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Waiver afforded

Affordable housing prop for Selkirk will go before Planning Board on Dec. 21

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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DELMAR — The developer of a proposed affordable housing project that has sparked heated discussion throughout Bethlehem received the waiver it sought to continue its plan through the Town's review process despite the moratorium that has stalled it.

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Selkirk Reserve, a 72-unit affordable housing project to neighbor Jericho Drive-In in Selkirk, was in danger of losing state funds if it had to wait through another six months of Bethlehem's development moratorium.

NRP Group



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Magic sleigh ride awaits

Madison VanDenburg, Empire State Youth Orchestra promise to send a live Proctors audience on a magic ride Sunday.

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■ POLICE, FIRE and EMERGENCY CALLS

Felon pleads guilty to having firearm at Albany Int'l

Albany man faces up to 10 years in prison

ALBANY — Josef Jarvis, 32, of Albany, pled guilty Thursday, Dec. 9 to unlawfully possessing a firearm as a felon at the Albany International Airport in August.

The announcement was made by United States Attorney Carla B. Freedman and Janeen DiGuseppi, Special Agent in Charge of the Albany Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

As part of his guilty plea, Jarvis, who has prior felony convictions for racketeering and weapons offenses, admitted that he possessed a loaded handgun and ammunition while attempting to pass through a security checkpoint at Albany International Airport on Monday, Aug. 16.

Jarvis faces up to 10 years in prison, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a term of post-imprisonment supervised release of up to three years when Chief U.S. District Judge Glenn T. Suddaby sentences him next April. A defendant's sentence is imposed by a judge based on the particular statute the defendant is charged with violating, the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, and other factors.

This case was investigated by the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force and the Albany County Sheriff's Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Alexander Wentworth-Ping.

Criminal possession of drugs

SELKIRK — State Police stopped a vehicle on Interstate 87 on Nov. 30 in Bethlehem for a traffic violation. During the stop, troopers established probable cause to search the vehicle after speaking with the driver.

A passenger in the vehicle was found to be in possession of approximately 3.3 grams of cocaine and a scale with cocaine residue on it.

William Delarosa, 25, of New York City, was taken into custody and charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance, a felony, and criminal use of drug paraphernalia, a misdemeanor.

Delarosa was issued appearance tickets for Bethlehem Town Court on Dec. 1 and released.

DWAI - drugs

DELMAR — Bethlehem police responded to Delaware Plaza at approximately 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 29, for a welfare check on an unresponsive individual in a motor vehicle.

When the officer arrived, he observed a vehicle running in the driving lane of the parking lot

with the brake lights lit.

The driver, Courtney Goodard, 36, of Albany, was asleep with her foot on the brake and the vehicle's transmission in drive. The vehicle's windshield wipers were also activated, but it was not raining.

The officer woke Goodard and was able to get her to put the car in park and shut it off without incident.

According to reports, she told officers she had taken her prescription medication that morning and was at the plaza to pick up a birthday cake. Goodard submitted to field sobriety tests, passed the horizontal gaze nystagmus test, but failed both the walk and turn and one-leg stand tests. The pre screening test for alcohol was negative.

She was placed in custody and transported to the Police Department.

Goodard refused a chemical test, was charged with DWAI by drugs and released. She was to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, Dec. 14.

Bad checks - four times, one day

GUILDERLAND — State Police arrested an Albany man on Tuesday Dec. 2 for cashing

fraudulent checks in Guilderland and Colonie Police opened an investigation after a town of Schaghticoke resident reported being contacted by their bank on Sept. 3 about fraudulent activity on their account.

Shayqwan Freeman, 26, is accused of cashing a \$3,941.70 fraudulent check at the TrustCo Bank at 2050 Western Ave. in Guilderland and a \$3,759.21 fraudulent check at 1475 Western Ave. in Guilderland. Both checks were cashed on Aug. 13.

On the same day, according to police reports, he is also accused of cashing a \$4,375.11 fraudulent check at TrustCo Bank at 34 Wolf Road in Colonie and a \$4,832.07 fraudulent check at the TrustCo Bank at 1818 Central Ave. in Colonie.

Freeman was documented as the payee on the checks and endorsed the back of each.

He was charged with four counts of grand larceny, and four counts of possession of a forged instrument, all felonies. Freeman was in custody at the Albany County jail on unrelated charges and was issued appearance tickets. He is due in Guilderland Town Court on Thursday, Dec. 16 and Colonie Town Court on Wednesday, Dec. 22.

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■ STATE GOVERNMENT

Masks or fully vaxxed in Empire State

Hochul orders businesses and venues to require masks or proof of fully vaccinated status

ALBANY — Gov. Kathy Hochul announced last Friday that masks will be required to be worn in all indoor public places unless businesses or venues implement a vaccine requirement. This a major action to address the winter surge comes as COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations rise statewide to be in alignment with the CDC's recommendations for communities with substantial and high transmission. The State Health Commissioner issued a determination solidifying the requirement.

This determination is based on the State's weekly seven-day case rate as well as increasing hospitalizations. The new business and venue requirements extend to both patrons and staff. This measure is effective Dec. 13 until Jan. 15, 2022, after which the State will re-evaluate based on current conditions. The new measure brings added layers of mitigation during the holidays when more time is spent indoors shopping, gathering, and visiting holiday-themed destinations.

"As Governor, my two top priorities are to protect the health of New



Gov. Kathy Hochul, here captured while speaking at Binghamton University in October, ordered masks at businesses and venues. Said she'll reassess next month.

Mike Groll/Office of Governor Kathy Hochul

Yorkers and to protect the health of our economy. The temporary measures I am taking today will help accomplish this through the holiday season. We shouldn't have reached the point where we are confronted with a winter surge, especially with the vaccine at our disposal, and I share many New Yorkers' frustration that we are not past this pandemic yet," Governor Hochul said. "I want to thank the more than 80 percent of adult New Yorkers who have done the right thing to get fully vaccinated. If others will follow suit, these measures will no longer be necessary."

"I have warned for weeks

that additional steps could be necessary, and now we are at that point based upon three metrics: Increasing cases, reduced hospital capacity, and insufficient vaccination rates in certain areas," Governor Hochul added.

Albany County Executive Daniel McCoy shared Sunday, Dec. 12 that 76.3 percent of all Albany County residents have received at least the first dose of the vaccine, and 69.0 percent have been fully vaccinated. The first dose vaccination rate for the county's 18+ population is now up to 85.4 percent. More information on vaccination rates around the state can

be found at the New York State COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker at the link here.

McCoy announced that the total number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Albany County is now at 36,321 to date, with 140 new positive cases identified since yesterday. The county's five-day average of new daily positive cases is now 188.2. Please note that our overall case count will fluctuate as CommCare records are transferred in and out of the county. Albany County's most recent seven-day average of cases per 100,00 is 55.7 and the Capital Region's average of cases per 100,000 is 70.

There are now 555 active cases in Albany County, down from 633 yesterday. The number of people under mandatory quarantine decreased to 1,242 from 1,282. Of those who have completed quarantine to date, 35,766 of them had tested positive and recovered – an increase of 199 additional recoveries.

McCoy reported there were six new hospitalizations since yesterday, and there are 48 county residents currently hospitalized with the Coronavirus. Nine of those hospital patients are now in ICU's. Sadly, there is one new COVID death to report – a man in his 90's. The death toll for Albany County stands at 457 since the outbreak began.

"I send my condolences to the latest Albany County family who has lost a loved one to COVID-19," said McCoy. "I continue to urge anyone who has not yet been vaccinated to get a shot and for those who are eligible for a booster, please get one. These are the best weapons to protect ourselves and our community."

Since Thanksgiving, the statewide seven-day average case rate has increased by 43 percent and hospitalizations have increased by 29 percent. While the percentage of New Yorkers fully vaccinated continues to increase—gaining 2 percent from Thanksgiving weekend to now—the uptick is not fast enough to completely curb the spread of the

virus, particularly among communities with low vaccination coverage.

The State Department of Health has produced nation-leading studies, published in the CDC's MMWR and the New England Journal of Medicine, which demonstrate the COVID-19 vaccines' effectiveness – particularly in preventing severe disease. The Department continues to urge eligible New Yorkers of all ages to get fully vaccinated and boosted as soon as possible.

"Community spread requires a community-minded solution, as the Omicron variant emerges and the overwhelmingly dominant Delta variant continues to circulate," said Acting Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett. "We have the tools we need to protect against the virus - and now we must ensure we use them. There are tools each individual can use, and there are actions we can take as government. Getting vaccinated protects you, and wearing a mask is how we will better protect each other. Both vaccination and mask-wearing are needed to slow this COVID-19 winter surge."

A violation of any provision of this measure is subject to a maximum fine of \$1,000 for each violation. Local health departments are being asked to enforce these requirements.

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EDUCATION

Educational Conference Board supports planned \$2.4B aid

ALBANY — The seven leading statewide educational organizations issued a report today that includes strong support for the state’s planned \$2.4 billion school aid increase for 2022-23 and for the pledge to fully fund Foundation Aid over the next two state budgets.

Titled, “Rising to the Occasion: Investing in Student Success in Extraordinary Times,” the report from the Educational Conference Board (ECB) also emphasizes the importance of full funding for expense-based aids like Transportation and BOCES aids. Additionally, the education organizations describe three areas where investment is especially needed: Career & Technical Education; student mental health services; and universal prekindergarten.

The full report can be read here: <https://nysut.cc/ECBReport2021>

The most recent update to the Division of Budget’s state financial plan projects a \$2.4 billion increase in school aid for the 2022-23 school year. The ECB paper highlights the fact that the state’s projections for the next two school years are based on the Foundation Aid phase-in, assumed growth in expense-based aids, a minimum annual increase and extra support to high-need districts.

When Foundation Aid was implemented in 2007, the plan was for it to be fully phased in with the 2010-11 school year. The ECB report documents how this effort has stalled over the years, but appears to be back on track with the historic commitment that state officials have made to Foundation Aid, with passage of the current state budget, and with Gov. Hochul’s recent settlement of the NYSER case (New Yorkers for Students’ Educational Rights).

“We applaud the commitment that the state has made to school funding at this extraordinary time,” said ECB Chair John Yagielski. “Prior to the pandemic, our organizations had called attention to growing needs of schoolchildren across the state and COVID has only added to the challenges. In the coming years, the state’s planned investment in schools is critical to making progress on the needs and opportunities we identify in the paper. We must keep these efforts on track.”

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TOWN GOVERNMENT

Bethlehem takes a pass on cannabis for now

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**

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DELMAR — Bethlehem Town Board members said they welcome the prospect of having cannabis dispensaries in town, they're just waiting on the state Office of Cannabis Management to start setting regulations first.

The Town Board opted out of allowing cannabis dispensaries and on-site consumption lounges with a unanimous vote on Wednesday, Dec. 8. Before the board opted out, the majority of members promised to come back to the topic next year.

Albany legalized recreational use of marijuana in April. While doing so, it set forth the establishment of the state Office of Cannabis Management. The regulatory body was to lay down a network of laws and expectations, including a means of licensing for retail businesses. But the Cannabis Control Board only met for the first time in October and while doing so just approved a list of senior staff for the office.

While the state is paving the way for cannabis business, it has allowed towns and municipal boards to opt-out of permitting it from within their respective communities. Municipal boards across New York have been under a year-end deadline to decide just that. Should they fail to act, or choose to allow for it, municipal boards can't opt-out after the deadline.

Despite an overall favorable opinion on dispensary business, the board cited the slow rollout of state regulations. Otherwise, Town Supervisor David VanLuven said, he would welcome the business.

"I'm fully comfortable with retail dispensaries in Bethlehem, and that's the direction that I would be looking for us to be moving in in the future," he said, adding that he is not comfortable with consumption venues. "I haven't seen what an on-site consumption lounge looks like, and so until I have a better sense of what it means — is it a cozy bar or is it the equivalent to an opium den? I have no idea?"

From page 1 ... Selkirk Reserve

The waiver was approved by a 3-1 vote of the five-person board on Wednesday, Dec. 8; Town Supervisor David VanLuven abstained from voting. NRP Group is now expected to appear before the town Planning Board when it meets on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

The Cleveland-based developer resubmitted a waiver request for its 72-unit Selkirk Reserve development, a proposed affordable housing project last deliberated in May. It returned to the Town Board this month to resubmit its request in order to save state funding it was awarded prior to the moratorium. The group had secured funding from New York state Homes and Community Renewal contingent on plan approval.

Town Board members

"People have asked, what's different between May and now? ... They told me under no uncertain terms that they were not going to continue the funding for the project. ... So that's what's different."

will be killed if we do not grant the waiver," said Town Board member Dan Coffey. "That changes the dynamic from the last time the developer came to us. ... I'm hesitant to allow a project of this size to go forward when the zoning rules may change; however, I'm swayed by the fact that it appears the project will not exist at all."

The need for affordable housing was identified in a report the town commissioned in 2019. In the report, the Capital District Regional Planning Commission stated how the average county resident would find it difficult to purchase or rent property in Bethlehem. The town was identified as a housing opportunity area by the state Office of Homes and Community Renewal due to its high-performing school districts and as an



Coeymans Selkirk school district, whose schools opponents say are already challenged by providing services for low-income families. Those arguing against the project say there's more need for socioeconomic diversity in Slingerlands or Delmar than in Selkirk.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the poverty rate in the Tri-City region is 10.2 percent, and 14.1 percent in the state. Of the 7,870 people who live in Slingerlands, 3.6 percent fall under the poverty line. The same rate in Delmar (population 16,940) is 5 percent, while Selkirk (6,945) has a poverty rate of 9.8 percent.

Town Board members prefaced their vote by explaining to the audience that their decision was based only on the waiver request and how the moratorium affected the developer and its project. They added that their concerns over the perceived merits and inadequacies



— David VanLuven,
Bethlehem Town Supervisor

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cited the potential for lost funding as a hardship brought on by its 12-month moratorium. Prior to approving the waiver, the Town Board extended the embargo on residential development by another six months with a 4-1 vote.

Before the moratorium, NRP Group had applied for state funding. In April 2020, it secured \$3.4 million in a housing trust fund and was awarded nearly \$1.4 million in low-income housing tax credits from the state Housing Trust Fund Corporation. The company itself had invested more than \$800,000 into the proposal by December 2019 according to an affidavit signed by the developer's senior vice president, Christopher Dirr.

"My understanding is that the funding will go away and the project

area experiencing economic growth.

