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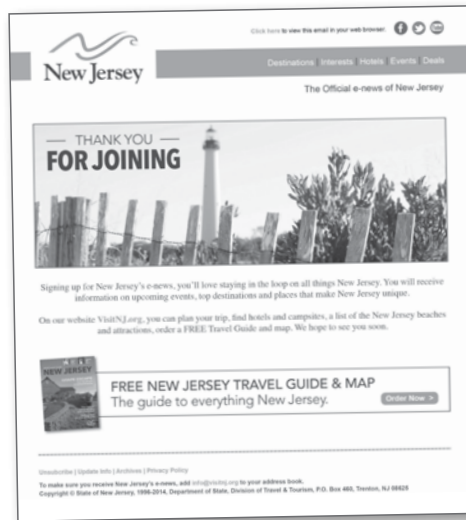
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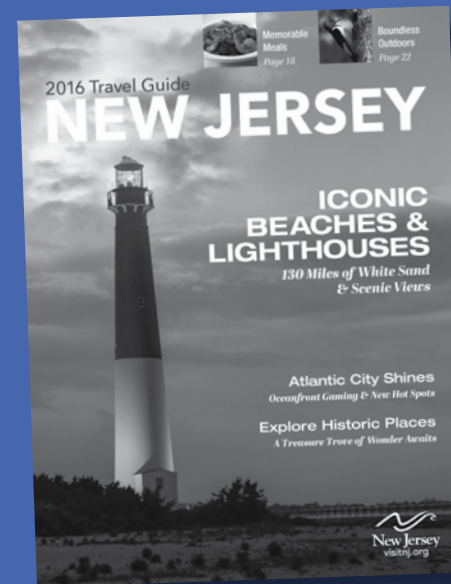
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Ongoing

EVENTS STARTING IN OCTOBER

10/1 – 11/5 HIGHLANDS

22nd Annual Highlands Farmers Market

Enjoy shopping for Jersey Fresh fruits, vegetables and flowers; fresh breads, cheese, Italian specialties, honey, specialty vendors, artisans, and more! Saturdays, 8:30 am.

Huddy Park, Waterwitch & Bay Aves., 732-291-4713, www.highlandsnj.com

10/1 – 11/5 SUMMIT

Discovery Saturdays

Drop by the education center and borrow an Arboretum backpack with all the gear needed to make a discovery on the grounds. Saturdays, 9 am - 1 pm.

Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave., 908-273-8787, www.reeves-reedarboretum.org

10/1 – 11/6 LINCROFT

NJ Emerging Artists Series: Mauro Zamora, Photo Transfers

Mauro Zamora is an America artist whose work focuses on the landscape, how it's created, administered, and experienced.

Monmouth Museum, 765 Newman Springs Rd., 732-747-2266, www.monmouthmuseum.org

10/1 – 11/6 VERNON

Great Pumpkin Festival

Take an old-fashioned hayride to the pumpkin patch with over 30 fun-filled activities. Also walk through the nursery, farm market, bakery and ice cream, wine tastings, and more.

Heaven Hill Farm, 451 Rt. 94, 973-764-5144, www.heavenhillfarm.com

10/1 – 11/8 LONG VALLEY

Fall Harvest Tour 2016

The tour is divided into several stages and is scheduled to last about 1.5 hours. Saturdays & Sundays, 1 pm & 4 pm. \$8.75 ages 12+, \$7 ages 2 - 12, FREE under 2 yrs.

Valley Shepherd Creamery, 50 Fairmount Rd., 908-876-3200, www.valleyshepherd.com

10/1 – 11/13 CHESTER

Family Fun Farm Activities & Corn Maze

Enjoy lots of farm fun activities: pony rides, moon bounce, pick-your-own, giant corn maze, sunflower maze, friendly farm animals, wagon train rides, hayrides, and more!

Alstede Farms, 1 Alstede Farms Ln., 908-879-7189, www.alstedefarms.com

10/1 – 11/19 BOONTON

Boonton Farmers' Market

Please join us to help support our local farmers and crafters. With nearly 20 vendors and hundreds of attendees, you don't want to miss out. Saturdays, 8:30 am - 1 pm.

Upper Plane Street Parking Lot, 2 Plane St., 973-257-9107, www.boontonfarmersmarket.org

10/1 – 11/20 WEST LONG BRANCH

Watersides: Mark Ludak & Ira Wagner

Monmouth University faculty members, Mark Ludak and Ira Wagner present photographs and video reflecting life today on the coast of New Jersey. FREE.

Monmouth University, Ice House Gallery, 400 Cedar Ave., 732-263-5715, www.monmouth.edu

10/1 – 11/25 PITMAN

4th Friday

A family-friendly event with activities planned each month including: carriage rides, classic cars, DJ from 92.1, music, tee-shirt giveaways, local prizes, and town-wide shopping and dining specials.

South Broadway, 856-582-3444, www.uptownpitman.com

10/1 – 11/26 OCEAN CITY

Ghost Tour of Ocean City

A candlelight walking tour where "fun in the sun" turns into "fear in the dark!" Listen to tales of the unknown and folklore of the shore.

City Hall, E. 9th St. & Asbury Ave., 609-814-0199, www.ghosttour.com

10/1 – 11/27 ASBURY PARK

Hot Sand Drives Away Hunger & Pumpkin Festival

Drop-off any canned or dry food at Hot Sand and get a discount on a Walk-In Activity or a home blown organic glass pumpkin! Buy a home blown glass pumpkin and three meals to the less fortunate will be donated.

Hot Sand, 550 Cookman Ave., 732-927-5475, www.hotsandap.com

10/1 – 11/29 ELIZABETH

Elizabeth Avenue Farmers Market

Shop at the Farmer's Market for the best in "Jersey Fresh" produce and farm fresh baked goods. Shop! Dine! Discover!

Union Square Plaza, 1 High St., 908-965-0660

10/1 – 11/30 WEST TRENTON

Jersey Shore Beach N Boat Fishing Tournament

The tournament is a New Jersey statewide, season-long, inshore, saltwater fishing tournament that challenges anglers of all skill and age levels to compete for cash and prizes.

Jersey Shore, 9 Mansion Hill Dr., 609-423-4002, www.beachnboat.com

10/1 – 12/10 HAMMONTON

Batsto's 250th Birthday

Several events are planned, like the well known Country Living Fair in October and many other interesting events ending in December with Winter at Batsto.

Historic Batsto Village, Wharton State Forest, 31 Batsto Rd., 609-561-0024, www.batstovillage.org

10/1 – 12/11 ISLAND HEIGHTS

Peto in Black & White: The Photography of John Frederick Peto

Art exhibit exploring a little known aspect of the artist's work, photography from the post-Civil War era in the historic home and studio of John Frederick Peto (1854-1907).

John F. Peto Studio Museum, 102 Cedar Ave., 732-929-4949, www.petomuseum.org

10/1 – 12/17 CAPE MAY

Congress Hall History Tours

Come over to Congress Hall for our new, interactive tours led by “Annie Knight” who owned the hotel from 1904-1931. Tour begins in the lobby. Saturdays & Sundays, 1:30 pm.

Congress Hall, 200 Congress Pl., 609-884-8421, www.caperesorts.com

10/1 – 12/17 EAST HANOVER

Swingin’ Tern Contra Dancing

Dances are held on the first and third Saturday of the month. Beginners’ workshop precedes each dance at 7:30 pm. Please bring clean, soft-soled shoes for dancing.

First Presbyterian Church Parish House, 14 Hanover Rd., 973-295-6864, www.folkproject.org

10/1 – 12/17 FRENCHTOWN

Saturday Night Live Music Series

The series features different live musicians in its cellar pub from 9 - 11 pm.

The Rathskeller Pub, 31 Race St., 908-996-3200, www.thenationalhotelnj.com

10/1 – 12/17 NEWARK

Gallery Aferro: Kea’s Ark of Newark & Activate: Market Street 10

Kea Tawana’s Ark was a three-story wooden boat built by a woman in Newark during the 1980s. Activate: Market Street 10 - Becoming “Them” Artwork by Suprina Kenney.

Gallery Aferro, 73 Market St., 973-353-9533, www.aferro.org

10/1 – 12/17 WARETOWN

Albert Music Hall Saturday Night Show

A live stage concert of country and bluegrass music every Saturday night, year round. Doors open at 6:30 pm and show starts at 7:30 pm. \$5 adults. Tickets purchased at door, no reserve seats.

Albert Music Hall, 131 Wells Mills Rd., 609-971-1593, www.alberthall.org

10/1 – 12/18 COLTS NECK

Weekend Wine Tastings & Tours

Owned and operated by the Giunco family, this vineyard offers internationally award-winning wines. 4JG’s wines are grown and handcrafted on the estate with uncompromising quality. Weekends only.

4JG’s Orchards & Vineyards, 127 Hillsdale Rd., 908-930-8066, www.4jgswinery.com

10/1 – 12/30 UNION

Toys through Time: The History of American Fun

Exhibit includes five rooms in the museum with interactive and hands-on features. The collection ranges from 1850 - 1950 with board games, dolls, trucks, rocking horses, and more!

Liberty Hall Museum, 1003 Morris Ave., 908-527-0400, www.kean.edu/libertyhall

10/1 – 12/31 CAPE MAY

Brewery Tours & Tastings

For a behind-the-scenes look at the craft beer-making process, check out the tour (guided or self-guided). Two production facilities at the Cape May Airport. Daily, Noon - 8 pm.

Cape May Brewing Company, 1288 Hornet Rd., 609-849-9933, www.capemaybrewery.com

10/1 – 12/31 HOBOKEN

Hoboken Food & Culture Tour

The tour focuses on family-owned businesses, where everything is still made by hand. Walking tour on Saturdays about 3.5 hours long. \$48 includes all food samples.

Hoboken PATH Station, River St. & Hudson Pl., 201-653-1500, www.hobokenfoodtour.com

10/1 – 12/31 METUCHEN

Great Spirits Among Us: Saints, Prophets, Holy People

From individuals who do world-changing things to those who quietly minister daily, touching lives uncared about by others, we are each extraordinary in our own way.

Nails in the Wall, The Gallery at St. Luke’s, 17 Oak Ave., 732-322-6512, www.nailsinthewall.org

10/1 – 1/1 SPRING LAKE

Celebrating the Familiar: The Sculptures of Seward Johnson

Take a stroll through this amazing town and enjoy a free outdoor art exhibit featuring the works of world-renowned sculpture and New Jersey native, Seward Johnson.

Downtown, 3rd Ave., 732-449-0037, www.visitspringlake.com

10/1 – 1/16 JERSEY CITY

Bodies: The Exhibition

The exhibit provides visitors with unprecedented access to anatomical detail with over 200 human specimens, meticulously conserved, and respectfully displayed.

Liberty Science Center, 222 Jersey City Blvd., 201-253-1310, www.lsc.org

10/1 – 3/4 BROWNS MILLS

Historic Whitesbog Village Tour

The first Saturday every month, join an experienced docent on a village tour around Whitesbog Village, and learn about Whitesbog’s role in history. \$5 donation.

Historic Whitesbog Village, 120 W. Whitesbog Rd., 609-893-4646, www.whitesbog.org

10/1 – 3/25 WOODBURY

White Lace & Promises: A Century of Weddings

This exhibit features wedding gowns and accessories from the mid 1800s to the 1980s.

Gloucester County Historical Society Museum, 58 N. Broad St., 856-848-8531, www.gchsnj.org

10/1 – 3/26 COLUMBUS

Open Farm Days

Visitors will learn about alpacas in an informal, friendly setting. The farmer will share her extensive knowledge of sustainable farming practices with grazing management.

Stormwind Alpacas Farm, 1862 Jacksonville-Jobstown Rd., 609-694-3410, www.stormwindalpacas.com

10/1 – 3/26 MILFORD

Sustainable Agriculture Eco-Tour

Join us on a hike of the 185 acre pasture-based farm. The tour is for all ages, approximately one hour, sturdy shoes are recommended includes a tasting of our products. \$5. Saturdays & Sundays, 2 pm.

Bobolink Dairy & Bakehouse, 369 Stamets Rd., 908-864-7277, www.shop.cowsoutside.com

10/1 – 3/26 TRENTON

Toy World

Don't miss this new toy exhibit that will entertain and enlighten the young and old, showcasing over 75 historic toys and an interactive play area.

New Jersey State Museum, 205 W. State St., 609-292-6464, www.statemuseum.nj.gov

10/1 – 3/31 ATLANTIC CITY

Heritage Tour

The life and contributions of African Americans in the development of Atlantic City. Pop Lloyd Stadium, Chicken Bone Beach, Civil Rights Garden, and African American Museum. Monday - Saturday, 10 am.

Sightseer & Shoppers Delight Tour

Tour Tomasello's Winery, Historic Smithville Inn, Noyes Museum, Historic Smithville and Village Greene. Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 11 am - 3 pm; Saturdays, Noon - 4 pm.

Ultimate Wine & Dine Tour

Enjoy an evening of fine dining at one of the oldest wineries in the country. Includes tour, tasting, complimentary glass, three-course dinner, round trip transportation. Monday - Friday, 3:15 pm; Saturday, 4:15 pm.

Brighton Park, Park Pl. & the Boardwalk, 609-593-6349, www.a1toursonline.com

10/1 – 3/31 MORRISTOWN

Family Photo Scavenger Hunt

Grab a camera and stop by the Haggerty Education Center for the nature photo scavenger hunt. Take a photo of every item and get a prize. 9 am - 3:30 pm. \$10 per family, cash only.

Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 E. Hanover Ave., 973-326-7603, www.morrisparks.net

10/1 – 3/31 NEW BRUNSWICK

Fletcher and the Knobby Boys: Illustrations by Harry Devlin

Celebrating Rutgers University's 250th anniversary and the Zimmerli Art Museum's 50th anniversary, this exhibit celebrates the work and contributions of NJ artist, Harry Devlin.

Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers, 71 Hamilton St., 848-932-7237, www.zimmerlimuseum.rutgers.edu

10/1 – 3/31 NEWARK

Ade Series: Ade Bunmi Gbadebo

Ade Bunmi Gbadebo is an emerging artist and student at the School of Visual Arts in New York. This exhibit is curated by Adrienne Wheeler.

Paul Robeson Galleries, Rutgers University, 175 University Ave., 973-353-1610, www.artgallery.newark.rutgers.edu

10/1 – 3/31 PENNINGTON

Saturday Wine & Music

Wine by the glass or bottle available for purchase, as well as brick oven pizza and cheese plates. 6 - 9 pm. FREE admission.

Hopewell Valley Vineyards, 46 Yard Rd., 609-737-4465, www.hopewellvalleyvineyards.com

10/1 – 3/31 STANHOPE

Stanhope House All-Star Music Jam

Blues, Rock, Jazz, Country, and R&B! If you are a proficient quality player in any style, come down to the Historic Stanhope House and jam on the famous Roadhouse Stage. Doors open at 6 pm, music at 8 pm. FREE.

Stanhope House, 45 Main St., 973-347-7777, www.stanhopehousenj.com

10/2 – 11/6 MORRIS PLAINS

Early Newcomb Pottery from the Barbara & Henry Fuldner Collection

The exhibition will highlight the work of a dozen different designers from Newcomb Pottery and feature the Stickley's own private collection. Tours: Thursday - Sunday, 12:15 pm, 1:15 pm, 2:15 pm & 3:15 pm.

Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms, 2352 Rt. 10 W., 973-540-0311, www.stickleymuseum.org

10/2 – 11/20 SUMMIT

Summit Farmers Market

The Market brings together the very best fresh, local, seasonal produce and foods NJ has to offer! Sundays, 8 am - 1 pm. Parking is available behind CVS.

Park & Shop Lot No. 2, 22 DeForest Ave., 908-277-6100, www.summitfarmersmarket.com

10/2 – 12/4 JEFFERSON

Jefferson Museum Open House

Costumed docents will be available to talk about this Victorian home. First Sunday, 1 - 4 pm; or by appointment. FREE.

Jefferson Township Museum, 315 Dover Milton Rd., 973-697-0258, www.jthistoricalsociety.org

10/2 – 12/18 FRENCHTOWN

Sunday Musical Afternoon Series

The series features live music in its main restaurant and bar. 5 - 7 pm.

National Hotel, 31 Race St., 908-996-3200, www.thenationalhotelnj.com

10/2 – 3/2 OCEAN

Election Memorabilia: The Stuff of American Campaigning

Museum hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 1 - 4 pm (7 - 9 pm until December); First & Second Sundays, 1 - 4 pm.

Eden Woolley House, 703 Deal Rd., 732-531-2136, www.oceanmuseum.org

10/2 – 3/5 TENAFLY

Guided Nature Walk

Enjoy the season with a guided walk along one of Tenafly Nature Center's trails with an Environmental Educator. All welcomed, children must be accompanied by an adult. First Sundays. \$5.

Tenafly Nature Center, 313 Hudson Ave., 201-568-6093, www.tenaflynaturecenter.org

10/2 – 3/26 PENNINGTON

Jazzy Sundays

Wine by the glass or bottle available for purchase as well as cheese plates and light fare menu. 2 - 5 pm. FREE admission.

Hopewell Valley Vineyards, 46 Yard Rd., 609-737-4465, www.hopewellvalleyvineyards.com

10/2 – 3/30 OCEAN

New Exhibit – Seven Presidents

Museum Hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 1 - 4 pm (7 - 9 pm until December) and First & Second Sundays 1 - 4 pm.

Eden Woolley House, 703 Deal Rd., 732-531-2136, www.oceanmuseum.org

10/3 – 12/30 WEST BERLIN

Paint Your Palate

If you are interested in painting and chocolates, then this event is for you! With Paint Your Palates, you will be able to color your own delicious creations, take them home and eat them! Monday - Friday.

Michel Cluizel USA, 575 Rt. 73 N., 856-719-0800, www.cluizel.us

10/5 – 11/16 TOMS RIVER

Downtown Toms River Farmers' Market

Come get your locally grown Jersey Fresh and explore the delicious products, including fruits, vegetables, pies, raviolis, wine, nuts, and much more! Wednesdays, 11 am.

Irons & W. Water Sts., 732-341-8738, www.downtowntomsriver.com

10/5 – 12/21 JERSEY CITY

Mid-Week Comedy

The 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month Brett Druck and Matt Jenkins bring an insane lineup of comedians to Jersey City. \$10.

Raval, 136 Newark Ave., 201-209-1099, www.ravaljc.com

10/6 – 3/30 PENNINGTON

Thursday Evening Jazz

Wine by the glass or bottle available for purchase, as well as cheese plates, light fare menu, and Pasta Tour of Italy. 6 - 9 pm. FREE admission.

Hopewell Valley Vineyards, 46 Yard Rd., 609-737-4465, www.hopewellvalleyvineyards.com

10/7 – 12/30 LAMBERTVILLE

Art Walk in Lambertville

Kelly Sullivan Fine Art Gallery and other galleries in Lambertville will participate in the First Friday of the Month Gallery Art Walk. 10 am - 9 pm.

Kelly Sullivan Fine Art Gallery, 13 N. Union St., 609-773-0033, www.kellysullivanfineart.com

10/7 – 12/30 MORRISTOWN

Minstrel Acoustic Concert Series

Minstrel concerts are held every Friday except around Christmas. The second Friday of the month is usually Open Stage. Free parking. FREE ages 12 & under.

Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd., 973-335-9489, www.folkproject.org

10/7 – 12/31 PEDRICKTOWN

Music at Salem Oak Vineyards

We have live music every Friday and Saturday from 7 - 9 pm! We are a charming warm welcoming winery 30 minutes from Philly and 20 minutes from Wilmington, DE.

Salem Oak Vineyards, 60 N. Railroad Ave., 856-889-2121, www.salemoakvineyards.com

10/7 – 3/31 PENNINGTON

Friday Wine & Music

Wine by the glass or bottle available for purchase, as well as brick oven pizza and cheese plates. 6 - 9 pm. FREE admission.

Hopewell Valley Vineyards, 46 Yard Rd., 609-737-4465, www.hopewellvalleyvineyards.com

10/8 – 11/12 HEWITT

Guided Tours of Long Pond Ironworks Historic District

Join us as we walk through the Historic District! Tours start at Noon & 2 pm, and last about two hours. Second Saturdays, rain or shine.

Long Pond Ironworks State Park, 1334 Greenwood Lake Tpk., 973-657-1688, www.longpondironworks.org

10/8 – 12/24 LAMBERTVILLE

Dairy Farm Tours

You will get the opportunity to navigate our farm including the milking parlor, newborn calf barn, maternity suites, composting program, and renewable solar energy system.

Second & Fourth Saturdays, 2:30 pm.

Fulper Family Farmstead, 281 Rocktown-Lambertville Rd., 609-651-5991, www.fulperfarms.com

10/12 – 12/28 UNION

Wednesday Afternoon Tea

In the grand tradition of Mary Alice Kean, the last lady of the house, make a reservation for this event. Second & Fourth Wednesdays, 2 - 4 pm. \$40.

Liberty Hall Museum, 1003 Morris Ave., 908-527-0400, www.kean.edu/libertyhall

10/14 – 3/8 BROWNS MILLS

Whitesbog Family Friendly Trails

We are partnering with Hike It Baby to host family-fun walks through Whitesbog, learn a little about the natural surroundings and its history as you explore the many trails.

Second Fridays, 10 am. \$5.

Whitesbog Village, 120 W. Whitesbog Rd., 609-893-4646, www.whitesbog.org

10/15 – 12/17 BROWNS MILLS

Whitesbog Moonlight Walks

Every month, the Saturday closest to the full moon, experienced guides lead a hike into the cranberry bogs. 10/15 Hunter Moon, 11/12 Beaver Moon, 12/17 Cold Moon. 7 pm. \$5.

Whitesbog Village, 120 W. Whitesbog Rd., 609-893-4646, www.whitesbog.org

10/21 – 11/6 HILLSBOROUGH

Vanya, Sonia, Masha & Spike

A comedy of a crazy family lights up the stage when a sassy washed-up movie actress and her new dimwit boy-toy pay a surprise visit to the rustic family home. Friday - Sunday.

Somerset Valley Playhouse, 689 Amwell Rd., 908-369-7469, www.svptheatre.org

10/21 – 11/12 NEWARK

Portrait of Newark

Gallery Aferro has created a mobile portrait studio that will be travelling across the city documenting the many faces of Newark. The exhibit will display of 350 portraits. FREE.

Gallery Aferro, 85 Market St., 973-353-9533, www.aferro.org

10/27 – 11/20 HADDON TWP.

Promises, Promises

Based on the 1960 film, *The Apartment*, this musical comedy follows a junior executive who seeks to climb the corporate ladder by allowing his apartment to be used by his married superiors for trysts.

Ritz Theatre Company, 915 White Horse Pk., 856-858-5230, www.ritztheatreco.org

10/28 – 11/6 WEST WINDSOR

Odd Couple (female version)

Neil Simon’s hilarious female update of his comic classic! The Yardley Players will tickle your funny bone with unlikely roommates, Florence Unger and Olive Madison.

Kelsey Theatre, MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Rd., 609-570-3333, www.kelseytheatre.net

10/31 – 12/9 WAYNE

Collage Effects: Art of the African Diaspora

The featured artists will explore how techniques of collage and assemblage can be a means for rewriting history and reframing identity and representation.

Faculty Exhibition

This exhibition highlights recent innovative artwork in varied media by the faculty of William Paterson University’s Art Department.

William Paterson University Galleries, 300 Pompton Rd., 973-720-2654, www.wpunj.edu/coac/gallery

EVENTS STARTING IN NOVEMBER

11/4 – 12/11 HAMMONTON

Godspell: A New Experience “In the Round”

Godspell modernizes a series of parables by using a wide variety of games, storytelling techniques, and hefty dose of comic timing. \$20 - \$40.

Eagle Theatre, 208 Vine St., 609-704-5012, www.theeagletheatre.com

11/6 – 1/22 MORRISTOWN

Reporting Presidential Elections from Washington to Obama through Rare Newspapers – Exhibit

Historical development of reporting presidential elections through the lens of rare, original newspaper copies. Wednesdays & Thursdays 11 am - 4 pm, Sundays 1 - 4 pm.

Morris County Historical Society at Acorn Hall, 68 Morris Ave., 973-267-3465

11/10 – 12/23 BEDMINSTER

2016 International Juried Exhibition

The exhibition will consist of two- and three-dimensional work in all media. Juror: Jonathan Goodman is an art writer and poet based in New York, and teaches at Pratt Institute.

Center for Contemporary Art, 2020 Burnt Mills Rd., 908-234-2345, www.cbabedminster.org

11/12 – 12/4 RED BANK

Lion in Winter

Join Henry II of England, his wife Eleanor of Aquitaine, and their three sons for a sharp-tongued and witty look at how dysfunctional the royal family can be during 1138’s Christmas.

Two River Theatre, 21 Bridge Ave., 732-345-1400, www.tworivertheater.org

11/20 – 1/2 LINCROFT

Monmouth Museum Holiday Show – Winter Wonders

Visit the popular Model Train Display throughout the Holiday Exhibition. Discover great gifts created by local craftsmen in our Holiday Gallery. Opening Reception: 11/20, 4 - 6 pm.

Monmouth Museum, 765 Newman Springs Rd., 732-747-2266, www.monmouthmuseum.org

11/20 – 1/15 BROWNS MILLS

Geocache Meet Up

Bring your smartphone or borrow a GPS unit from the local Recreation. An experienced cacher will lead the way as we explore and learn about Whitesbog’s treasures. Third Sundays, 1 pm.

Historic Whitesbog Village, 120 W. Whitesbog Rd., 609-893-4646, www.whitesbog.org

11/24 – 1/6 SMITHVILLE

Holiday Light Show

Watch in wonderment as over 100 Christmas trees magically float on our very own Lake Meone and light up to the music around you. Thursday - Sunday, 5:30 - 8:30 pm.

Historic Smithville, 615 E. Moss Mill Rd., 609-748-8999, www.colonialinnsmithville.com

11/25 – 12/10 CAPE MAY

East Lynne Theater Company presents Yuletide Tales

The holiday offering is based on American classics, adapted and performed by ELTC’s artistic director, Gayle Stahlhuth, who brings to life 30+ characters in her unique storytelling style. \$17 - \$27.

First Presbyterian Church, 500 Hughes St., 609-884-5898, www.eastlynnetheater.org

11/25 – 12/11 HACKETTSTOWN

Mary Poppins - The Musical

Mary Poppins is an enchanting mixture of irresistible story, unforgettable songs, breathtaking dance numbers, live orchestra, and astonishing stagecraft. Ages 5+.

Sitnik Theatre, 715 Grand Ave., 908-979-0900, www.centenarystageco.org

11/25 – 12/18 CHESTER

Country Christmas with Santa

Come on over to Santa’s Country Corner! He will be visiting the farm and would love to take a photo with you, so make sure you bring your camera!

Alstede Farms, 1 Alstede Farms Ln., 908-879-7189, www.alstedefarms.com

11/25 – 12/30 BORDENTOWN

Holiday Train Show

Annual model train show featuring numerous fully running layouts with model villages and scenes, as well as memorabilia, Christmas toy trains, and more. Saturdays & Sundays. Free.

