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THREE NIGHTS OF SPRING DANCE CONCERTS AT WATCHUNG HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Some 36 students in Dance Ensemble, an extra-curricular activity at Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS), performed at the annual Spring Dance Concert, Thursday, May 12th, to Saturday, May 14th, in the school's Performing Arts Center.

The students performed 20 pieces in total, including 15 pieces that were choreographed by the students themselves. Many of the students performed in multiple pieces during the three nights of the concert.

"This this is a huge accomplishment for a high school dance program and for high school dance students," said Marisa Joshi, WHRHS Dance Instructor and Dance Ensemble Director. "The rest of the pieces were choreographed by faculty and guest choreographers. As part of the performing arts program here at WHRHS, students can take Dance I, Dance II, Advanced Dance and World Dance for arts credits."

Dancers performed a large variety of styles during the concert, including modern, contemporary, jazz and ballet.

"Audiences saw a dance concert that was full of variety," she said, "from solos to group pieces. Each work had its own message and its own flavor. We were fortunate enough to have a wonderful technical director and crew who help to make the lighting, music, and overall show look very professional."

Dancers performed, accompanied by music, and with the stage bathed in lighting, which contributed to the compositions.

"Students audition for a slot in the ensemble company in October," Joshi said. "Rehearsals start shortly thereafter. In total, rehearsal and preparation for this show is an 8 month process."

Joshi said the success of the dance ensemble requires a strong commitment by students.

"The students who are involved in Dance Ensemble are extremely focused and disciplined," she said. "They work incredibly hard over the course of the year, often balancing rehearsals with jobs, rigorous academic schedules, and dance training at local studios. Students who choreograph have the added challenge and responsibility of directing a group of their peers as they create a work of art. Faculty members often hear how surprised people are that these are high school students. Their level of commitment and professionalism is apparent in the beautiful show produced."

Joshi has been the dance teacher at Watchung Hills for 11 years. She started the program at WHRHS in the 2005-2006



(above) Student dancers among the 23 students performed, "Phishy". The dancer in the foreground is junior Arielle Ostry. Choreographer for the piece was Melissa Markowich, who is the Dance Ensemble's assistant director.



(above) Members of the WHRHS Dance Ensemble perform the piece, Collateral Damage, choreographed by senior dance student Lauren Loesberg. The photo was by one of the 17 dancers in the piece, Ally Manspiezer.

school year. Joshi holds a bachelor's degree in Dance from James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va., and a master's degree in Dance Education from New York University, New York, N.Y. She also holds a NJ Certification as Teacher of Dance K-12.

She is assisted in directing the Dance Ensemble by Melissa Markowich, who was one of her first students 10 years. "Melissa has become an invaluable asset to Dance Ensemble" Joshi said. "In addition to choreographing, she helps with rehearsals and designs lighting."



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BAYBERRY SCHOOL ARBOR DAY

The Bayberry School 4th Grade Garden Club planted a tree to honor Arbor Day.



(above l-r) Destiny Watson, Aryan Anand, Eliaz Michel, Sebastian Sopko, Mr. George Sopko, Arkin Navani, Amanda Mattiassi, Emily Grigonis, and Emily Samiengo.



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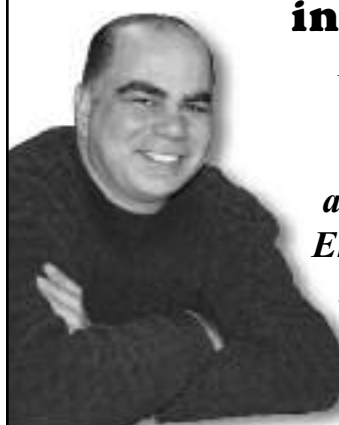
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Sun June 19 'Brian Kirk & the Jirks' 6pm
Sat June 25 Pat Roddy 10pm
Sun June 26 Bobby Byrne 4:30pm
Thu June 30 Backspin 50 5pm

JULY 2016

Fri July 1 'Brian Kirk & the Jirks' 6pm
Sat July 2 Pat Roddy 10pm
Sun July 3 Bobby Byrne 4:30pm
Mon July 4 Pat Roddy 10pm
"The Barksdales" 5pm

Thu July 7 Backspin 50 5pm
Fri July 8 'Waiting on Mongo' 10pm
Sat July 9 Pat Roddy 10pm
Sun July 10 Bobby Byrne 4:30pm
Thu July 14 Backspin 50 5:00pm
Fri July 15 "Enjoy!" 10pm
Sat July 16 Pat Roddy 10pm
Sun July 17 Pat Roddy 10pm
Thu July 21 Backspin 50 5:00pm
Fri July 22 "Sweet Chin Music" 10pm
Sat July 23 Pat Roddy 10pm
Sun July 24 Bobby Byrne 4:30pm
'Brian Kirk & the Jirks' 10pm
Thu July 28 Backspin 50 5:00pm
Sat July 30 "The Medicine Men" 6pm
Pat Roddy 10pm

