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Tusten Theatre Fall Season

MAJESTIC DRUG Co., INC. SPONSORS FALL SEASON BEGINNING OCTOBER 4TH

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, with corporate sponsorship from Majestic Drug Co., Inc., is pleased to announce Tusten Theatre's Fall Music and Theatre line-up. Opening with singer and songwriter CitiZen One and concluding with Peterson Toscano's one-man comedy, "Doin' Time in the Homo No Mo Halfway House--How I Survived the Ex-Gay Movement!," the season also welcomes blues, funk, pop singer Bob Malone, the Delaware Valley Chamber Orchestra, and Richard Grunn in his new play, "The Key."



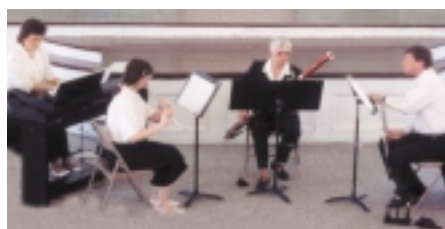
Richard Grunn

CitiZen One, whose concert will be held on October 4 at 8 p.m., is a master singer/songwriter noted for his "passion, honesty, soulful voice and dynamic guitar playing." Fans liken him to such artists as Ben Harper, Martin Sexton, José Feliciano, James Taylor, and Chris Isaacs. While drawing from the music of Africa and Latin America, his roots are planted firmly in the Southern ground of folk, soul and rhythm & blues. "The formulations CitiZen arrives at are classic, the foundations deep in the American vernacular, and the expression genuine."

On October 11 at 8 p.m., several characters encounter a collection of mysterious trunks and suitcases,

while waiting for the train. Each trunk has something different to offer -- a useful object, a clue that leads to another trunk, or something completely different. Audiences will find themselves delighted by the unexpected developments of this engaging performance piece. Richard Grunn is an actor/artist who has performed on numerous stages in the New York Metropolitan area. Most recently he received a 2003 Theatre Fellowship from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. He is a member of Zuppa del Giorno, a commedia dell' arte group of The Northeast Theatre. Grunn is best known for writing and performing multi-character works. His original one man show, *Father Joiner's Purgative Poetry Project*, has appeared on PBS station WSKG-Binghamton. Another multi-charactered work, *The O. Henry Conspiracy*, toured the east coast to rave reviews.

Staying true to their tradition of the past dozen years, Delaware Valley Chamber Orchestra (DVCO), under the baton of Ron DeFesi, will present "Music of Our Time," a concert of new works by area composers, on Saturday, October 18 at 8 p.m. One of the very few orchestras that present new works, the DVCO has premiered dozens of works ranging from small ensemble to full chamber orchestra to orchestra and voice. Among the composers and compositions that will be featured are "Waltz and Humoresque for Alto Flute, Oboe and Bassoon" by Josh Siegel, "Night Out for Trombone and Tape," by David Tcimpidis and "Short Story" for orchestra by Loren Lentz. A new work by Gladys Moskowitz for bass voice and orchestra will be performed by Tom Caltabellotta.



(L-R) Melinda Rhyme, Robin White, Gloria R. Krause, Josh Siegel

Award-winning pianist/singer/songwriter Bob Malone will grace the Tusten Theatre stage on Friday, October 24, 8 p.m. with his distinctive mix of blues, funk, New Orleans soul and solid pop. In the style of great piano men like Dr. John, Billy Joel and Randy Newman, Malone is a "raconteur of the human condition." Bob's 4th CD, *Malone Alone (March 2003)*, leapt onto the Living Blues and Roots Music Report Blues Charts within the first month of its

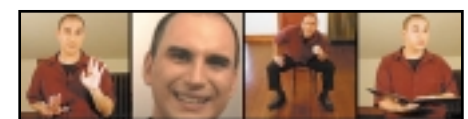
release. Bob has toured extensively, performing as a headliner and as an opener for acts like The



Bob Malone on stage.

Neville Brothers, Manhattan Transfer and Boz Scaggs, to name a few. He has been featured on NPR's acoustic café, Car Talk and Rock & Roots and his songs have popped up in TV shows such as *Jag* and *The Young and the Restless*.