Old City Hall, 11 Crosswicks St., 609-414-0828, www.downtownbordentown.com

11/25 – 12/30 NORTH BRUNSWICK

Holiday Light Show Benefiting Hugs for Brady

The only major Light Show in New Jersey! Come for food trucks, 85+ vendor tables in our heated vendor tents, s’ mores over a camp fire, free glow in the dark face painting, live ice sculpting and more!

DeVry University, 630 Rt. 1, 732-659-7740, www.hugsforbrady.org

11/25 – 1/3 WEST ORANGE

Holiday Lights

Holiday Light display throughout the zoo grounds. Donation stations for non-perishable food, new toys, and gently used coats are placed at each entry. FREE admission.

Essex County Turtle Back Zoo, 560 Northfield Ave., 973-731-5801, www.turtlebackzoo.com

11/26 - 12/5 EWING

Roxey Ballet's 22nd Annual Holiday Classic Nutcracker

Join Clara and her friends on an enchanted voyage meeting magical mice, giant rats, marching soldiers, swirling snowflakes, waltzing flowers, and the Sugar Plum Fairy and her cavalier.

Kendall Main Stage Theatre, 2000 Pennington Rd., 609-397-7616, www.roxeyballet.org

11/26 - 12/11 MONTAGUE

2016 Old Fashioned Holiday Weekends

The Montague Association for the Restoration of Community History will be opening the historic, holiday decorated Foster Armstrong House for costumed tours. Saturdays & Sundays, 1 - 4 pm. FREE.

Foster Armstrong House, 320 River Rd., 973-293-3106, www.nps.gov/dewa/

11/26 - 12/18 PHILLIPSBURG

Polar Express

Ride the train and re-live the experience of the Polar Express. Every child (and parent who wears PJ's) will receive hot chocolate, cookies, and a bell from Santa.

Lehigh Junction, 99 Elizabeth St., 877-872-4674, www.877trainride.com

11/26 - 12/19 HACKETTSTOWN

It Pays to Shop Small

Starting with Shop Small Saturday, which encourages shop local activity with store sales and discounts, promotions and awareness of the Shop Small efforts nationally.

Hackettstown Business District, 908-850-5004, www.hackettstownbid.com

11/26 - 12/22 PITMAN

Christmas in Uptown Pitman

Take a trolley tour through Pitman, and enjoy the merchants window displays and Christmas lights. Make sure to bring the kids to visit Santa.

Ballard Park, Broadway & Pitman Ave., 856-582-3444

11/30 - 1/8 MORRISTOWN

Victorian-Style Christmas at Acorn Hall

See Acorn Hall's "famous" upside-down Christmas tree, antique ornaments, sparkling trees, garlands, ribbons, and wreaths creating an unforgettable Victorian Christmas display.

Morris County Historical Society, 68 Morris Ave., 973-267-3465, www.acornhall.org

EVENTS STARTING IN DECEMBER

12/9 - 1/15 ASBURY PARK

Ellen Martin: "Abandoned" Photographs

A series of iPod touch digital photographs explore the effects of personal and societal abandonment through the depiction of common discarded structures and everyday items.

Hotel Tides, 408 7th Ave., 732-897-7794, www.thehoteltides.com

12/30 - 1/15 WEST WINDSOR

Billy Elliot, the Musical

Pierrot Productions presents the moving story of Billy's journey as he stumbles out of a boxing ring and into a ballet class, where he discovers a passion for dance.

Kelsey Theatre, MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Rd., 609-570-3333, www.kelseytheatre.net

EVENTS STARTING IN JANUARY

1/7 - 12/16 WARETOWN

Albert Music Hall Saturday Night Show

Live stage concert of country and bluegrass music every Saturday night, year round. No reserve seats. Doors open 6:30 pm, show at 7:30 pm. \$5, pay at the door.

Albert Music Hall, 131 Wells Mills Rd., 609-971-1593, www.alberthall.org

1/7 - 3/18 EAST HANOVER

Swingin' Tern Contra Dancing

Dances are held on the first and third Saturdays of the month, starting at 8 pm, and feature a caller and live band. Beginners' workshop at 7:30 pm. No partner necessary.

First Presbyterian Parish House, 14 Hanover Rd., 973-295-6864, www.folkproject.org

1/9 - 2/24 BEDMINSTER

Art Exhibition "Nudes"

Curated by Mel Leipzig, renowned artist.

Center for Contemporary Art, 2020 Burnt Mills Rd., 908-234-2345, www.ccabedminster.org

1/12 - 2/5 HADDON TWP.

Memphis

This Tony Award-winner tells the story of DJ Huey Calhoun, a good ol' boy with a passion for R&B, and Felicia Farrell, a young black singer that he meets one fateful night in the 1950s.

Ritz Theatre Company, 915 White Horse Pk., 856-858-5230, www.ritztheatreco.org

1/14 - 3/13 LINCROFT

Monmouth Museum Member Miniatures Art Exhibition

Back by popular demand, exhibit highlighting the artists who support the Museum through their membership with an exhibition at the Nilson and Gallway Galleries.

Monmouth Museum's 38th Annual Juried Exhibition

This year the exhibit presents a dynamic mix of artworks in the Main Gallery ranging in media from painting and sculpture to photography and printmaking.

Monmouth Museum, 765 Newman Springs Rd., 732-747-2266, www.monmouthmuseum.org

1/21 - 3/31 METUCHEN

Beautiful & Powerful Statements: Exhibit

Exhibit featuring both calligraphy and art from re-purposed materials. This exhibit gives both of those art forms a place and a space to speak.

Nails in the Wall, Gallery at St. Luke's, 17 Oak Ave., 732-322-6512, www.nailsinthewall.org

1/27 - 3/5 NEW BRUNSWICK

New Jersey Film Festival

The Festival will be held on select evenings and will showcase the best in independent film by featuring premiere screenings and special guest appearances by film directors, screenwriters, cast and crew.

Rutgers Film Co-op/NJMAC, Rutgers University, 848-932-8482, www.njfilmfest.com

1/28 - 2/5 MANASQUAN

Barefoot in the Park

This wistful domestic comedy centers on newlyweds Corie, a free spirit, and Paul Bratter, an uptight lawyer, and their adventures living in a minuscule apartment in Greenwich Village.

Algonquin Arts Theatre, 173 Main St., 732-528-9211, www.algonquinarts.org

EVENTS STARTING IN FEBRUARY

2/2 - 3/5 WEST ORANGE

Indian Head

A world premiere by Obie Award-winner, Nikkole Salter. *Indian Head* gives you the perspective of a young Lenape girl, as she grapples with the cost of reclaiming dignity.

Luna Stage Theatre Company, 555 Valley Rd., 973-395-5551, www.lunastage.org

2/25 - 3/26 RED BANK

Merry Wives of Windsor

3 Actors - 25 Roles - Lots of Laughs - One of Shakespeare's most delightful and rowdy comedies! Directed by Eric Tucker.

Two River Theater, 21 Bridge Ave., 732-345-1400, www.tworivertheater.org

EVENTS STARTING IN MARCH

3/10 - 4/9 HAMMONTON

John & Jen

A truly original musical that delves into the complexities of relationships between brothers and sisters, and parents and children, set against the background of a changing America between 1950 and 1990.

Eagle Theatre, 208 Vine St., 609-704-5012, www.theeagletheatre.com

3/19 - 5/7 LINCROFT

Pulped Under Pressure

With traditional hand papermaking at its core, *Pulped Under Pressure* underscores important contemporary issues steeped in history and craft.

Monmouth Museum, 765 Newman Springs Rd., 732-747-2266, www.monmouthmuseum.org

3/24 - 4/23 LINCROFT

NJ Emerging Artists Series: Anzhelika Doliba

Anzhelika Doliba achieves high realism in each of her drawings in paying close attention to detail in capturing the essence of her subjects.

Monmouth Museum, 765 Newman Springs Rd., 732-747-2266, www.monmouthmuseum.org

October

10/1 BRIDGEWATER

NJ Fashion Week - 4th Annual Young Model & Designer Competition

New Jersey Fashion Week - Fresh NJ - Kids Fashion Weekend! Features workshops, fashion show, model competition, and awards from participating sponsors and partners.

People's Center Non Profit, 120 Finderine Ave., 908-864-9633, www.newjerseyfashionweek.com

10/1 BURLINGTON

9th Annual City of Burlington Police K-9 Car Show

Live bands, door prizes, great restaurants, vendors and a K-9 demonstration. All proceeds to benefit the City of Burlington Police K-9 Unit. Register online. 10 am - 3 pm. Rain date: 10/2.

200 - 300 High St., 609-386-0200, www.bck9carshow.com

10/1 CAPE MAY

Autumn Festival Crafts & Collectibles Show

Crafters and collectibles dealers from throughout the region will display and sell their wares on the lawn. Festival includes hands-on activities and games for children. FREE.

Emlen Physick Estate, 1048 Washington St., 609-884-5404, www.capemaymac.org

Cape May Wine Trail

Begin with lunch at The Carriage House Cafe & Tearoom then board the trolley to Willow Creek Winery, Hawk Haven Vineyard & Winery and Natali Vineyards. Noon - 5 pm. \$75.

Carriage House Cafe & Tearoom, 1048 Washington St., 609-884-5404, www.capemaymac.org

10/1 CHATHAM

Lenape Day

Celebrate the Lenape people with dancing, drums, vendors, and historical talks by the Ramapough Lenape People. Tour a replica wigwam, enjoy games, crafts, and more. Noon - 4 pm. \$5.

Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center, 247 Southern Blvd., 973-635-6629, www.morrisparks.net

10/1 CLOSTER

Joey's Fund Charity Car Show

Features classic cars, DJ, trophies for competitors, door prizes, 50/50s and raffles, food trucks and vendors, and fun games for all! Proceeds to St Joseph's Hospital. 11 am - 4 pm. Rain date: 10/8.

St Mary's Church, 20 Legion Pl., 201-481-6131, www.joeysfundcharitycarshow.org

10/1 HIGHLANDS

Highlands 16th Annual Oktoberfest

Authentic German food, live music, dancing and entertainment, including contests with special prizes and a Super 50/50 drawing. 2 - 9 pm. FREE. Rain date: 10/2.

Veteran's Park, 23 Bay Ave., 732-291-4713, www.highlandsnj.com

10/1 MORRISTOWN**Evening with Graham Nash**

Legendary singer-songwriter Graham Nash is a two-time Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee with Crosby, Stills, and Nash with The Hollies. Nash performs classic hits.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

10/1 NEW BRUNSWICK**Argentinean Connection – Passion of Flamenco & Argentinean Tango**

Immerse yourself in an extraordinary evening of dance, live music and singing. Experience the fire of Flamenco, Tangos, Milongas, Waltzes and Gaucho dances. 7:30 pm. \$18 - \$30.

Crossroads Theatre, 7 Livingston Ave., 732-545-8100, www.alboradadance.org

10/1 PITMAN**Rumpelstiltskin**

Live Children’s Theatre for ages 3 to 9. 10 am & 1 pm. \$9 - \$12.

Broadway Theatre of Pitman, 43 S. Broadway, 856-384-8381, www.thebroadwaytheatre.org

10/1 SEA ISLE CITY**Harborfest**

There will be a clam eating and seafood chowder contest, vendors, music, and games for the kids. Come out and join the fun! 11 am - 4 pm.

Marina Park, 42nd St. & the Bay, 609-263-9090, www.seaislechamber.com

10/1 SHAMONG**Pine Barrens Discovery Tour**

Trek and paddle along the edges of the Mullica River at Goshen Pond and discover its secrets. Join John Volpa for a Pine Barrens sampler, a three-hour exploration. Ages 8+.

Pinelands Adventures, 1005 Atsion Rd., 609-268-0189, www.pinelandsadventures.org

10/1 SPRING LAKE**Spring Lake Italian Festival/Art Walk**

Join us downtown to enjoy everything Italian! Shopping, great eats and music, entertainment, meatball making contests, and more. A great festival for the entire family.

Business District, 1207 3rd Ave., 732-449-0037, www.visitspringlake.com

10/1 TUCKERTON**Classic & Antique Car & Truck Show**

Over 100 classic and antique cars presented in conjunction with the Vintage Auto Museum of NJ. Judging and awards ceremony. 10 am - 2 pm. \$5.

Tuckerton Seaport, 120 W. Main St., 609-296-8868, www.tuckertonseaport.org

10/1 WEST LONG BRANCH**CSNsongs: Celebrating the Music of Crosby Stills Nash & Young**

CSNsongs is more than a tribute band, the seven NJ based musicians create a full production show paying homage to the folk/rock group that changed music in the 60s and 70s.

Pollak Theatre, Monmouth University, 400 Cedar Ave., 732-571-3483, www.monmouth.edu

10/1 WEST ORANGE**Ales & Tails Brew Fest, an Essex County Parks Foundation Fundraiser**

This event is being hosted by New Jersey’s #1 Zoo, supporters are able to enjoy samplings of over 50+ craft beers, various games and entertainment. \$60, \$10 designated driver.

Turtle Back Zoo, 560 Northfield Ave., 973-731-5800, www.turtlebackzoo.com

10/1 WEST WINDSOR**Princess and the Pea**

The Princess climbs up, and up, and up to the top of 20 mattresses! Will the Princess be able to sleep all the way up there? Will she pass the “pea” test? A fun musical retelling by Virginia Rep on Tour.

Kelsey Theatre, MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Rd., 609-570-3333, www.kelseytheatre.net

10/1 WOODBURY**Greater Woodbury Fall Festival Parade**

2016 Parade Theme: Diversified Yet Unified. Rain date: 10/8.

Broad St. from Colonial Ave. to Carpenter St., 856-845-1300, www.woodbury.nj.us

10/1 – 10/2 BEACH HAVEN**28th Annual Chowderfest Weekend**

Sat: Merchant Mart (10 am - 5 pm), music, food, vendors and activities. Sun: Chowder Cook-Off (11 am - 4 pm) unlimited tasting with music and activities.

Little League Field, 9th St. & Taylor Ave., 609-494-7211, www.chowderfest.com

10/1 – 10/2 BLOOMFIELD**Guys & Dolls in Concert**

Set in Damon Runyon’s mythical New York City, *Guys and Dolls* is a classic, Tony Award winning musical comedy.

Westminster Arts Center, Bloomfield College, 449 Franklin St., 973-996-8484, www.4thwalltheatre.org

10/1 – 10/2 BORDENTOWN**27th Annual Cranberry Fest**

Over 145 crafters, food from local eateries, kids corner, live music, and featuring the newly added antiques and vintage row. Fun for the entire family. Parking shuttle service.

Farnsworth Ave., 609-414-0828, www.downtownbordentown.com

10/1 – 10/2 CAPE MAY**Classic Car Show**

Bring your classic car or your suped-up hot-rod for BC’s annual car show! A small donation is required, which benefits the local hospital, and you get two nights of camping free.

Beachcomber Camping Resort, 462 Seashore Rd., 609-88, www.beachcombercamp.com

10/1 – 10/2 CHERRY HILL**Pumpkin Palooza**

The Museum is teaming up with Springdale Farms to offer all-day fun activities! \$20, all day pass for both locations.

Garden State Discovery Museum, 2040 Springdale Rd., 856-424-1233, www.discoverymuseum.com

10/1 – 10/2 HADDON TWP.**Christopher Durang’s Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Spike**

This Tony Award winning comedy, is set in a cherry orchard in Bucks County, PA and tells the story of a dysfunctional family trying to hold on to their family home.

Ritz Theatre Company, 915 White Horse Pk., 856-858-5230, www.ritztheatreco.org

10/1 – 10/2 HOBOKEN

7th Annual Hoboken Comedy Festival

The festival is a celebration of Hoboken's Entertainment Independence.

Various Locations, 201-898-0772, www.hobokencomedyfestival.org

10/1 – 10/2 MILLVILLE

Festival of Fine Craft

Two days of an art and shopping experience for the entire family and features over 130 artists and craftspeople that will present and sell traditional and contemporary works.

WheatonArts, 1000 Village Dr., 856-825-6800, www.wheatonarts.org

10/1 – 10/2 MORRISTOWN

Jersey Fresh Grand Harvest Festival

The event features wine sampling(21+ with I.D.) from more than 20 of the state's finest wineries, music agricultural displays and kids activities. Noon - 5 pm.

Fosterfield's Living Historical Farm, 73 Kahdena Rd., 609-588-0065, www.newjerseywines.com

10/1 – 10/2 RAHWAY

4th Annual Rahway International Film Festival

Three days of films, seminars, panel Q&As, networking events, and exciting opening night and closing night after-parties!

Hamilton Stage for the Performing Arts, 360 Hamilton St., 848-467-8073, www.rahwayfilmfest.com

10/1 – 10/2 RINGWOOD

NJBG Harvest Fest

Hayrides and pumpkin painting are just the start of a fun-filled family weekend. Fames, face painting, food, music, dancing, free Garden tours, booths, exhibits, plant sale, and more. 10 am - 5 pm. FREE.

NJ State Botanical Garden, Ringwood State Park, Morris Rd., 973-962-9534, www.njbg.org

10/1 – 10/2 SMITHVILLE

Oktoberfest

Over 100 juried crafters, international food court, music, kids activities, non-profit organizations and more!

Historic Smithville & Village Greene, 615 E. Moss Mill Rd., 609-748-8999, www.colonialinnsmithville.com

10/1 – 10/2 STANHOPE

Mighty SPECTRUM Band

A driving rock 'n roll band, SPECTRUM also has an unmatched horn section - which enables them to play a repertoire of hundreds of songs. 7 pm. \$15 cash at the door.

Stanhope House, 45 Main St., 973-347-7777, www.stanhopehousenj.com

10/1 – 10/3 BRIDGEWATER

Lexus New Jersey Fashion Week – Fall/Winter Collections

Celebrate NJFW with a fun night of dancing over savory and sweet tastings with the participating designers and models. Tickets includes tastings, show and dancing. 6 - 10 pm.

Lexus of Bridgewater, 1550 Rt. 22, 908-964-9633, www.newjerseyfashionweek.com

10/1 – 10/9 HAMMONTON

Kelly McCarthy's King of East Jabip

Set in Philadelphia, this play touches on the trials and tribulations of growing in age, losing state of mind, and dealing with loss. Witty, humorous and heartwarming.

Eagle Theatre, 208 Vine St., 609-704-5012, www.theeagletheatre.com

10/1 – 10/9 PITMAN

Sweeney Todd – Live on Stage!

This is a dark and twisted tale of love, murder and revenge. A former barber who was unjustly imprisoned for 15 years and returns to London to seek revenge. \$28.

Broadway Theatre of Pitman, 43 S. Broadway, 856-384-8381, www.thebroadwaytheatre.org

10/1 – 10/9 RED BANK

August Wilson's Ma Rainey's Black Bottom

A powerful look at the 1920s music scene takes you into the world of legendary singer Ma Rainey (the real-life "Mother of the Blues"), as she lays down tracks with her band in a Chicago recording studio.

Two River Theatre, 21 Bridge Ave., 732-345-1400, www.tworivertheater.org

10/1 – 10/9 WEST WINDSOR

Neil Simon's: Jake's Women

Struggling novelist Jake is more successful with fiction than with real life. Maurer Productions OnStage presents this hilarious foray into modern relationships by master playwright, Neil Simon.

Kelsey Theatre, MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Rd., 609-570-3333, www.kelseytheatre.net

10/1 – 10/10 CAPE MAY

Tommy's Folly: The 200th Anniversary of Congress Hall Hotel

Curated by Curtis Bashaw and Exit Zero publisher Jack Wright, this exhibit features the history of Congress Hall, one of America's most illustrious hotels. Open daily. FREE.

Carroll Gallery, Emlen Physick Estate, 1048 Washington St., 609-884-5404, www.capemaymac.org

10/1 – 10/14 WAYNE

Armando Guiller: Patterns & Beauty

Trained as an artist and mechanical engineer, NJ based sculptor Armando Guiller, investigates the aesthetics found in the principles of geometry and nature.

Ink, Press, Repeat: National Juried Printmaking & Book Art Exhibit

Juried by Phil Sanders, Director of PS Marlowe, and former Master Printer of Robert Blackburn Printmaking Workshop, this exhibition presents a selection of contemporary prints and artists' books.

William Paterson University Galleries, 300 Pompton Rd., 973-720-2654, www.wpunj.edu

10/1 – 10/15 CHATHAM

Eric Bogosian: Talk Radio

The story of Barry Champlain, a Cleveland-area shock jock, on the eve of his radio show's national syndication. Funny and moving, off beat, outrageous and totally entrancing.

Chatham Playhouse, 23 N. Passaic Ave., 973-635-7363, www.chathamplayers.org

10/1 – 10/24 HAMPTON

Squabbles

Marshall Karp’s comedy of a happy, successful young couple is sometimes complicated by the wife’s curmudgeon of a father and the husband’s mother, who can’t stand each other.

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, 88 Rt. 173, 908-730-8007, www.hhplayhouse.com

10/1 – 10/27 BARNEGAT

Barnegat Farmers Market

Features High Mountain Foods, Lithanian Bakery, Krowickis Farm, Eckert Farm, Stillwell Farm, Brookville Farms, Grandmas Jam & Jelly, 4 Bees Polish Deli, Edy Naturals LLC, Shore Shake and more. 11 am - 4 pm.

Rt. 9 & W. Bay Ave., 609-548-6319, www.barnegat.net

10/1 – 10/28 NEW BRUNSWICK

New Jersey Film Festival

The festival will be held on select evenings showcasing the best in independent films by featuring premiere screenings and special guest appearances by film directors, screenwriters, cast and crew.

Rutgers Film Co-op/NJMAC, Rutgers University, 848-932-8482, www.njfilmfest.com

10/1 – 10/29 BEDMINSTER

Mel Leipzig: Friends & Families

The exhibit is curated by Donna Gustafson, Andrew W. Mellon Liaison for Academic Programs and curator, Zimmerli Art Museum of Rutgers. 6 - 8 pm.

Center for Contemporary Art, 2020 Burnt Mills Rd., 908-234-2345, www.ccabedminster.org

10/1 – 10/29 CAPE MAY

Beach Plum Farm Guided Tours

Experience what Cape Resorts’ farm-to-table philosophy is all about with our guided tours. A full one-hour tour around the 62-acre farm. Saturdays, 9:30 am. \$3

Beach Plum Farm, 140 Stevens St., 609-884-6542, www.caperesorts.com

10/1 – 10/29 RINGWOOD

Ringwood Farmers’ Market

15 vendors will provide a wide variety of locally grown and produced food, the freshest local fruits and vegetables, finest baked goods and more! Saturdays, 9 am - 1 pm.

Ringwood Park & Ride, Cannici Dr., 973-962-0515, www.ringwoodfarmersmarket.org

10/1 – 10/30 EASTAMPTON

Smithville Mansion Tours

Learn the history of Hezekiah B. Smith, inventor, industrialist politician and his wife Agnes, medical doctor and editor. Tour the 1840 Greek Revival Mansion. Sundays & Thursdays: 1 pm, 2 pm, & 3 pm.

Historic Smithville Mansion & Park, 803 Smithville Rd., 609-261-5882, www.co.burlington.nj.us

10/1 – 10/30 MANALAPAN

Happy Day Farm Fall Festival

Fantastic fall family-fun down on the farm featuring the largest 13 acre Corn Maze in NJ. Theme is Rutgers 250. Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays, 11 am – 5 pm.

Happy Day Farm, 97 Daum Rd., 732-977-3607, www.happydayfarmnj.com

10/1 – 10/30 MONMOUTH JUNCTION

Fall Harvest Weekends

Offering pick-your-own pumpkins and apples, hayrides, large interactive corn maze, farm fresh goodies, food vendors, and lots of family-fun activities.

VonThun Farms, 505 Ridge Rd., 732-329-8656, www.vonthunfarms.com

10/1 – 10/30 NEW BRUNSWICK

New Jersey Film Festival

Showcasing new international films, American independent features, experimental and short subjects, classic revivals, cutting-edge documentaries, and over 25 film screenings.

Rutgers University, College Avenue Campus, 71 Hamilton St., 848-932-8482, www.njfilmfest.com

10/1 – 10/30 PHILLIPSBURG

Corn Maze Train

Come play the game where getting lost is half the fun! Your goal is to make it through each maze and finding each of the 12 check points! Also available is a 30 foot bouncy pumpkin!

Great Pumpkin Train

Ride the steam train through the beautiful fall landscape of western NJ. Take the train to the pumpkin patch located in a little glade in front of the historic Carpentersville Lime.

Mine Train

The original mine shaft is back in production. Come tour the grounds, listen to an interactive history of the ol’ Susquehanna Mine and pan for real gem stones you can take home.

Warren County Winery Train

Enjoy a beautiful journey along the scenic Delaware River behind NJ’s only operating steam locomotive. Visit Villa Milagro Vineyards, one of NJ’s most beautiful wineries.

Delaware River Railroad Excursions, 99 Elizabeth St., 877-872-4674, www.877trainride.com

10/1 – 10/30 RINGWOOD

Free Guided Garden Tour

NJBG volunteer docents will show you around the Botanical Garden to check out what’s blooming this week. Steady rain cancels. Free (donations welcomed).

NJ State Botanical Garden, Ringwood State Park, Morris Rd., 973-962-9534, www.njbg.org

10/1 – 10/30 WATERFORD

Hay Rides & Petting Zoo

Take a leisurely ride through the pasture alongside all the animals for \$6. After the ride, stop in to pet and feed all the farm animals for \$4. Saturdays & Sundays, 10 am - 5 pm.

Popes’ Gardens, 1146 Old White Horse Pk., 856-767-3343, www.popesgardens.com

10/1 – 10/30 WINSLOW TWP.

October Live Music Series

Come enjoy live music on the patio and lawn, along with wine tasting and a food truck will be on site. Seating is limited; bring a blanket and/or chairs. Saturdays & Sundays, 1 - 4 pm.

Sharrott Winery, 370 S. Egg Harbor Rd., 609-567-9463, www.sharrottwinery.com

10/1 – 10/31 FRENCHTOWN

October in Frenchtown

Celebrations in stores every weekend, as well as our annual Zombie Crawl and Halloween Parade. Check out the Scarecrows, which line the streets throughout the month.

8 Bridge St., 908-996-1234, www.frenchtownnj.org

10/1 – 10/31 GREENWICH

Annual Greenwich Halloween Ghost Walking Tours

Why not celebrate the spirit of Halloween by taking a historic, haunted walking tour along Ye Greate St. Features “true” tales of ghostly happenings. Registration required. 7 pm & 8 pm. \$5, rain or shine.

Lummis Library, 981 Ye Great St., 856-455-8580, www.cchistsoc.org

10/1 – 10/31 RIO GRANDE

Saturdays on the Crushpad

Listen to live music by a variety of local singer-songwriters, as you gaze upon the vineyard with a glass of wine. Gourmet cheese plates, charcuterie, and more. No outside alcohol permitted.

