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First Friday Tickets

NBMAA Non-Member Ticket\$15.00 USD

NBMAA Member Ticket\$10.00 USD

Member # (req. for members)

ADULT PROGRAMS

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Scheduling a Tour

Adult Studio

Art Happy Hour

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First Friday

Lecture Series

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Concert Series

Special Events

Travel Series

First Friday of each month from 5:30-8 p.m.

\$10 Members, \$15 non-Members

\$3 for beer and wine, soda is free

First Friday features live jazz music performed by local and nationally known musicians. Attendees have the opportunity to view the Museum's premier permanent collection, which includes 300 years of American art. Experience art activities and have intriguing gallery talks while you mix and mingle with other art and jazz lovers. Hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer, and soda will also be served during the event.

For First Friday sponsorship information please contact the Development Manager at (860) 229-0257, ext. 246.

Apr. 4

Afro-Semitic Experience

With a highly accessible ethnic world music mix and an ability to get an audience on its feet, The Afro-Semitic Experience is emerging on the festival scene and redefining the jazz concert. This is a band beyond category—a mix of spiritual, world-beat, funk, jazz, cantorial, gospel, salsa, and swing. Driven by soul, their concerts are celebrations where they play great music, tell stories, and offer a positive and meaningful message: Unity in the Community.

African-American jazz pianist Warren Byrd, and Jewish-American jazz bassist David Chevan co-founded the band for an interfaith Martin Luther King memorial service in 1998. The Afro-Semitic Experience has gone on to share their music at concerts, workshops, and worship services all across the United States, Canada, and Europe. Their music is an intricate tapestry of the distinct cultures and heritages of the members of the group. They weave stories and music together as they celebrate and explain the Jewish and African-American sacred traditions.

Linda Popper's unique and eco-friendly jewelry will be featured in the trunk show for this month. Her jewelry captures the beauty of nature and used materials such as farm-raised pearls and shells, and recycled metals to create pieces of art that can be worn. Woodworker, Forrest Doyle will also be featured this month with his handmade cutting boards that are both useful and ornamental providing a perfect addition to anyone's home.

The Poet Admin presents Hard Hittin' Poets where the writers will be reciting their works on and about art. They have used poetry as a means to overcome problems such as mental disorders, drug abuse, and incarceration. Several books have been published with powerful content.

Cafe Beauregard will be providing food tasting for this evening.

Bloody Mary mix — which will be sold as our specialty drink of the night, will be provided by Blood Bold.

May 2

Eight to the Bar

Drawing its musical influences from American roots music such as swing, R&B, soul, and Motown, Eight to the Bar is known for its outstanding instrumentalists and sophisticated musical and vocal arrangements. Highlighted by female vocals and with the support of independently produced albums and videos, Eight to the Bar has cultivated a large, enthusiastic following that has put them in clubs from coast to coast, as well as Europe and the Caribbean. They have opened for Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Manhattan Transfer, Robert Cray, Neil Young, Roy Orbison, and Ray Charles.

Connecticut native and New Media artist David Borawski will be speaking at the opening reception for his new exhibition, *God Save Your Mad Parade*. He describes his work by saying, "I am inspired by the pivotal social and political events that have shaped our world. I make work that is a conceptually driven investigation of these ideas and their impact upon everyday life." He lives and creates his work in Hartford but has shown his art internationally. Borawski's art focuses on American culture, politics, and the affect of each.

Check out trunk show artist Paula Dennen and her brilliantly fused glass jewelry and eclectic crafts that are perfect gifts for any occasion.

June 6

Junior Krauss & the Shakes

Junior Krauss & the Shakes frequents the Connecticut music scene playing American-rooted music such as the Blues, Rock & Roll, R&B, Swing, and Country. Led by Doug "Junior" Krauss, the Shakes established themselves in 1999 and together they deliver sounds of the harmonica, vocals, guitar, bass, and drums to get the crowd moving. The band's dynamic performances guarantee an energetic night of great music inspired by both classical and contemporary artists.

Trunk show artist will be Deborah Leng who will feature her jewelry. Grounded in fiber and stone her pieces relate to spiritual awareness and growth.

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