On Saturday, November 1, Peterson Toscano presents his one-man comedy, "Doin' Time in the Homo No Mo Halfway House--How I Survived the Ex-Gay Movement!" Based on Toscano's real life experience floundering in various ex-gay ministries, he weaves together humor, program jargon and outrageous eye witness accounts to form a piece that is hilarious, poignant and inspirational. From the daily rap sessions on appropriate male dress to the surreal Family and Friends Weekend, prepare yourself for a rocky and raucous tour of the Homo No Mo Halfway House, and see for yourself if our hero comes OUT alive! Previews available at www.homonomo.com.



Peterson Toscano



GALLERY EVENTS

ELLEN CIBULA
SEPTEMBER 12 - OCTOBER 3

JENNIFER FINCH
OCTOBER 10 - NOVEMBER 1

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THE SETTING:

Fibbers Restaurant at the edge of the beautiful Monster Golf Course, Kiamesha Lake, NY

THE TIME:

Sunday, September 21, a crisp autumn day.

Noon: Doors open and live chamber music is heard in the background.

THE HEART OF THE MATTER:

A benefit for Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County.

UNFOLDING:

Brunch (starting at 12:45) featuring tables and tables of delectables...

A silent auction of fabulous gift baskets from area businesses and friends...

Songs from the turn of the 20th century sung by Ken Parks...

A live auction of stunning works of art...

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Ken Parks, Bass-Baritone

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance's **Brunch, Birdies and Bach** co-chairs Berry Hafkin and Arlene Lawrence welcome all friends of the arts to attend this wonderful fundraising event at Fibbers Restaurant at the Concord's Monster Golf Course in Kiamesha Lake, NY. At \$30 per person, the event will feature live music entertainment, a brunch that includes appetizers, breakfast and main meal dishes several dessert choices and a chance to bid on select art works and baskets of goodies donated by area businesses.

A benefit for Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, **Brunch, Birdies and Bach** will benefit DVAA programs and services that range from operation of two year-round galleries that highlight contemporary artists to creation of a cultural newspaper to concerts and literary series to grant giving.

Reservations can be made by calling 845-252-7576 with credit card information or by sending a check payable to DVAA to P.O. Box 170, Narrowsburg, NY 12764. Reserved tables for 8 or 10 can be arranged.

Join us in your love and support of the arts!



Auction Item
Stained Glass work by John Kamp



Auction Item
Photograph by Brian Gorman

DELAWARE VALLEY ARTS ALLIANCE



ARTS COUNCIL FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance is an arts council founded in 1976. Its mission is to provide leadership and build collaborations that advance the arts in Sullivan County and the Upper Delaware Valley; to encourage and support cultural programs relevant to all citizens; and to provide services to individual artists, arts organizations and the area's arts industry. While programs and services are available to everyone, membership support is vital to DVAA's programs, and we encourage everyone to join, starting at \$45 (\$40 for individual artists & senior citizens) per year.

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Deadline for the Nov. - Dec. 2003 issue is October 4.

Cultural Calendar

Area code for numbers below is (845) unless listed.

FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY AREA

Now - September 5

Exhibit: "Biophelia," Works on paper by Eleni Smolen, sponsored by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, Delaware Arts Center Gallery, 37 Main St., Narrowsburg, N.Y. Free. Information: 252-7576.

Now - September 29

Exhibit: Paintings by Helga Andkjar, sponsored by the Blue Victorian Gallery, The Blue Victorian, 4874 Main Street, Jeffersonville, NY. Free. Information: 482-5544.

September 1

Living History: "Labor Day Weekend," celebration of 18th cent. life, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Fort Delaware Museum of Colonial History, Rte. 97, Narrowsburg, NY. Information: 252-6660.

September 6

Exhibit: "Woodbourne Church Celebrates 200 Years" sponsored by Sullivan County Historical Society, 2 -4 p.m., Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, N.Y. Free. Information: 434-8044.

September 7

Exhibit: Pottery by David Dobson & Paintings by Liz Gorrill, sponsored by the Catskill Art Society, 2-4 pm, Catskill Art Society-Beck Gallery, Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY. Free. Information: 436-4227.

September 12 - October 3

Exhibit: Paintings & drawings by Ellen Cibula, sponsored by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, Delaware Arts Center Gallery, 37 Main St., Narrowsburg, N.Y. opening reception: Fri., Sept. 12, 7 - 9 p.m. Free. Information: 252-7576.

September 14

Reading: Poetry Performance by Dale Laszig & Liz Huntington, sponsored by Liberty Museum & Arts Center, 3 p.m., Liberty Museum, So. Main St., Liberty, NY. Admission: \$3. Information: 292-5572, 292-2394.

