

•Calendar of Events•

DECEMBER 7

"Bells on Broadway"
Holiday Market and Children's
Festival

DECEMBER 12

"Merry Mixer"
Holiday Shopping

DECEMBER 13-15

Ritz Theater and Hatmaker's Attic
Present "Ebenezer"

FEBRUARY 15

Bucky Pizzarelli with Ed Laub
Art Opening and Concert

MARCH 15

The Lobby at the Ritz
Tom Humphrey Music Series
Concert with Henry Gross

MARCH 21-23

Ritz Theater, Hatmaker's Attic
and Brian C. Petti Present
"Echoes of Ireland"

MARCH 29

The Lobby at the Ritz
Tom Humphrey Music Series
Concert with Arturo O'Farrill
Family Band

APRIL 12

The Lobby at the Ritz
Tom Humphrey Music Series
Concert to be Announced

APRIL 19

The Lobby at the Ritz
Tom Humphrey Music Series
Concert with Charlie Mars

APRIL 26

Community Cleanup

MAY 10

Newburgh Volunteer Fair

MAY 18

Safe Harbors
Off Broadway Run



A Message from Executive Director Lisa Silverstone



Lisa Silverstone, Executive Director

Vital...that is Safe Harbors of the Hudson...an organization always growing, strengthening, innovating! 2014 promises to be an exciting year indeed...those wonderful, bright, spacious commercial storefronts on Broadway are going to be home to two new exciting projects...watch for the progress. The Ritz marquee is being fully renovated and will be a beautiful new addition to the building's façade and the larger streetscape. And Safe Harbors is applying for funding for another bold new project on Broadway...workforce housing for our city with the same focus on community-building and innovation as the Cornerstone. As we find ways to increase our impact, we never lose sight of our most important role, housing people with dignity, respect and opportunity. We appreciate your being there at the beginning, when Safe Harbors was a dream and we appreciate your continued support while we find new ways to transform lives and build communities through housing and the arts.

Most sincerely,
Lisa Silverstone

A Note From Safe Harbors' Chairperson Adam Rodd

Over the past several years, Safe Harbors has transformed what was once an example of lower Broadway's blight and decay into a symbol of hope, optimism and revitalization for the community and its residents.

Safe Harbors provides beautiful and secure supportive housing for those in need, together with a variety of programs to help and assist its residents in achieving their aspirations and goals. As a result of a free, on-site GED program, a number of our residents have earned their high school diplomas and several other educational programs are offered to enrich and improve the lives of our residents.

In addition to supportive housing, Safe Harbors is fast becoming a hub of the City's revitalization, with fantastic world-renowned musicians performing at the Lobby at the Ritz Theater and thousands of people visiting the award-winning Ann Street Gallery.

In short, Safe Harbors is transforming lives and our community for the better. We hope that you will support our mission and help Safe Harbors as it continues to make Newburgh a better place for all of us.

Adam Rodd, Chairperson
Safe Harbors of the Hudson Board of Directors



On the Cover: Sonia Koppel, Cornerstone Resident, Ann Street Gallery Assistant and community volunteer, exemplifies the benefits of supportive housing. Ms. Koppel moved from a nursing home to the Cornerstone where she has access to the resources she needs to live independently and create a vibrant, fulfilling life.

Safe Harbors Celebrates Success and Growth at 2013 Gala!

A record number of guests ate, drank and made merry at Safe Harbors' seventh annual gala celebration September 19 at the Newburgh Brewing Company. The brewery sparkled with a fall abundance of hand-picked sunflowers, a glittering array of auction baskets and a jubilant crowd of gala-goers!

The community came out in force to support Safe Harbors and fete its founder Tricia Haggerty Wenz, this year's *Cornerstone of the Community* recipient. Longtime supporter of Safe Harbors and last year's *Cornerstone of the Community*, Congressman Maurice Hinchey, presented the award with warm remarks about Tricia's courage, tenacity and passion in transforming the blighted Hotel Newburgh into the celebrated Safe Harbors.