Public opinion of the project was mixed when residents shared their concerns earlier in the year. Those who spoke out in May often prefaced their opposition to the project by acknowledging the need for affordable housing in town. However, they all pointed to several factors to which they felt the particular proposal appeared inadequate — lack of public transportation, no walkability, and its distance away from grocery stores.

Town Attorney James Potter reminded Town Board members that hardship is a "significant component" to its decision, he advised they are not "divorcing" themselves from considering the health, safety or welfare of the Town.

The proposed site will reside within the Ravena

of its proposal would be weighed by the Planning Board.

"Many of the questions that have been raised are exactly the kind of questions through the planning board review process," said Town Supervisor David VanLuven. "The only reason the Town Board is even discussing this is because of the moratorium. ...

"People have asked, what's different between May and now?" added VanLuven, adding how he and state legislators convinced HCR in May to retain its funding through the original end of the moratorium this month. Once the Town started to talk of a six-month extension, he said, "They told me under no uncertain terms that they were not going to continue the funding for the project. ... So that's what's different."

■ TOWN GOVERNMENT

Road czar ordered to stop getting dirt

Town highway superintendent slapped with cease and desist following ethics review

By MICHAEL HALLISEY
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DELMAR — The Bethlehem Town Board directed its highway superintendent to cease and desist from receiving anymore free dirt from contractors doing business in town following a unanimous vote on Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Town Board members agreed with the town's Ethics Board which handed down a recommendation after investigating a complaint against Highway Superintendent Marc Dorsey in October. The complaint accused Dorsey of receiving free truckloads

"With regards that Mr. Dorsey should cease and desist, it was represented to us that he had already agreed to do that."

— Dan Coffey,
Bethlehem Town Board Member



of fill from Schenectady-based developer Hodorowski Homes, LLC. The excess fill was delivered to his home residence in Selkirk on two separate occasions, December 2020 and February 2021.

"This is new ground for us — it's never happened before," said Town Board member Dan Coffey, following a summary of the case's timeline read by Town Supervisor David VanLuven. Wednesday night's decision concludes a string of events that

includes several executive session meetings. In those meetings, Town Board members received legal advice and interviewed the first-term highway czar. "With regards that Mr. Dorsey should cease and desist, it was represented to us that he had already agreed to do that."

Dorsey has admitted to accepting the fill and said he has held a permit to do so for the past five years. In September, he told the Ethics Board that he accepted the dirt because

it had no value. He later shared with *The Spotlight* that if the fill had value the developer would have sold it instead of providing it for free.

Ethics Board members deliberated over two sections of the town's ethics code, one pertaining to the act of a Town official using his position to secure financial or material benefit, and another regarding a Town officer accepting or receiving gifts. Once the board shared its recommendation to the Town Board — a first since the citizen advisory board was formed in 2012 — it concluded that Dorsey violated code that prevents his position from receiving "a gift of any value."

In its October 12 letter to the Town Board, Ethics Board members noted how they reviewed signed confirmation that Dorsey received ethics training prior to assuming his role

as highway superintendent, yet he told the board he had not received such training.

"It is our recommendation that Mr. Dorsey should be directed to cease and desist from accepting in the future any full or excess dirt from Hodorowski Builders or any construction company or person doing business in or with the Town," stated Ethics Board Chairperson Michael Hutter.

Hodorowski Builders is the developer of Legends Of Bethlehem, a residential development consisting of single-family and townhouse units off Glenmont Road in Glenmont.

The timing of the complaint led Dorsey to believe it was intended to draw votes away from him in November. His first two-year term expires at the end of the year. While the complaint was filed in late August, he was running for

reelection against former highway superintendent John Anastasi. Details of the complaint surfaced just weeks prior to Election Day. Nonetheless, Dorsey beat Anastasi on an election night that observed each Bethlehem Democrat winning their respective seat.

The review of Dorsey's case prompted Coffey to ask the Ethics Board to revisit the town's Code of Ethics document for possible revisions and to report back to the Town Board. The five-person advisory committee has since advertised for three openings on the board. The three-year terms of Timothy Hannigan, Teresa Newcomb and Lisa Allendorph expire at the end of the year.

Allendorph was among the first members on the board when it formed in 2012.

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■ SCHOLASTIC SPORTS

Tumble for Hunger



Bethlehem Central kicks off gymnastics season with annual charitable competition to benefit food banks

By **JIM FRANCO**
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DELMAR — The 2021-22 girls Section II gymnastics season “officially” kicked off on Wednesday, Dec. 8 with the annual Tumble for Hunger at Bethlehem Central High School.

It featured all four gymnastics teams in Section II, Bethlehem, Guilderland, Shaker and Saratoga.

The season kicks off with sense of normalcy, with the teams in the same gymnasium on different exercises. Last year, thanks to COVID-19, only one team was allowed in a gym at the same time and the scores were compared later.

Judges did score individual performances at the Tumble for Hunger meet, but no awards were given and there was no team awards. Instead, participants and fans were asked to bring a non-perishable food item to help out area food banks.

Bethlehem will compete at Saratoga on Saturday, Dec. 11, and Shaker will travel to Saratoga on Sunday, Dec. 19.

Bethlehem will next host Guilderland on Saturday, Dec. 18.



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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
KH CONSULTING, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Hardware Store, 114 First Ave, Ground Floor, New York, NY 10009. Registered agent address c/o Rashida Dilaver Khanbhai, 149 W 28th Street, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279443

LEGAL NOTICE
King Thiel II Senior Community LLC
Notice of formation of King Thiel II Senior Community LLC, a limited liability company (the LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 11/11/2021. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be

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served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, c/o Executive Director, 6 Winners Circle, Albany, New York 12205. Purposes: acquire, own, hold, improve, manage and operate the real property known as King Thiel II Senior Community, 11 Elks Lane, in the Town of Colonie, New York; to incur indebtedness, secured and unsecured; to mortgage, finance, refinance, encumber, lease, sell, exchange, convey, transfer or otherwise deal with or dispose of the Premises; to enter into and perform contracts and agreements of any kind necessary to, in connection with or incidental to the business of the LLC; and to carry on any other activities necessary to, in connection with or incidental to the foregoing, as the Member in its discretion may deem desirable. D-279817

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION
LAW OFFICE OF KERI A. CHRIST PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/03/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 115 Perry Street, 2B, New York, NY 10014. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Law. D-280885

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
LAXMAN HARI REAL ESTATE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/03/16. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 246 West 38th St, 8th Flr, New York, NY 10018-7857. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279099

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
LITTLE WILLY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/11/02. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Hardware Store, 114 First Ave, Ground Floor, New York, NY 10009. Registered agent address c/o Rashida Dilaver Khanbhai, 149 W 28th Street, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280966

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
LP AND K II LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/28/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1455 East 15th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-278888

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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
LP AND K III LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/02/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1455 East 15th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279057

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
LP AND K IV LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/02/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1455 East 15th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279059

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
LP AND K V LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/02/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1455 East 15th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279060

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
LP AND K VI LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/02/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1455 East 15th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279061

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
LP AND K VII LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/02/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1455 East 15th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279062

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
LS EQUITY HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/18/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 240 East 39th Street, Apartment 36B, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280044

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
MAGIC COLLECTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/06/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 21

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Holmehill Lane, Roseland, NJ 07068. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280935

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
MAKE MY DONUT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/08/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 35-30 36th Street, Long Island City, NY 11106. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279788

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
MALKA MAKEUP ARTIST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 398 Beach 13th Street, Far Rockaway, NY 11691. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279445

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
MARTINO FAMILY MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/14/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 986 Rockland Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10314. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279827

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
MATEVAL MADISON LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/06/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Maureen A. Tighe, Esq., 11 Hanover Square, 20th Floor, New York, NY 10005. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-278873

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
MCMLXII LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/04/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 215 Bowery, Apartment 5F, New York, NY 10002. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279177

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION
MEEKINS LAW PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/03/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, c/o Susan L. Meekins, 437 Madison Avenue, 24th Floor, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Law. D-280887

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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
MFC HARLEM LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/27/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Clinton Oh, 21 Kettlepond Road, Jericho, NY 11753. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-278682

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
MFC TIMES SQUARE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/27/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Clinton Oh, 21 Kettlepond Road, Jericho, NY 11753. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-278683

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
MOTHER HUSTLER NYC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/07/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 49 Manors Drive, Jericho, NY 11753. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281015

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
MOTTO HOME SERVICES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/10/21. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2121. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 4131 Albany Street, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279936

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
MOTTZ LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/08/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1110 2nd Avenue, Suite 303, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281101

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
MPT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/05/21. Latest date to dissolve: 01/02/2095. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 80 1st Avenue, Apartment 16C, New York, NY 10009. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279621

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
MRK GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon

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whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 10 E. 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279446

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
MSI CONSTRUCTION LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/08/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 19-24 76th Street, East Elmhurst, NY 11370. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281102

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
MUSSO HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/03/21. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2081. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 60-42 69th Lane, Maspeth, NY 11378. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279481

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
MYCHEF REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/04/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Jose A. Quesada, Esq., 1424 Williamsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279199

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
NAHATI REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/18/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 55-07 39th Avenue, Queens, NY 11377. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280050

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
NYminuteNFT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/25/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 276 West 238th Street, Bronx, NY 10463. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-278667

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
OMAR PRODUCTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/29/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC,

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1841 East 31st Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280720

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PE 1590 LAKELAND MGR LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/17/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 35 Pinelawn Road, Suite 214E, Melville, NY 11747. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279774

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PIER 57 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/25/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Yaron Kornblum, Esq., Rivkin Radler LLP, 926 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11566. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279988

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

QUF LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/29/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 934 E. 19th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-278906

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

R & A MEAT MARKET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/03/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 3818 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279109

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

RAPNJEFF VETS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/23/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Pliskin Realty, ATTN: Jeff Pliskin, 591 Stewart Avenue, Suite 100, Garden City, NY 11530. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-278663

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

REALTORS NASSAU COUNTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/28/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, PO Box 127, Lake Grove, NY 11755. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279587

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

REGISTERED NURSING PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, c/o Regina Massaro, 61 N. Fordham Road, Hicksville, NY 11801. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Registered Professional Nursing. D-279678

Res # 2021-47 RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the 8th day of December, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has determined that it is necessary to fund work related to the Dinmore Road WWTP and Rockefeller Road Pump Station Bar Screen Replacement Project executed by the apparent low bidders, Eastman Associates, Inc. and Stilsing Electric, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the cost of said services will not exceed \$1,600,000; and WHEREAS, in recognition of these needs, funds for such purpose are in the Sewer Fund Capital Reserve Fund and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is in the public interest to complete the Dinmore Road WWTP and Rockefeller Road Pump Station Bar Screen Replacement Project and fund the work to be executed by Eastman Associates, Inc. and Stilsing Electric, Inc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of the reserve moneys to fund this request up to maximum amount of \$1,600,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend from the Sewer Fund Capital Reserve Fund the funds necessary up to \$1,600,000 in said reserve fund; and This resolution shall be subject to, permissive referendum, as permitted by law.

The motion to adopt the resolution was offered by Councilmember Coffey, seconded by Councilmember Cunningham,

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and duly adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisor VanLoven, Councilmember Becker, Councilmember Coffey, Councilmember Cunningham, Councilmember Foster
NOES: none
ABSENT: none
DATED: December 8, 2021
EB-281103

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

RHMC HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/27/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Regina Massaro, 61 N. Fordham Road, Hicksville, NY 11801. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Registered Professional Nursing. D-279678

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

RM COMMUNICATIONS GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/05/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 9005 153rd Street, 1H, Jamaica, NY 11432. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279268

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ROCKLEDGE 1537 WHITE PLAINS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/05/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 230 5th Avenue, Suite 1508, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279255

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ROCKLEDGE 1625 BENSON LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/05/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 230 5th Avenue, Suite 1508, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279258

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

RV FUNDING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/08/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 309 East 108th Street, Unit 1F, New York, NY 10029. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-271108

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RWQS PROPCO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/30/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 130 East 75th Street, New York, NY 10021. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280747

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

RZ138 AVE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/28/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 353 Crescent Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-278889

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

RZ166 STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/28/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 353 Crescent Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-278890

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SDJD EQUITY HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/22/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 240 East 39th Street, Apartment 36B, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280573

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SDL REALTY SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/07/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Razis & Ross, P.C., 23-09 31st Street, Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280831

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SMOKEY BERGEN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/26/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1240 Dean Street, Second Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11216. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279477

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SNOWY CAPITAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/26/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Michael Konopka, Esq., 277 Broadway, Suite 810, New York, NY 10007. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-278898

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SOPHIA CHABOT INTERIORS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/23/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 99 Tulip Avenue, Suite 308, Floral Park, NY 11001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280609

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SPARKLING RIDGE HOUSE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Wexler & Kaufman PLLC, One Penn Plaza, Suite 3406, New York, NY 10119. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279454

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SPARKLING RIDGE ROAD, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/29/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Wexler & Kaufman PLLC, One Penn Plaza, Suite 3406, New York, NY 10119. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-278912

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

SPRING PSYCHOLOGY, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/05/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, c/o Tesser, Ryan & Rochman, LLP, 15 Fisher Lane, Suite 200, White Plains, NY 10603. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Psychology. D-279195

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

STELLARAYS DIAMONDS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/23/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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cess against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 94 South 4th Street, Apartment 1F, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280610

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SUNFLOWER 219 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/27/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 84 76th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279829

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SUNRISE HIGHWAY RENTALS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/08/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Sandeep Jain, 42 Stirrup Lane, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281110

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SUSAN BLACKWELL CREATIVE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/28/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Paracorp Incorporated, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Suite 805A, Albany, NY 12210-2822. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279830

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

TAPESTRY METHOD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/02/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o The Kahan Group, CPAs, LLC, 99 Tulip Avenue, Suite 308, Floral Park, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279064

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

The BurgerStage LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/19/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 519 West 139th Street, #4A, New York, NY 10031. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280532

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TOBY 8318, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/08/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 316 86th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279304

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

TWO SIBLINGS HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/16/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 398 Manor Road, Staten Island, NY 10314. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279852

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

UMPM CONSULTING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/03/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 40 West 77th Street, New York, NY 10024. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279110

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

VAN DEUSEN PROPERTIES NY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/19/06. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 34 Folkstone Dr, East Hampton, NY 11937. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-278664

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

VAN LEEUWEN NEW YORK 73RD STREET LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 12/02/21. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 11/30/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 310 Greenwich Street, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280888

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

VAN LEEUWEN NEW YORK TRIBECA LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 11/24/21. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 11/19/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 310 Greenwich Street, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280663

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

WESTBURY MADISON, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/22/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 15 East 69th Street, Apartment 5B, New York, NY 10021. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280567

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

WILDERNESS TRAIL JV LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/17/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Wexler & Kaufman, PLLC, One Penn Plaza, Suite 3406, New York, NY 10119. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279973

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

WOMEN & WINE CREATIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/28/21 with an existence date of 11/01/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 535 East 13th Street, Suite 4A, New York, NY 10009. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-278891

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

WONDERLAND NETWORK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/29/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 4142 42nd Street, #4K, Sunnyside, NY 11104. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281104

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ZELIGMAN HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/22/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 191 Chrystie Street, New York, NY 10002. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280572

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A square peg in a round hole

Identifying the problem is the first step to solving it. What follows is orchestrating a plan and executing it. Therein lies the details.

