Waysberg [Solo Exhibition] through the month of May	
Green Street Arts Center 51 Green Street 860.685.7871	
Harriet Amanda Chapman Scandinavian Handicrafts 860.347.9022 Starr Mill Pond, 88 Beverly Heights Hrs. Tue-Sat 10a-5p	
It's Only Natural Restaurant 386 Main Street Market 860.346.9210 Open daily at 11a • www.ionrestaurant.com/Deck Art-Ted Esselstyn • Inside-local artists	
Javapalooza 330 Main Street 860.346.5282	
Kidcity Children's Museum 119 Washington Street 860.347.0495	
Klekolo World Coffee 181 Court Street 860.343.9444 Hrs: Fri/Sat 7a-midnight; Sun-Thu 7a-7p	
La Boca Mexican Restaurant & Cantina 337 Main Street 860.347.4777	
MAC 650 Gallery 650 Main Street 860.343.1516 <i>Cocktails & Canvases</i> - a fundraiser for the gallery featuring a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, jazz. Sat. 5/19, 8p. Hosting figure drawing sessions every 2nd Thurs. from 7 to 10p - 18 and over, \$10. Any questions: call Marc - 860.759.8499	
Main Street Recycle Barrels Art work by Pierre Sylvain along Main Street. Funded with MCA Grant.	
Middlesex Community College 100 Training Hill Road 860.343.5806 Pegasus Gallery, hrs: M-Th 8a-8p; Fri 8a-4:30p; Sat 9a-2p: <i>Responding To Time And Place</i> Forrest R. Bailey • The Niche, hrs: M-F 8:30a-6p; Fri 8:30a-4p: <i>A Universal Nature</i> Wendolyn B. Hill, both exhibits through 5/4. <i>2012 Arts & Media Festival</i> - In the Jean Burr Smith Library, Pegasus Gallery (summer hrs. M-Th 8:30a-6p; Fri 8:30a-4:30p) and The Niche (summer hrs. M-F 8:30a-4p) Reception: Friday, May 18, 6-9 pm; Film And Multimedia Project Screenings begin at 6 pm. 5/18 through 8/31	
Middlesex County Historical Society 151 Main Street 860.346.0746 Gen. Mansfield House-Hrs. Tue/Wed 1-4p; Thu 10a-1p; 1st Sat. of each month: 12-3p Docent Program - call for details • Exhibits Ongoing: <i>Hard & Stirring Times: Middletown and the Civil War • Within These Walls: One House, One Family, Two Centuries</i>	
Middletown Framing 502 Main Street 860.347.0064	
Middletown Sports Hall of Fame 58 Bernie O'Rourke Drive 860.347.9575	
Municipal Bldg./City Hall 245 deKoven Drive 860.343.6620, x201 Hrs: M-F 8:30a-4:30p City Art Collection • 2011 MCA Annual Arts Award: Jaroslav Kosmina <i>WW II-Cockpit, Flying a B-17</i>	
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	
Russell Library 123 Broad Street 860.347.2528 Hrs: M-Th 9a-8:30p; Fri 9a-6p; Sat 9a-5p; Lobby: Independent Day School 3-Dimensional Art Work by students • 2nd Fl: Photographs by Marilyn Mills-thru June	
Ursel's Web 140 Washington Street 860.344.0041 Hrs: Tue-Fri 10a-6p; Sat 10a-5p	
Wesleyan Potters Gallery/Shop 350 South Main Street 860.344.0039 Hrs: Wed-Fri 10a-6p; Sat- 10a-4p; Sun 12-4p	
Wesleyan University 860.685.3355 Davison Art Center, 301 High St.-Hrs. Tue-Sun 12-4p <i>With a Lot of Help from Our Friends: 50 Years of Acquisitions funded by the Friends of the Davison Art Center</i> , through 5/27 • Ezra & Cecile Zilkha Gallery-Hrs: Tue-Sun 1-4p; Fri 12-7p: Thesis Art Exhibition thru 5/26 • Mansfield Freeman Ctr. for East Asian Studies Gallery-Hrs: Tue-Sun 12-4p: <i>Provincial Elegance: Chinese antiques donated in honor of Houghton 'Buck' Freeman</i> through 5/27 • Zelnick Pavilion (217 High St.); 9a-10p • Van Vleck Observatory: <i>work divided by time</i> thru 5/13 • Olin Library, 1st Fl. East, Church St.-Hrs: M-Fri 9a-5p • Ongoing: Book Sale-public welcome; Student Artwork. Basement Level	