Hawk Haven Vineyard & Winery, 600 S. Railroad Ave., 609-846-7347, www.hawkhavenvineyard.com

10/1 – 10/31 WEST CAPE MAY

Featured Artists: Lee Hajduk & Diana Cutshall

Nature photographer Lee Hajduk and jewelry-maker Diana Cutshall are featured artists for the month. Meet the Artists Reception: 10/8, 3 - 6 pm.

Cape May Artists’ Cooperative Gallery, 122 Sunset Blvd., 609-435-5253, www.capemayartistcoop.com

10/2 EGG HARBOR CITY

Grape Stomping Wine Festival

Start October with a smash at this year’s festival! See how many grapes you can crush with your bare feet! Family-friendly event with plenty of activities for kids.

Renault Winery, 72 N. Bremen Ave., 609-965-2111, www.renaultwinery.com

10/2 LAMBERTVILLE

1st Sunday Walking Tour

Docent-led walking tour of historic Lambertville covering both residential and commercial streets. Duration: 60 - 90 mins. 2 pm at James Wilson Marshall House. Free, donations welcomed.

60 Bridge St., 609-397-0770, www.lambertvillehistoricalsociety.org

10/2 MORRIS TWP.

Frelinghuysen Arboretum Gesneriad Society Show & Sale

This “Celebration of Gesneriads” show and sale of the beautiful, diminutive, exotic cousins of African Violets is a must see. Q&A discussion will be held from 1 - 2 pm.

Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 E. Hanover Ave., 973-326-7603, www.morrisparks.net

10/2 OCEAN CITY

John R. Elliott HERO Walk

Walk begins at 11 am, check-in at 9 am. Pre-registration, \$25 adults, \$15 students; Day of registration, \$30 adults, \$20 students. Benefits the HERO Campaign for Designated Drivers.

Civic Center, 6th Ave. & the Boardwalk, 609-626-3880, www.herocampaign.org

10/2 SADDLE BROOK

Saddle Brook Street Fair

The street will be transformed into a giant block party with all kinds of fun stuff to do for the whole family. Live entertainment, demonstrations, vendors, food, and more. 10 am - 5 pm.

215 Market St., 201-998-1144, www.jcpromotions.info

10/2 SHAMONG

Batsto River – Special Guided Paddling Tour

Take a guided trip along the Batsto River through the Pine Barrens to Batsto Lake. For individuals who have some kayaking/canoeing experience. About 4 hours, includes rental.

Pinelands Adventures, 1005 Atsion Rd., 609-268-0189, www.pinelandsadventures.org

10/2 SUMMIT

Summit Classic Car Show

Come and enjoy hundreds of classic and antique cars downtown. This year, the show will be run by Summit’s Police Athletic League (PAL) and see DJ Stick Shift Eddie.

Downtown, 1 Union Pl., 908-277-6100, www.summitdowntown.org

10/2 WANTAGE

Autumn Leaves Hike

Enjoy the spectacular scenery and fall foliage colors on this family-friendly hike. Casual and novice hikers welcome. Led by Kevin Mitchell. Hikers meet at 2 pm in the parking lot in front of the Lusscroft Manor.

Lusscroft Farm, 50 Neilson Rd. & 4-H Trail, 973-222-9651, www.lusscroftfarm.org

10/2 WHIPPANY

16th Annual Pumpkin Festival

Walk among the pumpkins, corn shocks, and grinning scarecrows as you enjoy the wares of local craft merchants and railroad memorabilia dealers! 12:30 - 5:30 pm, rain or shine.

Whippany Railway Museum, 1 Railroad Pl., 973-887-8177, www.whippanyrailwaymuseum.net

10/3 MORRISTOWN

Sesame Street Live: Elmo Makes Music

When the new music teacher’s instruments go missing, Elmo, Abby Cadabby, Big Bird, and others come to the rescue and discover some new instruments. 3 pm & 6:30 pm. \$25 - \$90.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

10/4 – 10/25 VENTNOR CITY

Ventnor Coffee Jam Night

Who doesn’t love the sounds of funky jazz, R&B, and classic hit songs of the 60s, 70s, and 80s? Come and jam with a professional house band or just enjoy the music. Tuesdays, 8 pm.

Ventnor Coffee, 108 N. Dorset Ave., 609-992-3046, www.ventnorcoffee.com

10/5 BROWNS MILLS

Elizabeth White’s 145th Birthday Celebration!

Join us in the historic home, Suningive for coffee, tea, and cake with Whitesbog Preservation Trust archivist and speaker, Albertine Senske. 6:30 pm. \$5 donation, reservations required.

Historic Whitesbog Village, 120 W. Whitesbog Rd., 609-893-4646, www.whitesbog.org

10/5 MORRISTOWN

Evening with David Sedaris

With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, Sedaris has become one of America’s pre-eminent humor writers. Signing following the performance. 8 pm. \$39 - \$69.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

10/6 MORRISTOWN**ABBA the Concert**

Enjoy this amazing recreation of the pop phenomenon and its greatest hits including "Mamma Mia," "Waterloo," and "Dancing Queen." 8 pm. \$29 - \$69.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

10/6 NEW BRUNSWICK**Midtown Men**

The four stars from the original Broadway cast of the mega-hit show, *Jersey Boys*, the Midtown Men celebrate the music that defined the 60s, singing their favorite hits.

State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., 732-246-7469, www.statetheatrenj.org

10/6 SUMMIT**Summit Downtown Design**

No matter your interests or taste, downtown Summit has a design business to fit your needs. Shops will feature special events, workshops, refreshments, and more.

12 Beechwood Rd., 908-277-6100, www.summitdowntown.org

10/6 WEST LONG BRANCH**Aquila Theatre's Much Ado About Nothing**

Spying, subterfuge, deception, false identities, slander, manipulation and love all take part in this wonderfully entertaining battle of the sexes.

Pollak Theatre, Monmouth University, 400 Cedar Ave., 732-571-3483, www.monmouth.edu

10/6 – 10/23 NEW BRUNSWICK**Single Black Female**

Lisa Thompson's critically acclaimed play, comprising rapid-fire comic vignettes as two 30-something African American women in search for love, clothes and dignity.

Crossroads Theatre Company, 7 Livingston Ave., 732-545-8100, www.crossroadstheatrecompany.org

10/6 – 10/30 WEST ORANGE**King of the Mountains**

A complex look at the ongoing battle over what to do with public lands told through the unique wit and whimsy of Luna's favorite Ben Clawson.

Luna Stage Theatre Company, 555 Valley Rd., 973-395-5551, www.lunastage.org

10/7 ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS**Atlantic Highlands Farmers' Market**

A weekly Farmers' Market that features local farmer's produce, baked goods, ethnic food products, natural skin care products, fresh cut flowers, and more. Noon - 6 pm.

Veteran's Park, 111 1st Ave., 732-872-8711, www.atlantichighlands.org

10/7 ATSION**Jersey Devil Hunt**

Experience the Pine Barrens after sunset as we go in search of the elusive Jersey Devil. You'll hear tales of the mythical figure. Must be able to hike a short distance. Ages 8+.

Pinelands Adventures, 1005 Atsion Rd., 609-268-0189, www.pinelandsadventures.org

10/7 BOONTON**First Friday Late Night: Boonton Zombie Walk**

Businesses will be open late for sales, socializing, dining, and art. Come dressed as a zombie to capitalize on promotions and savings from participating retailers! 5 - 9 pm.

Main St., 973-257-9107, www.boontonmainstreet.org

10/7 NEWTON**Outlaws**

For 40 years, the Southern Rock legends The Outlaws celebrated triumphs, endured tragedies and survived legal nightmares to remain one of the most influential and best-loved bands of the genre.

Newton Theatre, 234 Spring St., 973-383-3700, www.thenewtontheatre.com

10/7 WEST LONG BRANCH**Lightning Thief**

Percy Jackson is about to be kicked out of boarding school again. And that's the least of his troubles. Monsters and the gods of Mount Olympus are walking out of Percy's Greek mythology textbook.

Pollak Theatre, Monmouth University, 400 Cedar Ave., 732-263-5715, www.monmouth.edu

10/7 WOODSTOWN**New Jersey Big Pumpkin Weigh Off**

Pumpkin growers and backyard gardeners are being invited to show off their prize pumpkin and potentially win a portion of the \$4,400 in prize money up for grabs. 5 - 7 pm.

Salem County Fairgrounds, 735 Harding Hwy., 856-765-0118, www.bkenterprisenj.com

10/7 – 10/9 CAPE MAY**Murder Mystery Dinner**

Join the Impromptu Players who will set the scene for an original mystery. Enjoy a four-course dinner as you contemplate the clues, interact with the cast and help solve the mystery. 7 pm. \$50.

Aleathea's Restaurant, 7 Ocean St., 609-884-5404, www.capemaymac.org

10/7 – 10/9 SEASIDE HEIGHTS**Ocean County Columbus Day Parade & Italian Festival**

The three-day event includes food, entertainment, crafts, merchandise, and children's activities. The Parade takes place on the Boulevard and guest performers from Italy.

Boulevard & Grant Ave., 732-477-6507, www.columbusnj.org

10/7 – 10/9 SOMERSET**Filling in the Blanks by Khy Garner**

An exciting new play based on the attempts to understand events and people the only way you sometimes can...by filling in the blanks. Friday & Saturday, 8 pm; Sunday, 2 pm. \$15.

Villagers Theatre, 475 Demott Ln., 732-873-2710, www.villagerstheatre.com

10/7 – 10/10 LONG BEACH ISLAND**2nd Annual LBI FLY International Kite Festival**

The young and old are invited to see the "Circus in the Sky." Bring your chairs, dogs, cameras, and enjoy the Columbus Day Weekend on Long Beach Island.

Various Locations, 609-494-7211, www.lbifly.com

10/7 – 10/23 HACKETTSTOWN

Sherlock Holmes

The characters come to life in this delightful play as Holmes must find a blackmailer and stolen intimate letters exchanged with the Prince of Wales.

Sitnik Theatre, 715 Grand Ave., 908-979-0900, www.centenarystageco.org

10/7 – 10/29 ROBBINSVILLE

Oasis Island of Terror

NJ's most realistic walk-through haunt, that's soon to be your destination to fear! Cannibal Café: 5:30 pm. Ticket Window: 6:30 pm. Haunt Attraction: 7 pm. Free Parking! \$25.

Oasis Family Farm, 3 Circle Dr., 609-259-7300, www.oasisislandofterror.com

10/8 AUGUSTA

Sussex County Harvest, Honey & Garlic Festival

The festival is a celebration of agritourism, ecotourism, arts and heritage. There will be activities and crafts for the kids, and vendors for adults. 10 am - 4 pm. FREE.

Sussex County Fairgrounds, 37 Plains Rd., 973-579-0500, www.sussexfarmvisits.com

10/8 BRANCHBURG

American Repertory Ballet's Fall Favorites

The Company is proud to present a three-part performance, which includes *Shades of Time*, *Ephemeral Possessions*, and *Rite of Spring*. 3 pm.

Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College, 118 Lamington Rd., 908-725-3420, www.americanrepertoryballet.org

10/8 EAST RUTHERFORD

Rock the BBQ

This event will bring together barbecue, beer, wine, spirits, and music enthusiasts from all across the New York Metro Area.

MetLife Stadium, 1 MetLife Stadium Dr., 917-817-7173, www.rockthebbq.com

10/8 GLASSBORO

Rowan University's Homecoming Parade

The parade is one of Rowan's oldest traditions. Enjoy hot chocolate and candy. Begins at 9:45 am and concludes in Lot D, with skits and performances starting at 10 am.

Rowan Blvd., 856-881-9230

10/8 HAWTHORNE

Passaic County's First Annual Paws in the Park

Cat and dog adoptions, microchipping, K9 demonstrations, pet contests, face painting, food trucks, prizes, and more. Proceeds benefit the Passaic County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit.

Goffle Brook Park, 788 Lafayette Ave., 973-881-4405, www.discoverpassaiccounty.org

10/8 KINGSTON

Honeybees & Beekeeping Fundamentals

You will learn about the interesting lives of honey bees, the fundamentals of beekeeping, requisite beekeeping equipment, and how you can get started on your own "backyard beekeeping" adventure.

Rockingham State Historic Site, 84 Laurel Ave., 609-683-7132, www.rockingham.net

10/8 MULLICA HILL

Mullica Hill Ghost Walk

Explore Mullica Hill's haunted history as you walk past the historic houses and buildings along Main Street during the 1.5 hour guided tour. 6:30 pm, departs every 10 mins. \$7.

Blueplate Restaurant, 47 S. Main St., 856-310-0299, www.harrisonhistorical.com

10/8 NEW BRUNSWICK

Price is Right Live

The hit show that gives eligible individuals the chance to "Come On Down" to win prizes. Play classic games from television's longest running and most popular game show.

State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., 732-246-7469, www.statetheatrenj.org

10/8 NEWARK

R. Kelly: The Buffet Tour

Three-time Grammy Award winner and multi-platinum-selling singer, songwriter and producer. Kelly's tour supports his album, "The Buffet." \$70+.

Prudential Center, 25 Lafayette St., 973-757-6600, www.prucenter.com

10/8 NORTH WILDWOOD

Annual Pennsauken Surf Club Fishing Tournament

Registration begins at 6 am. Teams and individuals welcomed, entrance fee. 7:30 am - 1 pm.

Anglesea Firehouse, 2nd & Olde New Jersey Aves., 856-231-9110, www.asaconline.org

10/8 PEDRICKTOWN

27th Annual Pedricktown Day

Helicopter rides, children's activities, live bands, classic car show, raffle baskets, wine tastings, food vendors, and free trackless train shuttle. 9 am - 4 pm. Rain date: 10/9.

S. Railroad Ave., 856-299-2133, www.pedricktownday.org

10/8 PENNSAUKEN

Pennsauken Harvest Festival

The festival is a celebration of heritage, arts and community featuring music, dance, food, vendors, crafts, and fun for all ages.

Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex, Bethel & Westfield Aves., 856-665-1000

10/8 STANTON

Barn Dance

Put on your dancing shoes for a night of family-fun! The Readington Museums will host its bi-annual event inside the 18th century Wade-Wyckoff Barn. 7 - 9 pm. \$5 adults, \$2 children.

Bouman-Stickney Farmstead, 114 Dreahook Rd., 908-236-2327, www.readingtontwp.org

10/8 TUCKERTON

"Truck"erton Food Truck & Cider Fest

Celebrate fall with over a dozen food trucks serving up food, fun and live music. Vendors, family activities, decoy carving, boat building, and craft beer garden. 11 am - 7 pm. \$8.

Tuckerton Seaport, 120 W. Main St., 609-296-8868, www.tuckertonseaport.org

10/8 WARREN

NJ's Biggest Oktoberfest

Oompa at its best. Everyone's invited! Gates open 11 am, food & beverage pavilion at Noon, band at 1 pm. Rain date: 10/9.

Forest Lodge, 11 Reinman Rd., 908-754-7300, www.newjerseyoktoberfest.com

Met Opera: Tristan und Isolde

The season begins with a new production of Wagner's *Tristan und Isolde*, conducted by Sir Simon Rattle in his first Broadcast Live in HD performance. Nina Stemme stars as Isolde.

Pollak Theatre, Monmouth University, 400 Cedar Ave., 732-571-3483, www.monmouth.edu

22nd Annual Autumn Lights Festival

A full day of entertainment, rides, music, collectables, crafts, antiques, food, vendors, and more.

Marshall Hill & Union Valley Rds., 973-728-7000, www.autumnlightsfestival.com

Annual Fall Festival

Visit our historic village for this two-day event with crafters, artisans, live music, civil war re-enactors, festival food, free parking, and lots of family fun. 10 am - 5 pm.

19 S. Main St., 609-468-4285, www.allentownnj.com

Avalon Seafood Festival

Taste delectable treats from the sea at the Chamber's Annual Seafood Festival. Featuring fresh seafood vendors, chowder contest, live music, vendors, and more! Rain date: 10/15-16.

30th St. & the Beach, 609-967-393, www.visitavalonnj.com

New Jersey State Chrysanthemum Society Annual Show & Sale

Meet expert growers, learn what goes into growing, show flowers to be judged, and purchase some specimens to take home. Sat., Noon - 4:30 pm; Sun., 10 am - 4:30 pm. FREE.

Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 East Hanover Ave., 973-326-7603, www.morrisparks.net

Ghost Walk, Pumpkin Festival & Civil War Living History Weekend

This annual event is family- and pet-friendly and has something for everyone to enjoy. Shop at the antique specialty stores, enjoy live entertainment, and food provided by local vendors.

57 S. Main St., 856-223-5440, www.mullicahill.com

6th Annual Sussex County Heritage Weekend

The weekend provides you with the opportunity to visit many of Sussex County's historical sites and museums. Visit farms, farmers markets, wineries, or our scenic parks.

133 Spring St., 973-383-0027, www.scahc.org

Pathways of History Tour

The Museum of Pequannock Township will be on the red tour. Please join us to learn about the local history at the restored 1877 railroad station.

Pathways of History Tour, 33 Evans Pl., 201-919-1128, www.pathwaysofhistorynj.com

Cape May Wine Experience

The festival has more than 20 of the leading wineries in NJ sampling their wines surrounded by historic planes at the Museum and more. 21+ with I.D. to sample. Noon - 5 pm.

NASW Aviation Museum, 500 Forrestal Rd., 609-588-0065, www.newjerseywines.com

Irish Festival

This exciting get-together will honor Irish culture through traditional Emerald Isle-inspired music, dance, food, drink, and Parade of Colors at 11 am. Lots of kids activities! 10 am - 5 pm.

Historic Smithville, 615 E. Moss Mill Rd., 609-748-8999, www.colonialinnsmithville.com

Somerset County Weekend Journey through the Past

More than 25 historic sites county-wide open to visitors. Tours, history interpretations, exhibitions, participatory programs, arts, and more. FREE.

Various Locations, 908-231-7110, www.schistoryweekend.com

Harvest Moon Hayride & Night Time Corn Maze

Join us for an evening of fun, non-scary, kid-friendly family fun! Don't forget your flashlight. S'mores kits and pick-your-own pumpkins available for purchase. Fri. & Sat., 6 - 10 pm.

Alstede Farms, 1 Alstede Farms Ln., 908-879-7189, www.alstedefarms.com

Special Interest Tours: Early Newcomb Pottery

For an in-depth look at the Early Newcomb Pottery exhibition, make plans to attend a Special Interest Tour. 11:30 am, advance registration required. \$5.

Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms, 2352 Rt. 10 W., 973-540-0311, www.stickleymuseum.org

Belmar Octoberfest

Come and enjoy this exciting and festive event that celebrates the seasonal transition into October and all the fun it brings! Main Street from 8th to 10th Avenue.

Downtown, Main St. bet. 8th & 10th Aves., 732-747-4449, www.sparkmybiz.com

5th Annual Lessons of History Distinguished Lecture Series

Joan Dempsey presents: "Our Nation's Security: How Intelligence History Affects the Future." 4 pm. \$30 lecture only, \$50 lecture and reception.

Cape May Convention Hall, 714 Beach Dr., 609-884-5404, www.capemaymac.org

Victorian Weekend Crafts & Collectibles Show

Crafters and collectibles dealers from throughout the region display and sell their wares on the lawn. 10 am - 4 pm. FREE admission and parking.

Emlen Physick Estate, 1048 Washington St., 609-884-5404, www.capemaymac.org

March of Remembrance

Annual fundraiser which remembers the Holocaust, including an educational walk and a performance of the life of Irene Sendler who smuggled children out of the Warsaw Ghetto.

Raab Goodwin Museum, 1301 Springdale Rd., 856-751-9500, www.jewishsouthjersey.org

Dunellen HarvestFest

Crafters, food, live music, carriage rides, scarecrow decorating contest, and apple pie baking contest. Fun for all ages! FREE.

Washington Park, N. Washington Ave. bet. Dunellen Ave. & First St., 732-968-3033, www.tinyurl.com/dunellenharvest

10/9 FAIR LAWN**Fair Lawn Street Fair & Craft Show**

Over 200 artists, crafters and vendors. 11 am - 5 pm. FREE admission and parking.

[Downtown, 908-654-1400, www.streetfairs.org](http://www.streetfairs.org)

10/9 MANASQUAN**Wine & Food Festival**

Come join us for an afternoon of wine and food sampling all under a tent in the center of beautiful Manasquan. Noon - 4 pm.

[Main St., 732-223-8303, www.manasquanchamber.org](http://www.manasquanchamber.org)

10/9 MILFORD**Jazz at Bobolink Dairy & Bakehouse**

Spend the afternoon on our lawn, listening to great jazz by The Mitchell Cheng Trio, and enjoying great food. BYOB and no dogs please. 1 - 4 pm, reservations requested. FREE, rain or shine.

[Bobolink Dairy & Bakehouse, 369 Stamets Rd., 908-864-7277, www.cowsoutside.com](http://www.cowsoutside.com)

10/9 PRINCETON**Singers Welcome: Choral Reading of Brahms Requiem**

Brahms Requiem: Marjorie Herman conducting, choral singers welcome. No auditions. Vocal scores provided. Refreshments. 4 pm. \$10 admission for singers, annual members.

[Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton, 50 Cherry Hill Rd., 609-466-4479, www.princetonol.com](http://www.princetonol.com)

10/9 RAMSEY**Adorno Fathers Country Fair**

Crafters Corner with 150+ exhibitors, antique appraiser, food, and more. FREE admission and parking, no pets allowed. Rain date: 10/16.

[Adorno Fathers, 575 Darlington Ave., 201-998-1144, www.jcpromotions.info](http://www.jcpromotions.info)

10/9 SHAMONG**Between Two Rivers Hike in the Pine Barrens**

Join Pinelands Adventures Naturalist, John Volpa, for a four-mile hike between the Mullica and Batsto Rivers. Explore the uplands and river edges for native plants and animals, and learn about the Barrens.

[Pinelands Adventures, 1005 Atsion Rd., 609-268-1089, www.pinelandsadventures.org](http://www.pinelandsadventures.org)

10/9 SPARTA**Limecrest Quarry: Eons in the Making, Men in the Mining**

This exhibit will explore the geology, minerals, and companies that have held an interest in the quarry's development over the past 125 years including Thomas Edison. 1 - 4 pm, talk 2 pm.

[VanKirk Homestead Museum, 336 Main St., 973-726-0883](http://www.vankirk.org)

Rocktoberfest 4 Person Scramble

SkyView Golf Club will host a four-person team scramble competition. Breakfast in the grand ballroom overlooking the first hole. Shotgun start at 9 am.

[SkyView Golf Club, 226 Lafayette Rd., 973-726-4653, www.skyviewgolf.com](http://www.skyviewgolf.com)

10/9 SUMMIT**Summit Farmers Market Apple Pie Contest**

Amateur bakers are invited to bring their best homemade apple pie to the farmers market by 10:45 am. The pies will be judged on their crust, filling, and appearance beginning at 11 am.

[Summit Farmers Market, 22 DeForest Ave., Park and Shop Lot No. 2, 908-277-6100, www.summitfarmersmarket.com](http://www.summitfarmersmarket.com)

10/12 SHAMONG**John McPhee's Pine Barrens Today**

Take a driving tour throughout the NJ Pine Barrens to revisit the places made famous by author and journalist, John McPhee in his seminal book, *The Pine Barrens*, led by John Volpa.

[Pinelands Adventures, 1005 Atsion Rd., 609-268-0189, www.pinelandsadventures.org](http://www.pinelandsadventures.org)

10/12 - 10/16 UNION**Liberty Live**

A unique partnership between Premiere Stages and Liberty Hall Museum that celebrates NJ's history with theatrical productions, tours, interactive displays, workshops, and historian talks.

[1882 Carriage House, Liberty Hall Museum, 1003 Morris Ave., 908-737-7469, www.kean.edu/premierestages](http://www.kean.edu/premierestages)

10/13 MORRISTOWN**Joe Nichols**

Joe Nichols has one of the most distinctive singing voices of any male singer in country music. Nichols will perform top hits. 8 pm.

[Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org](http://www.mayoarts.org)

10/13 NEW BRUNSWICK**Midsummer Night's Dream**

Set to an enchanting score by Felix Mendelssohn, the ballet brings to life the wit and splendor of one of William Shakespeare's most popular comedies. 8 pm. \$27 - \$57.

[State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., 732-246-7469, www.americanrepertoryballet.org](http://www.americanrepertoryballet.org)

10/13 - 10/15 HADDON TWP.**Hansel & Gretel**

Join the Ritz Kidz Company as they adventure through the forest and stumble on a beautiful cottage made of candy! Little do Hansel and Gretel know what a big adventure this cottage will take them on.

[Ritz Theatre Company, 915 White Horse Pk., 856-858-5230, www.ritztheatreco.org](http://www.ritztheatreco.org)

10/14 PITMAN**Four Aces with the Duprees**

For one night only, catch two captivating acts in one place! The Duprees and The Four Aces come together to bring you their romantic interpretations of the most beautiful love songs ever written.

[Broadway Theatre of Pitman, 43 S. Broadway, 856-384-8381, www.thebroadwaytheatre.org](http://www.thebroadwaytheatre.org)

10/14 NEWARK**MEGADETH: Dystopia World Tour**

Global metal superstars will make its Prudential Center debut. The band will be joined by Suicidal Tendencies, Metal Church, Amon Amarth, and Havok at the Rock. \$39.50+.

[Prudential Center, 25 Lafayette St., 973-757-6600, www.prucenter.com](http://www.prucenter.com)

10/14 – 10/15 CAPE MAY

Murder Mystery Dinner

Join the Impromptu Players who will set the scene for an original mystery. Enjoy a four-course dinner as you contemplate the clues, interact with the cast and help solve the mystery. 7 pm. \$50.

Aleatha's Restaurant, 7 Ocean St., 609-884-5404, www.capemaymac.org

10/14 – 10/15 WARETOWN

17th Annual Waretown Haunted Hayride

Hayride around the haunted Waretown Lake. Create a skit – enter to possibly win one of seven cash prizes totaling \$1,200. Food and beverage available for purchase. \$10, \$8 ages under 12.

182 Wells Mills Rd., 609-693-5407, www.twpoceannj.gov

10/14 – 10/15 WILDWOOD

Fabulous 50's & Beyond Weekend

Fri: Nifty 50s Dance Party at Wildwoods Convention Center, 7 pm, \$15. Sat: Street Fair at Fox Park, 11 am - 5 pm; Star-Studded Concert at Wildwoods Convention Center, 7 pm. Doors open 6 pm.

Wildwoods Convention Center & Fox Park, 4501 Boardwalk, 609-729-4000, www.gwcc.com

10/14 – 10/23 WEST WINDSOR

In the Heights

Before there was *Hamilton*, there was *In the Heights*. The Pennington Players soars into the Heights with Broadway's Tony Award-winning Best Musical by Lin-Manuel Miranda.

Kelsey Theatre, MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Rd., 609-570-3333, www.kelseytheatre.net

10/14 – 10/30 CAPE MAY

Members Group Show

The works of members of the Cape May Artists' Cooperative Gallery will be featured. The show includes paintings, watercolors, pastels, photography, fiber arts, mosaics, mixed media, wood carvings and more.