Last week, Bethlehem Town Board members allowed an exception to their residential development moratorium. NRP Group will continue to see its proposal run through the review process with the hope its 72-unit affordable housing project called Selkirk Reserve ultimately breaks ground. The plan it has for the Bethlehem hamlet is just one of several it has in the works, or has finished, across the country to address a national problem.

It's a local problem, too. The lack of affordable housing in this town was identified years ago. The Town's Comprehensive Plan Committee documented the issue in its townwide zoning plan in 2005. Nearly 20 years ago, community leaders watched as housing developments replaced farm lands and woodlands, for expensive one-family homes. Today, Realtor.com states the median listing price of a home in this town as approximately \$310,000.

Market experts advise would-be homeowners to stay within a price range that resembles

three-to-four times their annual salary. The median household income in the Capital District according to the U.S. Census Bureau is \$71,000. That means the average person in this area can't buy the average-priced home in this town. Not in today's market.

Would-be homeowners have sought after Bethlehem for its high achieving school districts and for its town services. They want to shop around Delmar's Four Corners and wade in the Elm Avenue Town Park's pools. They want to be close to downtown Albany's nightlife and take their kids to the mall. All within a reasonable driving distance from work. That's this town in a quick glance.

Bethlehem is a large enough town that it can be split into two. In fact, the town is nearly split in half between two of its three school districts. Bethlehem Central and Ravena Coeymans Selkirk cleave the bulk of the town horizontally down the middle, while families in North Bethlehem attend Guilderland Central. The hamlets of this town are distinguished by their own characteristics, to the point there is a sense of pride oftentimes. And as you try to make a blanket observation about this town to have it fit into any corner, you'll be corrected.

In May, town residents attempted to explain how Selkirk Reserve would not be ideal nestled between Route 9W and the Jericho Drive-In. For it to be a place for low-income, working force residents to live, they'd reside three miles outside the retail center of Bethlehem Center — and that much farther from the city of Albany. And after a summer of fiery debates surrounding the perceived dangers of Delmar's Delaware Avenue, there are no sidewalks along Route 9W where traffic buzzes along at 55 mph.

Somehow the debate over this project was initially molded into a protest against affordable housing and that some had heard racist undertones. Those who spoke up before the Town Board each said they want affordable housing, but the need is not in Selkirk, and not within the RCS school district in which district teacher and Albany County Legislator Matt Miller said is already challenged with providing services for underserved students.

Comparisons were drawn between Selkirk, Slingerlands and Delmar. The former two are hamlets to the north, and reside within the Bethlehem Central school district. Each one is listed

among some of the more affluent areas in the Capital District. The U.S. Census Bureau has Slingerlands' median household income as \$89,000 and Delmar's as \$103,000 — 1.5 times higher than the state and regional amount. In this statistic, Selkirk also lists higher than the state and regional figure, with an income of \$85,000, but the average may be skewed. Of its nearly 7,000 residents, 30 percent earn an income under \$50,000. Another 27 percent earns between \$50,000 to \$100,000. The other 43 percent makes more than \$100,000.

There's also the poverty rate in Selkirk, which differs a bit more than its neighbors to the north. Approximately 9.8 percent of Selkirk residents live below the poverty line — just a little less than the regional rate of 10.2 percent. In Delmar, the same rate is 5 percent; Slingerlands, 3.6 percent.

Assuming the project is to introduce affordable housing into a neighborhood in which the housing market is attainable to the few, Selkirk is not it. The median value of an owner-occupied home is \$223,000, running on par with the Capital District and two-thirds lower than that of New York State (\$313,700). Following the advice of that real estate

agent, assuming an annual income of \$71,000 — you can grab a home in Selkirk. You may even grab one in Delmar, where the same median value stands at \$275,800 — though recent market trends suggest houses are more expensive. In Slingerlands, where the median value is \$343,500, you'll be priced out.

The State may see Selkirk Reserve as an ideal plan to address affordable housing issues here in the Capital District and in Bethlehem. Taking a broad look at Bethlehem, this town needs affordable housing. Looking deeper at the zip codes within this town, it's not needed in Selkirk. Ravena Coeymans Selkirk doesn't need it, either. After all, the intent is to introduce affordable housing to a neighborhood who needs it. This isn't it.

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A message to Community Room users

Our Community Room has been in high demand since we have reopened it to public use, and we recognize that it may not be as available as it has been in the past. This is due to a number of factors, including the need for a larger space for library-hosted programs

The library will be closed Friday and Saturday, Dec. 24-25, for the Christmas holiday, and Friday and Saturday, Dec. 31-Jan. 1, for New Year's.

and a smaller booking window. We will continue to monitor the situation, but please note that the library's board room is available for smaller groups to use, as well. For more information about booking a public meeting room at the library, go to www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/book-a-space.

Ancestry.com changes

We'd like to remind you

that at the beginning of the new year, Ancestry.com will no longer be available for off-site use. Users will need to access the resource while at the library. This is a return to the company's pre-pandemic terms of use.

Use Libby to get e-books

In early 2022, the legacy OverDrive mobile app will no longer be available to download and will be phased out. Current OverDrive app users are encouraged to switch to Libby.

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— Kristen Roberts

January Book Talk

We'll be discussing these books in January.

-Books & Beyond - “The Stationary Shop” by Marjan Kamali, 11a.m., Jan. 19, virtual; - Fiction Book Discussion - “The Stationary Shop” by Marjan Kamali, 7p.m., Jan. 5, virtual; - Nonfiction Book Discussion - “Fifth Sum: A New History of the Aztecs” by Camilla Townsend, 1p.m. and 7p.m., Jan. 10, community room; - Kids' Book Discussion - “Cam Jansen: The Snowy Day Mystery” by David Adler, 6:30p.m. Jan. 21; and - Family Book Discussion/Middle School Book Club - “How to Find What you're Not Looking For” by Veera Hiranandani, 2p.m., Jan. 30, community room.

Please register online each month for any of these book discussions.

Limited copies of the book are available for \$5, compliments of the Friends of the Library.



Library copies will also be available for checkout and downloadable ebook and audiobook versions are on Overdrive.

Community Service Hours

Students in grades 6 and up, with sewing machine experience, are invited to register for this baby blanket project.

Unless circumstances dictate otherwise, this will be an in-person program, held at 1:30 p.m., December 29, at the library.

Community service certificates will be given to participants.

Thursday Movies

Join us for a classic movie, and a relaxing afternoon at the library,

most Thursdays at 1 p.m..

There's always time for some trivia before the show starts, so settle in early, choose some snacks and a drink, and visit with your fellow movie lovers.

Attendance will be limited and masks are required of all visitors over the age of two, regardless of vaccination status.

Check our online calendar to see what is playing this week.

Curbside pickup

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— Lynn Kohler



Tour of Bradt-Oliver House

DELMAR — The Spinney at Van Dyke, in collaboration with the Town of Bethlehem and Hartgen Archeological Associates, Inc., invites the public to learn more about the archaeology and history of the Bradt-Oliver House at 246 Van Dyke Road on Friday, Dec. 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Bradt-Oliver house is a historic site located along the southern edge of The Spinney at Van Dyke, an active adult community which is professionally managed by The Spinney Group.

Although it is unknown when the land was settled, it is believed that the original stone part of the house was built sometime before 1767. The original stone house, which has since been updated with a twentieth-century addition, was the subject of a 2006 study performed by Landmark Archeological. In 2007, the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) determined that the site would be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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Live Virtual Storytime

Let's meetup via Zoom for an interactive storytime on Thursday, Dec. 16 and 23, at 10:30 a.m., ideal for children ages infant-age 5. We'll read books, sing songs and enjoy a fun time together! Please register online, where you'll find a list of common household items that can be used with the songs and rhymes. We also read picture books to viewers every Friday on our YouTube channel.

Trustees Meet

The Guilderland Public Library Board of Trustees will convene virtually for their monthly business meeting on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m. These meetings are accessible live on GPL's YouTube channel, and archived there to view anytime. Public commentary may be submitted to: pc@guilderlandlibrary.org.



The Dogs of Chernobyl

Thirty-five years after the nuclear power plant disaster at Chernobyl, Ukraine, animal expert Stephen Quandt traveled there to participate in a spay/neuter and research campaign for feral dogs. Using his own photos and videos from the trip, Stephen will share the remarkable stories of hope, life, resilience and heroism (both human and canine) that emerged on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 6:30 p.m. Sign up for this uplifting and informative program on the Events tab of our website.

New Podcast Episode

The latest podcast

installment of "How Did You Find It?" debuts on Friday, Dec. 17. It's accessible on all major platforms, including Apple, Spotify, Google, Anchor and Breaker. Your feedback is always welcome at: podcast@guilderlandlibrary.org.

Virtual Crafty Chat

Whether you knit, stitch, sketch, paint - whatever craft you dabble in - join our online session Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 10:30 a.m. and tell us about it! We'd love to chat, share tips, discuss crafty books we're reading, and maybe even inspire one another. We'll also be chatting about our favorite Creativebug Daily Practices. Register

on the Events tab of our website to receive the Zoom link.

Holiday Schedule

The library will be closed Christmas Eve Friday, Dec. 24, Christmas Day Saturday, Dec. 25 and New Year's Day Saturday, Jan. 1. We will close at 2 p.m. on New Year's Eve Fri. Dec. 31. We extend our best wishes for a healthy, happy holiday season!

Y2K Virtual Escape Room

Travel back in time with us to New Year's Eve 1999 to stop the Y2K computer bug and save the future! Join us Wednesday, Dec. 29, at 7 p.m. for this engaging virtual escape room for ages 16 and up, and have fun reliving the late 90s in the process. Register on the Events tab of our website

to receive the Zoom link in advance.

Night Owls Online

"The Hellfire Club" by Jake Tapper is the next selection of our monthly evening book discussion on Monday, Jan. 10, at 7:30 p.m. Get a head start on this book in advance of our virtual meetup! Please register on the Events tab of our website for the link to participate via Zoom.

GPL Gift Guide

Looking for holiday ideas? Let us help! Get product reviews from Consumer Reports; try out our Library of Things gadgets before you buy; and craft homemade gifts, decorations and culinary creations with Creativebug under the Learning Tools section of our website. We're always happy to assist - just ask!

Dial A Story

All ages can unplug from technology and take a break with our Dial A Story line. Simply call 518-456-2400 and press 5, then choose 1 for an adult story; 2 for a children's story; and 3 for an international story, updated regularly.

Browsing Hours

Masks are required for ages two and up. GPL policies based on current COVID conditions are outlined in our Pandemic Operations Plan, accessible on our website. Current hours are: Monday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Friday 9:30 am - 6:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The library renovation project is nearly done. Car charging stations and exhibit case reservations .

— Luanne Nicholson

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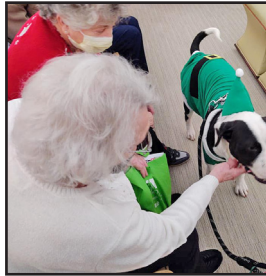
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Send the Marines

Toys for Tots and its annual convoy to deliver toys.

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Three new acts

Troy Music Hall announces more shows for the season.

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Magic sleigh ride awaits

By MICHAEL HALLISEY
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SCHENECTADY — Speaking with former ESYO Music Director Helen Cha-Pyo, we all may want to gift her a horse and sleigh this time of year. In 16 years, she hasn't missed the chance to stand at the podium before an orchestra during the holidays.

"87 is my highway," she said. Claiming ownership in jest for the roadway that takes her from her New Jersey home to the Capital District. "Unfortunately, I've got to know too many of the State Troopers in my 16 years," she adds with a laugh.

The Empire State Youth Orchestra is set to take a live audience on a magic sleigh ride with Madison VanDenburg as it unwraps a new, orchestral arrangement of the recording artist's new holiday single at Proctors on Sunday, Dec. 19.

Madison VanDenburg, Empire State Youth Orchestra promise to send a live Proctors audience on a magic ride Sunday

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"A lot of people say it's too early to start Christmas music before Thanksgiving or whatever... Well, I released my Christmas single before Thanksgiving, so I guess November 19th. We'll go with that,"

Madison VanDenburg, singer / songwriter on when to start playing holiday music

WALK THIS WAY

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Sound advice for people as hibernation season sets in for us humans.




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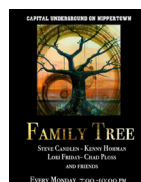
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Santa employs help from the Marines

U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, Dunkin' volunteers load thousands of toys onto holiday convoy for 2021 delivery tour

CLIFTON PARK — The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, Dunkin' franchisee and civilian volunteers loaded thousands of toys onto a holiday convoy on Friday, Dec. 10 to embark on the annual two-day delivery tour last weekend.

Capital Region Toys for Tots announced last week the holiday convoy, comprising numerous tractor trailers, trucks and vans, will officially be named "Convoy for Tots in Memory of Tom Disinger." The Air Force veteran spent many seasons supporting Capital Region Toys for Tots and regularly staffed the front desk of the warehouse, greeting all who came through the doors to donate or volunteer.

"We are thrilled to announce



Capital Region Toys for Tots Assistant Coordinator Staff Sergeant Patrick Lurenz uses a forklift to load toys onto a tractor trailer at the Marine Secure Warehouse in Clifton Park, on Friday, Dec. 10.