Chris Silva, Executive Director Bardavon 1869 Opera House, Gala Honoree Tricia Haggerty Wenz and Joanna Leddin at the Safe Harbors Gala



This year's event exceeded our income projections and our expectations. Thank you to our generous friends, Newburgh Brewing Company owners Paul Halayko and Chris Basso for donating their incredible space, to our partner, Huguenot Street Farm, for letting us pick flowers to our heart's content and to our sponsors, supporters and friends who came out to make the event such a success. Your support allows us to continue our work in making Newburgh a stronger, healthier and more vibrant community for all its residents.

New Safe Harbors Ritz Theater Board Member

Safe Harbors of the Hudson is pleased to welcome Eileen Osterby to the Ritz Theater Board of Directors. Eileen is the Vice President and Trust Officer at Orange County Trust Company and has more than twenty-five years of experience in the legal, banking and financial services industries. She is a graduate of NYS Bankers Trust Administration School, the Cannon Financial Institute and past President of both the Hudson Valley Estate Planning Council and St. Luke's Cornwall Health System Foundation Auxiliary. She is also a member of the Adult Protective Services Task Force and the St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital Cancer Advisory Committee.





A thriving arts sector, including visual arts, music, dance and theater, is a key 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 and fostering a lively, healthy environment for everyone.



Current Exhibition Practice and Process

An enthusiastic crowd enjoyed the opening reception for the Ann Street Gallery's latest exhibition *Practice and Process* on November 16. The exhibition explores the artistic process through the work of four accomplished contemporary artists: Jill Baroff, Stefana McClure, Kathy Goodell and Martha Bone. It will remain on view through January 11.



Martha Bone, *Threshold*, 2012, peat, roots, branches, hemp rope, resin, fluorescents, styrofoam, 18'x 6'4" x 18"



Gallery Fundraiser Wine Tasting Sponsored by Palaia Vineyards

The Ann Street Gallery hosted a wine tasting sponsored by Palaia Vineyards on November 9. The fundraising event featured an array of local wines and food, a sneak preview of the exhibition *Practice and Process* and a gallery talk with renowned artists Jill Baroff and Stefana McClure (pictured here with Ann Street Gallery Director, Virginia Walsh).

September 2013 The Sublime Revisited

The Ann Street Gallery exhibition *The Sublime Revisited* opened on September 14 with a well-attended artist's reception. The exhibition featured the work of nineteen artists and explored the discourse on the sublime that presently enjoys a revival among contemporary artists.





Support Arts and Culture in Your Community...

Become a Friend of the Ann Street Gallery

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.

Since opening its doors in 2007, the 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 named Best Gallery in the Hudson Valley four times by readers of the *Times Herald-Record*.

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. **Friends** provide crucial support for continuing and expanding exhibitions, programs, public workshops and general operating costs.



To become a member of the Friends of the Gallery, please fill out a membership form available on our web site www.annstreetgallery.org. Donations are tax deductible and may be made by cash, check or credit card.



Thank you to our Friends of the Gallery

visit our website at www.safe-harbors.org



2013 Tenant BBQ and Field Trip

In September, the Cornerstone Men's Group hosted a wonderful tenant BBQ at Algonquin Park. More than fifty people enjoyed a day of fun in the sun that included a friendly game of horsehshoes and some delicious food.

The tenants also took a field trip to the New York Botanical Garden in September where they had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the amazing plant collections on view. They also had the chance to shop at a local farmers market and to learn to cook some of the available produce.



Volunteer Spotlight - Tovah Goldfarb



Tovah Goldfarb has been volunteering at Safe Harbors since 2011. Here is what she has to say about her experience:

"I was born and raised in Newburgh and have always known about Safe Harbors and the Ann Street Gallery. They had a booth at an internship fair at my college, SUNY New Paltz, when I was a freshman. I worked as a community development intern during the summer of 2011 and have volunteered ever since! I'm studying to be a teacher and my hope is that I can share this wonderful place and their values with my future students.

