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Bridgeport Art Trail

November 9-12, 2023

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Welcome to the Bridgeport Art Trail produced by City Lights, for 15 years. Scan this QR code to see full BAT details.
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LETTER FROM MAYOR JOSEPH P. GANIM



Mayor Joseph P. Ganim

Mayor Ganim WELCOMES YOU to the Bridgeport Art Trail,

We are proud to showcase Bridgeport's Art Trail, an experiential promotion of our city's thriving arts and culture scene. Creativity and innovation are alive and thriving in our city. We continue to promote an inventive spirit through creativity along with a supportive environment for artists to succeed and display their talents. It is my strong belief that the arts are an asset for growth and improvement to the quality-of-life in Bridgeport and an inspiration for all who visit. I am delighted to support this annual celebration of artists and crafters.

The Bridgeport Art Trail map is an excellent tool to illustrate the proliferation of our arts community. This map is a tour of our revitalized downtown neighborhood, the hub of the Park City's arts and cultural scene where you will find public art featuring the Painted Stairway, a mural of the Freeman Sisters and Little Liberia, and more in progress. Then visit destinations such as Read's ArtSpace, City Lights Gallery, The Barnum Museum, and the Housatonic Museum of Art. Travel south to the new Metro Art Studios located in the historic "Crown Corset" factory. On the West Side, pop into NEST Arts Factory and the Klein Memorial Auditorium. Be sure to check out the "art park" of painted canisters along the Pequonnock River on the grounds of 305 Knowlton Street, plus the interior art lofts, and then go over to the East End formerly and fondly known as the "sewing district," home of the American Fabrics Arts Building featuring a variety of creative artist spaces.

Bridgeport's creative side is all the buzz. Visit Art Trail destinations all year-round!

Sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature of Mayor Joseph P. Ganim, consisting of stylized initials and a surname.

Finding inspiration is important.

At M&T Bank, we understand how important the arts are to a vibrant community. That's why we offer our time, energy and resources to support artists of all kinds, and encourage others to do the same. [Learn more at mtb.com](https://www.mtb.com).

M&T Bank is proud to support City Lights and the Bridgeport Art Trail.

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WELCOME TO THE 15TH ANNUAL BRIDGEPORT ART TRAIL!

The 2023 BAT has a new look, and a new website, BridgeportArtTrail.org. There's a new Pop-Up alternative space downtown at 211 State St., hosting over 20 artists, exhibits, installations, performances and screenings. City Lights & Company, the 501c3, nonprofit organization that produces the annual BAT, thanks all community partners, sponsors and artists for their support and collaboration. Please help us to continue to bring these free programs and opportunities. Contributions can be sent to City Lights & Company, 130 Elm St., Bridgeport, CT 06604. Donate on website BridgeportArtTrail.org. Thank you!

2023 Bridgeport Art Trail Theme: "Thoughts and Prayers"

Every year the BAT picks a suggested theme, derived from conversations with artists and partners and the current zeitgeist, and the installation by Martha Willette Lewis and Margaret Roleke, on view at the Pop-Up at 211 State. The intention of "Thoughts and Prayers" is to present art that provokes thought, advocates for hope, sending wishes for goodness and catalyzes action for positive change.

Thoughts and Prayers can be taken in 2 ways, as a sincere expression of empathy and support, the other as sarcasm, citing meaningless words that are not supported by action to address a need. The BAT 2023 will interpret "Thoughts and Prayers" sincerely and sarcastically.

Sarcasm/Sincerity, Dualism On the Trail, Oooh how philosophical!

Through their art, several 2023 BAT artists express their support for causes, prompt change, react to current events and personal experiences. Their expressions employ sarcasm and push and pull of thoughts, imagery and emotion. The BAT will also sincerely offer well wishes to individuals who have served the arts community for decades and are now moving on to a new page in their creative lives. Special Thanks to Steve Di Costanzo, Executive Director of WPKN Radio, and David Green, Executive Director of Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County.

Thank you David Green for 10 Years of Service to the Arts Community of Fairfield County!



David Green has been an essential partner and resource to many artists and cultural organizations in Fairfield County. Through his seemingly endless energy, David showed up, attending countless receptions and programs, overseeing the FCBuzz newsletter and website, enabling artists and organizations with grant-writing support. David joined the organization in 2013 as Program and Membership Director, growing membership and programs, symposiums and networking opportunities. These have included: Creativity in the Workplace, Creativity, and the 21st-Century Workforce (Oct. 2014), Common

Ground: Creative Ground (April 2015); Creative Spaces for the Creative Economy (Nov 2016); Cultivating Collectors (March and April 2017); Shaping Community (Jan. 2018); and Coming Out of COVID (July 2022). Since December 2017, he has also organized and hosted 65 live radio interview shows on WPKN. Bravo David!

Thank you Steve Di Costanzo, the glue of WPKN!

We will keep listening to your Radio Base Camp show!



Twelve years ago, Steve took over the leadership at WPKN during a critical time. He collaborated with programmers, board members, and along with support from listener donors and community partners, they kept the alternative community radio station on the air. His Bohemian professionalism, open mind and heart were the perfect mix to lead the egalitarian organization of free thinkers, as a beacon of free speech, representing the richly diverse community and ideas, offering a range of cultural arts experiences and provocative programs regarding politics, social issues, all art forms,

health and the environment. During his time, WPKN moved to a new and improved downtown site and secured a grant for mobile broadcasting van, "the Soundmobile." As WPKN marks its 60th anniversary, Steve says, "It's time for me... to pass the baton and allow for the next generation energy. I'm totally comfortable with that." His advice for potential successors reflects his abilities and what it takes to direct and manage WPKN. "Be smart, affable, financially literate, possess sales skills, organizational skills, marketing skills, community engagement skills, event skills and diplomatic skills." Thank you, Steve, you and WPKN continue to be a great support and community partner to Bridgeport Art Trail and the arts of the CT-NY region.

The good news is that Steve will continue to be a WPKN programmer hosting his popular Radio Base Camp show.



Music at
Berlinetta Brewing
Thursday, November 9

BAT EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE

BRIDGEPORT ART TRAIL ROUTES

You can go this way or that way!

The BAT weekend is a movable feast for the visual art culture vultures who can forage city wide. Here are some possible routes.

Coming from Fairfield: Frame Makers, The NEST Arts Factory #29, Metro Art Studios #4

Downtown venues: Housatonic Museum of Art #7 (only open on 11/9, and 11/11, during BAT weekend), 211 State St BAT Pop Up #10, Read's Art Space #12, Arcade Mall #20, Ursa #17, City Lights Gallery #21, then head off to The Knowlton #27 and American Fabrics #1

Coming from Stratford: American Fabrics #1, The Knowlton #27

Downtown Venues: Housatonic Museum of Art #7 (only open on 11/9, during BAT weekend), 211 State St BAT Pop Up #10, Read's Art Space #12, Arcade Mall #20, Metro Art Studios #4, The Nest Arts Factory #29, Framemakers #35

Coming from Bridgeport: The numbered BAT listings are organized by districts, start where you like!

THURSDAY NIGHT KICKOFF

Mingle and meander, the BAT city-wide celebration starts downtown at five arts venues! View art and socialize with the creative community. See new art and popular favorites. Enjoy live music and reception fare.

4:30 to 7:30 pm

City Lights Gallery and Bridgeport Art Trail #21, headquarters, features Woe & Whimsy, artists' reception

Celebrate the BAT and view a mind-stretching exhibit that combines figurative, naturalistic imagery with fantasy, process and invention. Artists manipulate realism to express unique imagery balancing moods from joyful to macabre.

5 to 6 pm

Housatonic Museum of Art #7 features urban art and nature walk in downtown Bridgeport. The "Color It In" team partners with HMA and the Aspetuck Land Trust, view "Hidden Gems" indoor and out, art and botanicals.

5:30 to 9:30 pm

Reads Art Space Ground Floor Gallery #12 offers an artists' reception for the "State of Being" group exhibit. Read's artists are paired with guest artists, enjoy live music by Chris Cavaliere and bodypainting by Alicia Cobb.

6 to 9 pm

211 State St. #10, Bridgeport Art Trail alternative pop-up tour—a full-city building floor of art, 25+ artists activate an underutilized

office space with art, installations, music, screenings and spoken word. Installation highlights include "Thoughts and Prayers," "A View from the Canoe," "Queen of the Night," The After Party Collective, Choices the exhibit, multiple solo pop-up shows and shorts by Meet Mario productions and SMACK TV.

6 to 9 pm

Arcade Mall #20, "Music is Art" by The Volume Just Increases, a new studio space in the Arcade Mall focusing on music-inspired art and gifts.

8 to 10 pm

Park City Music Hall #32, the most artsy music venue in Bridgeport offers Lucidity: Tame Impala Tribute. Doors open at 8 pm; concert starts at 9 pm. \$10 tickets, cash bar, 50% off first drink during the Bridgeport Art Trail weekend; you must show a Bridgeport Art Trail program book to redeem the drink special.

Friday, November 10

Noon to 5 pm

At City Lights Gallery #21, view a mind-stretching exhibit that combines figurative, naturalistic imagery with fantasy, process and invention. Artists manipulate realism to express unique imagery—balancing moods from joyful to macabre.

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11 am to 3 pm

Arcade Mall #20 has "Music is Art" by The Volume Just Increases, a new studio space in the Arcade Mall focusing on music-inspired art and gifts.

4 to 7 pm

Public Art Crawl #13a: Drop in for the Colorful Bridgeport open house and happy hour at the Downtown Special Services District office, 938 Broad Street, to learn about the "Color It In" Public Art Project. Celebrate the new works in the downtown district. Join a guided tour of all the downtown mural sites by the Colorful Bridgeport team. After the tour, grab a beverage at Berlinetta Brewing at 90 Golden Hill St. Hang out and view the impressive, large-scale video projection art performance by Bridgeport artist Dustin DeMilio.

4 to 9:30pm

The Knowlton #27, DefneArt: The Collision of Art as we know it & Artificial Intelligence (AI) Exhibit Cocktail Hour with local, domestic & international talent

6 pm to 7:00 pm

Ai Art Panel Discussion #27
How is Ai impacting the Art world?

7 pm to 9:30 pm

Small Bites & More Cocktails #27
Exhibit continues with Ai Inspired Laser Guided Painting, Ai Interactive Event, Art vs Ai Side-by-Side, Global Live Streamed Event Musical Guest. See full details #27

6:30 to 9:30 pm

Gallery 9104 #6 offers an open house and poetry. Don't miss perhaps one of the most memorable sites on the BAT. Iyaba Ibo Mandingo, artist, poet and teaching artist welcomes the community to tour his three floors of art and studio. View paintings, drawings, sculpture, textile and collage. Iyaba presents his poetry and puppetry.

WEEKEND OPEN STUDIOS & GALLERY VIEWING TIMES

Saturday, November 11

10 am to 5 pm

American Fabrics #1: Studio visits and sales, film screening, mini-exhibits, art supply tag sale, hands-on demos in quilting and letterpress. **WPKN #18** spins discs and offers a vintage vinyl record sale.

Metro Art Studios #4: Open studios, live music, short art films, weaving & printmaking demonstrations, interactive sculpture, body painting demonstration. There will be a 10"x10" art exhibit and sale at \$100 each—an affordable way to add to your art collection and a great way to support Metro Arts Studio. It's best to get there early; works get snatched up fast!

11 am to 3 pm

Arcade Mall #20: "Music is Art" by The Volume Just Increases, a new studio space in the Arcade Mall focusing on music-inspired art and gifts.

11 am to 4 pm

City Lights Gallery #21: Woe and Whimsy exhibit—a mind-stretching exhibit that combines figurative, naturalistic imagery with fantasy, process and invention. Artists manipulate realism to express unique imagery balancing moods from joyful to macabre.

The Knowlton #27: Open studios, exhibit in the Armstrong Gallery, Downtime TV studio tour and podcast production. Reiki room by Emerging Voices Productions.

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11 am to 5 pm

The Nest Arts Factory #29: Open studios, hands-on workshops in mural painting, puppet-making Saturday, music until 9 p.m., “Chaos” fiber art by Carlos Biernnay, full gallery installation.

7 to 9 pm

211 State St Pop Up alternative space #10: View art, installations, “Thoughts and Prayers,” “A View from the Canoe,” “Queen of the Night,” The After Party Collective, Choices the exhibit, shorts by Meet Mario productions and Crack TV Listening Party

Noon to 3 pm

Metro Art Studios #4: Opening reception for “Ground Level” in the Crown Gallery. Four artists (two local, one from LA, and one from the UK) working in printmaking and photography, showing landscape at close range.

Noon to 6 pm

Gallery 9104 #6: Open house where you can view art, textile collage, sculpture in the unique third-floor art studio of Iyaba Ibo Mandingo.

Sunday, November 12

10 am to 5 pm

American Fabrics #1: Studio visits and sales, film screening, mini-exhibits, art supply tag sale, hands on demos in quilting and letterpress. **WPKN #18** spins discs and offers vintage vinyl records for sale.

Metro Art Studios #4: Open studios, live music, short art films, weaving and printmaking demonstrations and interactive sculpture. There will be a 10" x 10" art exhibit and sale for \$100 each—an affordable way to add to your art collection and a great way to support Metro Arts Studio.

11 am to 1 pm

Artists Brunch in the community room, NEST Arts Factory #29
Get caffeinated or enjoy a Prosecco mimosa, with live ukulele tunes by Abe Deshotel.

11 am to 2 pm

The Knowlton #27: Open Studios & Art Sale
Meet the artists, tour three floors of open studios and view and purchase art.

11 am to 4 pm

Read's Art Space #12: Group Exhibit in the Ground Floor Gallery

City Lights Gallery #21: “Woe and Whimsy,” a mind-stretching exhibit that combines figurative, naturalistic imagery with fantasy, process and invention. Artists manipulate realism to express unique imagery balancing moods from joyful to macabre.

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Noon to 6 pm

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WHAT TO SEE ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Saturday, November 11

8:30 am

You can start early—Framemakers #34 opens at 8:30

The Urban Bike Tour meets up at City Lights

Gallery #21 for a complimentary coffee and bagel and the annual photo and Evil Knievel faux stunt jump by Jeff Coleman. (You gotta' see it to understand.)

Stop in at Source Coffeehouse #31 or Harborview Market #33 where you can enjoy the coffee and breakfast choices and warm up your art-viewing muscles with the current work on view.

11 am to 2 pm

American Fabrics #1: The Norwalk Community Quilt Project with Lizzy Rockwell.

11 am to 5 pm

Screenings: at Metro Art Studios #4 offers short art films curated by Nathan Santana.

American Fabrics #1 has films produced and curated by Roxy Savage, Crystal Heiden and Douglas Healey; **the Knowlton #27** has Downtime TV.

211 State St #10: View art, installations, “Thoughts and Prayers,” “A View from the Canoe,” “Queen of the Night,” The After Party Collective, Choices the exhibit, shorts by Meet Mario productions and Crack TV.

12:30 to 2 pm

The Nest #29: Acoustic guitar and vocals by Brett Masterson.

Noon to 2:30 pm

Nest #29: Basic puppet-making with Iyaba Ibo Mandingo and Carlos Biernnay.

Noon to 5 pm

Emporium #19 vintage books, vinyls and collectibles.

Noon to 4pm

Kitchen Concerts, Metro Art Studios #4
Enjoy pop-up musical performances near the second- and third-floor kitchens on Sunday afternoon. Local singers, songwriters and instrumental musicians will be sharing their sounds.

