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2024

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ABOUT FIRST NIGHT® MORRIS COUNTY

WHAT IS FIRST NIGHT®?

Beginning in 1992, First Night® Morris County is now the LARGEST First Night® in New Jersey. Join your friends and neighbors for our 32nd year of ringing in the New Year with an unmatched array of performances! First Night Morris County 2024 is the biggest and brightest New Year's Eve celebration in New Jersey, providing a magnificent family-friendly, substance and alcohol-free celebration in the heart of Morristown. Our stellar program features 70 performances at 20 Venues (18 In-Person, 1 Streaming, and 1 On-Demand), and 50+ On-Demand films. Events include theater, music (rock, jazz, classical), visual arts, film festival, children's programs and so much more. The program concludes with a Midnight Countdown and fireworks to welcome in the New Year.

Your First Night Morris County admission button gives you access to innovative, diverse and high-quality performances ideal for participants of all ages. In-person venues are within close walking distance of one another and virtual programs are accessible through our mobile app or website.

For one affordable price, you and your friends and family will enjoy unlimited access to all of our spectacular performances in-person, streaming or on-demand.*

OUR MISSION

First Night® Morris County, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, seeks to foster the public's appreciation of visual and performing arts through an innovative, diverse, and high-quality New Year's Eve program which offers the community a shared cultural experience that is accessible and affordable to all with Year Round Community Development Thru FNM365.



WHAT IS FNM365®?

FNM365 is a Year-Round Community Development Program dedicated to bringing the community together, not only for New Year's Eve but all 365 days of the year. The FNM365® motto is "Together We Can." FNM365® in conjunction with First Night Morris County Partners, Supporters, Volunteers, Patrons, and

Community Members provide the following programs: Advisory Board, Artist Entrepreneurship, Community Reinvestment Program (CRP), STEM Leadership Internship and Reading to a Better Future.

WHO ORGANIZES FIRST NIGHT®?

First Night® Morris County is run by a volunteer Board of Trustees and 6 Committees. Board and/or Committee Members come from a variety of backgrounds and work year-round to support the mission of First Night® Morris County.

ADMISSION PRICING



Now - December 21	December 22 - 31
\$25 (single) / \$90 (4-pack)	\$30 (single) / \$95 (4-pack)
Children 4 and under admitted free.	

WHERE CAN I PURCHASE BUTTONS (TICKETS)?

Buttons admit attendees to First Night® performances. Prior to December 31st, tickets (to be exchanged in person for buttons starting December 14th at the Mayo Performing Arts Center) can be purchased online at FirstNightMorris.org or from the Mayo Performing Arts Center (MPAC) by phone (973-539-8008) or at the Box Office located at 100 South Street in Morristown. For button pick-up please visit FirstNightMorris.org for details.

WHERE CAN I PICK UP TICKETS I ORDERED ONLINE?

If you ordered your tickets online, you should receive a receipt AND barcoded tickets. The receipt you printed IS NOT SUFFICIENT for entry into the venues. You must present the barcoded tickets to pick up your buttons, starting December 14th at MPAC.

ONLINE SALES WILL END ON DECEMBER 31ST AT 3:00 PM.

- Purchase & Exchange Your Tickets for Buttons at the Following Locations on December 31st:
 - MPAC Box Office (2:00pm – 3:30pm)
 - Morristown & Morris Township Library (3:30pm – 8:30pm)
 - MPAC Box Office Reopens (8:30pm – 10:00pm)
- Limited Supply of Buttons will be Available at the Following Locations:
 - Morristown High School Lower Atrium (4:30pm – 8:30pm)
 - Hyatt Regency Morristown (5:00pm – 9:00pm)

Please Note: 1 Ticket = 1 Button

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*Performance access is limited by seating capacity. **Please check FirstNightMorris.org for the latest information including health and safety guidelines.**

**On-Demand and Streaming Access is available through our App for Apple and Android Devices or via our website.

***Program is subject to change; please visit FirstNightMorris.org for the most up to date information.

Making a Difference!
First Night Morris County & Year-Round Impact thru FNM365

Support Your Community • Community Reinvestment Program
STEM Leadership Internship • Reading To A Better Future
"Arts & Technology...The Fusion on Imagination & Innovation"