Carroll Gallery, Emlen Physick Estate, 1048 Washington St., 609-435-5253, www.capemayartistcoop.com

10/15 CAPE MAY

Chocolate Lover's Feast

It's a bountiful feast for chocolate lovers! Enjoy seven plated courses of chocolate desserts and hear how each was created from the chef. 1 pm. \$40.

Blue Rose Inn, 653 Washington St., 609-884-5404, www.capemaymac.org

Harvest Festival Crafts & Collectibles Show

Crafters and antiques dealers from throughout the region will display and sell their wares. 10 am - 4 pm. \$2.

Cape May Convention Hall, 714 Beach Ave., 609-884-5404, www.capemaymac.org

Lizzie Borden – Tea & Confession

Meet Lizzie Borden and get swept up in the story of one of the most notorious women in modern history over afternoon tea. 2:30 pm. \$30.

Carriage House Cafe & Tearoom, Emlen Physick Estate, 1048 Washington St., 609-884-5404, www.capemaymac.org

10/15 ELIZABETH

Historic Midtown Annual Historical Reenactment

Various troops from all over NJ will come to recreate a Revolutionary War battle, which includes period clothing and weapons. Tour the Church's museum and historical cemetery.

First Presbyterian Church, 42 Broad St., 908-355-9600

10/15 HADDONFIELD

Fall Festival & Craft Show

The daylong Fall Festival will feature crafters including florists, seasonal items, glass, wool, pottery, clothing, and other handcrafted items.

Tanner St. & Kings Hwy., 856-216-7253, www.downtownhaddonfield.com

10/15 HIGHLANDS

2nd Annual Highlands Zombie Parade

Pre-parade, make-up artists will be available at 10 am, while DJ Johnny will be spinning some spooky tunes. Post-parade contest, activities and entertainment in Veterans Park.

Huddy Park, 301 Shore Dr., 732-291-4713, www.highlandsnj.com

10/15 MAYS LANDING

14th Annual Fine Crafts Fall Festival

Scarecrow contest, pumpkin painting, mummy wrapping, train rides, bounce castle, amazing food and craft vendors, music, and more.

War Memorial Park, Main St. & Rt. 50, 609-909-9028, www.mayslandingmerchants.com

10/15 MORRISTOWN

Alan Cumming Sings Sappy Songs

What do 2015's Tony Awards telecast, *Cabaret* and *The Good Wife* have in common? They share the prodigious and eclectic talent of Alan Cumming. 8 pm. \$59 - \$99.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

Ghostly Revelations

Noted author, musician, storyteller and ghost hunter, Gordon Thomas Ward will reveal his recent findings of ghostly happenings at the Ford Mansion. \$20, pre-register.

Ford Mansion, 30 Washington Pl., 973-631-5151, www.morristourism.org

10/15 NEW BRUNSWICK

Fab Faux

The Fab Faux brings together the talents of five of New York's most respected musicians. See them live, performing two incredible sets – The Book of Lennon and The Book of McCartney.

State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., 732-246-7469, www.statetheatrenj.org

10/15 NORTH WILDWOOD

NJBBA's Great Fall Classic Surf Fishing Tournament

Registration begins at 5 am for ASAC sanctioned tournament. Individual tournament (not ASAC sanctioned) starts at 5 am. Entry fee: \$50 six-man team, \$10 individuals.

15th Ave. & the Beach, 609-290-6480, www.njbba.org

10/15 PARAMUS

52nd Annual Bergen County Art in the Park Show & Concert

Show with about 100 visual artists, juried exhibition of diverse artistic expression from northern NJ. Special concert by John Spellman Quartet. 11 am - 3:30 pm. FREE.

Van Saun County Park, Lot 4 Area F, 216 Forest Ave., 201-336-7292, www.co.bergen.nj.us

10/15 PHILIPSBURG**Pohatcong Historic House Tour & Train Ride**

The Pohatcong Historic Society will open a number of homes for tours. Meet hosts dressed in vintage clothing, see period furnishing, guided bus tour, boxed lunch, and wine tasting.

99 Elizabeth St., 908-995-2072, www.villamilagrovinyards.com

10/15 PITMAN**Bronx Wanderers Return**

This father and his two sons certainly know how to bring together a crowd with the perfect mix of oldies and rock n' roll. Experience a blast from the past with hit songs from three memorable decades. 8 pm.

Broadway Theatre of Pitman, 43 S. Broadway, 856-384-8381, www.thebroadwaytheatre.org

10/15 POINT PLEASANT BEACH**South African Penguin Festival**

Join the penguin party to celebrate our partner in conservation, the South African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds with activities, crafts, and penguin keeper chats.

Jenkinson's Aquarium, 300 Ocean Ave., 732-899-1659, www.jenkinsons.com

10/15 ROSELLE**3rd Annual Independent Authors Book Expo**

The Expo is now in its 3rd year and attracts a diverse group of authors from all across the U.S. A family-friendly event. FREE books for children who attend.

Abraham Clark High School, 122 E. 6th Ave, 973-723-4584, www.iabx.org

10/15 SOMERSET**Jazz Cabaret Starring Carrie Jackson, Vocalist**

One of the most popular vocalists in the NY metro area, Ms. Jackson has performed with accolades at Blue Note, Birdland, Iridium, and other jazz venues. 7 pm. \$20 includes dessert.

Villagers Theatre, 475 Demott Ln., 732-873-2710, www.villagerstheatre.com

10/15 SOUTH ORANGE**Princess and the Pea**

The beloved Hans Christian Andersen tale comes to life in a fun and funny musical. The story of acceptance and love will prove that staying true to who you are is the key.

South Orange Performing Arts Center, 1 SOPAC Way, 973-313-2787, www.sopacnow.org

10/15 WANTAGE**Northwest Jersey Horse Show - Open Show & Costume Event**

Fun and popular horse show for amateur and beginner riders, whom are encouraged ride in costume and/or their horse too! 10 am - 5 pm.

Lusscroft Farm, High Point State Park, 50 Neilson Rd. & 4-H Trail Rt. 519, 973-222-9651, www.lusscroftfarm.org

10/15 WEST CAPE MAY**Pumpkin Festival**

Celebrate the harvest with a pumpkin festival at the Cape May Artists' Cooperative Gallery. The member artists will lead pumpkin painting and other crafts, food, beverages, and music.

Cape May Artists' Cooperative Gallery, 122 Sunset Blvd., 609-435-5253, www.capemayartistcoop.com

10/15 WESTFIELD**Westfield Street Fair & Craft Show**

Over 200 artists, crafters and vendors. FREE admission and street parking. 11 am - 5 pm.

Downtown, 908-654-1400, www.streetfairs.org

10/15 - 10/16 BLOOMFIELD**Fall Fine Art & Crafts**

Over 150 exhibitors from NJ and throughout the Northeast will exhibit their wares. 10 am - 5 pm, rain or shine.

Brookdale Park, 473 Watchung Ave., 908-874-5247, www.rosesquared.com

10/15 - 10/16 CHATSWORTH**Chatsworth Cranberry Festival**

Celebrate the fall cranberry harvest! Features live music, cranberry delights, vendors, food, and fun for the whole family. 9 am - 4 pm. FREE. \$5 donation for parking.

Downtown, Rt. 563, 732-255-1844, www.thisisitproductions.com

10/15 - 10/16 FLORHAM PARK**Weekend Craft**

Booo! Enter at your own risk! Make a ghost to hang on every door.

Imagine That!!!, 4 Vreeland Rd., 973-966-8000, www.imaginetatmuseum.com

10/15 - 10/16 LANDISVILLE**Italian Festival**

Celebrating Italian heritage with the sounds of traditional music, plus a spread of local Italian food, and vendors. Ticket includes wine tasting, admission, parking, and souvenir.

Bellview Winery, 150 Atlantic St., 856-697-7172, www.bellviewwinery.com

10/15 - 10/16 NEWARK**Drake: Summer Sixteen Tour**

Grammy Award-winning recording artist, Drake returns as part of his expanded "Summer Sixteen Tour." Drake will be joined by Future and other special guests. \$49.40+.

Prudential Center, 25 Lafayette St., 973-757-6600, www.prucenter.com

10/15 - 10/16 STATEWIDE**Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey**

A two-day opportunity to visit 11 land-based lighthouses, one museum, and two life-saving stations. The Challenge is to visit all sites. Rain or shine.

Various Locations, 732-872-5970, www.lighthousechallengenj.org

10/15 - 10/16 UNION COUNTY**Four Centuries in a Weekend**

Multiple location event to explore and experience the rich history that has been preserved throughout the Union County with tours, demos, displays and re-enactments. Rain or shine.

Various Locations, 908-558-2550, www.ucnj.org/cultural

10/16 CRANFORD**Cranford Street Fair & Craft Show**

Over 200 artists, crafters and vendors. 11 am - 5 pm. FREE admission and street parking.

Downtown, 908-654-1400, www.streetfairs.org

10/16 EASTAMPTON

Fall Foliage Float Festival

Canoe/kayak on the Rancocas Creek or Smithville Lake, and see the fall foliage as you float along. Residents decorate their docks and hope to win your vote as you float by!

Historic Smithville Park, 803 Smithville Rd., 609-265-5858, www.co.burlington.nj.us

10/16 HOBOKEN

Heaven, Hell, or Hoboken: WWI Lecture Series

"Illusions and Realities of World War I," by Thomas Fleming, Jersey City native and author of *The Illusion of Victory: America in World War I*. 4 pm.

Hoboken Historical Museum, 1301 Hudson St., 201-656-2240, www.hobokenmuseum.org

10/16 JERSEY CITY

Festival of Lights - Diwali 2016

Another year of more excitement, more fun, and more Indian culture! Family-fun, live performances, vendors, raffles, food, henna, face painter, and more. FREE, rain or shine.

Exchange Place & Grundy Pier, Montgomery & Greene Sts., 551-221-7000, www.scaofnj.com

10/16 LAMBERTVILLE

34th Autumn House Tour

Self-guided walking tour of six to eight homes and some additional non-residential sites. Advance tickets may be purchased online and from some local merchants.

Various Locations, 60 Bridge St., 609-397-0770, www.lambertvillehistoricalsociety.org

10/16 LINCROFT

Thompson Park Day

This fall festival features pumpkin painting, scarecrow contest, wagon rides, kids' races, entertainment, and the Strut Your Mutt doggie costume contest. 11 am - 5 pm.

Thompson Park, 805 Newman Springs Rd., 732-842-4000, www.monmouthcountyparks.com

10/16 MORRIS TWP.

Wedding of the Century Historic Fashion Show

Enjoy 100 years of historic wedding fashions, and enjoy a tour of the Historic Vail House exhibiting wedding customs of the 19th century. 1 - 5 pm, call to register. \$5 - \$7.

Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 E. Hanover Ave., 973-285-6550, www.morrisparks.net

10/16 PARAMUS

All Seasons Chamber Players Concert

Beethoven, Bruch and All That Jazz. Artist Reception following the concert. FREE.

Central Unitarian Church, 156 Forest Ave., 201-261-6300, www.allseasonschamberplayers.org

10/16 RED BANK

Red Bank Food & Wine Walk

Spend the afternoon strolling through our beautiful riverfront town while sampling food and beverages from Red Bank's fine food establishments. \$35, advance tickets only.

Red Bank Business District, 732-842-4244, www.visit.redbank.com

10/16 WALPACK TWP.

Van Campen Day

Historic house tours highlighting the circa 1750 woodwork and hardware, colonial craft demos, parade with colonial musicians, and hikes to historical sites. Noon - 5 pm. FREE.

Van Campen Inn, Old Mine Rd., 973-948-4903, www.walpackhistory.org

10/16 - 10/27 WESTFIELD

Dine Out Westfield

Enjoy a two-course lunch menu and a two- or three-course dinner menu at fixed prices from Westfield's best restaurants. Tax, gratuity and beverages are not included.

Downtown, E. Broad & Elm Sts., 908-789-9444, www.westfieldtoday.com

10/17 ELIZABETH

Taste of Elizabeth

Every foodie will agree that this annual event is the best way to take your taste buds on an adventure and experience the cultural diversity in Elizabeth, shown through cuisine.

Renaissance Hotel, 1000 Spring St., 908-355-9797, www.goelizabethnj.com

10/17 - 11/18 HACKETTSTOWN

4th Annual Scarecrow Contest

The community looks forward to seeing businesses create scarecrows for display. Visitors are encouraged to take "selfies" with their favorite scarecrow and submit it to the BID website.

Hackettstown Business District, 908-850-5004, www.hackettstownbid.com

10/18 MORRISTOWN

Gavin DeGraw & Andy Grammer

A double bill featuring the two popular singer-songwriters. 7 pm. \$59 - \$125.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

10/19 - 10/23 MORRIS TWP.

Time to Mourn

Tour the Foster family home, The Willows, to explore the unique death and mourning traditions of the Victorian period. Ages 12+. 1 pm & 2 pm.

Fosterfields Living Historical Farm, 73 Kahdena Rd., 973-326-7645, www.morrisparks.net

10/20 MORRISTOWN

Three Dog Night

Legendary music icons Three Dog Night charted more Top 10 hits than any other music act from 1969 - 1974. 8 pm. \$39 - \$79.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

10/20 STANHOPE

Eric Steckel

Road-tested and seasoned from 10 years on stage, Eric is a skilled player with a powerful voice and a winning personality. Doors open at 7 pm. \$15 in advance, \$20 cash at the door.

Stanhope House, 45 Main St., 973-347-7777, www.stanhopehouse.nj.com

10/20 - 10/22 TUCKERTON

Haunted Seaport

Three Scary Nights! Non-scary pumpkin patch activities for the little ones. Fun for the whole family! 6 - 9 pm. \$8, hayrides \$5 with admission.

Tuckerton Seaport, 120 W. Main St., 609-296-8868, www.tuckertonseaport.org

10/20 - 10/23 HOBOKEN

Your Move 2016

NJ's longest running annual modern dance festival, designed to support choreographers from New Jersey, New York and beyond. \$12 advance, \$18 at the door.

DeBaun Performing Arts Center, 24 5th St., 201-915-9911, www.arthouseproductions.org

10/21 ATSION

Jersey Devil Hunt

Experience the Pine Barrens after sunset as we go in search of the elusive Jersey Devil. You'll hear tales of the mythical figure. Must be able to hike a short distance. Ages 8+.

Pinelands Adventures, 1005 Atsion Rd., 609-268-0189, www.pinelandsadventures.org

10/21 BEDMINSTER

Spirits in the Night 2016

A walk-around tasting of NJ artisanal distilled spirits and craft beers in the unique setting of fine art galleries and professional art studios.

Center for Contemporary Art, 2020 Burnt Mills Rd., 908-234-2345, www.ccabedminster.org

10/21 CLINTON

Pumpkin Fest

Bring your painted, illuminated or carved pumpkins to enter the annual Pumpkin contest! Fun for the whole family. 4:30 - 6:30 pm, enter your pumpkin; 7 pm, judging; 8 pm, awards.

Main St., 908-730-8800, www.clintonguild.com

10/21 MORRISTOWN

Price is Right Live

The hit show that gives eligible individuals the chance to "Come On Down" to win prizes. Play classic games from television's longest running and most popular game show. 8 pm.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

10/21 PITMAN

Jay & The Americans

Few bands have ever reached the musical heights of Jay and The Americans. Their songs are featured in the show, along with stories of the artists and writers who influenced this 1960s super-group.

Broadway Theatre of Pitman, 43 S. Broadway, 856-384-8381, www.thebroadwaytheatre.org

10/21 SEA ISLE CITY

Halloween Parade & Family Dance Party

Sea Isle City's Halloween Parade is one of the resort's many long-standing traditions. FREE family dance party immediately follows the parade at the Excursion Park Band Shell.

Landis Ave., 609-263-0050, www.visitsicnj.com

10/21 WAYNE

Pumpkin Illumination & Spooky Stories

Bring a pre-carved pumpkin with a safe tea light and your pumpkin will be set the on stage as Gordon Thomas Ward, singer-songwriter, sings ballads of local history and ghosts. 6:30 pm.

Van Riper-Hopper House Museum, 533 Berdan Ave., 973-694-7192, www.waynetownship.com

10/21 WEST LONG BRANCH

Rosanne Cash

Beloved singer-songwriter, Rosanne Cash will play a concert featuring music from her acclaimed 2014 album, *The River & the Thread*, which garnered three Grammy awards in 2015.

Pollak Theatre, Monmouth University, 400 Cedar Ave., 732-571-3483, www.monmouth.edu

10/21 – 10/23 CAPE MAY

New Jersey Audubon Fall Festival

Three-day event celebrating bird migration and Cape May with special guests. Also celebrating the 40th anniversary of both the Cape May Bird Observatory and the Cape May Hawkwatch.

Cape May Convention Hall, 714 Beach Ave., 609-427-3006, www.birdcapemay.org

10/21 – 10/23 SPARTA

39th Annual Art Exhibition & Sale

The Art Exhibition and Sale features around 50 local artists from the tri-state area. Mediums include painting, drawing, photography, jewelry, ceramics, glass, prints, and more.

Hilltop Country Day School, 32 Lafayette Rd., 973-729-5485, www.hilltopart.org

10/21 – 10/30 LAMBERTVILLE

Roxey Ballet's Community Engagement Performance: Frankenstein

Join Roxey Ballet to explore this frightfully entertaining, futuristic interpretation of the novel.

Canal Studio Theatres, 243 N. Union St., 609-397-7616, www.roxeyballet.org

10/22 BROWNS MILLS

Historic Whitesbog Village Music, Wagons, Smore's & More

Join for live music, cedar bench wagon rides during sunset to the Cranberry Bogs, smore's around the campfire and more! 5 - 8 pm, call for reservations. \$5 wagon rides (ages 3+).

Historic Whitesbog Village, 120 W. Whitesbog Rd., 609-893-4646, www.whitesbog.org

10/22 BRIDGETON

Boo-at-the-Zoo

Wear your prettiest, creepiest, coolest costumes and meet us at the zoo for a fun family-friendly party with treats! 11 am - 2 pm. Rain date: 10/23.

Cohanzick Zoo, 45 Mayor Aitken Dr., 856-453-1658, www.cohanzickzoo.org

10/22 CAPE MAY

Cape May Halloween Parade

Prior to the parade, trick or treating at the Washington Street Mall will be held from Noon - 2 pm, which is sponsored by the Washington Street Mall Business Improvement District.

714 Beach Ave., 609-884-9565, www.discovercapemaynj.com

Poe by Candlelight

This is the final event in our 2016 Tales of the Victorian, actors will read their favorite tales by the master of the macabre, along with refreshments. 8 pm. \$12; FREE ages 12 and under.

First Presbyterian Church, 500 Hughes St., 609-884-5898, www.eastlynnetheater.org

10/22 CLIFTON

Clifton Downtown Street Fair

The street will be transformed into a giant town block part with merchandise vendors, crafters, kiddie rides, food, pony rides, and a DJ with karaoke. 10 am - 5 pm.

1119 Main Ave., 201-998-1144, www.jcpromotions.info

10/22 EDISON

2016 DogFest Walk 'n Roll

A fun filled day for the whole family and their dogs with many activities including, agility courses, costume contests, photos with your dog, food, doggie dancing, and the walk.

Roosevelt Park, 151 Parsonage Rd., 800-224-3647, www.cci.org/dogfestnewjersey

10/22 HAMMONTON**Stand-Up Comedy Night**

Three of the region's most renowned comics perform live on-stage. The Sharrott Wine Lounge is open during pre-show and intermission. 8 pm. \$25.

[Eagle Theatre, 208 Vine St., 609-704-5012, www.theeagletheatre.com](#)

10/22 LAKEWOOD**Boogie Wonder Band**

Voted the #1 Funkiest, most Disco loving band in the world. The music, the lights, the energy, two and a half hours of non-stop music will drive you to the limit. \$25 - \$45.

[Strand Center for the Arts, 400 Clifton Ave., 732-367-7789, www.strand.org](#)

10/22 MILFORD**Grape Gallop**

5K run or walk through picturesque Alba Vineyard afterward sample award-winning wines. Participant benefits - event t-shirt, grape gallop wine glass, tote bag, and wine sampling.

[Alba Vineyard, 269 Riegelsville Warren Glen Rd., 908-995-7800, www.grapegallop.com](#)

10/22 NEW BRUNSWICK**Havana Cuba All-Stars**

Cuba's greatest and most prominent musicians, the Havana Cuba All-Stars band makes its debut tour of the U.S. celebrating the extraordinary musical legacy of Cuba. 8 pm.

[State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., 732-246-7469, www.statetheatrenj.org](#)

10/22 NEWTON**NY Kammermusiker**

This group of musicians from the finest orchestras in the world will perform a program of early music. In lieu of tickets, a goodwill offering will be taken. Parking is free.

[Christ Church Episcopal, 62 Main St., 973-383-2245, www.christchurchnewton.org](#)

10/22 SEA ISLE CITY**Octoberfest**

There will be hay rides on the beach, pie baking contest, moon bounces, pumpkin painting, German music, lots of games, and more. Fun for the whole family! 11 am - 3 pm.

[Excursion Park, 40th St. & Pleasure Ave., 609-263-9090, www.seaislechamber.com](#)

10/22 SHORT HILLS**Lakota Wolf Preserve**

Celebrate National Wolf Week with a trip to the Lakota Wolf Preserve in Columbia, NJ. Leave the Arboretum at 8:30 am. Register today, space is limited. \$20.

[Cora Hartshorn Arboretum, 324 Forest Dr. S., 973-376-3587, www.hartshornarboretum.org](#)

10/22 SMITHVILLE**Costume Pet Parade**

Watch 100+ pets show off their unique Halloween costumes! Pets must pre-registered. 1 pm.

[Historic Smithville, 615 E. Moss Mill Rd., 609-748-8999, www.colonialinnsmithville.com](#)

10/22 SPRING LAKE**HW Mountz Kitchen Tour**

Sample delicious cuisine from local chefs and get inspired by the creative talents of interior designers. Proceeds benefit the H.W. Mountz Parent Teacher Association. 10 am - 3 pm.

[Various Locations, 732-449-0037, www.springlakekitchentour.com](#)

10/22 STANHOPE**Sister Luck Halloween Party**

Sister Luck is an original rock band formed in 1990, made up of Stanhope area local musicians Steve Serao, Todd Smith, Sebastian Alongi, and Steve Esposito. Doors open at 7 pm.

[Stanhope House, 45 Main St., 973-347-7777, www.stanhopehousenj.com](#)

10/22 UNION**Revolutionary Woods: Six Terrifying Tales from the American Revolution**

Liberty Hall Museum opens its grounds at night for a truly scary walk through the woods! Experience the true tales from the American Revolution. 7 pm, reservations required. \$20.

[Liberty Hall Museum, 1003 Morris Ave., 908-527-0400, www.kean.edu/libertyhall](#)

10/22 WAYNE**Eaglemania**

Catch Eaglemania, the world's greatest tribute to the music of The Eagles.

[Shea Auditorium, 300 Pompton Rd., 973-720-2371, www.eaglemaniaband.com](#)

10/22 WILDWOODS**Wildwoods Boardwalk Pumpkin Run**

5K run along with a one-mile family walk, 10 am, rain or shine. Registration at 9 am. Come in costume to vie for the prizes. All participants receive a t-shirt. \$25 adults, \$10 ages 18 & under.

[Wildwoods Convention Center, 4501 Boardwalk, 609-849-8887, www.boardwalkpumpkinrun.com](#)

10/22 - 10/23 ATLANTIC CITY**Atlantic City Marathon**

Sat: Sports & Fitness Expo, 10K & 5K. Sun: AmeriHealth Marathon & Half Marathon.

[The Boardwalk & Michigan Ave., 609-822-1167, www.acraceseries.com](#)

10/22 - 10/23 CHATHAM**Apple Cidering**

Discover the reasons you've been looking at apples upside down your entire life and help to make fresh apple cider by hand. All Ages. 1 pm & 2:30 pm. \$3.

[Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center, 247 Southern Blvd., 973-635-6629, www.morrisparks.net](#)

10/22 - 10/23 FLORHAM PARK**Weekend Craft**

EEK!! It's a spooky spider!! Make a creepy crawler!

[Imagine That!!!, 4 Vreeland Rd., 973-966-8000, www.imaginatmuseum.com](#)

10/22 - 10/23 PITMAN**Autumn Fest & Halloween Weekend**

The Autumn Fest will cover over 50,000 sq. ft. and is billed as the largest indoor event in south Jersey's history. Saturday, 11 am - 9 pm; Sunday, 11 am - 6 pm.

South Jersey Fall Home Show

Here you'll find more than 80 exhibitors well versed in home renovation, remodeling and home improvements. Saturday 11 am - 9 pm; Sunday 11 am - 6 pm.

[Virtura Total Turf Experience, 614 Lambs Rd., 856-401-9111, www.alwayspositivegroup.com](#)

10/22 – 10/23 TENAFLY

Tenafly Street Fair & Craft Show

Over 200 artists, crafters and vendors. 11 am - 5 pm. FREE admission and street parking.

[Downtown, 908-654-1400, www.streetfairs.org](http://www.streetfairs.org)

10/23 BROWNS MILLS

Cranberry Living History & Bog Hike!

Come join experienced leader Ken Mayberg on a 3 - 5 mile hike at 10 am, \$5. Then stay for our Living History Cranberry Experience, 1 - 3 pm. \$5 - \$8.

[Historic Whitesbog Village, 120 W. Whitesbog Rd., 609-893-4646, www.whitesbog.org](http://www.whitesbog.org)

10/23 FANWOOD

Fanwood Train Station Vintage Marketplace

More than 75+ tables of vintage items, antiques and collectibles; live music, food and more. If you are a collector or love things from days gone by then you will enjoy this event.

[Fanwood Train Station Parking Lot, 239 South Ave., 201-998-1144, www.jcpromotions.info](http://www.jcpromotions.info)

10/23 HACKENSACK

All Seasons Chamber Players Concert

Beethoven, Bruch and All That Jazz, Schoenfield Cafe Music, art exhibit and reception. 3 pm. FREE.

[Petrocelli College, 150 Kotte Pl., 201-602-7028, www.allseasonschamberplayers.org](http://www.allseasonschamberplayers.org)

10/23 HIGHTSTOWN

Historic House Tour: A Step Back in Time

House Tour of seven private homes from 1 - 5 pm. \$25 day of; advance tickets after Labor Day.

[Various Locations, 164 N. Main St., 609-448-8388, www.hewhs.com](http://www.hewhs.com)

10/23 JERSEY CITY

New Jersey Paella Festival

Flamenco dancers, musical performers, food, paella cook-off, sangria, and wine. The festival will host the semi-finals of the International Valenciana Paella Contest of Sueca, Spain.

[Exchange Place, Hudson St., 908-576-7945, www.paellafortheworld.org](http://www.paellafortheworld.org)

10/23 MONTVALE

Montvale Street Fair

Non-stop music and entertainment along with family-fun attractions. Over 150 exhibitors, kiddie rides and games, climbing wall, food, and more. 10 am - 5 pm, rain or shine.