September 14

Concert: "The Chris Parker Jazz Trio," sponsored by Town of Lumberland Cultural Series, 2 p.m., Lumberland Town Hall, 1054 Proctor Road, Glen Spey, NY. Admission: \$5. Information: 856-6372.

September 18

Book Discussion: "Long Day's Journey Into Night," 7:00 p.m., Tusten-Cochection Branch of the Western Sullivan Public Library, 198 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Free. Information: 252-3360.

September 21

Lecture: "Ukrainian Designs," sponsored by the Friends of Sunshine Hall Free Library, 2 - 4 p.m., Sunshine Hall Free Library, 14 Proctor Road, Eldred, NY. Free. Information: 557-6258.

October 4

Concert: Singer/songwriter CitiZen One, sponsored by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and Majestic Drug Co., Inc., 8 p.m., Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY. General Admission: \$12. Information or reservations: 845-252-7576.

October 4 - November 10

Exhibit: Paintings by E. Morisot, sponsored by the Blue Victorian Gallery, The Blue Victorian, 4874 Main Street, Jeffersonville, NY. Opening reception: Sat., Oct. 4, 6 - 9 p.m. Free. Information: 482-5544.

October 5

Exhibit: Curated Craft Show, sponsored by the Catskill Art Society, 2-4pm, Catskill Art Society-Beck Gallery/Auditorium, Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY. Free. Information: 436-4227.

October 10 - November 1

Exhibit: "Studio Invasion and Other Unprimed Works," paintings by Jennifer Finch, sponsored by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, Delaware Arts Center Gallery, 37 Main St., Narrowsburg, N.Y. opening reception: Fri., Oct. 10, 7 - 9 p.m. Free.

Information: 252-7576.

October 10-11

Reading: Two day Outloud Festival sponsored by Catskill Reading Society. Information: 985-2998.

October 11

Theatre: "The Key," a one-man show by Richard Grunn, sponsored by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and Majestic Drug Co., Inc., 8 p.m., Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY. General Admission: \$12. Information or reservations: 845-252-7576.

October 11 - November 9

Exhibit: 3rd Annual Catskill Craft Artists Show, Liberty Museum & Arts Center, 46 South Main St., Liberty, NY. Information: 292-2394.

October 11

Festival: First Annual POTTERY FESTIVAL, presented by the Potters of Sullivan County, Main St., Jeffersonville, NY, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Homemade Chili in Hand-made Bowls Information: 845-482-5280.

October 11

Annual R.I.S.E. Dinner dance at SCCC. Music by the Vantwistics and food by SCCC Hospitality Alumni and local caterers. 7:30 PM. For more information or to buy tickets call 845 434-5750 ext. 4303

October 12

Concert: "Reflections in a Gilded Mirror," music & lyrics of the Civil War era, sponsored by Sullivan County Historical Society, 2 -4 p.m., Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, N.Y. Free. Information: 434-8044.

October 12

Recital: Amanda Boyd Bailey in Concert, sponsored by Delaware Valley Opera, 3 p.m., G. Krause Recital Hall, Delaware Arts Center, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Information or reservations: 252-3136. Admission: \$12.

October 12

Cabaret: featuring Lumiri Tubo, 7 & 9:30 p.m., Bradstan Country Hotel, 1561 Rte 17B, White Lake, NY. Reservations: 583-4114.

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October 16

Book Discussion: *House of Sand and Fog*, 7:00 p.m., Tusten-Cochection Branch of the Western Sullivan Public Library, 198 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Free. Information: 252-3360.

October 18

Concert: "Music of our Time," sponsored by Delaware Valley Chamber Orchestra, 8 p.m., Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge Street (Rte. 52), Narrowsburg, NY. Admission: \$12 adult, \$10 senior, \$8 under 16. Information or reservations: 252-3136.

October 18

Celebration: 6th Birthday Party & Fall Celebration, 7 p.m., Liberty Museum & Arts Center, 46 South Main St., Liberty, NY. Information: 292-2394.

October 24

Concert: Singer/songwriter Bob Malone, sponsored by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and Majestic Drug Co., Inc., 8 p.m., Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge Street (Rte. 52), Narrowsburg, NY. General Admission: \$12 adult, \$10 senior, \$8 under 16.

October 26

Concert/Dance: Highlighting young artists, sponsored by Delaware Valley Opera, 3 p.m., Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge St., Narrowsburg, NY. Information or reservations: 252-3136.