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

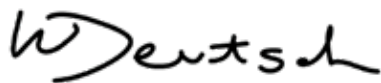
Happy New Year to All and Welcome to First Night:

We welcome you to First Night 2024. This is our 32nd year and I have the privilege of welcoming you for the sixth time as Chair of First Night. Each year takes on a new and different vibe. The hope is that each of you gets to experience something that you would not have been otherwise exposed to. We promise to be diverse and entertaining, sometimes moving and sometimes just fun, and do it better than anywhere else in the State of New Jersey. For what is New Year's Eve if it can not bring people together to count down the final moments of the current year, while looking forward with hope and anticipation of the new day, a new year.

As you look at the program on the following pages, you understand an event like this cannot be accomplished without the contributions of many organizations and individuals. We thank our many partners who we present this event in collaboration with, The Mayo Performing Arts Center and Morris Arts, along with the extraordinary efforts of the Morris County Economic Development Alliance and Morris County Tourism Bureau. Our many sponsors allow us to move forward with confidence that the arts can come to town and remain affordable. I must also thank the First Night Board and the Advisory Board who provide countless hours preparing for this event, along with the many volunteers who are critical to our operations tonight and throughout the year.

So enjoy, be excited, amused, entertained, maybe inspired, by all who gather here to make New Year's Eve a special night. We hope this extravaganza will be a beacon of hope for a safe and prosperous 2024.

Happy New Year!



Walter Deutsch, Board Chair

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The MCEDA & Morris County Tourism Bureau receives funding through a grant from NJ Department of State, Division of Travel and Tourism

FIRST NIGHT® MORRIS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD

Our Advisory Board is comprised of a diverse group of dedicated community members who share insights and feedback regarding First Night Morris County and oversee our year-round initiative, FNM365. These individuals meet 2 times a year to help shape the First Night experience.

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Explore Morris County's History!



Morris County Historical Society at Anson Hall



The Stickley Museum



The Morristown Green



Morris Museum



Morris County Hall of Historical Museum

morristourism.org/history-and-heritage/

Scan Here for
More Info on our
History &
Heritage Sites



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VISUAL ARTS

All Evening Upstairs Art Gallery • Mayo Performing Arts Center, 2nd Floor, Art Upstairs, 100 South St., 7:00pm - 11:30pm

The New Jersey Art Association, one of the oldest non-profit arts organizations in the state, has been dedicated to the arts since 1940. Members include amateur and professional visual artists alike who share a love of art and a desire to participate in the joys of artistic expression. Exhibitions take place throughout the year at the Paper Mill Playhouse, the Mayo Center for the Performing Arts, and various libraries, community centers, hospitals, and corporate offices.



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VISUAL ARTS

All Evening Starlight Gallery • Mayo Performing Arts Center Starlight Gallery, 100 South St., 7:00pm - 11:30pm

Evan Stuart Marshall is an award-winning mixed-media abstract artist known for his quirky, whimsical artwork. Born in Boston and raised in Sharon, Massachusetts, he lives and works in Roseland, New Jersey. Largely self-taught, Evan has received numerous awards for his work. His pieces have been featured in many exhibitions, both solo and group, and are held in many private collections worldwide. Evan teaches classes in mixed-media abstracts for the Livingston (NJ) Arts Association.



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VISUAL ARTS

Atrium Gallery Exhibit: *Mystery, Memory & Magic* • County Admin. Bldg. Atrium Gallery (Floors 2-5), 10 Court St., 4:00pm - 11:45pm

The Atrium Gallery exhibit, *Mystery, Memory & Magic*, features 4 floors of art, with 175 works by 6 outstanding artists: the late Lyanne Malamed, Xiomáro, Diane English, Hank Yaghooti, Amy Whitman, and Lisa B. Cerny. Each of these artists envisions the theme, *Mystery, Memory & Magic*, in his/her own highly distinctive manner, providing a gateway into worlds that touch on the mystical, the fantastic, the fanciful and memories from our very human past.