1 to 3 pm

Reads #12: Live painting by Mia.

1:30 pm

The Nest #29: Puppet Roots presentation by Iyaba Ibo Mandingo.

2 to 4 pm

Nest #29: Everyone is an artist—hands-on mural painting.

2:30 to 4 pm

Nest #29: Pangea, live world music—“...an up-and-coming, high-energy, genre-bending ensemble.”

3:30 to 5 pm

211 State St #10: Meet Mario and SMACKTV—one-hour screening is followed by a presentation about “CHOICES: The Art Show” led by filmmakers from Meet Mario Productions and invited guests: mother, author, and poet, IRIS SEDA; and spoken-word artist, “REM the GEM.”

3:30 to 7:30 pm

Downtown Cabaret Theatre #22: Absolute Queen Tribute Band, tix \$61.

5 to 7 pm

Creative Youth Productions #39: music instructors and their youth students perform at **the Nest #29.**

6 to 9 pm

Read's Art Space #12: Poetry Open Mic.

7 pm

Doors open for Greater Bridgeport Symphony #28: “Mingling with Mozart” Tix \$18- \$65.

8 pm

Ursa #17 Art and Live Music, \$10 admission.

Park City Music Hall #32 Walrus presents Tom Petty Night, \$18 tix.

Sunday, November 12

6:30 am to 2 pm

Local art, great food, coffee and community, Harborview Market #33
Local art graces the walls of Harborview Market as you enjoy tasty treats and delicious food and drinks.

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8 am to 6 pm

Art and Coffee, Source Coffeehouse #31

Grab a cup of fresh local coffee and view the art here before hitting the Trail for the day or to get energized over the weekend.

10 am to 4 pm

Mongers Market #30

A collection of diverse mongers selling vintage, industrial salvage and antique items.

10 am to 4:30 pm

Open showroom, Black Rock Galleries and Design Center #29b

Come explore quality, fine and decorative art, antiques, unique home furnishings and accessories at excellent and fair price points.

10 am to 5 pm

Thanksgiving Stuff-A-Truck with food and coats, American Fabrics Arts Building #1

Help us help needy families by providing food and winter coats.

Open Studios, American Fabrics Arts Building #1

Showcasing over 25 artists in their studios with food trucks and music.

Open Studios, Metro Art Studios #4

Three full floors of professional artists to explore and learn about various forms of art, from drawing to painting, sculpture to jewelry, printmaking to photography and much more.

Exhibits and Vendors, Metro Art Studios #4

Ground Level Art Exhibit, 10 x 10 exhibit and sale, Art Pops! gift shop, urbane gift shop, Background coffee, Suspension: Foam Cloud Interactive Sculptures and Sculpture Installation by Carlos Davila

Open Studios: The Reiki Room, The Knowlton #27

Crystal mineral bracelets and essential oils for sale and booking of appointments.

My Memory City, SHU Discovery Science Center and Planetarium #38

Current Show in STEAM Gallery: the photos and sculptures of artist Anne Hieronymus will be on display.

11 am to 4 pm

Downtime TV Open Studios, The Knowlton #27

Experience a blast from the past while exploring studio sets and sitting in on a live podcast.

Open Studios, Read's ArtSpace #12

Home to more than 30 artists working in a variety of mediums including visual arts, music, writing and theater.

11 am to 5 pm

WPKN #18: Vinyl collection sale and DJ music at American Fabrics Arts Building #1

89.5-FM community radio spins discs and sells vinyl. Proceeds support the nonprofit radio station programs.

BRAG (Black Rock Art Guild) #29c--BRICKWAY Hall of Art, NEST Arts Factory #29

Members of the BRAG will be exhibiting work in a variety of mediums.

Emerging: A Group Art Exhibition of The After Party collective #10b, 211 State Street #10

This pop-up, group art show highlights young artists and musicians who have lived and/or worked in the greater Bridgeport area. Presented by **The After Party Collective #10c**.

Woe and Whimsy, City Lights Gallery #21

A mind-stretching exhibit that combines figurative, naturalistic imagery with fantasy, process and invention. Meet frame shop and gallery manager, Steve Gerber, and get your 20% discount coupon for framing.

Noon to 2 pm

Sock puppet workshop, NEST Arts Factory #29

Hosted by Ibaya Ibo Mandingo and Carlos Biernay. In this family friendly drop-in workshop, participants learn the basics of making a simple puppet.

Noon to 3 pm

South End Sounds, Metro Art Studios #4

Musical series throughout the day in the gallery. At the top of every hour from noon to 3 pm, there will be a new surprise performer playing for about 15 minutes.

Noon to 4 pm

Kitchen Concerts, Metro Art Studios #4

Enjoy pop-up musical performances near the second- and third-floor kitchens on Sunday afternoon. Local singers, songwriters and instrumental musicians will be sharing their sounds.

Noon to 5 pm

CHOICES: The Art Show, 211 State Street #10

An artistic exploration into the opioid/fentanyl epidemic in our communities, presented by **Meet Mario Productions #10a** and **SMACKTV**.

Noon to 6 pm

Gallery 9104 #6, painting, sculpture, textile collages of **Iyaba Ibo Mandingo**.

1 pm

Poetry in the community room, **NEST Arts Factory #29** Featuring Gene Joseph, Iyaba Ibo Mandingo, Diane Tate and others.

1 to 4 pm

Open studios, NEST Arts Factory #29

On the last day of BAT, tour the halls and NEST artists working spaces.

2 to 4pm

Hands-on mural painting, NEST Arts Factory #29

Help paint a mural: A project for all ages and abilities, bringing the community together. Hosted by Lori Bloom.

2:30 to 3 pm

Puppet Roots, NEST Arts Factory #29

Artist/storyteller/poet/puppet-maker Iyaba Ibo Mandingo presents his puppet characters, discussing their inspiration and origins and the history of storytelling.

2:30 to 4:30 pm

Documentary Screening: Larry Locke, 211 State Street #10

Eighty minutes of documentaries selected by Larry Locke, including new works and some that are Bridgeport-centric. Q & A to follow hosted by Jason Coombs of the **Bridgeport Film Fest #29d**.

5 to 8:30 pm

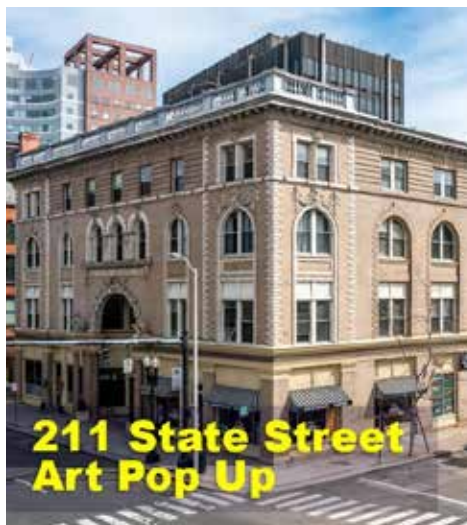
Pechakucha Storytelling #10I, 211 State Street #10

End the weekend arts celebration by gathering to socialize and to tell and listen to stories.

5:30 to 9:30 pm

Glow Wild Lantern Festival, Beardsley Zoo #36

Journey through a wonderland of illuminated larger-than-life lanterns.



New! BAT 211 State St Pop Up Art Space #10

Art Exhibits, Installations, Live Music, Screenings, Spokenword

Thurs.-Sun.

Exhibits open to the public
Check out the list #10a-10k

Saturday:

SMACK TV film screening, spoken word
Listening Party with "The After Party"

Sunday Closing Party:

Screening documentary films by:
Larry Locke
Pechakucha Storytelling

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17th Annual Open Studios

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

In its 17th year, American Fabrics Arts Building (AFA) Open Studios showcases over 25 artists in its studios where the creative process happens. Held in a renovated factory building where linen and lace were once manufactured, the event has become a destination for collectors, interior designers and art lovers alike. AFA's diverse group of artists are engaged in painting, printmaking, sculpture, quilting, jewelry, photography, ceramics, textiles, design, mixed media and more. Every year we welcome new artist tenants, lending a fresh perspective to the event. Many artists will be offering affordable art for sale and hosting special events (see *the AFA artists list at the back of the guide for more information*). Once again, we are supporting the Bridgeport Rescue Mission (BRM). The mission serves those critically in need directly in our community. It feeds the hungry, shelters the homeless and helps people conquer drug and alcohol addictions. AFA will be serving as a drop-off point for BRM's Thanksgiving Stuff-A-Truck event, giving patrons the opportunity to donate food and coats for local families in need. (See *event listing*.) Lastly, the artists of AFA have joined together once again to donate an assortment of small works for the AFA Collector's Raffle. An amazing collection of work will be raffled for \$5 a chance with all proceeds going to BRM! There will be food trucks in the east parking lot to serve our patrons from 10 am to 5 pm each day. Music and participatory performances will offer fun for the whole family! Ample onsite free parking and handicapped access will be available.

Roxy Savage, Studio #201 Flat Files + Art Materials Tag Sale

Saturday November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

Roxy is hosting an Art Supply Tag and Flat File Sale. Roxy Savage is an award-winning artist and educator. For the first time in her history as an AMFAB studio artist, Roxy's Flat File artworks are open to the public! Each Flat File drawer contains unique portfolios of artworks, including drawings, monoprints, miniprints, posters, banners, digital prints and printmaking papers. Interested? You should be! Follow Roxy's Instagram, @roxysavageart, to preview Flat File artworks for sale. Artworks are priced from \$10 to \$2000, but the artist will negotiate! Venmo and Zelle accepted.

Crystal Heiden, Marble Stairwell, 2nd floor

Saturday November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

The masterminds behind Lady Labor are going to showcase their wild video that they make themselves. These videos are complementary to their collaborative project.

Douglas Healey, Marble Stairwell, 2nd floor

Saturday, November 11, 3 pm

Halston, Halstonettes, Andy Warhol 1978 fashion show black and white 16mm movie screening. Never projected previously; first time ever shown.

Kate Eisemann Pictures, #301

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, Noon to 5 pm

The photo studio morphs into a gallery featuring rich portraiture of animals, actors & athletes

Janine Brown, Studio #302

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

This multidisciplinary artist will demonstrate crocheting with unusual materials like bioplastics, cassette tapes and wire. Come experience The Wallflower at the Dance installation!

Emily Larned, #310

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

Print your own: Letterpress & Vintage clothing pop-up sale. Pull your own letterpress print for a suggested donation of \$5. Proceeds donated to Bridgeport's Neighborhood Studios of Fairfield County.

Denyse Schmidt Quilts, Studio #401

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

Our annual open studio and sale is a fun event for all! Discerning collectors arrive early to get first dibs on any available sample quilts. Also on offer are pre-cut bundles and yardage of Denyse's quilting fabrics, quilt patterns, batting scraps and other supplies for sewers, crafters and quilters. This includes miscellaneous discontinued or promotional projects or products not available on the website.

Quilting Bee

Saturday, November 11, 11 am to 2 pm

Peace by Peace: The Norwalk Community Quilt Project will be on hand with a quilt on their frame. All are welcome to pull up a chair and learn to stitch with these lovely folks who will share their skill and stories. Lizzy Rockwell, the founder (and rock!) behind the group, will have signed copies of her fabulous book, *The All-Together Quilt*, available to purchase. Winner of

the 2021 Connecticut Book Award and selected by CT Center to represent the state at the 2022 Library of Congress Book Festival, this beautifully illustrated book, based on the true story of Peace by Piece, *The All-Together Quilt* is about friends of all ages who gather at the community center each Friday to make a quilt.

Holly Hawthorn, Studio #402

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

Unique art for your viewing and purchase. Offerings will include Happy as a Clam petite porcelain portraits in clam shells, oysters and mussel shells, new mini monotype series "Hugs" and fall harvest prints.

Linda Colletta, #406

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12: 10 am to 5 pm

Studio Sweep both days!

WPKN 50 Year Archive Record Sale

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

The record archive of WPKN will be onsite at AmFab, and WPKN programmers will be spinning an eclectic mix of music onsite.

Thanksgiving Stuff-A-Truck with Food and Coats

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

The Bridgeport Rescue Mission will bless more than 4,000 needy families with turkey and all the fixings, plus a winter coat for every member of the family who needs one! Help us to help them by bringing donations to our Open Studio event. Their warehouse is in our complex, and AFA is a drop-off point. They are asking for the following contributions: 12-15 lb. frozen turkeys; canned green beans, corn, peas and sweet potatoes; canned cranberry sauce; stuffing mix; canned gravy; 1 lb. cans of coffee and powdered fruit drink mixes. Bins for donations will be placed at both entrances.



Fiber art by Richard Kileaney #1

SOUTH END

2 Seaside Park

Entrance at the southernmost end of
Park Avenue, Bridgeport
[bridgeportct.gov/content/341307/
341415/342203.aspx](http://bridgeportct.gov/content/341307/341415/342203.aspx)

With its 325 acres of lush lawns, shady glades and sports fields rolling toward Long Island Sound, Seaside Park is a park without peer on the Eastern Seaboard. Visitors are delighted by the beaches, surf and sunshine along three miles of sparkling coastline. The park was laid out just after the Civil War by Calvert Vaux and Frederick Law Olmsted, whose other efforts include Manhattan's Central Park and Prospect Park in Brooklyn. Their 19th-century landscapes have proved timeless as they entice each new generation of park-goers. At the western end of the park is Fayerweather Island. Walkers can visit this natural wildlife preserve by crossing the breakwater rocks. The island's lighthouse guided navigators into Black Rock Harbor from 1823 to 1932. Bridgeport's most famous resident, the 19th-century circus impresario PT Barnum, is largely responsible for the development of the park. Once pasture land, wood lots and salt marshes, Barnum envisioned the first marine "rural" park in the United States. Open daily from 8 am to 8 pm. Free admittance, no permit required from Labor Day to Memorial Day. Among the prominent art at Seaside Park are the sculptures of PT Barnum created by Thomas Ball, bronzed in 1887, and Elias Howe sculpted by Salathiel Ellis. A female figure atop the Sailors and Soldiers Monument faces Long Island Sound, her arm outstretched holding a laurel wreath to honor those who served and sacrificed in the Civil War. The monument was created by Melzar Mosman. Through a partnership with the Friends of Seaside Park and City Lights & Company, in 2009 a missing liberty figure was replaced with a new cast created by Emily Bedard.

3 The Schelfhault Gallery at Paier College

505 University Ave, Bridgeport, CT 06604
schelfhault.com / 203.287.3031 ext 355
Ian McDonald, Art Gallery Director

Paier College is proud to call Bridgeport its new home! Paier brings its 75-year legacy of training artists in Connecticut to the renowned Shintaro Akatsu School of Design (SASD) at the Arnold Bernhard Center for Arts & Humanities situated against Seaside Park along the shores of Long Island Sound. Paier offers programs of study in fine art, illustration, interior design, graphic design, industrial design, web application development, digital marketing communication and more. With a growing population, Paier College seeks to make an impact in the art community of Bridgeport and invites members of the public to its first formal show since relocating.



Art by Dayan Moore, Metro Art Studio #4

4 Metro Art Studios

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Now starting its third year, Metro Art Studios is a renovated factory of 38 premium art studios in the South End of Bridgeport. The three-year journey to thoughtfully renovate this lovely South End landmark has resulted in an ideal space for artists to thrive. Granted an Award of Excellence by Preservation Connecticut in 2022, Metro Art Studios is an inspiring place to create and to visit the over 40 artists working in many media—painting, sculpture, drawing, jewelry, mixed media, printmaking, music, photography and videography. Metro also offers free professional development workshops monthly as Artist WorkLab with the Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County, and South End Sounds, a bi-monthly music performance series. Contact us for information about studio rentals and our art and music programming. ADA accessible.