Provided photo

the 2021 Capital Region Toys for Tots holiday convoy is being named for a man who devoted his life to helping others. Tom made the world a brighter place and the Capital Region Toys for Tots family will carry on his legacy of cheer and goodwill as we ride in his honor this holiday season,"

said Marine Gunnery Sgt. (Ret) Albert Roman, local coordinator of the Capital Region Toys for Tots campaign. "We appreciate the continued support and dedication from our community partners led by Dunkin', whose franchisees and volunteers stepped up today to help us load

the convoy and keep our annual toy-delivery campaign running. The holiday season is all about giving back and the generosity of our community partners is a true example of holiday spirit."

Dunkin' franchisees donated complimentary coffee and baked goods to volunteers and assisted with sorting and loading thousands of toys onto vehicles ahead of the holiday convoy across upstate New York this weekend.

"Dunkin' is thrilled to bring the spirit of the holidays to children in need by supporting the efforts of the Marines who spearhead the Toys for Tots campaign. We commend the Marines, local law enforcement and all others involved for their dedication to this important holiday tradition," said Capital Region Dunkin' franchisee Natasha Teixeira. "We are happy to keep these dedicated volunteers running on Dunkin' and provide a helping hand to prepare for the convoy, which has such a vital impact on families in our community."

Since 2009, the annual Capital Region Toys for Tots holiday campaign has been bolstered by the support of Dunkin', which has donated \$375,000 to the program over the past 13 years. The Toys for Tots collection drive is currently underway at approximately 400 locations throughout the Capital District, including more than 100 local and regional Dunkin' restaurants.

The "Convoy for Tots in Memory of Tom Disinger," toured the state last weekend to deliver toys to children in need. Dozens of volunteers will be transported as part of the convoy on passenger buses, courtesy of CDTA and Upstate Transit of Saratoga.

Thousands of toys were delivered at each stop to local non-profit organizations for distribution to children they serve in their communities. Children and their families were invited to attend convoy pitstops to meet Santa, receive cookies and a special stocking stuffer courtesy of Capital Region Toys for Tots. However, gifts will not be handed.

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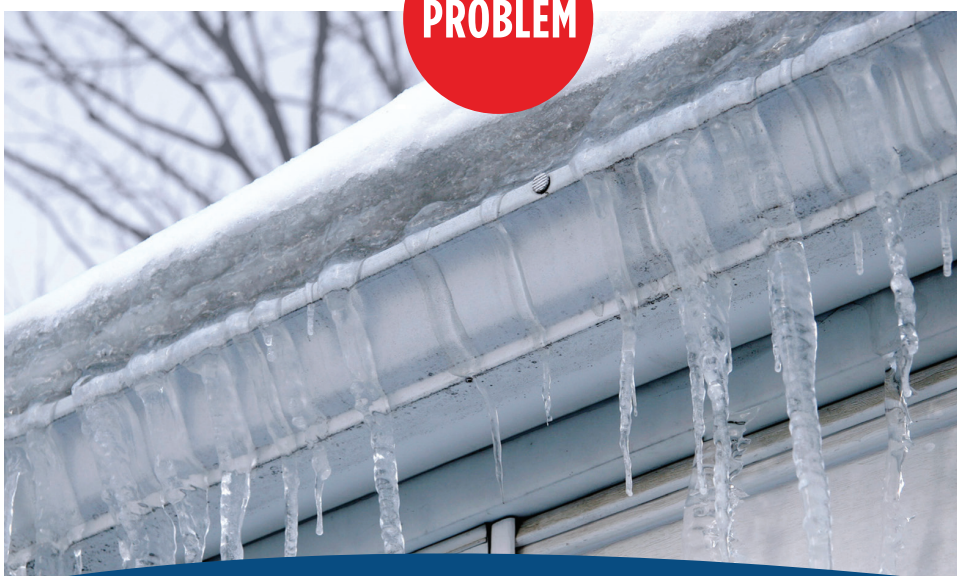
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From page B1 ... Magic sleigh ride awaits

Empire State Youth Orchestra, known regionally and nationally for engaging young musicians from upstate New York and western Massachusetts in a joyful pursuit of musical excellence, will perform "Sleigh Ride," its 2021 Holiday Spectacular, in front of a live audience.

"Music is the best accompaniment to the holidays," said Rebecca Calos, Empire State Youth Orchestra's Executive Director. "The pandemic has challenged us all and kept many from seeing their families during the holiday season. We believe that our musicians and our community could use a magical sleigh ride and sparkling music to reignite the light and love of the holidays," she continued.

The concert is to feature a sleigh full of talent, the newly formed ESYO Chamber Orchestra, the ESYO Youth Jazz Orchestra, and ESYO's flagship ensemble Symphony Orchestra conducted by their

longtime maestro, Cha-Pyo. Audiences are accustomed to seeing ESYO performing along with CBS 6 Albany's annual Melodies of Christmas tradition. The global COVID-19 pandemic, however, has prompted another pause on the traditional concert this year.

National recording artist and 2019 American Idol finalist Madison VanDenburg is also to return home for the holidays to premiere the orchestral version of her new single, "The Light of Christmas," with ESYO.

The concert program weaves together a seasonal story by Children's Moonbeam Book award-winning author Vicki Addesso Dodd with sparkling holiday favorites, Christmas carols, and inspired Symphonic classics. After finding themselves aboard Santa's sleigh, audiences travel the world seeing the holidays through the eyes of a child and the sounds of music.

"I think being in the spirit of celebrating something that is positive, I think no matter what the tradition that you come from, I think light is one common theme that creates warmth. Something that brightens the darkness of this world. Something that really shows us in certain ways where we should go," said Cha-Pyo.

"I think it's the theme of being together, sharing an adventure, experiencing something you can't experience on your own, and that's what orchestra is all about."

Accompanying each scene is music like Leroy Anderson's iconic Christmas jingle Sleigh Ride, Waldteufel's Skaters Waltz, "Troika" by Prokofiev, and a jazzy arrangement of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." Also featured on the program is the famed holiday classic "(There is No Place Like) Home for the Holidays," by Glenville-native Robert Allen. Exhausted from their sleigh ride, the children fall asleep and wake up on Christmas morning to hear the orchestral premiere of VanDenburg's new

hit single. In the finale, the audience is invited to join VanDenburg for a traditional carol sing-along.

"I am so excited about that," said VanDenburg, who is now home for the holidays after touring in support of her new single. "When they told me they were putting that together, I was like, oh heck yeah. Let's do it."

and Holiday Parade.

"The first thing I thought was that it sounded so timeless and classic," VanDenburg said. "I've written a couple of fun Christmas songs before. That one was just special to me because it sounded so timeless. ... I thought it would be kind of a perfect release, especially with what's going on with the

Virtual Concert Hall on Christmas Day.

"If there is any kind of message that I can send out is that we really, really appreciate [live audiences]," Cha-Pyo said. "If they've never known to what extent the performers appreciate live audiences coming into the concert halls, this is the time for the musicians to let that message be loud and clear."



Players of the Empire State youth Orchestra go over sheet music as they prepare for a Sunday afternoon holiday performance at Proctors on Dec. 19.

Provided

Written by multi-platinum songwriters Kenny Lamb (NSYNC, Justin Timberlake, Rhett Akins) and Anthony Little (Tina Turner, Backstreet Boys, and Reba), VanDenburg immediately connected with the song. At first change, she premiered the single in front of a hometown audience at the Schenectady Tree Lighting

world. It's been tough right now with COVID and we all need a song right now that reminds us that better days are coming."

With support from local recording engineer Dan Czernicki at Classical Recording Service, videographer Griffin Bengraff, and LIVE Sound Inc, Sleigh Ride will also stream online in ESYO's

The family-friendly holiday concert will perform at Proctors in Schenectady on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 3 p.m.

For tickets to Sleigh Ride| An ESYO Holiday Spectacular, call Proctors Box Office at (518) 346-6204 or buy online at esyo.org/tickets. Tickets are \$25.



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RECENTLY ANNOUNCED

Gordon Lightfoot among three new acts coming to Troy Music Hall

TROY — The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall announced three new additions to the 2021-2022 Season last week.

PIAF – No Regrets

Starring Christine Andreas
 A special Valentine's Day performance!
 Thursday, February 14, 2022, 7:30 PM, Tickets: \$35, \$25

In this acclaimed performance, two-time Tony Award nominee Christine Andreas celebrates the life and music of Edith Piaf, brought to life in the words of her friends, her triumphs, and her music. PIAF: No Regrets is the illuminating and entertaining journey through Piaf's extraordinary life and music. Christine sings in impeccable French, as well as English, peppering the concert with well-selected quotes and Piaf's own words in monologues by dramaturge Drew Harris. The resulting portrait gives audiences a deeper look into the life of the famed French singer-songwriter and a lasting appreciation for her incredible talent.

Eileen Ivers with Dervish

Thursday, March 3, 2022, 7:30 PM, Tickets: \$39.50, \$34.50

What's the difference between a fiddle and a violin? In the hands of a celebrated guest soloist with over 50 Symphony Orchestras, who also shreds electric fiddle through fuzz, wah and looping effects ...who is called "the future of the Celtic Fiddle" by the Washington Post, and "the Jimi Hendrix of the violin" by the New York Times ...who is Bronx born, yet the 9-time All-Ireland Fiddle Champion. What's the difference? Nothing, in the hands of Eileen Ivers.

Grammy-Awarded and Emmy-nominated, Eileen Ivers, continues to push the fiddling tradition boundaries from a folk music staple to a fiercely fresh, powerfully beautiful, intensely driving world stage experience.

Eileen's most recent CD, Beyond the Bog Road, and its extensively researched sixteen-page liner notes focus on the influences of the Celtic tradition on Roots music (bluegrass, French-Canadian, Cajun, Appalachian, Americana) and how the music journeyed on to become a fundamental ingredient of the American Country music tradition. Irish Music Magazine called it "a triumph ...a musical Magnus-Opus" and the album reached number one on the Alt-Country Roots Music Chart.

Dervish is long-established as one of the biggest names in Irish music internationally. They're renowned for live performances which match dazzling sets of tunes with stunning interpretations of traditional songs. Their studio and live albums – 12 to date – make up one of the outstanding catalogs in Irish music. They are regular visitors to the US, where their concerts are often sold out, however, their fan base stretches across several continents. They spend much of their time traveling across Europe and have also toured in Asia, South America, and Australia.

Gordon Lightfoot

Thursday, April 14, 2022, 7:30 PM, Tickets: \$69.50, \$59.50, \$49.40, \$39.50

After more than 50 active years of hit song making and international album sales well into the multi-millions, it's safe to say that esteemed singer-songwriter and musician Gordon Lightfoot resides with some very exclusive company atop the list of all-time greats. His song catalog is incredibly vast and includes such immortals as "Early Morning Rain," "If You Could Read My Mind," "Carefree Highway," "Sundown," "(That's What You Get) For Lovin Me," "The Wreck Of The Edmund Fitzgerald," "Canadian Railroad Trilogy," "Ribbon Of Darkness," "Beautiful," "Song For A Winter's Night" and "Rainy Day People" to name a few.

For the true living legend, this year is special for Lightfoot with the announcements of a cross-country USA tour; a new, first time in 14-years, full-length record on Warner Brothers Rhino, titled: Gordon Lightfoot - Solo; and, the nation-wide release of the documentary film: Gordon Lightfoot: If You Could Read My Mind. The concert tour will feature his well-known hits as well as some deep album cuts for the die-hard fanatics. All of which are woven together with some of Lightfoot's own behind-the-scenes stories and personal anecdotes about his historic 50-plus-years musical career. The event is sure to be a great thrill for live audiences and anyone who enjoys hearing great music and seeing a living legend in person.

Single tickets are on sale to the general public via phone, 518-273-0038, in person, or online at www.troymusichall.org. Tickets are available at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall Box Office, 30 Second Street, Troy, Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. More information on the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall and upcoming programs is available on the website at www.troymusichall.org.

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STORM LARGE: HOLIDAY ORDEAL

UPH • December 16, 7:30 p.m.

What better way to spend a holiday than with Storm Large? Storm will love you, leave you, delight you and abuse you with wicked charm and stunning vocals that will have you begging for more. Holiday Ordeal is a night of music, gags and gifts, with songs ranging from "2000 Miles," "Hallelujah," "Sock it to Me Santa," and the greatest holiday song never written for the holidays, "Somebody to Love."



THE IRISH AND HOW THEY GOT THAT WAY

theREP • Through December 19

Hold on to your hats for this rollicking roller coaster of a ride compiled by Frank McCourt (Angela's Ashes), who brings his razor-sharp wit, trademark bitter irony and boundless love of his people to this revue about all things Irish. This show delivers what it promises: stirring blarney, a bit of hokum, genuine heartache and much joy.



IT'S A JAZZY CHRISTMAS

Proctors • December 17, 7:30 p.m.
 UPH • December 18, 7:00 p.m.

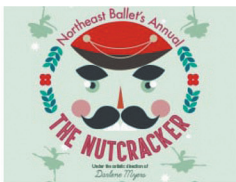
It's the most wonderful time of the year, and It's a Jazzy Christmas has all your favorite holiday songs!



SLEIGH RIDE, AN ESYO HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR

Proctors • December 19, 3:00 p.m.

Ring in the holiday season with family, friends and the Empire State Youth Orchestra. Catch the spirit of the season with holiday favorites, carols, and Symphonic classics.



NORTHEAST BALLET'S ANNUAL THE NUTCRACKER

Proctors • December 22 & 23

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Through 12/19 • The Irish and How They Got That Way

at UPH

12/16 • Storm Large: Holiday Ordeal

12/18 • It's A Jazzy Christmas

12/31 • A New Year's Eve Celebration with Zachary James



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9 Maple Avenue
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 518-583-CLUB
 Fri: **Tim Olsen Quartet** | 9 p.m.
 Sat: **Out of the Box** | 9 p.m.

Albany Capital Center
 55 Eagle St., Albany.
 518-487-2155

Across The Street Pub
 1238 Western Ave., Albany.
 518-438-1718
 Thurs: **Trivia** | 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The Avalon Lounge
 29 Church St, Catskill
 518-719-1640
 Thurs: **PAKT** | 8-10 p.m.
 Fri: **Loosey Goosey with the Haus of Peculiar** | 10-2 a.m.
 Sat: **Photay / SVB / STONE (DJ Set)** | 8-1 a.m.
 Sun: **Christmas with Brian Dewan** | 7:30-9 p.m.

Brown's Troy Taproom & Brewery
 417 River Street, Troy
 518-273-2337
 Sat: **Ugly Sweater Party with Road Soda Pop** | 9-11 p.m.

