

# arts calendar MAY 2018

## For what it's worth . . .

An important "Save The Date" - be on the lookout for information and details on Connecticut's inaugural participation in *Make Music Day*. This is an international event begun in 1982 in France as the Fête de la Musique and it now is held in more than 800 cities in 120 countries. Middletown is a willing and eager participant and we have a webpage (<http://www.makemusicday.org/middletown>) and an app/webpage (<https://matchmiddletown.makemusicday.org/>) for signing up. Remember #MakeMusicCT and we should be rolling out an app for your smartphone soon which will have all of the music sites and performances mapped out. This app should make finding the music you want to hear a breeze on Make Music Day Middletown. We expect the beginning of something fun and we hope this becomes a welcome annual kickoff to Summer. For those who want the latest information, stay tuned to the Arts Office pages on Facebook ([facebook.com/CityArtsOffice](https://www.facebook.com/CityArtsOffice)). We hope you'll investigate the opportunities and get involved. If you are a musician and/or a venue who wants to participate, the deadline for signing up is May 22. Let's welcome Summer with blasts of music throughout the City!



Now, on a different topic altogether, my days with the City as your Arts & Culture Coordinator are numbered. I have notified the Mayor of my retirement effective July 1 of this year. And, with vacation time accrued, I will be out of the office from midday May 3rd until my retirement. I will, however, be around for the inaugural Make Music Day on June 21.

It has been a fruitful and electrifying 19 years since joining the City in February of 1999. I have had all the expected moments of exuberant joy and trembling setbacks that forge a life, there have been unexpected moments as well. Through it all, I have strived to serve the community by providing services and advice that enliven and expand our experiences through the Arts. Middletown is a community that has consistently accepted the Arts as a vital component in creating and enhancing a vibrant city. Let us keep that commitment as we move into new stewardship of this municipal agency.

Understanding that no position stands alone, the supporting cast in my past 19 years is large. From the commissioners who voluntarily served and serve on the Middletown Commission on the Arts; to the artists and arts organizations who make our City stand out as an Arts town; to the businesses that support and are supported by the gravitational pull that is the Arts; to the individuals who support and advocate for the Arts attending events and coming out in support of the Arts at Common Council meetings and elsewhere - to all of you, my thanks for believing in the power of the arts to transform and for making my job so much easier and fulfilling by your commitment.

So it is with some ambivalence that I retire but the time has come for me to move from this path, wander into the woods, and explore new territories. I also will devote my attention to the Poet Laureate of Middletown and our son as we enter new terrain.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our community. Please share your enthusiasm with the next Coordinator.

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@middletownct.gov](mailto:arts@middletownct.gov) - we welcome guest submissions to this column. Thanks.

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## Middletown Presenters

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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](http://www.buttonwood.org) • [thebuttonwoodtree@gmail.com](mailto:thebuttonwoodtree@gmail.com)
- CT Gilbert & Sullivan Society**  
P.O. Box 313, Middlefield 06455 860-554-1256  
[cg.ss@snet.net](mailto:cg.ss@snet.net) • [www.ctgands.org](http://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](http://www.gmchorale.org) • [info@gmchorale.org](mailto:info@gmchorale.org) 860-316-4854
- Greater Middletown Concert Assoc.**  
P.O. Box 2622 • [www.greatermiddletownconcerts.org](http://www.greatermiddletownconcerts.org) 860.347.4887
- Green Street Teaching & Learning Center**  
51 Green Street 860.685.7871  
[gsac@wesleyan.edu](mailto:gsac@wesleyan.edu) • [www.wesleyan.edu/greenstreet](http://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 • [mac650.com](http://mac650.com) • [info@mac650.com](mailto:info@mac650.com) 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](http://middletownstagecompany.org)
- Oddfellows Playhouse Youth Theater**  
128 Washington St • Mon-Fri 10a-5p • [www.oddfellows.org](http://www.oddfellows.org) • 860.347.6143
- Russell Library**  
123 Broad St., M&F 10-6; T&Th 10-8; W 1-8; Sa 10-2 860.347.2528
- Sweet Harmony Café & Bakery**  
330 Main St., • [www.sweetharmonycafeandbakery.us/](http://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](http://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 R.J. Julia Bookstore**  
413 Main Street Mon-Sat 9a-9p; Sun 9a-6p 860.685.3939
- 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 860.685.2330  
Mansfield Freeman Center for East Asian Studies (hrs: Tues-Fri noon-4 p)
- 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](mailto:agreene@wesleyan.edu) • [www.wesleyan.edu/writers](http://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

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.