November 1

Theatre: "Homonomo - How I Survived the Ex-Gay Movement," a one-person theatre piece by Peterson Toscano, sponsored by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and Majestic Drug Co., Inc., 8 p.m., Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY. General Admission: \$12. Information or reservations: 845-252-7576.

November 2

Exhibit: From the Private Collection of Jill Marrero, sponsored by the Catskill Art Society, 2-4pm, Catskill Art Society-Beck Gallery, Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY. Free. Information: 436-4227.

November 2

Poetry: "Love, Lust and All that Jazz," featuring Dale Laszig and Walter Keller, 3 p.m., G. Krause Recital Hall, Delaware Arts Center, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Suggested donation: \$10. Information: 252-7576.

November 8

Concert: Thurman Barker's Bard College Big Band, a benefit for the Bodenstein Music Scholarship Fund, 8 p.m., Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge St., Narrowsburg, NY. Information or reservation: 252-7576.

November 9

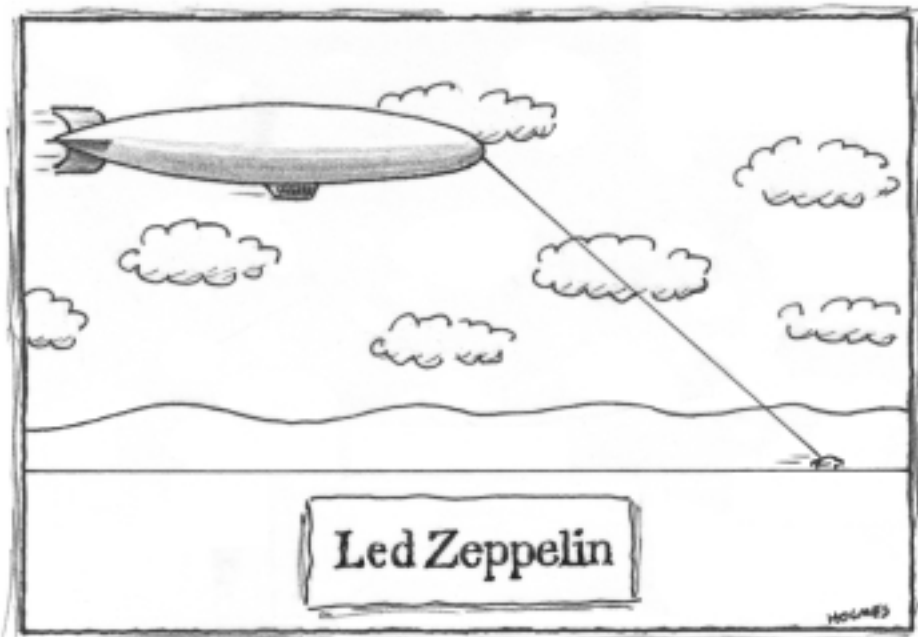
Recital: Dramatic soprano Dorothy Stone Andrade, sponsored by Delaware Valley Opera, 3 p.m., G. Krause Recital Hall, Delaware Arts Center, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Information or reservations: 252-3136. Admission: \$12.

November 20

Book Discussion: *The Hemingway Book Club of Kosovo*, 7:00 p.m., Tusten-Cochection Branch of the Western Sullivan Public Library, 198 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Free. Information: 252-3360.

November 23

Concert: Valley Chorus, 3 p.m., Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge Street (Rte. 52), Narrowsburg, NY. Admission: \$10/8. Information or reservations: 252-7576.



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DELAWARE ARTS CENTER GALLERY

Paintings by Ellen Cibula at Arts Center Gallery

"Universe," an exhibit of paintings by Milanville, PA, artist Ellen Cibula, opens with a reception on Friday, September 12, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Delaware Arts Center Gallery, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. The show runs through Friday, October 3, 2003.

The new work Cibula is showing in **"Universe"** represents a radical departure from her well known earlier work, born in the mid-sixties. The previous work was based on absolute systems involving the grid, numerical progressions, spiral structures and primary colors. The last group of paintings completed in this early series consisted of white fields with linear primary color edges along rectilinear grids, which folded into a spiral.

"My earlier work seemed to complete a life long exploration, and could have gone on and on. But instead I chose chaos," says Cibula. "I began to draw and have now developed a vocabulary of geometric figures which have become the players. As before, the field has no gravity. My essential concerns are space, movement, velocity, light and the play of it all. The biggest difference between this new work and my old work is process. Instead of calculating perfection, I take a random leap into the void of the canvas and immediately create spatial possibility."

