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WHARTON ARTS ANNOUNCES 2025 SUMMER CAMP LINEUP

Wharton Arts is pleased to announce new summer camp offerings to join its lineup of returning programs for summer 2025. Meet the Instruments, for ages 4-7, encourages young campers to explore song, dance, rhythm, art, stories, and dramatic musical play while learning about a different family of instruments each day: Strings, Brass, Woodwinds, Piano, Percussion. Broadway Adventures, for ages 4-6, introduces budding young actors to the world of acting, singing, and dancing, culminating in a fun-filled showcase for friends and family. In addition to these new offerings, summer favorites will return for 2025, including Drama Kids (Scooby Doo), Summer Musical Theater Company (You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown), Triple Threat Musical Theater Intensive (High School Musical JR), and eight weeks of Theater Explorers. To view weekly camp themes and for complete camp descriptions, WhartonArts.org.

In addition to summer camps at the Wharton Performing Arts School in Berkeley Heights, the New Jersey Youth Symphony (NJYS), a program of Wharton Arts, will host several ensemblebased camps in New Providence, June 22-July 3. Experience the wonders of ensemble playing at the NJYS Orchestral Camp (String and Winds/Brass/Percussion Sessions), Chamber Music Camp, and Double Reed Camp, where students learn from accomplished faculty and strengthen their talents. Whatever your camper's creative ambitions are, they will develop skills, find the space to flourish, and join an artistic community at Wharton Arts. For more information, call (908) 790-0700 or visit WhartonArts.org.

Wharton Arts' mission is to offer accessible, high quality performing arts education that sparks personal growth and builds inclusive communities.

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Wharton Arts is located in Berkeley Heights, New Providence, and Paterson, NJ and reaches students from 12 counties. All of Wharton Arts' extraordinary teaching artists, faculty members, and conductors hold degrees in their teaching specialty and have been vetted and trained to enable our students to achieve their personal best.



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The Summit Symphony Orchestra, celebrating 85 years of free concerts in Summit, continues it's 2024-25 season with a concert on Sunday, March 16 at 2:00 p.m., at Summit High School, 125 Kent Place Boulevard, Summit. Admission to all Summit Symphony concerts is free.

Music Director Michael Avagliano will lead the orchestra in performances of Dvorak's Symphony No.7 and the Grieg Concerto for Piano, featuring soloist Eric Clark.

Eric Clark has performed to great acclaim throughout much of the United States as well as in Europe and Asia. Eric appears regularly at prestigious venues including Carnegie Hall, the Klavierhaus Concert Series, the Musicians Club of New York, Scandinavia House, the Juilliard School, and the Manhattan School of Music. Eric was invited to compete in the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in 2013 and was the only American contestant to attend the First International Chopin Competition on Period Instruments in Warsaw, Poland in 2018.

The Summit Symphony has been providing free orchestral concerts for the Summit area since 1938. For more information about this 2024-25 concert season and about the Summit Symphony Orchestra, please visit our website summitsymphony.org



(above) Eric Clark to perform with the Summit Symphony Orchestra.





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The Summit College Club Foundation is organizing and holding its annual Book Sale, its largest fundraiser each year. Starting Friday, April 4th, and continuing through Monday, April 7th, the Summit College Club Foundation will accept donations for its annual Book Sale.

Each year, the Summit College Club Foundation Book Sale sells thousands of donated books and media to area customers at very low prices. The Summit College Club Foundation uses all of the net proceeds from the sale to fund scholarships for local high school seniors on their way to four-year colleges and for women returning to community college after a break in their education.

This year, the sale will be held from April 9th through April 13th.

The sale accepts books and other media, including fiction and non-fiction books, CDs, DVDs, LPs, and audio books, all in good condition. However, it does NOT accept encyclopedias, textbooks, manuals, magazines, VHS tapes, or any damaged or defaced items.

People wishing to donate to the sale are asked to bring their items to American Legion Post 433, located at 357 Elkwood Avenue in New Providence (next to the New Providence Library) during the following days and times:

Friday, April 4th, 9 am to 7 pm Saturday, April 5th, 9 am to 7 pm Sunday, April 6th, 9 am to 7 pm Monday, April 7th, 9 am to 7 pm

There's a parking lot in front of the building, and carts are available for donors to wheel containers up the ramp to the entrance. Volunteers will also be available for assistance.

"The Book Sale is our largest fundraiser of the year," explains Lynne Rogerson, Summit College Club Foundation President. "This area of New Jersey is rich in readers, and our Book Sale has flourished through their generosity despite the rise in online alternatives to books and print media. We are truly grateful to our donors, and we make every effort to place items that don't sell before the sale ends with organizations that want them, including other charities."