Middletown Commission on the Arts

100 Riverview Center - Suite 140 • P.O. Box 1300 • Middletown, CT 06457-1300
www.cityofmiddletown.com/arts • www.arts2go.org • stephan.allison@cityofmiddletown.com
Staff: Stephan Allison, Coordinator
Submit Events Listings to: ARTS2GO.ORG; All Other, to arts@cityofmiddletown.com
Mayor: Daniel T. Drew
Commission: Lee Godburn (*Chair*), Cassandra Day (*Vice-Chair*), Jennifer Lecce (*Secretary*), Barbara Arafah, Franca Biales, David Davis, Fran Ganguli, Richard Kamins, Joyce Kirkpatrick, Charlotte McCoid, Lea Tomaszewski, *Student Reps.:* Chelsea Rak, Maria Malafrente, Lauren Hodge, *Council Members:* Robert P. Santangelo, Linda Salafia

Opportunities . . .

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

Post info about your organization with articles/photos/upcoming events. Create a press release to send news to mediaamericantowns.com or jim@americantowns.com
Art Guild of Middletown - 390 Main Street, Middlefield

The Guild collects & recycles old art books & magazines • Interested in exhibiting, call Emily Newton, 860.349.3751 • Info: www.middletownartguild.org or Bivenne Staiger, Pres., 860.632.7334
ARTFARM

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

Fundraising for International Peace Belt / Rosebud Reservation, SD.
www.artistsforworldpeace.org 860.347.4219 or 860.685.1789
Barbara Beck Studio

Original art: watercolors/prints/collages may be viewed/purchased. Call 860.346.4615
The Buttonwood Tree (North End Arts Rising, Inc.)

Sun-1p: Food Not Bombs • Mon-Fri, noon-4p: daily open hours for Rare & Used Bookstore, Coffee shop & Open Art Opportunity for children & families; Mon-7:30p: Anything Goes! Open Mic • 2nd Wed-7p: Belly Dance Performance • 1st Thu-6:30p: Open Mic • Last Sat-6:30p: Riverwood Poetry Series, featured poets & open mic. Call 860.347.4957

CT Gilbert & Sullivan - P.O. Box 2152, Middletown
Auditions for *"Trial by Jury"* & *"H.M.S. Pinafore"* will be held at Holy Trinity Church on 5/20 & 5/22 at 7p. Performances will be 9/14-16 at the Performing Arts Center@MHS. www.ctgilbertandsullivan.org or call 800.866.1606

CT Heritage Productions
Peter Loffredo ptloffredo@earthlink.net 860.347.7771

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 fdac.blogs.wesleyan.edu/upcoming-events/ 860.685.2500

Greater Middletown Chorale
5/12; 7p: *Bernstein, Britten and Brahms*, Bethany Covenant Church, Berlin • 5/20; 4p: *"Come, Let Us Sound With Melody! Concert"*-Second Cong. Church of New London • Rehearsals are 7p Tuesdays at First Congregational Church, Court St. Contacts: Dawn Alger: 860.539.9334 or John Coghill: 860.285.8208/jdcoghill@snet.net • www.gmchorale.org

Greater Middletown Concert Assoc.
www.greatermiddletownconcerts.org or call 860.347.4887 or 860.346.3369

Green Street Arts Center
www.greenstreetartscenter.org • Private lessons-registration open for kids and adults. For info, call 860.685.7871

Javapalooza - 330 Main Street • Open Mic Nite every Thurs 860.346.5282

Joe Riff's Music - 440 Main Street
Lessons in guitar, drums, bass, woodwinds, brass, voice, piano & violin. All ages & levels welcome. 860.344.0525

La Boca Mexican Restaurant & Cantina - 520 Main Street
Open invitation for artists to exhibit 860.347.4777

Literacy Volunteers of Central Connecticut
Seeking volunteers to teach Basic Reading and ESL..... 860.347.0337

