



NEW ROCHELLE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

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NEWSLETTER

Summer is here and as we look back it is clear that the Arts are thriving in New Rochelle. Our spring was full of wonderful programming and the summer nights will be filled with music. It is exciting to me, as we continue to grow as an arts community, that the spirit of collaboration is strong. Working and playing together guarantees greater participation and provides a real opportunity for us to know each other. If the strength of a community is reflected in its relationships, then by definition, we are a growing force. *Judith Weber*

This month's focus is on Julia Breanetta Simpson!



Julia hails from a small town in North Carolina where she began performing during her formative years. Her professional career began when she was cast as Jenny in Syracuse Stages' Production of **Death of A Salesman** as a senior at Syracuse University, where she earned her BFA degree in Musical Theatre.

Julia has appeared at many venues in New York City including Amas Repertory Theater, The Triad and New World Stages. She has toured throughout the nation in productions of **For Colored Girls . . . , Ain't Misbehavin', One Mo' Time** and **Purlie**. Julia originated the role of "Hennie" in the World Premiere of **WHEN THE NIGHTINGALE SINGS**. In addition to her work on Tour and at Regional Theatres, Julia's Stock and Dinner Theatre productions have included roles in **DREAMGIRLS** and **TINTYPES**. An advocate for Arts in Education, Julia has appeared at many schools, senior centers and prisons around the country.

A resident of New Rochelle for 15 years, Julia loves the diversity of the city and is very excited to be a member of The Arts Council and the cultural explosion of the arts now taking place. Julia is married to Martin Ungewitter and is the mother of Katrina and William, her very best productions. An active member of the community, Julia has served for many years on the PTA and on the Council of St. Luke's Lutheran Church. She is currently the Council President. As a nationally elected member of the governing body of Actors' Equity Association she chairs and co-chairs many Committees. Julia is also a member of The Screen Actors' Guild and The American Federation of Television and Radio Artists.

Julia was inspired to create Breanetta Productions to educate and entertain audiences of all ages and walks of life through quality programs which highlight contributions made to society and world culture by African Americans. She is currently booking her one-woman show "Harlem On My Mind". Please visit www.breanettaproductions.com to learn more.



Emil Paolucci

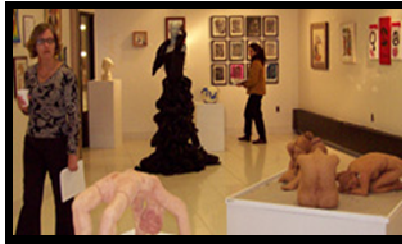
SUMMER SOUNDS CONCERT SERIES

Every Wednesday evening in July & August Hudson Park



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DID YOU KNOW THAT the Museum of Arts & Culture is the only Regents-chartered museum located in a school in the State of New York. Located in New Rochelle High School the MAC – which consists of the two purpose-built Donald Baughman Galleries -- offers a combination of original and visiting exhibits and programs focused on the fine arts, history, literature, science and technology, providing an on-site museum experience for students and serving as an important cultural asset for the community at large. The Museum of Arts & Culture is funded by the non-profit New Rochelle Fund for Educational Excellence, a 501 (c)3 corporation, and is open to the public year-round Monday through Friday from 9 am to 3 pm, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 pm.



The MAC opened in October, 2006 with an exhibit on loan from the Norman Rockwell Museum in Massachusetts, *Norman Rockwell in the 1940s: A View of the American Homefront*. The exhibit was complemented by an original installation, *Norman Rockwell's New Rochelle Years*, created in collaboration with the New Rochelle Public Library. Since then the MAC has continued to provide innovative arts programming, from *Soles of the Movement*, an installation created by artist Chris Burns that used historical music, photographs, film footage and memorabilia to commemorate the Montgomery Bus Boycott and tell the story of the growth of the civil rights movement in America, to *The Crews Family: Donald Crews, Ann Jonas and Nina Crews*, a traveling exhibit on loan from the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature, which celebrated the work of a family of childrens' book illustrators.

The MAC incorporates diversity into all of its programming, with special outreach to the African American and Hispanic communities. The MAC has celebrated Black History Month with shows featuring the work of artists R. Gregory Christie (2008) and Robin J. Miller (2009) and offered programs including an African American Authors Symposium featuring award-winning authors, an evening with African American film historian Donald Bogle, and a performance of the one-woman show "*Harlem on My Mind*." Last fall the MAC presented an original exhibit "*The Zocalo at Atlixco, Puebla*" by documentary photographer Mary Teresa Giancoli, featuring an area in Mexico from which many of New Rochelle's Hispanic residents have emigrated.

The MAC opens up the high school facility to the broader community by collaborating with the New Rochelle Public Library to present annual free summer series of classic films. In 2010 the calendar has included student exhibits featuring work by the Advanced Placement Art classes as well as a show by the National Arts Honor Society. In May the MAC was part of the first Sound Shore Shakespeare Festival with its show "*Inspired by Shakespeare*," which featured works by 34 artists in a variety of mediums. This exhibit was complemented by support programming that included a concert by New Rochelle Opera, "*Shakespeare in Opera*," and student workshops conducted by the Knighthorse Theater Company, which also offered two public performances of "*The Shakespearean Jukebox*."

