Relaxing in the Catskills means experiencing the great outdoors — paddling the reservoirs, casting a line, roaming the back roads, riding the rails and trails or exploring legendary mountains and the wildlife within.

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Pianist Arnaldo Cohen to Perform in Windham on Saturday, May 25

The Windham Chamber Music Festival presents the brilliant Brazilian-born pianist, Arnaldo Cohen, at the Windham Civic Centre Concert Hall, 5379 Main Street (Route 23), Windham, at a special Memorial Day weekend concert on Saturday, May 25 at 8 pm. Arnaldo Cohen will perform music by Bach/Busoni, Brahms and Chopin.

Now living in the United States, Arnaldo Cohen has a reputation for astonishing his audiences with the musical authority and blistering virtuosity of his performances. “A model of balance and imagination” was Steve Smith’s verdict in his New York Times review of Mr. Cohen’s Town Hall last season.

In addition to Arnaldo Cohen’s piano studies, he also received degrees in Engineering and Violin from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, and started his professional career as a violinist of the Rio de Janeiro Opera House Orchestra. Soon he decided to devote more time to playing piano and in 1972 he won the first prize of the Ferruccio Busoni International Piano Competition.

Cohen has performed as soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Houston Symphony, and many others. Cohen served as a professor of piano at the Royal Academy of Music in London and currently is a professor at the Jacobs School of Music in Indiana.

Reservations for this and any Windham Chamber Music Festival concert can be made at 518 734 3868 or by e-mail to info@windhammusic.com. Tickets (cash or check only) are $25; Seniors (65+): $22 and Contributors: $20. Students (6-23) are admitted to all concerts for $5. Tickets can also be purchased in Windham at the Catskill Mountain Country Store, Carole’s Gift Emporium, and the Windham Public Library. For more information please visit the Windham Chamber Music Festival website at www.windhammusic.com.

Here and There: Local and Distant Landscapes by Three Women Artists

The new exhibit at the Catskill Mountain Foundation’s Kaaterskill Fine Arts Gallery in Hunter New York, titled “Here and There: Local and Distant Landscapes by Three Women Artists,” runs from May 11 to June 16 with an opening reception on Saturday May 11 from 4-6 pm. There will be an Art Talk by the artists on Saturday May 18 from 1 to 2 pm.

This visually compelling show portrays three individual and different visual insights from local artists Olive Farrell, Mara Lehmann and Sheila Trautman. The three veteran artists share personal portraits of their Mountaintop backyards intermingled with scenes of the distant lands that have inspired them in their world travels.

Olive Farrell, from East Durham, approaches her landscapes with a robust use of vibrant color notes dashed on with strong strokes in almost tactile relief. Farrell’s strong and emphatic use of tonal variations pulls the viewer in at once where one finds that her rendering technique, while direct, is far from simple. Her shadows are cloaked in the many shades of nature’s violets. Her sunlights are emphatic depictions of light first, with local color following as needed and with sometimes even peripheral considerations. Ms. Farrell, born in Ireland, charges the Gaelic love of land into every brushstroke.

In contrast, Mara Lehmann from Haines Falls, quietly invites viewers to share her tranquil contemplations of landscapes here and abroad with an artistic generosity matching her panoramic and sometimes monumental homage to nature. Her skillful and muted tones are luxuriant in subtlety and richly rendered, imbuing her paintings with a profound sense of peace. Ms. Lehmann’s paintings exude in one breath the commingling of inspiration and serenity.

Sheila Trautman’s considerable skill and spontaneity as a watercolorist reflects the light, color, texture and mood of the sense of place she envisions throughout the ever-changing landscapes surrounding her. Be it mountains, villages or cityscapes, she lets the colors of the scenes mix freely within her inner vision which resonates on the paper before her, allowing the colors to speak for themselves. Ms. Trautman’s watercolors reflect the fundamental spirit and essence of the landscape here and abroad.

“Kaaterskill Fine Arts Gallery is located in Hunter Village Square, at 7950 Main Street in the Village of Hunter. Gallery hours are Thursday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm, Sunday 10 am to 4 pm, and Monday 10 am to 3 pm. For more information, please call 518 263 2060 or visit www.catskillmtn.org.”

“It Began Here,” by Mara Lehmann
It seemed quite fitting that the artwork of Francia, an internationally acclaimed artist and art teacher, was exhibited on April 7, 2013, The Holocaust and Ghetto Revolt Remembrance Day, known colloquially in Israel and abroad as Yom Hashoah.

As she gave a lecture about her art in the beautifully quaint Catskill Mountain Foundation’s Kaaterskill Fine Arts Gallery, one could not help but feel an increased sense of poignancy at a time when many around the world remembered those victims of the Holocaust.

On first impression Francia’s work appears blithesome in nature—and indeed it is, with purpose. The pastel shades, basic building shapes, flowers, and harlequin masks that consistently appear in each painting evoke a sense of security in the viewer, like what they are looking at is more lighthearted in its nature. However, on closer inspection, one comes to realize the message that Francia is attempting to portray—one of remembrance for the six million lives lost in the Holocaust.

Producing art that reflects such an atrocity as the Holocaust in a way that is aesthetically pleasing to the eye is no easy task. Her art, in this respect, skillfully and simply represents a highly emotive subject in a very gentle and respectful way. Francia’s artistic “tactics” work very well. At the Kaaterskill Fine Arts exhibition, many people spent a lot of time examining her work, having initially been drawn in by the colors and simplicity of the art. And this was the plan, as Francia points out: “[My work] is an attempt to offer a universal language, which contrasts the real with the surreal and is designed to draw viewers of her art in long enough to recognize and value her reflection of Jewish history”.

Inspired by her first visit to Venice, Italy, where she stayed in a Ghetto Nuovo that housed a beautiful old Synagogue, a Jewish museum, and a memorial, Francia was deeply moved by the way in which Jewish people were treated there: enclosed in small, sub-standard houses, surrounded by walls and separated from the community. This experience marked the beginning of her personal search for her Jewish identity within the context of the history of the Jewish people.

As a result of her experiences and her aspirations to find her heritage and remember those victims of the Holocaust, Francia conceived of her Survivor’s Project as a way to document the lives of men, women, and children from various countries in Europe who survived the Holocaust in different ways.