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 860.346.6051

Middle City Stage Company
www.middlecitystage.org or kellydimauro@middlecitystage.org or 860.346.6051

Middlesex County Community Foundation
Watch listings for Morning Musings-upcoming free workshops for non-profit staff and volunteers to help build their capacity. Call 860.347.0025

Middlesex County Historical Society
Exhibits Ongoing: *Hard & Stirring Times: Middletown and the Civil War* • *One House, One Family, Two Centuries: Story of the General Joseph Mansfield* 860.346.0746

Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords – if you love to sing...
Rehearsals at 7p, Fox Parish Church (St. Francis Assisi Church). Gina Fredericks, musical director - Joyce Ghent, founder/chair. Call 860.342.3120 or 346.8045

Middlesex Institute for Lifelong Education (MILE) - MxCC, 100 Training Hill Road
Offering many arts-related programs, membership required. Info or brochure, contact MILE at www.mileonline.org 860.343.5863

Middletown Adult Education - 398 Main Street
Classes available in art, dance, yoga, music lessons, photography, crafts, kickboxing, Pilates, Tai Chi, Chi Kung & Ai-Chi. www.maect.org 860.343.6044

Middletown Artists Coop (MAC) • **MAC650 Artspace** - 650 Main Street
Hosting figure drawing sessions every 2nd Thurs. from 7 to 10p - 18 and over, \$10. Any questions: call Marc - 860.759.8499

Resident artists live in affordable housing & provide arts community service for local groups. 1 & 2 bedroom units available w/studio space. mac650.webs.com..... 860.347.0834

Middletown Commission on the Arts (MCA)
Kids Arts 2012 Summer Circus Program for kids 8-14 available • 9/17/12; 4:30p: Grant Deadline for projects taking place on/after 12/1. Visit arts2go.org for guidelines/application or call860.343.6620 x201

Middletown Framing - 502 Main Street
Interested in receiving promotions for deals/special sales? Email dmitri@middletownframing.com 860.347.0064

Middletown Symphonic Band
Meets Thurs, 7p at Middletown HS. Wind instrumentalists/percussionists welcome. No audition/dues. www.middletownsymphonicband.org or Kathleen Takaki 860.267.4636

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

Opportunities . . .

NEAT – Community Music Initiative
Employment Opportunities available for this neighborhood based program. Contact emily@neatmiddletown.org for details.

Oddfellows Playhouse
See website for class offerings! 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

Russell Library
First Sat every month @ 10a: Friends of the Russell Library sponsoring monthly book sales • Russell Knitters: all welcome, 1st & 3rd Sat-11a • Russell Readers: all welcome, 3rd Tue-7p • Russell Writers: all welcome, 2nd Sat-9:30a • Interested in displaying your work or a collection at the Library? Call 860.347.2528x135 • 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+
Yoga, Exercise, Line Dancing, Tai Chi, more - Reg. req'd., call..... 860.344.3513

Shaped Note Singing - if you like to sing...
Join us. Group meets every 1st Sun of the mo. at 4p at the Downey House Lounge (corner of High & Court Sts). Contact Neely Bruce - nbruce@wesleyan.edu or 860.685.2578

Stage Left Dance and Fitness Center - 100 Riverview Center, Suite 100
Classes available. Call Lorrie or Cindee Tine 860.346.6928

The NIA Technique
Dance/Fitness/Wellness with Julie Deak. Call..... 860.347.1825

Valley Shore Sweet Adelines Chorus (women, 4 part harmony)
New members welcome. Tue 7:15p, The Village at South Farms. 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. Yoga classes 5 days/wk. Special dance events for everyone ea. mo. vinniesjumpandjive.com.....860.347.6971 x3777

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 that reflect the interests and needs of our community taught by retired/current WU faculty, plus others. Classes conveniently scheduled in afternoon and early evening. Call 860.685.3355

Wesleyan Potters
Pottery, jewelry, weaving & basketry classes for children & adults. Call 860.347.5925

Wesleyan University
Writers Conference 6/14-17: Seminars, Readings, Craft Workshops, Publishing Advice, Manuscript Consultations (5/14 deadline to submit a manuscript for reading). Questions, contact Anne Green at agreene@wesleyan.edu or call. To register, to to www.wesleyan.edu/writers or call860.685.3604

