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transforming lives and building communities through housing and the arts

Summer 2013

Calendar of Events

JULY 19-21 Ritz Theater & Hatmaker's Attic present: A Few Good Men

JULY 27

Ritz Theater presents Gustafer Yellowgold, a free outdoor show

AUGUST 5-23

Ritz Theater & Hatmaker's Attic offer Stepping Stones Stage children's theater summer camp

SEPTEMBER 14

Ann Street Gallery Opening Sublime Revisited

SEPTEMBER 19

Safe Harbors Annual Gala at **Newburgh Brewing Company**

SEPTEMBER 21

Safe Harbors Annual Cupcake-A-Palooza

OCTOBER 12

The Lobby at the Ritz Tom Humphrey Music Series concert with Steve Katz

OCTOBER 19

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NOVEMBER 1 Safe Harbors Annual Tenant Gala

NOVEMBER 2

The Lobby at the Ritz Tom Humphrey Music Series concert with Rebecca Martin featuring Larry Grenadier

NOVEMBER 9

Ann Street Gallery Fundraising Event

NOVEMBER 24

The Lobby at the Ritz Annual Ritz Kidz Talent Show

DECEMBER 7

Safe Harbors Annual Bells on Broadway



Safe Harbors of the Hudson is pleased to announce the promotion of Lisa Silverstone to Executive Director.

Ms. Silverstone has served as Associate Director with the organization since January 2012. In her role as Executive Director, Ms. Silverstone will oversee the Safe Harbors redevelopment project which includes the Cornerstone Residence, the Ann Street Gallery, The Lobby at the Ritz and the historic Ritz Theater, located within the project.

Tricia Haggerty Wenz, Safe Harbors Founder, will continue to work with the organization in developing the Ritz Theater project and new housing opportunities. "What a joy it has been for me to lead the growth of an amazing, award winning organization for the past 13 years. Lisa is a tremendous asset to Safe Harbors, she has an incredible amount of energy and creativity and I am confident under her leadership Safe Harbors will continue to grow in new and exciting directions," Ms. Haggerty Wenz said.



Lisa Silverstone, Executive Director

A Note from our new Executive Director

Over the past 10 years, Safe Harbors has transformed a derelict corner of the City of Newburgh into one of its most culturally and civically vibrant hubs. The corner of Liberty and Broadway is now a beautiful home to 128 residents and a destination for thousands of neighbors and visitors who are drawn to the public art on the building's façade, to the ever changing exhibitions of contemporary works at the Ann Street Gallery, to the world renowned musicians performing on the stage of The Lobby at the Ritz and to the scores of community events hosted on site.

Now in its second decade, Safe Harbors continues to strengthen and grow its mission, creating and encouraging positive change in our community. This growing season, we are thrilled to host Newburgh's first Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) with our new partner Huguenot Street Farm, bringing fresh, organic and local fruits and vegetables to our residents and neighbors. We are partnering with members of the Newburgh Film Office providing make-up, wardrobe and actor holding space for production companies filming in the City. New opportunities for

"I am so pleased to have been selected to carry this amazing project forward and very fortunate to be working with a tremendously talented and dedicated team as we grow and strengthen our mission in the City of Newburgh and the region"

our tenants and our organization seem to present themselves every day! I am excited by the possibilities and interesting projects ahead and look forward to strengthening our collaborative partnerships and growing our model for supportive housing locally and regionally.

I want to thank you all for your warm welcome into the Safe Harbors community, I truly feel fortunate to be part of such a transformative project. The Safe Harbors team works hard every day to create a supportive, innovative, creative and productive environment for our residents and community but we need your help to continue to do so. Last year, in an effort to save resources, both natural and financial, Safe Harbors summer newsletter went electronic, which we think is great! We did notice, however, that without that donor envelope in hand, our mid-year donations waned. This year, we're making it easy to donate with PayPal Donate Now buttons appearing with annoying frequency throughout. Click on one, it's easy! And thank you in advance for your generosity and commitment to a better Newburgh.