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CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Children's Fun Festival, Juggles & Glitter the Clowns • Morristown H.S. Atrium Lobby Upstairs, 50 Early St., 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Enjoy miles of smiles and joyful antics with "Juggles and Glitter" Beigel, two professional clowns who have been delighting kids of all ages for over twenty years. Juggles and Glitter make every child happy through their warmth using balloons, face painting and magic, and kids can take home a candy cane, holiday balloon, or another surprise creation. The charismatic duo is often seen at town events, corporate events, private parties and at local hospitals.



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CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Christopher Agostino's StoryFaces • Morristown H.S. Room 114, 50 Early St., 50 seats, 7:15pm & 8:15pm

StoryFaces is a captivating fusion of theater and visual arts. This innovative performance brings stories to life through face painting, captivating the audience with folktales and animated original stories. Volunteers become part of the show as their faces are painted to illustrate the narratives. From comic adventures like "The Amazing Face Story" to heroic tales such as "Punia and the King of the Sharks," it's a unique and inspiring storytelling experience that will leave you amazed.



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THEATER

Comedian Daniel Tirado • Hyatt Regency Morristown, Regency Room, 3 Speedwell Ave., 150 seats, 7:15pm & 8:15pm

Comedian Daniel Tirado is a New York-based comedian, actor, and writer, born and raised in Montreal. He is a regular at New York City's best comedy clubs, including the New York Comedy Club, Broadway Comedy Club, and Gotham Comedy Club. He has appeared on AXS TV's Gotham Comedy Live, Kevin Hart's LOL Network, and the MainStage at The Montreal Comedy Festival. This spring, Daniel will appear on HBO's White House Plumbers starring Woody Harrelson.



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THEATER

Comedian Joe Matarese • Hyatt Regency Morristown, Regency Room, 3 Speedwell Ave., 150 seats, 10:00pm & 11:00pm

Comedian Joe Matarese is one of America's very best. Joe grew up in Cherry Hill, New Jersey and started doing standup at the age of twenty. Throughout his long career, he has appeared on numerous television shows, including NBC's *America's Got Talent* and *Last Comic Standing*, CBS's *The Late Show with David Letterman*, and *The Late, Late Show with Craig Ferguson*, his very own Comedy Central special, along with three other one-hour specials.



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CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Dinoman Dinosaurs • Morristown H.S. Auxiliary Gym, 50 Early St., 300 seats, 4:45pm & 5:45pm

Dinoman Dinosaurs is full of fun, facts, merry mayhem, and, of course, dinosaurs! Will fossils be explained? Yes. Will there be a pesky raccoon? Sure. Will a child levitate? Hopefully. And will there be life-size dinosaurs? Of course! Writer and performer Bob Lisaius has dug dinosaurs in North and South Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming and brings his findings to life in this entertaining, enlightening, and just plain fun program designed for ages 4 and up.



2024 FIRST NIGHT® MORRIS COUNTY VENUE MAP

Visit our Command Centers at the following times for any questions regarding First Night:

- **Morristown High School:** 4:00pm - 9:00pm (50 Early St.)
- **Morris County Economic Development Alliance & Tourism Bureau Office:** 9:00pm - 12:00am (6 Court St.)

Online sales end at 3:00pm on Dec. 31, 2023:

- **Mayo Performing Arts Center (MPAC):** 2:00pm-3:30pm & 8:30pm - 10:00pm
- **Morristown & Morris Township Library:** 3:30pm - 8:30pm
- **Morristown High School Lower Atrium:** 4:30pm - 8:30pm (limited supply)
- **Hyatt Regency Morristown:** 5:00pm - 9:00pm (limited supply)

OVERNIGHT PACKAGES
Limited Availability

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Bureau

WELCOME TO MORRIS COUNTY, NJ

Will Call Building

Shuttle Bus Route

Shuttle Bus Stops

Venues
(schedule on back)

FREE First Night Parking
indicates spaces in each lot

Wheelchair
Accessible
Restrooms

Restrooms

Warming Station
Morristown H.S.