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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](http://www.buttonwood.org) for performance/event hrs.
- ION Restaurant** 606 Main Street 860.346.9210  
Call or visit [www.ionrestaurant.com](http://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. *Retratos: Portrait Exhibition by Danielle Krieger, 5/3, 7-10p*
- 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 - *Ben Parker: Bends And Shadows, 3/26-5/4, 11a. Becky Cook - Creative Fusion Glass, 3/26-5/4. Arts & Media Festival 5/18, 6-9p*
- 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. Closed 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](http://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](http://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.
- 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. *Spring Sale 5/12, 10a-3p*
- 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; *Thesis Art Exhibition 5/8-26, reception 5/26@3:30p* • Mansfield Freeman Ctr. for East Asian Studies Gallery, *Lena Bui-Proliferation, 3/29-5/27* • Zelnick Pavilion (217 High St.) • Olin Memorial Library, Lobby, 252 Church St., Hrs. Sat, 10a-10p, Sun, 10a-2p, Mon-Thu, 8:30a-2a, Fri, 8:30a-11p

## Middletown Commission on the Arts

Room B-11, Municipal Bldg., 245 deKoven Drive • Middletown, CT 06457-3460  
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**Staff:** Stephan Allison, Coordinator; Kisha Michael, part-time seasonal Admin. Sect'y. III  
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**email Opps listings to:** [arts@middletownct.gov](mailto:arts@middletownct.gov)  
**Mayor:** Daniel T. Drew **Commission:** Lee Godburn (*Chair*), Marc Pettersen (*Vice-Chair*), Cassandra Day (*Secretary*), Barbara Arafah, Franca Biales, Julia Faraci, Joyce Kirkpatrick, Crystal Laffan, Joseph McCarthy, Charlotte McCoid *Wesleyan Fellow:* Carina Rosenbach  
*Council Members:* Robert P. Santangelo, Sebastian Giuliano, *Poet Laureate:* Susan Allison



MIDDLETOWN COMMISSION ON THE ARTS





# 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

**Art Guild of Middletown** - P.O. Box 205  
 See *Listings* for this month's special events. The Guild collects & recycles old art books & magazines • 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 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 Russell 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. Next mtg. is 5/6, 10a. 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 Church (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. 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. **Kids Arts registrations ongoing.** Visit us on 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

# Opportunities . . .

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/duers. 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**  
 Registration for the Kids Arts 2018 Circus and Teeny Tiny Circus Troupe programs are underway. 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.  
 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 • Grant Station: 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 Missionary 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

## Out of Town Opportunities - Call the Arts Office for a complete listing

## 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 Nat Holmes, 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

**Registrations ongoing for Circus, ages 8-15.** 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

**KA18 Circus registration ongoing.** 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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**Tue 1 Racial Justice Book Discussion Group**  
 6p Discussing *Behold The Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue. *Russell Library (RL)*

**Music**  
 7p *Wesleyan University Steelband*, concert directed by Adwoa Arhine. *Fayerweather Beckham Hall (FBH), Wesleyan Univ. (WU)*

**Wed 2 One Book on the Riverbend - Film**  
 6p **Wonder**, based on the 2012 novel by R.J. Palacio. Presented by One Book on the Riverbend. *Hubbard Room (HR), RL*

**Music**  
 7p *South Indian Music Student Recital. World Music Hall (WMH), WU*  
 8p *The Bus hosts Open Mic* on the 1st Wednesdays. *749 Saybrook Rd., Vero Cucino Rustico (VCR)*

**Thu 3 Music**  
 6:30p *First Thursday Jazz. 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)*  
 7p *Javanese Gamelan Ensemble and Javanese Dance*, prelude by *Wesleyan Youth Gamelan Ensemble. WMH, WU*  
 8p *Wesleyan Chamber Music* concert. *Crowell Concert Hall (CCH), WU*