Most Sincerely, Lisa Silverstone Executive Director



From South Korea...to Illinois...to the Ann Street Gallery

Ann Street Gallery is pleased to introduce summer intern Maeum Lee. Ms. Lee, originally from Korea, is an art student at the University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign and plans to pursue a Masters Degree in Art Management. "As soon as I found the advertisement that Ann Street Gallery was seeking a summer intern, I knew this is the perfect opportunity for me that I can apply my knowledge about art and art history. I believe this internship is where I can perfectly fit in and do my best for the gallery. Safe Harbors of the Hudson not only gave me an internship opportunity but also gave me a lot of help to settle down. I had no idea how the City of Newburgh is before I came here, but now I love this city and I am so happy to be here and meet the nicest people in the world." Welcome Maeum, we are thrilled to have you!



Safe Harbors Welcomes New Board Member



Stefanie Pearl, a Newburgh native, is a writer, philosopher and entrepreneur with a positive outlook on life and a passion for her hometown. In 2011, Stefanie started blogging about her community and sharing positive stories online at happyhudsonvalley. com. Since then, her blog has become a family-friendly, upbeat newsfeed with regularly updated local content and a community calendar with an easy user interface, allowing her community to interact and share information. She is proud of her Newsday affiliation and her sponsors which have all signed on to be a part of her project to shine a

positive light on the community.

Stefanie has experience teaching in a classroom setting, working in business to business (B2B) sales and is owner/operator for two enterprises, happyhudsonvalley.com and All Kinds of Signs. She is a founding board member of the Newburgh Professional and Business Association and serves on the Board of Directors for Kids4Causes.

Stefanie is a member of the Orange County Chamber Young Professionals organization and was recently named a 2013 Orange County Rising Star.

2013 Grants Awards

Safe Harbors of the Hudson received three generous grants this year. TD Bank, through the TD Charitable Foundation, donated \$5,000 in support of community events and tenant services. Walmart Foundation donated \$1,000 in support of the GED program. New York Life Insurance Company (The Corporate Responsibility Team and Community Impacts Grants Evaluation Team of New York Life Insurance) donated \$5,000 in support of Safe Harbors innovative educational programming.

Lisa Silverstone, Executive Director and June Henley, Director of Tenant Services accept a check on behalf of Safe Harbors from New York Life. (left to right: George Vatore, Managing Partner New York Life Insurance Company; Lisa Silverstone; June Henley; and Christina Mavoides, New York Life Insurance Company.)







A thriving arts sector including visual arts, music, dance and theater is an essential element of a socially and economically healthy and vibrant Newburgh. The arts make neighborhoods exciting, creating connections within and across communities and a place where people want to visit, live, work and learn. Safe Harbors Ann Street Gallery is committed to supporting the visual arts, fostering a lively, healthy environment.



June 2013 - current exhibition Light as Medium

Opening in conjunction with the citywide Newburgh Illuminated Festival, Light as Medium features holographic and photographic works which explore light as medium. Works of particular interest in this exhibition include the retrospective showcased holograms and laser works of renowned holographer Rudie Berkhout. This exhibition is on view through August 17.



May 2013 Ole!

This Cinco de Mayo exhibition focused on works by Mexican American artists exploring new dimensions within contemporary art and celebrated their Mexican heritage and cultural pride. While sharing roots in Mexico, artists included in the exhibition live and work across the U.S., blending together their art and cultural traditions with their identities as Americans.



March 2013 Abstractions: New Modernism

With an opening crowd of over 150 people, *Abstraction: New Modernism* delighted visitors of the Ann Street Gallery and challenged notions of abstractionism with its whimsical, unique and intriguing works by artists from across the county.







The Ann Street Gallery, located within the Safe Harbors of the Hudson project, is a contemporary art gallery that specializes in emerging and established artists. Under the umbrella of Safe Harbors, the Gallery has evolved into a venue that supports hundreds of artists and attracts thousands of visitors a year.



Support Arts and Culture in Your Community...