AUGUST 2016

Thu August 4 Backspin 50 5:00pm
Fri August 5 'Waiting on Mongo' 10pm
Sat August 6 Pat Roddy 10pm
Sun August 7 Bobby Byrne 4:30pm
Thu August 11 Backspin 50 5:00pm
Sat August 13 "Joebonanno and the Godsons of Soul" 7pm
Sun August 14 'Brian Kirk & the Jirks' TBA
Thu August 18 Backspin 50 5:00pm
Sat August 20 "Enjoy!" 10pm
Sun August 21 Bobby Byrne TBA
Thu August 25 Backspin 50 5:00pm
Sat August 27 "Joebonanno and the Godsons of Soul" 7pm
Sun August 28 'Brian Kirk & the Jirks' TBA

SEPTEMBER 2016

Thu September 1 Backspin 50 5:00pm
Sat September 3 Pat Roddy 10pm
Sun September 4 Bobby Byrne 4:30pm
Pat Roddy 10pm
Fri September 16 Nicole & Denise 7pm

OCTOBER 2016

Sun October 2 'Brian Kirk & the Jirks' TBA
Fri October 14 Nicole & Denise 7pm

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Sun November 6 'Brian Kirk & the Jirks' TBA

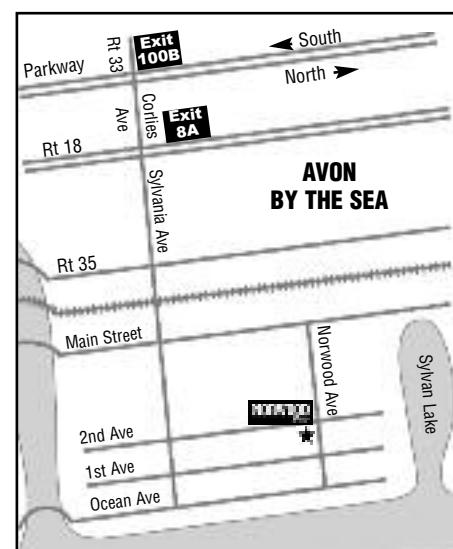
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REVEREND ANN KATHRYNE URINOWSKI

The Church of the Holy Cross in North Plainfield is thrilled to announce that the Reverend Ann Kathryne Urinowski will be ordained as an Episcopal priest in her home parish at Holy Cross on June 18, 2016.

Reverend Ann grew up in Watchung, NJ. She is a cradle Episcopalian, was baptized at Holy Cross, and has been a lifelong parishioner. Her Holy Cross family has watched her grow into a compassionate young woman of integrity, dedicated to being a force for good. She is currently serving at St. Mark's Episcopal in Basking Ridge.



(above) The Rev. Ann Kathryne Urinoski at The Church of the Holy Cross in North Plainfield,

THREE MOUNT SAINT MARY ACADEMY STUDENTS PUBLISHED IN CREATIVE WRITING ANTHOLOGY

Ms. Duffy Dillinger, an art teacher at Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung, announced that three students have submitted winning artwork which has been published in the Creative Writing Anthology, a component of the Somerset County Teen Arts Festival program. The artwork was created by Stephanie Fish of Morristown (senior), Therese Ruane of Mountainside (sophomore), and Silvana Truppi of Annandale

(junior). "Several students submitted artwork for the anthology," said Ms. Dillinger. "I appreciate that they all have passion for what they do and were willing to create work outside of class, in their spare time. Silvana's, Therese's and Stephanie's drawings appealed to the editors of the Anthology. It is a lovely, bound book and I am proud to see their art within it!" Pictured above: Ms. Dillinger and Silvana Truppi.



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WATCHUNG HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FUSION CLUB BENEFIT CONCERT RESULTS IN \$370 DONATION TO HEART ASSOCIATION

Fisher Hall at Wilson Memorial Church was transformed on Saturday, May 7th, into a Saturday night "Open Mike" performance space as the Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) Fusion Club sponsored by the "State of the Heart" Concert to benefit the American Heart Association.

The benefit raised some \$370, which the Fusion Club donated to the American heart Association, according to Club President Emily Tang. Some 10 performers or groups of performers took the stage, mostly singers, musicians, as well as one dancer, and one poet. Performers and guests sat at some 10 round tables, cabaret-style.