Open Studios

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

Meet the artists of Metro Art Studios—over 40 artists working in a wide variety of disciplines, from drawing to painting, sculpture to jewelry, printmaking to photography and much more. Three full floors of professional artists in loft studios to wander, discover, explore and learn about various forms of art, inspiration, process and so much more. Many artists are offering special prices and rare discounts during the Art Trail.

Art Exhibit, Crown Gallery, Ground Floor

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm
Opening Reception: Saturday, November 11, noon to 3 pm
Regular Gallery Hours: Thursday to Saturday, noon to 4 pm, and by appointment

Ground Level is an exhibition that includes work by Gin Rimmington Jones, Megan Mueller, Carrie Pollack and Matthew Shelley. Working primarily in photography and printmaking, each artist involved depicts landscape at close range. The artwork in this exhibition is linked together by a common interest in land and environment, with a tendency to focus on detail rather than larger vistas. The result is simultaneously specific and open ended. The images here could be urban or rural, part of the human environment or far removed from the populous. Although the tightly cropped compositions are distinct, the subjects could be local to almost anywhere. This collection of artwork suggests that our understanding of place begins with the details and then zooms out to form a more general understanding of place.

10 x 10 Exhibit and Sale, 1st Floor

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

Celebrate and support the arts in Bridgeport with the annual Metro Art Studios fundraiser. All works are 10" square and \$100 each. Start or add to your art collection! You'll find work in a variety of media from both Metro and regional artists. This is a fantastic opportunity to purchase work that is worth well more than \$100 while supporting both the exhibiting artists and Metro Art Studios' programming during this unique fundraiser. Come early for the best selection!

South End Sounds, Crown Gallery, 1st Floor

Sunday, November 12, noon, 1 pm, 2 pm, & 3 pm

Enjoy a taste of our new musical series, South End Sounds, throughout the day on Sunday in the gallery. At the top of every hour, there will be a new surprise performer playing for about 15 minutes. And then plan to join us for the next official South End Sounds event on Wednesday, November 15 (tickets and more info at metroartstudios.org/southendsounds)

Art Pops!, Gift Shop

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

The debut of a fabulously fun fundraiser of tiny art. Art Pops!, a custom vending machine in Urbane, the Metro gift shop, offers small surprise pieces of art for \$10 each. All proceeds go to support Metro programming. All work is original, unique and made by Metro artists. Custom mats and frames are available for sale in the gift shop to turn your Art Pop! into a great gift or wonderful piece of wall art for your home.

■ **Urbane Gift Shop, 1st Floor**

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

New art and merchandise for fall!
Affordable art, jewelry, sculpture, textiles and decor. Head to the third floor to enter a drawing each day for a \$50 gift certificate to the gift shop.

■ **Background Coffee, 1st Floor; Food and Drinks, 2nd & 3rd Floors**

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

Metro Art Studios is proud to once again welcome Background Coffee to serve visitors during the Bridgeport Art Trail. It's more fun to enjoy great art with a great beverage! 100% of proceeds from cold brew, hot coffee and tea go to Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer, a CT- and NJ- based organization raising funds for childhood cancer research. In addition to Background Coffee on the first floor, find hot mulled cider, cookies and other snacks on the 2nd & 3rd floors.

■ **Lucienne Buckner, Suspension: Foam Cloud Interactive Sculptures, Backyard**

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

Suspension: Things that float in the sky. Butterflies, bubbles & bees. Artist Lucienne Buckner's sculpted clouds of foam fly away into the stratosphere. Demonstrations every hour, weather permitting. Visit studio 107 to see more of Lu's fascinating work and hear about her process.

■ **Carlos Davila, Sculpture Installation, Backyard**

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

Carlos Davila has installed two of his large public art sculptures in the backyard at Metro. His work is on display in a number of cities, including Fayetteville, NC; Providence, RI and Worcester, MA. These two sculptures represent the start of a future public art garden space at Metro Art Studios. Also visit studio 305 to see more of Carlos' sculptures in progress.

■ **Kitchen Concerts, 2nd and 3rd Floors**

Saturday, November 11, noon to 4 pm
Sunday, November 12, noon to 4 pm

Enjoy pop-up musical performances near the 2nd- and 3rd-floor kitchens on Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Local singers, songwriters and instrumental musicians will be sharing their sounds. Learn more about the local music scene.

■ **Susan Fehlinger, Studio 101**

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

Susan Fehlinger, palette knife painter, will be exhibiting her new series of coastal New England oils, painted this summer, and demonstrating her palette knife techniques. Visiting sculptor Louise Cadoux will be showing her wild and whimsical wire fish.

■ **Linn Cassetta, Fantasy Birds, Studio 101**

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

Linn Cassetta, designer, painter and printmaker will be showing her new fantasy bird collection in addition to her ongoing egg exploration.

■ **Dale Najarian, Studio 102**

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

Dale will be exhibiting her newest original oil paintings of contemporary landscapes and cityscapes. Various sizes available for sale.

■ **Denise Susalka, Art Discussion & Sale, Studio 105**

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

Denise will be discussing her series of paintings of female legs at various ages as they develop from preschooler, through tomboy into gawky teenager, blooming into young lady and culminating in vamp. A discount for the Bridgeport Art Trail will be offered on selected artwork.

■ **Day Moore, The Movement of Water, Studio 106**

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

In addition to my paintings I will be exhibiting a special "reel" dedicated to the movement of water, lovingly collected over many years and from various locations around the world.

■ **John Bygott, Studio 109**

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

John Bygott will be presenting an array of paintings in oil in various sizes. Coastal scenes featuring John's expressive clouds. Contemporary and graphic images with a minimalist point of view.

■ **Short Art Films, Studio 113**

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

A pop-up exhibit of short art films curated by and featuring the work of Nathan Santana and others. Nathan is a multimedia artist using poetry, music & video to create art pieces that tell personal stories. He brings his own unique, original work as well as those of other video artists to the pop-up exhibit. Sit and watch some films while you discover more about Nathan and the films he's selected for exhibit.

■ **Alicia Cobb, Body Painting Demonstration, Studio 115**

Saturday, November 11, noon to 4 pm

Alicia Cobb, visual artist and body painter, will share the fascinating transformation of a human canvas from start to finish through body art. She will share how she started the art of body painting and give her model the opportunity to talk about the experience of being painted as well. artsimplified.com

■ **Pop-up Artist, Studio 116**

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

Enjoy the work of a local pop-up artist in the Metro conference room on the first floor. This space is available for local artists to apply to and rent for the purpose of exhibiting and selling their work during public events. For more info about applying, send an email of inquiry to metroartstudios@gmail.com

■ **Kristin Merrill, Studio 201**

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

Stop by studio 201 for a free chance to win a \$100 gift certificate good towards any jewelry or sculpture handmade by Kristin Merrill. Winner will be chosen Sunday at 5 pm.

Photo by KVON



WPKN vintage vinyl sale at Am Fab #1

■ Jennifer Burbank, Studio 202

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

On view, new, color-rich paintings by landscape-based abstract painter Jennifer Burbank, including an assortment of inspirational drawings, works on paper and collage pieces.

■ Jane Davila, New Work, Studio 205

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

See new work by printmaker and textile artist, Jane Davila. Jane prints on both fabric and paper, and often includes stitching on both types of work. Jane has a variety of printing projects incorporating block printing, screen printing and pochoir printing in progress to see and discuss.

■ Julia Contacessi, Studio 206

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

Stop by the studio to see Julia's abstract original paintings and prints. There are options available in a range of price points, starting as low as \$25 with ready-to-hang prints starting at \$50. Visit anytime at www.Juliacontacessi.com.

■ Janice Sweetwater, Studio 207

Saturday, November 11, 10am to 5pm
Sunday, November 12, 10am to 5pm

Sweetwater Studio will be showcasing guest artist Maryann Provey's beautiful jewelry inspired and driven by the beauty of nature and realized in metals, gems, pearls and organic forms and textures. Sweetwater's original fine art will be available for purchase over the weekend at a 20% discount. Enjoy Sweetwater's passion for the light expressed through color for many years to come.

■ Lisa Hirten, Studio 209

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

Lisa Hirten will be exhibiting new work including a series of mixed media collages, fresh abstracts and landscapes. Studio sale all weekend: 10% off coastal-themed paintings.

■ Dolores Tema, Weaving Demonstration, Studio 210

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

Come by for a weaving demonstration on a floor loom by fiber artist Dolores Tema and try on the pre-season sale winter scarves.

■ Susan Taylor Murray, Studio 211

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

Susan will be exhibiting lots of new work. There will also be a drawing in the studio each day with the chance to win a small original/signed painting.

■ Tracey Anderson Kollar, Vintage ReStyled, Studio 212

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

Tracey will be working on a vintage furniture find over the weekend of the Bridgeport Art Trail. Stop by Saturday and Sunday to follow her through the nitty-gritty of preparation, painting, staining and decorative details. And for those who love a good "before & after," the finished sideboard will be posted on Instagram @traceyandersonkollarvrs

■ Patrice Barrett, New Work and Sale, Studio 213

Saturday, November 11; 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12; 10 am to 5 pm

On display is the new "Color Love" series of triptychs and single pieces on 20" x 24" canvases. Also, enjoy a 10% discount on all framed and unframed Thermofax screenprints, and 15% discount on all 12" x 12" and 14" x 14" canvases.

■ Jill Morton Art, Studio 214

Saturday November 11; 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12; 10 am to 5 pm

I'm excited to show you my largest painting to date measuring 64x54! Come see my new abstract works referencing nature on the second floor. I will also be offering some matted abstract prints this year at an affordable price. I can't wait to show you my work.

■ Rick Shaefer, Seige, Studio 301

Saturday November 11; 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12; 10 am to 5 pm

Rick will be showing a new large charcoal triptych titled "Siege" which deals with, among other themes, the rising sea level and man's desperate attempts to address it. As in other works dealing with topical subjects, many of the elements in this piece are both current and historical. A time-layered tower of babel rises out of a misty cityscape with a massive seawall which is under assault by the raging ocean. Peter Bruegel the Elder's engraving "Hope" is but one of many art historical references alluded to in this large drawing.

■ Russell Miyaki, Studio 307

Saturday, November 11; 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12; 10 am to 5 pm

Russell Miyaki will be on hand to share more new works and new sizes of abstract expressions of happiness.

■ Jessica Hernandez, Printmaking Demonstration, Studio 312

Saturday, November 11; 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12; 10 am to 5 pm

Jessica Hernandez is exhibiting original lino prints. Stop by her studio for a demonstration of the printmaking process. The first five visitors on both Saturday and Sunday will receive a free 5"x7" lino print.

■ Richard Oriolo, Petals, Studio 314

Saturday, November 11; 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12; 10 am to 5 pm

Richard will be exhibiting a new vibrant series entitled "Petals".

5 PenRod Studio

Penny and Rod Cook
325 Lafayette Street, Unit 9105
Bridgeport, CT 06604
penrodphotographs.com
203.992.1001
penrodcook@gmail.com

PenRod Studio represents the photography of Penrhyn and Rod Cook ranging from street photography to nudes and landscapes using mixed medium.

6 Gallery 9104

25 Lafayette Street, Unit 9104
(entrance on Gregory St),
Bridgeport, CT 06604
203.685.1309
iyaba Ibo Mandingo / iyabarts@gmail.com
iyabarts.com

Gallery 9104 features the art of Iyaba Ibo Mandingo, storyteller and master teacher, specializing in paintings, drawings, sculpture, textile collage, poetry, puppetry and performance of his original works like "UnFramed." He is a sought-after poet/artist regionally, nationally and in the Caribbean and Africa. Gallery 9104 is an Art House. Our goal is to give the art lover an opportunity to see the work beyond the gallery walls in a setting they can relate to.

■ Open Studio

Saturday, November 11, Noon to 6 pm
Sunday, November 12, noon to 6 pm

Visit with the artist and view Iyaba's extensive body of work as he debuts his latest pieces and books of his poetry and short stories.

■ Open House and Poetry

Friday, November 10, 6:30 to 9 pm

Iyaba presents his poetry and art in the place where it is created.

DOWNTOWN

7 Housatonic Museum of Art

900 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, CT 06604
203.332.5052

housatonicmuseum.org

IG: @housatonicmuseumofart

Director: Jennifer Reynolds-Kaye

jreynolds-kaye@housatonic.edu

Visitors often exclaim that the Housatonic Museum of Art is a “hidden gem”—a world-class art collection within a community college in Bridgeport. They marvel at the quality and quantity of works on view, as the HMA proudly displays its collection throughout the CT State Housatonic Campus. In this special exhibition, new and returning visitors can experience highlights from HMA in one place. The exhibition showcases artwork from U.S. and European modern and contemporary artists and is arranged in loose chronological sections that provide context for understanding the artists’ contributions. Featured artists in the exhibition include Andy Warhol, Yoko Ono, Pablo Picasso, Jacob Lawrence, Jaune Quick-to-See Smith, Romare Bearden, Ansel Adams, Jenny Holzer and Marisol.

Hidden Gems from the Housatonic Museum of Art

Thursday, November 9, 8:30 am to 7 pm

Closed Friday, November 10 in observation of Veterans Day

Saturday, November 11, 9 am to 2 pm

(Lafayette Hall only)

Closed Sunday, November 12

Urban Art and Nature Walk in Downtown Bridgeport

Thursday, November 9, 5 to 7 pm

Meet at the Burt Chernow Galleries, Lafayette Hall, 900 Lafayette Blvd. Free parking until 10 pm at the Housatonic Parking Garage (870 Lafayette Blvd.)

You’re invited to join us for a special evening of art and nature! Grab a bite to eat at our reception and enjoy a guided tour of Hidden Gems from the Housatonic Museum of Art. Then, we’ll head out on a walking expedition throughout downtown Bridgeport, where the Aspetuck Land Trust will point out native and invasive species and the Colorful Bridgeport team will highlight the many murals and public art installations throughout the neighborhood. You’ll see the natural world through new eyes while experiencing the beautiful murals in the urban landscape. This walking tour will last from 6 to 7pm, when we’ll head to the Bridgeport Art Trail weekend kickoff sites at Read’s Artspace and 211 State St.

Advanced registration required using this link. Organized by the Aspetuck Land Trust, Downtown Special Services District, and the Housatonic Museum of Art. Register here: <http://bit.ly/BAT-UrbanArt-2023>

8 Barnum Museum

820 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604

barnum-museum.org

Contact: 203.331.1104

info@barnum-museum.org

As one of the longest ongoing museums in the nation, the Barnum Museum remains true to P.T. Barnum’s original mission: Instructive Entertainment. For more than a century, families from around the world have visited the Barnum Museum and experienced wonder, curiosity, surprise and enrichment. With exhibits ranging from a miniature circus to the recently acquired “Centaur of Tymfi,” the Museum continues to amaze and enthrall guests of all ages. The Museum is currently undergoing a massive and transformative restoration, and construction will continue through 2024. To stay connected and keep you entertained, please visit our award-winning YouTube Channel at youtube.com/c/BarnumMuseum or our website at barnum-museum.org/ Your support matters!

