

Arts & Entertainment



"The Hawk" by Scott Niemi

Oil Paintings by Scott Niemi

Scott Niemi will be exhibiting his colorful acrylic and oil paintings in the first floor Auditorium Gallery of the Jaffrey Civic Center. The show will begin on Friday, March 20 and run through Saturday, April 18.

Scott was born in Fitchburg, MA and completed his formal education at Florida Atlantic University where he earned a M.F.A. in Visual Art with a concentration in painting. Currently, he is an associate art professor at Becker College in Worcester, MA. In the past, he has worked for Florida Atlantic University as an adjunct art professor, as a part-time lecturer at Franklin Pierce University and as an art handler for the Palm Beach Institute of Contemporary Art.

Scott has participated in many shows both on the national as well as the local level. His work can be seen, among others, in the corpo-

rate collections of the Oak Brook Bank (Oak Brook, IL), the Essex Inn (downtown Chicago), and in the Schacknow Museum of Fine Arts (Plantation, FL), UMass Ambulatory Center (Worcester, MA) and Clinton Hospital (Clinton, MA). He has work in hundreds of private collections, ranging from Beverly Hills to Australia. You can find his artwork at the following local galleries: The Boulder Art Gallery (Fitchburg, MA) and Collins Artworks (Clinton, MA). He resides in southern NH.

The Jaffrey Civic Center is located at 40 Main Street, Jaffrey, New Hampshire, next to Library, parking in rear. Hours are Tues: 10-6, Wed-Fri 1-5, Sat 10-2. Admission is always free. For information, 532-6527, e-mail: jaffreycntr@aol.com, website: www.jaffreyciviccenter.com

From Phantom of the Opera to Saint-Saens:

Music School Faculty Present Evening of French Music

CONCORD—The Musicians of Wall Street at the Concord Community Music School will present an evening of French music, with selections ranging from a Saint-Saens's Eley to a Phantom of the Opera medley.

The concert will feature Music School faculty members Michelle Cloutier, violin, and Jacqueline Morin, piano, and will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 27 in the Concord Community Music School Recital Hall, 23 Wall Street in Concord, NH.

Other selections will include Ravel's virtuosic Tzigane, Franck's wide-ranging Violin Sonata in A major, and Saint-Saens's Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso.

"I have always been a fan of Saint-Saens's compositions," says Cloutier. "The Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso has always been a favorite of mine. I can remember being a kid, and every time I heard it on the radio, I would dance around the kitchen."

Admission is \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. For more information and to purchase tickets, please call 603-228-1196 or visit www.ccmusicsschool.org.

Michelle Cloutier (violin) graduated from Boston Conservatory

with a B.M., cum laude and a M.M. in violin performance. She has studied with Magdalena Richter, Bonnie Berwick and Irina Muresanu. Mrs. Cloutier is certified as a Suzuki teacher for Books 1-5 having trained with Allen Lieb and Carol Sykes. In the State of New Hampshire, Mrs. Cloutier has performed with the Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra and the New Hampshire Philharmonic.

Jacqueline Morin (piano) made her accompanying debut at the age of ten and has since earned a reputation as a skilled and sensitive collaborative pianist. She graduated summa cum laude from West Chester University with a M.M. in Piano Pedagogy and Plymouth State University with a B.A. in Piano Performance and Pedagogy. Additional studies include the Tanglewood Young Artists Piano Program and Oxford Summer Program in-residence at Lincoln College of Oxford University. She is an active member of the Music Teachers National Association, currently serving on the NH board as Fall Festival Chair and Vice-President of Membership and is a frequent adjudicator throughout New England.



"Charlie and Platykate" by Ann Sawyer

Ann Sawyer Watercolor Exhibit

Ann Sawyer's art in the first floor Display Cases from Friday, March 13 through Thursday, April 9.

"For over 50 years I have found inspiration for my painting on our fifth generation dairy farm in Jaffrey, NH. I am creating paintings of farm life and a celebration of domestic animals, beautiful creatures who touch our lives in a wonderful way with their service and devotion.

This is their legacy to us for which I am so grateful.

"So many family farms have been lost, but there still are many diverse farms across America contributing to the richness of life. What would our landscapes be like without farms and their animals? This is the legacy of New England and American family farming that I want to record with my paints.

"Relationships of animals to each other and to their caregivers is the

subject to which I respond with joy, returning often to the maternal theme; cow and calf, mare and foal, ewe and lambs, nanny and kids. Perhaps this is because I have been calf "mom" to several thousand baby bovines in my lifetime.

The legacy of our working animals is admirable and I am happy to be part of recognizing that legacy. Being intertwined with the legacy of our farm animals, I hope will be my creative legacy.

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Artist's Reception and Show



The Frame Depot will be hosting an art show for our talented Milford watercolor artist, Susan Peterson. Susan's work will be on display from March 31st through April 29th. An artists' reception will be held on Saturday April 4th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served. Come in and meet Susan Peterson in person.

In Search Of... Identity and The Perfect Pastrami Sandwich

Seventh Annual NH Jewish Film Festival Visits Six Cities

Long before Lady Gaga, Madonna and Mae West, Sophie Tucker was the first woman to infatuate her audiences with a bold, bawdy and brassy style unlike any other. She was a rags-to-riches American success story who ruled the worlds of vaudeville, Broadway, radio, television and film over an amazing 60-year career.