"The WHRHS Fusion is a club that combines art, music, writing, and community service," explained Tang. "As a part of our mission to help others use art, we are hosting this open mic night so that all proceeds go towards helping those with high risk of cardiovascular disease and strokes. We chose to donate our profits to the American Heart Association."

Tang thanked everyone who participated in making the State of the heart Concert successful. "The Fusion Club is very grateful for everyone who came out to support our community, performers and the American Heart Association," said Tang. "We'd also like to give our highest gratitude to the Wilson Memorial Church for graciously allowing us to use their rooms for the event."

The students who performed included: Veronica Mu and Allison Horvath singing "Something Bad;" Emily Tang, accompanied by Kunwoo Park on acoustic guitar, singing "Officially Missing You," and "I'm Not the Only One;" Nikhil Bhat singing, "Not While I'm Around;" Neha Saju reading her original poetry; Edward Cai playing "Latch," a piano improvisation; Anchal Dhir singing, "Paper Hearts;" Fariha Asim performing two dances from India; Suchir Govindarajan, accompanied by Natalie Kim on electric bass, singing

"Goodbye Yellow Bick Road;" Bandon Tang playing solo on saxophone, and Justin Panzarino playing solo on piano, both on individual pieces. Later, Tang and Panzarino played together on

a jazz interpretation of the classic, "Summertime," as the concert's final number. Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Owen Bai.



(above) Organizers of the Watchung Hills Regional High School Fusion Club sponsored State of the Heart Concert, on May 7, at Wilson Memorial Church, include, crouching in front, Edward Cai, standing in the middle, from left, Jenny and Emily Yan, Emily Yang, Julianne Lin, Aditi Joshi, and McKenzie Schulyer, and standing in the back, Owen Bai. The benefit concert, featuring "open mic" performances by student singers, musicians, as well as a dancer and a poet, raised some \$370 for the American Heart Association.

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(above) Dr. Gail Seelig has been visiting classrooms at both Bayberry and Valley View schools performing science labs, assisting with the Gifted and Talented program, and planning science fairs.



(above) Mrs. Theresa Langer has been assisting middle school math students at Valley View School for many years.

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Third Thursday of the Month

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Since April showers bring May flowers, Watchung Library offered a Surprise Storytime on May 10, which came with something extra - two special visitors from a florist. Dana Pike, a floral designer with The Martinsville Florist in Martinsville, and her therapy dog, Vegas, who is a Japanese Chin, "surprised" the audience after the story, Fran's Flower by Lisa Bruce was read. Dana gave everyone a chance to smell the roses, lavender, lilacs, marigolds, scented geraniums, and other flowers that she brought with her. She also showed how plants change from seeds to seedlings to full grown flowers, and where flowers can be found in many everyday products. Don't feed growing flowers pizza or cheeseburgers like Fran did in the story! After Dana's presentation, cupcake paper flowers were made, and the Chinese folktale, The Empty Pot by Demi, was shared.

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(above l-r) Assistant Principal, Mr. Michael Vignola; District Principal, Mrs. Mary Nunn; Ms. Krystle Cianci; and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Barbara Resko.

SENIORS CLUB

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Here are some tips that you should follow if you see a bear: ...

- Do not get scared and do not run.
- Talk to the bear to let it know you are there.
- Never feed the bear!
- Do not go near the black bear.
- Do not look directly into the bear's eyes.
- Make sure the bear can get out of your yard or campground easily if it wants to. Don't stand in front of the escape route!
- Make lots of noise. It could scare the bear away.
- If you are playing with friends, get in a big group. Talk and wave your arms. You will look really big and the bear might leave.
- Bears can make a lot of noise, so they may huff, snap their jaws and slap the ground if they think you are too close. Back away slowly.

A bear that stands on its back legs is not about to attack you. It just wants to see and smell you better. Let a bear know you are there by waving your arms and talking to it.

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CAP members provided STEM demonstrations, aircraft static displays, event program sales, and some had the honor of escorting distinguished visitors to the Center Stage. In addition, CAP members provided flight orientation training on computer

simulators to young visitors that stopped by the CAP booth.

Children also had the chance to pose in the CAP F-16 model. During this event, CAP members answered many questions from the public about the CAP youth program in areas such as Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math activities (STEM), Cyber Security activities, Robotics competitions, the Orientation Flight program, basic customs, courtesies, drills, and much more.

The Civil Air Patrol Capt. "Bud" Jackson Squadron is open to the youth of Union County (west area) and Morris County (south east area). Cadets meet every Tuesday from 7:00PM to 9:00PM at the Chatham High School in room L10. The CAP cadet program is open to students from ages 12 to 18 years old.

For more information about the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program, please contact Mary Romany at 732-424-6484



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