[Paragon Dr., 201-998-1144, www.jcpromotions.info](http://www.jcpromotions.info)

10/23 NATIONAL PARK

18th Century Field Day & Jonas Cattell Run

Enjoy battle reenactments, colonial demos, vendors, food, and fun! Learn why NJ is called "The Crossroads of the American Revolution." Fun, food, and activities for everyone!

[Red Bank Battlefield & Whitall House, 100 Hessian Ave., 856-853-5120, www.gloucestercountynj.gov](http://www.gloucestercountynj.gov)

10/23 SPARTA

Limecrest Quarry: Eons in the Making, Men in the Mining

This exhibit will explore the geology, minerals, and companies that have held an interest in the quarry's development over the past 125 years including Thomas Edison. 1 - 4 pm, talk 2 pm.

[VanKirk Homestead Museum, 336 Main St., 973-726-0883](http://www.vankirk.org)

10/23 SUMMIT

Summit Farmers Market Pumpkin Painting

Children of all ages are invited to embrace their creativity and paint a pumpkin from 11 am - 1 pm. Pumpkins will be for sale. Paint and supplies are free! Rain date: 10/30.

[Summit Farmers Market, Park and Shop Lot No. 2, 22 DeForest Ave., 908-277-6100, www.summitfarmersmarket.com](http://www.summitfarmersmarket.com)

10/23 WEST LONG BRANCH

Bolshoi Ballet: The Golden Age - Live in HD

A satire of Europe during the Roaring 20s, *The Golden Age* makes for an original, colorful, and dazzling show with its jazzy score and music-hall atmosphere.

[Pollak Theatre, Monmouth University, 400 Cedar Ave., 732-571-3483, www.monmouth.edu](http://www.monmouth.edu)

10/24 – 10/25 MILFORD

Fall Food Truck & Wine Festival

Enjoy the beautiful fall foliage in our estate vineyard and experience great cuisine from local food trucks, sample our award-winning wines, and enjoy the sounds of The VooDUDES.

[Alba Vineyard, 269 Riegelsville-Warren Glen Rd., 908-995-7800, www.albavineyard.com](http://www.albavineyard.com)

10/25 WEST LONG BRANCH

Art Now: Tim Miller: Performance! Body! Self!

Miller shares fierce and funny performance excerpts and speaks about how performance can be used to embolden communities and connect people with one another.

[Pollak Theatre, Monmouth University, 400 Cedar Ave., 732-571-3483, www.monmouth.edu](http://www.monmouth.edu)

10/26 MORRISTOWN

Mavericks

Genre-defying melting pot of pop music from progressive country to traditional rock 'n' roll.

[Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org](http://www.mayoarts.org)

10/26 NEW BRUNSWICK

Monkees: Good Times: The 50th Anniversary Tour

This album is the first studio album since 1996, featuring unused songs written for the band in the 60s, as well as songs by contemporary songwriters. \$45 - \$85.

[State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., 732-246-7469, www.statetheatrenj.org](http://www.statetheatrenj.org)

10/27 NEW BRUNSWICK

Penn & Teller

For 40 years, Penn & Teller have redefined magic and invented their own niche in comedy.

[State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., 732-246-7469, www.statetheatrenj.org](http://www.statetheatrenj.org)

10/27 – 10/30 HACKETTSTOWN

CSC Fringe: Kick

Follow former Rockette Bernie from a kick line to a chorus line to Hollywood and back in a powerful one woman show that weaves a tale with wisdom and humor.

[Kutz Theatre, 715 Grand Ave., 908-979-0900, www.centenarystageco.org](http://www.centenarystageco.org)

10/28 LAKEWOOD

Dracula: The Atlantic City Ballet

Based on Bram Stoker's 1897 classic gothic horror story, Atlantic City Ballet's choreographer Phyllis Papa's Dracula mixes romance and passion with horror and pain. \$15 - \$35.

[Strand Center for the Arts, 400 Clifton Ave., 732-367-7789, www.strand.org](http://www.strand.org)

10/28 MORRISTOWN

Michael Feinstein: The Great American Songbook

Michael Feinstein, the multi-platinum-selling entertainer dubbed “The Ambassador of the Great American Songbook,” is considered one of the premier interpreters of American standards.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

10/28 STANHOPE

Pietasters, Mephiskapheles, Subcommittee

The Pietasters, formed in Washington DC, deliver a world-class performance of their style of Ska, Rock and Soul - sing along songs and dance-through-your-socks rhythms. 6 pm.

Stanhope House, 45 Main St., 973-347-7777, www.stanhopehousenj.com

10/28 – 10/29 BURLINGTON

City of Burlington Walk with the Ghosts Tours

The tour will introduce you to the ghosts from Burlington, our Nation’s past and tell you their own stories. Tours depart every half hour starting from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. \$5 - \$10.

The Promenade & Wood St., 609-386-0200, www.burlingtonnj.us

10/28 – 10/30 MANAHAWKIN

Children of Eden

Stephen Schwartz’s musical brings to life the familiar stories of the Bible from Creation to Noah and the flood with exquisite music, and is great for all ages! \$10 - \$18.

Stafford Township Arts Center, 1000 McKinley Ave., 609-597-0553, www.ourgang.org

10/29 CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE

Wacky Witchy Wine Event

Live music by Arianne Rox. Spooky Sangrias, Wine by the glass or bottle. Local food and artisan vendors will be on hand and an “apple bobbing” and Halloween costume contest” Noon - 5 pm. Free Admission.

Natali Vineyards, 221 N. Delsea Dr., 609-465-0075, www.natalivineyards.com

10/29 CHATHAM

Trail Tales!!!

Hear silly, slightly spooky, and nature-themed tales told by costumed storytellers along the decorated nighttime trails of the Great Swamp. Ages 6+. 5:30 - 7:45 pm, advance sign-ups. \$6.

Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center, 247 Southern Blvd., 973-635-6629, www.morrisparks.net

10/29 FRENCHTOWN

Annual Halloween Costume Party

An annual tradition, where guests receive prizes for best costume. Live music featuring Rainbow Fresh. Ages 21+.

Rathskeller Pub at National Hotel, 31 Race St., 908-996-3200, www.thenationalhotelnj.com

10/29 MAYS LANDING

Punkin’ Chunkin’ Halloween Hunter Pace

Ride your horse along five miles of beautiful southern Jersey trails through historic Estell Manor County Park. Costumes encouraged! Arrive with your horse between 9 am - Noon.

Estell Manor Park, Artesian Well Rd., 609-645-5960, www.shorridersponyclub.org

10/29 MORRISTOWN

Who’s Bad: The Ultimate Michael Jackson Experience

This power-packed tribute to Michael Jackson has ignited crowds on every continent! This jaw-dropping musical must-see is an unrivaled celebration of pop music’s one true King.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

10/29 NATIONAL PARK

Children’s Haunted House

Come see the spooky Whitall House, dress in your costume, and hear spooky tales!

Red Bank Battlefield & Whitall House, 100 Hessian Ave., 856-853-5120, www.gloucestercountynj.gov

10/29 NEWTON

ShaNaNa

Rock & Roll doo-wop legends, Sha Na Na combined their love for the classics of rock & roll with a dynamic theatrical approach as fellow college students at Columbia University in 1969.

Newton Theatre, 234 Spring St., 973-383-3700, www.thenewtontheatre.com

10/29 SMITHVILLE

Zombie Walk

Show up already in full costume and make up or we will have makeup artists on site. Sponsored by Underground, one of the 60+ stores at Historic Smithville. Rain date: 10/30.

Historic Smithville, 615 E. Moss Mill Rd., 609-652-5200, www.colonialinnsmithville.com

10/29 STANHOPE

Metro Gathering Geocaching Mega Event

Halloween theme geocaching meet and greet at Waterloo Village historic site. Come for games, jack-o-lantern scavenger hunt, and geocaching games. FREE (open to the public), \$5 parking.

Waterloo Village, 1 Waterloo Village Rd., 973-377-8446, www.nnjc.org

10/29 UNION

Revolutionary Woods: Six Terrifying Tales from the American Revolution

Liberty Hall Museum opens its grounds at night for a truly scary walk through the woods! Experience the true tales from the American Revolution. 7 pm, reservations required. \$20.

Liberty Hall Museum, 1003 Morris Ave., 908-527-0400, www.kean.edu/libertyhall

10/29 – 10/30 FLORHAM PARK

Weekend Craft

Halloween is here, come make a black cat to take home!

Imagine That!!!, 4 Vreeland Rd., 973-966-8000, www.imaginetatmuseum.com

10/29 – 10/30 TRENTON

Trenton Punk Rock Flea Market: Halloween Extravaganza!

Over 200 unique DIY vendors and a dozen food trucks each day! The Trenton Punk Rock Flea Market is a punk rock-inspired flea market that takes place three times per year.

675 S. Clinton Ave., 609-405-3532, www.trentonpunkrockfleamarket.com

10/29 – 10/30 VOORHEES

Children’s Halloween Fest 2016

This two-day event is Halloween fun exclusively for children under 12 years old and held indoors. Saturday, 10 am - 9 pm; Sunday, 11 am - 6 pm.

Fall Home & Leisure Show

More than 80 exhibitors will offer the highest quality assistance possible for home improvement, remodeling, and home deco. Saturday, 10 am; Sunday, 11 am.

Voorhees Town Center, 2120 Voorhees Town Center, 856-401-9111, www.alwayspositivegroup.com

10/30 ATLANTIC CITY

Atlantic City Ballet’s Dracula

Based on Bram Stoker’s 1897 classic gothic horror story, The Atlantic City Ballet’s choreographer Phyllis Papa’s *Dracula* mixes romance and passion with horror and pain.

Caesar’s Casino, 2100 Pacific Ave., 609-348-7201, www.acballet.org

10/30 BORDENTOWN

Bordentown City Historic Ghost Walk

Hear the true ghostly tales of Bordentown City on this one-hour guided walking tour of the colonial town’s historic district. Appropriate for all ages. Rain or shine. \$6 - \$10.

Farnsworth Ave., 609-324-9909, www.downtownbordentown.com

10/30 CLIFTON

Jubilee Flea Market & Collectible Show

There will be 100+ exhibitors and food vendors at this outdoor event. It is 50% vintage and collectibles with new items and arts and crafts. FREE.

Jubilee Park, 945 Allwood Rd. & Clifton Ave., 201-998-1144, www.jcpromotions.info

10/30 HACKENSACK

34th Annual East Coast Toy Soldier Show & Sale

Featuring 300 vendor tables with millions of antique and collectible toys, from ancient toy soldiers to Star Wars and everything in between, also a meet and greet.

Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rothman Center, 100 University Plaza Dr., 973-831-8900, www.eastcoasttoysoldiershow.com

10/30 HOBOKEN

Hoboken House Tour

The tour will feature up to 10 homes and condos graciously opened by Museum supporters to help raise funds. Self-guided tour is 2 - 3 hrs. 10 am - 4 pm. \$30 in advance, \$40 day of.

Hoboken Historical Museum, 1301 Hudson St., 201-656-2240, www.hobokenmuseum.org

10/30 MAYS LANDING

60th Annual Halloween Parade

Costume and float parade, marching bands, football teams, cheerleaders, and cub scouts. Judging area at War Memorial Park. 6:30 - 9 pm.

Historic Mays Landing, Main St., 609-839-4317, www.townshipofhamilton.com

10/30 MILFORD

Halloween Parade

Ghosts and goblins begin their haunt at the Water Works Field at 1 pm and continue down Bridge St. for costume judging. Prizes awarded by age, group, float, and canine categories.

Water Works Field, York Rd., 908-995-4854, www.visitmilfordnj.com

10/30 NEW MILFORD

All Seasons Chamber Players Concert

Beethoven, Bruch and All That Jazz featuring classical to jazz works for flute, violin, cello, and piano. 2 pm. FREE admission and reception.

New Milford Public Library, 200 Dahlia Ave., 201-262-1221, www.allseasonschamberplayers.org

10/30 PLAINFIELD

Local Plainfield Area Cemetery Stories

Historical Society trustees, Nancy Piowar and Leanne Manna, will tell fascinating stories on local cemeteries, and the importance of preserving cultural memory. 2 pm.

Drake House Museum, 602 W. Front St., 908-755-5831, www.drakehouseplainfieldnj.org

10/30 SHORT HILLS

Guided Hike

The Arboretum’s teen volunteers will tell you about their ongoing Citizen Science projects. Learn about the Science of Foliage. Hikes at 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm. Suggested Donation: \$5.

Cora Hartshorn Arboretum, 324 Forest Dr. S., 973-376-3587, www.hartshornarboretum.org

10/30 SMITHVILLE

Witches Day

Wear your witch’s hat to enter our hat contest and receive deals from the shoppes. Prize announced at 6 pm. Enjoy complimentary food in the Smithville tavern from 4 - 5 pm.

Historic Smithville, 615 E. Moss Mill Rd., 609-748-8999, www.colonialinnsmithville.com

10/30 WEST LONG BRANCH

Met Opera Encore: Tristan und Isolde

The season begins with a new production of Wagner’s *Tristan und Isolde*, conducted by Sir Simon Rattle in his first Live in HD performance. Nina Stemme stars as Isolde.

Pollak Theatre, Monmouth University, 400 Cedar Ave., 732-571-3483, www.monmouth.edu

10/31 NORTH WILDWOOD

Halloween Trunk or Treat Block Party

Families are encouraged to bring their automobiles decorated for Halloween, prizes awarded for best decorated. Children will visit each car for treats. Check-in: 5 pm; Festivities: 5:30 - 7 pm.

Olde New Jersey Ave., 609-522-2955, www.northwildwood.com

10/31 SOMERVILLE

Somerville Spooktacular

Our family-friendly event offer fiendish fun and spooky scares for everyone with master pumpkin carving demos, photo booth, scavenger hunt, DJ dance party, and lots of treats!

Division Street Plaza, 908-541-1600, www.downtownsomerville.com

10/31 SUMMIT

Trick-or-Treat Downtown

Come trick-or-treat at Summit Downtown businesses from 2:30 - 5 pm. Participating businesses will display a trick-or-treat poster in their window.

Downtown Summit, 1 Union Pl., 908-277-6100, www.summitdowntown.org

November

11/1 MOUNTAINSIDE

Great Pumpkin Sail

Float your illuminated jack-o-lantern on the lake. Enjoy hot chocolate, marshmallows and live entertainment. One jack-o-lantern per family.

Echo Lake Park, Lower Lake, Springfield Ave., 908-527-4900, www.ucnj.org/park

11/1 SMITHVILLE

Rockabilly Uprising

Enjoy a day of 50s style entertainment with a modern twist, including live music, classic pin-up contest (\$100 cash prize), vintage cars (registration \$10), and vendors. Trophies awarded.

Historic Smithville, 615 E. Moss Mill Rd., 609-652-5200, www.colonialinnsmithville.com

11/1 WEST LONG BRANCH

Visiting Writers: Gerald Stern

Gerald Stern is the author of 16 books of poetry, including most recently "Divine Nothingness," "In Beauty Bright," and "This Time: New and Selected Poems."

Wilson Hall, Monmouth University, 400 Cedar Ave., 732-571-3483, www.monmouth.edu

11/1 - 11/30 WEST CAPE MAY

Featured Artist: Photographer Joe Evangelista

Award-winning photographer Joe Evangelista is the featured artist for November. Meet the Artists Reception: 11/12, 2 - 6 pm.

Cape May Artists' Cooperative Gallery, 122 Sunset Blvd., 609-435-5253, www.capemayartistcoop.com

11/3 MORRISTOWN

Upright Citizens Brigade Touring Co.

UCB's touring company creates a hip and hilarious show based on audience suggestions that has never been seen before and will never be seen again. Mature themes, language. 8 pm.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

11/3 - 11/6 CAPE MAY

Cape May Restaurant Weekend

Enjoy three-course dinners for \$35 each in this four-day weekend event.

Various Locations, 609-898-4500, www.cmrestaurantweek.com

11/4 BOONTON

First Friday Late Night: Thanks to our Servicemen & Women

Participating retailers will offer discounts and promotions to emergency responders, active military, and Veterans when they show their I.D. 5 - 9 pm.

Main St., 973-257-9107, www.boontonmainstreet.org

11/4 PATERSON

Lambert Castle Holiday Boutique - Wine & Cheese Preview Night

Enjoy wine and snacks as you preview the goodies at this year's Holiday Boutique. 5 - 10 pm, reserve to guarantee admission. \$15 includes two return visits.

Lambert Castle, 3 Valley Rd, 973-247-0085, www.lambertcastle.org

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11/4 - 11/6 JERSEY CITY

Jersey City International Television & Film Festival

During the festival, residents, visitors, film and television communities, public officials, students and academics come together to celebrate the art and influence of cinema.

Various Locations, 350 Montgomery St., 732-236-5963, www.jciff.org

11/4 - 11/6 NEW BRUNSWICK

Dirty Dancing

This hit tells the story of Baby and Johnny, two fiercely independent young spirits from different worlds who come together for the most challenging summer of their lives.

State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., 732-246-7469, www.statetheatrenj.org

11/5 HACKETTSTOWN

New Jersey Ballet: Don Quixote

Don Quixote is rich in Spanish color; flavor, and laugh-out-loud humor of Cervantes' masterpiece about an old knight, his squire, and their foray into the age of chivalry. 8 pm.

Sitnik Theatre, 715 Grand Ave., 908-979-0900, www.centenarystageco.org

11/5 HARMONY TWP.

Historic Farmstead Open House

Live demos, open hearth cooking in summer kitchen, and war re-enactors. 10 am - 4 pm. FREE.

Van Nest-Hoff-Vannatta Farmstead, 3026 Belvidere Rd., 908-213-1600, www.hoffvannattafarm.org

11/5 MORRISTOWN

Robert Klein & Rita Rudner

Aco-headlined night of comedy drawn from their storied careers. Mature themes, language.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

11/5 PEAPACK

Full Circle 2016: Conversations

Event features a gallery exhibit with paintings, sculptures and munny dolls, and stage performances with dance, poetry and drama. Gourmet food from local restaurants. 3 - 6 pm.

Robert Schonhorn Arts Center, 65 Highland Ave., 908-234-0011, www.artsaccessprogram.org

11/5 SOUTH ORANGE

Humpty Dumpty and the Big Book of Nursery Rhymes

Rose is lost in Rhyme Town. Fortunately, Humpty Dumpty knows how to get her home, but to do this, he needs the help of all your favorite nursery rhyme characters and the audience.

South Orange Performing Arts Center, 1 SOPAC Way, 973-313-2787, www.sopacnow.org

11/5 - 11/6 FLORHAM PARK

Weekend Craft

Happy Veteran's Day! Let's honor our soldiers, both young and old, with a "thank you" card!

Imagine That!!!, 4 Vreeland Rd., 973-966-8000, www.imaginetatmuseum.com

11/5 - 11/6 MOUNTAINSIDE

Rock, Gem & Mineral Show

Sponsored jointly with the New Jersey Mineralogical Society, this show will host vendors selling minerals, rocks, gems, jewelry, sea shells, and fossils from around the world.

Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Rd., 908-527-4900, www.ucnj.org

11/5 - 11/27 PATERSON

29th Annual Lambert Castle Holiday Boutique

Wednesday - Friday, 10 am - 8 pm; Saturday & Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm (closed Monday, Tuesday and Thanksgiving Day). No strollers or carriages. \$6 includes two return visits.

Lambert Castle, 3 Valley Rd., 973-247-0085, www.lambertcastle.org

11/6 HACKETTSTOWN

New Jersey Ballet: Pinocchio

The classic adventure gets a thrilling new twist from the New Jersey Ballet Company. 2 pm.

Sitnik Theatre, 715 Grand Ave., 908-979-0900, www.centenarystageco.org

11/6 HOBOKEN

Heaven, Hell, or Hoboken: WWI Lecture Series

"Harlem's Rattlers and the Great War: From Hoboken to the Rhine and Back," by Jeffrey Sammons, Ph.D, Professor of History at NYU and co-author of *Harlem's Rattlers and the Great War: The Undaunted 369th Regiment and the African American Quest for Equality*. 4 pm.

Hoboken Historical Museum, 1301 Hudson St., 201-656-2240, www.hobokenmuseum.org

Hoboken Artists' Studio Tour

Free self-guided walking tour of artists' studios, galleries and group exhibition spaces. Over 100 participating artists. Free tour maps available on day of tour at Hoboken City Hall.

Hoboken City Hall, 94 Washington St., 201-420-2207, www.hobokennj.org

11/6 NEW PROVIDENCE

New Providence Fall Festival

Non-stop music and entertainment along with family-fun attractions. Over 150 exhibitors, kiddie rides and activities, amusements, food vendors, and more. 10 am - 5pm, rain or shine.

Springfield Ave., 201-998-1144, www.jcpromotions.info

11/6 NEWTON

Imagination Movers

Four friends from New Orleans, attracts large audiences with their eclectic pop sensibility and lyrical turns about healthy snacks, playing catch and conquering childhood fears.

Newton Theatre, 234 Spring St., 973-383-3700, www.thenewtontheatre.com

11/6 SEWELL

Quintessential Quintets

The string quintets returns with Mozart and Mendelssohn. Expect a beautiful and exciting performance from these luminaries of the chamber music world. 3 pm. \$20.

Music at Bunker Hill, 330 Greentree Rd., 856-494-6077, www.musicatbunkerhill.org

11/6 WILDWOODS

Cheer Tech Island Championships

Cheerleading competitions include recreation, school, college, open and all-star divisions. Winning teams will be awarded prizes. 10 am.

Wildwoods Convention Center, 4501 Boardwalk, 609-729-9000, www.spiritbrands.org

11/9 SOUTH ORANGE

Josh Ritter

An American singer-songwriter with a strong voice, a keen wit, and an evocative way with words, Josh Ritter has built a loyal following in the contemporary folk scene.

South Orange Performing Arts Center, 1 SOPAC Way, 973-313-2787, www.sopacnow.org

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11/10 MORRISTOWN

Pet Shop Boys: The SUPER Tour

With such classic 80s dance hits have made this English electronic pop duo, Pet Shop Boys, the most successful duo in British music history. 8 pm. \$99 - \$200.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

11/10 NEWARK

Pentatonix

Grammy Award-winning and platinum selling recording artists, Pentatonix will bring their world tour to The Rock supporting their recent self-titled album. \$35+.

Prudential Center, 25 Lafayette St., 973-757-6600, www.prucenter.com

11/10 SOUTH ORANGE

Average White Band

The Average White Band is widely regarded as one of the best soul and funk bands.

South Orange Performing Arts Center, 1 SOPAC Way, 973-313-2787, www.sopacnow.org

11/10 - 11/13 SEA ISLE CITY

4th Annual Jersey Shore Striper Tournament

This event is scheduled to start Friday at 5 am and run until Sunday at 2 pm.

Sea Isle City, 609-263-3611, www.seaislechamber.jsecomputers.com

11/11 NEWARK

2016 Kellogg's Tour of Gymnastics Champions

The spirit of the Olympics comes to Newark when members of the 2012 and 2016 U.S. Olympic teams celebrate their sport. \$35+.

Prudential Center, 25 Lafayette St., 973-757-6600, www.prucenter.com

11/11 SHAMONG

John McPhee's Pine Barrens Today

Take a driving tour throughout the NJ Pine Barrens to revisit the places made famous by author and journalist, John McPhee in his seminal book, *The Pine Barrens*, led by John Volpa.

Pinelands Adventures, 1005 Atsion Rd., 609-268-0189, www.pinelandsadventures.org

11/11 SOUTH ORANGE

Carl Palmer's ELP Legacy: Remembering Keith & the Music of Emerson Lake and Palmer

Carl Palmer is among the most renowned drummers in rock history. Enthusiasts can expect an evening of compelling percussive skills from the man who brought the drums to the forefront.

South Orange Performing Arts Center, 1 SOPAC Way, 973-313-2787, www.sopacnow.org

11/11 - 11/13 CAPE MAY

Exit Zero Jazz Festival

Cape May transforms into a music mecca with more than 40 shows taking place on Fest weekend on the main stages and club venues in Cape May.

Various Locations, 609-849-9202, www.exit0jazzfest.com

11/11 - 11/13 WEST WINDSOR

Roebing: The Story of the Brooklyn Bridge

The tale of the men who built it and the woman who finished it. Theater To Go presents this fascinating drama by NJ playwright Mark Violi, based on a true story.

Kelsey Theatre, MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Rd., 609-570-3333, www.kelseytheatre.net

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11/12 BUTLER

Guided Tour – Winter Wheat

Join us at the Ramstein Brewhaus for the release of our seasonal Winter Wheat Beer! Open from 2 - 5 pm, guided tour of the brewhaus at 3 pm.

Ramstein Brewhaus, 22 Park Pl. , 973-838-7400, www.ramsteinbeer.com

11/12 CHESTER

Holiday Extravaganza

Come out for baked treats, holiday gifts, attic treasures, silent auction, and more. A Sweet and Savory Tea will be available for lunch. 10 am - 3 pm. Fee admission.

Community Presbyterian Church, 220 Main St., 908-879-5091, www.cpcchester.org

11/12 HACKETTSTOWN

43rd Annual Scandinavian Jul Bazaar

“God Jul!” is the Swedish way to say “Merry Christmas!” Join us for a unique holiday shopping experience. Parking available. 10 am - 3 pm.

Vasa Park, Viking Hall, Vasa Dr., 973-691-8383, www.vasaparknj.com

11/12 LAKEWOOD

Get the Led Out

From the bombastic and epic, to the folky and mystical, GTLO have captured the essence of the recorded music of Led Zeppelin and brought it to the concert stage. \$30 - \$50.

Strand Center for the Arts, 400 Clifton Ave., 732-367-7789, www.strand.org

11/12 NEWTON

Shenandoah

When country music lovers talk about the greatest groups in the genre, Shenandoah is one.

Newton Theatre, 234 Spring St., 973-383-3700, www.thenewtontheatre.com

11/12 SHAMONG

Between Two Rivers Hike in the Pine Barrens

Join Pinelands Adventures Naturalist, John Volpa, for a four-mile hike between the Mullica and Batsto Rivers. Explore for native plants and animals while learning about the Pines.

Pinelands Adventures, 1005 Atsion Rd., 609-268-1089, www.pinelandsadventures.org

11/12 TRENTON

SMASH Series: Spectacularly Merging Art, Science & History

The November event will delve into NJ’s past with stories that make our state unique! 10 am - 3 pm; most activities are free with admission.

New Jersey State Museum, 205 W. State St., 609-292-6464, www.statemuseum.nj.gov

11/12 VENTNOR

Walk Run Survive 5K

The Every Breath Counts Foundation’s event begins 10 am. Registration at 8 am at Newport & Atlantic Aves. Help raise awareness and funding for lung cancer research.

The Boardwalk & Newport Ave., 609-646-0414, www.everybreathcounts.net

11/12 - 11/13 CALDWELL

Holiday Open Studio

Lisa Palombo is a nationally recognized, award winning impressionist artist who opens her studio to the public twice a year. Noon - 5 pm.