9 Bridgeport History Center

Burroughs-Saden Public Library, 925 Broad Street, 3rd floor, Bridgeport, CT 06604

bportlibrary.org/hc

203.576.7400 x7

Visit by appointment only on Wednesdays and Thursdays from noon to 8 pm and Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm; appt. request form at bportlibrary.org/hc

The Bridgeport History Center opened its doors in 1936. The collection contains historic photographs, newspapers, maps and a host of research materials documenting the history of this city. The Center also has one of the largest collections for conducting genealogy research in the state.

Thursday night Kick Off

City Lights Gallery #21

Urban Art and Nature Walk in Downtown Bridgeport.

Meet at Housatonic Museum of Art #7

Reads Art Space #12

211 State St #10

10 211 State St BAT Alternative Art Pop Up

The BAT is grateful for the opportunity to activate the vacant third floor, for the four-day weekend. Attendees will explore halls and office spaces energized with mini-exhibits, live music, spoken word, film screening and installations. Established, emerging and new artists exhibit and present together. Enjoy the unique opportunity to experience a full spectrum of artistic expression, a hallmark of the BAT weekend celebration.

BAT partners producing the 211 Pop-up for the Bridgeport Art Trail are The Firm + Shim + City Lights Gallery #21, Bridgeport Art Trail. Community partners include Meet Mario Productions #10a and The After Party Collective #10b. Among the featured installations are “Thoughts and Prayers” a collaborative piece by Martha Willette Lewis and Margaret Roleke #10c, a fiber art installation by Nest Arts Factory #29 artist Carlos Biernay #10d and a View from the Canoe by Scott Schuldt #10i.

211 BAT Pop Up Open House

211 State St. Third floor full of art

Thursday, November 9, 6 to 9 pm

Friday, November 10, Noon to 6:30 pm

Saturday, November 11, 11 am to 9 pm

Sunday, November 12, 11 am to 5 pm

211 SPECIAL EVENTS:

Meet Mario Productions #10a, CHOICES:

The art exhibit and film screening, accepting suggested donations of \$20 for future projects that present personal stories to raise awareness of the opioid crisis.

Saturday November 11, 3:30 to 5 pm

SMACKTV, A one-hour screening is followed by a presentation about “CHOICES: The Art Show” led by filmmakers from Meet Mario Productions and invited guests; mother, author and poet, IRIS SEDA; and spoken word artist, REM the GEM.



Art by Grege Aime in “Choices the Exhibit” #10a

■ The After Party #10b, listening and looking, art and live music

Saturday November 11, 7 to 9 pm

From indie rock to cello, enjoy an evening of art and music created by this collective of young musicians and artists.

■ Documentary Screening: Larry Locke

Sunday November 12, 2:30 to 4:30 pm

Larry Locke, award-winning filmmaker has selected 80 minutes of documentaries. In his own words, "I'm pulling out the best for this show. Two of them are brand new, one of them Bridgeport centric. Please put it on your calendars."

■ Pechakucha Storytelling #10k

Sunday November 12, 5 to 8:30 pm

A BAT tradition is to end the weekend arts celebration by gathering to socialize and tell and listen to stories. It starts with a delicious and nourishing meal for purchase by Chef Rachel. This storytelling style has been succinctly described as "the Moth with pictures." Storytelling runs 6 to 8 pm.

EXHIBITING ARTISTS, GROUPS, INSTALLATIONS:

10a Meet Mario Productions

MMP hosts a multi-media project of visual art and video, featuring "CHOICES: The Art Show" exhibit and SMACK/TV shining a light on people impacted by addiction and raising awareness of the fentanyl and opioid crisis. Exhibiting artists include Greg Aime, Victoria Hyde, KAYLONNARTT, Iyaba Ibo Mandingo, Jose Mendoza, Aber Tatts and please be the change, paint live.

■ Meet Mario Productions & SMACKTV Presents: "CHOICES: The Art Show"

Third floor

Saturday, November 11, 12 to 5 pm

"Choices the Art Show", the screening of SMACK TV with a presentation at 3 pm, by Meet Mario Productions & SMACK TV.

An artistic exploration into the opioid/fentanyl epidemic in our communities. An exhibition of mixed media works that draw from digital media, the abstract and visual arts mediums.

Noon: Live Street Art

12 to 3 pm – Casual viewing of art

3 to 3:30 pm – SMACKTV screening the screening of SMACK TV with a presentation at 3 pm, by Meet Mario Productions & SMACK TV

3:30 to 4:30 pm – About CHOICES: The Art Show led by filmmakers from Meet Mario Productions and invited guests, mother, author, and poet, IRIS SEDA and spoken word artist, "REM the GEM".

Sunday, November 12, 12 to 5 pm
"CHOICES: The Art Show"

10b The After Party Collective

aftertheparty2019@gmail.com

A young group of local artists and musicians make their debut in the Bridgeport Art Trail. Exhibiting artists include Quintinn Bravo, Javanny Hernandez, Rachel Kosa and Tea Powell.

■ Emerging—A Group Art Exhibition

Thursday, November 9, 11 am to 5 pm

Friday, November 10, 11 am to 5 pm

Saturday, November 11, 11 am to 5 pm

Sunday, November 9, 11 am to 5 pm

The After Party hosts their first public art event: Emerging. This is a pop-up, group art show highlighting young artists and musicians who have lived and/or worked in the greater Bridgeport area and are working to establish themselves as professional artists in and outside of the city. A lot of our artwork and music explores themes surrounding what it feels like to live and love in a generation with so many unique experiences like the internet, environmental crisis and a global pandemic. The show will focus on creating more understanding around the tools we've learned to use to express ourselves, given the time we live in.

■ Emerging, Opening Reception

Thursday November 9, 5 to 9 pm

Meet the artists of The After Party, a small arts collective with roots right here in Bridgeport. Our opening reception will offer DIY lino printing, intimate artist conversations and a cello performance from Cristina Bustamante.

■ Acoustic Show

Saturday November 11, 5 pm to 9 pm

Join us for a night of special performances from Daydreamer, Flowers From Tea, Rachel Kosa and Mintea. Each of these artists will be doing a stripped down, acoustic set of their original music, including nostalgic, dream-pop songs accompanied by classical instruments. There will be a \$12 door fee that will go to the musicians.

10c Thoughts & Prayers,

a collaborative installation by Margaret Roleke and Martha Willette Lewis, addressing gun violence in America.

This installation made its debut in the fall of 2022 on Governor's Island, NYC, and has been traveling around since, with the goal of touring the country. By visiting various civic spaces, Thoughts & Prayers seeks to incite better conversations about our collective relationship to weapons and violence in the United States. Fabricated from used shotgun shells and crowdsourced tee-shirts with original prayer flag messages, the work invokes the scale and quantity involved in this national crisis.



Art by Larry Morse # 10g

10d Carlos Biernnay, fiber art Installation

View a site-specific fiber art installation of absurd and mythical imagery of hand painted, dyed, felted and quilted forms. Carlos will demonstrate art quilt techniques on Thursday at 211 State St. and on Saturday and Sunday at the NEST Arts factory.

10e Undue Burden

Envisioned by artist/designer/curator Linda Lindroth, this traveling exhibit originated in New Haven, and was on view in March 2023 at City Lights Gallery, Bridgeport, during International Women's Month. A selection of the poster art exhibit presents artists' expressions advocating for women's rights, including access to contraceptives, abortion rights, the right to choose and health-care support for women and their children.

10f Francis Pressley

Mr. Francis Pressley is a poet, playwright and visual artist, a native of Bridgeport, evolving as an artist since 1996. He is dedicated to being a grassroots ambassador of the arts to the Bridgeport community. His latest body of work is called "BREATH." His distinctive style depicts the people and places of Bridgeport and his beloved dogs.

10g Larry Morse

Larry was born in Harlem hospital on October 3, 1947. His artistic strengths became apparent early in his youth, and educators were quick to encourage and support him in that area of his development. After a tour of Vietnam, he obtained a BFA from The School of Visual Arts in New York City, worked in the New York City commercial art world and taught art in the city as a certified teacher. Throughout, Larry pursued his personal vision, artistically and amassed a sizable body of work. Larry is now at a point in life when, over the last 10 years, he has promoted and endeavored to share and sell his art with and to others. Notable venues have been galleries in Chelsea, Good News Cafe, Mark Twain Library, Richter Gallery, Gallery 287 in Danbury, City Lights Gallery and others. His work has been collected by patrons and corporations in the NY-CT region.



Light art and photography by Dustin De Milio, Reads artist #12

10h Veronica Martins, Paintings, solo exhibit

studioveronicamartin.wixsite.com/veronica/info
Facebook: Drawing and Paintings by Veronica Martins-Art

Veronica is a prolific portrait artist with a distinct style, where her love of people is palpable. She often adapts realism to express her ideas on canvas. She describes herself as “a painter, designer, portraitist...figurative, realistic and abstract expressionist.” Veronica says her influences are Salvador Dali - Surrealism, Leonardo DaVinci – Classical, Frida Kahlo - Latin Magical Realism and Vincent Van Gogh, Expressionism.

10i Scott Schuldt: View from the Canoe Installation

canoepost.blogspot.com
notesfromsmokefarm.blogspot.com

Artist Scott Schuldt never disappoints, presenting his stunning works inspired by his passion for canoeing and his concern and study of environmental conditions and fascinating choices of materials. From hand-hewn paddles to schematic renderings about the condition of marine life and waterways, his canoe-themed installation demonstrates how he thinks, creates and sees the world as an artist, engineer and lover of nature. He melds his unique art practice and choices of materials, such as embroidery bead work and found-object constructions with the skills from his training and years of experience as an engineer and his countless hours exploring nature and canoeing. Watch Scott as he demonstrates time-consuming hand-sewn bead embroidery for “The Talking Squirrel,” 38” x 55” a work in progress, at month 22.

10j Abigail Nima, Expressive figure paintings by Paier College art student

Instagram @abigailnimaart

10k City Lights/Bridgeport Art Trail Sampler

See an eclectic collection of art representing the artists of City Lights and #21 and the Bridgeport Art Trail.

10l Pechakucha Bridgeport

The art of conversation and community connection is celebrated through the sharing of personal stories at the Bridgeport Art Trail PechaKucha, bringing people together from diverse backgrounds. Wind down after a weekend full of art with storytelling and a good meal offered for sale by Chef Raquel of A Pinch of Salt. Meals must be reserved and purchased in advance at <https://bit.ly/BGPT-PK-VOL16-FOOD>. Among the storytellers are Bridgeport Art Trail artists. This year’s theme, linked to the broader Art Trail theme of “Thoughts and Prayers,” is IRONY. PechaKucha means “chit-chat” in Japanese. Speakers present their stories accompanied by 20 slides, shown for 20 seconds each, resulting in a total time of 6 minutes and 40 seconds. This licensed format keeps presentations focused and fast-paced. PechaKucha Night Bridgeport is intended for adult audiences. The event is free. Contributions are used to defray operating costs. One dollar of each contribution goes to support the international PechaKucha organization. PechaKucha Night Bridgeport is organized by The Barnum Museum, City Lights Gallery, the Downtown Special Services District and Nina Lesiga.

■ Bridgeport Art Trail PechaKucha, a Bridgeport Art Trail Closing Party Tradition

Sunday, November 12, 6 to 8 pm,
 doors open at 5 pm.

211 State St., 3rd Floor Art Pop-Up Space
 For more info on this event, go to pechakucha.com/events/bridgeport-art-trail-vol-16.

11 Gallery 999

The Mayor’s Gallery at Margaret E Morton Government Center
 999 Broad Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604
bridgeportct.gov
 203.576.7201

A sculpture of Lewis Latimer studying his lightbulb design greets you as you approach the Bridgeport City Hall Annex at the Margaret E. Morton Government Center. Latimer worked on both patents and designs with Thomas Edison on the lightbulb and Alexander Graham Bell on the telephone. At one point in his life, Latimer lived in Bridgeport’s South End. This spacious exhibit area in the Government Center consists of walls on the first and second floor of the City Hall Annex. Visitors can view the art during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. Exhibits change monthly, featuring the work of Bridgeport artists, schools and community groups.

12 Read’s Artspace & Ground Floor Gallery

This former department store located in the heart of downtown has the distinction of being the sole artist live/work space in the city. Home to more than 30 artists working in a variety of mediums including visual arts, music, writing and theater, Read’s has served as a hub for residents to create and exhibit their work since 2005.

Gallery Art Trail Hours:

Thursday 11/9 5:30-9:30pm

Friday 11/10 Closed

Saturday 11/11 11am-4pm

Sunday 11/12 11am-4pm

Sunday 11/12 6pm-9pm Poetry Open Mic Exhibit, “State of Being”

View work in a variety of mediums by resident and guest artists in the spacious Ground Floor Gallery.

BAT KICK OFF/OPENING RECEPTION

Thursday, November 9, 5:30-9:30pm

Art Exhibit, Live Music by Cris Cavaliere, Body Painting by Alicia Cobb

Party with us in the Ground Floor Gallery as we kick off the Art Trail with opening of the new exhibit “State of Being”. Savor delectable appetizers and cool refreshments while enjoying the musical explorations of Chris Cavaliere, Musician & Songwriter, as he takes you on a sonic journey with his guitar. Be mesmerized by the stunning transformation performed by ACE award winning artist Alicia Cobb on a live model with her masterful fine art body painting.

Revel in art and one another as friends, neighbors and fellow art aficionados gather at this lively annual event.

Entrance on Broad Street. Reminder: Do NOT Park in the private lot.

Live Painting Session by MIA

Saturday, November 11, 1 pm to 3 pm

Ground Floor Gallery

Mosey into the Ground Floor Gallery to watch as MIA and other resident artists create new work before your eyes during this live painting session. Always intriguing to see what develops on the canvas. Free.

Poetry: Open Mic

Saturday, November 11, 2023 6 pm -to 9 pm

Shanna T. Melton Presents

Lyrical Voices - An Open Mic

Lyrical Voices has been a staple in the fabric that is Bridgeport's art community for over 20 years. It is a home for creativity that the poets built. We will come together to share poetry, music, visual art and more. This evening will be hosted by Shanna T Melton in the historic Read's Artspace Gallery. Spread the word and come on time for secure your spot on the open mic!

12a Maggie Daly Arts Cooperative Gallery

1042 Broad St. (entrance on John St.)

thekennedycollective.org

Contact: 203.223.9433

The Kennedy Collective Maggie Daly Arts Cooperative (MDAC), founded in 2014, continues to be a magical and unique space adding to the cultural fabric of Bridgeport. Located in the former Read's building #11, MDAC artists with intellectual disabilities have made connections with neighbors, businesses, universities, museums and art councils forming innovative partnerships to celebrate the universal language of art. At MDAC, opportunities abound for artists to experience varied media and approaches to artmaking.

2024 Unique Perspective Calendar and Group Show

Friday, November 10, 10 am to 3 pm

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 3 pm

13 McLevy Green

Corner of Broad Street and State Street

Bridgeport, CT

203.576.7233

The Park City's first public park, historic McLevy Green in the heart of downtown Bridgeport, was set aside as a public square in 1806. The park is surrounded by landmark architecture and buildings. It is the site of McLevy Hall, a stunning Greek Revival Brownstone built in 1854, where Abraham Lincoln spoke when he campaigned for the presidency. Today it is a vibrant hub of entertainment, shopping, dining and relaxation for city residents and visitors. Every summer, it is home to the Downtown Farmer's Market, the Downtown

Thursday concert series and Bridgeport Arts Fest, among other festivals and events.

13a Art in Public Places

The city of Bridgeport has an eclectic collection of public art city-wide. Learn about public art spanning back over a century and half. For a comprehensive survey of monuments, sculpture and murals, go to bridgeportarttrail.org/bat-public-art. This link may change.