Cibula has shown her work in numerous prominent galleries and museums including: Leo Castelli Gallery, OK Harris, Landmark Gallery, A.I.R. Gallery, John Weber Gallery, Whitney Museum, and PS 1, all in New York City, in addition to Art Institute of Chicago and Dallas Museum of Fine Arts. Her extensive bibliography includes reviews in *Art in America*, representation in *American Art of the 20th Century* by Sam Hunter and museum catalogs from Institute of Contemporary Art in Philadelphia, PA, and Whitney Museum of Art.

Ellen Cibula's **"Universe"** is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. Funding for the exhibit is possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts. Music for the opening reception is provided by the Ill Winds Chamber Ensemble. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. For more information call the gallery at 252-7576.



AHA, 20" x 20"

Jennifer Finch Shows Paintings at Arts Center Gallery



RATS #10, 30" x 40"

Visual Arts in New York City, and she has shown her work in New York City, Philadelphia, PA, and Tucson, AZ. In addition to private commissions, Finch received a grant for public work on a permanent exhibition titled "Animal Parade" in Union Square Park in New York City.

Jennifer Finch's exhibit is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. Funding for the exhibit is possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts. Music for the opening reception is provided by the Ill Winds Chamber Ensemble. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. For more information call the gallery at 252-7576.

Jennifer Finch's exhibit of paintings, **"Studio Invasion and Other Unprimed Works,"** opens with a reception on Friday, October 10, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Delaware Arts Center Gallery, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Her show runs through Saturday, November 1, 2003.

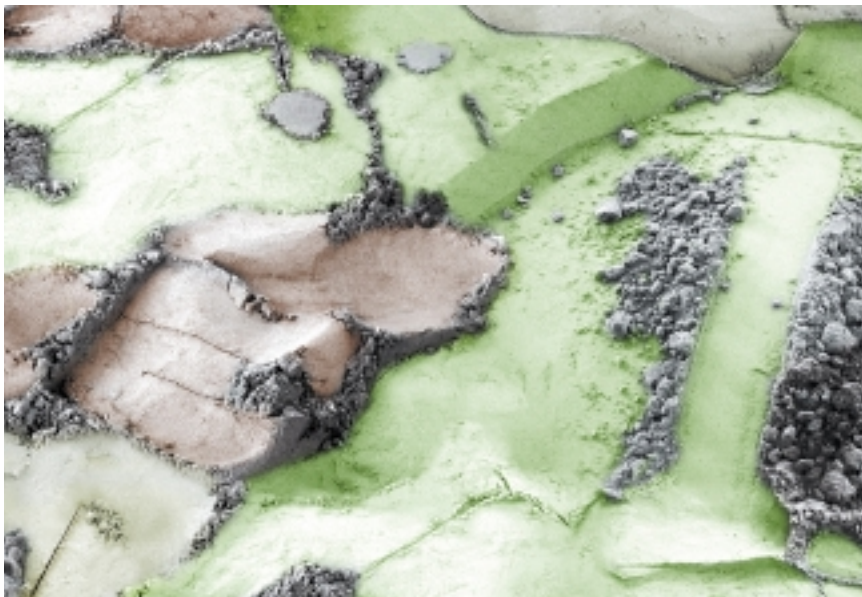
Finch is showing a series of paintings based on rats. Her imagery developed from a personal experience with the creatures; when Finch rented a studio above a restaurant in New York City, it became invaded by rats.

"The rats, although very real in that they were frequenters in my studio, started visiting me in my sleep. My studio became a place to invade and destroy. The destruction was not only of objects, but also my privacy in my sacred space. I became paranoid during my waking hours in my studio. I could feel them watching me," says Finch. "I became obsessed with the rats. I started painting them as my way to wage war. The rats are a more direct link to my subconscious than my other works. They are also more informal. The canvas is unprimed and raw, many times stretched over scraps of wood. The finish is matte. This is so that the creature is not something you may want to stroke. Instead, you may look at the animal's coat and know where it's been, and what it has been eating. The rats I paint look as though they are busy -- busy in mischief. They persist regardless of what you may feel about them. One can almost admire and despise them simultaneously."