**Theater**  
 7p *Twelfth Night* (or *What You Will*) presented by *Oddfellows Teen Company*. Thursdays are “pay what you will” nights. (Also 5/4, 5/10, 5/11, 5/12 @ 7p and 5/5 & 5/12 @ 2p) *Oddfellows Playhouse (OP)*

**Veterans' Writing Group**  
 6:30p *We Were There: Writing Your Military Experiences*, led by Elisabeth Petry, every Thursday. *RL*

**1st Thursday ArtWalk**  
 5p Visit the galleries/shops in the North End May through October. (see *Arts on View listings*)

**Fri 4 One Book on the Riverbend - Speaker**  
 6p *Sam Drazin* of *Changing Perspectives* speaks about Treacher Collins syndrome, a craniofacial anomaly similar to that of the protagonist in *Wonder*. *Wesleyan R/J Julia Bookstore, WRJJ*

**Music**  
 6:30p *Sonny & Sam*, every Friday. *VCR*  
 7p *Coma Cinema* (final CT show), *Skating, Waveform* presented by *Tiny Box Booking. MAC650 Gallery (MAC650)*  
 8p *Wesleyan Taiko* concert. *CCH, WU*

**Theater**  
 8p *Life is a Dream* by *Pedro Calderón de la Barca*, also 5/5@2p & 8p, 5/6@2p. *CFA Theater (CFAT), WU*

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

**Sat 5 Genealogy**  
 9:30a *Digitizing Connecticut's Cemeteries - the Ed Laput Project*, fee for non-members. *Godfrey Memorial Library, 134 Newfield St. (GML)*

**Music**  
 4p *The 4-Chord Pop Song Fiesta!* A friendly jam open to all levels. *MMMA*

**Sun 6 Storytelling**  
 3p *NEAR & Far Storytellers*, hosted by *Jim Harriman & Carolyn Stearns. TBT*

**Dance**  
 2p *Worlds of Dance* concert. *CCH, WU*

**Music**  
 8p *Wesleyan University Orchestra. CCH, WU*

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

**Music**  
 7p *Taking Meds, Huo, Hovel, Tier* hosted by *Couch Yeti. MAC650*  
 8p *Ebony Singers Spring Concert. CCH, WU*

**Dance**  
 7p *Dips, Tricks, and Lunges* for blues dance, hosted by *Aric Bear Wellman*. Beginners/intermediate level dancers (also 5/14, 5/21). *Vinnie's Jump & Jive, 424 Main St. (VJ&J)*

**Tue 8 Music**  
 7p *King Arthur Junior*, multi-instrumentalist focusing on the singer/songwriting style. *Klekolo World Coffee (KWC)*  
 8p *Wes Winds Spring Concert. CCH, WU*

12:30p *Murder She Said*, based on *4:50 from Paddington*, an *Agatha Christie* mystery. *RL*

**Wed 9 Music**  
 7:30p *The Pitkion Pickers - Open Bluegrass Jam! LaBoca, 337 Main St. (LB)*  
 8p *EarthSounds, Autoschediasms, and Tonebursts. WMH, WU*

**Thu 10 Music**  
 10p *Annual Organ Romp. Memorial Chapel (MC), WU*

**Author Talk**  
 7p *Tori Telfer, Lady Killers: Deadly Women Throughout History*, an investigation on female serial killers. *WRJJ*

**Visual Art Demonstration**  
 7p Artist *Chris Piantek* demonstrates creating a collage. *Art Guild of Middletown (AGM), 30 Woodside Rd, Cromwell*

**Fri 11 Music/Dance**  
 3p *West African Drumming and Dance Concert. CFA Courtyard, WU*  
 8p *Hiroya Tsukamoto*, guitarist/composer fusing folk, jazz, and world music. *TBT*

**Sat 12 Wesleyan Potters Spring Sale**  
 10a Pottery, weaving, and jewelry offered in the Annual Sale, until 3p. *Wesleyan Potters Authors*