Lisa Palombo Studios, 55 Mountain Ave., 973-364-0280, www.lisapalombo.com

11/12 - 11/13 CHATHAM

Apple Cidering

Discover the reasons you’ve been looking at apples upside down and help to make fresh apple cider by hand with an old-fashioned cider press. 1 pm & 2:30 pm. \$3.

Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center, 247 Southern Blvd., 973-635-6629, www.morrisparks.net

11/12 - 11/13 FLORHAM PARK

Weekend Craft

Let’s get ready to set the Thanksgiving table! Make a napkin ring to decorate the table!

Imagine That!!!, 4 Vreeland Rd., 973-966-8000, www.imaginatmuseum.com

11/12 - 11/13 PHILLIPSBURG

More than Just Wine

Come out to sample wine, appetizers from local restaurants, and photo gallery display, “A Year in the Life of a Vineyard” by local artist Ed Norman. \$5 includes wine tasting and glass.

Villa Milagro Vineyards, 33 Rt. 627, 908-995-2072, www.villamilagrovineyards.com

11/13 CHERRY HILL

Bank of America Festival of Arts, Books & Culture

Event commemorates the anniversary of Kristallnacht, or the Night of Broken Glass, which was a program carried out by the Nazi’s that destroyed Jewish businesses and synagogues.

Katz Jewish Community Center (JCC), 1301 Springdale Rd., 856-751-9500, www.jewishsouthjersey.org

11/13 HADDONFIELD

Tri-State Jazz Society presents the Midiri Brothers Sextet

Joe and Paul Midiri have appeared nationally at jazz festivals and concerts. Expect a lively and special afternoon of jazz with a touch of swing. \$10 - \$20.

Haddonfield United Methodist Church Auditorium, 29 Warwick Rd., 856-720-0232, www.tristatejazz.org

11/13 KINNELON

Arts & Crafts Holiday Fair

Featuring over 100 artisans displaying and selling their original handmade works, free children’s craft area, demonstrations, light music and good food. 10 am - 5 pm. \$1 - \$2.

Kinnelon High School, 121 Kinnelon Rd., 201-998-6311, www.jcpromotions.info

11/13 MORRIS TWP.

Thanksgiving Harvest Home & Armistice Observance

Enjoy interactive farm chores, wagon ride, and a family-friendly craft. Visit the 1915 Farmhouse to see what holiday fare is being prepared. Noon - 4 pm. \$4 - \$8.

Fosterfields Living Historical Farm, 73 Kahdena Rd., 973-326-7645, www.morrisparks.net

11/13 NEW BRUNSWICK

Michael Cavanaugh with the NJSO: Greatest Hits of Elton John & More

From classic Elton John to classic rock favorites, Broadway star Michael Cavanaugh entertains with a high-energy show that will have you singing along!

State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., 732-246-7469, www.state theatrenj.org

11/13 SPARTA

Limecrest Quarry: Eons in the Making, Men in the Mining

This exhibit will explore the geology, minerals, and companies that have held an interest in the quarry's development over the past 125 years including Thomas Edison. 1 - 4 pm, talk 2 pm.

VanKirk Homestead Museum, 336 Main St., 973-726-0883

11/13 WILDWOODS

Cheer Tech American Rec & School Championships

Performances will be choreographed to music and sound effects, and winning teams will be awarded prizes. 9 am - 3 pm. Admission fee.

Wildwoods Convention Center, 4501 Boardwalk, 609-729-9000, www.spiritbrands.org

11/15 MORRISTOWN

Big Head Blues Club featuring Big Head Todd & the Monsters

If you're a fan of Muddy Waters, or even Led Zeppelin, Jimi Hendrix and The Rolling Stones, then you've heard the songs of Willie Dixon.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

11/15 WEST LONG BRANCH

World Cinema Series: The Official Story

A global look at five filmmakers who defy repressive regimes and their "official line" to promote human freedom, historical truth, and social justice.

Pollak Theatre, Monmouth University, 400 Cedar Ave., 732-571-3483, www.monmouth.edu

11/17 MANCHESTER

Operation Barbarossa

Are you a World War II enthusiast? Retired professor Paul Zigo from Brookdale Community College will do a presentation on Operation Barbarossa. 7 pm. Free, registration requested.

Manchester Library, 21 Colonial Dr., 732-657-7600, www.theoceancountylibrary.org

11/17 MORRISTOWN

Dr. Mehmet Oz, MD

Daytime Emmy Award winner, Dr. Oz talks about health, wellness, and better living.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

11/17 SOUTH ORANGE

Get the Led Out - The American Led Zeppelin

From the bombastic and epic, to the folky and mystical, GTLO has captured the essence of the recorded music of Led Zeppelin and brought it to the concert stage.

South Orange Performing Arts Center, 1 SOPAC Way, 973-313-2787, www.sopacnow.org

11/17 - 11/19 HADDON TWP.

Goldilocks

Little Goldilocks is a very curious girl and when she finds a cabin in the woods, she decides to settle in for a while. Join the Ritz Kidz Company for this fun filled comedy adventure!

Ritz Theatre Company, 915 White Horse Pk., 856-858-5230, www.ritztheatreco.org

11/17 - 11/20 HACKETTSTOWN

CSC Fringe: The Other Mozart

Mozart, the sister of Amadeus - prodigy, keyboard virtuoso, and composer - who performed throughout Europe with her brother, to equal acclaim, but her work and her story faded.

Kutz Theatre, 715 Grand Ave., 908-979-0900, www.centenarystageco.org

11/18 NEWTON

Summer of Love

Led by Glen Burtnik (Styx, Beatlemania), it's an experience that has audiences reliving the memories and the songs of the Woodstock generation, the music that changed the world.

Newton Theatre, 234 Spring St., 973-383-3700, www.thenewtontheatre.com

11/18 - 11/19 NEW BRUNSWICK

Shanghai Acrobats of the People's Republic of China

Through jaw-dropping feats of acrobatics, impeccably timed stunts, and beautiful costumes, by the Shanghai Acrobats. Friday, 8 pm; Saturday, 2 pm & 8 pm.

State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., 732-246-7469, www.statetheatrenj.org

11/18 - 11/27 WEST WINDSOR

Babes in Toyland

M & M Stage Productions brings this holiday musical by Victor Herbert to life. Beloved fairy tale characters call Toyland home, but so does the wicked Barnaby - the original Grinch!

Kelsey Theatre, MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Rd., 609-570-3333, www.kelseytheatre.net

11/19 BRANCHBURG

29th Annual BWC Craft Show & Sale

The event features handmade crafts, door prizes, bake sale, and refreshments. Annual fundraiser benefits charities and student awards. 10 am - 3 pm. FREE admission and parking.

Branchburg Central Middle School, 220 Baird Rd., 908-866-1824, www.omnie.com/bwc

11/19 OCEAN GROVE

21st Annual Indoor Craft Fair

60 tables of quality hand crafted items and craft drawings. Lunch and baked goods available. A great place to begin your holiday shopping! 9 am - 4 pm. FREE.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 80 Embury Ave., 732-681-1336

11/19 PLAINFIELD

Plainfield Symphony Concert - Sondheim Tonight!

Featuring the music of award-winning Broadway legend, composer/lyricist, Stephen Sondheim with a quartet of well-known musical theater stars.

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, 716 Watchung Ave., 908-561-5140, www.plainfieldsymphony.org

11/19 TUCKAHOE

3rd Annual Handmade in America Professional Craft Show

High quality crafters and artists by invitation only; also local non-profit groups are represented. 50/50 raffle, Chinese auction, music, food, and fun. Free admission, donations accepted.

Upper Twp. Community Center, 1790 Rt. 50, 609-457-8879, www.tuckahoenj.com

11/19 WEST LONG BRANCH

Jarrold Spector & Kelli Barrett This is Dedicated: Music's Greatest Marriages

Filled with humor, heart, and powerhouse vocals, Barrett & Spector celebrate marriage as the driving force behind timeless music, and tackle the questions behind keeping it all together. 8 pm.

Pollak Theatre, Monmouth University, 400 Cedar Ave., 732-263-5715, www.monmouth.edu

11/19 - 11/20 DUNELLEN

Annual Indoor Flea Market & Vendor Event

Our family-friendly event offers something for everyone! Three floors of merchandise vendors! Proceeds benefit Post 119's Veterans programs. 9 am - 5 pm.

Dunellen American Legion Post 119, 137 New Market Rd., 732-968-9899

11/19 - 11/20 FLORHAM PARK

Weekend Craft

Gobble Gobble! Thanksgiving is almost here! Turn your hand into a turkey!!

Imagine That!!!, 4 Vreeland Rd., 973-966-8000, www.imaginedthatmuseum.com

11/19 - 11/20 LONG BEACH TWP.

Christmas Craft Show

Highlights includes jewelry, hand painted clothing, silk flower arrangements and many other forms of art. Chance Auction on Saturday.

St. Francis Community Center, 4700 Long Beach Blvd., 609-494-8861, www.stfranciscenterlbi.org

11/19 - 11/20 RAHWAY

American Repertory Ballet's Nutcracker

Tchaikovsky's magnificent score, stunning new sets (new first act scenery!), thrilling choreography and a cast of more than 100. Saturday: 2 pm. \$20 - 35; Sunday: 1 pm. \$8.

Union County Performing Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., 732-499-8226, www.americanrepertoryballet.org

11/19 - 11/20 RIVER EDGE

240th Anniversary of the British Invasion & American Retreat

Join us for a weekend of living history and scholarly presentations. The weekend will be capped off by a reenactment of Washington's retreat over the "new bridge." \$7 - \$10.

Historic New Bridge Landing, 1201-1209 Main St., 201-343-9492, www.bergencountyhistory.org

11/20 ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS

FilmOneFest's Movie Premiere & Special Screening Series #5

One-night-only special showings of new major movies, from Sony Pictures Classics; often includes companion Q&As and other special extras. Enjoy wine and cheese. \$20.

Arts Corner, 135 1st Ave., 732-737-7160, www.filmonefest.org

11/20 HOBOKEN

Heaven, Hell, or Hoboken: WWI Lecture Series

"A City on the Eve of War, Hoboken in 1916-1917: Some Recent Research," by Christina Ziegler-McPherson, Ph.D, author of *Immigrants in Hoboken: One-Way Ticket to America, 1845-1985*. 1 pm.

Hoboken Historical Museum, 1301 Hudson St., 201-656-2240, www.hobokenmuseum.org

11/20 POTTERSVILLE

Midland Goes to the Movies with PNC

The evening features an independent/limited release film, cocktails and a delicious dinner.

Purnell School, 51 Pottersville Rd., 908-722-7210

11/22 MORRISTOWN

Havana Cuba All-Stars: Cuban Nights

The debut U.S. tour of Cuba's greatest musicians exemplify the great traditions of the Cuban people and the extraordinary musical legacy of this island nation.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

11/23 FRENCHTOWN

Pre-Thanksgiving Celebration

Featuring great drinks, wine and beers on tap, with live music to help everyone get ready for the big family event.

National Hotel, 31 Race St., 908-996-3200, www.thenationalhotelnj.com

11/23 STANHOPE

Quimby Mountain Band

Known for their incredible live performances, the band plays predominately originals with a sound that spans a wide range of genres — funk, blues, southern rock, reggae, and soul.

Stanhope House, 45 Main St., 973-347-7777, www.stanhopehousenj.com

11/25 MORRISTOWN

Manhattan Comedy Night November

Stand-up comedy from the clubs of New York City. Mature themes, language. Adults only.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

11/25 MULLICA HILL

Mullica Hill Lights on Main

Holiday festival includes tree lighting, free horse & buggy rides, food vendors, antique stores, free holiday movies, Mr. & Mrs. Claus, crafts for children, and live entertainment.

47 S. Main St., 856-223-8787, www.mullicahill.com

11/25 PRINCETON

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Kick off the Season with our Tree Lighting Spectacular! Our 65-foot Norwegian Spruce is adorned with over 32,000 lights and will be lit with the help of Santa Claus.

The Green at Palmer Square, Nassau St., 609-921-2333, www.palmersquare.com

11/25 - 11/26 SEA ISLE CITY

Holiday Extravaganza

Fri: Kick-off with a Parade that brings Santa to our town where he will light the tree. Skating rink from 4:40 - 9:30 pm with a Christmas show. Sat: Small Business day, 10 am - 3 pm.

Excursion Park, 40th St. & Pleasure Ave., 609-263-9090, www.seaislechamber.com

11/25 - 11/27 CLINTON

Dickens' Days

Interact with Scrooge, Charles Dickens, and Father Christmas as they stroll through downtown. Horse drawn carriage rides, musical performances, Santa's Workshop, and more!

Main St., 908-730-8800, www.clintonguild.com

11/25 - 11/27 STATEWIDE

Holiday Day Wine Trail Weekend

The wine industry celebrates the season with food pairings, discounts, live entertainment, and special tastings statewide. Details available online for participating wineries.

Various Locations, 609-588-0065, www.newjerseywines.com

11/25 - 11/27 WESTFIELD

Photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus

Photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus. One free 5 x 7 photo with a donation of two cans of non-perishable food items. Friday & Saturday, 1 - 7 pm; Sunday, 1 - 4 pm.

Lord & Taylor, 609 North Ave. W., 908-233-6600, www.westfieldtoday.com

11/26 BOONTON

Small Business Saturday

Get a head start on your Holiday shopping and head to Main Street to join the movement!
Main St., 973-257-9107, www.boontonmainstreet.org

11/26 MORRISTOWN

Art Garfunkel: In Close-Up

Singer Art Garfunkel has made an indelible mark on the music world, as both a solo artist and half of the unrivaled Simon & Garfunkel for nearly 50 years. 8 pm. \$39 - \$79.
Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

11/26 PENNSAUKEN

Pennsauken Holiday Parade

The 36th annual Holiday Parade will kick-off at 1 pm, filled with fire engines, holiday-themed floats, and musical entertainment.
Pennsauken Community Recreation Facility, Westfield Ave. to 44th St., 856-665-1000

11/26 SOMERVILLE

Holiday Jubilee

There will be festive music in the air, a warm glow from shop windows, delicious aroma of the area's best cuisine coming from the restaurants, entertainment and activities!
Division Street Plaza, Main St., 908-541-1600, www.downtownsomerville.com

11/26 SUMMIT

Small Business Saturday in Downtown Summit

Skip the mall and shop small! Kick-off your holiday shopping season by supporting your local downtown businesses. Many businesses will have special offers and extended hours.
426 Springfield Ave., 908-277-6100, www.summitdowntown.org

11/26 TOMS RIVER

Craft & Vendor Fair

American Legion Auxiliary presents its annual craft fair with something for everyone! Bring your friends. Giveaways and prizes. 10 am - 3 pm.
American Legion Post #129, 2025 Church Rd., 732-255-9250, www.americanlegionpost129.com

11/26 UNION

Murder Mystery at the Museum!

You'll be transported back to 1932, as you try and solve the murder of Mr. Fredric Ericson in this live action version of the game, Clue! Reservations required. 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm. \$40.
Liberty Hall, 1003 Morris Ave., 908-527-0400, www.kean.edu/libertyhall

11/26 WAYNE

Holiday Photo Opportunity

Take photos of your friends and family standing next to this historical Cutter One-Horse Open Sleigh. 11 am - 4 pm. Free, donations appreciated.
Van Riper-Hopper House Museum, 533 Berdan Ave., 973-694-7192, www.waynetownship.com

11/26 - 11/27 CHATHAM

Apple Cidering

Discover the reasons you've been looking at apples upside down, and help to make fresh apple cider by hand with an old-fashioned cider press. 1 pm & 2:30 pm. \$3
Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center, 247 Southern Blvd., 973-635-6629, www.morrisparks.net

11/26 - 11/27 FLORHAM PARK

Weekend Craft

The winter weather is almost here! Make a winter wreath to kick-off the season!
Imagine That!!!, 4 Vreeland Rd., 973-966-8000 www.imaginethatmuseum.com

11/27 ATLANTIC CITY

Atlantic City Ballet's it's a Shore Holiday

This "radio city-esque" review features a blend of contemporary and classical dance all set to your most beloved holiday tunes. It will bring out the holiday spirit in everyone.
Caesar's Casino, 2100 Pacific Ave., 609-348-7201, www.acballet.org

11/27 MORRISTOWN

Mooseltoe

A moose with an impossible dream yearns to fly with Santa's reindeer in this holiday "moosical." Recommended for ages 4 - 10.
Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

11/27 NEWTON

Darlene Love Christmas

Darlene Love celebrates the holidays in an engaging performance of her classics and holiday hits. The show is rounded out with a full band and singers.
Newton Theatre, 234 Spring St., 973-383-3700, www.thenewtontheatre.com

11/27 SPARTA

Limecrest Quarry: Eons in the Making, Men & the Mining

This exhibit will explore the geology, minerals, and companies that have held an interest in the quarry's development over the past 125 years including Thomas Edison. 1 - 4 pm, talk 2 pm.
VanKirk Homestead Museum, 336 Main St., 973-726-0883

11/30 MORRISTOWN

Sandi Patty Christmas Blessing

The most awarded female vocalist in contemporary Christian music, Sandi Patty is one of the most acclaimed performers of our time. Enjoy an evening of traditional holiday favorites.
Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

December

12/1 ELIZABETH

Historic Midtown's Holiday Tree Lighting

The Elizabeth Fire Department joins the Midtown SID to bring Santa down from high atop the fire truck ladder to light the Midtown Holiday Tree. Fun for the whole family. 5 - 7:30 pm.

West Grand Train Station Plaza, W. Grand St., 908-355-9600

12/1 HACKENSACK

World AIDS Day

All are welcome to celebrate the lives of those we have lost to AIDS and those living with HIV. Musical presentations, poetry, national AIDS memorial quilt displayed, and free light.

Christ Episcopal Church, 251 State St., 201-489-2900, www.njbuddies.org

12/1 SMITHVILLE

Girls Night Out

Grab your girls and head to the Village for discounts to food tastings. 6 - 8 pm.

Historic Smithville, 615 E. Moss Mill Rd., 609-748-8999, www.colonialinnsmithville.com

12/1 - 12/3 BRIDGETON

Festival of Lights at the Cohanzick Zoo

The City of Bridgeton Recreation Department and community volunteers light up the zoo! Enjoy lovely lights, entertainment, and delicious hot cocoa! Dusk - 8 pm.

Cohanzick Zoo, 45 Mayor Aitken Dr., 856-453-1675, www.cohanzickzoo.org

12/1 - 12/4 RINGWOOD

Holiday Open House

Skylands Manor is stunningly decorated for a warm welcoming start to the holiday season! Self-guided tours. 10 am - 4 pm. Reception: 12/2 - 3, 6 - 8 pm. Reservations required.

Skylands Manor, NJ State Botanical Garden, Ringwood State Park, Morris Rd., 973-962-9534, www.njbg.org

12/1 - 12/18 WEST ORANGE

This Wonderful Life

Spend some time this holiday season with performer extraordinaire, Erica Bradshaw as she inhabits this stage's adaptation of the iconic holiday film. Written by Steve Murray.

Luna Stage Theatre Company, 555 Valley Rd., 973-395-5551, www.lunastage.org

12/2 BOONTON

First Friday Late Night: Old Fashioned Holiday

Kick-off the holidays by enjoying a carriage ride, and get a jump on all your holiday shopping! Businesses will be open late for socializing, dining, art, and chocolate. 5 - 9 pm.

Main St., 973-257-9107, www.boontonmainstreet.org

12/2 BORDENTOWN

Annual Holiday Chocolate Walk

Participating businesses open their doors for a free evening of fun! Each business offers 'Chocolate Walkers' a tasty chocolate treat and a stamp in their Chocolate Passport.

Downtown, Farnsworth Ave., 609-414-0828, www.downtownbordentown.com

12/2 CAPE MAY

City of Cape May Tree Lighting

Please join us for our annual holiday tree lighting. 7 pm.

Rotary Park, Lafayette St., 609-884-9565, www.discovercapemaynj.com

12/2 CLIFTON

Annual Holiday Candlelight Tour

Stroll through the Museum and learn how some of the holiday traditions came about. Enjoy some delicious Homemade "goodies" and hot spiced apple cider. 2 - 5 pm. \$3 donation.

Hamilton House Museum, 971 Valley Rd., 973-744-5707

12/2 CLINTON

Clinton Guild 30th Annual Christmas Parade

The parade forms on New St., and floats will line up on Center St. east of Century Link.

Main St., 908-730-8800, www.clintonchristmasparade.com

12/2 GLASSBORO

Boro in Lights

This event includes Glassboro's annual tree lighting, photos with Santa, horse and carriage rides, live ice sculpting demo, Toys for Tots drive, holiday characters, and fun. 6 - 9 pm.

Rowan Blvd., 856-881-9230, www.glassboroonline.com

12/2 HACKETTSTOWN

11th Annual Hometown Holiday

Activities start at Centenary University with the Centenary tree, carriage rides, musical entertainment, late-night shopping and delicious food. Santa will light the tree.

Moore St., 908-850-5004, www.hackettstownbid.com

12/2 JERSEY CITY

JC Fridays

Restaurants, galleries, and stores will showcase a variety of art-related happenings including visual exhibitions, live music & entertainment, demonstrations, and more. FREE.

Art House Productions, 136 Magnolia Ave., 201-915-9911, www.arthouseproductions.org

12/2 MORRISTOWN

Band of Merrymakers

Fronted by hit songwriters, Sam Hollander and Kevin Griffin (Better than Ezra), The Band of Merrymakers is a super group of music stars who will perform your favorite holiday songs. 8 pm. \$39 - \$69.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

12/2 WILDWOOD

Hereford Inlet Lighthouse Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Christmas tree lighting, Santa Claus and refreshments. 5:30 pm. FREE.

Hereford Inlet Lighthouse, 111 N. Central Ave., 609-522-4520, www.herefordlighthouse.org

12/2 - 12/4 MANAHAWKIN

ELF, Jr. - The Musical

A great holiday show for the entire family, presented by our KIDS division. \$10 - \$18.

Stafford Township Arts Center, 1000 McKinley Ave., 609-597-0553, www.ourgang.org

12/2 - 12/4 NEW BRUNSWICK

Elf the Musical

This modern day Christmas classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner ELF.

State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., 732-246-7469, www.statetheatrenj.org

12/2 - 12/4 TUCKERTON

Christkindmarkt

Craft and gift vendors, fabulous food court, hot Gluhwein, kiddie rides, meet Santa, horse and wagon rides, demonstrations, great entertainment and holiday fun, and wine tasting. \$5.

Tuckerton Seaport, 120 W. Main St., 609-296-8868, www.tuckertonseaport.org

12/2 - 12/4 WEST WINDSOR

Twas the Night Before Christmas...

The excitement and wonder of the long-awaited midnight visit by Santa Claus, made famous in Clement Moore's beloved poem, is brought to the stage in a fun and enchanting musical.

Kelsey Theatre, MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Rd., 609-570-3333, www.kelseytheatre.net

12/2 - 12/11 MORRIS TWP.

Gingerbread Wonderland: 25 Years of Wonder

Young and old, marvel at the creativity, skill, and sense of optimism that characterizes this ecumenical exhibit of hundreds of edible structures. 10 am - 4:30 pm, Fridays until 7:30 pm. \$2.

Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 E. Hanover Ave., 973-326-7601, www.morrisparks.net

12/2 - 12/18 HILLSBOROUGH

It's a Wonderful Life - A Live Radio Show

Holiday tradition meets old-time nostalgia in this unique version of the heartwarming Christmas tale of George Bailey and his guardian angel Clarence, performed as a radio play.

Somerset Valley Playhouse, 689 Amwell Rd., 908-369-7469, www.svptheatre.org

12/3 BURLINGTON CITY

Holiday Parade/Tree-Lighting

Featuring decorated floats and musical groups, the parade travels through town to the Holiday Tree lighting, followed by cookies and hot chocolate with Santa. 5 pm.

High St., 609-386-4070, www.tourburlington.org

12/3 CAPE MAY

Crafts at Christmas

Dozens of crafters offer everything from jewelry to leather goods, from fashion and accessories to water colors, so you are sure to find all the perfect gifts you are searching for.

Cape May Convention Hall, 714 Beach Ave., 609-884-9565, www.discovercapemaynj.com

12/3 MAYS LANDING

15th Annual Dickens of a Holiday

Pancake breakfast with Mr. & Mrs. Santa at Masonic Lodge, 8 am, \$5 - \$8. Great framed photos, \$8. Food & craft vendors, snowball toss, and train ride from Noon - 5 pm.

Memorial Park, Main St. & Rt. 50, 609-909-9028, www.mayslandingmerchants.com

12/3 SEASIDE HEIGHTS

4th Annual Holiday Party

Come celebrate the holidays with us! Join the Ugly Sweater Contest, and create a holiday card for a soldier. Arts & crafts, games & prizes, and of course a visit from Santa!

Casino Pier, 800 Ocean Ter., 732-793-6488, www.casinopiernj.com

12/3 SMITHVILLE

Hospitality Night

The Village will be overflowing with hospitable merchants! Select Shoppes will have a special event going on from 6 - 8 pm, from music to food tastings.

Historic Smithville, 615 E. Moss Mill Rd., 609-748-8999, www.colonialinnsmithville.com

12/3 - 12/4 HOBOKEN

Hoboken Holiday Craft Fair

Featuring unique hand-crafted gift items for that special someone.

Hoboken City Hall, 94 Washington St., 201-420-2207, www.hobokennj.org

12/3 - 12/4 MORRISTOWN

Holly Walk 2016

Visit a number of local historical sites decorated for the holidays. Gift shops will be overflowing with unique items.

Park Pl., 973-631-5151, www.morristourism.org

Winter on the Home Front: A Civil War Christmas

Immerse yourself in Civil War-era holiday traditions from multiple points of view; the families on the home front, the soldiers, and officers attending a ball. Noon. \$5 - \$7.

Historic Speedwell, 333 Speedwell Ave., 973-285-6550, www.morrisparks.net

12/3 - 12/4 OCEAN

32nd Annual Holiday Weekend

The Woolley House is transformed into a holiday showcase featuring exhibits, trains, crafts, and handmade goodies. Join us to learn more, shop local, and start the season in style.

Eden Woolley House, 703 Deal Rd., 732-531-2136, www.oceanmuseum.org

12/3 - 12/4 SPARTA

Lake Mohawk German Christmas Market

This magical German Christmas Market beckons to all, with beautifully crafted and unique gifts from vendors near and afar. Children's activities and St. Nicholas too!

Lake Mohawk Boardwalk, 21 Boardwalk, www.lakemohawkgermanchristmasmarket.com

12/3 - 12/4 WANTAGE

Holiday Open House Benefit

Tour and shop through historic buildings all festively decorated with local vendors and crafters, area farmers, Manor House Gift Shop, bake sale, hot food, live music and more! \$5.

Lusscroft Farm, 50 Neilson Rd. & 4-H Trail, 973-222-9651, www.lusscroftfarm.org

12/3 - 12/4 WILDWOOD

Cheer Tech Spirit National Championships

Performances will be choreographed to music and sound effects, and winning teams will be awarded prizes. 8 am - 7 pm. Admission fee.

Wildwoods Convention Center, 4501 Boardwalk, 866-522-4337, www.spiritbrands.org

12/3 - 12/11 MORRIS TWP.