Finch, who has established both her home and her studio, Fire Ant Studio, in Narrowsburg, grew up in Texas in an artistic family. She received her education at the School of

LIZA PHILLIPS

at Arts Center's Loft Gallery



BIG LAPSE (detail), 2003 - digital print on ricepaper, 70"x60"

Liza Phillips Opens at Arts Center's Loft Gallery

An exhibit of work by Liza Phillips opens in the Loft Gallery with a reception on Friday, September 12, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Delaware Arts Center, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. The show runs through Saturday, November 1, 2003.

Using her own unique combination of high and low technology, Phillips creates lush abstractions that evoke landscape, filled with organic shapes, calligraphic line, texture, and subtle color.

"This work begins with sand, sculpted, photographed, and then digitally altered to adjust color and contrast, or to create a collage of repeating elements from one or more pictures," says Phillips. "Using conventions of landscape photography and painting, I think of the square of turf in front of me as both the canvas and the ground underfoot. I enjoy working with high and low technology to achieve hybrid forms of abstraction. The layering of relief-sculpture landscapes with digital photography, and various modes of output and display, allows for a dialogue to emerge between the disciplines. Interesting questions arise for me about the way simple images collect or shed meanings as they are viewed in different contexts and seen from different angles."

Phillips received her MFA degree from Chelsea College of Art and Design in London and her undergraduate degree from Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, NY. She also did a summer residency program at Skowhegan School in Maine. Solo exhibitions of Phillips' work have appeared in Washington, DC, London, England, and Long Island City, NY. Many prestigious curated group shows have included Phillips' work, such as Sculpture Center in Long Island City, NY, Hunter College Times Square Gallery and White Columns in New York City, Grand Central Arts Center, Santa Ana, CA, and Momenta Gallery and Pierogi 2000, both in Brooklyn, NY. Phillips has been reviewed in *The New York Times*, *Time Out New York*, *Eye Candy*, *ArtScene*, and *LA* among other publications.

Liza Phillips' exhibit is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. Funding for the exhibit is possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts. Music for the opening reception is provided by the Ill Winds Chamber Ensemble. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. For more information call the gallery at 252-7576.

CineArt



Whale Rider



CineArt Series Returns

CineArt, the favorite film series of area audiences, opens its new season of quality independent, alternative and foreign films on Wednesday, September 10th at the Callicoon Theater with *Whale Rider* (PG-13), a coming-of-age tale set in a small New Zealand coastal village. CineArt is co-sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) and the Callicoon Theater, Callicoon, New York. The season will run through June, 2004.

Niki Caro directs Vicky Haughton, Keisha Castle-Hughes and Rawiri Paratene, among others, in an empowering and uplifting film that Frank Oching of *Movie Eye* calls "poignant, intelligent, courageous and informative... (it) dares to take on the imagination of children and their adult counterparts and whisk them away..."

Whale Rider will be shown on Wednesday and Thursday, September 10 and 11, at 7:30;

Friday, September 12, at 9:45 p.m.; Saturday, September 13, at 2 & 9:45 p.m.; and Sunday, September 14, at 2 p.m. Times for the late movies are approximate. Please call the theater for exact times. Admission is \$6.50. One dollar from each admission and a percentage of the profits benefit DVAA's programs and services. The Callicoon Theater is located on Upper Main Street in Callicoon, NY.

For more information, please call the theater's 24-hour Movieline at 845/887-4460.



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2003 PHOTOGRAPHERS' FELLOWSHIP FUND

The Center for Photography at Woodstock, 59 Tinker Street, Woodstock, NY, will award two \$1000 fellowships to regional photographers. There is no entry fee, and if selected, your award may be used in any way you wish to advance your creative career. You will also be invited to include a print in the CPW Permanent Print Collection at the Samuel Dorsky Museum, NY. Deadline: September 15, 2003. For eligibility and rules for portfolio entry, call 845/679-9957 or fax 845/679-6337.

ARTS GRANTS SEMINAR DATES SET

Grants for cultural programs are available through the Decentralization (DEC) Program of the New York State Council on the Arts, which is administered in Sullivan County by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. DEC is offering \$18,000 to fund arts programs such as concerts, arts publications, exhibits, literary programs, lectures, theater performances, film screenings, workshops, etc. Grant guidelines and applications are now available at the Delaware Arts Center, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY, or by calling Dorothy Hartz at 845-252-7576. Sullivan County nonprofit arts organizations, municipalities or individual artists (whose projects are conducted through a nonprofit organization) that wish to create, produce or present cultural programs or arts projects during 2004 are eligible to apply for these grants.