Command Center
Morristown High School &
the Morris County Economic
Development Alliance &
Tourism Bureau Office

MORRISTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

- 1 MORRISTOWN H.S. AUDITORIUM
- 2 MORRISTOWN H.S. MAIN GYM
- 3 MORRISTOWN H.S. AUXILIARY GYM
- 4 MORRISTOWN H.S. UPPER LEVEL CAFETERIA
- 5 MORRISTOWN H.S. LOWER LEVEL CAFETERIA
- 6 MORRISTOWN H.S. ATRIUM LOBBY, UPSTAIRS
- 7 MORRISTOWN H.S. ROOM 114

COMMAND CENTER (4:00PM-9:00PM)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION & RECORDS BUILDING

ATRIUM GALLERY
ROOM 526
COMMISSIONER PUBLIC MEETING ROOM, 5TH FLOOR

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MAYO PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

- 9 2ND FLOOR, ART UPSTAIRS
- 10 STARLIGHT GALLERY
- 11 MPAC THEATER
- 12 MPAC THEATER LIVE STREAM

MORRISTOWN LIBRARY

WILL CALL (DEC 31: 3:30PM-8:30PM)

13 ON-DEMAND

December 31, 2023, 4:00pm - January 1, 2024, 4:00pm

On-Demand and Streaming Access is available through our App for Apple and Android Devices or via our website.

Report all emergencies to a Site Manager, the Morristown Police Department, and/or the First Night Command Center.

NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT SCHEDULE

CATEGORY / COLOR REPRESENTATION

on artist profiles and schedule

Children's Programs

Dance

Music

Theater

Visual Arts

Shuttle Buses Start at 4:45 PM

All performances are indoors and will take place regardless of weather. Shuttles are available between most venues. (See Map on next page for Shuttle Route)

Plan your evening in advance and allow sufficient time to get from one venue to the next.

For wheelchair accessible transportation, please visit firstnightmorris.org or call us at 973-455-0708.

