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Vibeke Saugestad, Daria Grace and Sara Milonovich became friends and collaborators while living in the Hudson Valley city of Beacon. “As like-minded people, we all got together one day and discovered we have similar taste in music and we also share a liking for cheese, European licorice and wine. We decided to call ourselves the Wynotte Sisters because we said, ‘We should play more together!’ or ‘We should try this song!’ or ‘Would you like another glass of wine?’ and we would say, ‘Why not?’”

Sara Milonovich, who has performed at RAG several times, is an award-winning fiddler and singer. She performs with her own band Daisycutter, in a supporting role alongside many others on the folk singer-songwriter circuit, and as a stand-in violinist with the hit Broadway musical *Come From Away*. Daria Grace’s full-time band is the Pre-War Ponies, which digs up obscure tunes from the 1920s through the 1940s and gives them new life. Vibeke Saugestad is a Norwegian pop-rock singer and literary translator. Her bands Weld and Tinkerbell both received high praise and success overseas.

Sara, Dara and Vibeke have joined together to create a show of holiday songs you may—or may not—know. Any which way, with folk-punk-pop-licorice and wine … they are bound to amp up the holiday spirit!

The Roxbury Arts Group will be enforcing COVID-19 protocols, including collecting information for contact tracing. It is requested that tickets are purchased in advance: please visit roxburyartsgroup.org to purchase tickets and to see the full COVID protocols.

My Witch: The Margaret Hamilton Stories at the Bridge Street Theatre in Catskill

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A Changing Landscape at Carrie Haddad Gallery

Carrie Haddad Gallery is pleased to present “A Changing Landscape” featuring the work of Jane Bloodgood-Abrams, Tracy Helgeson, John Kelly, James Kimak, Eileen Murphy, Regina Quinn, Judy Reynolds, and Carl Grauer. The exhibit is on view through January 16.

What we have come to embrace in landscape painting in the 21st century has come a long way from the aesthetics associated with the Hudson River School of the mid-19th century. A movement that was marked by dramatic form and vigorous technique has evolved to adapt a softer, more intimate way of perceiving the landscape. The accomplished group of artists to be showcased in this year’s landscape exhibit encapsulate our favorite traits of the genre; loose brushstrokes, hard edge realism, and abstract form illustrate an emotive response to our natural environment, something highly evocative yet entirely intangible.

Jane Bloodgood-Abrams first exhibited with the gallery in 1993 after Carrie awarded her ‘Best in Show’ at the Young Artists of the Hudson Valley exhibit at Clermont Historic site. A resident of Kingston, NY, her iconic depictions of the Hudson River winding towards the Catskills are a backdrop for a sky illuminated by the setting sun; a daily experience most locals compare to as otherworldly. In her recent work, Bloodgood-Abrams enjoys a return to working in larger format where the viewer feels enveloped in the imagery. Whether a soft tonal moonscape or a dramatic aerial view at sunset, the artist aims to express the pervading light and atmosphere of the Hudson Valley.

Tracy Helgeson juxtaposes bold color and simple compositions in her color field paintings on wood panel. Her modern view of the landscape is energized by a red ground, which enlivens the paired down forms of trees and bushes that straddle the horizon line. Her first exhibit with the gallery was in 2005, making her a true and beloved veteran!

Eileen Murphy brings a level of skill and keen attention to detail with photo-realist landscapes on panel capturing the beauty of the surrounding Columbia County area. Rooted trees, down to the leaves, are meticulously painted with the finest brush you can imagine. Light and shadow, form and foliage is built up with layers of oil to create an illusion of realism that can only be described as enchanted.