I've been helping out at the ASG exhibition openings and I'm always amazed at the world-class quality of artwork that's right here in our city! As a life-long art lover, it's such a treat to enjoy such expertly composed shows and wonderfully talented artists.

If you have a positive attitude, donate your time to Safe Harbors. I've met so many interesting people over the past 3 years who want to do good for our community!"

Image: Tovah Goldfarb. Photo by Alba Borchert





THE CORNERSTONE RESIDENCE

Cornerstone Tenant Gala

More than one hundred twenty people attended this year's Tenant Gala on November 15. The festivities included dinner, dancing to music by Magic/Music Entertainment and a photo booth provided by Eli Sloves Photography. During the evening, the 2013 Personal Achievement Award, given to a tenant who attained success on a personal level, was presented to Fayola Imani. William Green (pictured below with Executive Director, Lisa Silverstone) was honored with the Jacob T. Coleman Neighbor of the Year Award for being everything a good neighbor should be.



Cornerstone Resident GED Graduate

Longtime resident and student of the GED program, Billy Ford, received his GED diploma in June, 2013. According to GED instructor, Marvin Schwartzwalder, "Billy has great stick-to-it-iveness. He was so close to passing the GED for some time and kept at it until he did. Billy has become a role model for many people and serves as an inspiration to his fellow students--stressing why it is so important for them to get their GED." Billy's future plans include taking courses at SUNY Orange towards an associate's degree.



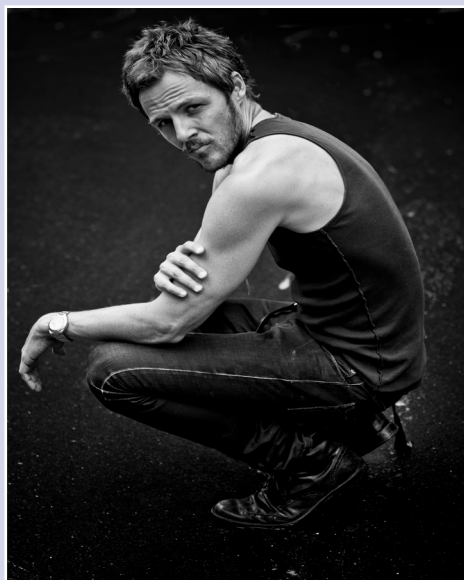
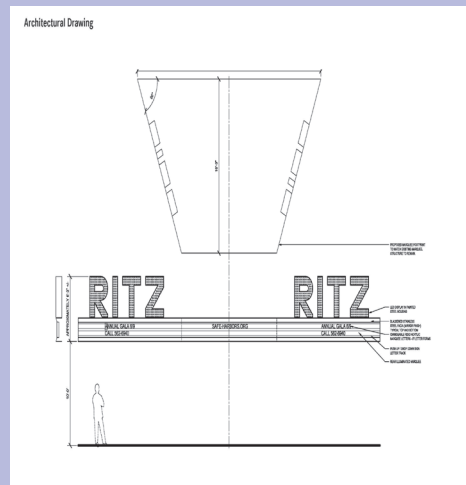


"Art is fundamental, unique to each of us...Even in difficult economic times - especially in difficult economic times - the arts are essential."

—Maria Shriver, Award-Winning Journalist and Author

A New Marquee

Ten years ago, Safe Harbors of the Hudson had a bold idea to preserve an important part of Newburgh's history while recreating a cultural destination for the community. With your support, we have transformed the lobby of the historic Ritz Theater into an intimate performing arts space where world-class artists perform to enthusiastic crowds. Your generosity has also helped us complete a stunning new box office that beautifies our façade and the streetscape. Soon a sparkling new marquee will light up lower Broadway attracting people to the cultural hub we have established in the heart of downtown.