Gingerbread Wonderland Craft Show

You'll find local crafters offering beautiful hand-made and affordable gifts perfect for that special person on your list. 10 am - 4:30 pm. \$2 includes entry to both events.

Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 E. Hanover Ave., 973-326-7601, www.morrisparks.net

12/3 - 12/18 ROBBINSVILLE

Christmas on the Farm

Bring the kids to meet and take pictures with Santa Claus and his friend Olaf. The farm is transformed into a winter wonderland this holiday season.

Oasis Family Farm, 3 Circle Dr., 609-259-7300, www.oasisfamilyfarm.com

12/4 EASTAMPTON

Victorian Holiday Celebration

Festivities will include ice carving demos, tours of Smithville Mansion, entertainment, kids' activities, holiday marketplace, Victorian performers, re-enactors, vendors, and St. Nick!

Historic Smithville Park, 803 Smithville Rd., 609-265-5858, www.co.burlington.nj.us

12/4 LEONIA

Tom Hayes Holiday Brunch

Brunch with Tricky Tray. All proceeds help provide clients services at Buddies of NJ, Inc., non-profit HIV services and prevention organization. \$10; \$25 (family up to four).

Peter Kramer Hall, St. John's Church, 470 Broad Ave., 201-489-2900, www.njbuddies.org

12/4 MORRISTOWN

Broadway Christmas Wonderland: The Holiday Show

Santa and his merry helpers take you on an unforgettable nostalgic Christmas journey featuring glittering costumes, a dazzling cast and the highest-kicking Chorus Girls!

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

12/4 MOUNTAINSIDE

Holiday Nature Craft Show Menorah & Tree Lighting

Crafts are all made of natural materials or made with a nature theme. Noon - 4:30 pm, visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus; 4:30 pm participate in the Menorah and Tree Lighting. FREE.

Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Rd., 908-527-4900, www.ucnj.org

12/4 NEWTON

John Denver Christmas

Starring Ted Vigil, this heart-warming tribute has become a holiday tradition at the Newton Theatre.

Newton Theatre, 234 Spring St., 973-383-3700, www.thenewtontheatre.com

12/4 RIVER EDGE

Sinter Klaas Day

Enjoy Jersey Dutch holiday treats, refreshments and a visit with Sinter Klaas in the restored tavern in Campbell-Christie House. 1:30 pm, talk with historian, Author Kevin Wright.

Historic New Bridge Landing, 1201-1209 Main St., 201-343-9492, www.bergencountyhistory.org

12/6 HARMONY TWP.

Father Christmas at the Farmstead

See Father Christmas, event for children of all ages! 5 - 7 pm. FREE.

Van Nest-Hoff-Vannatta Farmstead, 3026 Belvidere Rd., 908-213-1600, www.hoffvannattafarm.org

12/7 NORTH WILDWOOD

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony

Commemorative ceremony by North Wildwood VFW Memorial Post 5941. Noon.

St. Demetrios Church, 321 St. Demetrios Ave., 609-884-4297, www.wildwoodsnj.com

12/7 - 12/10 SOUTH ORANGE

American Repertory Ballet presents Nutcracker

The beloved classic will come to the stage with Tchaikovsky's magnificent score, stunning new sets, thrilling choreography, and a cast of more than 100. \$25 - \$30.

South Orange Performing Arts Center, 1 Trenchard Pl., 973-313-2787, www.americanrepertoryballet.org

12/8 HADDON TWP.

Scrooge the Musical

This musical closely follows Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, in which the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge undergoes a profound experience of redemption Christmas Eve night.

Ritz Theatre Company, 915 White Horse Pk., 856-858-5230, www.ritztheatreco.org

12/8 SPRING LAKE

Holiday Soiree

Downtown will be bustling with exciting in-store events, trunk shows, music, and great food! 3rd Ave., 732-449-0037, www.visitspringlake.com

12/8 SUMMIT

Holiday House Tour

Tour elegant homes in the Summit area gaily decorated for the season, enjoy boutique shopping at Historic Wisner House, and add a festive lunch to complete your day.

Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave., 908-273-8787, www.reeves-reedarboretum.org

12/9 MILFORD

Christmas in Milford

A holiday celebration for the whole family. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive in a fire truck at 6:30 pm. Enjoy a tree lighting, caroling, live nativity, refreshments, and more! 6 - 8 pm.

55 Bridge St., 908-995-4854, www.visitmilfordnj.com

12/9 NEWTON

Del McCoury & David Grisman

This performance marks the first time they have toured together in over 50 years after they met.

Newton Theatre, 234 Spring St., 973-383-3700, www.thenewtontheatre.com

12/9 WEST CAPE MAY

Holiday Art Extravaganza & Reception

Enjoy home baked goodies, free gift wrapping, and a selection of one-of-a-kind local art.

Cape May Artists' Cooperative Gallery, 122 Sunset Blvd., 609-435-5253, www.capemayartistcoop.com

12/9 - 12/10 NATIONAL PARK

Holiday Candlelight Tours

See the house decorated in all natural elements, learn about the tastes and traditions of colonial Christmas' and visit with our hearth cookers working on a holiday feast!

Red Bank Battlefield & Whitall House, 100 Hessian Ave., 856-853-5120, www.gloucestercountynj.gov

12/9 - 12/10 WILDWOOD

Family Holiday Celebration

Fri: Jaycees Christmas Parade, 6 pm; Tree lighting ceremony and parade awards, 7:15 pm. Sat: Holiday-themed crafters, photos with Santa, entertainment and more, 9 am - 4 pm.

Wildwoods Convention Center, 4501 Boardwalk, 609-729-9000, www.wildwoodholiday.com

12/9 - 12/11 GREENWICH

7th Annual Gingerbread House Contest & Display

Christmas event full of fun for children of all ages—from the very young to the young at heart! Gingerbread creations will be displayed in Santa’s workshop on Sunday from Noon - 5 pm.

Cumberland County Historical Society, 844 Ye Greate St., 856-455-8580, www.cchistsoc.org

12/9 - 12/18 NEW BRUNSWICK

Langston Hughes’ Black Nativity

It is a retelling of the classic Nativity story with an all-black cast, featuring traditional Christmas carols, and original music. The staging infuses ritual, African dance and storytelling.

Crossroads Theatre Company, 7 Livingston Ave., 732-545-8100, www.crossroadstheatrecompany.org

12/9 - 12/24 MORRISTOWN

New Jersey Ballet’s Nutcracker with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra

Nothing says “holiday magic” better than gathering up the family and spending an afternoon or evening visiting with Clara and her amazing Nutcracker.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

12/10 BROWNS MILLS

Whitesbog Winter Celebration

An outdoor candy cane hunt with Santa’s helpers, and join us for snacks and crafting! 1 pm, reservations requested, but not required. \$5 - \$7, includes snacks and hot drinks.

Historic Whitesbog Village, 120 W. Whitesbog Rd., 609-893-4646, www.whitesbog.org

12/10 NEWARK

Never Forget Tribute Classic

Men’s basketball doubleheader featuring 2016 NCAA Men’s Champion Villanova vs. Notre Dame, followed by Pittsburgh vs. Penn State. Charity event for the Families of Freedom Scholarship fund. \$35+.

Prudential Center, 25 Lafayette St., 973-757-6600, www.prucenter.com

12/10 NEWTON

Celtic Tenors

The Celtic Tenors continue to re-invent the whole tenor idiom by pioneering a new style of never before seen on the classical stage and by breaking the traditional stuffy tenor mold.

Newton Theatre, 234 Spring St., 973-383-3700, www.thenewtontheatre.com

12/10 PENNSVILLE

Soldiers Christmas

An annual night time event that provides the visitors with a glimpse of what it was like for servicemen and women who were away from their homes over the holidays. Uniformed re-enactors. FREE.

Fort Mott State Park, 454 Fort Mott Rd., 856-935-3218, www.njparksandforests.org

12/10 RIO GRANDE

Uncork Christmas

Peruse our selection of real Christmas trees while having wine. Bring the kids with their wish-list for Santa, enjoy wine tastings, and listen to live music.

Hawk Haven Vineyard & Winery, 600 S. Railroad Ave., 609-846-7347, www.hawkhavenvineyard.com

12/10 SUMMIT

Cookies & Cocoa with Santa

Historic Wisner House is the perfect backdrop for your annual photo with Santa. Enjoy cookies and cocoa too! 10 am - 2 pm. No pre-registration necessary. \$10 per child.

Holiday Concert

International jazz vocalist Cyrille Aimee returns for another Reeves-Reed Arboretum special Holiday Concert. 7 pm.

Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave., 908-273-8787, www.reeves-reedarboretum.org

12/10 UNION

Christmas Candlelight Tours

Join us for a special candlelight tour of the first floor decorated for Christmas! Hot chocolate and donuts will be served following the tour. 7 pm & 9 pm, RSVP by 12/5. \$10 - \$20.

Gingerbread House

Candy canes, gumdrops, and peppermint, oh my! Children get to decorate a unique gingerbread house, a perfect treat for the start of the holiday season. Reservations required. 10 am & 1 pm. \$20.

Liberty Hall Museum, 1003 Morris Ave., 908-527-0400, www.kean.edu/libertyhall

12/10 WILDWOOD

Pinch the Grinch Boardwalk 5K Run

Boardwalk 5K run and one-mile walk is fun for all! Dress in holiday cheer! Registration \$30 or \$15 with a donated unwrapped toy, begins at 9 am. Event starts at 10 am. Rain or shine.

Wildwoods Convention Center, 4501 Boardwalk, 609-849-8887, www.lunchwithlynch.com

12/10 - 12/11 WALL TWP.

Christmas Light Show

The show combines impressive displays of lights, fog, and pyrotechnics synchronizing them to powerful concert quality sound! Food, drinks and Santa! \$25 donation for family of four.

Christmas Light Show House, 2702 Woolley Rd., 908-692-7166, www.thechristmaslightshow.com

12/10 - 12/11 WEST WINDSOR

Very Kelsey Christmas

Featuring many Kelsey Theatre regulars, this variety show is a delightful mix of comedy, skits, songs and audience participation – presented in the style of a 1950s live TV show.

Kelsey Theatre, MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Rd., 609-570-3333, www.kelseytheatre.net

12/11 GREENWICH

48th Annual Christmas in Greenwich Holiday House Tour

You are free to stroll on your own and participate in the seasonal events throughout the day. Tour the historic homes and buildings that will be decked out in Christmas finery.

Cumberland County Historical Society, 981 Ye Greate St., 856-455-8580, www.cchistsoc.org

12/11 HOBOKEN

Heaven, Hell, or Hoboken: WWI Lecture Series

“Woodrow Wilson’s Failure of Wartime Leadership,” by Richard Striner, Ph.D, Professor of History, Washington College, and author of *Woodrow Wilson and World War I: A Burden Too Great to Bear*. 4 pm.

Hoboken Historical Museum, 1301 Hudson St., 201-656-2240, www.hobokenmuseum.org

12/11 KINGSTON

Holiday Candlelight Tour

Historic Rockingham will be decorated in period-correct fashion with a special theme. The tours are led and presented by members of Montgomery Twp. Live Historians club.

Historic Rockingham, 84 Laurel Ave., 609-683-7132, www.rockingham.net

12/11 KINNELON

Christmas Concert

The annual Our Lady of the Magnificat Christmas Concert featuring the Christmas Festival Orchestra of New Jersey under the direction of Karen Pinocci.

Our Lady of the Magnificat Church, 2 Miller Rd., 973-838-6838, www.olmchurch.org

12/11 NEW BRUNSWICK

Brown Bear, A Moon & A Caterpillar: Treasured Stories by Eric Carle

Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia returns with their much-loved stage adaptations of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *Brown Bear, What Do You See?*, and *Papa Please Get the Moon for Me*.

State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., 732-246-7469, www.statetheatrenj.org

12/11 NEWTON

Twelve Twenty Four

Enjoy the magic of Christmas with an amazing high energy, holiday concert, featuring the music of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, as well as their own music.

Newton Theatre, 234 Spring St., 973-383-3700, www.thenewtontheatre.com

12/11 RIDGEWOOD

All Seasons Chamber Players Concert

Beethoven, Bruch and All That Jazz featuring classical to jazz works for flute, violin, cello and piano. 2 pm. FREE admission and reception.

Ridgewood Public Library, 125 N. Maple Ave., 201-670-5600, www.allseasonschamberplayers.org

12/11 SPARTA

Limecrest Quarry: Eons in the Making, Men and the Mining

This exhibit will explore the geology, minerals, and companies that have held an interest in the quarry's development over the past 125 years including Thomas Edison. 1 - 4 pm, talk 2 pm.

VanKirk Homestead Museum, 336 Main St., 973-726-0883

12/12 - 12/17 HADDON TWP.

Rudolph

Join our young reindeer, Rudolph, as he learns that being unique means being special and that sometimes, even the smallest, most unlikely heroes can save the day.

Ritz Theatre Company, 915 White Horse Pk., 856-858-5230, www.ritztheatreco.org

12/15 CLINTON

Candlelight Night

Come and get your holiday shopping done under the warmth of candlelight in Clinton! Let us help you find that special gift for that special someone. 5 - 9 pm

Main St., 908-730-8800, www.clintonguild.com

12/16 - 12/17 ATLANTIC CITY

Atlantic City Ballet's Nutcracker

The treasured classics, tells the story of a girl named Clara who is given a magical nutcracker.

Caesar's Casino, 2100 Pacific Ave., 609-348-7201, www.acballet.org

12/16 - 12/18 NEW BRUNSWICK

American Repertory Ballet presents Nutcracker

The beloved classic will come to the stage with Tchaikovsky's magnificent score, stunning new sets, thrilling choreography and a cast of more than 100. \$35 - \$75.

State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., 732-246-7469, www.americanrepertoryballet.org

12/16 - 12/18 WEST WINDSOR

Nutcracker

Join Clara, the Nutcracker and Sugar Plum Fairy for this Tchaikovsky classic. The New Jersey Youth Ballet brings this abridged, fully narrated version of the classic ballet.

Kelsey Theatre, MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Rd., 609-570-3333, www.kelseytheatre.net

12/17 PENNSVILLE

Wreaths Across America

This is a national event that honors our servicemen and women. Parking for the event will be at Fort Mott State Park and visitors will be bused to the cemetery. Noon, rain or shine.

Finns Point National Cemetery, 454 Fort Mott Rd., www.wreathscrossamerica.org

12/17 SHAMONG

John McPhee's Pine Barrens Today

Take a driving tour throughout the NJ Pine Barrens to revisit the places made famous by author and journalist, John McPhee in his seminal book, *The Pine Barrens*, led by John Volpa.

Pinelands Adventures, 1005 Atsion Rd., 609-268-0189, www.pinelandsadventures.org

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Liberty Hall Museum, 1003 Morris Ave., 908-527-0400, www.kean.edu/libertyhall

12/17 - 12/18 FLORHAM PARK

Weekend Craft

Hanukkah is coming soon! Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel! Come in and make your own dreidel!

Imagine That!!!, 4 Vreeland Rd., 973-966-8000, www.imaginedatmuseum.com

12/17 - 12/18 PHILIPSBURG

Los Posadas

As the Holy couple traveled in search of lodging, they were offered food to sustain them. Stop in this weekend during your travels for a bite of carnitas and a sip of Feliz Navidad. \$5.

Villa Milagro Vineyards, 33 Rt. 627, 908-995-2072, www.villamilagrovineyards.com

12/17 - 12/18 SHORT HILLS

Hot Chocolate Hike Weekend

Discover who is in the forest as we look for signs of our Forest Friends. Afterwards, warm-up with a cup of hot chocolate by the fireplace. 11 am, 1 pm & 3 pm. \$5 suggested donation.

Cora Hartshorn Arboretum, 324 Forest Dr. S., 973-376-3587, www.hartshornarboretum.org

12/18 BARNEGAT

Affair at Cedar Bridge

Celebrate of the last documented land battle of the Revolutionary War with the re-enactment of the 1782 battle. Presented by the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission. FREE.

Cedar Bridge Tavern, 200 Old Halfway Rd., 609-296-8868, www.tuckertonseaport.org

12/18 LAKEWOOD

Atlantic City Ballet's Nutcracker with Garden State Philharmonic

One of ballet's treasured classics, tells the story of a little girl named Clara who is given a magical nutcracker doll on Christmas Eve.

Strand Theater, 400 Clifton Ave., 732-367-7789, www.strand.org

12/18 RED BANK

Monmouth Civic Chorus - Joy to the World

Includes selections from Handel's beloved Messiah and Bach's Christmas Oratorio, plus artistic director, Dr. Ryan James Brandau's heartwarming arrangements of many classics.

Count Basie Theatre, 99 Monmouth St., 732-933-9333, www.monmouthcivicchorus.org

12/18 UNION

Breakfast with Santa

"Naughty or Nice," all are welcome. Come for a hot breakfast buffet, then take a photo with the jolly old man himself in Santa's sleigh. 9 - 11 am & 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, reservations required. \$25 - \$30.

Liberty Hall Museum, 1003 Morris Ave., 908-527-0400, www.kean.edu/libertyhall

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Christmas Light Show House, 2702 Woolley Rd., 908-692-7166, www.thechristmaslightshow.com

12/23 WILDWOOD

"Battle at the Boards" Basketball Tournament

One-day basketball tournament will feature a handful of boys and girls teams competing in showcase games, starting at 3 pm.

Wildwoods Convention Center, 4501 Boardwalk, 609-729-9000, www.wildwoodsnj.com

12/24 FLORHAM PARK

Weekend Craft

Merry Christmas!! Design your own card to exchange this holiday season!

Imagine That!!!, 4 Vreeland Rd., 973-966-8000, www.imaginatmuseum.com

12/26 - 12/30 WILDWOOD

Boardwalk Basketball Classic

Event features an impressive lineup of high school boys and girls basketball teams from South Jersey and Delaware Valley areas totaling approximately 1,000 competitors.

Wildwoods Convention Center, 4501 Boardwalk, 609-846-2720, www.bbclassic.net

12/27 - 12/30 RED BANK

Very Electric Christmas

Audiences will treasure this magical tale about a young bird named Max trying to fly south for the winter, set to the music of Nat King Cole, Mariah Carey, Tchaikovsky and more. \$15 - \$20.

Two River Theater, 21 Bridge Ave., 732-345-1400, www.tworivetheater.org

12/30 STANHOPE

New Riders of the Purple Sage

The long-awaited return of the New Riders of the Purple Sage (NRPS) has fans in a psychedelic frenzy. NRPS began as a part-time spin-off from the Grateful Dead in 1970.

Stanhope House, 45 Main St., 973-347-7777, www.stanhopehousenj.com

12/31 AUDUBON

Brewtiful Tours Brewery Bus Tour

Bus tours to NJ Breweries includes: Pick-up and drop-off transportation to and from three or four breweries, guided tour of at least one brewery, and more. \$45+.

Various Locations, 15 Oswego Ave., 267-481-1396, www.brewtifultours.com

12/31 FLORHAM PARK

Weekend Craft

Happy New Year!! Let's ring in 2017 together with a celebration card!!

Imagine That!!!, 4 Vreeland Rd., 973-966-8000, www.imaginatmuseum.com

12/31 MORRISTOWN

First Night Morris County

More than 80 performances at 24 venues throughout Morristown from dance and comedy to music and children's performers. Fireworks at 9 pm with finale at midnight!

Various Locations, 973-455-0708, www.firstnightmorris.com

12/31 OCEAN CITY

First Night Ocean City

Celebrate the New Year in Ocean City with an evening of fun for the whole family! Tickets sold at Stainton's, A Gallery of Shops located at 810 Asbury Ave.

Various Locations, 609-399-1412, www.firstnightocnj.com

12/31 SEASIDE HEIGHTS

First Night Ocean County

Mark your calendar for New Year's Eve and a family celebration with local businesses along the Boardwalk. Fun and games for the entire family! Fireworks at 5 pm. Noon - 5 pm.

The Boardwalk, 732-830-3700, www.exit82.com

12/31 TRENTON

Battle of Trenton Reenactments

Come experience our annual winter reenactment during Trenton's Patriots Week Celebration! FREE. Museum: \$8 adults, \$6 students & ages 62+, Free ages under 5.

Old Barracks Museum, 101 Barrack St., 609-396-1776, www.barracks.org

January

1/1 - 1/31 WEST CAPE MAY

Featured Artists: Penelope Cake & Jeffrey Howard

Penelope Cake and Jeffrey Howard are featured artists for January at the Cape May Artists' Cooperative Gallery. They specialize in giving new life to objects by repurposing them.

Cape May Artists' Cooperative Gallery, 122 Sunset Blvd., 609-435-5253, www.capemayartistcoop.com

1/6 MORRISTOWN

Manhattan Comedy Night January

Stand-up comedy from the clubs of New York City. Mature themes, language. Adults only.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

1/7 LAKEWOOD

One Night with Elvis featuring Richie Santa

Elvis Presley is the reason Brooklyn born Richie Santa became an entertainer and has made a career as a Tribute Artist. Come celebrate the birthday of the King of Rock & Roll! \$25 - \$45.

Strand Center for the Arts, 400 Clifton Ave., 732-367-7789, www.strand.org

1/7 - 1/8 FLORHAM PARK

Weekend Craft

Cute little mittens made especially by you — Brrr...it's cold outside!

Imagine That!!!, 4 Vreeland Rd., 973-966-8000, www.imaginetmuseum.com

1/8 MORRISTOWN

New Jersey Youth Chorus

Featuring over 200 talented young singers, the many ensembles of the NJYC perform selections that celebrate the festivities of winter.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

1/8 NEW BRUNSWICK

Raiders of the Lost Ark with NJSO

John Williams' epic score-performed live by the NJSO-enhances the on-screen action as Indy (Harrison Ford) goes on a quest to recover the legendary Ark of the Covenant. 3 pm. \$20 - \$90.

State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., 732-246-7469, www.statetheatrenj.org

1/12 MORRISTOWN

Captain Scott Kelly the Sky is Not the Limit: Lessons from a Year in Space

During his record-breaking year in space, U.S. Astronaut Captain Kelly captivated the world while laying the groundwork for the future of space travel and exploration. Meet & greet.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

1/12 - 1/15 EDISON

Garden State Outdoor Sports Show

More than 200 exhibitors, experts, celebrity appearances, special events, seminars, demos, Garden State Deer Classic competition, the Bass University and more.

New Jersey Convention & Exposition Center, 97 Sunfield Ave., 212-564-8823, www.gsoss.com

1/13 MORRISTOWN

Capitol Steps: What to Expect When You're Electing

New president, new material! After this election, we'll need a good laugh, and nobody skewers the political spectrum better than The Capitol Steps as they put the "mock" in democracy.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

1/13 - 1/15 JERSEY CITY

Manhattan Amateur Classic (MAC) Championship

Three-day competition featuring America's top collegiate and amateur Latin and Ballroom dancers. Teams of dancers from 8 to 80-years-old will compete.

Hyatt Regency Jersey City, 2 Exchange Pl., 201-469-4541, www.macnyusadance.org

1/13 - 1/15 NEW BRUNSWICK

North Jersey Orchid Show & Sale

A spectacular exhibit showcasing plants grown across the tri-state area. Show ribbons, Best of the Blue Rosettes, trophies, workshops, and vendors of plants and supplies.

Rutgers University, Douglass Student Center, 100 George St., 973-857-7992, www.njorchids.org

1/14 HACKETTSTOWN

Hoodoo Loungers

A high-energy nine piece band performing music inspired by the rhythms, sounds, history, and spirit of New Orleans, from traditional jazz, brass, classic R&B, and funk. 8 pm.

Sitnik Theatre, 715 Grand Ave., 908-979-0900, www.centenarystageco.org

1/14 MORRISTOWN

4 Girls 4

Award-winning Broadway musical stars, Andrea McArdle, Maureen McGovern, Donna McKechnie, and Faith Prince, come together for great music, laughter, and memories. 8 pm.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

1/14 WILDWOOD

Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge

Registration begins at 10 am. Plunge begins at 1 pm. Event supports training and competition for more than 22,000 athletes of Special Olympics New Jersey.

Wildwoods Convention Center, 4501 Boardwalk, 609-896-8000, www.njpolarplunge.org

1/14 - 1/15 FLORHAM PARK

Weekend Craft

Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day by creating a beautiful picture of what your "dream" is!

Imagine That!!!, 4 Vreeland Rd., 973-966-8000, www.imaginetmuseum.com

1/15 ENGLEWOOD

All Seasons Chamber Players Concert

Bookend Bachs featuring baroque works for flute, violin, cello and harpsichord. 6 pm. FREE.

Englewood Public Library, 31 Engle St., 201-568-2215, www.allseasonschamberplayers.org

1/15 MORRISTOWN

Pinkalicious

A girl finds herself in a colorful predicament after her indulgence in too many pink cupcakes causes a severe case of Pinkitis! Recommended for ages 4 - 12.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

1/18 - 1/22 WILDWOOD

Boardwalk Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show

AKC All breed dog show featuring Best of Breed Competition, Police K-9 Unit Demonstration, Obedience and Rally Trials, vendors and more! Daily 8 am. \$2 - \$8.

Wildwoods Convention Center, 4501 Boardwalk, 856-952-8042, www.boardwalkkennelclub.com

1/20 - 1/22 EDISON

New Jersey RV & Camping Show

New RVers or those old hands at traveling the RV high road will discover this is the ideal show to learn about new RV products, campgrounds and travel destinations.

New Jersey Convention & Exposition Center, 97 Sunfield Ave., 804-243-8847, www.gsevents.com

1/20 - 1/29 WEST WINDSOR

Unnecessary Farce

Pennington Players' show is filled with doors slamming, clothes flying, and bagpipes bleating, all of which adds up to an over-the-top tale of mix-ups and mayhem.

Kelsey Theatre, MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Rd., 609-570-3333, www.kelseytheatre.net

1/21 HACKETTSTOWN

Sweet Plantain Quartet

Blending jazz, Latin, hip-hop, and classical styles, this virtuoso quartet brings a freshness and inventiveness to every note they play. 8 pm.

Sitnik Theatre, 715 Grand Ave., 908-979-0900, www.centenarystageco.org

1/21 MORRISTOWN

Vocalosity

An all-star ensemble of 12 diverse young vocalists sing today's chart-topping hits in brand-new arrangements that set a new standard for 12-part harmony.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

1/21 NEW BRUNSWICK

Dr. Kaboom: Live Wire

Join Dr. Kaboom on a riotous romp through the history and fundamental principles of electrical energy. There's lots of audience participation, a ton of laughs, and science! 1 pm.

State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., 732-246-7469, www.statetheatrenj.org

1/21 NEWARK

Twenty One Pilots: Emotional Roadshow World Tour

The duo will perform tracks off their latest album, 2015's platinum-certified *Blurryface*, including singles "Ride" and "Stressed Out." \$39.50+.

Prudential Center, 25 Lafayette St., 973-757-6600, www.prucenter.com

1/21 - 1/22 LANDISVILLE

Winter Wine Weekend

We will be hosting our annual Winter Wine Weekend with some new wine releases, special platters, an acoustic guitarist and a toasty bonfire to get rid of that winter chill! Noon - 5 pm.