FILM FESTIVAL

All Ages

Teen & Adult

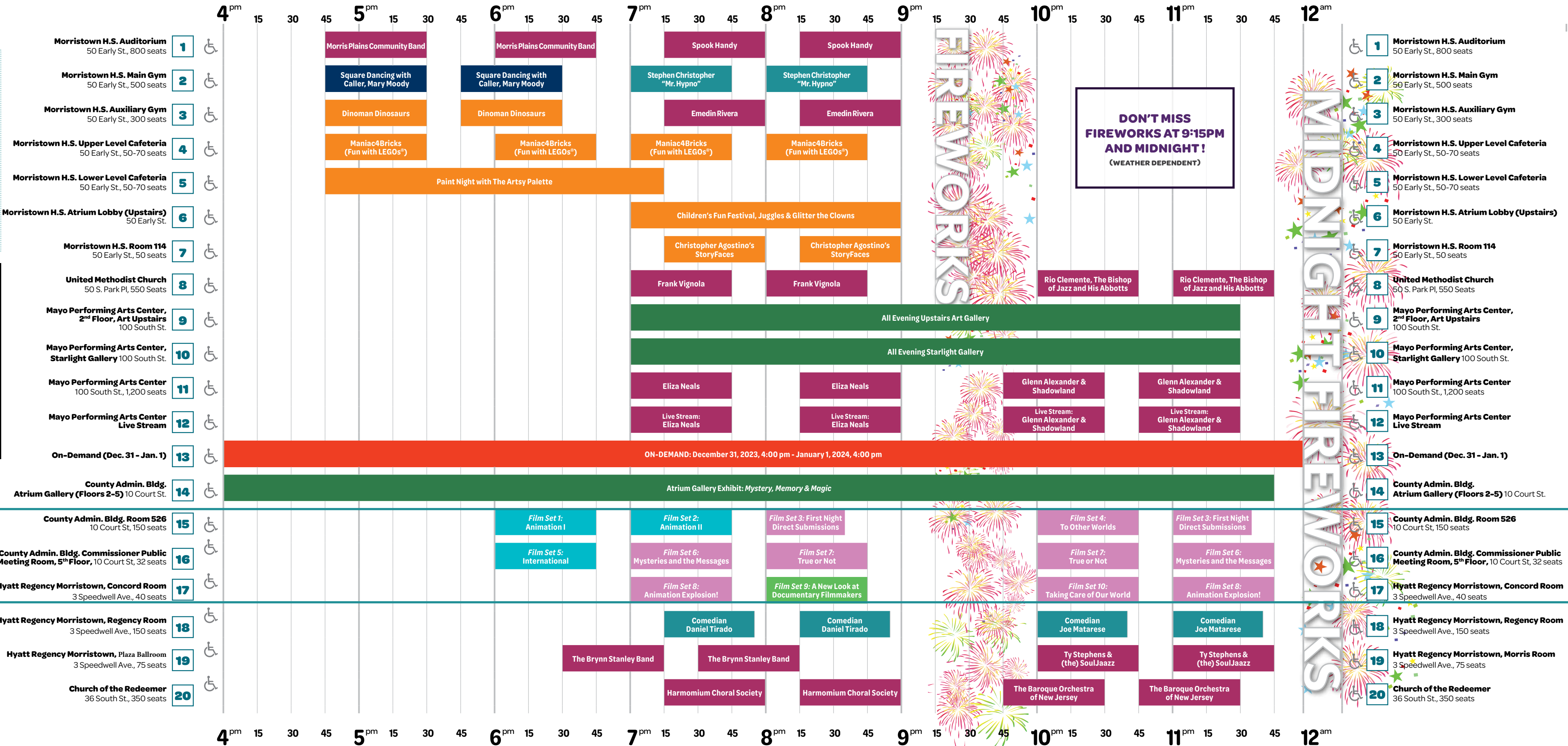
13 year-old or older audiences

Young Adult & Adult

17 year-old or older audiences

Wheelchair accessible venues

Wheelchair accessible venues are identified on the event schedule. Locations of wheelchair accessible restrooms are noted on the map. Call 973-455-0708 if you require special assistance.



FIREWORKS

DON'T MISS FIREWORKS AT 9:15PM AND MIDNIGHT!
(WEATHER DEPENDENT)

MIDNIGHT FIREWORKS

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MUSIC

Eliza Neals • Mayo Performing Arts Center Theater, 100 South St., 1,200 seats, 7:00pm & 8:15pm
Venue 12 (Live Stream): 7:00pm & 8:15pm

Eliza Neals is a force to be reckoned with. A powerhouse vocalist, musician, producer and recording artist from Detroit, she exemplifies the new modern Blues sound in all its forms. Her music is rooted in the traditions of the Blues, but she infuses it with her own unique style, creating a sound that is fresh and exciting. She has earned rave reviews from critics and fans alike, and her live performances are truly unforgettable.



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MUSIC

Emedin Rivera • Morristown H.S. Auxiliary Gym, 50 Early St., 300 seats, 7:15pm & 8:15pm

Emedin Rivera, a versatile percussionist, is renowned for his rhythmic artistry that reflects Latin-Caribbean-African influences. He's shared the stage with luminaries like Stevie Wonder, Sting, and Harry Belafonte. Rivera's impressive resume includes appearances on shows like *The David Letterman Show* and commercial credits with Anheuser-Busch and Mercedes-Benz. Additionally, he's a celebrated inventor, creating unique percussion instruments like the Conga-Toms, Em-Rays bongo head, and the Cyclone Shaker. Rivera's diverse talents shine in the world of music and innovation.



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FILM: ALL AGES

Film Set 1: Animation I • County Admin. Bldg. Room 526, 10 Court St., 150 seats, 6:00pm

Sit back and learn how animators craft a message, whether it is about nutrition, aging, loneliness, or reaching for the ultimate high. Living alone in space, in a family setting, or simply getting older is portrayed in these short films. This film set includes the following short films: "The Invisible Army", "If Birds Fly", "Will Ye No Come Back Again" and "A Bikers Dream".



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FILM: ALL AGES

Film Set 2: Animation II • County Admin. Bldg. Room 526, 10 Court St., 150 seats, 7:00pm

Artwork for the big kids and adults. These trips by our animators require a bit more thought, as we look at changes in work habits, a change in habitat. What if someone dictated your entire future? Would you be happy, or would you want to create the changes? This film set includes the following short films: "Advanced Delvonics", "Giant Rock" and "Paradise Lost Episode 1".