13b New Downtown Public Art

Bridgeport has a growing collection of public art city-wide. Check out the new works city partners have sponsored under the direction of the Colorful Bridgeport, Downtown Special Services District.

Public Art Crawl Friday

Friday, November 10, 4 pm to 7 pm

Drop in for the Colorful Bridgeport Open House Happy Hour at the Downtown Special Services District office, 938 Broad Street, to learn about the Color It In Public Art Project and celebrate the new works in the downtown district. Then join us for a guided tour of all of the Downtown mural sites by the Colorful Bridgeport team. After the tour, grab a beverage at Berlinetta Brewing at 90 Golden Hill St. Hang out and view the impressive, large-scale video projection art performance by Bridgeport artist Dustin DeMilio.

Self-guided downtown public art maps will be available at the Colorful Bridgeport office at 938 Broad St and other Bridgeport Art Trail sites throughout the weekend. To find out more go to <https://infobridgeport.com/color-it-in-mural/>.

Public Art Crawl Schedule

4 pm Happy Hour and Open House at Downtown Special Services District office

5 pm Guided tour begins

6:30 pm Arrive at Post Office Square and Berlinetta Brewery, grab a beverage and watch the video light installation.

7:30 to 9 pm Video Light performance by Dustin DeMilio

Scan this QR code to check out a comprehensive survey of Bridgeport's vast collection of public art city-wide, especially the new works that city partners have sponsored under the Color It In program.

If you can't join for the event, but would love to tour the latest public art, printed maps are available at the DSSD office or a digital one is available simply by scanning the QR code on the back of this guide.

**PUBLIC ART CRAWL
FRIDAY HAPPY HOUR
#13b meet at 938 Broad St.,
Downtown Special Services Office**

13c UFologistEmoji: Albert K, Bender "Pop-UP" History Center

920 Broad Street @ DSSD Office

Contact: 203.666.1870 or 203.331.0399

Reads Artist: MIA Emoji Lipstick Loft #404

Painter, Sculptor, Writer, Poet, Storyteller

Facebook: Albert K. Bender

EMAIL: ufoartshow@gmail.com

mia.lipstick@yahoo.com

Albert K. Bender "Pop-UP" History Center

Friday, November 10, 3 to 7pm

**Friday 6 pm World Contact Day Message
Recitation 6 pm**

Gathering on Broad Street Men In Black Mural by Artist Brad Noble

Saturday, November 11, 1 to 4pm

A "POP-UP" mini UFO-themed history center located at 920 Broad Street on 11/10 & 11/11 only.

WW2 Air force Veteran, Bridgeport Resident, Author and UFO-logist Albert K. Bender established the first INTERNATIONAL FLYING SAUCER BUREAU and published SPACE REVIEW MAGAZINE in 1951.

Come and learn more about the infamous Men In Black visitations which happened right here at 784 Broad Street in 1953. The Bender exhibit will include biographical information, poster images, text excerpts from SPACE REVIEW and also from Bender's book: Flying Saucers and the Three Men. Interactive celestial artwork will also be on display by Artist Host MIAEmojiLipstick .

Join us at 6 pm Friday night for a group recitation of the original World Contact Day Message under the 70-foot Men In Black Mural by Artist Brad Noble. Learn more about his inspiration!



Art by Brad Noble, #13c

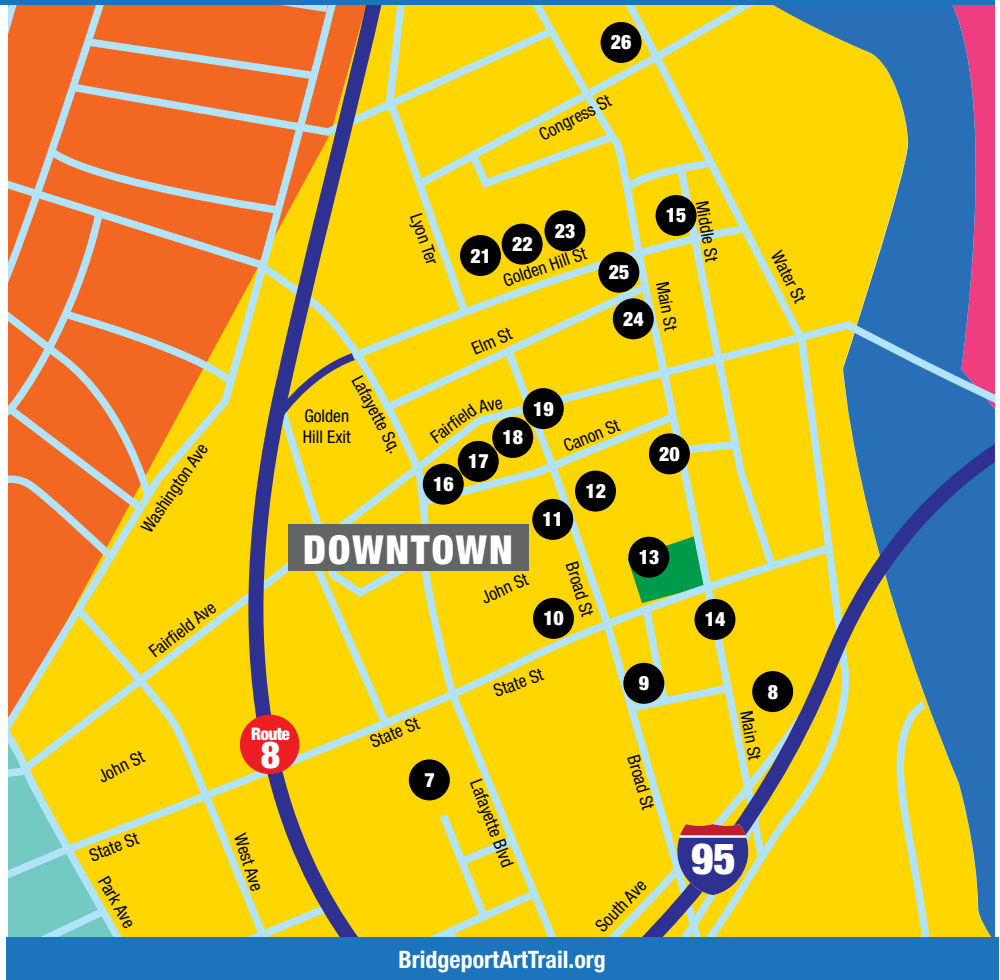
ART TRAIL LOCATIONS



See Downtown map for additional listings
Full info at BridgeportArtTrail.org

ART TRAIL LOCATIONS

1. **American Fabrics Arts Building**
1069 Connecticut Avenue
2. **Seaside Park**
3. **Paier College**
505 University Avenue
4. **Metro Art Studios**
345 Railroad Avenue
5. **PenRod Studio**
325 Lafayette Street
6. **Gallery 9104**
325 Lafayette Street, Unit 9104
7. **Housatonic Museum of Art**
900 Lafayette Street
8. **Barnum Museum**
820 Main Street
9. **Bridgeport History Center, Bridgeport Public Library**
925 Broad Street
10. **211 State St. BAT Pop Up**
211 State Street
 - 10a. Meet Mario Productions
 - 10b. The After Party Collective
 - 10c. Thoughts & Prayers Martha Willette Lewis, Margaret Roleke
 - 10d. Carlos Biernay
 - 10e. Undue Burden
 - 10f. Francis Pressley
 - 10g. Larry Morse
 - 10h. Veronica Martins
 - 10i. Scott Schuldt, A View from the Canoe
 - 10j. Abigail Nima
 - 10k. Bridgeport Pechakucha
11. **Gallery 999**
999 Broad Street
12. **Read's ArtSpace & Ground**
Floor Gallery, 1042 Broad Street
- 12a. **Maggie Daly Arts Cooperative**
1042 Broad St
13. **McLevy Hall/Green**
202 State Street
 - 13a. Art In Public Places
 - 13b. Downtown Public Art
Bijou Square/Downtown
 - 13c. Albert K, Bender "Pop-UP" History Center
14. **Stress Factory**
167 State Street
15. **Skateport**
Post Office Square, 90 Golden Hill Street
16. **Bijou Theatre**
275 Fairfield Avenue
17. **URSA Gallery**
245 Fairfield Avenue
18. **WPKN Radio, 89.5 FM**
277 Fairfield Avenue
19. **Emporium**
305 Fairfield Avenue



20. **Historic Arcade Mall**
1001 Main Street
 - 20a. BPT Creates
 - 20b. Art Is Music
 - 20c. dertbag
 - 20d. Paradox Ink
 21. **City Lights Gallery**
265 Golden Hill Street
 22. **Downtown Cabaret Theatre**
263 Golden Hill Street
 23. **Neighborhood Studios of Fairfield County**
150 Elm Street
 24. **The Mary and Eliza Freeman Center**
1135 Main Street
 25. **NBALAB**
1163 Main Street
 26. **The Archive**
118 Congress Street
 27. **Artists of the Knowlton**
305 Knowlton Street
 - 27a. Downtime TV
 28. **The Klein Memorial Auditorium**
910 Fairfield Avenue
 - 28a. Greater Bridgeport Symphony
 - 28b. Bridgeport Film Fest
 29. **NEST Arts Factory**
1720 Fairfield Avenue
 - 29a. Misencik Photography
 - 29b. Black Rock Art Guild
 - 29c. Bridgeport Film Fest
 - 29d. Tai Chi
 - 29e. Black Rock Art Galleries
 30. **Mongers Market**
1155 Railroad Avenue
 31. **Source Coffeehouse**
2889 Fairfield Avenue
 32. **Park City Music Hall**
2926 Fairfield Avenue
 33. **Harborview Market**
218 Harborview Avenue
 34. **Pious Bird of Good Omen**
2960 Fairfield Avenue
 35. **Framemakers Framing & Gallery**
3004 Fairfield Avenue
- NORTH END**
36. **Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo**
1875 Noble Avenue
 37. **KEYS**
2200 North Avenue
 38. **SHU Discovery Center and Planetarium**
4450 Park Avenue
 39. **Creative Youth Productions**
for the program book and website



BAT Urban Bike Tour #21b

BIJOU SQUARE / DOWNTOWN

14 Stress Factory

167 State Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604
bridgeport.stressfactory.com
 203.576.4242

Vinnie Brand's Stress Factory Comedy Club brings the nation's top headliners to Bridgeport every week. The Stress Factory hosts an open mic night every Wednesday at 7:30 pm, and Date Night Thursdays for dinner, dessert, drinks and a great show for a special price. The best in entertainment and dining—eat, drink, laugh!

■ Stand Up Comedy: Aaron Weber

Friday, November 10, 7:30 pm
 Saturday, November 11, 7:30 pm

Aaron Weber is a standup comedian based in Nashville and is a regular performer at the world-famous Grand Ole Opry. He made his debut in 2019 at the age of 28, making him the youngest standup comedian ever to step into the Opry circle.

Purchase tickets: <https://bridgeport.stressfactory.com/events/73200>

15 Skateport

1155 Main St., Bridgeport, CT
 Post Office Square
skateportct.com
 IG: [instagram.com/skateportct](https://www.instagram.com/skateportct)
 Executive Director & Founder: Takina Pollock Shafer
skateportct@gmail.com

Bringing roller skating back, Bridgeport style. Skateport is designed to spread and support the culture of roller skating in Connecticut by creating spaces to skate. Seasoned skaters, new skaters, aspiring skaters and spectators are invited to join us!

15a Berlinetta Brewing Co.

90 Golden Hill St Bridgeport CT 06604
berlinettabrewing.com/
 203-549-8203
 Saturday 1 pm to 9 pm
 Sunday 1 pm to 6 pm
 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 4 pm to 9 pm
 Closed Monday and Tuesday
 2-Drink Minimum, 21+
 Shaki Presents: Simon Joyner & the Sirens
 DJs: Stefan Christensen & Shaki
 Thursday November 9, 2023
 Doors/dj at 7pm, showtime at 8:30pm
[simonjoyner.bandcamp.com](https://www.bandcamp.com/simonjoyner)
[facebook.com/simonjoynermusic/](https://www.facebook.com/simonjoynermusic/)

SIMON JOYNER

Simon Joyner is a singer-songwriter from Omaha, Nebraska. He's been flying under the radar since 1991, releasing music on various independent labels including: Team Love, Jagjaguwar, Sing Eunuchs!, Catsup Plate, One-Hour, Shrimper, Brinkman, Secretly Canadian, and Unread. He is also the co-founder of Grapefruit Records (grapefruitrecordclub.com) and an occasional producer of other people's albums. The Sirens on this tour are Jim Schroeder, Mychal Marasco, and more!

"Like a modern-day Leonard Cohen, Simon Joyner's poetic lyrics and beaten-down vocals gesture as much to characters or melodies as they do articulate them."

— Pitchfork

"Omaha has given us the reigning heir to Henry Miller's dark emotional mirror, Townes Van Zandt's three-chord moan, and Lou Reed's warehouse minimalism: his name is Simon Joyner." — Gillian Welch

Poetry Open Mic with
 Shanna Melton, Sat Nov 11,
 at Read's ArtSpace #12

16 Bijou Theatre

275 Fairfield Avenue, Downtown
Bridgeport, CT 06604
203.296.2875
Executive Director: Lou Zayas
Louiszayas@bijoutheatrect.com
info@bijoutheatrect.com
bijoutheatrect.net

In continual operation for over 100 years, the Bijou is one of the oldest buildings used as a movie house in the country. The Bijou Theatre is a fully renovated multi-functional venue for live performances and film as well as business and social events. Under new management, Lou Zayas and Star Factory at the Bijou added children's theatre and kids parties to Bijou offerings. The Bijou is closed to the public during the BAT weekend for a production shoot. Check out our website for future live performances, fabulous tribute band shows and screenings or to book your event or schedule your production.

17 URSA

245 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport CT 06604
The website is under construction for the new home of URSA
718.431.4567
Proprietor: Cris Dam / cris@ursa.gallery

Experience the process of Cris Dam—artist, visionary, entrepreneur—as he brews up a new venue of art, coffee and music, transforming a downtown building that has been dormant for years. Visitors can experience this unique phase of transition, from raw space to premier venue. Contemporary art and vintage furniture will also be for sale. URSA Coffee Roasters is set to open spring 2024.

■ Music at URSA

Saturday, November 11, 2023
Doors open at 8 pm, \$10 admission, must be 21 to enter.

18 WPKN Radio, 89.5FM

wpkn.org
On-air telephone: 203.336.9756
Office telephone: 203.331.9756
Steve di Costanzo, general manager

Founded in 1963, nonprofit, community radio WPKN 89.5-FM is now a proud resident of downtown Bridgeport after relocating from the University of Bridgeport. In November 2021, WPKN moved to Bijou Square adjacent to the Bijou Theatre. With three studios and a community room, WPKN is becoming a multi-platform operation encompassing video and livestreaming, podcasting and terrestrial radio. WPKN streams live on the Internet at wpkn.org and on other internet radio platforms. WPKN also has its own free app for Apple and Android products—WPKN Live. Archived shows are available via the website for two weeks. More than 2000 podcasts for WPKN's public affairs, news and interview shows are available through

Apple Podcasts, Soundcloud and podcast apps via WPKN Community Radio. Look for interviews with artists and musicians. WPKN programs include live and recorded music, free-form music, news, public affairs and spoken word. WPKN's volunteer programmers present a wide variety of music and alternative information in a freeform mix of programming that seeks to serve in a unique and vibrant way those whose needs are not met by mainstream media. WPKN's programming mix is a cornucopia of genres and styles. From the obscure to the recognizable, it is presented by informed programmers who help listeners discover the best in live and recorded performances. WPKN actively participates as a media partner in many cultural organizations including theaters, festivals and events such as The Bridgeport Art Trail, Long Island's Great South Bay Music Festival, New Haven's International Festival of Art & Ideas and City-Wide Open Studios, Litchfield Jazz Festival, Falcon Ridge Folk Festival and many others. WPKN is the founder of New England's largest one-day record fair—Music Mash-Record Fair, held the first weekend in March. WPKN also produces two film series: Music on Film and the Environmental Film Series.