Having chatted with Francia about her work, I soon realized her to be a straight-forward and positive lady. She placed much importance in talking about the celebration of her Jewish heritage—and this is what stood out for me. Her work represents, in her own words, “…the playful aspects of Venetian life and the ghosts of the past hiding in the dark narrow windy streets of the Ghetto.” This statement represents a depth of feeling that Francia holds dear to her heart, that being the need to remember the past sufferings of many Jewish people, while celebrating her heritage for what it means now and in the future.

Francia’s exhibition, while pleasing to the eye, certainly conveyed an important message—that the Holocaust and the genocide that befell more that six million Jewish people throughout Europe sixty years ago, should never be forgotten. Simultaneously, her work illustrated other important aspects. Her paintings celebrated Jewish tradition, which in her own words, “…[acted] as a bridge between the past, present, and future … and brings together the creative process, historical documentation and symbolism of Jewish life”.

Stylish, aesthetically pleasing, intriguing, and emotive are some of the words that I would use in describing Francia’s artwork. Overall, I have to say that I was inspired by what I saw and with the woman I met. Should you ever have the chance to attend one of her future exhibitions, I would thoroughly recommend that you take advantage of the opportunity to do so. In the meantime, however, you can view her artwork and acquaint yourself with her exhibit calendar at: www.studiofrancia.com.
The Launch of the Orpheum Dance Festival

The Catskill Mountain Foundation recently announced the launch of the Orpheum Dance Festival as part of its 2013 season. This new Festival will offer a special focus on pairing live music with dance in two spectacular performances: one by Paul Taylor Dance Company on May 22 and the second by its outreach and education wing, Taylor 2, on May 11. Between May 6 and 26, keep an eye out on Main Street in Tannersville for Taylor 2 dancers and students of the Orpheum Academy of Dance and other groups who will have an opportunity to learn Paul Taylor choreography as part of the residency outreach to Catskill Region communities. This residency is funded in part by the New York State Council for the Arts to enable broader exposure to dance teaching and performance in areas outside of New York City. The Catskill Mountain Foundation is excited to be bringing the Paul Taylor Dance Company to the Greene County Mountaintop, and is already working with other New York City dance companies on future dance residencies to be hosted at the Orpheum.

The Orpheum Performing Arts Center was designed by acclaimed theater architect Hugh Hardy especially for dance and provides a rare combination of state-of-the-art proscenium dance stage with splendid acoustics. These Orpheum Dance Festival performances launch the Live Music for Dance initiative and feature dances specially selected by choreographer Paul Taylor to be performed for the first time ever accompanied by live music provided by a Baroque orchestra of period instruments. The distinguished orchestra American Virtuosi, conducted by harpsichordist Kenneth Hamrick, will accompany the Taylor dancers in the performances on May 11 and May 22. This live music with dance initiative will foster collaboration with guest companies and the Catskill Mountain Foundation’s Piano Performance Museum in showcasing dance with live music in various genres.

The Catskill Mountain Foundation presented dance in local school auditoriums for many years, and recognized that a theater designed to accommodate professional dance companies would offer great benefits to the Region. This dream is now coming true, as the programs being presented at the Orpheum benefit the artists who are able to develop their work during their residencies, dance students who can learn new choreography from professional dancers, and dance lovers in the region who can enjoy the performances and interactions with the artists during their visit to the Mountaintop.

During the three weeks of the residency, the Taylor 2 company will be visiting a number of local schools to demonstrate Paul Taylor choreography. Watch for them in Hunter-Tannersville, Windham, Roxbury, and even as far away as Monticello, where they will be teaching the students in the high school dance program. Students who are studying with Taylor 2 during the residency will have an opportunity to perform at the Orpheum on May 25 to showcase what they have learned.

On May 11 at 7:00 pm Taylor 2 will perform *Airs* (1978, music by G.F. Handel), *Junction* (1961, music by Johann Se-

On May 18 at 2:00 pm, the Concerts and Conversations series at the Piano Performance Museum hosts Taylor 2 dancers led by Rehearsal Director Ruth Andrien to discuss and perform examples of the “Musical-Choreographic Language of Paul Taylor.” Piano Performance Museum Artistic Director Kenneth Hamrick will provide accompaniment on historic instruments from the world class collection of playable pianos, ranging from the 18th century to the present. The program includes four selections from “Runes,” Opus 62, 1975, music by Gerald Busby with music performed on a piano by Baldwin, 1940; Solo, “Danse Sacral” from “Le Sacré du Printemps (The Rehearsal),” Opus 72, 1980, music by Igor Stravinsky, arranged by the composer for piano, performed on a piano by Steinway, 1889; and “Images,” Opus 65, 1977, music by Claude Debussy, performed on a piano by Érard.

Complete performance information, including details on ticket prices, is listed at the end of this article. Go to www.catskillmtn.org for the most up to date schedule and to purchase tickets.

**About Orpheum Dance Festival**

The Orpheum Dance Festival hosts professional dance companies in performance, education and community outreach programs and supports development of new work. This inaugural season, supported by the NYS Council on the Arts and the NYS Presenters Network, represents a broad range of companies including: Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana Dance, one of the nation’s premiere flamenco and Spanish dance companies (April 13); BALAM Balinese Dance-The-
ater (July 1-12); National Dance Institute Mountaintop Residency (July 15-27); and the newly established resident Orpheum Academy of Dance (May 26).

About the Paul Taylor Dance Company
The world-renowned Paul Taylor Dance Company sets the global standard for contemporary dance excellence. Since the company’s founding in 1954, Mr. Taylor has choreographed 138 dances, many of which have attained iconic status and have been celebrated throughout the world. The Company has performed in more than 524 cities and 64 countries. Mr. Taylor continues to create at least two new works a year for his 16-member Company. His autobiography, Private Domain, was published in 1987, and his book of essays, Facts and Fancies, was published in 2013. The Company was the subject of the documentary film Dancemaker, nominated for an Academy Award in 1999. Mr. Taylor has achieved countless accolades, including two of our nation’s highest artistic distinctions: the Kennedy Center Honors and the National Medal of Arts. For more information, visit www.ptdc.org.