Bellview Winery, 150 Atlantic St., 856-697-7172, www.bellviewwinery.com

1/22 ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS

FilmOneFest 2017 Movie Premiere & Special Screening Series

One-night-only special showings of new major movies, from Sony Pictures Classics; often includes Q&As, and special extras. Films shown at classic Atlantic Cinemas. \$20.

Arts Corner, 135 1st Ave., 732-737-7160, www.filmonefest.org

1/27 SOUTH ORANGE

Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe

C. S. Lewis' beloved and magical novel comes to life on the SOPAC stage through dance! The classic story, set in the fictitious Narnia, features all of your favorite characters.

South Orange Performing Arts Center, 1 SOPAC Way, 973-313-2787, www.sopacnow.org

1/27 WOODBRIDGE

All Seasons Chamber Players Concert

Bookend Bachs featuring baroque works for flute, violin, cello and harpsichord. 8 pm, reservations required.

Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave., 732-634-0413, www.allseasonschamberplayers.org

1/27 - 1/29 SOMERSET

Fly Fishing Show

The Fly Fishing Show hosts the world's largest consumer fly fishing event, in seven locations across the country. The show is for all levels and features demos, seminars and vendors.

Garden State Exhibit Center, 50 Atrium Dr., 732-469-4000, www.flyfishingshow.com

1/28 LINCROFT

WinterFest

Celebrates the fun that winter brings with ice skating, wagon rides, cross-country skiing, and more during this family-friendly festival. Noon - 4 pm. FREE admission and parking.

Thompson Park, 805 Newman Springs Rd., 732-842-4000, www.monmouthcountyparks.com

1/28 NEWARK

Distant Worlds: Music from Final Fantasy

Experience selections from one of the most popular video games of all time performed in sync with footage from Final Fantasy! VIP tickets meet Nobuo Uematsu and Arnie Roth. 3 pm & 8 pm.

New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center St., 888-466-5722, www.glatzconcerts.com

1/28 PLAINFIELD

Plainfield Symphony - Around the World with the PSO

Jazz legend, Artie Shaw's Concerto for Clarinet will feature soloist, Janice Coppola and a movement from Edvard Grieg's Piano Concerto in A minor will perform. 3 pm. FREE.

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, 716 Watchung Ave., 908-561-5140, www.plainfieldsymphony.org

1/28 - 1/29 FLORHAM PARK

Weekend Craft

It's almost Groundhog Day!! Will the groundhog see his shadow? Come create a picture and you can decide if it will be spring soon or if we are in for more winter days!

Imagine That!!!, 4 Vreeland Rd., 973-966-8000, www.imaginethatmuseum.com

1/29 HACKETTSTOWN

3hree for Louis – Tribute to Louis Armstrong

One of New York's most versatile musicians, Eddie Allen brings three trumpeters and an all-star ensemble to pay tribute to the legacy and music of jazz icon, Satchmo. 2 pm.

Sitnik Theatre, 715 Grand Ave., 908-979-0900, www.centenarystageco.org

1/29 HIGHLANDS

Annual Beef & Brew St. Patrick's Day Parade Fundraiser

All proceeds to benefit the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The 2017 Grand Marshals will be presented with their sashes! 3 - 7 pm. \$30 includes buffet dinner and brew.

Windansea, 56 Shrewsbury Ave., 732-291-4713, www.highlandsnj.com

1/29 UPPER SADDLE RIVER

All Seasons Chamber Players Concert

Bookend Bachs featuring baroque works for flute, violin, cello and harpsichord. 2 pm. FREE.

Upper Saddle River Public Library, 245 Lake St., 201-327-2583,
www.allseasonschamberplayers.org

1/30 MOUNT HOLLY

Fire & Ice Festival

Event combines two popular traditions, Mount Holly's Ice Carving Festival and annual Chili Contest, along with exhibits, entertainment and food. 10:30 am - 3 pm. FREE.

Main St., 609-937-5700, www.fireandicefestival.com

February

2/3 MORRISTOWN

Piano Men, A Tribute to Elton John & Billy Joel

The Piano Men treat you to the excitement that only Billy Joel and Elton John in concert together can create! Broadway veterans Craig A. Meyer and Donnie Kehr will perform too.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

2/3 - 2/12 WEST WINDSOR

God of Carnage

A playground altercation brings together two sets of parents to resolve the matter. This comedy that takes you into the most dangerous place on Earth - Parenthood.

Kelsey Theatre, MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Rd., 609-570-3333, www.kelseytheatre.net

2/4 - 2/5 FLORHAM PARK

Weekend Craft

Design a beautiful macaroni bracelet for your favorite someone!

Imagine That!!!, 4 Vreeland Rd., 973-966-8000, www.imaginatmuseum.com

2/4 - 2/5 PHILIPSBURG

Super Bowl Appetizers

The average football fan eats a day's worth of calories during the game! Stop in to taste some reduced calorie tidbits paired with our wines. \$5 includes wine tasting, glass, and appetizers.

Villa Milagro Vineyards, 33 Rt. 627, 908-995-2072, www.villamilagrovineyards.com

2/5 MORRISTOWN

Into the Woods

Venture back *Into the Woods* with the Tony Award-winning musical classic by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine, which has been remounted like you've never seen it before!

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

2/7 MORRISTOWN

Taj Express the Bollywood Musical Revue

Go on a high-energy celebration of Indian pop music and Bollywood culture and traditions, featuring colorful costumes, joyful dance and thrilling live music.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

2/8 MORRISTOWN

Rainbow Fish Sensory Friendly performance

The most beautiful creature in the ocean is asked to sacrifice the one thing that makes her unique in order to share her gifts with those around her. Recommended for ages 4 - 10.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

2/9 WEST LONG BRANCH

Rockin Road to Dublin

Choreographer and lead, Scott Doherty has teamed up with veteran Celtic rocker, Chris Smith to produce an exciting fusion of music, movement and culture never done before.

Pollak Theatre, Monmouth University, 400 Cedar Ave., 732-571-3483, www.monmouth.edu

2/9 - 2/19 NEW BRUNSWICK

Harriet Tubman: I See Freedom

In this Black History Month production, Keisha Spence's new play tells the story of the famed abolitionist from a modern perspective in the "Harriet Tubman Retirement Home."

Crossroads Theatre Company, 7 Livingston Ave., 732-545-8100, www.crossroadstheatrecompany.org

2/10 MORRISTOWN

Bobby Collins

Comedian Bobby Collins is a storyteller whose heartfelt humor engages audiences with a hilarious blend of characterizations to which everyone can relate. Language, mature themes.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

2/11 NEW BRUNSWICK

Bockety World of Henry and Bucket

This play explores what friendship is, what happens if it goes wrong, and how you fix it. The show, from Ireland's Barnstorm Theatre is endearing, playful, and rich in visual antics.

Crossroads Theatre Company, 7 Livingston Ave., 732-545-8100, www.crossroadstheatrecompany.org

2/11 - 2/12 STATEWIDE

Wine & Chocolate Wine Trail Weekend

Participating NJ wineries will feature their own unique treat for visitors to the trail including wine and chocolate pairings, special entertainment, vendors and more.

Various Locations, 609-588-0065, www.newjerseywines.com

2/12 HADDONFIELD

Tri-State Jazz Society presents Marty Grosz and the Hot Winds

Guitarist and raconteur Marty Grosz is a legend in the jazz world. He appears with his quartet to perform old traditional jazz tunes. \$20, \$10 for first timers to Tri-State Jazz sponsored events.

Haddonfield United Methodist Church Auditorium, 29 Warwick Rd., 856-720-0232

2/12 HOBOKEN

Heaven, Hell, or Hoboken: WWI Lecture Series

"The Women of Peace and Preparedness: The Use of Motherhood and Maternalism in World War I," by Lisa Mastrangelo, Ph.D, Assistant Professor of English, Centenary College, and author of forthcoming paper, *The Rhetoric of Maternalism: The Use of Motherhood as a Trope in World War I*. 4 pm.

Hoboken Historical Museum, 1301 Hudson St., 201-656-2240, www.hobokenmuseum.org

2/12 MORRISTOWN

Once

Winner of eight 2012 Tony Awards including Best Musical! Emotionally captivating and theatrically breathtaking, an unforgettable story about going for your dreams.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

2/12 NEW BRUNSWICK

Dancing & Romancing with the NJSO

Timeless elegance and romance of the golden age of Hollywood musicals inspired by Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Gene Kelly, and Eleanor Powell. 3 pm. \$20 - \$80.

State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., 732-246-7469, www.statetheatrenj.org

2/12 WARETOWN

Bluegrass Festival - Winter

Live stage concert of bluegrass music featuring eight regional bluegrass bands from the tri-state area. Doors open at 11 am, show at Noon. \$10, at the door only.

Albert Music Hall, 131 Wells Mills Rd., 609-971-1593, www.alberthall.org

2/17 WAYNE

Washington's Birthday Celebration

Come celebrate George Washington's birthday with the Heards Brigade Militia. Learn a step from the North River Colonial Dancers, 18th century hearth cooking, crafters and demos.

Dey Mansion, 199 Totowa Rd., 973-696-1776

2/17 - 2/20 WILDWOOD

U.S. Futsal Northeast Regional Championship

The Futsal tournament is an action-packed, international form of indoor soccer. Teams consist of various age brackets, and includes over 5,000 players from around the world.

Wildwoods Convention Center, 4501 Boardwalk, 609-729-9000, www.futsal.com

2/17 - 2/26 WEST WINDSOR

Boeing, Boeing

Love is in the air and coming in for a crash landing! Fasten your seatbelts as M & M Stage Productions brings you this Tony Award-winning comedy.

Kelsey Theatre, MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Rd., 609-570-3333, www.kelseytheatre.net

2/18 SOUTH ORANGE

Little Mermaid

Following a sell-out tour of China and the UK, The Panto Company USA brings you their adaptation of Hans Christian Anderson's beloved story.

South Orange Performing Arts Center, 1 SOPAC Way, 973-313-2787, www.sopacnow.org

2/18 - 2/19 FINESVILLE

Wine & Chocolate Weekend

Treat your valentine to samples of award-winning wines paired with exquisite chocolates, artisan cheeses, and wonderful culinary treats! \$20 (ages 21+), no reservations.

Alba Vineyard, 269 Riegelsville Warren Glen Rd., 908-995-7800, www.albavineyard.com

2/18 - 2/19 FLORHAM PARK

Weekend Craft

It's President's Day! Make a picture of your favorite president to hang on your refrigerator!

Imagine That!!!, 4 Vreeland Rd., 973-966-8000, www.imaginatmuseum.com

2/18 - 2/19 PHILIPSBURG

Cherry Jubilee

Come on out to sample our Honest Cherry Wine and enjoy a wine cocktail featuring cherries. \$10 includes wine tasting and gift glass.

Villa Milagro Vineyards, 33 Rt. 627, 908-995-2072, www.villamilagrovineyards.com

2/19 HIGHLANDS**5th Annual Chili Cook Off St. Patrick's Day Parade Fundraiser**

Great chili, bagpipers and Irish dancers to entertain you! All proceeds will benefit the 2017 St. Patrick's Day Parade. 3 - 7 pm. \$30 (2 or more, \$25 each) includes chili tasting and beer.

Havana Tropical Cafe, 409 Bay Ave., 732-291-4713, www.highlandsnj.com

2/19 NEW BRUNSWICK**National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine**

Theodore Kuchar, conductor Alexei Grynyuk, piano soloist Dvorák Carnival Overture, Op. 92 Prokofiev Piano Concerto No. 3 in C Major, Op. 26 Shostakovich Symphony No. 5 in D Minor, Op. 47.

State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., 732-246-7469, www.statetheatrenj.org

2/19 RIVER EDGE**Washington's Birthday**

Dance mistress Denise Piccino and the Tricorne Dancers will give three 45-minute public performances in the Steuben House. 1:30, 2:30 & 3:30 pm. \$7 - \$10.

Historic New Bridge Landing, 1201-1209 Main St., 201-343-9492, www.bergencountyhistory.org

2/23 MORRISTOWN**National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine Theodore Kuchar, Conductor Laureate**

Formed by the Council of Ministers of Ukraine in 1918, the NSOU is considered to be among the finest symphony orchestras in Eastern Europe.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

2/24 - 2/26 MANASQUAN**Play: A Raisin in the Sun**

Set on Chicago's South Side, the plot of *A Raisin in the Sun* revolves around the divergent dreams and conflicts within three generations of the Younger family.

Algonquin Arts Theatre, 173 Main St., 732-528-9211, www.algonquinarts.org

2/25 HAMMONTON**Stand-Up Comedy Night**

The Comedy Series features some of the country's best comics. Hosted by comedian, Kevin Hurley, and always at least one featured comic and a headliner on the bill! 9 pm.

Eagle Theatre, 208 Vine St., 609-704-5012, www.theeagletheatre.com

2/25 MORRISTOWN**Annie**

The world's best-loved musical returns in time-honored form. Directed by original lyricist and director Martin Charnin, this production of *Annie* will be a brand new incarnation of the iconic original.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

2/25 SEASIDE HEIGHTS**Polar Bear Plunge - Seaside**

Registration begins at 9 am, Plunge at 1 pm. Broadcast live by NJ 101.5's Big Joe Henry.

Aztec Ocean Resort, 901 Boardwalk Ave., 609-896-8000, www.njpolarplunge.org

2/25 - 2/26 FLORHAM PARK**Weekend Craft**

March 2nd is "Read Across America Day" come make a bookmark for your favorite story!

Imagine That!!!, 4 Vreeland Rd., 973-966-8000, www.imaginatmuseum.com

2/25 - 2/26 PHILIPSBURG**Mardi Gras Appetizers**

As Lent approaches, and we prepare to practice abstinence from fatty and rich foods, join us for a weekend of decadent appetizers. \$10 includes wine tasting, appetizers, and glass.

Villa Milagro Vineyards, 33 Rt. 627, 908-995-2072, www.villamilagrovineyards.com

2/26 NEW MILFORD**All Seasons Chamber Players Concert**

Bookend Bachs featuring baroque works for flute, violin, cello and harpsichord. Art exhibit: Celebrating Bergen County Diversity. 3 pm. FREE admission and reception.

Art Center of Northern New Jersey, 250 Center St., 201-599-2992, www.allseasonschamberplayers.org

2/26 RED BANK**Monmouth Civic Chorus - Love is in the Air**

Join us for an afternoon celebrating love through love songs, madrigals, ballads, and poems, from the Middle Ages to the Internet age.

First Presbyterian Church of Red Bank (Tower Hill), 255 Harding Rd., 732-933-9333, www.monmouthcivicchorus.org

March

3/1 – 3/5 ATLANTIC CITY

Progressive Insurance Atlantic City Boat Show

The show features 440 booths showcasing all the latest in marine technology, engines, accessories, nautical gifts and more.

Atlantic City Convention Center, 1 Convention Blvd., 718-707-7011, www.acboatshow.com

3/2 MORRISTOWN

MOMIX: Opus Cactus

Artistic director, Moses Pendleton brings America's southwest to life with his signature illusionistic style, creating dynamic images of cacti, slithering lizards, and fire dancers.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

3/2 – 3/5 SOMERSET

Quilt & Sewing Fest of New Jersey

Quiltfest will feature 70+ vendor booths offering thousands of quilt & craft related products from fabrics, notions, sewing machines, buttons, jewelry, embroidery, and more.

Garden State Exhibit Center, 50 Atrium Dr., 215-862-5828, www.quiltfest.com

3/2 – 3/19 HADDON TWP.

To Kill a Mockingbird

It's 1935 and racial tensions are high in Maycomb, Alabama. Based on the stunning novel by Harper Lee – is an American masterpiece about the power of morality, integrity, and love.

Ritz Theatre Company, 915 White Horse Pk., 856-858-5230, www.ritztheatreco.org

3/4 MORRISTOWN

Temptations & the Four Tops

Two legendary super groups are together again! Enjoy an evening full of your favorite Motown memories from two classic 1960s hit-makers.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

3/4 NEW BRUNSWICK

Sleeping Beauty

Featuring the Russian National Ballet Theatre and performed to a timeless score composed by Tchaikovsky, *Sleeping Beauty* has become one of the most illustrious classical ballets.

State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., 732-246-7469, www.statetheatrenj.org

3/4 NORTH BRANCH

Move for Midland – Fundraising Dance-a-Thon for All Ages

Event features live DJ with \$5 dedication shout-outs, performances and demo lessons, photo booth \$5 donation, give-a-ways, prizes, concessions and refreshments. 6 - 10 pm.

Midland School, 94 Readington Rd., 908-722-7210, www.midlandschool.org

3/4 SOUTH ORANGE

Aesop Bops with David Gonzalez

Aesop Bops is a family concert with David Gonzalez! Fast-paced, funny, and packed with audience participation, and features a potpourri of Aesop's classic stories.

South Orange Performing Arts Center, 1 SOPAC Way, 973-313-2787, www.sopacnow.org

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3/4 – 3/5 FLORHAM PARK

Weekend Craft

Let's go fly a kite! Decorate your own kite and take it to the sky!

Imagine That!!!, 4 Vreeland Rd., 973-966-8000, www.imaginatmuseum.com

3/4 – 3/5 WEST WINDSOR

Reock & Roll Revue's Classic Album Show

Told through narrative, video footage, and most importantly, straight-up top-notch musicality, Reock & Roll transports fans to the era when rock music was changing the world.

Kelsey Theatre, MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Rd., 609-570-3333, www.kelseytheatre.net

3/5 MORRISTOWN

Drumline Live

Musical styles ranging from hip-hop to American soul, gospel to jazz, combined with a unique style of drumming, mesmerizing musicianship, and lively choreography.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

3/7 MORRISTOWN

Miloš: From Bach to the Beatles

One of the most recognized guitarists in the world, Miloš explores classical guitar's greatest masterpieces and combines those works with new interpretations of The Beatles.

Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St., 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org

3/7 – 3/12 RED BANK

Little Shakespeare: The Merry Wives of Windsor

High school students will perform Shakespeare's *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. This hilarious story includes everything we've come to expect from reality TV shows. Ages 9+. \$15 - \$20.

Two River Theater, 21 Bridge Ave., 732-345-1400, www.tworivertheater.org

3/7 – 3/12 WEST WINDSOR

New Jersey Community College New Play Festival

A special event to celebrate MCCC's 50th Anniversary! This play will celebrate the diversity and talent that springs from the State's network of community colleges.

Kelsey Theatre, MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Rd., 609-570-3333, www.kelseytheatre.net

3/9 – 3/26 NEW BRUNSWICK

Sarah Sings a Love Song

Stephanie Berry's play follows the career of famed singer, Sarah Vaughan.

Crossroads Theatre Company, 7 Livingston Ave., 732-545-8100, www.crossroadstheatrecompany.org

3/11 HACKETTSTOWN

Tartan Terrors

With an arsenal featuring classic pipes and fiddle, driving drum tones, and signature guitar styles, the performance also features award-winning Step and Highland Dancers. 8 pm.

Sitnik Theatre, 715 Grand Ave., 908-979-0900, www.centenarystageco.org

3/11 HIGHLANDS

4th Annual Guinness Run

The race starts and ends at the Claddagh, contestants will race to Miller St. and the one with the most liquid in their cup wins. Register 12:30 pm. Runner's must be 21 and provide I.D.

Claddagh Irish Pub, 297 Bay Ave., 732-291-4713, www.highlandsnj.com

3/11 LAKEWOOD

Almost Queen

Almost Queen succeeds in blending the vocal layering and studio precision that is a signature of the band with the energy and spectacle of a live stage production. \$25 - \$40.

Strand Center for the Arts, 400 Clifton Ave., 732-367-7789, www.strand.org

3/11 NORTH WILDWOOD

St. Patrick's Day Celebration & Parade

11:30 am: Ceremony at City Hall. Noon: Parade goes north on Atlantic Ave. to Olde NJ Ave.

North Wildwood City Hall, 901 Atlantic Ave., 609-522-2955, www.northwildwood.com

3/11 PLAINFIELD

Plainfield Symphony Concert - Orchestral Families

Come be a part of this exciting season as the music of the Plainfield Symphony Orchestra continues into its 97th season. Concerts begin at 7 pm. .

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, 716 Watchung Ave., 908-561-5140, www.plainfieldsymphony.org

3/11 - 3/12 FLORHAM PARK

Weekend Craft

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Make a decorative Shamrock! Erin Go Bragh!

Imagine That!!!, 4 Vreeland Rd., 973-966-8000, www.imaginetatmuseum.com

3/12 HOBOKEN

Heaven, Hell, or Hoboken: WWI Lecture Series

"Uncle Sam Wants You: World War I and the Making of the Modern American Citizen," by Christopher Capozzola, Ph.D, Associate Professor of History at MIT, and author of *Uncle Sam Wants You: World War I and the Making of the Modern American Citizen*. 4 pm.

Hoboken Historical Museum, 1301 Hudson St., 201-656-2240, www.hobokenmuseum.org

3/12 RANDOLPH

11th Annual CCM Festival of Storytelling & World Music

Treat the whole family to an afternoon of traditional entertainment including Storytellers spinning yarns and Musicians performing world music. 12:30 - 3:30 pm. \$6.

County College of Morris, 214 Center Grove Rd., 973-328-5000, www.ccm.edu

3/12 RIDGEWOOD

All Seasons Chamber Players Concert

Features works for cello and piano trios by Rota and Schubert. 3 pm. FREE admission and reception.

Emmanuel Baptist Church, 14 Hope St., 201-444-7300, www.allseasonschamberplayers.org

3/12 SEWELL

Kwan Yi, piano

Pianist Kwan Yi returns to the stage to present a piano recital with works of Scarlatti, Beethoven, Debussy, Dutilleux, and Chopin. 3 pm. \$20.

Music at Bunker Hill, 330 Greentree Rd., 856-494-6077, www.musicatbunkerhill.org

3/17 - 3/19 MORRISTOWN

Spring Craft Morristown

Displaying contemporary work from 150 artists and crafts people from across the country including one-of-a-kind and limited edition pieces.

Morristown Armory, 430 Western Ave., 845-331-7900, www.artrider.com

3/17 - 3/26 WEST WINDSOR

To Kill a Mockingbird

You never know a man until you stand in his shoes and walk around in them. Theater to Go presents this riveting drama based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning 1960 novel by Harper Lee.

Kelsey Theatre, MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Rd., 609-570-3333, www.kelseytheatre.net

3/18 HACKETTSTOWN

XY Dance Project

The XY Dance Project has a unique movement style that blends contemporary dance through the spiritual rhythms of African dance, the grace of Tai Chi and the heart of street dance. 8 pm.

Sitnik Theatre, 715 Grand Ave., 908-979-0900, www.centenarystageco.org

3/18 HIGHLANDS

Highlands 15th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

Parade begins at 2 pm. Competition of Floats, many giveaways, 12 Pipe & Drum Bands, Irish Dancers and more. Visit all Highlands establishments for parade specials and festivities.

Huddy Park, Bay Ave. & Waterwitch Ave., 732-291-4713, www.highlandsnj.com

3/18 - 3/19 FLORHAM PARK

Weekend Craft

Butterflies, butterflies will soon be everywhere! Build a butterfly clothespin!

Imagine That!!!, 4 Vreeland Rd., 973-966-8000, www.imaginetatmuseum.com

3/19 ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS

FilmOneFest 2017 Movie Premiere & Special Screening Series

One-night-only special showings of new major movies, from Sony Pictures Classics; often includes companion Q&As, other special extras. \$20.

Arts Corner, 135 1st Ave., 732-737-7160, www.filmonefest.org

3/19 FORT LEE

All Seasons Chamber Players Concert

Rome, Vienna and Beyond featuring solo works for cello and piano trios by Rota and Schubert. 2 pm. FREE admission and reception.

Fort Lee Public Library, 320 Main St., 201-592-3614, www.allseasonschamberplayers.org

3/19 RIVER EDGE

Under the Shad Moon, Chwame Gischuch - Lenape New Year

Hosted by the Bergen County Historical Society. 1 - 5 pm.

Historic New Bridge Landing, 1201-1209 Main St., 201-343-9492, www.bergencountyhistory.org

3/24 - 3/25 NEW BRUNSWICK

Pippin

This is *Pippin* like you've never seen it before. The show incorporates sassy choreography in the style of Bob Fosse and exciting circus acrobatics. \$35 - \$85.

State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., 732-246-7469, www.statetheatrenj.org

3/25 HACKETTSTOWN

MOE-TION Dance Theater

Under the artistic direction of Maureen Glennon, the company is known for their diverse repertory and site-specific work. 8 pm.

Sitnik Theatre, 715 Grand Ave., 908-979-0900, www.centenarystageco.org

3/25 LAKEWOOD

Atlantic City Ballet: Caught Up in the Swing & Papa and Sinatra: Their Way

Two ballets equals one fantastic night of dance! Celebrating Atlantic City Ballet's 30th Anniversary and a tribute to Frank Sinatra's signature songs. \$15 - \$35.

Strand Center for the Arts, 400 Clifton Ave., 732-367-7789, www.strand.org

3/25 WARETOWN

Irish Country & Bluegrass Music Show

A live stage concert with an Irish Greeter to meet you and Irish step dancers to entertain you. Doors open at 6 pm, show 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Tickets at the door.

Albert Music Hall, 131 Wells Mills Rd. Rte. 532, 609-971-1593, www.alberthall.org

3/25 - 3/26 FLORHAM PARK

Weekend Craft

The warm weather is coming! Create your own Tropical Island picture!

Imagine That!!!, 4 Vreeland Rd., 973-966-8000, www.imaginetmuseum.com

3/26 HACKENSACK

All Seasons Chamber Players Concert

Rome, Vienna and Beyond featuring solo works for cello and piano trios by Rota and Schubert. 3 pm. FREE admission and reception.

Petrocelli College (FDU Hackensack), 150 Kotte Pl., 201-692-7028, www.allseasonschamberplayers.org

3/27 EDISON

20th Annual Taste of Middlesex

The Edison Chamber of Commerce and the Pines Manor proudly co-host the Taste of Middlesex. \$50 includes dishes from dozens of the best local restaurants.

Pines Manor, 2085 Rt. 27, 732-738-9482, www.edisonchamber.com/taste

3/27 HAMMONTON

New Works Development Series

The Eagle Theatre's New Works Development Series nurtures local professional playwrights, while offering patrons an intimate experience with original work in its infancy. 7:30 pm.

Eagle Theatre, 208 Vine St., 609-704-5012, www.theeagletheatre.com

3/30 - 4/2 ATLANTIC CITY

Garden State Film Festival

Over 200 independent films from around the globe, a special Meet the Filmmakers event, open talent casting call, professional panel discussions, parties, and more.

Resorts Hotel & Casino, 1133 Boardwalk, 732-359-6467, www.gsff.org

3/31 LAMBERTVILLE

Carmina Burana

A collaboration between Roxey Ballet and Princeton Pro Musica. Enjoy a night of live music and dance!

Roxey Ballet Canal Studios, 243 N. Union St., 609-397-7616, www.roxeyballet.org

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