Tom Humphrey Music Series Mid-Season Wrap Up

The 2013-2014 season of the Tom Humphrey Music Series kicked off with a concert by Blood, Sweat and Tears founding member Steve Katz on October 12. The second concert of the season featured the accomplished husband and wife team of Rebecca Martin and bassist Larry Grenadier.

Upcoming performers include *Sha Na Na*'s Henry Gross on March 15, the Grammy Award-winning Arturo O'Farrill with his Family Band on March 29 and Charlie Mars on April 19. For the latest music series news, visit www.ritztheaternewburgh.org. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RitzTheater and follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/RitzTheater.

Image: Charlie Mars. Photo by Darin Back

Partnership with Hatmaker's Attic Going Strong!

The partnership between the Ritz Theater and Hatmaker's Attic Productions continued with two shows this past summer. ***A Few Good Men*** was performed in July to a sold-out audience and the one-man show ***Underneath the Lintel*** starred local actor and Hatmaker's co-founder, Edward Gibbons-Brown. A great find through Hatmaker's Attic was local playwright, Brian C. Petti, who brought us a one-night-only production of ***The Love Song of Sidney J. Stein***. This year's final production is a take on Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" as you have never seen it before! ***Ebenezer*** will be performed **Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 13, 14 and 15. Call the Ritz Theater Box Office at (845) 784-1199 or visit www.hatmakersattic.org for tickets.** Tickets are \$20, \$15 for children and adults age 65+ and \$10 for students (with valid I.D.) at the door.



HATMAKER'S ATTIC productions

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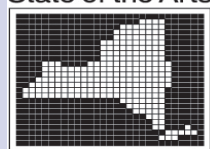


Your support allowed us to add a number of new programs this year. In July, **Stepping Stones Stage** made a well-attended debut with illustrator and musician Gustafer Yellowgold, sponsored by Dr. Hannah Brooks. The October *Stepping Stones* event also attracted a large audience for storytelling, musical adventure and puppetry performed by favorite local children's authors and musicians Lydia Adams Davis, McKenzie Willis and Evan Gottfried. Other new programs included an **Evening of Local Literati** with Genie Abrams reading from her first novel *Louie Levy's Greatest Catch* and Brian C. Petti with excerpts from his novel *Echoes of Ireland*.

Image: Evan Gottfried. Photo by Bob Root courtesy of *The Sentinel*

Thank you to the New York State Council on the Arts and the Newburgh Veterinary Hospital for their continued support of the Tom Humphrey Music Series.

State of the Arts



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The Ritz hosted its fifth annual RitzKidz "Newburgh's Got Talent" Talent Show on November 24 with many talented performers returning to the stage for the third, fourth or fifth time joined by many others making their debut performance. Congratulations to all the talented kids who participated!



Ritz Theater Board Chairperson James Beard on \$100,000 for 100 Years of Theater

On February 4th, 2013, the Ritz celebrated 100 years of live theater at 107 Broadway in Newburgh and, in honor of the celebration, the Board of Directors is asking for your help in raising \$100,000 towards the Theater's restoration fund.

Throughout the country, the arts have proven crucial linchpins to economic development and urban revitalization. The restoration of the Ritz, the last remaining historic theater in the city, will serve as a spark to ignite renewed interest in downtown Newburgh. This is a community-driven effort, driven by people like you who appreciate live entertainment and understand how effectively the arts serve as a catalyst for change.