About Taylor 2
Mr. Taylor established Taylor 2 in 1993 to ensure that audiences all over the world could see his works. He worked with longtime colleague Linda Hodes to create a company that could accommodate performance requests as well as teach and provide community outreach, and he looked back to the 1954 origins of his larger company for the structure of his new company: six professionals with a particular gift for his style who perform his work throughout the world. Engagements are flexible and are customized to meet the needs of each community. They often include master classes and lecture demonstrations in addition to performances in non-traditional venues as well as theaters. For more information, visit www.ptdc.org.

Program Information
Performances at the Orpheum Performing Arts Center
6050 Main Street (Route 23A), Village of Tannersville, NY

Saturday, May 11 at 7:00 pm
Taylor 2 Dance Company
Airs (1978, music by G.F. Handel), Junction (1961, music by Johann Sebastian Bach), Lento Duet, (1967, music by Franz Josef Haydn), and Esplanade (1975, music by Johann Sebastian Bach)

Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00 pm
Paul Taylor Dance Company
Kith and Kin (1987, music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart), Scudorama (1963, music by Clarence Jackson) and Brandenburgs (1988, music by Johann Sebastian Bach)

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Saturday, May 18 at 2:00 p.m.
Concerts & Conversations:
Taylor 2 and Ruth Andrien with Kenneth Hamrick
“The Musical-Choreographic Language of Paul Taylor”

Ticket Information
Tickets are available to purchase online at www.catskillmtn.org or by calling the box office at 518 263 2063.

Tickets for the May 11 and May 22 performances are priced at $23 for adults, $18 for seniors, $7 for students if purchased ahead. On the evening of the performances, tickets are priced at $27, $21 for seniors, $7 for students.

Tickets for the May 25 performance are priced at $10. Tickets for Concerts & Conversations on May 18 are $10, $7 for students.

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Saturday, May 25 at 7:00 pm
Taylor 2 Dance Company Residency Performance
Selected Paul Taylor choreography performed by Taylor 2 and students who have participated in the residency program

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Madelyn Ho and Justin Kahan in “Esplanade.” Photo by Tom Caravaglia
Whether you are one for adventure or one for slowing down, all four seasons of Delaware County in the Catskill Mountains await…. A wealth of natural resources spreading over some 1,460 square miles (larger than the state of Rhode Island) is the perfect setting for adventure and discovery. Delaware County is about getting back in touch with Mother Nature.

Springtime…hike our mountains and trails, fish our streams, rivers and reservoirs; and the opening of turkey season. Our Garden Centers are full of plants waiting for the last frost to pass. BBQ grills are getting cleaned off and farmers markets are springing into gear. During summertime, stroll our main streets lined with antique stores, art galleries and flea markets. Join in the fun at a community street fair or festival; bring a chair for one of many outdoor summer concerts. It’s also the time to paddle, pedal, saddle up or for a round of golf! The colors of Mother Nature are spectacular in the fall. Choose a ski chair lift, a scenic train ride, or one of our mountains tops for leaf peeping. The last call for a canoe or kayak ride on the colorful waterways, evenings are cooler, and campfires are blazing. In winter, the leaves are down, and Mother Nature is wearing white! There is something wonderful about the winter wonderland setting in our mountains. Enjoy skiing, cross country, tubing, snowmobiling and ice fishing. Snowshoe hiking yields the unexpected benefit of clearly seeing where all the animals go with their tracks in the snow. Our main streets offer options from creative writing workshops to gallery openings and concerts.

Finest Fishing in the East
A fisherman’s paradise, Delaware County boasts 700 miles of trout streams including the Beaverkill, the East and West Branches of the Delaware River, the Little Delaware and Trout Brook.

The Delaware River begins at Hancock, New York, where the East and the West Branches meet, and sprouts a fruitful trout population.

The East and West Branches of the Delaware River are jam-packed with rainbow trout; wild brown trout populate the Beaverkill, which feeds the East Branch; and brook trout swim in the upper Delaware. There is an abundant public access area on the West and East Branches, and on the upper main stream between Hancock and Callicoon.
Astor House
Business for Sale or Lease

The Mountain Market & Bakery at the Astor House is an established market, bakery, and coffee roaster in Greene County, NY, with a prime location near Hunter Mountain on Main Street, Tannersville, an up-and-coming revitalized area with many new businesses, including a performing arts theater. This 1800’s Victorian is fully renovated with 2,700 square feet of first floor retail space and has a prominent, attractive curbside presence with ample off-street parking. The Hunter Foundation*, which owns and operates the Astor House, is looking for interested parties to submit proposals to take over operation of the business. It is a turnkey operation fully equipped and staffed with very low upfront costs and minimal capital requirements. Favorable lease terms with options to buy are available for qualified individuals. The Hunter Foundation would also strongly consider offers to buy this property outright. In addition to the first floor retail space, the second floor has a gallery and two income-producing residential apartments, one 1-bedroom and one 2-bedroom; the third floor has one 2-bedroom/2-bath apartment. Interested parties should contact Charlene Holdridge at the Hunter Foundation, charlene@hunterfoundation.org, or by phone, (518) 589-5050.

*The Hunter Foundation is a not-for-profit foundation whose mission is to help restore and revitalize the Town of Hunter.
In all, 65 miles of stream bank allow public access, many with parking areas and stream corridor signage, are located along both branches of the Delaware, Beaverkill and Trout Brook. Many fishermen pull over along the road, park and walk to the river’s edge. Large adult brown trout leave the Pepacton and Cannonsville reservoirs, making spawning runs up the small streams and creeks, which feed into the two reservoirs.

A fishing license is required of everyone age 16 and older who fishes in New York State fresh waters. For more information on licensing and regulations, visit www.dec.ny.gov.

Get Out and Hike
Much of Delaware County falls within the Catskill Forest Preserve and the Catskill Watershed area, guaranteeing a pristine landscape where water quality is first and foremost in every decision. One of the best hiking areas in the county is Dry Brook Trail (near Margaretville) leading to the Pakatakan Mountain, one of the county’s highest peaks at 3,110 feet. The trail runs along the spine of the mountain, pointing southeast towards the Hudson River. A lean-to, several tent sites and spur trails to Balsam Lake and Graham Mountain can be found along the path.

Mount Utsayantha, in Stamford, provides an east two mile, round-trip hike with stunning views. At the summit you’ll find a wooden building, which was once an observatory and souvenir shop, a fire tower, a wooden platform for hang-gliding enthusiasts, and stunning view of Delaware County’s patchwork fields, farm-land, forests, and rivers.