For their inaugural exhibit with the gallery, Regina Quinn and James Kimak will exhibit charming landscape paintings made with encaustic and oil, respectively. Hailing from the Northern Catskills, Quinn reflects on her surroundings of rolling hills, lakes covered with morning fog, or fields of fresh snow with intimate compositions made of watercolor, oil, and encaustic. In the past year, she has received the Faber Birren National Color Award and the Cooperstown Art Association's Essential Art Grand Prize. Kimak, who lives in Orangeburg, NY, has worked in creative design and illustration since 1976. He launched his career as an artist in 1993 with a successful solo show at the Edward Hopper Museum in Nyack. It’s no coincidence that Hopper’s dramatic use of light and shadow, saddling the boundaries of abstraction and realism, is a major influence on Kimak’s current work, which captures scenes of barns amidst bucolic farmland or quaint country homes sitting quietly against the stretches of vast forest. The artist has won the Gold Medal for Excellence in Painting from the Rockport MA Art Association & Museum and served on the board of the Edward Hopper Museum for many years.

John Kelly, Judy Reynolds, and Carl Grauer rely on painting from life. Settled into their chosen setting, they choose to paint outdoors where they feel the influence of transience, shifting light, passing winds, and changing seasons. The brushstrokes relay a refreshing quality of immediacy as they capture a view in real time.

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In past years, I’ve had great success with Ragged Jack kale, which my husband and I enjoy in curries and soups. This year, just as I was anticipating the cooler fall season when kale develops its best flavor, zebra moth caterpillars devoured every leaf, leaving only the ribs. Fall is when these pests show up; the eggs can’t hatch if the temperature climbs above 90° or falls below 50°. Neem oil may be a good control, so I have made a note to try it next fall. Because Ragged Jack overwinters reliably, I’m hoping for a spring crop from the plants that survived the onslaught.

More successful has been a planting of Swiss chard, specifically Fordhook Giant, which also overwinters, sending up robust, green leaves that are especially welcome while spring-planted greens are still too small to harvest. I was so happy with last year’s crop that I planted a whole row this year. My resolution for next year is to remember that two or three plants are more than enough to keep a two-person household of chard-lovers well supplied.

Two other successes were “Sugar Cube” muskmelon and “Cross Country” cucumbers. After a year in which every melon and cucumber in my garden perished early, I chose these varieties for their disease resistance. Hurrah! Both proved healthy. “Sugar Cube” is named for its sweetness and compact size, perfect for two people to share. It delighted in every way. Grown up a trellis, its height kept our resident groundhog from molesting the fruit. “Cross Country” stayed healthy and produced steadily, if slowly, until the first November frost. A pickling cucumber, it’s also tasty fresh off the vine. In my garden, though, the vines were small and less productive than other cucumber varieties I have grown. I’ll plant a lot of “Cross Country” next year, with an extra dose of organic fertilizer, and hope for a more bountiful crop.

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6050 Main Street | Tannersville, NY 12485

Tickets: $25 General Admission. LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE
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Our COVID safety protocols will be displayed when you purchase tickets. You must agree to our protocols before purchase.

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Star Gazing in the Catskills

The colder, clearer evenings of winter are perfect for enjoying the constellations, and the dark skies of the Catskills offer some of the best star gazing in New York State. These photos show the best visible constellations and star clusters in the sky during winter in the Northeast: Orion, Gemini, Hyades (The Bull’s Eye), Ursa Major & Minor and Draco, Cassiopeia, Andromeda, Perseus, and Auriga. If you’re having trouble locating these constellations, you can always use a star chart or one of the many free astronomy apps on your phone to help you find them, as well as other deep-sky objects in the night sky.

Orion. Photo by Erkki Makkonen/shutterstock.com
Constellation Gemini against the background of the night sky.

Elements of this image were furnished by NASA. Image by Artsiom P/shutterstock.com
The Hyades star cluster, the nearest cluster to Earth. Photo by NASA, ESA/Hubble, and STScI.
Beautiful night sky with the constellations Ursa Major, Ursa Minor, and Draco.
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A back-yard view of the constellation Cassiopeia. The center bar of the Milky Way Galaxy runs through the middle of the constellation and the image. Photo by A. Fujii, ESA/Hubble
The Andromeda Galaxy, located in the Andromeda constellation, is one of the few visible to the unaided eye, appearing as a milky blur. Photo by Valerio Pardi/shutterstock.com
Perseus constellation stars on the night sky. Elements of this image were furnished by NASA.
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Auriga, “The Charioteer”. Elements of this image were furnished by NASA. Image by Pike-28/shutterstock.com
The Catskill Mountain Foundation’s Piano Performance Museum reopens to the public on Fridays and Saturdays, from 11am to 3pm by appointment only. Please call the CMF Reservation Line at 518 263 2063, to make an appointment to visit the museum. We will return your call as soon as possible to confirm your appointment.