Attendance at one of the three grant writing seminars is mandatory for first time applicants, but all potential applicants are strongly urged to attend one. They are free and open to the public. The seminars will include information on the program's priorities and review criteria, contractual obligations, and budget and narrative development. They will be held:

Tuesday, September 2, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Legislators' Chambers, Sullivan County Government Center
100 North Street, Monticello, New York

Saturday, September 6, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Delaware Arts Center
37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, New York

Tuesday, September 9, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum
1031 Old Route 17, Livingston Manor, New York

Completed grant applications must be submitted to the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance by Friday, October 17, 2003.

Applicants are notified of the decision by mid- January, 2004, and projects may begin immediately thereafter. For further information about eligibility and assistance with proposal development, please call Dorothy Hartz at 845/252-757.

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Cultural Calendar

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November 22 - Dec. 20

Valley Artist Holiday Show & Sale, sponsored by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, Delaware Arts Center Gallery, 37 Main St., Narrowsburg, N.Y. Free. Information: 252-7576.

December 5

Exhibit: "Theme Tree" with adult play & music, sponsored by Sullivan County Historical Society, 7 p.m., Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, N.Y. Admission: \$2. Information: 434-8044.

December 6

Exhibit: "Theme Tree" Children's Spectacular, sponsored by Sullivan County Historical Society, 2 p.m., Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, N.Y. Free. Information: 434-8044.

December 6-7

Holiday Gift, Craft & Collective Show, Liberty Museum & Arts Center, 46 South Main St., Liberty, NY. Information: 292-2394.

December 7

Exhibit: Winter Members Show, sponsored by the Catskill Art Society, 2-4pm, Catskill Art Society-Beck Gallery, Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY. Free. Information: 436-4227.

January 24 - February 13

Exhibit: Textiles & pottery by Buff McAllister & Cecily Fortescue, sponsored by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, Delaware Arts Center Gallery, 37 Main St., Narrowsburg, N.Y. Opening reception: Sat., Jan. 24, 2 - 4 p.m. Free. Information: 252-7576.

February 21 - March 12

Exhibit: Portrait paintings by George Towne, sponsored by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, Delaware Arts Center Gallery, 37 Main St., Narrowsburg, N.Y. Opening reception: Sat., Feb. 21, 2 - 4 p.m. Free. Information: 252-7576.

Braman Arts Conservatory is now taking registration for the Fall Semester. Classes begin the week of September 8th. Braman Arts offers classes in theatre, dance, music language and writing. Adult and childrens classes are offered in each area. Feel free to call or stop by during class times to sign up. To view a schedule visit The Braman at www.bramanarts.org

New to the faculty this fall is Colin Bergkamp, guitar instructor, who will be offering private and group guitar lessons on Monday afternoons.

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Around the Area

FEATURING OCCASIONAL PROFILES OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

DELAWARE VALLEY OPERA SHOWCASES...

Audiences can look forward this season to three recitals presented by Delaware Valley Opera, one showcasing talented young local performers and two featuring accomplished professional sopranos who have recently relocated to the Upper Delaware Valley.

On October 12, mezzo Amanda Boyd Bailey of North Branch will perform opera excerpts and music of Mozart, R. Strauss, Poulenc, and Copland. A recent arrival from London, England, Bailey has performed in the UK with the Welsh National Opera, London Opera



Amanda Boyd Bailey

Players, Early Opera Company, and Opera North, winning awards along the way. She also starred in "Lucia," a film adaptation of Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor," which opened to acclaim at the 1999 Edinburgh Film

Festival. The "tiny woman with a fabulous voice" (Marianne Gray, *The Evening Standard*) has also ventured into pop music, touring the US as lead singer for "The Art of Noise."

On October 26, a Youth Program

of promising singers and dancers will be presented.

On November 9, Dorothy Stone



Dorothy Stone Andrade

Andrade of New York City and Beach Lake, PA will perform. Andrade has

received rave reviews for her performances as a dramatic soprano on the concert stage, in opera and operetta as well as in recital. Her voice has been compared to the legendary Eileen Farrell and Helen Traubel. Founder of Campo Doro, a training retreat for students of opera located at her home in Beach Lake, Ms. Andrade has created and authored both the "Singing for the Actor" and "Acting for the Singer" curriculums for the Lee Strasberg Theatre Institute under the auspices of New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, where she is on the voice faculty. She is also a faculty member of the American Musical and Dramatic Academy.