■ WPKN Vinyl Collection Sale and DJ Music at American Fabrics Arts Building #1

Saturday, November 11, 11 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 11 am to 5 pm

89.5-FM community radio will spin discs and sell vinyl as they present a sampling of their vast vinyl collection for sale. Proceeds support the nonprofit radio station's programs.

19 The Emporium

305 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport CT 06604
EmporiumCT.com
203 520-8051

Thursday, November 9, Noon to 5 pm
Friday, November 10, Noon to 5 pm
Saturday, November 11, Noon to 5 pm

The Emporium is an eclectic library and museum of touchstones of history and culture, available to be experienced or acquired. Listen to a favorite song from our collection of over 15,000 vinyl recordings; peruse one of our rare books dating back to the dawn of printing or explore historical ephemera ranging from Bridgeport to baseball. You can also support local entrepreneurs in the Startups Section, where you'll find hand-crafted jewelry and other unique gifts. Also, pick up guides for self-guided history walking tours.

DOWNTOWN

20 Arcade

1001 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604
203.395.1395
facebook.com/arcademallbpt

A true architectural gem in downtown Bridgeport, the Arcade Mall is a stunning historic restoration of one of the nation's first enclosed shopping malls. The breathtaking atrium has a dramatic Victorian stepped glass roof. The property was built in 1840 and underwent several interior and exterior renovations during the 1920s, 1950s and 1980s. It holds historic significance locally and nationally as one of the few remaining arcades from its time period. The renovated downtown landmark is activated with art pop-ups, studios and shops.

20a BPT Creates

Arcade Mall, 1001 Main Street, Suite 14,
Bridgeport, CT 06604
Contact: Rahz Branch
203.395.1395 / Magnacon7@gmail.com

A multifunctional event and creative space for visual artists, performers and idea makers of all sorts, with a bike repair shop within its dwelling. BPT Creates is located behind Read's ArtSpace and the Arcade Mall, between Broad Street and Cannon Street.

20b The Volume Just Increases

Arcade Mall Suite 27
Thevolumejustincreases.com
IG: VolumeJustIncreases

The Volume Just Increases is a new studio space in the Arcade Mall focusing on music-inspired art and gifts. Music lovers: come down and check out a gallery of rock and roll photographs taken by owner Chad Anderson as well as pieces from his wide-range concert poster collection that will be on display. But the biggest thing to check out in this new art music space is his creative new medium known as Phandles, which are unique photo-themed candles that immerse music fans in aromatherapy, candlelight, musical soundscapes and images all at once. This new medium allows visitors to interact with Chad's art through the senses bringing his works to life.

■ Music is Art

Thursday, November 9, 6 to 9 pm
Friday, November 10, 11 am to 3 pm
Saturday, November 11, 11 am to 3 pm



Iyaba Ibo Mandingo, artist/poet/storyteller of Gallery 9104 #6, hosts Friday 11/10/23 Open House and presents at Pechakucha Storytelling, Sunday 11/12 #10k

20c dertbag

Arcade Mall, Suite 21, second floor
20d Philip Post
dertbagdesign@gmail.com
dertbag.us

The dertbag atelier is a retail space and studio space for the brand dertbag. Philip Post is a 23-year-old self-taught artist from Norwalk, CT. He started his brand dertbag in 2007 at age 12. Post came up with the name after a flareup of his Crohn's disease that made it nearly impossible to go to school. Instead, he channeled his energy into his art, creating his own world with dertbag. Post has shown his work in Tokyo, Vienna, NYC and LA. In 2013, Philip opened his 'dertbag atelier' at age 18. He sells his dertbag brand and his father's brand, Frank Foster Post, here. He also works on his personal artwork and music at the atelier. Kanye West has been photographed wearing dertbag designs.

20d Paradox Ink

Liz Squillace
Arcade Mall, Suite 19, second floor
203.521.8681
paradoxink.com

Paradox Ink is the screenprinting and painting studio of Bridgeport artist, Liz Squillace. Liz is known for the Painted Stairway of the Broad Street Steps, the Bridgeport train station mural, "Tessellating Arrows and the Passage of Time" and many painted utility boxes in the neighborhood. Her company, Paradox Ink, screenprints live at many local events. Liz Squillace is a Rhode Island School of Design graduate and resident of Read's Artspace #12 live/work studios.

20e Kindred Thoughts Bookstore

Arcade Mall 1001 Main St., 1st Floor
kindredthoughts.shop
475-282-9050

Bookstore Store Hours:
Tuesdays 10 am-7 pm
Wednesday-Saturday 10 am-6 pm

■ Reading the Classics, A Letter from the Birmingham Jail

Saturday November 11, 6 pm to 8 pm

Reading the Classics is an opportunity to acquaint oneself with or revisit classic Black literature in an informal yet informative setting. Moderated by Cultural Historian, Michelle Black-Smith, we come together quarterly to engage with and celebrate the great canon of African American literature. All titles will be available for in-store purchase at least a month in advance, however, we encourage you to join us whether you have read the book or not. Light refreshments will be served, and participants will receive a select bibliography of the author's written works.

Jailed in Alabama for his campaign to end segregation, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote a letter of great eloquence in which he spelled out his philosophy of nonviolence from the Birmingham jail.

You may well ask: "Why direct action? Why sit-ins, marches and so forth? Isn't negotiation a better path?" You are quite right in calling for negotiation. Indeed, this is the very purpose of direct action. Nonviolent direct action seeks to create such a crisis and foster such a tension that a community which has constantly refused to negotiate is forced to confront the issue.

21 City Lights & Company, City Lights Gallery and Bridgeport Art Trail

265 Golden Hill St, Bridgeport CT 06604
Mailing Address: 130 Elm St Bridgeport, CT 06604
BridgeportArtTrail.org
cigallerybpt@gmail.com
203.334.7748

Executive Director of City Lights & Company,
AKA City Lights/Bridgeport Art Trail:
Suzanne Kachmar
City Lights Gallery Artistic Director:
Suzanne Kachmar
Gallery Manager: Steve Gerber offers full framing services

City Lights & Company also known as City Lights/Bridgeport Art Trail is a nonprofit organization that serves the community through art and is the lead organization of the Bridgeport Art Trail that raises the funds, and collaborates with the creative community to produce the annual city-wide arts celebration weekend. The event attracts visitors from greater Bridgeport and the region. City Lights thanks all the creative hardworking collaborators, all

the Bridgeport Art Trail artists, community partners and sponsors that have supported the Bridgeport Art Trail for 15 years. City Lights/Bridgeport Art Trail also provides free arts programs that enrich the learning experience for youth, celebrates the rich diversity of the greater community and provides work and opportunities for artists and creative entrepreneurs.

21a City Lights Gallery

265 Golden Hill St Bridgeport CT 06604
Mailing: 130 Elm St Bridgeport Ct 06604
Thursday, November 9; 12 pm to 7:30 pm,
Opening reception 5:30-7:30 pm
Friday, November 10; 12 pm to 5 pm
Saturday, November 11; 12 pm to 5 pm
(Bike Tour meet up at 8:30 am)
Sunday, November 12; 12 pm to 5 pm
Regular Gallery/Frameshop Hours:
W-F 12-5, Sat 12-4

Exhibits and programs are free and open to the public and reflect the interests and rich culture of the Park City. Programs and events bring people of diverse backgrounds together to experience art and exchange, ideas and promote our creative community.

■ Woe and Whimsy Exhibit

“Woe and Whimsy” is a mind-stretching exhibit that combines figurative, naturalistic imagery with fantasy, process and invention. Artists interpret the theme, by manipulating the figure, landscape, still life to invent an alternative to reality, depicting memories, mood and thoughts, ranging from playful to macabre. Exhibiting artists include Carlos Biernay, Elisha Brockenberry, Guido Garaycochea, Jim Felice, Looketha, Iyaba Ibo Mandingo, Ellie Mesa, Janice Moreau, George Perham, Amanda Walker.

■ “Woe and Whimsy” Artists Reception, opening for the Bridgeport Art Trail

Thursday, November 9, 2023, 5:30-7:30 pm
Meet the artists. View a new exhibit and enjoy lite bites and drink.

■ Woe and Whimsy Exhibit

Thursday, November 9, 5:30 to 7:30 pm
Friday, November 10, 12 to 5 pm
Saturday, November 11, 11 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 11 am to 5 pm
City Lights regular gallery hours are W-F 12 to 5, Sat 12 to 4.

■ Urban Bike Tour meet up for the BAT

Saturday, November 11, 8:30 to 9:30 am
8:30 am Meet at City Lights Gallery for registration, coffee, and refreshments.
9 am Annual group photo (at the bottom of Broad Street Steps), Evel Knievel stunt cycle demo, and then we depart for the art.
Sunday November 12, 11am - 5 pm
Exhibit: Woe and Whimsy, meet frameshop and gallery manager Steve Gerber; get your 20% discount coupon for framing.

Meet at 8:45 am at City Lights Gallery (265 Golden Hill St) for free registration with art, coffee, a snack and a pose for the annual Bpt Art Trail Bike Tour group photo.

21b Urban Bike Tours of Bridgeport

Urban Bike Tours of Bridgeport aims to use the bicycle to connect the dots of Bridgeport’s art, history, and architecture, highlighting local artists’ adaptive reuse and repurposing of historic buildings Throughout the year, this group leads several free bike tour adventures in (and out of) the city.

For more info about this group:
facebook.com/groups/796330843749607
Urban Bike Tours of Bridgeport

Meet at 8:45 am at City Lights Gallery (265 Golden Hill St) for free registration with art, coffee, a snack and a pose for the annual Bpt Art Trail Bike Tour group photo.

The group departs at 9:15 am to explore Bridgeport’s hidden treasures and booming art culture. Bob Halstead, local resident and Bridgeport raconteur, will lead a free bike tour to artists’ open studios along the Bridgeport Art Trail, with visits to Metro Art Studios, Artists of 305 Knowlton and The Armstrong Gallery, American Fabrics Arts

Building and The Arcade Mall.

There will be an afternoon stop for lunch! Please bring money for your lunch, art purchases and suggested gallery donations along the way. The tour will end back at City Lights Gallery at 5 pm. Nearby parking available.

For more details about this ride:

Facebook Event Page:
Bpt Art Trail BIKE TOUR 11/11/23
(<https://fb.me/e/2WcdYHeHV>)
facebook.com/groups/796330843749607

22 Downtown Cabaret Theatre

263 Golden Hill Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604
mycabaret.org
dtcab.com
203.576.1634

The Downtown Cabaret Theatre is a nonprofit organization that provides audiences in and around Fairfield County with a wide variety of musical and theatrical entertainment. In a tables-and-chairs-style seated venue and a BYOB picnic policy, the Downtown Cabaret Theatre provides three distinct stages of entertainment: Main Stage Theatre, Main Stage Concert and its award-winning professional Children’s Theatre.



Art by Amanda Walker in the Exhibit Woe and Whimsy #21a

■ Absolute Queen Tribute Band

Saturday November 11, 3:30 pm & 7 pm
tix \$61

Absolute Queen has spent hundreds of hours in the studio studying Queen's many layered harmony vocals and instrumentation to bring you the most authentic sounding Queen Live experience. The show is more than just a Queen tribute band; the music and stage production will blow you away!

23 Neighborhood Studios of Fairfield County

150 Elm Street, Downtown Bridgeport, CT 06604
nstudios.org
Contact: 203.366.3300
Executive Director: Frank Derico

Neighborhood Studios of Fairfield County is a community school of the arts open to children and adults. We provide dance, art, theater and music classes for youth and music lessons for adults. Our mission is to transform the lives of Bridgeport children through arts education and empower them to make a difference in their community. Since 1978, Neighborhood Studios has provided an inclusive, warm and welcoming environment that enables students of all abilities and backgrounds, including those with special needs, to reach their fullest potential through the power of the arts.

■ Open House

Saturday, November 11, 1 to 4 pm

Stop by our open house, meet the instructors and find out about our classes for kids, teens and unique programs for children with disabilities.

24 The Mary & Eliza Freeman Center

1135 Main Street, Bridgeport CT 06604
203.612.7769
freemancenterbpt.com
Executive Director: Maisa L Tisdale
info@freemancenterbpt.com

Founded in 2009, The Mary & Eliza Freeman Center for History and Community is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. The Center owns the Mary & Eliza Freeman Houses (circa 1848), under restoration, in Bridgeport's South End. They are listed on the National Register of Historic Places for significance to African Americans and women. The Freeman Center is creating a national African American historic site consisting of a museum and education center and a digital research center. It's mission is to restore, preserve and ensure the viability of the Mary and Eliza Freeman Houses; teach the history of Connecticut African Americans; revitalize the surrounding Bridgeport South End community; and facilitate the preservation and revitalization of other African American, and greater Bridgeport historic/preservation communities.

25 NBALAB

1163 Main Street, Bridgeport CT 06604
nbalab.com
IG:instagram.com/nbalab
facebook.com/nbalab
Billi Kid / 646.228.4140 / bk@nbalab.com

NBALAB is a disruptive research and development incubator focused on innovative design, imaginative concepts, and strategic partnerships. Founded in 2015 to facilitate product expansion for the NBA's Global Licensing Group, the NBALAB experiments with a variety of consumer goods as well as new product categories in collaboration with small and minority-owned companies that are making noise in their respective fields.

26 The Archive

118 Congress Street, Bridgeport CT 06604
203.441.5678
bridgeport@browsethearchive.com
Open Tuesdays through Sundays from
11 am to 6 pm

The Archive is Vinegar Syndrome's experimental retail store located at our film preservation facility in Bridgeport (right off I-95!). We carry all our releases (of course) and a wide variety of others from like-minded genre home video companies, in addition to super-rare VHS, laserdiscs and movie posters. We also have a growing selection of vinyl LPs and one of the largest collections of soundtrack LPs you will ever encounter.

EAST SIDE

27 The Knowlton

305 Knowlton Street, Bridgeport, CT
theknowlton.com
Contact: 203.338.9796 / info@theknowlton.com

New England's premier arts and entertainment hub and one-of-a-kind industrial waterfront event venue is home to world-class visual artists, sculptures and innovative businesses, nestled in the historic Armstrong Manufacturing Building on the banks of the Pequonnock River in Washington Park Historic District on Bridgeport's East Side. Housing 27 artist studios and 35,000 square feet of event space, The Knowlton has just recently completed a major renovation of this artist complex, connecting all three of our galleries and premium event spaces, featuring The Armstrong Gallery, The Wilder Gallery and the expansive waterfront venue, The Boathouse, as well as the ever-evolving outdoor Knowlton Art Park with new murals by world-renowned and local artists.

■ AI and Artists' Panel

Friday November 10, 4 to 9 pm

The Knowlton will be presenting another evening of new art ways at The Knowlton Boathouse and Galleries. This year, we have made the new world of AI the theme for debate, discussion and information. The format will include an expert panel on AI and how it impacts our creative world and traditional art. Our goal is to spark conversation and make sure all voices are heard. Plentiful food and drink will be available.