The docent tour is approximately 30 minutes. Appointments are available for a maximum of three people at a time. Masks are required and temperatures will be recorded at the door and visitors will be asked to answer a short questionnaire related to Covid 19. During the pandemic, visitors will be asked not to touch the pianos or other artifacts on display in the museum. CMF staff have established healthful guidelines for your visit to the museum to provide as safe an environment as possible for visitors and staff. We welcome you and look forward to showing you our extraordinary collection of historical pianos from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.

NOW OPEN BY APPOINTMENT!

Doctorow Center for the Arts
7971 Main Street, Route 23A, Hunter, New York • www.catskillmtn.org

Hours: By Appointment Only, Fridays & Saturdays 11am-3pm.

Please email ppm@catskillmtn.org or call 518 263 2063 to request an appointment

The CMF Piano Performance Museum is funded in part by the Jarvis and Constance Doctorow Family Foundation
The MOUNTAIN CINEMA
in Hunter IS OPEN!*  

*Subject to change based on guidance from New York State regarding containment of COVID-19  
Please visit catskillmtn.org for updates

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PLEASE visit catskillmtn.org or  
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Shows open on Friday & run through Sunday.

Ticket Prices: $11 / $9 seniors & children under 11

View each week’s schedule and view trailers  
for our films online at www.catskillmtn.org

The movie theater at the Orpheum Film & Performing Arts Center in Tannersville  
will be closed until further notice.

YOUR SAFETY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY
To ensure the safety of our patrons and staff, we have instituted the following procedures:

• Masks are required except when seated to drink or eat  
  unless proof of vaccination is provided
• You must wait to be seated
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  do not enter the theater until escorted.
• We strongly encourage you to purchase your tickets in advance.  
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  you’d like to see to choose your showing and reserve your seat!

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Call 518 263 2001 for more information

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As the year comes to an end, this is a good time to think back on adventures you have enjoyed in the Catskills and consider all of the hard work that has gone into making your experience more enjoyable in the great outdoors. In addition to the land management staff for major landowners, there is an army of volunteers who spend thousands of hours every year maintaining the trails, fire towers and lean-tos of the Catskills. These hardworking volunteers partner with land managers such as the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and many smaller landowners who open their lands to public recreation.

Many of the organizations that help manage these volunteers and work towards improving the Catskills are small nonprofits that rely on donations and gifts from individuals who care about the Catskills. That support translates directly into the protection and preservation of the Catskills!

**Hike the Catskills with the Hiker Trash Husbands**

For years, my husband and I have been trying to find ways to better communicate the love that we have for the outdoors and for hiking, to our friends and family who don’t necessarily get out as much as we do. One of the ways we discovered how to do that was to start a YouTube channel about our hiking adventures. Thus was born the idea for The Hiker Trash Husbands, which you can now find on YouTube with lots of hikes in the Catskills at youtube.com/thehikertrashhusbands.

For both of us, The Hiker Trash Husbands is not only a way to show friends and family our hiking adventures, but an effort to provide positive LGBTQ+ representation in the hiking world. We’re looking forward to showcasing our own hiking adventures, along with finding other queer outdoors folks to highlight as we build this effort out. You can learn more by visiting our website at www.hikertrashhusbands.com.

**Catskill Park Day Coming in February**

Help Support the Catskills!

Organized annually by the Catskill Center, the 2022 Catskill Park Day will be held virtually on Tuesday, February 1, 2022. This day is an opportunity for supporters of the Catskills to have their voice heard in Albany and to make a difference in the support and funding that the Park receives. For more information visit www.catskillcenter.org/advocacy or call 845.586.2611.