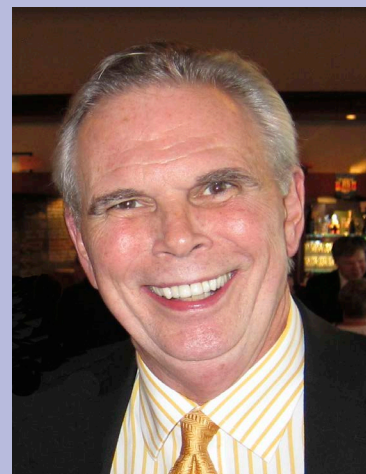
But will people venture into downtown Newburgh to support a theater? For the past seven years they have proved that they will. They come because we present outstanding events featuring Grammy, Tony, Emmy and Academy Award-winning artists. Just imagine what we will be able to offer with a fully renovated 825-seat theater.

Your help and support can create a compelling reason for all of the patrons of our thriving waterfront to venture westward into the city. We are excited to invite you to become part of this transformative project.

Thank you in advance for your generous donation and for helping us achieve our goal of \$100,000 celebrating the 100th year of theater at the historic Ritz.

James Beard, Chairperson
Ritz Theater Board of Directors

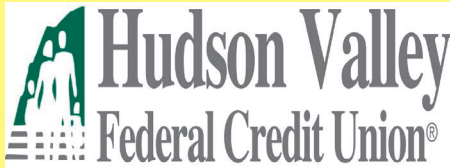
Donating is easy. Send your check in the enclosed envelope and write "Ritz Theater Donation" on the memo line, visit www.ritztheaternewburgh.org and click on the Paypal link or call us at (845) 784-1199. We look forward to hearing from you!



Safe Harbors Receives Generous Grants

Safe Harbors of the Hudson was the recipient of generous grants from the Walmart Foundation in support of the Safe Harbors GED course and from Stewart's Shops in support of community events and children's programming.

And thank you to all our generous sponsors for their continued support!



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More Safe Harbors News

Safe Harbors of the Hudson presents the sixth annual "Bells on Broadway" Holiday Market and Children's Festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 7, in the Lobby at the Ritz Theater and the historic Green Room. It's the perfect opportunity to shop for holiday gifts from vendors offering a beautiful selection of items including jewelry, scarves, handbags, pottery, candles, soaps and more. Admission is free with a nominal fee for holiday snacks and photos with Santa and Frosty. For more information contact June Henley at (845) 784-1110 or jhenley@safe-harbors.org.



Safe Harbors also continues to be an active community member by co-hosting Newburgh Winterfest, a series of events designed to promote commerce and tourism through the winter season. Among these events is the "Merry Mixer," an additional holiday shopping opportunity on Thursday, December 12, 6 to 8 p.m., that features a selection of vendors from "Bells on Broadway," holiday music and light refreshments. And be sure not to miss the Winterfest Holiday Window Decorating Contest! Watch our own storefront windows transformed at the hands of our talented Cornerstone residents. Winterfest will culminate with Carnival on Fat Tuesday, March 4.

Cupcake-a-Palooza!



Safe Harbors hosted the popular Cupcake-a-Palooza cupcake contest on September 21. This year's winner for "Best Overall Amateur" and "Public Favorite" was Rodolfo Comacho, Jr. The award for "Best Overall Child Baker" went to Amber Malagoli and Tara Tornello was named "Best Overall Professional." "Most Beautiful Amateur" and "Most Beautiful Professional" went to Jessica Kamna and Tara Tonello respectively and Jennifer Looney's cupcakes were honored for "Most Original Flavor." Congratulations to all the bakers for a job well done!

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Your donations to Safe Harbors change lives!



Safe Harbors Hosts Informational Tours

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. Tours last approximately one hour and 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 two tickets to an upcoming concert at the Lobby at the Ritz.

The last tour in 2013 will take place on Tuesday, December 10, at 9 a.m. Tours in 2014 will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. For more information, visit www.safe-harbors.org or call (845) 562-6940.

Image: Dmitri Kasterine photographs exhibited on the exterior of Safe Harbors made possible, in part, with funds from Orange County Tourism and the County of Orange.

Come Volunteer with Us!



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

Image: Volunteers at Thanksgiving at the Cornerstone Residence, 2012

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Financial Contributions

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

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