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

Out of Town Opportunities - Call the Arts Office for a complete list - 860.343.6620, 201

Americans for the Arts 202.371.2830
Visit Americans for the Arts Job Bank-a free link to jobs in the arts includes a searchable resume & job advertisement database-http://jobbank.artsusa.org/ • Visit www.americanforthearts.org/bookstore • Find Federal grant making agencies on-line & apply at www.arts.gov/grants

Artist Fellowship
Grants for Professional Fine Artists (national) & their families in times of emergency, is disability or bereavement - Ongoing. For info, email info@artistsfellowship.org or visit http://artistsfellowship.org/index.html

Arts Center at Killingworth..... 860.663.5593
Best of Artists and Artists

Visual Art Guide-a one stop online resource for the art community. Offering organizations a free listing in the Guide. For info visit www.bestofartists.com or take a look at the guide at www.usvisualartguide.com/us-art-associations.

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.	
Green Street Arts Center (GSAC)	860.685.7871
Call for info or visit www.greenstreetartscenter.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	860.343.6050
Even Start Program/Family Learning Program-call for info	
Middletown Commission on the Arts	860.343.6620 x201
Registration packets for Kids Arts 2012 available online and in the City Arts Office, Oddfellows Playhouse, NEAR/The Buttonwood Tree. Call the Arts Office for details.	
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
Go to www.oddfellows.org for more info & reservations.	
Russell Library (Children's Dept)	860.347.8479
www.russelllibrary.org • Passes available for museums in CT • Call or go online for the complete schedule and to register for programs.	
Vinnie's Jump & Jive	860.347.6971 x3777
Classes available for kids ages 5-14, toddler and pre-school • Reg. req'd. Call for info.	