**Hikers, Walkers and Mountain Bikers, Be Alert During Seasonal Hunting Seasons**

Regular (rifle) season for deer hunting began on November 20 and runs through December 12. Bow season picks back up on...
#RecreateResponsibly in the Catskills

The #RecreateResponsibly guidelines give some sound advice on how to get outdoors right now. When you choose to recreate responsibly, you are doing your part to keep yourself and others safe and healthy.

Know Before you Go:
Check the status of the place you want to visit. If it is closed, don’t go. If it’s crowded, have a plan B.

Plan Ahead:
Prepare for facilities to be closed, pack lunch and bring essentials like hand sanitizer and a mask.

Stay Close to Home:
This is not the time to travel long distances to recreate. Most places are only open for day use.

Practice Physical Distancing:
Adventure only with your immediate household. Be prepared to cover your nose and mouth and give others space.
If you are sick, stay home.

Play It Safe:
Slow down and choose lower-risk activities to reduce your risk of injury. Search and rescue operations and health care resources are both strained.

Leave No Trace:
Respect public lands and communities and take your garbage with you, including disposable gloves and masks.

We all have a shared responsibility to care for these places and ensure they remain for future generations to enjoy. Lead by example and join the Catskill Center and the Catskills Visitor Center in learning how to #RecreateResponsibly at recreateresponsibly.org.

Visit the Catskill Park’s Visitor Center
Located in Mount Tremper, NY at 5096 Route 28, the Congressman Maurice D. Hinchey Catskills Visitor Center (CVC) is the official visitor center for the Catskill Park. Operated and managed by the Catskill Center, staff are available at the CVC with information, maps and all the advice needed to plan a Catskill adventure. The CVC is open every day, except for Tuesdays, from 9:30 am to 4 pm. Visitors can get their Catskill questions answered in person, receive tourism literature, and make purchases at the CVC’s shop that includes hiking maps, regional books, and much more. CVC staff are also available to answer questions about the Catskills and the Catskill Park via email at info@catskillcenter.org or phone at 845 688 3369.

In addition to tourism services, there are 1.5 miles of trails on the CVC’s grounds, including the 0.5 mile ADA accessible Interpretive Loop Trail, which are open to the public daily. The 80-foot tall Upper Esopus Fire Tower is also open daily to visitors, offering unrivaled views of the surrounding mountains and Esopus Creek valley. Picnic tables are available on site for those who wish to enjoy a picnic lunch.

Visitors can explore the ever expanding resources available online for the CVC on the web at catskillsvisitorcenter.org, the CVC’s Facebook page at facebook.com/catskillsvisitorcenter, and the CVC on Instagram @catskills.visitor.center.

Catskill Park Updates now Available for the Catskills Online
Local recreational opportunities are always changing and by visiting the Catskills Visitor Center’s Trail Conditions blog, you can stay on top of those changes. Staff at the Visitor Center are regularly posting updates related to the Catskill Park, Catskill trails, Catskill campgrounds and camping, Catskill boating, and more at catskillsvisitorcenter.org/trail.

Catskill Park Advisory Committee
The Catskill Park Advisory Committee (CPAC) was established by the Catskill Center in consultation with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and is composed of representatives from local governments and organizations. The Committee is chaired by the Catskill Center and provides a forum for communities, user groups and stakeholders of the Catskill Park and the Catskill Watershed to discuss issues of regional importance. The purpose of the Committee is to provide assistance, advice and guidance to the DEC, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection and other land managers in the management of the New York State Forest Preserve, the Catskill Park and the Catskill Watershed.

Meetings are held quarterly and are open to the public. If you’d like to learn more, join the mailing list or attend the next meeting, please contact the Catskill
Give Back to the Catskills
The natural beauty, the majesty of the mountains, the Catskill Forest Preserve, the region’s natural and cultural resources, all need your help! By supporting the work of the Catskill Center, you support: stewardship of our Catskill Park and its vast natural resources; the Center’s collaborative spirit as we convene, create partnerships and facilitate discussions that benefit the region; and the Center’s work to support education, arts and culture throughout the Catskills.