The Western Catskills of Delaware County have miles of country roads, offering relaxed walking and hiking. The Catskill Scenic Trail, a 26 mile trail, offers low-impact hiking and scenery, running along the West Branch of the Delaware River. In the Cooks Falls/Downsville area, a trail system includes the Trout Pond Trail, the Campbell Mountain Trail, the Mary Smith Trail, the Touch-Me-Not Trail, the Little Spring Brook Trail and the Pelnor Hollow Trail.

Several parks are also open to the public for hiking, including Bear Spring Mountain, Beaverkill, East Branch State Forest, Little Pond State Park and Oquaga State Park. Just a stone's throw down the road in Masonville is Pine Hill Forest, offering hiking, camping and horseback riding. Also, the Catskill Preserve is in the Western Catskill Mountains, for those who are up for a more challenging hike.

Biking the Back Trails
Spectacular roadside scenery, and miles upon miles of peaceful trails have made biking a more popular attraction in the Great Western Catskills of Delaware County.

The Catskill Scenic Trail utilizes the former rail bed of the Delaware & Ulster Railroad, which now, provides a gently graded surface with only a 400 foot change in elevation over the 26-mile trail. It begins in Bloomville, the west end of the corridor and is maintained by the Catskill Revitalization Corporation. Located in northern Delaware County and passing through South Kortright, the village of Hobart, and the village of Stamford, the trail crosses and parallels State Route 23 along the Bearkill Stream to Grand Gorge, and is open to the public at no charge.

Roadways bordering the Pepacton and Cannonsville Reservoirs (State Routes 10 and 30) are moderately safe for tour and mountain bikers, not to mention the thousands of acres on the game management areas of the Catskill Forest Preserve.

Plattekill Ski Center in Roxbury offers 60+ miles of lift-served biking trails with 1,600 feet of vertical drop and 10 miles of steep wooded singletrack. For the more advanced riders, Plattekill’s steep chutes and big drops are challenging and have been known to give some of the world’s best riders a run for their money.

Sit Back, Relax and Paddle!
Since its inception, recreational boating on the Cannonsville and Pepacton Reservoirs is one of the more popular means of getting back in touch with Mother Nature in the Great Western Catskills of Delaware County. Our reservoirs offer incredible canoeing and kayaking opportunities for the paddling enthusiasts, with over 30 miles of flat-surface waterways, with astounding scenery and wildlife. As part of the New York City Watershed, boats entering these reservoirs must first be steam cleaned; but no worries. If you don’t have a boat of your own, many of our local businesses will rent, steam clean and arrange for your access permit, as well as transport you to the waters.

The East and West Branches of the Delaware River, offer miles and miles of winding, but flat waterways; perfect for the beginning paddler. While enjoying the silence of nature, it would be no surprise to catch sight of an eagle in flight; coming in for a bite of wild trout. The Delaware River also offers hours of enjoyment paddling, and in some parts it is a bit rougher for one who enjoys a little more adventure. During the summer, tubers make these three waterways their swimming holes. Rafting the Delaware River is the perfect way to escape from the summer heat.

Additional Resources

www.dec.ny.gov
www.catskillmountainclub.com
www.catskillscenictrail.org
www.headwaterstrailsny.org
www.alssportstore.com
www.catskilloutback.com
www.fudr.org

For additional information, upcoming events and places to stay, visit www.greatwesterncatskills.com or call 866 775 4425.
May is the start of the busy trail work and warm weather hiking season in the Catskill Mountains. The Trail Conference is offering trail skill workshops, local outdoor gear retailers are celebrating the outdoors and the end of the month marks the beginning of our summer season here in the Catskill Mountains.

What’s Happening at the Balsam Lake Mountain Fire Tower this Summer?
Another great season will soon begin at Balsam Lake Mountain Fire Tower! Thanks to a great group of volunteers, we will have the tower and cabin open every weekend from Memorial Day through Columbus Day. Last year’s 125th year anniversary special events were so well received that we decided to try to offer some new events this year as well. We hope that you will be able to mark your calendars and join us at one of the events at some point during the season:

- We will open our season on Saturday, June 1 with a presentation by Dr. Mike Kudish, Professor Emeritus from Paul Smith’s college and Catskill Forest Historian. Dr. Kudish has studied the unique peat bogs that are located near the summit of Balsam Lake mountain for many years. He will discuss the information that he has gathered from the bogs to determine the history of the area. He will also include a bit about the history of railroads and their connection to forest fires in the area;

- And speaking of forest fires, not only do we have a fire tower to watch over the summit of Balsam Lake Mountain, but we also have our friend Smokey the Bear coming to visit on Saturday, July 27 when we will host a Children’s Day at the summit. Not only will we have our special visitor in attendance (unless called away by a forest emergency), but there will be many age appropriate activities and snacks for the children. We thank NYSDEC Forest Ranger, Kenny Gierloff for making this event possible;

- To continue with involving children and families in the outdoors, we will have a special presentation on Geocaching on Saturday, August 24. Paula Repka, a veteran worldwide geocacher will explain what this phenomena is all about, give demonstrations on navigation techniques to help you find geocaches, show several examples of containers, as well as place several caches nearby for all to practice finding; and

- In September, we will have a presentation on outdoor photography by Moonray Schepart. Moonray is an avid hiker and nature photographer who will focus on techniques using your point and shoot camera and how to get the most out of it when you are in a beautiful outdoor setting such as the summit of Balsam Lake mountain.

We hope you can come visit us this year. So stop by, we are always happy to see visitors and hope to make your visit a pleasant one! Happy Hiking! For more information please contact Laurie Rankin, Volunteer Coordinator for the Balsam Lake Mountain Fire Tower at laur090@yahoo.com or visit www.viewsandbrews.com/balsamlake.