Just For Kids

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Tue 1 Music 7p	Balinese Gamelan and Dance. <i>World Music Hall, Wesleyan (WMH, WU)</i> A Celebration of Silent Sounds
7p	Celebrate the writing excellence of students in Middletown public schools, gr. 6-12 and hear their winning submissions. <i>CFA Hall (CFAH), WU</i> Great Movies from Great Books
Noon	<i>The Dead</i> (1987) with Film Critic Richard Alleva. <i>Hubbard Room, Russell Library (HR, RL)</i>
Wed 2 Music 8p	Anthony Braxton Large Ensemble. <i>Crowell Concert Hall (CCH), WU</i> Opening Reception
4:15p	<i>work divided by time</i> , a new sound installation by Asst. Prof. of Music Paula Matthusen. Exhibit will run 5/2-13. <i>Van Vleck Observatory, 96 Foss Hill Dr., WU</i>
Thu 3 Music 4p	<i>River Valley Rhythms</i> : Kate Rushin, Deborah Goffe and Festival of Arts and Ideas on <i>River Valley Rhythms, WESU 88.1fm</i> , is a weekly radio show hosted by Stephan Allison from 4-5p. 6:30p Open Mic with Bob Gotta. Bring your instrument or play piano/congas on site. <i>The Buttonwood Tree (TBT)</i>
7p	An Evening of Javanese Gamelan and Dance. <i>WMH, WU</i>
10p	Annual Organ Romp featuring Wesleyan student organists, pianists and percussionists. <i>Memorial Chapel (MC), WU</i>
Fri 4 Music 7p	WesTaiko Spring Concert, under direction of Kaoru Watanabe, perform Japanese Taiko drumming. <i>CCH, WU</i>
8p	Art Lillard's Ontime Trio-jazz trio features drummer Art Lillard, pianist Alan Rosenthal and bassist Ralph Hamperian. <i>TBT</i> Dance
8p	Spring Dance Concert presented by student choreographers. (also 5/5) <i>Patricelli '92 Theater (P92), WU</i>
Sat 5 Music 2p	Atwater-Donnelly Band perform a blend of traditional American and Celtic folk music and percussive dance. <i>HR, RL</i>
9p	Collegium Musicum, under direction of Assoc. Prof. of Music Jane Alden. <i>MC, WU</i> Russell Knitters
11a	Bring your knitting projects and share with an enthusiastic group. (also 5/19) <i>Meeting Room 3 (MR3), RL</i> International Festival of Arts & Ideas
2p	<i>Freedom's Journey: A Celebration of Heritage & Art</i> -an afternoon of poetry, music and dance. Featuring readings by CT poets Bessy Reyna and Kate Rushin and a performance by dancer Jennifer Newman with musical accompaniment by composer Justin Hicks. <i>Cross Street A.M.E. Zion Church</i>
Sun 6 Music 4p	Shaped Note Singing. See "OPPS" for details. <i>Downey House (corner of High & Court Sts)</i>
7p	Power to the WesKorean Drumming Bean performed by the Wesleyan Korean Drumming Ensemble. <i>WMH, WU</i>
8p	<i>Dream of the Red Chamber</i> , performed by the Wesleyan Chinese Music Ensemble along with the Wesleyan Orchestra and Chorus and Vocalist Yang Min. <i>CCH, WU</i> Dance
2p	Worlds of Dance Concert, performed by introduction to Dance and beginning dance students. <i>CCH, WU</i>
Mon 7 Music 8p	Ebony Singers Spring Concert conducted by Dr. Marichal Monts. <i>CCH, WU</i> Theater
7p	Madagascar, actors under direction of Myron Gubits will perform a reading. <i>HR, RL</i> Lecture
4:30	Japanese Garden Lecture and Viewing with Stephen Morrell, Landscape Designer. <i>Freeman Family Japanese Garden (FFJG), WU</i>
Tue 8 Music 8p	Wes Winds Ensemble Spring Concert under direction of Peter Hadley. <i>CCH, WU</i>
Wed 9 Dance 7p	"Evening Oasis" Belly Dance Presentation with dancers in traditional dress. <i>TBT</i> Book Discussion Series
7p	Hedda Kopf will lead a discussion of <i>The Imperfectionist</i> by Tom Rachman. <i>HR, RL</i>
Thu 10 Prose 7p	<i>Writers Out Loud</i> with host Cocomo Rock and co-host Al Bower, Jr. <i>TBT</i>
Fri 11 Music 7:30p	<i>Otello (Orhelo)</i> by Giuseppe Verdi. A live and fully staged performance by the CT Lyric Opera and the CT Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra, under direction of Adrian Sylveen. Professionally sung in the original language with English titles projected over the stage. The Opera Series is presented by The Greater Middletown Concert Association. <i>Middletown High School Performing Arts Center, 200 LaRosa Lane</i> Sean Ashby with opening by Derek Knott. Sean is a singer, songwriter and guitar player. <i>TBT</i>
8p	West African Drumming and Dance featuring choreographer Iddi Saaka and drummer Abraham Adzenyah. (<i>rain site CCH) CFA Courtyard, WU</i> Theater
7:30p	<i>Our Town</i> by Thornton Wilder and directed by Missy Burmeister. Performance by the Teen Repertory Company. (also 5/12 & 5/17-19). <i>Oddfellows Playhouse (OP)</i> Book Sale
Noon-6p	Sponsored by the Friends of the Russell Library. (also 5/12). <i>RL</i>
Sat 12 Music 8p	"Springtime Groovin" with Karen Frisk, jazz vocalist, and her all-Star Trio. Seating