Most importantly, know that by being a member and supporter of the Catskill Center you are helping protect and preserve the Catskill Mountains that we all love. This glorious Park will be even better preserved than before because of our collective hard work.

To support the work of the Catskill Center, make a donation online at www.catskillcenter.org/donate or donate by mail with a check made out to the “Catskill Center” and mailed to Catskill Center, PO Box 504, Arkville, NY 12406.

Jeff Senterman is the Executive Director of the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development in Arkville, NY, a member of the Board of Directors for the American Hiking Society, the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce. Jeff graduated with a degree in Environmental Science from Lyndon State College and worked for many years as an Environmental Planner in New England before coming back to New York and the Catskills in the nonprofit sector. To learn more about the work of the Catskill Center in the Catskills, visit www.catskillcenter.org.
Calendar of Events

This is just a sampling of all of the events in the Catskills this December. To request that your event be included in future calendars, please email tafts@catskillmtn.org

Please call ahead or visit the website for each event to confirm details.

THROUGH DECEMBER 12

The Nutcracker
The Catskill Mountain Foundation, in cooperation with the former Metropolitan Opera ballerina Victoria Rinaldi and choreographer Margo Sappington, presents the world’s favorite ballet, The Nutcracker! Tickets: $25.
Location: Catskill Mountain Foundation’s Orpheum Film & Performing Arts Center, 6050 Main Street, Tannersville
Dates: Saturdays, December 4 & 11 @ 2:00 & 7:30 pm; Sundays, December 5 & 12 @ 2:00 pm
More Info: catskillmtn.org

THROUGH DECEMBER 19

Indoor Guided Tours at the Thomas Cole National Historic Site
Join a 45-minute Indoor Guided Tour of the Main House and Old Studio with a Museum Educator to learn about the artist and early environmentalist Thomas Cole (1801-1848). Advance tickets are required.
Location: Thomas Cole National Historic Site, 218 Spring Street, Catskill
Dates: Friday through Sunday, December 3-5, December 10-12 and December 17-19
More Info: thomascole.org

“Handle With Care,” by Jason Odell Williams, directed by Brendan Burke
Ayelet, a young Israeli woman is on holiday in the United States with her grandmother when tragedy strikes on Christmas Eve. Ayelet, speaking no English, finds herself having to make her way through it with Josh, a young American handicapped in both Hebrew and romance in this heartwarming holiday romantic comedy.
Location: The MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES, 157 Canal Street, Ellenville
Dates: Friday through Sunday, December 3-5, December 10-12 and December 17-19
More Info: shadowlandstages.org

A Frosty Fest
Featuring Holiday Nights – Spectacular Lights. Over One Million Lights. North Pole with Santa - A Drive-Thru Experience Enjoyed in the Comfort of Your Own Vehicle. Additional Attractions: Bubbles the Christmas Bear, The Forest Snowman, Dasher the Reindeer, Frosty’s Animated Musical Light Show, Candy Cane Lane, Frosty’s Enchanted Forest (Drive thru), Glistening Garden Celebrating the dancing trees of Nature, Magical Mansion. Frosty’s Magical Adventure - a 3D walk-through and Blizzard the Polar Bear. All included in the Ticket Price. Purchase tickets online.
Location: Headless Horseman Haunted Attractions, 778 Broadway (Route 9W), Ulster Park
Dates: Friday through Sunday, December 3-5, December 10-12 and December 17-19
More Info: arostyfest.com

Snowflake Festival
The Kingston Business Association presents the annual Snowflake Festival. Fun events for the whole family. Featuring main stage performances, fire twirlers, juggler, ice carving, stilt band, fiddlers, dancers, singers, Christmas tree lighting and a visit from Santa Claus.
Location: North Front and Wall Street, Kingston
Hours: 6-8 pm
More Info: kuba.network

John Sebastian’s Jug Band Village
A look back at Jug Band music in Greenwich Village with visits to Fred Neil and Tim Hardin with Steve Boone (Lovin’ Spoonful), Paul Rishell and Annie Raines, Cindy Cashdollar, Jimmy Vivino and James Wormworth.
Location: Bearsville Theater, 291 Tinker Street, Woodstock
Hours: 8:30 pm
More Info: bearviletheater.com