Summit College Club Foundation appreciates the community volunteers who help take in and sort the books before the sale, assist customers, straighten the various book areas during the sale, and clean up after the sale. If you would like to volunteer, please fill out the Volunteer with Us form at summitcollegeclub.org/booksale (scroll to Volunteer section).

Summit College Club is a branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), an organization that promotes equity for women and girls through education, research, and advocacy.

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Club Meeting, Birthdays, & AWR Elementary School band

Wednesday, February 5 at 11:00am, **Pizza Bingo with Spring Grove** Friday, February 7 at 11:00am **Club Meeting**

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Wednesday, February 12 at 11:00am Lecture on Impressionist Art by Mike Norris

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Thursday, February 13 at 11:00am, **Club Meeting & Special Bingo** Wednesday, February 19 at 11:00am **Book Club**

Tuesday, February 25 at 11:00am (The Color of Water by James McBride) **Club Meeting & Maple Sugaring Program**

Wednesday, February 26 at 11:00am with Somerset County Park Commission

FREE TAX-AIDE ASSISTANCE

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide assistance in preparing and filing their 2024 tax returns. AARP Foundation Tax Aide counselors will be available at the DeCorso Center for appointments from 9:45am-2:30pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from February 5 through April 15 (with the exception of Wednesday, 3/5 when there will not be appointments). Trained AARP

New Providence area residents can obtain free Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers will provide inperson tax assistance free of charge, with a focus on taxpayers who are over 50 and have low to moderate income. Taxpayers with complex returns may be advised to seek paid assistance. Taxpayers may call the Center at (908) 665-0046 between 10:00am and 2:00pm Mondays through Fridays to schedule an appointment or may sign up in person at the Center.

LIONS CLUB 56TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Save The Date! The New Providence Lions LIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Club will be hosting their 56th annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at Oakwood Park in New Providence. The hunt is open to all New Providence Pre-School, Kindergarten, First and Second Graders. This annual celebration, hosted by the Lions since 1969, will start at 9:00 a.m. near Oakwood Park's Picnic area. Lions volunteers will be handing out gifts and accepting food donations for the Our Lady of Peace R.C. Church Food Pantry in New Providence, and New Providence EMS. Fire and Police Departments will be on hand with their vehicles for family pictures. The actual Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 9:30 a.m. sharp, with thousands of colored eggs, and special Gold and Silver eggs leading to special prizes. The event is free. See you there!

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WHARTON ARTS PRESENTS FREE CONCERTS IN SUMMIT

profit community performing arts education organization, will present several free concerts during the 2024-25 season at Saint John's Lutheran Church located at 587 Springfield Avenue in Summit.

Said Wharton Arts Artistic Director Helen Cha-Pyo, "We are excited to partner with Saint John's Lutheran Church and music director Christopher Harlow-Jennings for our Wharton



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Wharton Arts, New Jersey's largest not-for- Arts in the Community series. From the fun, interactive Halloween Hoopla to uplifting Jazz Vespers and world-class performances, this series offers something for everyone. It's a wonderful way to connect with the Summit community and make music accessible to all."

> "I am thrilled to partner with Artistic Director Helen Cha-Pyo and her team at Wharton Arts this season to bring exciting new musical offerings to the greater Summit community," said Saint John's Lutheran Church Director of Music Christopher Harlow-Jennings. "This unique collaboration builds on our respective institutions' strong musical foundations and programming to engage listeners of all ages."

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For more information, call 908-790-0700 or visit WhartonArts.org.

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The Junior League of Summit is pleased to with the Junior League of Summit's mission. announce our 2025 Scholarships Program. From February 5 - March 31, 2025, we will be accepting applications for three Shirley Wight Keeney Voluntarism Scholarships.

The Shirley Wight Keeney Scholarships are \$3,000 awards given to three graduating high school seniors who demonstrate a commitment to voluntarism in his/her community.

The Scholarship is open to students who meet the following criteria:

Applicants must live or attend school in Berkeley Heights, Chatham, New Providence or Summit;

Applicants must demonstrate academic excellence within their high school graduating class throughout their high school career;

Applicants must be continuing their education at an accredited two- or four-year college or business/vocational school;

Applicants must show significant volunteer work during their high school years that aligns

All materials must be received by March 31, 2025. Award winners will be announced in May.

The scholarship recipients will be asked to provide the contact information for their school/college once available, as the scholarship will be paid directly to the institution.

The Junior League of Summit, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. For more information about the JLS go to: summit.jl.org

Applications are open now thru March 31, 2025 and should be submitted through our online application forms found here:

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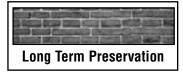
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Repair services for this event will include electronics, lamps, woodworking, bicycles, sewing/textiles, and knife sharpening. Each person is permitted to bring a maximum of 2 items for repair.