Trail University & Training Opportunities
The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference’s (Trail Conference) Trail University education program will be offering several introductory and advanced courses this season throughout the Catskill region. On May 12 we will be holding an introductory course to trail maintenance and on June 15 we will be offering a course on how to maintain our backcountry lean-tos. The Trail Conference will also be holding courses on Leave No Trace backpack-
Ulster County’s ongoing efforts to create a unified, countywide, scenery of the Ashokan Reservoir. The petition states, “I support a rail trail connecting mid-town Kingston with the spectacular Leader), asking them to give top priority to building a multipurpose trail. A petition delivered to Ulster County Executive Mike Hein and Ulster County Legislative leaders Terry Bernardo (Chairwoman), Ken-neth J. Ronk (Majority Leader), and Dave Donaldson (Minority Leader) states, “I support 1,000 people to Ulster County Executive Mike Hein and Ulster County Legislative leaders Terry Bernardo (Chairwoman), Kenneth J. Ronk (Majority Leader), and Dave Donaldson (Minority Leader) asking them to give top priority to building a multipurpose trail. The petition highlights the shift in the planning process to the county level and asks the county’s leaders “to make constructing the Catskill Mountain Rail Trail a top priority.”

The petition follows the adoption earlier this month, by a unanimous vote of Kingston’s Common Council with the approval of Kingston Mayor Shane Gallo, of a resolution supporting the Rail Trail. While some have urged that existing rail ride operations coexist with the trail, others have concluded that dual use in most of the corridor is impractical and may be harmful to efforts to launch the rail trail initiative. An editorial in the April 14 edition of the Daily Freeman came down soundly on the side of putting the corridor to “effective public use” by developing “the 8-mile section between the Ashokan Reservoir and Kingston as a recreational trail, eventually extending southward to link to the Walkway Over the Hudson State Park in Lloyd.” The Catskill Mountain Rail Trail initiative preserves the option for a rail ride accompanied by trail only in a segment stretching from Boiceville to Phoenicia, where the tracks meet the historic Empire State Railway Museum.

“Moving forward with the trail initiative will provide a much-needed connection between neighborhoods in the City of Kingston and open spaces and scenic vistas in the Catskills, significantly expanding recreational opportunities for families with low and moderate incomes and people with disabilities,” said Kevin Smith, Chairman of the Board of the Woodstock Land Conservancy and Co-Founder of Friends of the Catskill Mountain Rail Trail. To learn more, you can visit their website (www.catskillmountainrailtrail.org) or Facebook page (www.facebook.com/FriendsOfTheCatskillMountainRailTrail).

Take a Hike!

If you are looking to get out on the trails, but are looking for some guided hikes to help you get your bearings on Catskill Mountain trails, the region has several different groups that lead guided hikes. The Catskill Mountain Club (CMC) offers members and non-members the opportunity to go hiking, paddling, biking and skiing throughout the Catskills. More information on the CMC and schedules of their activities can be found at www.catskillmountainclub.org. The Catskill 3500 Club leads hikes up the 35 peaks in the Catskills that reach above 3500 feet in elevation. Visit the 3500 Club’s website at www.catskill-3500-club.org for information on their activities. The Rip Van Winkle Hikers also lead hikes throughout the region and you can find out more information about the club check out their website at www.newyorkheritage.com/rvw.

All three of these organizations are member clubs of the Trail Conference and work through the Trail Conference’s agreement
with the DEC to maintain trails and lean-tos in the Catskill Mountains. The organization all offer unique opportunities to explore the Catskill Mountain region, meet new friends and find hiking buddies.

**Trail Updates and News**

**Free Map for the Hunter Mountain Fire Tower!**

Need a helping hand finding your way to the Hunter Mountain Fire Tower? The Trail Conference has published a brochure and map to the fire tower that is available on their website at www.nynjtc.org/map/hunter-mountain-fire-tower-trail-map.

**First Saturdays on the Trail!**

The Woodstock Land Conservancy (WLC) is committed to getting you back to nature and new for 2013, are First Saturday's on the Trail. Join the WLC on the first Saturday of each month throughout the year to discover more about local flora and fauna, orienteering, butterflies, foraging and lots more. PLEASE bring the kids along. All events are free. Visit www.woodstocklandconservancy.org for event listings, locations/direction and updates.

**Kaaterskill Rail Trail**

The Kaaterskill Rail Trail will have its grand opening celebration for Phase I of the project on National Trails Day (Saturday, June 1, 2013) at the Mountain Top Historical Society in Haines Falls. Watch the Friends of the Kaaterskill Rail Trail Facebook Page for more details on the grand opening festivities (www.facebook.com/KaaterskillRailTrail).

**Group Size Limits**

Did you know that there are limits on the size of hiking groups? New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) policy for Wilderness Areas of the Catskill Park recommends groups of no more than 12 people and any group of 20 or more, hiking anywhere in the park requires a permit from the DEC. To get a permit, you should contact the Regional DEC office (Region 3 - Southern Catskills - 845 256 3000 and Region 4 - Northern Catskills - 607 652 7365).

**Woodland Valley/Romer Mountain Long Path Relocation**

This May, work continues on constructing what will eventually be a 9-mile-long new backcountry hiking trail in the Catskill Mountains between the village of Phoenicia and the existing Burroughs Range Trail. If you are interested in joining a trail crew to work on this trail (no experience or membership in the Trail Conference is necessary), watch the Trail Conference’s calendar at www.nynjtc.org/view/trail-crew-outings.

**It’s Not too Early to Plan for the 2013 Lark in the Park!**

The Trail Conference, the Catskill Mountain Club and the Catskill Center have begun the planning for the 2013 Catskills Lark in the Park, so it is not too early to make sure that you are in the Catskill Mountains between October 5 and October 14, 2013 to help us celebrate! The tenth annual Catskills Lark in the Park will bring exciting hiking, paddling, cycling, fishing, nature walks, and lectures, as well as cultural and social events throughout the entire region. As we get closer to October, be sure to regularly check the Lark in the Park website at www.catskillslark.org for schedules and other important information, including pre-registration for some events and follow the Lark in the Park on Facebook (www.facebook.com/CatskillsLarkInThePark).
Adopt a Trail for Maintenance
The Trail Conference has several openings for Trail Maintainers in the Catskill Mountains. Individual trail segments for adoption range from 1 to 2 miles in length. Trail maintainers visit their trails at least twice a year and perform basic trail maintenance tasks such as weed and branch clearing, small blowdown removal and report on larger problems that will need the Trail Crew or additional work.
If you are interested in becoming a Trail Maintainer, fill out the interest form here: www.nynjtc.org/vop/trail-maintainer-catskills-south.

Getting Involved
If you are interested in learning more about hiking the Catskill Mountains, joining a trail crew, adopting a trail for maintenance, or just finding out more information about stewardship of our recreational facilities in the Catskill Mountains, please contact the Trail Conference at 518 628 4243 or jsenterman@nynjtc.org.