DECEMBER 3

Woodstock Holiday Open House
Join us for a festive evening of holiday shopping and dining! Come and see the beautiful window displays, support local shops, and enjoy the magic of the holidays in Woodstock.
Location: Woodstock
Hours: 4-9 pm
More Info: On Facebook: search for “Woodstock Holiday Open House”

Art Yard Sale at the D.R.A.W.
Need art supplies? Come by The D.R.A.W. Studio to rummage and be inspired! Donations of various art-making materials collected over the course of the year will be for sale by donation. All proceeds go to The D.R.A.W. and will support programming and scholarship.
Location: The D.R.A.W. Studio, 20 Cedar Street, Kingston
Hours: 12-5 pm
More Info: drawkingston.org

DECEMBER 4

Greene’s Candy Cane Christmas Festival
Join us for the 1st Annual Greene’s Candy Cane Christmas Festival! Come support small business vendors from all over Greene County and surrounding areas. Grab a hot chocolate and shop for that perfect Christmas gift. Craft and food vendors and children’s activities. Santa Claus will be visiting from 2:30-5pm. 50/50 raffle. All proceeds will go to local families in need for this Christmas.
Location: Mountain Avenue, Cairo
Hours: 1-7 pm
More Info: facebook.com/greenschristmas

DECEMBER 23

Catskill Christmas Express
The Catskill Christmas Express will take passengers on a 60 minute trip through the Catskill Forest to Santa’s Workshop at the North Pole. We will be using our open-air flat cars which will be festively lit and decorated—so bundle up and bring a blanket! Passenger count will be limited to 140 passengers to allow for distancing. Santa will greet each train as it goes by. Santa will not be getting on the train. Each passenger will receive an individually wrapped cookie from a local bakery. After passing the North Pole, everyone will receive a small gift!
Location: Catskill Mountain Railroad, 55 Kingston Plaza Road, Kingston
Dates: December 3-5, December 10-12, December 17-19 and December 22-23
More Info: catskillmountainrailroad.com

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!
DECEMBER 11
Santa at High Falls Fire District
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Location: 333 Firehouse Road, High Falls  
Hours: 9-12 pm  
More Info: highfallsfd.org

Second Annual Holiday Hoopla Parade and Winter Carnival
Parade will kick-off at noon from the New Paltz Middle School and process to Hasbrouck Park located at 15 Mohonk Avenue in New Paltz, which is the site for the Winter Carnival. The Office for Community Wellness is excited to be working in collaboration with our co-sponsor, Ulster Prevention Council, as well as numerous businesses, treatment providers, local businesses, organizations, and volunteers to bring this event to the community. The “Holiday Hoopla” parade’s purpose is to bring good cheer and lightness, raise the spirits of the community, and let the community know they are cared for and not alone. The Winter Carnival will have lots of good food, family fun, and festivities for all!  
Location: New Paltz Middle School, 196 Main Street, New Paltz  
Hours: 9-12 pm  
More Info: townofnewpaltz.org

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Location: The Rosendale Theater, 408 Main Street, Rosendale  
Hours: 2 pm  
More Info: rosendaletheater.org

DECEMBER 10
Andy Frasco & The U.N Live at Bearsville Theater  
Born and raised in California, Andy Frasco with his band The U.N. has released a series of acclaimed records, shared bills with the likes of Leon Russell, Galactic, Gary Clark, Jr., The Revivalists, and Marcus King among others, and slayed festival stages all over the world.  
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Hours: 8:00 pm  
More Info: bearsvilletheater.com

Athens Annual Victorian Stroll
Families and friends gather for a free, fun-filled day in celebration of the annual Athens Victorian Stroll. Up and down the historic village’s Second Street, Athens Riverfront Park and all around the Village, businesses, residents and community organizations host family-friendly activities, free goodies to eat and entertainment galore, with nods to Athens past. Family Ice Skating Rink at Athens Riverfront Park, Bring your own skates!  
Location: 24 Second Street, Athens  
Hours: 1-5 pm  
More Info: athensculturalcenter.org