Become a Friend of the Ann Street Gallery

Since opening its doors in 2007, Safe Harbors Ann Street Gallery has brought the finest in contemporary art from across the country and around the world to downtown Newburgh, creating a cultural hub in the community that is free, open and accessible to neighbors and visitors alike and earning the distinction of being a four-time winner of Best Gallery in the Hudson Valley.

Friends of the Gallery support our mission to provide quality exhibitions, programs and events that encourage a greater understanding and appreciation of contemporary art across cultures and between generations and provide crucial support for continuing and expanding exhibitions, programs, public workshops and general operating costs.

If you have enjoyed a cultural experience in the Gallery and see the benefit of the arts in your community, please consider becoming a Friend of the Ann Street Gallery.

Member Benefits:

- Gallery talks
- · Meet the artist events
- A silk-screened cotton t-shirt with the Ann Street Gallery logo
- Partnering museum benefits
- A sense of pride that you are supporting arts and culture in your community



To become a member of the Friends of the Gallery, please fill out the membership form accessible from our website annstreetgallery.org, click here to download. Contributions may be made by cash, check or credit card. All donations are important and tax deductible.

Thank you to our Friends of the Gallery





2013 Newburgh Community Cleanup

The 3rd annual Newburgh Community Cleanup on Saturday April 27, was a tremendous success! We could not have done it without the nearly 300 volunteers who came out to clean Newburgh's streets and the support of countless individuals, businesses and partnering organizations.

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Off-Broadway Run &Walk, Race for a Strong Community

The 7th Annual Off-Broadway 5K Run/Walk & Kids Fun Run was held on Sunday, May 19. Despite the rainy weather, near record breaking numbers of runners and walkers came out to support one of Safe Harbors' biggest fundraisers.



Volunteer Pride

Cornerstone resident and recent GED graduate LaRhonda Robinson (left), GED student Erica Guardian Martinez (center) and Sean Eusty (right) volunteered their time to create and assemble a beautiful presentation board in celebration of President's Day held at Washington's Headquarters in Newburgh.





Cornerstone Tenant, GED Graduate

LaRhonda Robinson passed her GED exam on her first go-round in December 2012. Armed with her GED certification and with the help and guidance of her instructor Marvin Schwartzwalder (pictured right) and encouragement from fellow classmates, Ms. Robinson is able to take that important next step. LaRhonda is so thankful...to Safe Harbors of the Hudson and to her friends and extended family for believing in her, encouraging her and seeing the potential in her to succeed.



Safe Harbors helps Illuminate Newburgh



Tenant artists Jeff Wallace (left) and Peter Cody (right) show their beautifully created lightbulbs



Jonathan Dobin (fourth from right) with members of M.U.S.E. performing in The Lobby at the Ritz

Safe Harbors of the Hudson was a major sponsor of Newburgh Illuminated, a three-day, city-wide festival which showcased Newburgh's artistic, cultural and historical treasures. More than 30 events were held throughout the City, some right here, beginning with our very own Cornerstone Residence Library, the meeting space for the ingenious planning of these events over the past 18 months.

We are so proud to recognize three of our resident artists for their significant contributions to this wonderful event.

Jonathan Dobin, singer, artist, composer and Artistic Director of MUSE – early music chamber ensemble, was the force behind two outstanding performances in the Lobby at the Ritz Theater, featuring vocal & instrumental music & live period dance in its performances of Renaissance, Baroque & Early American music.

The Festival's Light bulb Project was a collection of 52 light bulbs, painted by local artists and sponsored

by individuals and businesses in the community and displayed throughout the City.

Cornerstone artist, Jeff Wallace, designed and built all the raw light bulbs and display stands in addition to painting one himself. Peter Cody, another Cornerstone resident artist, created a meta-light bulb, whose warm glow illuminated the Gallery into the night. A closing reception was held in the Ann Street Gallery while the 52 light bulbs were on display on the adjacent lot where over 100 artists and admirers gathered to take a final peek at the bulbs.