Black Bear Inn
 310 19th St., Watervliet
 518-272-9486
 Wed: **Trivia Night** | 7:30 p.m.

Caffè Lena
 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs
 518-583-0022
 Wed: **Bluegrass Jam With Red Spruce** | 7-9 p.m.
 Thurs: **Koehler And Kelly** | 7-9 p.m.
 Fri: **SIRSY** | 8-10 p.m.
 Sat: **Holiday Folk Show** | 4-6 p.m.
 Sun: **The Singing Anchors Holiday Show** | 3-4:30 p.m.

Carson's Woodside Tavern
 57 NY-9P, Malta
 518-584-9791
 Thurs: **Jay Yager & Chris Dollard** | 6-9 p.m.
 Fri: **Padraic Decker** | 6-9 p.m.
 Sat: **Mitch Frasier** | 6-9 p.m.

Centre Street Pub
 308 Union St., Schenectady
 518-393-2337
 Fri: **Brand Monkell Quartet** | 4 p.m.

Cohoes Music Hall
 58 Remsen St., Cohoes
 518-434-0776
 Thurs: **A Year With Frog & Toad** | 7 p.m.

The Comedy Works
 388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs
 877-565-3849
 Fri: **Liz Miele** | 8 p.m.

Druthers Brewing Company
 1053 Broadway, Albany
 (518) 650-7996

Eden Cafe
 269 Osborne Road #3, Albany
 518-977-3771
 Thurs: **The Tony Loves Trixie Show** | 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 Fri: **50 Shades of Espresso** | 6-9:30 p.m.
 Sat: **A Very Merry Marvelous Cosplay Holiday** | 6-12:30 a.m.

The Egg
 Empire State Plaza., Albany

HOT SPOTS EVENTS CALENDAR



Happy Anniversary to Hartley's Encore

The band that has brought the funk to the Capital District for five years is celebrating their years together properly with a performance at Putnam Place on Saturday, Dec. 18, starting at 7 p.m..

Hartley's Encore

518-473-1845
 Sat: **The Mckrells Holiday Concert** | 8 p.m.
 Sun: **Bill Charlap Trio** | 8 p.m.

Emack & Bolio's
 366 Delaware Ave., Albany
 518-512-5100
Empire Live/Underground
 93 North Pearl St., Albany
 866-468-3399
 Fri: **The Front Bottoms** | 8 p.m.
 Sat: **State Champs** | 7:30 p.m.
 Sun: **The Acacia Strain** | 7 p.m.

Empire State Plaza
 Empire State Plaza., Albany
 518-474-2418

Fort Orange Brewing
 450 North Pearl St, Albany
 518-992-3103
 Sun: **Yoga With A Pint!** | 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Frog Alley Brewing Co.
 108 State Street Schenectady
 518-631-4800

Fuze Box
 12 Central Avenue Albany
 518-992-6434
 Thurs: **Tossed Aside** | 7 p.m.
 Fri: **Resist: Sinister Solstice Soirée With Vudu** | 9 p.m.

Funny Bone
 1 Crossgates Mall Rd #K-206, Albany
 518-313-7484
 Wed: **Are You Garbage?** | 7:30 p.m.
 Fri: **Godfrey** | 7:30 p.m.
 Sun: **A Brunch Of Laughs** | 1 p.m.

Gaffney's
 16 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs
 518-587-7359
Grappa '72
 818 Central Ave., Albany
 518-482-7200
 Thurs: **The Hamilton Street Jazz Trio** | 5:30-8:30 p.m.
 Fri: **Earl Davis with Peg & Bill Delaney** | 5:30-8:30 p.m.

The Hangar on the Hudson
 675 River St., Troy
 518-272-9740
 Sat: **Johnny Rabb And The Jailhouse Rockers Feat. The Tichy Boys** | 7:30-10 p.m.

The Hollow Bar + Kitchen
 79 North Pearl St., Albany
 518-426-8550

Lark Hall
 351 Hudson Ave, Albany
 518-599-5804
 Sat: **Wolfman Jack** | 8-11 p.m.
 Sat: **An Evening With Sydney Worthley, W/S/G El Modernist And Josh Morris** | 8-11 p.m.

The Linda
 339 Central Ave, Albany
 518-465-5233
 Thurs: **Rochmon Records Club Listening Party** | 7-9 p.m.
 Fri: **Year in Review - 2021 / An Immersive Spoken-Word Event** | 8-10 p.m.

McGeary's Irish Pub
 4 Clinton Square, Albany

518-463-1455
 Tues: **Trivia Night** | 7 p.m.

Nashville Of Saratoga
 39 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs
 518-909-6274
 Fri: **The Beadle Brothers** | 9-12 p.m.
 Sat: **Rustic Spirit** | 9-12 a.m.

Nanola
 2639 Rt 9, Malta
 518-587-1300

The Night Owl
 17 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs
 518-319-2300
 Thurs: **Cookout** | 7 p.m.
 Fri: **Fireside Fridays** | 8 p.m.
 Sat: **Supper Club Saturdays** | 6 p.m.

Olde English Pub
 683 Broadway, Albany. 518-434-6533
 Sat: **Larry Parker** | 7 p.m.

The Palace Theatre
 19 Clinton Ave., Albany
 518-465-4663
 Wed: **An Evening with Chevy Chase** | 7:30 p.m.

Playhouse Stage Co.
 Madison Ave at New Scotland Ave Albany
 (518) 434-2035

Panza's
 129 So. Broadway, Saratoga Springs
 518-584-6882
 Fri: **Nick Horace & Azzaam Hameed** | 6:30 p.m.
 Sat: **Colleen Pratt & Peg Delaney Duo** | 6:30 p.m.
 Sun: **Sinatra & Friends Christmas** | 6:30 p.m.

Parish Public House
 388 Broadway, Albany
 518-465-0444
 Fri: **Deadbeats Holiday Party** | 8-12 a.m.

The Parting Glass
 40-42 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs
 518-583-1916
 Fri: **Triskele Christmas Show** | 7 p.m.
 Sat: **Get Up Jack** | 7-10 p.m.
 Sun: **Mckrells Christmas Show** | 7-9 p.m.

Paulys Hotel
 337 Central Ave., Albany
 518-426-0828
 Fri: **South Moscow Propane, B.L.T. and Zeffler** | 8 p.m.
 Sat: **Man Must Explore, Shortwave Radio, I'm Getting The Skeleton And Under The Den** | 8 p.m.

Proctors
 432 State Street., Schenectady
 518-346-6204
 Fri: **It's a Jazzy Christmas** | 7:30 p.m.
 Sun: **Sleigh Ride** | 3 p.m.

Putnam Place
 63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs
 518-584-8066
 Fri: **The Samples w/ Rich Ortiz** | 9-12 a.m.
 Sat: **Silk Hammock By Good Karma Studio** | 9:30-10:30 a.m.
 Sat: **Hartley's Encore w/ Hilltop** | 8-11:30 p.m.

Rare Form Brewing Company
 90 Congress Street Troy
 (518) 326-4303

Sat : **Belle-Skinner / Ursa And The Major Key** | 6 p.m.

Ravenswood Grill & Tavern
 1021 NY 146, Clifton Park.
 518-371-8771
 Tue: **Trivia Night** | 6:30 p.m.

The Ruck
 104 3rd St., Troy
 (518) 273-1872
 Wed: **Trivia** | 7-9 p.m.

Rustic Barn Pub
 150 Speigletown Rd., Troy
 518-235-5858
 Thurs: **Open Mic Night** | 6 p.m.
 Fri: **Brian Kane and The Beginning** | 8 p.m.
 Sat: **The Harmonic Duo** | 8 p.m.

The Saratoga Winery
 462 Route 29, Saratoga Springs
 518-584-9463
 Fri: **North and South Dakota** | 5 p.m.

Saratoga National
 458 UNION AVENUE SARATOGA SPRINGS
 518.583.4653
 Thur: **Rich Ortiz** | 6 - 9 p.m.
 Fri: **Dan Sherwin** | 6 - 9 p.m.
 Sat: **Tim Ortiz** | 6 - 9 p.m.
 Sun: **Brunch With Live Jazz And Santa!** | 10- 2 p.m.

Saratoga City Tavern
 19-21 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs
 518-581-3230
 Thurs: **Karaoke** | 9 p.m.
 Mon: **Bingo** | 8 p.m.
 Tues: **Trivia** | 8 p.m.

Sand Lake Center for the Arts
 2880 NY 43 Averill Park
 518-674-2007
 Sat: **Nuts & Crackers** | 3-5 p.m.

SPAC
 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs
 518-584-9330

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
 30 Second St., Troy
 518-273-0038
 Wed: **Leo Kottke and Mike Gordon** | 7:30 p.m.
 Sun: **The Many Moods of Christmas** | 3 p.m.

Vapor
 342 Jefferson St, Saratoga Springs
 (518) 584-2110
 Fri: **The Refrigerators** | 8 p.m.
 Sat: **Aquanett** | 8 p.m.

Van Slyck's
 Rivers Casino & Resort
 1 Rush St., Schenectady
 518-579-8800
 Fri and Sat: **Lecco** | 7-10 p.m.

Waterworks Pub
 76 Central Ave., Albany
 518-465-9079
 Fri: **Friday Night Dancing & Karaoke** | 10 p.m.-4 a.m.
 Sat: **Saturday Night Dancing & Drag** | 10 p.m.-4 a.m.

Wicked
 1602 Route 9, Clifton Park
 518-467-8900
 Fri: **Rhythm Pilots** | 7 p.m.
 Sat: **Tommy V Live** | 7 p.m.

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Sat: Rob Aronstein | 6-9 p.m.

EXHIBITS

Albany Institute of History and Art

Romancing the Rails: Train Travel in the 1920s and 1930s

The 1920s and 30s were a kind of golden age for rail travel in the U.S., a period when railroads were portrayed as modern amenities that carried passengers to romantic getaways in luxury and comfort. Yet the story of railroads and rail travel during the period is much more complex, involving talented individuals, hardworking people, engineering accomplishments, celebrations, and momentous events. Open: Now - Feb. 2022.

The Hudson River School: Landscape Paintings from the Albany Institute

The Albany Institute holds a large and important collection of nineteenth-century American landscape paintings, works often associated with the term "Hudson River School." This exhibit is currently ongoing.

Nineteenth Century American Sculpture: Erastus Dow Palmer and His Protégés Launt Thompson, Charles Calverley, and Richard Park-

Designed to showcase the museum's nationally known collection of mid- to late-nineteenth-century sculpture, this exhibit is currently ongoing.

Ancient Egypt- Egyptologist and Guest Curator Dr. Peter Lacovara has incorporated the research and scientific discoveries revealed in the GE Presents: The Mystery of the Albany Mummies exhibition into a new exhibition about Ancient Egypt. This exhibit is currently ongoing.

Traders & Culture: Colonial Albany and the Formation of American Identity-

This exhibition looks at those diverse peoples who shaped colonial Albany and the objects that reflect their interests, values, commercial, and social interactions. This exhibit is currently ongoing. The Albany Institute of History

and Art, 125 Washington Ave. Albany, 518.463.4478.

Albany International Airport

ECHO-Ginne Gardiner & Amy Talluto Recent Painting and Collage A pattern of reflections distinguishes the work of these two artists, who make paintings that are cycled into collages, which are then reinterpreted as new paintings. Amy Talluto and Ginne Gardiner both describe the earliest phases of their creative process as cloaked in associations with landscape, weather and seasons. Beginning November 20th 2021 to April 25th, 2022 Location: 3rd Floor, Main Terminal, 737 Albany Shaker Rd, Albany, NY. 518-242-2241 or www.albanyairport.com/arts

Arts Center of the Capital Region

Fence 2021- The Fence Show is an annual celebration that pays homage to a time when members' artwork was exhibited on the iron fence surrounding Washington Park in Troy, the original location of the Arts Center. Open September-December 2021. 265 River St., Troy. Gallery hours: Daily, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Free admission. 518-273-0552 or artscenteronline.org

The Clark Art Institute

Competing Currents: 20th-Century Japanese Prints - Japan's printmaking landscape underwent an unprecedented tidal shift in the twentieth century. During the Edo period (1603-1867) a new market of middle-class patrons had encouraged artists to create expressive and iconic images for mass distribution. These prints, known as ukiyo-e (pictures of the floating world), became wildly popular not only in Japan but across the globe when the country opened to international trade in the mid-nineteenth century.

By the beginning of the twentieth century, however, woodblock prints had



HOT DATE

JOHNNY RABB AND THE JAILHOUSE ROCKERS FEAT. THE TIGHY BOYS

To understand the long headline is to appreciate the music they all bring. Soak it in from *The Hanger* on Saturday, Dec. 18, a 7:30 p.m.

largely fallen out of vogue. Mass-market newspapers and magazines had taken Japan by storm, and the popular woodblock prints of the previous century seemed to many a relic of the past. Open: Now - January 30, 2022.

Anne Thompson-Trail Signs -Thompson has long explored the shifting meaning of signs and symbols in relation to their social setting, whether making paintings, prints, or outdoor projections. At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, she began designing posters featuring bold, black-and-white symbols and installing them on trail kiosks

throughout Berkshire County. This unsanctioned project sought to engage and complicate public messaging at a time when people increasingly ventured into and sought meaning in the outdoors.

As striking as they are mysterious, Thompson's abstract forms suggest public wayfinding, but also digital iconography, modernist logotypes, or even ancient languages. Open: Now-Dec. 31. **Erin Shirreff**- This yearlong exhibition in public spaces around the Clark examines Erin Shirreff's practice-between analog and digital media, two and three dimensions, and still and moving images-and its fascination with the mythmaking behind art history. Through photographic manipulations of sculptures found in books, and ones of her own making, Shirreff asks what is left of the original experience of an artwork once it has entered the historical record, and what traces of an artist's labor might still be legible after the fact. The exhibition includes photographs on paper and aluminum that have been creased and cut, to take on sculptural dimensions, as well as the artist's video work. Open: Now- January 2nd, 2022. Advance timed ticket reservations are required.