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FILM: TEEN & ADULT

Film Set 3: First Night Direct Submissions • County Admin. Bldg. Room 526, 10 Court St., 150 seats, 8:00pm & 11:00pm

These films were submitted specifically for First Night and chosen for a presentation to you. A satire on the competition in the fund-raising cookie business, and do creative office types ever stop creating, even when they retire and sell the business? Sometimes, work does take all the fun out of it, just ask your manicurist. This film set includes the following short films: "Ranger Kids Cookies", "Mani Mani Baby", "Couple a Cards" and "The Report".



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FILM: TEEN & ADULT

Film Set 4: To Other Worlds •

County Admin. Bldg. Room 526, 10 Court St., 150 seats, 10:00pm

These films all deal with out of this world abductions and experiences that are beyond understanding. An AA meeting is not for substance issues. Teens are transported in a strange and unlikely manner. Four different tales are offered here. This film set includes the following short films: "Voice of an Angel", "Abducted Anonymous", "Gravity Hill" and "The Lyman Abduction".



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FILM: ALL AGES

Film Set 5: International •

County Admin. Bldg. Commissioner Public Meeting Room, 5th Floor, 10 Court St., 32 seats, 6:00pm

Three foreign films are brought to you from European filmmakers. First, all those socks that get lost could be going to a parallel universe with your dryers as the portal. Second, a Spanish Star Wars fan movie with all the special effects. And finally, a young man is communicating with an alien via a ham radio and is saying goodbye to his pal. This film set includes the following short films: "Wormhole in the Washer", "Last Trial - A Star Wars Collateral Story" and "Antenna".



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FILM: TEEN & ADULT

Film Set 6: Mysteries and the Messages • County Admin. Bldg. Commissioner Public Meeting Room, 5th Floor, 10 Court St., 32 seats, 7:00pm & 11:00pm

Each film takes us on an adventure. Have you ever wanted to kill that bug near the ceiling? What if you didn't? Playing with one's sense of comfort can have deadly effects, and sometimes, no one will believe the truth. This film set includes the following short films: "At the End of the Canyon", "A Lost Sense", "Up Near the Ceiling" and "11 O'clock, A Sense of Imminent Calamity".



Film Set 7: True or Not • County Admin. Bldg. Commissioner Public Meeting Room, 5th Floor, 10 Court St., 32 seats, 8:00pm & 10:00pm

You get to decide what is true or not. There are times that we cannot believe our eyes. The *Twilight Zone* is a docudrama of a true story. The others are extrapolations on visual sightings from eyewitnesses and contacts with aliens. This film set includes the following short films: "Twilight Zone, The Worst Accident", "Eyes", "Assawoman Anomalies", "Betty and Barney" and "The TraiRunl".



Film Set 8: Animation Explosion! • Hyatt Regency Morristown, Concord Room, 3 Speedwell Ave., 40 seats, 7:00pm & 11:00pm

The Thomas Edison Film Festival celebrates its 42nd Season with an all-animation screening featuring films from the Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the USA. The films include "Bolero" by Rolf Brönnimann, "Concession Stand Girl" by Corinne James, "ETC." by Pablo Milan, "Notice of Rejection" by Steven Vander Meer, "Dancing in the Shadows" by Elliott Bloom and Alexandra Gordon-Gibson, "Cornucopia" by Ani Antonova and Dimitar Ovtcharov, and "Crumbs!" by Luke Jaeger and Amara Jaeger.



Film Set 9: A New Look at Documentary Filmmakers • Hyatt Regency Morristown, Concord Room, 3 Speedwell Ave., 40 seats, 8:00pm

The Thomas Edison Film Festival presents four award-winning documentary films exploring meaning in the subject's life. The films are "Free From Fear" by Berenice Manjarrez of Puerto Rico, "Heidi Lau's Spirit Vessels" by New York City filmmaker Bryan Chang, "The Eye Begins in the Hand" by Yahuda Mercid of California, and "Guadalupe Maravilla & The Sound of Hearing" by Rafael Salazar and Ava Willang of Brooklyn, New York.