One of the shining stars of Newburgh Illuminated, the Ann Street Gallery, was the scene of a holography exhibition entitled "Light as Medium", featuring the holograms and laser works of Rudie Berkhout.

June Henley, Director of Tenant Services and Special Events, represented Safe Harbors of the Hudson on the planning committee for Newburgh Illuminated and worked tirelessly to help create a special event, indeed!



Two special Light Bulb project pieces that paid tribute to the *I Love Lucy* show were aptly displayed in front of the Ritz Theater, birthplace of that iconic television series.



Tom Humphrey Music Series Season Wrap Up

The 2012-13 season of the Tom Humphrey Music Series continued with sold out performances from repeat favorites Frank Vignola and Bucky Pizzarelli in March and composer/guitarist Peppino D'Agostino in April. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to this year's Tom Humphrey Music Series sponsor, Newburgh Veterinary Hospital.

In the Fall, a New Season at the Lobby Begins...

October 12th marks the start of the 2013-14 Season of the acclaimed Tom Humphrey Music Series with a performance by Steve Katz followed by Rebecca Martin featuring Larry Grenadier on November 2. The complete lineup will be announced in late summer. Stay tuned to our website, Facebook page, Twitter stream and join our mailing list. Please visit www. ritztheaternewburgh.org or call (845) 784-1199.



Frank Vignola, Bucky Pizzarelli and Vinny Raniolo

Ritz Theater Receives \$10,000 donation in 2013

Thank you to Church Communities Foundation for their generous donation of \$10,000 toward the restoration of the historic Ritz Theater. Please consider making a donation today.



(pictured left to right: Lisa Silverstone, Pam LaLonde, Sue Najork, Tricia Haggerty Wenz from the Ritz Theater Capital Campaign Committee with Paul & Beatriz Button from the Church Communities Foundation)



Ritz Kidz "Newburgh's Got Talent!" Talent Show Returns

TALENTED KIDS, SAVE THE DATE! The Ritz Theater will host its 4th annual Ritz Kidz Talent Show Sunday, November 24. Audition dates will be announced at the end of the summer.





Exciting New Partnership

The Ritz Theater Newburgh, Inc. is very pleased to have partnered with Hatmaker's Attic, a performance theater non-profit organization. Founded brothers Edward by and William Gibbons-Brown. Hatmaker's Attic Productions is putting the "community" back in community theater and working to build a positive and safe creative environment where all are welcome.

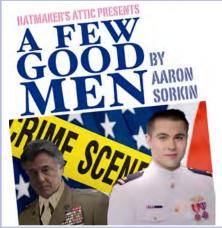
Featuring local talent, Hatmaker's Attic delighted audiences with their March production of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. The compelling drama *A Few Good Men* will be presented July 19, 20 and 21. Please visit our website or call Hatmaker's at (845) 475-4392 for information. Tickets may be purchased in advance at www. artful.ly/store/events/1333 or at the door one hour prior to showtime.

HATMAKER'S ATTIC productions



Hatmaker's Attic hosts Newburgh's newest children's theater camp in the Lobby at the Ritz August 5 through the 23. Children ages 8-14 can beat the heat and enjoy 3 weeks of creative fun for only \$200! Camp registration forms are available at 111 Broadway or call (845) 475-4392 for more information.





New Programming Introduced at The Lobby!

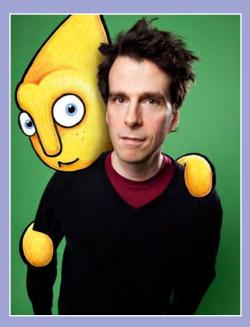
This year we are celebrating 100 Years of Theater at 107 Broadway. To commemorate this milestone, the Ritz added new programming including folk artist Eliza Gilkyson on May 3, and the popular Irish Folk group, The Guggenheim Grotto with opening band Still Saffire on May 11. Coming Saturday, July 27 the Ritz will host a free outdoor show with Gustafer Yellowgold and on October 19 will offer *Children's Afternoon Theater* with performances by Christen St. Prete, author of "The Great Penguini", Evan Gottfried, children's musician and Lydia Adams and Kathy Byers, contemporary children's folk musicians.