MIHALI PRESENTS MIHALIDAZE live at Bearsville Theater  
Since 2004, Mihali Savoulidis has consistently elevated Twiddle to unparalleled heights on the winds of his articulately nimble six-string sorcery, genre-bending essence, and soulful vocal eloquence. The Vermont band has headlined hallowed stages and festivals in front of sold-out audiences all over the world.  
Location: Bearsville Theater, 291 Tinker Street, Woodstock  
Hours: 7:00 pm  
More Info: bearsvilletheater.com

Give the Gift of Art!
Kick off the holiday season—and get a jumpstart on your holiday gift-giving—at Pinkwater Gallery! We will fête the gallery’s holiday windows, featuring chair sculptures and the woven art of Toni Brogan, along with a live performance by Woodstock-based singer-songwriter Marc Delgado.  
Location: Pinkwater Gallery, 56 North Front Street, Rosendale  
Hours: 5-8 pm  
More Info: pinkwatergallery.com

Hipstitch Academy: Ornament Workshop
Join us for an ornament making workshop! Open to adults and kids (with parents). Free to the public.  
Location: Stamford Library, 117 Main St, Stamford  
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Bringing the Community Together through the Arts

This year, we have already presented several online, virtual performances, many of which are still viewable on our YouTube page. Like and Subscribe so you can see our events LIVE!

YouTube.com/CatskillMountainFoundation

We will continue to work with our artists to offer more virtual, recorded performances for the rest of the year, and will hold a few select limited seating in-person performances.

We are thrilled to be able to present The Nutcracker live in the Orpheum in December 2021.

FOR CLASSICAL MUSIC LOVERS

International Fortepiano Salons with the Academy of Fortepiano Performance
Informal online performances and discussions LIVE on Facebook and YouTube, with guest artists and students from around the world. **All past Salons are still viewable on YouTube!**
1/30/2021: Meet My Piano
2/27/2021: From Ann Arbor to Florence and Vienna
4/24/2021: Women Composers: The Salonnière and The Piano in the 18th-19th Centuries
5/22/2021: Pioneers: Fortepiano in China
6/26/2021: Why Cristofori Matters
10/30/2021: Academy of Fortepiano Performance: Live in Hunter!
11/20/2021: Improvisation in Historical Styles

Academy of Fortepiano Performance
Audrey Axinn, Maria Rose, and Yi-heng Yang, fortepiano
August 24-29, 2021
Featuring faculty, guest artist, and student concerts with limited live audiences. A film featuring highlights from the Academy will be released later in the year on Facebook and YouTube.

A Dramatick Evening in London circa 1700
Labyrinth Baroque Ensemble
Richard Kolb (Music Director) and Tracy Cowart (Stage Director)
Saturday, September 4 @ 8:00pm
The ensemble brings to life the ravishing beauty and wry wit of 17th and 18th century chamber music on period instruments.

American Music on American Pianos
With musicologist Jeffrey Langford and pianist Joanne Polk
Saturday, November 13 @ 2:00pm
A lecture/concert featuring American music played on American pianos in the collection of the Piano Performance Museum.

Windham Festival Chamber Orchestra: Great Music by Mahler, Debussy and Johann Strauss II
Robert Manno, conductor | Nancy Allen Lundy, soprano
Saturday, November 27 @ 8:00pm
Chamber Orchestra versions of great symphonic masterpieces.

FOR DANCE LOVERS

Wanda’s Visit, by Christopher Durang
Featuring Darcy Dunn, Dayna Kurtz, John McCaffrey, & Mark Singer
Still viewable on YouTube!
June 12, 2021 @ 7:30pm
In this madcap farce, a married couple in a stale marriage host an unexpected visit from the husband’s old girlfriend, and she turns out to be the guest from hell.

ZviDance Residency
Zvi Gotheiner, choreographer
Still viewable on YouTube!
Three Weeks in January, 2021
A film of the dancers in residence captures their experience of working in the Catskill Mountains.