HOPE by James Naylor at the Knowlton #27



Viewing art in the 21st century, art by Rick Shaefer

27a Downtime TV (at the Knowlton)

305 Knowlton Street, Bridgeport CT 06606
Studio 1 & 2, second floor
downtimetv.com

■ Open Studios

Saturday, November 11, 11 am to 4 pm

Sunday, November 12, 11 am to 4 pm

Experience a blast from the past at the Downtime TV studios while exploring our studio sets. Also get a chance to sit in on a live studio podcast!

Friday November 10, 4 to 9:30 pm

Local, domestic & international exhibit & complimentary food & cocktails

6:30 to 7:30 pm AI Expert Panel Discussion

7:30 to 9:30 pm Cocktails & small bites; The Knowlton SHIM Artsy Kiosk & Sign Up; musical guest; conventional visual arts exhibit; AI-inspired Exhibit; live feeds from international galleries

The Knowlton Art Galleries, Arts & Culture Together and Art of Everyone Presents DefneArt, Connecticut's first hybrid artificial intelligence & contemporary art exhibition. Our goal is to drive conversation, debate and solutions, beginning with a panel discussion centered around traditional visual arts and the collision of AI in the marketplace, followed by a stellar exhibit of contemporary art and photography, featuring local, national and international talent.

■ The Knowlton Open Studios & Art Sale, Meet the Artists

Saturday, November 11, 11 am to 4 pm

Sunday, November 12, 11 am to 2 pm

Meet the artists, see the work, talk the talk! Tour three floors of open studios, including our beautiful galleries, where you can view and purchase art, including watercolor, acrylic and oil paintings, sculpture, photography, airbrush works and more.

■ Open Studios

Saturday, November 11, 11am to 4 pm

Sunday, November 12, 11 am to 4 pm

Experience a blast from the past at the Downtime TV studios while exploring our studio sets. Also get a chance to sit in on a LIVE STUDIO PODCAST!

27b Emerging Voices Production & The Reiki Room (at the Knowlton)

203.414.5710

emergingvoicesproduction.com

■ Annual Open Art Trail 2nd Floor, Suite 9

Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday, November 12, 10 am to 5 pm

EVP is a local theater company formed in 2017. It is owned and operated by Rev. Ina Alisa Anderson who thought, "If you don't see what you are looking for, create it." Since opening, performances have taken place in some of the most beloved spaces in Bridgeport, including the Klein, the Bijou and HCC. Look for us June 2024, The UBUNTU Project, "I AM BECAUSE WE ARE." You are not going to want to miss this! On a separate note, in this beautiful space is also the Reiki Room, a serene and tranquil space dedicated to promoting holistic well-being and balance in your life. As a certified Reiki master practitioner, I am passionate about being called into the service of helping others help themselves.

28 Klein Memorial Auditorium

910 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport CT 06605

theklein.org

Contact: Laurence Caso

The Klein is Bridgeport's 1447-seat performing arts center, presenting all the performing arts throughout the year. Built in 1940 in Art Deco style, it is home to several resident companies and community partners. The Klein's impact is further exhibited through its tuition-free arts education program, Klein Theatre Arts, for Bridgeport middle and high school students. When attending events, be sure to check out the Mezzanine Art Gallery with exhibits curated by Ben Casiano.

■ Greater Bridgeport Symphony Concert #28: Mingling with Mozart

Saturday November 11, 8 pm

A concert with conductor Eduardo Leandro featuring the music of Mozart and those he influenced, centered around his Symphony No. 41 – "Jupiter." This is the second concert of Greater Bridgeport Symphony's 78th season at The Klein.

28a Greater Bridgeport Symphony

2385 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604

gbs.org

facebook.com/thegreaterbridgeportsymphony

203.576.0263

Executive Director:

Phyllis Cortese / phyllis@gbs.org

Principal Guest Conductor: Eduardo Leandro

The Greater Bridgeport Symphony has been a cornerstone of the cultural arts community in and around Bridgeport since 1946. This nonprofit professional orchestra typically presents five mainstage concerts each season at The Klein in addition to chamber music at the SHU Community Theatre in Fairfield. Through its illustrious music directors over the years, most recently Gustav Meier (for 42 seasons) and Eric Jacobsen (the past 9 seasons), GBS maintains the highest musical standards, presenting truly extraordinary and captivating concerts. As a growing force for music education in Bridgeport's schools, GBS offers a variety of grant and donor-funded music education programs for students of all ages. The orchestra is in high spirits kicking off their 78th season and premiering with Brazilian Eduardo Leandro as principal guest conductor. Worldly, multi-lingual and multi-talented Maestro Leandro will conduct this new Season, which is themed Building Bridges—bridges between classical and new music as well as the bridges between the many cultures in our community. GBS looks to a future of even greater immersion in our diverse community enhancing the Greater Bridgeport region as a flourishing cultural center in Connecticut.

■ Mingling With Mozart

Saturday, November 11, 8 pm, doors open at 7 pm

Mingling Mozart with more modern music, we'll bridge the centuries between Mozart and today. The timeless Symphony No. 41, the "Jupiter Symphony," will anchor the program. Flo Menezes' Transcriptions for Strings will bring Mozart into the 21st century. Opera arias, sung by Soprano Jessica Rost and Baritone Thomas Woodman, along with the overture from The Marriage of Figaro will cap this special evening. Tickets are available at www.GBS.org. Price: (\$18-\$65)

29 The NEST Arts Factory

1720 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06605

nestartsfactory.com

instagram.com/nestartsfactory

203.690.1335

nestbpt@gmail.com

Saturday, November 11, 11 am to 5 pm,

music until 8 pm

Sunday, November 12, 11 am to 5 pm

11 am to 1 pm Artists' brunch, studios open at 1 pm

Founder/Director Vic Muliare, was recognized this year by the Fairfield County arts community with an ACE award for his 30+ years of service, providing

accommodating and affordable working spaces for artists. The NEST Arts Factory is the longest-running working artists' studio community in Bridgeport, marking over 30 years. Over the BAT weekend, enjoy open studios, art sales, hands-on activities, music, poetry, puppetry. The NEST Arts Factory is a supportive community of artists and musicians working in a variety of media in a re-imagined factory building on the west side of Bridgeport, CT NEST. Artists work in a wide variety of media from painting, drawing and sculpture to ceramics, textiles, jewelry, filmmaking, poetry, printmaking, glass, mosaic, ceramics, upcycled clothing and furniture and interior design. They are delighted to share their work and explain their inspiration and process. Classes and workshops are offered year-round in fiber arts, figure drawing, screenwriting, drawing, etc. See workshops here: <https://bridgeportarttrail.org/workshops-1>. NEST musicians play and write music in an array of genres including acoustic folk, Latin, alternative rock, reggae and world music. Popular bands include the Cosmic Jibaros, Pangea and the Swamp Hogs. Located in the heart of the NEST is the community room where hands-on activities, live music and poetry will take place during the BAT weekend. The open space hallways accommodate both performing and visual artists to share their art with the community. Visitors can tour studios, meander through the hallway exhibits, meet the artists, learn about the art and enjoy activities in the community room and other spaces. On-street parking is available.

■ Various Programming

Saturday, November 11

11 am to 5 pm—open studios, exhibits and installations

Noon to 9 pm—live music all day, acoustic folk, world music, jazz

Noon to 4 pm—hands-on workshops sessions, mural painting, puppet making

11 am to 5 pm—exhibits at the Nest

Carlos Biernnay, "CHAOS," Fiber art installation in the NEST Gallery. If you have had the good fortune to be amazed by the stunning fiber art of Carlos Biernnay, prepare yourself for a 360° visual cacophony covering the four walls and ceiling. The immersive body of work is a reflection of his creative vision, often based on dreams and memories and his prolific art practice.

Nest Pop Up Shop, Nephophilia. The photography and motion images of South African-born Isa Aldyn. Experience the sights and sounds of clouds and sky in a fully interactive setting. Nephophilia is the love of clouds. Curated by Will Corprew of 80 By Design

Bridgeport Portrait Project. Meet photographers Jay Misencik and Geralene Valentine who have documented the history, people, and places of Bridgeport for decades. View samples of their masterful body of work.

Consapevolezza, group exhibit, Studio 33 Nest Arts Factory. The vision of Filipino-American, Sylvester Salcedo, retired lawyer and US Naval officer, is realized through the 4' x 6' nude portraits where he has offered himself as the model and inspiration for the content, chronicling his life and exposing an Asian option to the canon of nude figurative art. Throughout history, few monumental works of Asian nudes have been done. He is dedicated to raising the awareness of the people and history of the Philippines and the representation of Asian figures and commissioned 10 artists to interpret a pose based on the figure sculpture by Philippine National Artist Guillermo Tolentino, who studied at the Florence Academy. It is permanently installed at the University of the Philippines as an iconic symbol, depicting a gesture of a strong yet vulnerable nude man facing upward with arms outstretched and symbolizing the selfless offering of oneself for the greater good. A few years after installation at the university, a modest fig leaf was added to cover the male genitals. This is just one of the provocative concepts this exhibit presents. It includes large nude figure paintings. Artists include Carlos Biernnay, Will Corprew, Jane Gilman Fleischner, Suzanne Kachmar, Eliana Mesa, Miguel Mendoza, Samuel Pintos and Yolanda Vasquez Petrocelli.

■ Sock puppet workshop with Ibaya Ibo Mandingo and Carlos Biernnay

Saturday, November 11, Noon to 3:30 pm

In this family-friendly drop-in workshop, participants learn the basics of making a simple puppet, creating their own character and having an opportunity to practice performing and telling their story.

■ Live Music from noon to nine

Saturday, November 11

Brett Masterson on guitar, starts off a day of live music from 12:30 to 2 pm

■ Hands-on Mural Painting with Lori Bloom

Saturday, November 11, 2 to 4 pm

Everyone is an amazing artist! Come help us paint a mural to hang at our Nest! This mural is for all ages and abilities, bringing the community together. The Nest community can't wait to have you come and join in! Hosted by Lori Bloom and RiseUP for Arts, Studio 33 and the Bridgeport Art Trail.

■ Pangea World Music in the Community Room

Saturday, November 11, 2:30 to 4 pm

Pangea is an up-and-coming, high-energy, genre-bending ensemble based out of the Nest Arts Factory in Bridgeport, CT. Founded by Kris Studebaker and Nicholas Yost, the ensemble seeks to resonate with the ineffable psychedelic rhythms of the universe, creating a perpetual sonic spiral, pushing boundaries and exploring

musical styling from across the globe. Band members are known for their versatility and adaptability, drawing from various musical influences to create their signature sound. The collective of musicians includes drummer Kris Studebaker, conguero Sam Mendez, percussionist/vocalist Will Diaz, bassist Mike Rachinsky, guitarist Jeff Wickun, woodwinds Georgios Giannios and keyboardist Nicholas Yost.

■ Artists' Party for Black Rock Art Guild #29b and the Nest 29

Saturday, November 11, 4 to 6 pm

Join the party, meet the artists, enjoy a reception of light bites and drink with music by Steve Gilbert on guitar from 4 to 5:30 in the hall gallery.

■ Creative Youth Productions high school Jazz Band + instructors

Saturday, November 11, 5 to 7 pm

Creative Youth Productions #39, youth musicians play with their instructors, under the direction of Matthew DeTroy. Enjoy high energy, raw talent, pop and jazz.

■ Live acoustic music with Brian Dolzani

Saturday, November 11, 7 pm

Singer/songwriter Brian Dolzani, described as "passionate about every gig," plays originals and Neil Young favorites. "Dolzani exists somewhere between the sawdust covered floors of Southern dance halls and the green fields of the best folk festivals." - Lonesome Noise Blog

■ Artists' Brunch in the Community Room

Sunday, November 12, 11am to 1 pm

Get caffeinated or enjoy a Prosecco mimosa with live ukulele tunes by Abe Deshotel. Abe creates giant washes of color and emotion with his uke. His songs will surround you in a warm embrace.

■ Exhibits at the Nest

Sunday, November 12, 11 am to 5 pm

"Chaos" fiber art installation by Carlos Biernnay in the NEST gallery. The stunning fiber art of Carlos Biernnay, installed in a 360-degree visual cacophony covers the four walls and ceiling. The immersive body of work is a reflection of his creative vision, often based on dreams and memories and his prolific art practice.

■ Bridgeport Portrait Project #29a

Sunday, November 12, 11 am to 5 pm

Meet photographer Jay Misencik and project partner Geralene Valentine who have documented the recent history, people and places of Bridgeport for decades. View samples of his masterful body of work.

■ Tai Chi #29b

Sunday, November 12, 11 am to 5 pm

■ **Consapevolezza group exhibit,
Studio 33**

Sunday, November 12, 11 am to 5 pm

The vision of Filipino-American, Sylvester Salcedo, retired lawyer and US Naval officer, is realized through 4' x 6' nude portraits, where he has offered himself as the model and inspiration for the content, chronicling his life and exposing an Asian option to the canon of nude figurative art. Throughout history, few monumental works of Asian nudes have been done. He is dedicated to raising the awareness of the people and history of the Philippines and the representation of Asian figures by commissioning 10 artists to interpret a pose based on the figure sculpture by Philippine National Artist Guillermo Tolentino, who studied at the Florence Academy. This sculpture—permanently installed at the University of the Philippines as an iconic symbol depicts a strong yet vulnerable nude man facing upward with arms outstretched, symbolizing the selfless offering of oneself for the greater good. A few years after installation at the university, a modest fig leaf was added to cover the male genitals. This is just one of the provocative concepts this exhibit presents. This exhibit presents nude figure paintings.

Artists include Carlos Biernnay, Will Corprew, Jane Gilman Fleischner, Suzanne Kachmar, Eliana Mesa, Miguel Mendoza, Samuel Pintos, Yolanda Vasquez Petrocelli.

■ **Nest Pop Up Shop, Nephophilia**

Sunday, November 12, 11 am to 5 pm

The photography and motion images of South African-born Isa Aldyn. Experience the sights and sounds of clouds and sky in a fully interactive setting. Nephophilia is the love of clouds. Curated by Will Corprew of 80 By Design.

■ **Sock puppet workshop with Ibaya Ibo Mandingo and Carlos Biernnay**

Sunday, November 12, noon to 2 pm

In this family-friendly drop-in workshop, participants learn the basics of making a simple puppet, creating their own character and having an opportunity to practice performing and telling their story.

■ **Poetry in the community room**

Sunday, November 12, 1 pm

Featuring Gene Joseph, Ibaya Ibo Mandingo, Diane Tate and others.

■ **Open studios**

Sunday, November 12, 1 to 4 pm

On the last day of BAT, tour the halls and NEST artists' working spaces.

■ **Puppet Roots by Ibaya Ibo Mandingo**

Sunday, November 12, 2:30 to 3 pm

The artist/storyteller/poet/puppet-maker presents his puppet characters, discussing their inspiration and origins and the history of storytelling.

■ **Hands on Mural Painting with Lori Bloom**

Sunday, November 12, 2 to 4 pm

Everyone is an amazing Artist! Help paint a mural, a project for all ages and abilities, bringing the community together. Hosted by Lori Bloom and RiseUP for Arts, Studio 33 and the Bridgeport Art Trail.

The art of Carlos Biernnay is on view at 211 State St. #10, City Lights Gallery #21, and The Nest Arts Factory #29.