Eliza Gilkyson



Guggenheim Grotto with Still Saffire



Gustafer Yellowgold

Fresh, Local, Organic Produce on Lower Broadway

Partnering with Huguenot Street Farm, Safe Harbors is helping bring fresh, organic, local fruit and vegetables to tenants of The Cornerstone and the larger community. The farm's Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) pickup takes place each Thursday

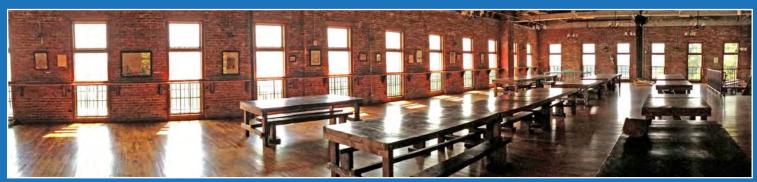


in Safe Harbors commercial space at 115 Broadway. A share of the bounty is provided free of charge to Cornerstone tenants.

(City of Newburgh neighbors pick up their veggies. left to right: Alice Vaughan, Deborah Dresser, Stuart Sachs and his daughter Zoe.)



Safe Harbors Honors Founder Tricia Haggerty Wenz at Exciting New Venue for Annual Gala!







Safe Harbors will honor Founder Tricia Haggerty Wenz as 2013 Cornerstone of the Community at the Annual Gala, this year to be held at the Newburgh Brewing Company Thursday, September 19. Ms. Haggerty Wenz will be recognized for the amazing, transformative project she created in the City of Newburgh; a project which began at her dining room table in 2000 and continues to be a catalyst for positive change in the community.

Big Achievement for our Cornerstone Tenant!



Pictured here, Cornerstone resident Fayola Imani proudly displays her hard won bachelor's degree! Ms. Imani has great appreciation for The Cornerstone Residence, where she has experienced some impressive firsts...her first apartment and the first time she has had stability and security in her life. She treasures her Cornerstone family and the support they have given her while she pursued her educational dream. Now, Fayola works at Wal-Mart, but armed with her bachelor's degree, she is determined to get her foot in the door in the film and entertainment industry and realize her next dream of becoming a producer/director. Safe Harbors salutes Ms. Imani on her tremendous accomplishment and looks forward to hearing about her future success!

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Safe Harbors salutes
Cornerstone Resident Fayola Imani



Please be generous & donate



Safe Harbors Hosts Informational Tours Every Month in 2013

Join us for a tour of the Safe Harbors project, including the historic Ritz Theater, the Ann Street Gallery and the award-winning Cornerstone Residence.

The tours highlight how Safe Harbors is playing a vital role in the revitalization of downtown Newburgh. All tour attendees will be entered into a drawing to win 2 free tickets to an upcoming concert at The Lobby at the Ritz!

Tours, which last approximately one hour, are held

monthly on a rotating basis, the second Tuesday at 9am followed by the second Thursday at 4pm. The 2013 tour schedule follows: Tuesday, August 13 at 9am, Thursday, September 12 at 4pm, Tuesday October 8 at 9am, Thursday, November 14 at 4pm and Tuesday December 10 at 9am.

For more information, please visit our website at www.safe-harbors.org or call (845) 562-6940.



Volunteers from Newburgh Community Cleanup

Safe Harbors, Ritz Theater and Ann Street Gallery have a variety of volunteer opportunities! We seek dependable, enthusiastic people interested in: marketing, development, special events, social services, GED tutoring and computer class instruction, library science, performing and visual arts, docenting. For more information call Brittany Resch at (845) 784-1107, email bresch@safe-harbors.org.

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Consider leaving a legacy to help sustain Safe Harbors. Contact Brittany Resch, Development Associate at (845) 562-6940 or bresch@safe-harbors.org



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