10:30a *Jane O'Connor*, co-author of the *Fancy Nancy* series. *WRJJ*  
 11a *Authors 06457*, presenting the authors *Chanda E. Gonzalez* and *Lisa Irish. RL*

**Music**  
 8p *Joe Fonda Trio w/Harvey Sorgen & Christophe Rocher* performing music w/elements of jazz, contemporary classical, african, and french folk musics. *TBT*  
 9p *Cole Morson Band*, blues-infused rock. *VCR*

**Tue 15 Laughter Yoga**  
 6p A fun, gentle cardiovascular workout, led by *Felix. TBT*

**One Book on the Riverbend - Kindness Series**  
 6:30p *Sara de Beer* of *Connecticut Humanities* speaks of ways of kindness. Registration req'd. *RL*

**Music**  
 7p *Quinn*, acoustic music. *KWC*

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

**Thu 17 Gong & Sound Meditation**  
 7p *Shaking the Tree*, led by Andrew with a new guest each month, every 3rd Thursday. *TBT*

**Fri 18 Arts & Media Festival**  
 6p The Annual Festival showcases projects produced by MxCC students, open until 9p. *MxCC, Training Hill Rd.*

**Sat 19 Writing Group**  
 9:30a *Write Your Family History* with Godfrey Writing Group. *GML*

**Author Talk**  
 5p *Women in the NAACP* presents *Gloria F. Perry*, author of *Playing Your Game: A Consequences Novel* and *Stay in My Corner. WRJJ*

**Music**  
 3p *Teen Open Mic* specifically for teen performers ages 13-18. *TBT*  
 7:30p Giuseppe Verdi's classic opera *Aida* presented by *Greater Middletown Concert Association. Santo Fragilio Performing Arts Center @ MHS*  
 8p *The Kennedys. TBT*

**Tue 22 Music**  
 7p *Podunk Throwbacks* - bohemian folk rock. *KWC*

**Wed 23 One Book on the Riverbend - Book Discussion**  
 6p Family discussion of *Wonder*, by the author *R J Palacio. Meeting Room 3 (MR3), RL*

**Thu 24 Music**  
 7p *Middlesex Drum Circle. TBT*

**Author Talk/Signing**  
 7p *Sam Rosenfeld*, author of *The Polarizers* details why bipartisanship was seen as a problem. *WRJJ*

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

**Fri 25 Art**  
 11a *Adult Coloring for Stress Reduction. RL*

**WEseminar - Author Talk**  
 7:30p *Lisa Ko*, finalist for the 2017 National Book Award for fiction, a *WEseminar Reunion & Commencement activity. WRJJ*

**Music**  
 8p *Andrew Collins Trio*, Collins is a 5-time JUNO nominated & 7-time Canadian Folk Music Awardee and the trio mixes it up with a large bag of stringed instruments and musical genres - New Acoustic music and beyond. *TBT*

**Sat 26 Yoga in the Courtyard**  
 11a Led by *Jeff Husb*, founder of Food and Movement Therapy. *Courtyard, RL*

**Philosophy Night**  
 6p Happening every last Saturday, a night of reflective discussion, moderated by *Christopher DeSena. WRJJ*

**Music**  
 8p *Andrew Biagiarelli* and *Someone You Can Xray. TBT*

**Tue 29 Classic Mystery Book Discussion**  
 7p *The Crow Trap - A Vera Stanhope Novel* by *Ann Cleeves. RL*

**Wed 30 One Book on the Riverbend - Book Discussion**  
 6p Continuing the coverage of *Wonder*, this book discussion is geared to mothers and daughters. *HR, RL*

**Thu 31 One Book on the Riverbend - Wonder Adult Book Club**  
 6:30p Taking place in the *Cromwell Belden Public Library, 39 West St., Cromwell*

**Music**  
 7p *Jazz Up Close Presents Amanda Monaco*. 1st in the series, *Sound Belief*, where the guests share diverse original compositions springing forth from similarly diverse spiritual practices. Accompanying the guitarist/composer *Monaco* are *Tammy Scheffer*, vocals; *Daphna Mor*, recorders; *Henry Lugo*, bass; and pianist and series curator, *Noah Baerman. HR, RL*

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