Museum hours: Daily, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Admission: Adults, \$20; children 18 and younger, free. 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. 413-458-2303 or www.clarkart.edu

Clement Art Gallery

Ongoing: Permanent antique print and map room exhibits. Gallery hours: Weekdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. 201 Broadway, Troy. 518-272-6811 or www.clementart.com

The Esther Massry Gallery

Massry Center for the Arts, The College of Saint Rose, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Gallery hours through Saturday, April 27: Tuesday through Saturday from noon to

5 p.m.; open until 8 p.m. on Thursday, closed on Sundays, academic holidays and between exhibitions. Free admission. 518-485-3902 or www.facebook.com/esthermassrygallery

The Hyde Collection

Summer Bomb Pop: Collection in Dialogue- Brings together seventeen works of contemporary abstract painting from the collection of the Tang Teaching Museum at Skidmore College by artists such as Sarah Braman, Jeffrey Gibson, Rashid Johnson, Mindy Shapero, and Chuck Webster with several twentieth-century works from The Hyde Collection's renowned Feibes & Schmitt Collection by artists such as Grace Hartigan, Alfred Jensen, Ellsworth Kelly, Bridget Riley, and Andy Warhol. Summer Bomb Pop is organized by the Tang Teaching Museum in collaboration with Jonathan Canning, Director of Curatorial Affairs and Programming at The Hyde Collection. This exhibit is currently ongoing - January 2022.

Masterpieces & Mysteries- Artistic treasures and art historical queries, drawn from its vaults. Among the great works of art that Louis and Charlotte Hyde brought to Glens Falls are delicate works on paper so sensitive to the damaging effects of light that they can only be exhibited once every few years. Out from storage come watercolors by Winslow Homer, pastels by Edgar Degas, drawings by Henri Matisse, and a pen and ink sketch by Vincent Van Gogh. This exhibit is currently ongoing- December 31st.

Museum hours: Daily, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., Closed Monday. Admission: adults, \$12; seniors (60+), \$10; Children, students (w/ID)/ active military members and their families, free. 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. 518-792-1761 or hydecollection.org

The Jan Rutland Memorial Artists' Space

Gallery hours (through Thursday, Feb. 28): Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Second Floor, National Bottle Museum, 76 Milton Ave., Ballston Spa. 518-885-7589 or nationalbottlemuseum.org/the-jan-rutland-artists-space/

Mabee Farm Historic Site

Redesigning Fashion: Transgression and Identity in Women's Historic Dress- A partnership between SCHS and the Fashion & Textiles program at SUNY Oneonta. The collaboration has resulted in an exhibition that explores the historical importance of women's clothing and fashion in the expression of cultural values and the creation of identity, and examines how those ideals change over time. Open now - November 30.

Beyond the Pines: Early Schenectady- Explore early Schenectady: its founding, its people, and what life was like for early Schenectadians. This exhibit is ongoing.

Changing Downtown- At the heart of a successful downtown are interesting stories and unique buildings that illustrate a city's distinct character. Changing Downtown traces Schenectady's stories and buildings through the years, exploring the city's legacy of transformation and innovation. By discovering the forces that shaped downtown Schenectady, we can better understand ourselves, and our vision for the future. Open now - Dec. 31.

Winter hours: Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1100 Main St. (NY Route 55), Rotterdam Junction. Admission: Adults: \$5/person for self-guided access; or \$8/per person for tour and exhibit access; children and students (w/ID) free. 518-887-5073 or schenectadyhistorical.org

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Seeing Ourselves: From Silhouette to Selfie - Imagine not knowing the look of their own face. For most people throughout history, this was the rule rather than the exception. It was only

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- Mental sharpness and inventiveness
- Popular Easter meal
- Man (Spanish)
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- Criminals
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through the development of technology that we reached the modern day, where seeing yourself is as simple as looking in a mirror or pushing a button. Seeing Ourselves takes guests on a journey through the development of portraiture, photography, mirrors, and more.

Featuring approximately 55 objects, the exhibition includes more than 20 works of art, among them a collection of late 18th-century miniature portraits by Irish-born artist George Place, and a painting by Harold M. Mott Smith titled Their Last Meeting that commemorates Thomas Edison's visit to Schenectady in 1922 where he met Charles Proteus Steinmetz, another trailblazer in the field of electricity. Early prototype X-ray equipment, rare photographs, a collection of cameras, and a model of the first GE Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine are also on view.

Interactive activities include Capture Your Shadow, Colorize a Photograph, Get In The Scene, Face Mixer, Fool a Computer Vision System, Make Your Bones Dance, and more.

Engineering the Perfect Shot! The Interactive Minigolf Exhibit - This exhibit features nine interactive, miniature golf holes, each designed to demonstrate a concept from the science of physics. Observe projectile motion, kinetic friction, collision, and more as you play a full round of miniature golf.

Players track their progress using a digital scorecard, accessible with any smart device, as well as access bonus materials associated with each hole. Open Now - Jan. 9.

Schenectady Inventors that Changed the World - Explore a rotating display of inventions from Schenectady that changed the world, from the first home appliances and televisions to power generation and medical imag-

ing devices. The exhibit features unique artifacts from miSci's collection including the world's first synthetic diamond; a prototype mechanical television from 1928; and a 1907 Electric Breakfast Set, featuring some of the first electric appliances ever produced. Open: Now - Jan. 17, 2022

Museum hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (observatory open until 8 p.m. on Thursday); Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 15 Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Admission: Adults (13+), \$12; seniors (65+), \$10; children (3-12) \$8. Additional \$6/person for planetarium show. 518-382-7890 or www.miSci.org

National Museum of Dance Posters From Hollywood's Golden Age - An unprecedented one hundred thirty dance movie posters from the collection of veteran producer Mike Kaplan are on view in three of the Museum's galleries. This rare and exceptional collection includes several American and international versions of Hollywood film posters which range in date from 1918 to the 1980s with the majority from the 1930s, 40s, and 50s. This exhibit is currently ongoing.

On Being Still: Portraits By Joanne Savio - Renowned photographer Joanne Savio has been documenting the arts community through portraiture since the 1980s. She has captured some of the most influential dancers and choreographers of our time including Mikhail Baryshnikov, Pina Bausch, and Elizabeth Streb in addition to several members of the Hall of Fame such as Merce Cunningham, Mark Morris, Gregory Hines, Bill T. Jones, and Trisha Brown. Her stunning, iconic portraits of dancers and choreographers are on view in the Foyer.

Dancers After Dark - Dancers After Dark features photographs from Jordan Mat-

ter's 2016 book in which he documents nude dancers in iconic locations around the world. This exhibition also includes exclusive video from the making of Dancers After Dark. This exhibit is currently ongoing.

Museum hours: Daily, Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Admission: Adults, \$6.50; seniors/students (w/valid ID) \$5; children ages 4 to 12, \$3; children ages 3 and younger, free; free admission for all patrons on Tuesday. 518-584-2225 or www.dancemuseum.org

New York State Museum Thomas Hart Benton

In 1956 Thomas Hart Benton was commissioned by Robert Moses, chairman of the New York Power Authority, to create two murals for the powerhouse building of the state's first hydropower facility in Massena. They feature Jacques Cartier's explorations of the St. Lawrence River and the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Alternately titled The Seneca Discover the French and Jacques Cartier Discovers the Indians, the murals depict the 16th-century encounters from two points of view. These life groups were on view at the Museum when it was at the State Education Building.

The original building in Massena where these murals were displayed is now closed to the public. They were removed and conserved beginning in 2018 and are on loan to the New York State Museum until Dec 31.

Also, "a small fort, which our people call Fort Orange." This exhibition examines the momentous discovery of Fort Orange and the lasting impact of events occurring there 400 years ago that shaped the character of the region, state, and the nation. Select artifacts, film footage from the excavation preceding the construction of I-787, and four decades



An Evening with Chevy Chase

Let the movie quotes begin as acclaimed actor and comedian Chevy Chase leads a conversation and Q&A that will accompany the viewing of his holiday classic, National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation at the Palace Theatre on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m.

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of historical and archaeological research are highlighted.

Museum hours: Tuesday–Sun, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Free admission; suggested donation of \$5/ person or \$10/family. 518-474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov

Opalka Gallery
SHIFTING GAZE: A Reconstruction of the Black & Hispanic Body in Contemporary Art - From the collection of Robert B. Feldman. On view from October 22 - December 14th. Opening reception on Friday, October 22nd from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Proof of vaccination is required to enter gallery and view exhibition. Gallery Hours: Tuesday through Friday, noon to 7 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sage College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Free admission. 518-292-7742 or opalka.sage.edu

Saratoga Arts
 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free admission. Gallery hours: weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 518-584-4132 or saratoga-arts.org

Schenectady County Historical Society
Continuing: "Back in My Day: Childhood, Play, and Schenectady." Are play and childhood toys a reflection of larger social, cultural, and technological developments? This exhibition examines that question, focusing primarily on cultural and social influences on childhood in the 20th & 21st century. Admission, \$5. On view indefinitely. **Plus permanent exhibits.** **Ongoing: "Mapping Schenectady."** Some of SCHS' most prominent and interesting maps are now on permanent display in the Map Gallery. Also, **"Beyond the Pines: Early Schenectady,"** an exhibit focused entirely on early Schenectady: its founding, its people, and what



HOT DATE

YOGA WITH A PINT!

You might have a problem if you're willing to turn yourself into a pretzel for a pint on a Sunday, but who are we to judge? Seek balance at Fort Orange Brewing on Sunday, Dec. 19, starting at 11:30 a.m.

life was like for the city's earliest residents. Plus permanent exhibits. Museum hours: weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Library and Museum, 32 Washington Ave., Schenectady. Admission: \$5. 518-374-0263 or schenectady-historical.org

Dan Sekellic Visual Arts Gallery
 Gallery hours: Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 1

p.m. Sand Lake Center for the Arts, 2880 NY Rte. 43, Averill Park. Free admission. 518-674-2007 or slca-ctp.org

Tang Teaching Museum
Un-Representation-Un-Representation is the capstone project for Maria Staack '22, the 2020–21 Meg Reitman Jacobs '63 Endowed Intern. The Internship is a yearlong pre-professional opportunity for a Skidmore junior or senior in the Tang Museum's Education Department. This exhibit is currently ongoing - Nov 21st.

All Together Now- All Together Now forges new collaborations between neighbor arts organizations to bring attention to rarely seen objects. At the Tang Teaching Museum, exhibitions feature furniture, tools, and textiles from the Shaker Museum and a revealing survey of postcard collages by Ellsworth Kelly. At partner institutions, exhibitions will show focused selections of work from the Tang collection, including many recently acquired paintings, photographs and sculptures, many shown in dialogue with collections at each museum. This exhibit is currently ongoing- Jan 2, 2022.

Look After Each Other: Intimacy and Community- presents work by artists and designers who demonstrate that life with the disease is bigger than someone's medical diagnosis: it includes intimacy, care, friendship, and more. Intimacy is a political act. The intimacy and love, both romantic and platonic, highlighted in this exhibition extends from bedrooms to community centers to ephemeral objects that bring people together even when physically distanced. This exhibit is currently ongoing - Dec 5th.

Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Museum hours: Tuesday - Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; Thursday

until 9 p.m. Free admission; suggested donations of \$5/adult; \$3/child 13+; seniors, \$2. 518-580-8080 or tang.skidmore.edu

Union College Galleries
Alisa Sikelianos-Carter: In the Eye of Belonging- Sikelianos-Carter asserts that Black features are a manifestation of a sacred and divine technology that has served as a means of survival, both physically and metaphysically. She envisions a cosmically bountiful world that celebrates and pays homage to ancestral majesty, power, and aesthetics. Inspired by traditionally Black hairstyles, Sikelianos-Carter uses web and catalog-sourced images to construct new archetypes. Through her exploration of opulent, luminescent materials she is creating a mythology that is centered on Black resistance and uses the body as a site of alchemy and divinity. This exhibit is currently ongoing- Jan 9, 2022.

Olivier Models at Union College- Union College's Permanent Collection includes an extremely unique and priceless collection of Theodore Olivier's stringed models, used for demonstrating the relationships and intersections of geometric shapes in space. This collection is the largest single group (forty-six) of Olivier models to be held in one collection around the world. This exhibit is currently ongoing.

Chitra Ganesh: Sultana's Dream- a portfolio of twenty-seven linocuts created in 2018 by contemporary artist, Chitra Ganesh, and published by Durham Press, will be on exhibition in its entirety on the third floor of Schaffer Library. This exhibit is currently ongoing. Hours (all galleries): Daily, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 807 Union St., Schenectady. Free. 518-388-6004 or muse.union.edu/mandeville/home

HOROSCOPES

December 2021 Week 3

ARIES - MAR 21/APR 20
 Relationships will be easy for you this week, Aries. You will be in tune with the vibe of the people with whom you interact on a daily basis and can push interactions further.

TAURUS - APR 21/MAY 21
 Remember to take lessons from those who have blazed trails before you. Taurus. You don't have to reinvent the wheel. Explore some tried and true strategies.

GEMINI - MAY 22/JUN 21
 Gemini, your desire to remodel or redecorate your home could come to the forefront this week. Be careful to set a budget; otherwise, you run the risk of overspending.

CANCER - JUN 22/JUL 22
 You may be lacking some self-confidence in the romance department right now, Cancer. Phone a friend and get the pep talk you need to realize you've got what it takes.

LEO - JUL 23/AUG 23
 Leo, you may be tempted to turn off your phone this week, as the idea of a device-free day is enticing. Take a brief time out from technology each day.

VIRGO - AUG 24/SEPT 22
 Virgo, if you feel backed into a corner, try not to lash out but understand others' opinions and why they may be questioning you. Listen and you'll find a solution.

LIBRA - SEPT 23/OCT 23
 Libra, it's unlikely you can check everything off of your list this week. Don't let that get you down, however. You will accomplish a lot. Measured progress is still progress.

SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22
 Scorpio, you may be known for being serious much of the time, but it's alright to be goofy and playful once in a while. Engage in some entertaining antics.

SAGITTARIUS - NOV 23/DEC 21
 Stand up for what you believe in this week, Sagittarius. Others will be inspired by your actions and may join in support of the cause you've championed.

CAPRICORN - DEC 22/JAN 20
 The pressure on you has been tremendous lately, Capricorn. You may want to treat yourself to a well-deserved rest. The break will quickly rejuvenate you.

AQUARIUS - JAN 21/FEB 18
 This is a good time to pursue your dreams, Aquarius. Make a list of smaller steps that will help you achieve your goals and then put the plan into action.

PISCES - FEB 19/MAR 20
 You can't avoid every poor situation that comes your way, Pisces. Don't run and hide, but step up and face the music.