Celebrating her life through the entertainer's recently discovered 400+ personal scrapbooks, "The Outrageous Sophie Tucker" kicks off the 7th Annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival this month.

Spread over six NH cities, a remarkable nine of the ten film selections are making their Granite State premieres!

"Even in the Age of Netflix and On Demand, it's still empowering to see that film is not meant to be a solitary experience," says Linda Gerson, NHJFF Co-Chair and Co-Artistic Director. "Film festivals bring people together, they inspire conversation, encourage us to explore new ideas, tap into our emotions, make us laugh and make us cry."

"Over the past year, our screening committee has watched dozens and dozens of compelling films from around the world and have aimed to bring the best of the best to audiences in New Hampshire," she added. "We hope we'll whet your appetite for discovering independent cinema long after our festival is over."

The NHJFF includes entries from the following countries: USA, Israel, Argentina, France, Germany, Greece, Uruguay and Venezuela.

The festival includes a myriad of special guests, including:

On March 29, director Richard Kane ("Jon Imber's Left Hand") will discuss New England painter Jon Imber's battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) and how it pushed him to complete his life's work in a race against time.

On a more lighthearted note, the festival concludes with the documentary "Deli Man," a tribute to the great American love affair with pastrami and corned beef – and how the restaurant genre is sadly becoming an endangered species. The film will be topped off with a delicious 'nosh' of deli themed fare at the closing reception at Concord's Red River Theatres.

Souhegan Valley Quilters' Guild – Stork Project



Kathy Lewis from the Stork Project is smiling because she just received 35 baby quilts and 47 decorated onesies from the Souhegan Valley Quilters' Guild. Kathy bundles gently used baby outfits, hats, and booties inside a wrapped quilt. Her network of social workers in Southern NH distributes them to new Moms who are in need. The SVQG just celebrated its 30th birthday and made a commitment to provide Kathy with at least 30 quilts. For more information about the Souhegan Valley Quilters Guild, please go to www.nhquilts.org. For more information about The Stork Project, please go to www.thestorkproject.org.

Amherst Lions Club 43rd Pancake Breakfast

AMHERST – It is that SPRING-TIME of the year again when the 55 members of the Amherst Lions Club will prepare and host its annual Pancake Breakfast. The Pancake Breakfast will take place on March 29 from 8:00 a.m. until noon at the Wilkins Elementary School. Tickets are available from any Amherst Lion or may be purchased at the door. Cost for the all-you-can-eat breakfast is \$5 per adult and \$3 per child (ages 12 and under). All funds go to local charity, including sight and hearing impaired programs,

Boy and Girl Scouts, SHARE and college scholarships.

This year's event includes not only pancakes, sausages and pastries, but fruit toppings as well as traditional maple syrup. Juice, tea, coffee and milk are also included. For the first time, Gage Hill Sugar Shack is providing the maple syrup for your pancakes. In addition, they'll have local honey, maple candy, sugar, cream, BBQ sauce and candied nuts for sale. The syrup sells for \$6 for a half-pint, \$10/pint, \$20/quart and \$35 2 gallon.

Drop-in Improv Comedy Class

The Jaffrey Civic Center is really excited to announce this offering of "drop-in" classes on Wed evenings for six consecutive weeks: March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, starting at 7 pm going until 7:45pm.

Improvisation, or improv, is a form of live theatre in which the plot, characters and dialogue of a game, scene or story are made up in the moment. Often improvisers will take a suggestion from the audience, or draw on some other source of inspiration to get started. It is fun and requires no memorization or theatrical training. All ages welcome. This drop in class is the perfect place for absolute beginners to get acquainted with the joy of improvisation. Every week we will play in a safe and positive environment with group exercises and scene work. Come to all the classes or just "drop in" when you can! \$10.00 cash per class at the door.

The class will be led by Paige Lussier Johnson. Paige received

her BA from Keene State College in Theater & moved to NYC in 2002.

Paige is an actress with 10 plus years of training and acting in New York City and abroad. Paige has studied acting with The National Theater Conservatory in Denver CO, Meisner with James Price, Shakespeare at The American Globe and is a graduate of THE PIT Improv with Ali Farahnakian. Paige has performed Improv, Stand-up and Sketch comedy all over NYC and New England. She has even been in a commercial for comedy central! Paige is thrilled to be back in NH with her amazing husband (whom she met at KSC), and her two beautiful children.

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Toadstool Bookshop, Milford

Events for the months of: APRIL

April is National Poetry Month.

Kids – time for our Annual Poetry contest! Deadline for entries is April 24th. Call us or see our website for details. Good luck!

Local Author Open House

Sat, April 18, 2 p.m.

Please join us and area writers for a discussion of their writing and book signing. Light snacks! See the website for details.

KATINA MAKRIS & Dr. JEFF SULLENDER

Sat, May 9th, 2 p.m.

Lyme Disease: awareness, prevention, and treatment, will be discussed by local author (Out of the Woods), survivor, and homeopath Katina Makris, and nutritionist Dr. Sullender.

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"Curiosity" by Susan Peterson

Art Show!

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