Jeff Senterman was formerly an Assistant Forest Ranger for the DEC in Greene County, graduated with a degree in Environmental Science from Lyndon State College, has worked in the Environmental Planning field, is currently the Catskill Region Program Coordinator for the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Catskill Mountain Club.

The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference partners with parks to create, protect, and promote a network of over 1,900 miles of public trails, including 27 lean-tos and over 200 miles of trails in the Catskill Mountain region. We offer volunteer opportunities for people who love the outdoors, as well as publishing detailed hiking maps for the Catskill Mountain Region, along with a number of other regions. For more information on our maps and our Catskill Community Trails program please visit us on the web at www.nynjtc.org/catskills and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NYNJTC.CatskillRegion.

Tannersville General Store Business for Lease or Sale
Tannersville General Store is located in 3,400 square feet of prime retail space on Main Street, Tannersville, Greene County, NY in the heart of downtown, minutes away from Hunter Mountain Ski Resort and within a heavily revitalized area with many new businesses including a performing arts theater. Established in 2010 in a beautifully restored historic building, Tannersville General store is a full service general store with an old fashioned soda fountain, luncheonette, candy counter, old time toys, home decorations, and gift items. The Hunter Foundation*, which owns and operates TGS, is looking for interested parties to submit proposals to take over operation of the business. It is a turnkey operation fully equipped, stocked and staffed with very low upfront costs and minimal capital requirements. Favorable lease terms with options to buy are available for qualified individuals. Offers to buy the property will also be considered. In addition to the first floor retail space, the second floor has two income-producing residential apartments, one 1-bedroom and one 2-bedroom. Interested parties should contact Charlene Holdridge at the Hunter Foundation, charlene@hunterfoundation.org, or by phone, (518) 589-5050.

*The Hunter Foundation is a not-for-profit foundation whose mission is to help restore and revitalize the Town of Hunter.

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HIKES TO FIVE LEAN-TOS THROUGHOUT THE CATSKILL FOREST PRESERVE

By Carol and David White

For May we describe several short hikes to lean-tos throughout the Catskill Forest Preserve, trails easy enough to hike fast and stay ahead of black flies, gnat-sized bugs that bite ears and exposed skin. Black flies exist only in the mountains where cold brooks are ideal for hatching their eggs; they are not present elsewhere. Black fly season is Mothers Day to Fathers Day and beyond. Hike on a very breezy day or on an overcast day—they dislike dim light and they disappear at sundown. Likewise they avoid deep shade, so hike to a lean-to for lunch, where you can be bug free in the darker interior! They do not pursue humans as mosquitoes do, but when you stop for a break they swarm around your head. Have a head net for protection. They can’t bite through clothing, so wear long-sleeved shirts and pants, a bandana, and even gloves when stopped. Very hot weather kills them off.

To Cold Kill Lean-to
The Overlook Trail runs from the Platte Clove Preserve to the junction of Overlook Mountain Trail, half a mile from the summit; this trail features many scenic and fascinating intermediate destinations. Platte Clove Preserve is a nature preserve owned and maintained by The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development. On the property is a modest cabin with no running water, an outhouse, and a wood stove for heat, where artists, writers, composers and film makers can stay as part of the Catskill Center’s Artist-in-Residence Program.

The trail descends steps to Plattekill Creek, where a kingpost bridge crosses the creek, a replica of the original 19th century bridge that was wide enough to accommodate wagons laden with timber or bluestone. The trail curves through an attractive hemlock forest with signs identifying many kinds of trees; double markers indicate a turn in the trail. Take care on flat rock, which if wet can be slippery. You’ll read about the bluestone industry, which provided flat shale in lovely shades of blue to replace wooden planks used in cities. At 0.9 miles, look for a deep pit on the left, before which a path leads into a small quarry, which has several chairs built with worked stone slabs, an entertaining feature in many Catskill quarries.

After the quarry, pass two junctions of the red-marked Devil’s Path, which merges briefly with the Overlook Trail. Continue straight, following blue markers, to the Devil’s Kitchen Lean-to, located forty feet above the Cold Kill. Retrace, or if black flies aren’t out, cross the Cold Kill on a bridge and climb sometimes wet rocky footing to a junction at 1.9 miles as the trail levels. A yellow-marked spur path leads left to an extensive quarry with...
rock chairs and an excellent view of the Hudson Valley. Explore this interesting area past the view on a mossy path to see more stonework by creative persons unknown. (It is three more miles on the main trail to Overlook Mt.).

To Diamond Notch Lean-to
The Diamond Notch Trail from the end of Spruceton Road goes past pretty small waterfalls for 0.7 miles to Diamond Notch Falls. You will cross the West Kill brook, and there may not yet be a bridge, as seen in our photo—Tropical Storm Irene destroyed that sturdy bridge. The brook crossing is usually possible, although our photo was taken when the water flow was unusually high. Enticing-looking flat rock approaching the falls is irresistible to get down onto, but take great care, because they’re very slippery if wet. On our initial hike here, Dave stopped as he approached the top of the falls, but on that slick sedimentary rock he felt himself still moving!

Take the blue-marked trail away from the brook gradually uphill for half a mile to Diamond Notch Lean-to, which we helped renovate with a large crew of Catskill 3500 Club volunteers. It’s in a lovely setting not far from the top of the notch, which is interesting. You pass jumbled rock talus on the slope of Southwest Hunter Mt. and the ledges of West Kill Mt. are near across a ravine. If you continue a bit beyond the high point of the notch, you’ll reach a great flat rock from which are good views, and the route becomes more open for viewing for 0.2 miles. A quarter-mile from the top of the notch is “elephant rock.”

The trail can also be accessed from Lanesville on Rt. 214, but the road to the parking area becomes unpaved and very rough, requiring a high-clearance vehicle. The woods road, now trail, follows Hollow Tree Brook for about half a mile before climbing into the notch.

To Elm Ridge Lean-to
The Elm Ridge Trail is a pleasant 0.85-mile ascent initially along an old woods road that can be very wet, so hike here after a dry period and wear boots. Stone walls from yesteryear adorn both sides of the trail. The route ascends on interesting flat rock quite often, which is very slippery if wet, so take a side path in those conditions. A pipe spring with delicious water is reached in 0.6 miles, and then you’ll reach the beginning of a picturesque cliff, on top of which is the lean-to. Best not to be a sleep-walker if you stay here!