Meet the artists at NEST Arts Factory #29 Sunday Brunch, and Background Coffee at Metro Art Studios #4



“CHAOS” Fiber artist Carlos Biernnay discusses his full room installation at the NEST Arts Factory #29

“In the dream the unsummoned oracle arrives. An arbitrary subtle space that is the bridge between consciousness and the unconscious. Between what we are forced to live and what we deny and hide. In our total helplessness, our mind wanders through its own corridors, the dead end of the Piranesi prisons. During this period, the mind regains the freedom that is repressed in everyday life. In that silence the other voice emerges and the mind builds another reality and other images in our spirit and it is another body; logic is lost, the sequence of time is altered, space is elastic, the past too, the present is dense and watery. Steps are floating. Arms fly, tears drown us and faces change, the mind is speaking its language, the language of dreams.”

29a Bridgeport Portrait Project

Jay Misencik & Geralene Valentine, photographers
203.268.8306

misencik.images@gmail.com
misencik-images.com

Saturday, November 11; 11 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12; 11 am to 5 pm

The Bridgeport Portrait Project... "I Am Bridgeport"

NEST welcomes The Bridgeport Portrait Project back for the Bridgeport Art Trail 2023.

Since 2014, Jay & Geralene have been working on The Bridgeport Portrait Project. Now in its 10th year, it is an ongoing, documentary-style, photography and storytelling project. The people photographed and the stories they share explain why Bridgeport is so much more than just a place. The project gives a contemporary definition to the rich, culturally diverse community that Bridgeport has always been.

Also, see and hear about other Bridgeport projects Jay and Geralene have produced: Main Street - Faces and Places, exhibits and calendar . . . The Thomas Merton House of Hospitality, exhibits and calendars, Poli's Palace and Majestic Theatres Memories Project, exhibits, talks, slideshow/video, and book.

EVENTS:

View "I Am Bridgeport" slideshow video. See and hear updates to the project, comment about the project, and possibly participate in The Bridgeport Portrait Project.

29b Black Rock Art Guild

blackrockartguild.wordpress.com

816-678-3029

Sheila Weaver, saweaver85@gmail.com

Founded in 2013, BRAG is a not-for-profit organization that welcomes artists of any genre—painters, writers, actors, sculptors, poets, photographers, musicians, singers—to join its diverse group of talented members. BRAG prides itself on creating a sense of artistic community in Black Rock and the surrounding areas. BRAG meets monthly with yearly dues of \$20.

Black Rock Art Guild Members' Art Exhibition, the NEST Arts Factory

Saturday, November 11, 11 am to 9 pm
(BRAG Reception 4 pm to 6 pm)

BRAG (Black Rock Art Guild) – Members' Artwork, the "Brickway Hall of Art" the NEST Arts Factory

Saturday, November 11, 11 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 11 am to 5 pm

Members of the BRAG will be exhibiting work in a variety of mediums. Exhibiting artists are Adair Heitmann, Kit Briner, Donna Brien, Harold Davis, Linda Downey, Steve Gilbert, Jane Gilman-Fleischner,

Janet Habansky, Rita Hannafin, Adair Heitman, Barbara Loss, Jay Misencik, Judy Noel, Paul Rockoff, Cristina Sarno, Kim Szabo, Sharon Smalls, Geralene Valentine, Lee Walther and Sheila Weaver.

29c Bridgeport Film Festival

BridgeportFilmFest.org
instagram.com/BridgeportFilmFest
facebook.com/BridgeportFilmFest
info@BridgeportFilmFest.org

Jason A Coombs, executive artistic director & founder

The Bridgeport Film Fest is making "philanthropy through film" a priority in Bridgeport. This nonprofit initiative is dedicated to the discovery, championing and development of independent filmmakers and audiences. Through various programming, the festival seeks to showcase, guide and inspire independent film and theatre artists from the Bridgeport community and beyond. After another successful three-day event in September 2023, the BFF team is preparing for its 4th annual shindig at the Klein Memorial Auditorium #28 for September 2024. Local audiences will be enriched by the films, workshops, panels discussions and other forms of artistic expression curated by the festival team. Submissions for the 2024 Festival are now open! Learn more about the Bridgeport Film Fest or submit films for consideration to bridgeportfilmfest.org

29d Ta Wawa Wellness Tai Chi

Tawawa Wellness LLC & Elev8ion Studio Live and Zoom Ta Chi Classes, sign up for affordable winter classes. tawawawellness@optonline.net
203.257.1145

Sunday, November 12, 2 pm

Elev8ion Studios presents Tai Chi and good health practices with certified Tai Chi practitioner Jonathan B Davis. Learn the history and philosophy of the Healing Art of Tai Chi. Observe or participate in a group demonstration of Tai Chi form of Yang and Sun style. Learn how to apply every day simple and effective methods and techniques of the principles of traditional Tai Chi and Chinese medicine to stay healthy and well through the flu season and winter months.

What is Tai Chi?

A series of gentle physical exercises and stretches. Each posture flows into the next without pause, ensuring that your body is in constant motion. Tai Chi is sometimes described as meditation in motion. It promotes serenity through gentle movements. It's a powerful method of exercising that leads to optimal health. The teaching style utilized is a safe, simple and effective approach. It can be performed standing or seated.



Art by Nest #29 artist Will Corprew

29e Black Rock Galleries and Design Center

1720 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06605
blackrockgalleries.com
203.335.0000
contact@blackrockgalleries.com

■ Open Showroom

Friday, November 10, 10 am to 4:30 pm
Saturday, November 11, 10 am to 4:30 pm
Sunday, November 12 10 am to 4:30 pm

With over 20 years of experience in the industry and an amazing one-stop 53,000+ square-foot gallery showroom, Black Rock Galleries is the area's preeminent source for quality fine and decorative art, antiques, unique home furnishings and accessories at excellent and fair price points. The business is based on a passion for scouting hidden, forgotten and newer treasures and offering them with honesty and integrity. BRG specializes in the auction, appraisal and resale (through online estate auctions and consignment) of antique and contemporary works of fine art from world renowned and local artists, quality vintage and contemporary home furnishings and home décor items. Come explore the treasures at Black Rock Galleries.

30 Mongers Market

1155 Railroad Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06605
mongers-market.com
instagram.com/mongersmarketusa
203.326.0904
info@mongers-market.com
Hours: Sundays 10 am to 4 pm

A collection of diverse mongers selling vintage, industrial salvage and antique items in a 75,000-square-foot refurbished factory space. The extensive eclectic inventory of furniture, lighting, architectural elements and clothing is always changing. Shopping here is an experience! Items are uniquely displayed. You'll discover authentic, upcycled or reclaimed inventory, including doors, windows, light fixtures, lumber, furniture, architectural elements, wrought iron, sinks, lockers, bins, fireplace mantels, machine legs, shutters, etc. Mongers Market will get your creative juices flowing and very likely inspire DIY projects for your home, workspace or gardens. Buying salvaged and reclaimed materials helps our environment by keeping usable artifacts out of our landfills. Come on in to shop or rent a booth to sell with like-minded mongers/dealers. Free parking on premises.

A.I. Experience, Drawing Under Drones
Thursday Nov. 9, 6-8 pm at 211 State St #10,
Saturday Nov. 11, 1-4 pm at the NEST #29
Exciting AI/Drawing experience with Conor Flynn

"Drawing Under Drones" is an immersive and groundbreaking Meta Quest game that combines the thrill of creative expression with the excitement of high-speed action. In this unique virtual world, you can unleash your artistic imagination by drawing in 3D space and on towering walls of city buildings, all while dealing with the relentless presence of aerial drones.

BLACK ROCK

31 Source Coffee House

2889 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport CT 06605
203.522.5662
drinklocal@sourcecoffeehouse.com
sourcecoffeehouse.com

The cutest coffee shop in Black Rock made the Best of Connecticut list for *Connecticut Magazine*. "Sharing coffee is how we love our neighbors. We're completely committed to excellence in the art of coffee, tea, and food," the proprietors say. Sourcing high-quality ingredients, locally whenever possible, they treat coffee as a science and an art carefully curating a selection of simple, wholesome, tasty food and beverages and regularly visiting their coffee roaster, Passenger Coffee, in Lancaster, PA.

■ Art and Coffee

Thursday, November 9, 7 am to 6 pm
Friday, November 10, 7 am to 6 pm
Saturday, November 11, 7 am to 6 pm
Sunday, November 12, 8 am to 6 pm

Source Coffeehouse proudly hosts art exhibits year-round. Grab a cup of fresh local coffee and view the art here before hitting the Trail for the day or to get energized over the weekend.

32 Park City Music Hall

2926 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport CT 06605
203.335.3655 / parkcitymusic hall.com

Live music, food, drinks, local art. Park City Music Hall began its life as The Acoustic Cafe in 1999. Over the following decades, The Acoustic became a wellspring of legendary musical performance and birthed the modern Bridgeport music scene.

Park City Music Hall intends to carry that mantle well into the future. The ambitious reimagining of this popular music venue consists of a 500-square-foot expansion, a redesigned building facade with overhead garage doors, a new state-of-the-art sound system from L-Acoustics, a kitchen, expanded green room, and an oversized bar capable of servicing the venue's new capacity of 300. Changing art on view year-round. Check out the full calendar here: parkcitymusic hall.com/calendar

50% off first drink during the Bridgeport Art Trail weekend, must show a Bpt Art Trail program book to redeem the drink special.

■ Concerts

November 9
Lucidity: Tame Impala Tribute
Doors Open at 8 pm / Concert starts at 9 pm
Tickets \$10

November 10, 9 pm
Splintered Sunlight, Grateful Music
Tickets \$21

November 11, 9 pm
Walrus Presents Tom Petty Night
Tickets \$18

Awesome music planned for Sunday too!
Doors open at 5 pm

33 Harborview Market

218 Harborview Avenue, Bridgeport CT 06605
harborviewmarket.com
203.367.7336
harborviewmarketcatering@gmail.com

BAT Hours and Times:

Thursday, November 9, 6 am to 5 pm
Friday, November 10, 6 am to 5 pm
Saturday, November 11, 6 am to 4 pm
Sunday, November 12, 6 am to 2 pm

View local art while treating yourself to fresh and delicious homemade-style breakfast or lunch, gourmet coffee, freshly baked croissants, cookies and muffins. Owned by the Torres family for over 20 years, the neighborhood eatery is the family-friendly hub of Black Rock. A popular catering service, we also specialize in breakfast and lunch delicacies and are loved around Connecticut for our buttery croissants and "best in state" chocolate chip cookies. Each month, we feature local artists' work on our walls.

34 Pious Bird

2960 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport CT 06605
piousbird.com
Desiree Witt 203.540.5175 / piousbird@me.com

Store hours:

Tuesday through Friday, 11 am to 6 pm
Saturday, noon to 5 pm
Sunday, noon to 4 pm
Closed Monday

The Pious Bird of Good Omen is a boutique specializing in "Curated Objects for Home," an eclectic collection of vintage furniture & accessories as well as a selection of artisanal objects from Connecticut artists. We believe in the finely crafted objects of today as well as yesterday. We proudly support the local arts and regularly feature exhibits from local visual artists.

35 Framemakers Picture Framing & Art Gallery

3004 Fairfield Ave., Bridgeport CT

■ Photography by Jimmy O'Donnell

Thursday, November 9, 8:45 am to 5 pm
Friday, November 10, 8:45 am to 5 pm
Saturday, November 11, 8:45 to 5 pm
Sunday, November 12, 8:45 to 5 pm
Regular Hours: Tuesday-Friday
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Showing for the Month of November: A collection of prints from the Fall of 2021 of the Fayerweather Lighthouse. O'Donnell has taken a different approach to his photographs, which have a more painterly quality.

A.I. ON THE TRAIL
Drawing Under Drones, with Conor Flynn Thursday evening at 211 State St #10,

Saturday afternoon at the NEST #29
A.I. Panel Discussion, Art and Demo at the Knowlton # 27



Studio of Tom Mezzanotte #1

NORTH END

36 Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo

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Get your ticket to adventure! Connecticut's only zoo, celebrating its 101st year, features 350 animals representing primarily North and South American and Northern Asian species. Guests won't want to miss our Amur tiger and leopards, maned wolves, Mexican gray wolves and red wolves. Other highlights include our new Andean Bear Habitat, Spider Monkey Habitat, the Rainforest Building, the prairie dog exhibit and the Pampas Plain with Giant anteaters and Chacoan peccaries. Guests can ride on the carousel, grab a bite from the Peacock Café and eat in the Picnic Grove. Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo is a nonprofit organization approaching its 101st year at a time when the mission of helping fragile wildlife populations and ecosystems is more important than ever.

■ Glow Wild Lantern Festival

Through December 2

Journey through a wonderland of illuminated larger-than-life lanterns inspired by our wild world. The festival will showcase more than 50 large-scale illuminated displays, featuring hundreds of beautiful individual and interactive lanterns

37 KEYS / Kids Empowered by Your Support

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KEYS is a nonprofit organization that changes the lives of youth through music, including individual and group lessons. KEYS' mission is to provide free music lessons and performance opportunities to under-resourced students of Bridgeport. KEYS envisions a world where every child has access to the transformative experience of studying and playing music regardless of circumstances.

38 SHU Discovery Museum

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(for Discovery members only)

The current Show in the STEAM Gallery is My Memory City where the photos and sculptures of artist Anne Hieronymus will be on display till the end of the year.

We believe in the importance of providing hands-on STEAM learning experiences that resonate with children's natural curiosity and love of learning. We are active advocates for science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) literacy in Connecticut and use our unique resources and expertise in informal STEAM learning to encourage and provide a pathway for all young learners to become STEAM-empowered and informed decision makers in an increasingly technology-driven world. Our mission is to engage, excite and educate young learners through experiences and programs that inspire wonder and ignite creativity as the foundation for a lifetime love of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) learning. Please check our website and social media pages for all upcoming events!

39 Creative Youth Productions

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Creative Youth Productions Inc. (CYP) is a nonprofit organization that serves youth of Bridgeport ages 5-25 years old, teaching the skills and production of the performing arts. CYP's acclaimed program, "Youth Leadership through the Performing Arts" has been successful for twelve years. Selected youth leaders have job description and goals and receive stipends for a completed job. CYP provides classes in acting, singing, dancing, and playing instruments, culminating in original productions developed by the youth. CYP's programs help youth develop critical thinking, confidence, reading, writing and comprehension skills.

The CYP Music Department, led by Master Music Director, Mr. Matthew Detroy, has youth writing, creating original music and performing together, including an Autumn concert on McLevy Green, at the NEST #29 for the Bridgeport Art Trail and the CYP holiday show, "The Goofy Christmas" premiering at the Bijou Theater December 10.

Donna Sue Deguzman, Executive Director of CYP, has 30 years in Bridgeport teaching and producing original shows at the Downtown Cabaret Theater, The Klein, touring the Bridgeport Public Schools along with winning the American High School Theater Award in which she took 30 youth to Scotland to be in the International Theater Festival. CYP is currently accepting new students at their studios @ SWAG 391 East Washington Ave., Bridgeport, in dance, theater and music. TUITION IS CURRENTLY FREE with a commitment from the parents and students. For more information, you can visit their website www.cypkids.org or email the Director at keithshawjr@gmail.com 13*13



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Metro Art #4

Body Painting by Alicia Cobb

Reads #12

Live painting, Poetry Open Mic

The Knowlton #27

All artists panel, Reiki

NEST #29

Mural painting, puppet making, Tai Chi

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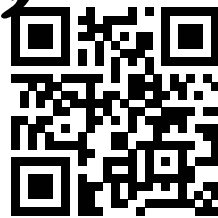
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