8p	limited, reservations recommended, call 860.347.4957. <i>TBT</i> <i>Phoolan Devi Opera</i> -a new raw untouchable opera will have its first staging in Middletown. Composer is Gayathri Khamadasa,Jeff Hush is writing the libretto and producing the opera with Darren Large. Partially funded by the Middletown Commission on the Arts and Wesleyan's Music Dept. <i>South Church</i> . Russell Writers
9:30a	Write about someone, something, some time, some event, or some experience that you always want to remember. Make it clear why you do not want to forget it. All writers welcome. <i>MR3, RL</i>
Sun 13 Music 7:30p	<i>Coming to the Mic</i> -produced by Ty Mapp and hosted by Chandra Williams. Session will be filmed and aired on Comcast TV. <i>TBT</i>
Mon 14 Wesleyan Writers Conference 4:30p	Deadline for reserving a manuscript consultation and submission of manuscript for the Writers Conference to be held June 14-17. For info or questions, call Anne Greene at 860.685.3604 or email agreen@wesleyan.edu. To register, visit www.wesleyan.edu/writers.
Tue 15 CFA Summer Series 8:30a	Tickets for Brian Brooks Moving Company, David Liebman Quartet and Steve Scionti's Hear What's in the Heart: A Shoemaker's Tale (all shows in July) go on sale online today. Visit www.wesleyan.edu/cfa. By phone, tickets available 6/18 at noon. Info, call 860.685.3355. <i>Center for the Arts, WU</i> Russell Readers
7p	<i>Wants by Grace Paley and A City of Churches</i> by Donald Barthlme. Discussions based on the Great Books Foundation method. <i>HR, RL</i> Workshop
9a	<i>Customizing Your Grant Proposal to Meet Funders' Needs</i> with Judith Margolin. Registration req'd, call 860.347.2528. <i>HR, RL</i>
Wed 16 Film Festival 7p	Buddhist Film Festival: <i>"Brilliant Moon"</i> . <i>TBT</i>
Fri 18 Music 8p	<i>The Press Gang Band</i> , featuring squeezebox player Christian "Junior" Stevens, fiddler Alden Robinson and guitarist Owen Marshall. <i>TBT</i> Book Discussion
2p	<i>Growing Up Sicilian-Italian in Middletown</i> : Program is based on a new book, <i>First to Last Picking</i> , by Dr. Sebastiano Santostefano. The book follows the lives of Sicilian boys growing up in Middletown and working to harvest tobacco leaves in the summer of 1943. The author will provide reflections on the writing and read passages. Following will be a panel of three faculty/staff from MXCC-Judy Geremia McGrath, Angelo Glaviano and Robert Reutenauer, Jr. Program funded with a grant from the CT Humanities Council and The Friends of the Russell Library. <i>HR, RL</i> Reception
6p	2012 Arts & Media Festival. <i>Chapman Hall, Middlesex Community College</i>
Sat 19 Music 12-6p	3rd Annual Music Festival at Halfinger Farms for The Buttonwood Tree-A Tribute to Mothers and Bluegrass Music! Fun, food and flowers come together for the whole family to celebrate another year of cultural and entertaining events provided by TBT. Featured bands, Andy Buzzi, Charter Oak Bluegrass Band, Poor Old Shine, South Carolina Broadcasters and more. Event is free and open to the public. The Halfinger Farm, 489 Candlewood Hill Rd., Higganum, CT Reception
8p	<i>Cocktails & Canvases</i> - a fundraiser featuring a silent auction, hors d'oevres, jazz. <i>MAC650 Gallery</i>
Sun 20 Poetry Potluck Series 4p	An opportunity for people who enjoy poetry to get together to share and discuss favorite works. TBT Garden Tour
10a	"Open Days" Garden Conservancy Garden Tour of the <i>FFJG, WU</i>
Mon 21 MCA Arts Advocacy Day Awards Ceremony 5:30p	Join Mayor Daniel T. Drew and the MCA in honoring The Buttonwood Tree and the Greater Middletown Concert Association for their years of arts service to the community (<i>see For What It's Worth</i>). Light refreshments will be served. <i>TBT</i>
Wed 23 Middletown Commission on the Arts 7p	Regular meeting in Room 208 of the Municipal Building, 245 deKoven Dr. Shenker Literary Tea
7p	For the entrants of the Edna and Benjamin Shenker Creative Writing Contest submitting stories and poems about "How I Would Use Magic". <i>HR, RL</i>
Thu 24 Music 7:30	<i>Noah & Friends</i> , featuring jazz pianist/composer/educator/author Noah Baerman. <i>TBT</i>
Fri 25 Music 8p	<i>Amalgamated Muck</i> featuring Lauren Agnelli, Matthew Male, Brian Wolfe, Rose Bengston and Rodney Maxwell. <i>TBT</i>
Sat 26 Reception 2p	Thesis Art Exhibition with curator Prof. of Art Tula Telfair. Exhibit runs through 5/26. <i>Ezra and Cecile Zilkha Gallery, WU</i>
Sun 27 Music 10a	Diane and Dave performing "Nouveau Croon". <i>Brewbakers, 169 Main St.</i>
Thu 31 Music 7:30p	Double Bill: Chelsea Berry, vocalist, and Ryan Tennis, singer/songwriter. <i>TBT</i>

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