Turn right at the junction and soon you’ll see a long path up to the lean-to. Explore around the attractive area. If you want more exercise, climb through three shady evergreen forests for 0.8 miles; after walking on wood planks, you suddenly emerge into bright daylight after passing through ever more delightfully deep and dense forest. Retrace at any time. Windham High Peak is 1.4 more miles from the planks area. At the summit geodetic marker at 3,524 feet, continue 90 yards down to a spectacular viewing ledge, perhaps best done after black fly season because you’ll want to linger here.

To Rider Hollow Lean-to
Tropical Storm Irene changed the landscape here and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) re-routed the Rider Hollow and Mine Hollow Trails. The trail crosses the brook on a new bridge created after Irene. At 0.2 miles, the new trail climbs a bit above the brook, bypassing the damage caused by Irene; it’s interesting to continue along the brook beyond where it is blocked off to see the devastation caused by the flooding.

At 0.35 miles on the new trail, take the right fork, descending to a second bridge over Rider Hollow Brook. (The left fork is the re-routed Mine Hollow Trail, now well above extensive washouts). After the bridge, a designated campsite is off-trail at 0.4 miles. The Rider Hollow Lean-to with privy up in the woods is at 0.5 miles.

If you want to hike more, at 0.6 miles the trail re-crosses the stream on rocks, which can be difficult in high water. Turn around at any point. After the crossing, the trail goes high above the water until it descends and re-crosses the stream easily on rocks at one mile. Wildflowers can be beautiful along this hollow.
Where a tributary joins the stream, the trail crosses again at 1.1 miles and climbs next to the rocky stream rushing below. Retrace at a final crossing at 1.2 miles, where the trail moves up the slope away from streams and becomes a tough climb.

To Kelly Hollow Lean-to
Kelly Hollow is a very attractive hiking area. A series of trails offer a Long Loop of 3.5 miles and a Short Loop of 1.7 miles. A cross-over trail is 0.2 miles, so the hiker can experience all sections of

To the Trailheads

Overlook Trail: From Route 23A in Tannersville, turn left at light to County Route 16; at the Route 16/Elka Park Road jct., continue left on Route 16 for 4.5 miles (0.6 miles east of Prediger Road). Parking is allowed on the side of the road near Platte Clove Preserve cabin driveway. A DEC parking area is available 0.2 miles farther; look carefully for a brown DEC sign on the left. (Do not descend Platte Clove Road beyond the final bridge).

Diamond Notch Trail: From Exit 19 on I-87 in Kingston, travel west on Route 28 for 29 miles to Shandaken; turn north on Route 42 for seven miles to West Kill. At a flagpole, turn east on County Route 6, Spruceton Road, for seven miles to the second DEC parking area on the right. Road walk another tenth of a mile to the end of the road, and pass the barrier gate to the Diamond Notch Trail.

To the Elm Ridge Trail: From Route 23, turn south on Route 296 east of Windham to Hensonville; at a light, turn left for one block, then right onto County Route 65A to County Route 40, continuing straight ahead to Maplecrest. From Hunter on Rt. 23A, turn north on Scribner Hollow Road to County Route 23C, turn left (west) to Co. Rte. 40, turn right to Maplecrest; in Maplecrest, take County Route 56 (Big Hollow Road) for 1.8 miles to Peck Road, turn left for 0.8 miles to the end.

To the Rider Hollow Trail: From NY Route 28 at Ski Belleayre Mountain in Highmount, turn left on County Route 49A for more than five miles to Rider Hollow Road; turn left. It becomes a dirt road at 2.2 mi and narrows. The DEC parking area is at road’s end at 2.6 mi. From Arkville, turn south on County Route 49 (Dry Brook Road) immediately west of the Dry Brook bridge. In 4.7 miles after passing a church and bridge, turn left on Co. Rd. 49A for 0.5 miles and turn right on Rider Hollow Rd.

To the Kelly Hollow Trail: From Arkville just west of the Dry Brook bridge, travel south for 6.1 miles on Dry Brook Road (County Route 49); turn right up Mill Brook Road for 2.2 miles to a height of land and pass that parking area. Continue about five more miles to Kelly Hollow, passing Grants Mill covered bridge. Kelly Hollow has two access/parking areas; the second access is 0.2 miles west of the first and has several car camping sites. The east parking area has a new privy.
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NO (RATED R, 110 MINUTES)
DIRECTED BY PABLO LARRAIN
In 1988, military dictator Augusto Pinochet calls for a referendum to decide his permanence in power. The leaders of the opposition persuade a young daring advertising executive—René Saavedra—to head their campaign. With limited resources and under the constant scrutiny of the despot’s minions, Saavedra and his team conceive of a bold plan to win the election and free their country. In Spanish with English subtitles. 5/3-5/5. Friday 7:15; Saturday 4:15 & 7:15; Sunday 5:00 & 7:15

The movie—the third in a trilogy of powerful political dramas from Larraín...—uses period detail, archival footage, and ‘80s-era technology to create an excellently authentic, bleached, crummy-looking document of a great democratic accomplishment.
—Lisa Schwarzbaum, Entertainment Weekly

THE GATEKEEPERS (RATED PG-13, 97 MINUTES)
DIRECTED BY DROR MOREH
Charged with overseeing Israel’s war on terror, the head of the Shin Bet, Israel’s secret service, is present at the crossroad of every decision made. For the first time ever six former heads of the agency agreed to share their insights and reflect publicly on their decisions. The Gatekeepers offers an exclusive account of their actions, and validates the reasons that each man individually and the six as a group came to reconsider their hard-line positions and advocate a conciliatory approach based on a two-state solution. In Hebrew with English subtitles. 5/10-5/12. Friday 7:15; Saturday 4:15 & 7:15; Sunday 7:15