Works & Process at the Guggenheim
Directed by Duke Dang
Past films still viewable on YouTube!
4/18/2021: Jamar Roberts and David Watson
4/25/2021: Caleb Teicher & Co with Conrad Tao
6/27/2021: The Jazz Continuum with LaTasha Barnes
7/11/2021: “Unveiling” by Sonja Tayeh

Orpheum Dance Program Performances
Directed by Victoria Rinaldi

The Nutcracker
TWO WEEKENDS, SIX PERFORMANCES!
December 4-5, 2021 @ 2:00 & 7:30pm Saturday, 2:00pm Sunday
December 11-12, 2021 @ 2:00 & 7:30pm Saturday, 2:00pm Sunday
The magic continues with this annual holiday production featuring local ballet students and professional dancers.
### Annual Holiday Food and Toy Drive
Put a smile on a child’s face this Christmas morning by donating a new, unwrapped toy. Hot cocoa and hot coffee available. Fresh, prewrapped baked goodies to go. Accepting donations of hams, turkeys and all the trimmings. Also canned and dry good, juices and personal health and beauty items. Monetary donations accepted.

**Location:** 333 Firehouse Road, High Falls
**Hours:** 12-4 pm
**More Info:** highfallsfd.org

### December 17
#### Jack DeJohnette, Matt Garrison, Don Byron & Luisito Quinero
Bearsville Theater are delighted to welcome the incredible talent of Jack DeJohnette, Matt Garrison, Don Byron & Luisito Quinero, for an evening of exquisite jazz. All four artists are regarded as some of the most technically gifted and iconic figures in modern jazz.

**Location:** Bearsville Theater, 291 Tinker Street, Woodstock
**Hours:** 8:00 pm
**More Info:** bearsvilletheater.com

### December 18
#### Holiday Centerpieces with Natural Materials at Mountain Top Arboretum
Holiday decorations with natural materials bring a sense of authenticity and charm that you won’t find anywhere else. Join us as we build mixed green holiday centerpieces. We will craft with pinecones, greens, berries and branches collected from the Arboretum. Suggested donation of $10 for non-members. No advanced reservations necessary. Please bring a vase or vessel to hold and transport your arrangement. Please also bring pruners or clippers. Attendees are required to be fully vaccinated. Masks must be worn, the program takes place inside. Masks required for unvaccinated children.

**Location:** 4 Maud Adams Road, Tannersville
**Hours:** 10-11:30 am
**More Info:** mtarboretum.org

### December 19
#### Hipstitch Academy: Festive Patchwork Pillow Workshop
Join us for a Patchwork Pillow making workshop! Open to adults and kids ages 8-12 (with parents). $25 per person.

**Location:** Hipstitch Academy Studio, 110 Gaffey Rd, Harpersfield
**Hours:** 11-1 pm
**More Info:** hipstitchacademy.com

### December 21
#### Cultivate Catskill’s 1st Annual Solstice Stroll
Enjoy music and shopping at our local merchants. Enjoy hot cider and more at the Howard Street Park. Please also bring pruners or clippers. Attendees must be fully vaccinated. Masks required for unvaccinated children.

**Location:** Main Street, Catskill
**Hours:** 5-7 pm
**More Info:** cultivatecatskill.org

### December 31
#### New Year’s Eve Fireworks at Windham Mountain
Celebrate the New Year with a spectacular fireworks display! The best view is from the patio at the Lodge at Windham Mountain.

**Location:** 19 Resort Drive, Windham
**Hours:** 8 pm
**More Info:** windhammountain.com

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**DECEMBER 12**

**Chili Fest**
10 entrants providing a variety of different chili styles from vegetarian to venison, held live at the Pine Hill Community Center. The participants will comment, choose and vote for their favorites. Prizes awarded for creativity, originality, tastiness. This event is in conjunction with our silent auction which can be viewed at the website beginning December 6 through December 12. Viewing and bidding online and in person and at the Center.

**Location:** Pine Hill Community Center, 287 Main Street, Pine Hill
**More Info:** pinehillcommunitycenter.org
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