Replacement lamps parts will be available at a nominal at-cost fee. Please ensure you can carry your items unassisted when bringing them to the event. No appointments are necessary; wait times may vary, as this event is not a drop-off service.

This event is co-sponsored by the Summit Area Green Faith Circle and Repair Cafe Garden State. For more information about Repair Cafe Garden State and other free Repair Cafe events throughout New Jersey, visit repaircafegs.org.

Repair volunteers are always welcome at this event, as well as all future repair events. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us on our website.



REV. AUDREY DEL CAMPO INSTALLATION

New Providence Presbyterian Church installed Rev. Audrey Del Campo as the Associate Pastor of Outreach and In Reach on February 8, 2025. An ordained pastor through ECO, Rev. Del Campo brings a wealth of experience to her new role. She is an accomplished preacher, worship leader, songwriter, and the author of her first book, "Wind and Waves."

Rev. Del Campo is passionate about ministry through music and the Word of God. She has led worship and spoken in churches across North and South America, as well as Africa, showcasing her dedication to the global church. Her mission is to inspire, encourage, and equip the church to stay steadfast through challenges by focusing on Jesus and adopting a global perspective.

In her new role, Rev. Del Campo will assist church members and seekers in finding their place within the church community and growing their faith. She will also develop programs and outreach efforts to engage the surrounding area and invite them into a relationship with Jesus and the church.

The congregation eagerly anticipates the fresh vision and leadership that Rev. Del Campo will bring to the church and community. For more information about New Providence Presbyterian Church, visit their website at thecornernj.com.



(above) Rev. Audrey Del Campo

Courtesy photo

MARDI GRAS CONCERT – MARCH 9TH

Friends of the New Providence Library

Come celebrate a musical celebration of Mardi Gras at the New Providence Library on Sunday, March 9th at 3 p.m.

The Friends of the New Providence Library is sponsoring a free community concert featuring The Patrick Kersson Trio, a lively jazz group with New Jersey roots, who will help us celebrate the Mardi Gras season!

Join us in the Conti Family Community Room and learn more about the musical traditions of the

"Big Easy" New Orleans, also known as the Crescent City, and their influence on popular music around the world. Through musical analysis, live musical performance and audience participation, The Patrick Kerssen Trio will help bring some Mardi Gras up to New Jersey. This performance will feature jazz, blues, gospel, zydeco, and more. There might also be some Mardi Gras beads to add to this afternoon celebration of music and fun or bring your own! Hope to see you then.

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Tagged Fish will be stocked that day so the children can see them get stocked. Prizes are awarded for different species of fish. This is an ongoing event until May 3 so if a child cannot fish that day they can sign up and send in their tag if they catch a tagged fish up to the deadline that tags will be received.

You may donate and sponsor a fish for this event. Download our form online at nbfcc.org, we can mail one to you, or stop in at Ponzio's, 211 Union Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ.

The Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club was founded in 1907 and remains the oldest fishing club in the nation. We are listed on Amazon Smile and are a recognized 501(c)3 nonprofit. We provide outings to support veterans, adults and children as well as people with disabilities which focus on environmental education, fishing knowledge and practice. We are always looking for new members, donations, and volunteers if anyone would like to get involved. Our monthly meetings are held at the Kenilworth VFW, located at 33 S. 21st St., Kenilworth, NJ, on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. (except July

The Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club Annual and August). There is no fee to attend a meeting. For more information visit nbfcc.org or contact Bob Jones: BJonesJRNJ@hotmail.com, 908-325-6657.



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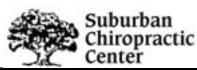
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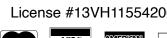
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At 10:30 a.m., Elsa Hahn of Edison will show her work and speak on "Surface Design – Making it Personal." The award-winning quilter and retired Westfield music teacher will share her firsthand knowledge of various art quilting techniques, including the pros and cons of popular methods.

Janice M. Tellier of Mountainside will be recognized as 2025's Featured Quilter. The Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) graduate and lifelong creative spirit will display 20 plus works of original art. Of her 14 vibrant bed-sized quilts Tellier quipped, "I often think my beds are better dressed than I am."

Tellier's whimsical fiber art will be featured alongside her acrylic paintings, crochet, examples of bobbin lace making and a fascinating diorama of a miniature modern quilting studio. "My hope is to have the quilts speak to the viewer, with a sense of humor or play on words," Tellier said.

As is tradition, local charities will benefit from drawings for a modern lap-sized quilt, a traditional queen-sized bed quilt, gift cards and craft themed gift baskets.

In addition to viewing a full array of modern, traditional, art and wall-hanging quilts, attendees can participate in viewer's choice awards, kid's crafting table and vendor sales area.

A tearoom offering lunch, snacks, homemade baked goods, and beverages will benefit Willow Grove Church programs.

For additional information,

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