“(An) amazing, upsetting film… It is hard to imagine a movie about the Middle East that could be more timely, more painfully urgent.”
—AO Scott, The New York Times
LEONIE
(RATED PG-13, 102 MINUTES)
DIRECTED BY HISAKO MATSU
In the lush tradition of the films of Merchant and Ivory comes the true life story of Leonie Gilmour, an independent young woman seeking to overcome the restrictive female roles in turn-of-the-century America. She is retained by the famous Japanese poet, Yone Noguchi, as his editor. Their relationship evolves romantically, but he abruptly leaves when she becomes pregnant. Following him to Japan, she is cast alone to raise their son in a society with few opportunities for women. Leonie is an inspiring story of a remarkable woman who nurtures the amazing artistic talent of their son, as he grows into the world-renowned artist, Isamu Noguchi.
5/17-5/19. Friday 7:15; Saturday 4:15 & 7:15; Sunday 4:45 & 7:15

“Emily Mortimer stuns in her most radiant performance yet as Leonie in this exquisite portrait of a truly unconventional woman”
—Nicki Richesin, The Huffington Post

WHERE THE TRAIL ENDS
(RATED R, 81 MINUTES)
DIRECTED BY JEREMY GRANT
Where the Trail Ends is a film following the world’s top freeride mountain bikers as they search for un ridden terrain around the globe. This unparalleled story documents man’s challenge of mother nature and himself showcased through a cast of colorful characters. This is the most progressive and ambitious mountain biking ever attempted, resulting in an entertainment adventure unlike anything experienced before.
5/24-5/25. Friday 7:15; Saturday 4:15

“If a film can become a sensory experience, this is it.”
—Anne Brodie, Criticize This (Canada)

TO THE WONDER
(RATED R, 113 MINUTES)
DIRECTED BY TERENCE MALICK
To the Wonder, the highly-anticipated new feature from renowned filmmaker Terrence Malick (Tree of Life), is a visually majestic drama that boldly and lyrically explores the complexities of love in all its forms. Parisian single mother Marina and Midwestern tourist Neil (Ben Affleck) fall madly in love in France and relocate to Oklahoma with Marina’s young daughter to start a life together. As their relationship wanes and her visa nears expiration, Marina makes the acquaintance of a priest and fellow exile (Javier Bardem) who is struggling with his faith, while Neil renews a relationship with his childhood sweetheart, Jane (Rachel McAdams).
5/25-5/27. Saturday 7:15; Sunday 5:00 & 7:15; Monday 7:15

INESCAPABLE
(UNRATED, 93 MINUTES)
DIRECTED BY RUBA NADDA
Twenty-five years ago, Adib, a promising young officer in the Syrian military police, suddenly left Damascus under suspicious circumstances. He left his entire life behind, made his way to Canada and wiped the slate clean. He now has the perfect life for himself: beautiful wife, two grown daughters, great job—until his daughter disappears in Damascus and his past catches up to him all at once.
5/31-6/2. Friday 7:15; Saturday 4:15 & 7:15; Sunday 7:15

“The remarkably expressive Mr. Siddig is sympathetic and true as the tortured father, communicating reams of emotion with his eyes, and Ms. Tomei is totally charismatic as his discarded lover who helps him out of a sense of humanity.”
—Rex Reed, New York Observer

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**ADMISSION** (RATED PG-13, 107 MINUTES)
STARRING TINA FEY, PAUL RUDD
A Princeton admissions officer who is up for a major promotion takes a professional risk after she meets a college-bound alternative school kid who just might be the son she gave up years ago in a secret adoption.

**THE CROODS** (RATED PG, 98 MINUTES)
STARRING NICHOLAS CAGE, RYAN REYNOLDS
After their cave is destroyed, a caveman family must trek through an unfamiliar fantastical world with the help of an inventive boy.

**G.I. JOE: RETALIATION** (RATED PG-13, 110 MINUTES)
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The G.I. Joes are not only fighting their mortal enemy Cobra, they are forced to contend with threats from within the government that jeopardize their very existence.

**IDENTITY THIEF** (RATED R, 111 MINUTES)
STARRING JASON BATEMAN, MELISSA MCCARTHY
Mild-mannered businessman Sandy Patterson travels from Denver to Miami to confront the deceptively harmless-looking woman who has been living it up after stealing Sandy’s identity.

**OBLIVION** (RATED PG-13, 126 MINUTES)
STARRING TOM CRUISE, MORGAN FREEMAN
A veteran assigned to extract Earth’s remaining resources begins to question what he knows about his mission and himself.

**OLYMPUS HAS FALLEN** (RATED R, 120 MINUTES)
STARRING GERARD BUTLER, AARON ECKHART
Disgraced former Presidential guard Mike Banning finds himself trapped inside the White House in the wake of a terrorist attack; using his inside knowledge, Banning works with national security to rescue the President from his kidnappers.

**THE PLACE BEYOND THE PINES** (RATED R, 140 MINUTES)
STARRING RYAN GOSLING, BRADLEY COOPER
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**FEBRUARY**

Blues Hall of Fame
February 16, 2013

**APRIL**

Flamenco Vivo Dance Company
April 13, 2013

**MAY**

Paul Taylor 2 Dance Company
May 11, 2013

Concerts and Conversations: The Musical-Choreographic Language of Paul Taylor, with Ruth Andrien, Kenneth Hamrick and Taylor 2 Dancers
May 18, 2013

Paul Taylor Dance Company
May 22, 2013

Paul Taylor 2 Dance with Local Dance Students and Young Professional Dancers
May 25, 2013

**JUNE**

Storyteller David Gonzalez: “Aesop Bops”
June 8, 2013

Early Music New York: “Istanpitta”
June 15, 2013

**JULY**

Catskill Jazz Factory: Etienne Charles Ensemble
July 6, 2013

**AUGUST**

Catskill Jazz Factory
LIVE AT THE ORPHEUM
August 9 & 10, 2013

Catskill High Peaks Festival: Music with Altitude: “White Nights: Rachmaninoff, Prokofiev, Tchaikovsky”
August 11, 2013

Catskill High Peaks Festival: “Season of the Midnight Sun: Grieg, Stravinsky, Rachmaninoff, Tchaikovsky”
August 18, 2013

**SEPTEMBER**

American Virtuosi Baroque Opera Theater: Baroque Spectacular
September 1, 2013

**OCTOBER**

Catskill Jazz Factory: Aaron Diehl Trio
October 12, 2013

**NOVEMBER**

Windham Festival Chamber Orchestra: Works by Vivaldi, Bach, Grieg and Copland
November 30, 2013

**DECEMBER**

National Marionette Theatre
“Sleeping Beauty”
December 14, 2013

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