Film Set 10: Taking Care of Our World • Hyatt Regency Morristown, Concord Room, 3 Speedwell Ave., 40 seats, 10:00pm

The Thomas Edison Film Festival celebrates its 42nd Annual Season with four films featuring environmental themes from filmmakers in Canada, France and Wales. The films shown include "Allowed" by the Welch filmmaker Zillah Bowes, "Alone Beneath the Northern Lights" created by Valentin Boitel-Denyset of Paris, France, "Inner Polar Bear" created by Gerald Conn of Wales, and "In Love with a Problem" by Canadian filmmaker Julie Kim.



Frank Vignola • United Methodist Church, 50 S. Park Pl., 550 Seats, 7:00pm & 8:00pm

Frank Vignola, born December 30, 1965, is a remarkable guitarist renowned for his virtuosity. He's been the guitarist of choice for artists like Ringo Starr, Madonna, and guitar legend Les Paul. He currently holds a residency at the Birdland Jazz Club Theatre in NYC and collaborates with violinist Tessa Lark. "Frank Vignola's Guitar Night" has featured some of the finest talent on the planet including Mike Stern, Pasquale Grasso, Jimmy Bruno, and many more.



Glenn Alexander & Shadowland • Mayo Performing Arts Center Theater, 100 South St., 1,200 seats, 9:45pm & 10:45pm
Venue 12 (Live Stream): 9:45pm & 10:45pm

Glenn Alexander & Shadowland is a band with a big sound – a killing rhythm section, three horns, backup singers, and includes members of Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes. Together, these accomplished musicians form a super group that combines rock, soul, blues and roots music in a unique and rockin' way. What can you expect from Shadowland? The only expectation is to show up, have a good time, and soak up some great music.



Harmonium Choral Society • Church of the Redeemer, 36 South St., 350 seats, 7:15pm & 8:15pm

Harmonium Choral Society, established in Morristown in 1979, is a New Jersey choral arts organization known for its musical excellence and innovative programming. Under the direction of Dr. Anne Matlack, the choir, consisting of over 100 volunteers and a 25-voice Chamber Singers group selected through auditions, offers a diverse choral repertoire with a focus on contemporary pieces. The multi-generational choir includes individuals from various professions and backgrounds, many of whom also lead their own choirs.



Maniac4Bricks (Fun with LEGOs) • Morristown H.S. Upper Level Cafeteria, 50 Early St., 50-70 seats, 4:45pm, 6:00pm, 7:00pm & 8:00pm

Come join brick artist Joseph Meluso (Maniac4Bricks) in discovering vast arrays of building, social play, and engineering with thousands of LEGO® pieces of all shapes, sizes, colors and ages! Also learn about his recent publication, *Bizarre LEGO*®, full of obscure products and evolutions over LEGO®'s 90-year history. Maniac4Bricks has an established 11-year online presence including YouTube videos, convention displays, as well as a nomination as a contestant for the FOX TV competition *LEGO® Masters*.



(LEGO® projects are not brought home. Assistance available in free-play environment.)

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MUSIC

Morris Plains Community Band •

Morristown H.S. Auditorium, 50 Early St., 800 seats, 4:45pm & 6:00pm

The Morris Plains Community Band is made up of musicians from age 14 to 90. The band is conducted by Larry Ripley, and performs up to 12 concerts a year in area senior residences, assisted-living facilities, fairs and festivals, as well as concerts in the park. The band plays a variety of traditional concert band music, including favorites from Broadway and Hollywood, light classical selections, patriotic songs, and holiday tunes during the winter season.



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DANCE

Square Dancing With Caller, Mary Moody •

Morristown H.S. Main Gym, 50 Early St., 500 seats, 4:45pm & 5:45pm

Square Dancing – fun-filled dancing for all ages. No partner or experience necessary. Come enjoy lively dancing with an experienced square dance caller. Mary Moody calls a varied dance program that includes reels, line, circle and square dancing to western, jazz and Broadway tunes. Try something new and fun for all.