Venues and times of these concerts are listed in the Cultural Calendar.

Poetry Reading: "Love, Lust & All That Jazz"

Two award-winning local poets will be performing in Krause Recital Hall at Delaware Arts Center, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg on Sunday, November 2 at 3:00 p.m.

Dale Laszig is a member of the Upper Delaware Writers Collective and has performed readings recently with "Triad" dance company which has choreographed some of her poems. She has performed most recently at the Liberty Museum & Arts Center and at "The Hosting of the Bards" in Callicoon as well as at the Catskill Art Society. Her chapbook, "Dances and Lies," was published by Stillwaters Press in New Jersey. She lives with her husband, Ed, on a farm near Honesdale, Pa.

Walter Keller has lived in Swan Lake, NY for 32 years and has been creating poetry for 44 years. Most recently he was the 25 year proprietor of The Great Liberty Craft & Trading Co. Additionally he was the ten year host of "The People Talk Back" call-in show and he continues to be host of "First Class Classics," an LP -- only classical music show. Walter has published three volumes and his latest poetry collection will be published in 2004. His poetry and prose have appeared in 75 anthologies, periodicals and newspapers. He has often performed his poems with improvisational music under the name "Lunch with Clothes On."

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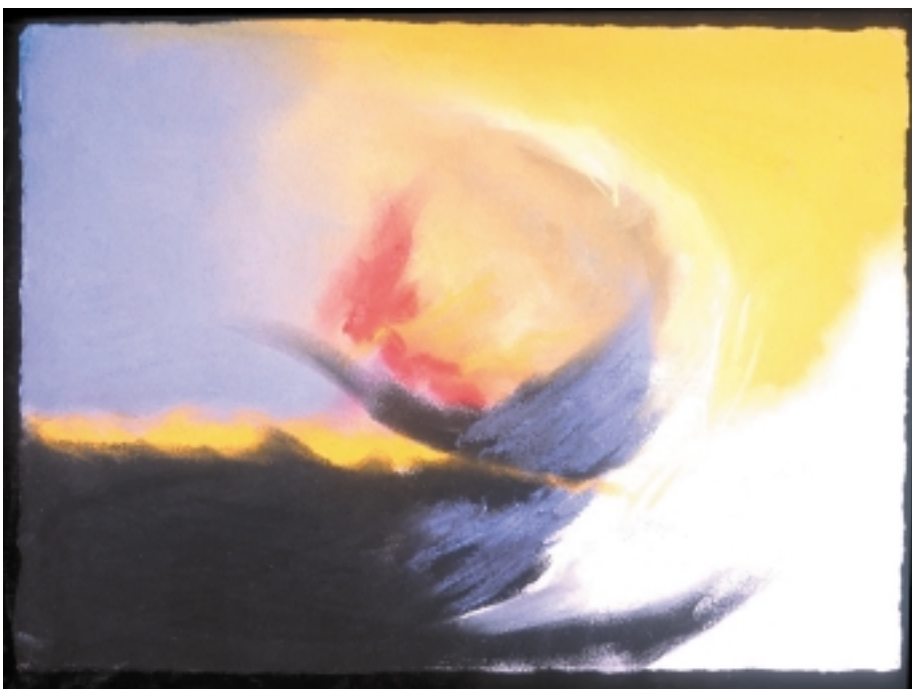
Keep your calendars open for "Digit," a video exposition highlighting the work of artists that create audio and video compositions with digital tools.

Digit will be held April 23-25, 2004. Video showcases, lectures,



technology, software demos and seminars will be held throughout the weekend at the Tusten Theatre and the Gloria Krause Recital Hall in Narrowsburg, NY.

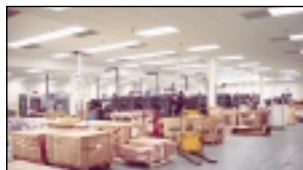
A steering committee that includes Daria Dorosh, John Tomlinson, Chris Andreola, Marcia Nehemiah, Patrick Carullo, Yoke Bauer and John DiGiorgio, Ron Litke, David Duke and Elaine Giguere invites those who would like to participate in planning, logistics or jurying to contact DVAA at 252-7576.



Pastels by Kazzrie Jaxson and pottery by David Dobson will be featured in an exhibit opening on September 7th from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY. Sponsored by the Catskill Art Society, the exhibit runs through September 30.

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