University Art Museum

Well/Being: An Exhibition on Healing and Repair-

Well/Being: An Exhibition on Healing and Repair features 12 established and emerging artists and musicians presenting multi-disciplinary approaches to pandemic-related issues such as kinship, chronic illness, convalescence, intimacy, the emotional costs of caregiving, and various incarnations of love and community. This exhibit is currently ongoing- Dec 11th.

I'll Be Your Mirror- I'll Be Your Mirror explores mediated representations of self in the newly launched Collections Study Gallery. Featuring works from the collection in dialogue with pieces on loan by past-exhibiting artist, Dave McKenzie. Features artwork by Andreas Feininger, Katria Foster, Rachel Foulton, Jenny Kemp, Mary Ellen Mark, Dave McKenzie, Edward Steichen, and Andy Warhol. This exhibit is currently ongoing- Dec 11th. Uptown Campus, University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Gallery Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.; and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Free admission. 518-442-4035 or www.albany.edu/museum

MUSIC

PAKT

It's the PAKT time with four extraordinary musicians: Percy Jones (Brand X, Brian Eno, David Sylvian, Suzanne Vega), Alex Skolnick (Testament, Alex Skolnick Trio, Metal Allegiance, Trans-Siberian Orchestra), Kenny Grohowski (John Zorn, Brand X, Imperial Triumphant, Hipster Assassins), Tim Motzer (Bandit65, Jaki Liebezzeit, David Sylvian, Jamaaladeen Tacuma, ORION TANGO). PAKT recalls the fearless attitude and daring approach that origi-

nally defined progressive music: where the magic of the moment always triumphed over preconception. Templates be damned ... this music blazes its own path! This is truly exquisite fare, serving as a reminder to aficionados of what initially drew them to this most creative, visionary of genres. Show is happening December 16th at 8 p.m. only at The Avalon Lounge 29 Church St, Catskill.

Koehler and Kelly

Fiddler Gretchen Koehler and jazz pianist Daniel Kelly blend the raw energy of dance fiddling with the lyricism and improvisation of jazz. "Masterful," writes Fiddler Magazine of the duo's dynamic sound. Koehler, a champion fiddler and Fiddlers' Hall of Fame inductee, is fluent in over a dozen distinct fiddle styles. Kelly, a U.S. State Department Jazz Ambassador, has brought his depth of knowledge of American jazz to audiences around the world. Together, Koehler & Kelly spark an innovative musical conversation while celebrating their deep respect for folk traditions. Show will be December 16th at 7 p.m. only at Caffe Lena 47 Phila Street Saratoga Springs.

Holiday Folk Show

Every year folks from across the region come to Caffe Lena to enjoy a sweet, sentimental and silly celebration of the season complete with swanky décor, audience participation, and loads of lovely songs. Our cast members are John Kirk, Trish Miller, David Kiphuth, Addie & Olin and Sara Milonovich. Sing-alongs, fiddle, guitar, mandolin, banjo, flute, concertina, horns and percussion played by talented folks who click like only old friends can. Selections are performed with harmony, peace and goodwill towards all! Show will be December 18th at 8 p.m. only at Caffe Lena 47 Phila Street Saratoga Springs.

The Front Bottoms

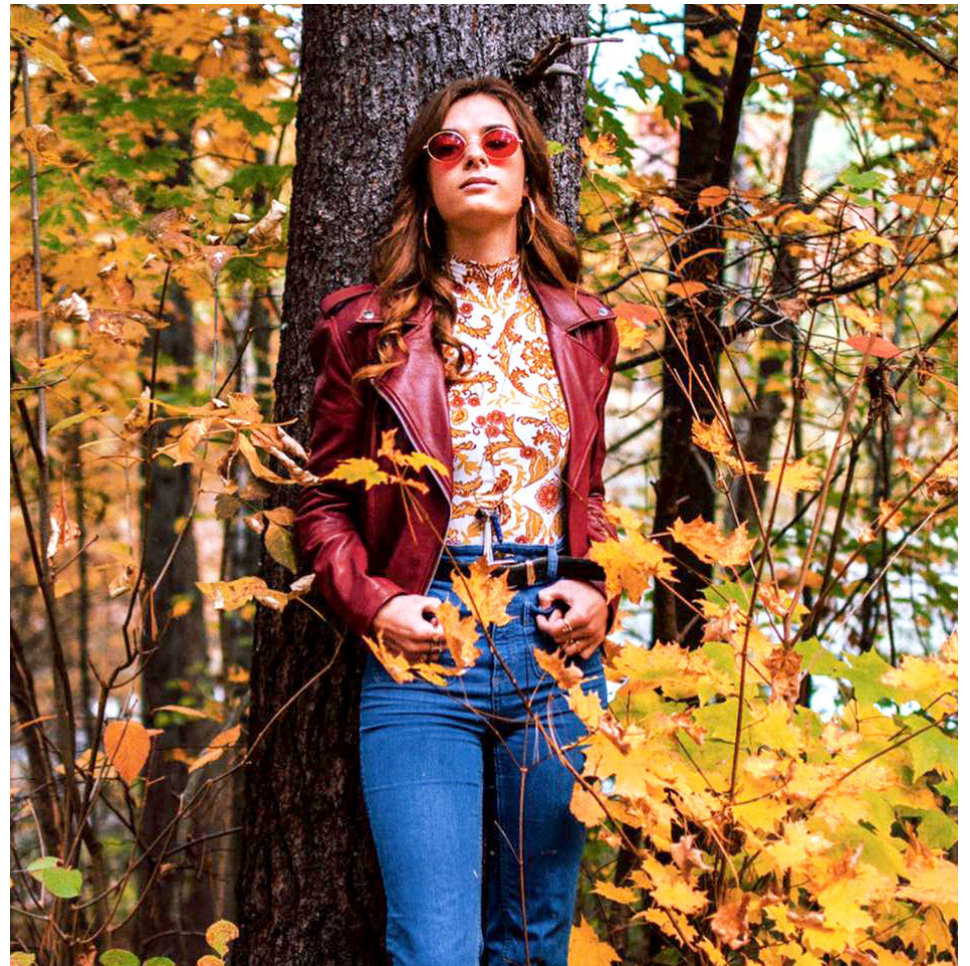
The group formed in 2006. In August 2007, after Brian Sella (vocals, guitar, lyricist) finished his first year of college, he and childhood friend Mathew Uychich (drums) began playing together under the name The Front Bottoms. Soon after, Uychich's brother Brian Uychich (keyboard, vocals) began sitting in on their practices. Brian asked to join the band, playing an old keyboard he found in the Uychich family attic. This completed the original lineup, with which the first two albums and EP were recorded. Catch them and there opener Laura Stevenson December 17th at 8 p.m. only at Empire Live 93 North Pearl St Albany.

State Champs

State Champs formed in the spring of 2010 in Albany, New York by founding members lead guitarist Tyler Szalkowski and lead singer Derek DiScanio. Shortly after forming, they self-released EP 2010 in August, which was followed by their second self-released EP, Apparently, I'm Nothing, in January 2011. This EP contained several new songs and 2010 EP in its entirety. In July, the band toured with The Tired and True and Call It Fiction. In April 2012, interest in a demo of "Critical" helped the band gain a recording contract, a management company and a booking agency. On April 19, it was announced that the band signed to Pure Noise. In mid-June, the group recorded their next EP with Jay Maas at Getaway Recording Studio. Catch this show December 18th at 7:30 p.m. only at Empire Live 93 North Pearl St Albany.

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Eddie Award-nominated songwriter and performer Sydney Worthley headlines a night of great local music that features El Modernist and Josh Morris at Lark Hall on Saturday, Dec. 18, starting at 8 p.m.

Sydney Worthley



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No sleep in State Champs

Traveled around the world and back again, State Champs took off from the local scene and made a name for themselves around the globe. They now come back to where it started with a performance at Empire Live on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. State Champs

ing the dancefloor to a diverse selection of dark dance music brewed from the finest industrial, ebm, darkwave, dark pop, hip hop, rhythmic/tribal/power noise, modern goth and a wide swath of the techno spectrum. DJs for this month are fukulo, K-SpeK, Boss Salvage and special guest Vudu:DJ. Show will be December 17th at 9 p.m. only at the Fuzebox 12 Central Ave Albany.

An Evening with Sydney Worthley, w/s/g El Modernist and Josh Morris

From private bedroom writing sessions, to recording at well acclaimed Nada Recording Studio, Worthley is jumping in head first with Rose Colored Glasses. Almost 3 years after her debut, Sydney Worthley, a shining young star from New York's Capital Region, has continued her journey in music with a new EP. El Modernist delivers a new take on the world of indie rock. With pulsating hooks and lush melodic waves of psychedelia, the band combines upbeat, catchy garage-rock with a modern alternative hip-hop sound. Josh Morris is a drummer first and foremost. You can usually find him behind the kit for acts such as Hasty Page, Dark Honey, Girl Blue, and Julia Gargano. When he's not part of the rhythm section, you can find him in his studio in Upstate NY where he offers session work, production, recording, and mastering services. Showtime will be December 18th at 8 p.m. at the Lark Hall 351 Hudson Avenue Albany.

Sly & the Family Stone Greatest Hits

Sly & The Family Stone's "Greatest Hits" is a collection of 12 top charting songs from one of the greatest American bands of all time! Sly Stewart pioneered and developed Funk Music as we know it today and

combined Funk, Soul, Rock and Gospel to create a phenomenon in popular music. Sly & The Family Stone was the first major American Rock Band to feature a racially integrated line up of men and women playing side by side. The Listening Party begins at 7pm with a live audio & video presentation by Chuck Vosgian aka "Rochmon". We'll listen to Sly & The Family Stone's "Greatest Hits" on The Linda's state of the art sound system. A Rochmon Record Club Listening Party is meant to inform and deepen our understanding of the history of the individual performers, the songs and the stories that went into the making this iconic album. By listening together, we hear the album again for the first time. This is all happening December 16th at 7 p.m. at The Linda WAMC's Performing Arts Studio 339 Central Avenue Albany.

Man Must Explore

Man Must Explore is an Experimental Rock trio based out of Albany, NY, originally started in 2019 to push musical boundaries through their signature cocktail of post punk and blues influences. With musical themes ranging from the infinite cosmos to shadowy depths of the human mind, they embody the words spoken by astronaut David Scott on the Apollo 15 mission; "I sort of realize there's a fundamental truth to our nature, Man must explore and this is exploration at its greatest." Man Must Explore is lead guitarist and vocalist Ryan Treen, bassist and vocalist Jacob Freedman, and drummer Ross Broady. See them along with he Fire Fight!!!, I'm Getting The Skeleton and Under The Den on December 18th at Pauly's Hotel 337 Central Avenue, Albany.

Sleigh Ride | An Esyo Holiday Spectacular

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and friends at the Empire State Youth Orchestra. Catch the spirit of the season and take a joyful sleigh ride with sparkling holiday favorites, Christmas carols, and inspired Symphonic classics filled with good cheer. ESYO's former Music Director Helen Cha-Pyo returns to Proctors MainStage to conduct seasonal masterpieces by Mozart, Prokofiev, Leroy Anderson, and more. Dash through the snow with ESYO Youth Jazz Orchestra as they perform the famed holiday classic (There is No Place Like) Home for the Holidays by Schenectady County-native Robert Allen, and a Basie-style arrangement of We Wish You A Merry Christmas. Showtime is 3 p.m. December 19th at Proctors 432 State Street Schenectady.

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Cheese is a comfort food that boasts a sizable fan base. It's featured prominently in many dishes, including quiche. Quiche is a rich, cheese custard tart that originated in France. While there are many varieties of quiche, Quiche Lorraine is perhaps the best-known and the blueprint upon which all other quiches are based. Individuals who want to try their hand at crafting this beloved dish can utilize this recipe for "Quiche Lorraine" from "French Classics Made Easy" (Workman Publishing) by Richard Grausman.

Quiche Lorraine

INGREDIENTS: Serves 6 to 8

Tart pastry

- 1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 8 tablespoons cold, unsalted butter, cut into eight pieces
- 1 egg
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 tablespoons cold water

Filling

- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 2 eggs plus 1 egg yolk
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- Pinch of freshly grated nutmeg
- 1/4 pound ham (boiled, baked or smoked), diced or 8 strips of cooked bacon, crumbled
- 1/4 pound Swiss-style cheese, such as Gruyère or Emmentaler, diced, sliced, or grated (about 1 1/3 cups)

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat the oven to 475 F with the rack set in the middle position. Place all of the tart pastry ingredients into the bowl of a food processor fitted with a metal blade and process until the mixture blends together to form a mass, about 20 seconds. If it doesn't form a mass after 25 seconds, add another teaspoon of water.

Turn the pastry out onto a lightly floured work surface, dust the pastry lightly with flour and begin the blending or kneading process known as "fraisage": With the heel of your hand, push the pastry down and away from you a little at a time and repeat this process three or four times or until the pastry is smooth and does not stick to the work surface.

Lightly dust the pastry with flour and shape into a flat round, much like a thick hamburger. The pastry can be used immediately, unless it is too warm and soft. In which case, wrap it in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 10 to 20 minutes. Line a 9 1/2- or 10-inch tart pan with removable bottom with the pastry.

Prick the pastry, line it with aluminum foil, and weight it with 1 pound of dried rice or aluminum pie weights. Bake until the edges of the pastry begin to color, about 20 minutes. Remove the pan from the oven and remove the foil and beans from the pan. Spread the mustard over the bottom of the pastry. Lower the oven temperature to 425 F. In a bowl, beat the eggs and yolk lightly. Blend in the milk, salt, pepper, and nutmeg.

Spread the ham and cheese evenly over the bottom of the tart shell. Pour the custard into the tart shell to within 1/8-inch of the top of the crust. Holding the tart pan by the outer rim (so as not to dislodge the bottom), place the pan in the oven. Bake until the custard puffs, 25 to 30 minutes. Unmold as soon as possible. Allow to cool for at least 10 minutes before cutting into wedges and serving. The quiche is delicious served at any temperature.

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THEATRE REVIEW

Summer: The Donna Summer Musical She Works Hard for the Money

By **BILL KELLERT**
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SCHENECTADY — We trace Donna Summer's roots from her gospel church choir solos to her rise as the Disco Queen of the 1970s. Managed by the late record producer Neil Bogart of Casablanca Records, we see him mold, cajole and shape her into one of the world's most iconic singers... the image of a music genre. Eventually, she learns that he has been swallowing up the majority of the millions she has earned. She

moves to another music legend, David Giffen who manages her through the remainder of her career. Her hit songs are all there: "Love to Love You Baby," "Bad Girls," "She Works Hard For The Money," "On The Radio," "Stamp Your Feet," "Hot Stuff" and of course "Last Dance." "MacArthur Park" will absolutely move you to tears.