This summer Harlem will come to New Rochelle as the Museum of Arts & Culture hosts a new, original exhibit entitled "*Harlem? Harlem! Dance Theatre of Harlem 1969-2010*." A special benefit performance by the Dance Theatre of Harlem Ensemble on June 19th kicked off the summer-long installation; the exhibit will be open to the public from June 21st through October 3rd. www.dbmac.org for more information.

LOOKING BACK

The **Shakespeare Festival** demonstrated the success of collaboration. From **March through May**, there were programs throughout New Rochelle. A film series at the New Rochelle Library, ***Odes for the Bard***, featuring Major Noam Bramson and Frances Sternhagen at St. John's Wilmot Church, a concert featuring the Southern Connecticut Camerata at Davenport Park and the Opera at New Roc were just a few of the programs designed to engage all ages. The ***Shakespearean Jukebox*** provided an exciting, improvisational evening of Shakespeare within the context of time and history while ***Inspired by Shakespeare*** engaged the entire community in the creative process. From the Sonnets to Madrigals, from workshops to Classic Films, Shakespeare became the "daily dish". Can't wait until next year!



Our **Networking/Studio Salon** evening with Patrick Bancel was a hit! A chance to both see and hear the evolution of his **Billboard Project: *WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TODAY TO END GLOBAL WARMING***, installed in 3 lofts at the Knickerbocker loft building, where he lives, was a treat. Patrick's generosity coupled with a wine and cheese tasting organized by John Reverol felt like a night in NYC.



The networking evenings are a benefit of membership. It is an opportunity to get to know one another and very often opportunities emerge!

LOOKING FORWARD



STAY TUNED FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS!

*Beatles Mystery Tour Band * Bastille Day Celebration
New Rochelle Opera*Johnny Amoroso* NR Youth Bands
Jesters of Jive* Silver Streaks*Westchester Chordsmen*



Join us for a picnic in the park with art, music and tons of fun! There will be strolling singers and a Broadway Cabaret! Artists working and exhibiting their work....face painters! Caricaturists!
July 11, 4-7pm Hudson Park (rain date July 18)

If you would like to paint in the park, contact: info@newrochellearts.org

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November 6, 2010

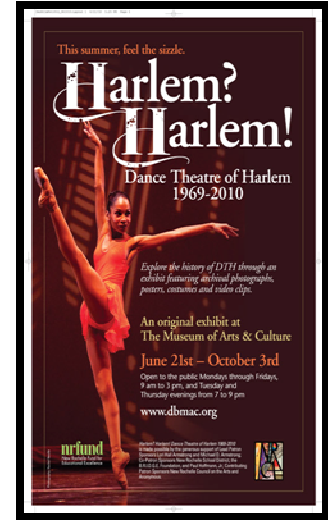
MEMBER'S NEWS

Join New Rochelle's own **Charles Fazzino's fan and collectors club**. Read his blog, see his new releases, receive his e-newsletter, and email him at www.fazzino.com. The artist is currently working on a permanent installation at **JFK International Airport**, the **MLB All-Star Game**, and the **100th Anniversary of Fort Lauderdale**. Stay up to date on his art and his whereabouts.



John Reverol thanks all of you who attended **The Knickerbocker Art Show 2010**. "It was an event to remember in the beautiful and supportive Knickerbocker Press Building for the second year running. The exhibit, the artists, installations, and videos were all in tune to showcase not only the best contemporary art, but to position Downtown New Rochelle in the fore in contemporary art in Westchester County. Thanks to Don Coqui, Sutton Florist, Tapestry Design, Simplicity Design, GK Designs, George Emery Warren II, and AOC wines for their support".

A note from the **Museum of Arts & Culture: "Harlem? Harlem! Dance Theatre of Harlem 1969-2010"** is on exhibit from June 21st through October 3rd. The exhibit will feature a colorful mix of spectacular costumes, posters, programs, intimate photographs and video recordings to trace the history of the company, its renowned productions and cast of legendary dancers, fans and supporters. The exhibit will be accompanied by a free film festival of dance-themed movies every Thursday night in July at the Linda Kelly Theatre. Go to www.dbmac.org for more information.



BID GALLERY 597 OPENS FOR A NEW SEASON!

www.newrochelledowntown.com

Artist **Robin Tedesco** is back from Italy and is ready to go back to work! She is offering **Summer Intro Workshops: You Can Draw (even if you don't think so!) & Drawn to The Abstract: an experimental time to play and explore abstraction**. For information: robin Tedesco@optonline.net or call 917-753-3186. www.robintedesco.com .

We are looking forward to a great summer, full of music, art and FUN! If you would like to join NRCA and/or join a committee to be part of the planning, contact members@newrochellearts.org.

Don't forget to send your news for inclusion in the Newsletter or to recommend an artist for our "Focus On" or interesting **Arts Venues** to highlight to members@newrochellearts.org .

Our mission is:

- *To stimulate and encourage the study and presentation of the performing and fine arts and the public's interest and participation therein.*
- *To foster and support arts in the community and to serve as a portal to the arts for New Rochelle residents and community members.*
- *To create opportunities for the public to encounter and explore art and increase access to the arts in New Rochelle.*



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