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CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Paint Night with The Artsy Palette •

Morristown H.S. Lower Level Cafeteria, 50 Early St., 50-70 seats, 4:45pm-7:15pm

The Artsy Palette at 404 RT 57 in Phillipsburg is sure to ignite your creativity! Children and adults of all ages learn about art history, how to paint, draw, sculpt, design, imagine, sketch and explore using a variety of materials and techniques in indoor and outdoor settings. Our parties, private art lessons, pottery, and more are guaranteed to be a real treat. Come see what happens when you let your creativity run free!



2

THEATER

Stephen Christopher “Mr. Hypno” •

Morristown H.S. Main Gym, 50 Early St., 500 seats, 7:00pm & 8:00pm

Ever been hypnotized? Stephen Christopher, “Mr. Hypno,” as seen on TLC, makes it so much fun! He engages everyone in mind power exercises, then selects volunteer participants from the audience to get hypnotized. These volunteers become the stars of the show and it gets hilarious. No one is embarrassed or insulted. It’s all good, clean fun, and the participants leave feeling energized and empowered. Stephen is certified with the National Guild of Hypnotists.



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MUSIC

Rio Clemente, The Bishop of Jazz and His Abbotts •

United Methodist Church, 50 S. Park Pl., 550 Seats, 10:00pm & 11:00pm

A native of Morristown and member of the Morristown Hall of Fame, Rio Clemente is a pianist and composer of secular and gospel music. He has performed at the White House representing the U.S. Coast Guard and Auxiliaries. As a music educator, Rio served as music director for the Generations of Jazz Program of the NJ Jazz Society. NJ Monthly Magazine has named him among its “Top 40 New Jerseyans” and the NJ Jazz Society has named him Musician of the Year.



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MUSIC

The Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey •

Church of the Redeemer, 36 South St., 350 seats, 9:45pm & 10:45pm

The Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey, founded in 1996 under Maestro Robert W. Butts, showcases a diverse repertoire spanning the 17th to the 21st century. The orchestra is renowned for world premieres and collaborations with international artists, featuring at esteemed events like the Boston Early Music Festival. They prioritize fostering young talents and engaging audiences, and their commitment extends to various partnerships, making them New Jersey’s most collaborative arts group.



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Spook Handy •

Morristown H.S. Auditorium, 50 Early St., 800 seats, 7:15pm & 8:15pm

The passion, purpose, and spirit of folk music are alive and well with Spook Handy. Spook performed with Pete Seeger more than 50 times in the last ten years of Pete’s life. Spook has released 6 full-length CDs, with his most recent two reaching number 3 on the International Folk Radio Charts, and has been named “Best Folk Artist” by numerous publications. Be prepared to sing along and have a rollicking good time!



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The Brynn Stanley Band •

Hyatt Regency Morristown, Plaza Ballroom, 3 Speedwell Ave., 75 seats, 6:30pm & 7:30pm

Brynn Stanley has been charming audiences on both coasts, from NJ to LA. Brynn has been the featured vocalist for official events held by the Governor of New Jersey and appearances at Mayo Performing Arts Center, The Metropolitan Room and Shanghai Jazz. Audiences and critics have raved about her voice, a unique blend of classic vocalists like Ella Fitzgerald and Peggy Lee with modern stars like Norah Jones and Diana Krall. Her style has been described as “warm, classic, timeless, inspiring and sincere”.



Ty Stephens & (the) SoulJaazz •

Hyatt Regency Morristown, Plaza Ballroom, 3 Speedwell Ave., 75 seats, 10:00pm & 11:00pm

Ty Stephens & (the) SoulJaazz offer a unique musical fusion and uplifting energy through their urban-tinged adult-contemporary sound, based on jazz, funk, and R&B. In 2023, the band headlined prestigious festivals like the Morristown Jazz & Blues Festival, OSPAC Jazz Festival, Birdland's "Standard Tyme," and the BAAS Entertainment Gala. They have performed across the U.S. as well as internationally, including in Monte Carlo, Tokyo, Eastern Russia, Seoul (South Korea), Sao Paulo, Harare, Morocco, and Haiti.



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