The national touring company of "Summer: The Donna Summer Musical" closed its production at Proctors Theatre after a Sunday performance on Dec 12. The cast did an acceptable job with the vocals on all of these, but the true standouts of the show were the quieter, non-disco tunes: gospel numbers "On My Honor" and "I Believe in Jesus."

Throughout the show, we saw

three Donnas, as listed in the program, Diva Donna (who does double duty as Donna's mother, Mary Gaines, played by Brittny Smith, Disco Donna, the icon the world came to love, portrayed by Charis Gullage and Amahri Edwards-Jones as Duckling Donna, the child beginning to learn she is special with a special gift.

All three Donnas have strong belting voices and do justice to the music. In terms of acting ability, Smith, who guides us through Summer's life story comes across as stilted and just reading her lines.

Summer's story is compelling, one of seven children raised in Boston, Mass, who is abused for years by the family's pastor, goes on to get pregnant with a boyfriend while living in

Germany, does the right thing, and marries him. Then, at Bogart's insistence returns to the States, divorces the husband after three years, turns her daughter over to her parents to raise. She tours the country and is constantly conflicted with her life's choices. She assuages her guilt with booze and drugs until two of her sisters perform an intervention to get her the help she so desperately needs. She ends up meeting singer/musician/songwriter Bruce Sudano during one of her recording sessions who falls in love with her and vice versa. They marry, have two more children and live happily until she receives a terminal diagnosis. After which, she tragically dies of lung cancer at age 63.

The story is compelling and

will keep you rooting for Donna throughout. The execution of the production might leave you cold. The costumes by Paul Tazewell, are uninspired and shopworn. The cast is clearly in need of backstage dressers as they appear with collars turned up, ties askew, and even somewhat misfitted. Summer's opening blue sequined gown looks as if it just was recirculated from a very cost-conscious college production. The wigs, both the women's and men's designed by Brandon T. Miller are of the cheapest quality and that plays across the footlights. The set is practically nonexistent, something that is apparently becoming the norm with shows of this type. Chris McCleary's projection design seen on a

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Summer

mammoth screen over the entire stage gives us the real visual eye candy for the production.

The young cast is clearly working hard and trying their best. Using several of the female ensemble members dressed as men to round out the male ensemble in several numbers is just distracting and off putting. The disco choreography has a very comfortable feel to anyone who was a part of that party generation. The show overall leaves you wanting more. More caring for the characters, more structure for the story. With so much meat to work within the story, Summer deserved more than just the bones that Colman Domingo, Robert Cary and Des McAnuff's book has served up to the audience.

If you make it through to the finale, "Last Dance" finally gives the audience everything it had longed for throughout the show. The costumes are finally Broadway-quality, the dancing and singing will have you on your feet. A strong end to a mediocre show.

Proctors half-filled house was a sign, however, that the world is not quite ready to embrace the crowds and excitement we have come to feel with live theatre.

CONCERT REVIEW

Gibson Brothers at Proctors GE Theatre

By **DON WILCOCK**
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SCHENECTADY — Two brothers who grew up on a farm in Ellenburg Depot on the Canadian border playing Bill Monroe's Kentucky bluegrass Christmas music to an audience of Capital Region suburbanites? I could not imagine in advance just how they'd make it work.

They did.

The Gibson Brothers welcomed us into their family on Thursday night, Dec. 9, with a performance in the GE Theatre at Proctors. It was not saccharine. Backed by four masters of the strings and a drummer, the two brothers showcased their prowess

as one of the top bluegrass acts in the world, and we all got to sit at the head table for Christmas dinner. Here was a duo that debuted on the Grand Ole Opry in 2003, appeared on Garrison Keillor's A Prairie Home Companion in 2014, and received honorary doctorates of fine arts from the State University of New York during the spring commencement at SUNY Plattsburgh in 2015.

Leigh teased Eric about being "the golden boy, mom's favorite." And Eric teased Leigh, saying his wife comes to Christmas dinner with several pies while others bring chips and soda. He goaded brother Eric about his black studded western shirt. "Leigh made fun of my shirt. Told me I looked like Custer."

In 2015, Eric told me their telepathic connection was

"downright scary. We try to come out firing and look at the crowd and try to judge what they want to hear. So, when we decide what we're gonna play as the crowd is applauding at the end of a song, we just back away and look at each other, and one of us will say a song, and several times lately we've done songs that we haven't done in ages. And we've said it at the same time.

"Most of these guys (whose songs we're doing) came from agricultural backgrounds," adds Eric. "They worked on the farm. They probably went to church, and it's not unlike our situation. We grew up on a dairy farm up along the Canadian border. We were isolated. We didn't go places. Dad wanted us home. He let us play one sport, baseball. We'd

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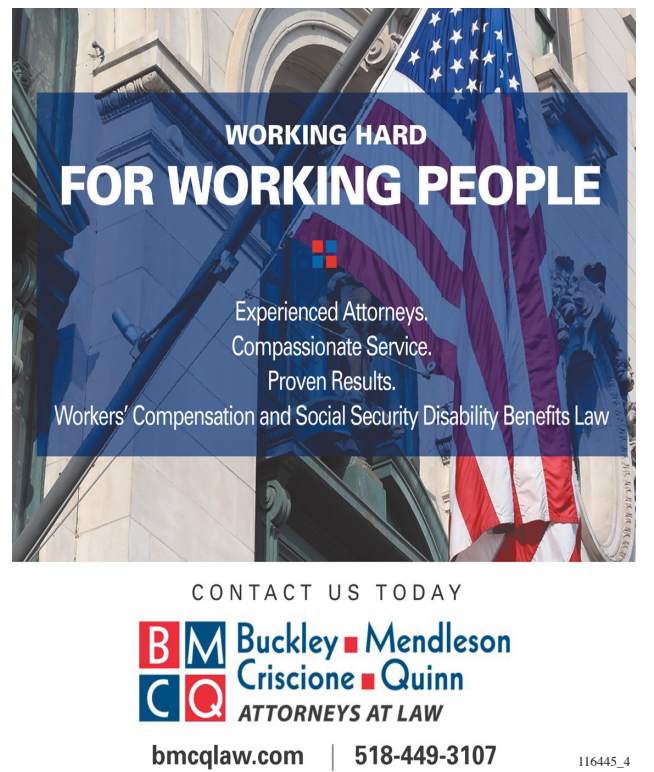
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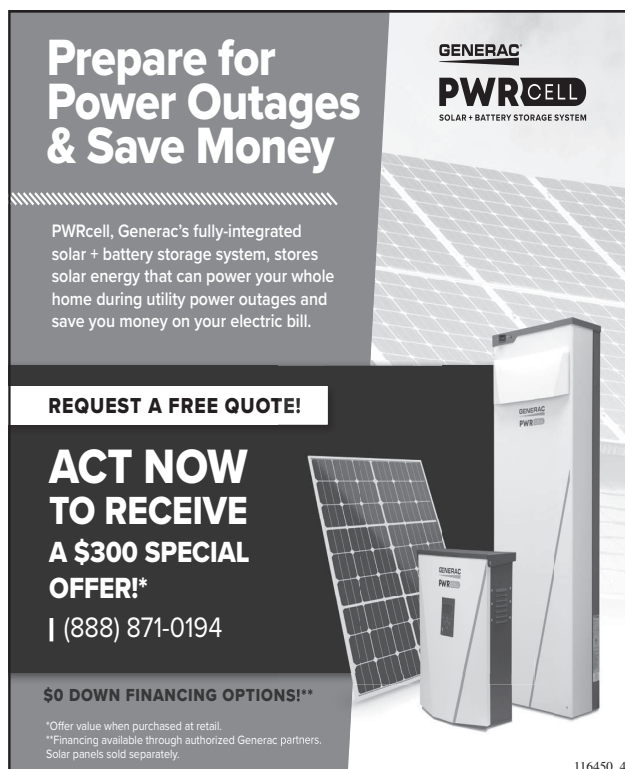
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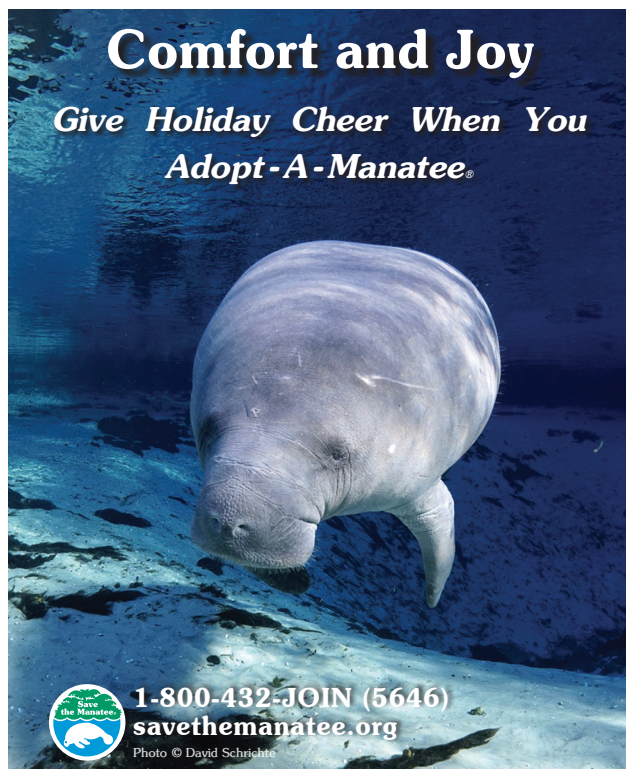
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From page B16 ... Gibson Brothers

go to church, go to school, and play baseball, and we had the instruments around the house, so we'd gravitate toward those."

Daddy was a farmer. They began performing as adolescents, playing gospel instrumentals in the local church, and added vocal harmonies to their act a few years later, performing numbers by artists such as Buck Owens and Jim & Jesse.

Today, in concert they are crack professionals that make it all look easy. "All four Beatles gave our next album a thumbs up," said Leigh with a wink. The setlist ranged from originals like "Dick's Country Store" about a real store in the town of Morris in the north country to "North Country Christmas" done by Del McCoury on a recent album; from "Yule-ing Banjos," a play on "Dueling Banjos," to "Santa Looked A

Lot like Daddy." From Merle Haggard's "If We Make It Through December" to Flatt and Scruggs's "Footprints on The Ground." Sister Aaron handled vocals on some of the more traditional numbers including "Away in A Manger," and "Light in the Stable." They encored with "Silent Night" where Aaron took the first verse, Leigh the second, and all three shared the third.

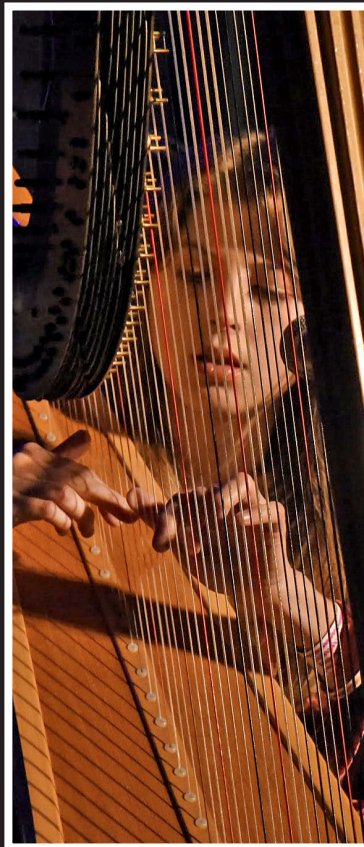
Leigh told me in 2013, "It took a while for people to get to know us and say, 'Oh, they aren't pretending,' (and) to understand that 'our music is who we are, and we're not dressing up for Halloween here. We're really doing this.'"

Bluegrass doesn't have to be from Kentucky and when the brothers celebrate Christmas, we're all family.


Beauty and Power

ALBANY — Saturday night's performance of Mikaela Davis and Souther Star, and Girl Blue on Saturday, Dec. 11, had longtime promoter Greg Bell mesmerized. It was one of two shows he organized for the weekend. Of the two women who played the stage at The Hollow, he said they are "the most beautiful and powerful singers in music right now."

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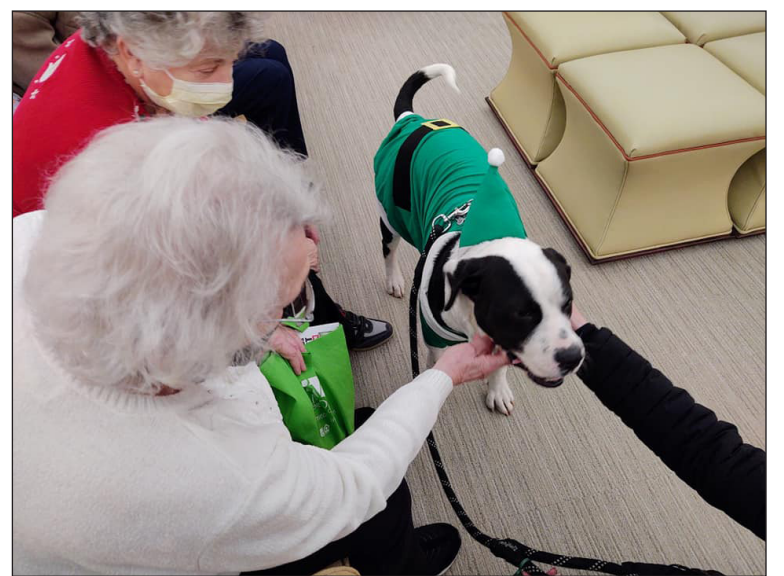
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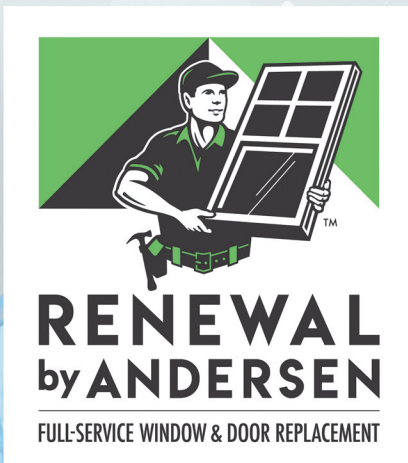
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