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## SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ ANNOUNCES MONROE QUINN TRIO

*w/opening act Pillars Of Praise children's choir*

The Salem Roadhouse Café presents Monroe Quinn Trio and the Pillars Of Praise children's choir on Saturday, March 14, 2026. The doors open at 7:30 p.m., the show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$20 and includes show, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, and dessert. The venue is located in Bailey Hall, at Townley Presbyterian Church, 829 Salem Rd, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities. This year's charity is Townley Church's "Blessing Room", a place where needed items find their way into the hands of needful people. The Blessing room operates in coordination with local and county governments and agencies to put clothing and small household items needed most by families and individuals.

The Pillars Of Praise children's choir is a group of dedicated children under professional direction who harmonize and sing in multi-part harmony. This group performed at the 2024 Townley Church/Roadhouse Café "Sounds of the Season" Christmas show to rave reviews and a standing ovation.

If you like pure, unadulterated jazz instrumentals presented in a classy, intimate nightclub atmosphere, this show is for you! The Monroe Quinn Trio has delighted audiences in the tri-state area with performances of music ranging from the American Songbook to jazz arrangements of pop classics and original works. Monroe is joined by bassist Jose Rodriguez and Michael Advensky on drums. Monroe Quinn began playing professionally at the age of thirteen as part of a musical family that included his father, Joe, a drummer, and his brother, Alan, an exceptional trumpeter, whose own big band would rehearse in their living room. Michael Advensky is a full-time musician and educator who's been performing for the past 4 decades. Throughout his career, he's shared the stage with artists such as Gavin DeGraw, Gloria Gaynor and many more. Jose Rodriguez is a native to New York City and currently resides in Teaneck, NJ. He began piano studies at the age of eight and bass at the age of twelve. Jose earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education at New Jersey City University with concentrations in classical and jazz studies. He also worked on a master's degree at S.U.N.Y Purchase Conservatory and concluded his Master's degree at NJCU. Jose established himself as an on-demand freelance bassist on double bass and electric bass over the years and now enjoys an active freelance career.

As always, the Salem Roadhouse Café music is live, intimate, up front, and personal. All ages are welcome.

### ABOUT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ

It's not "church music." It's music music. Folks who've come to the Salem Roadhouse Café know that it's a clean, safe place for people who enjoy listening to live music — in a world otherwise filled with clubs and bars. The Roadhouse has always offered its stage to local and independent mainstream musicians. Jazz, rock, folk, and other groups have performed. What's the common thread? They're all great musicians playing the kind of music people like to hear. There's no message, just music.

Now in it's 18th year of operation, the Roadhouse started in 2008 by members of Townley Presbyterian Church with a grant from the Presbytery of Elizabeth. Hey — that's why we're located where we are, 829 Salem Rd, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for numerous carefully chosen local charities. That's its social mission.

But the many musicians who've played the Salem Roadhouse Café see it as a solid performance venue. They love it because of its special intimacy and great audiences. They say people here "really listen." Ask any of the musicians you meet here — they love to play the Roadhouse, and they want to come back often.

The Salem Roadhouse Café has raised funds for many carefully chosen charities. They include: Center For Hope Hospice, Community Food Bank, Monarch Housing, Angel Paws Animal Rescue, National MS Society, The Union County YWCA Domestic Violence Program, The Music Institute, Groundwork Elizabeth and others. Many thousands of dollars have been raised for these deserving charities.

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The excitement is building for the Cub Scouts of Pack 23 as they get ready for the annual Pinewood Derby. Scouts are given a kit that includes a block of wood, plastic wheels and axles. With help from a parent or other adult, they transform those parts into a race car and then race it against their friends' cars, down a 30-foot long track. Trophies are presented to the winners.

Pack 23 would like to invite all boys and girls, from Kindergarten to the 5th grade, to join in the fun, even if they are not in Cub Scouts! The Pinewood Derby race will be held on Sunday, March 8, in Saint Genevieve's Church hall, 200 Monmouth Road, Elizabeth, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Derby kits cost \$5 each and can be requested from Cubmaster Dan Bernier at 908-451-1948.

The Scouting program at St. Genevieve's Church teaches character, citizenship and physical fitness to the youth of Elizabeth and surrounding towns. New members are welcome at any time, all year round. For more details, please contact Dan Bernier, Scoutmaster, at (908) 451-1948 or [webfoottroop@gmail.com](mailto:webfoottroop@gmail.com).



(above) Cub Scouts from Pack 23 are transforming blocks of wood into race cars for their annual Pinewood Derby.

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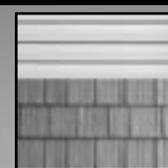
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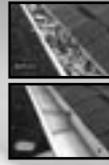
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On March 21, Pegasus: The Orchestra will perform with the Chatham High School Chamber Choir in a dazzling benefit concert for the TheraYouth Foundation at the Dorothy Center for Performing Arts at Drew University. Led by accomplished conductor and pianist, Karén Hakobyan, the vibrant program includes Haydn's "Fire" Symphony and a rousing version of Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, both composed exclusively for this ensemble. GRAMMY-nominated cellist Sergey Antonov - hailed by The Washington Post as "destined for cello superstardom" - will bring his soaring tone and formidable technique to Saint-Saëns' Cello Concerto No.1. All proceeds support pediatric medical therapy for disadvantaged youth. Normally this ensemble performs in New York City theaters so tickets are a steal at \$41-\$61 and can be purchased at [therayouth.org](http://therayouth.org).

## TERAYOUTH CELEBRATES THREE YEARS OF TRANSFORMING CHILDREN'S LIVES

In just three years, the TheraYouth Foundation has become a beacon of hope for families across New Jersey struggling to secure essential therapy services for their children.



(above) Dr. Irina Marcoff providing physical therapy to a young patient at the Arlene S. Chasek clinic in Elizabeth NJ.

Physical therapist Dr. Irina Marcoff, DPT, founded TheraYouth to address a troubling reality: too many children with treatable conditions were being left behind. Long waitlists for public Early Intervention and school-based services; a shortage of pediatric providers accepting Medicaid; and the high cost of private therapy (often exceeding \$125 per session); placed critical care out of reach for hundreds of families.

"Early therapy can change the entire trajectory of a child's life," says Dr. Marcoff. "But for many families, access is the greatest barrier."

At its Elizabeth, NJ clinic, TheraYouth provides affordable physical, occupational, and speech therapy to disadvantaged children, more than 90% of whom rely on Medicaid. Since its inception, over 113 patients have "graduated" from therapy by achieving critical

developmental milestones.

The impact of timely intervention is undeniable. One young patient, unable to crawl or walk due to congenitally weak neck muscles, faced the risk of permanent disability due to delays in care. After just four months of physical therapy at TheraYouth, he graduated from treatment, able to walk normally, transforming his future.

Unfortunately, demand continues to outpace resources with more than 400 children on TheraYouth's waitlist for services. The foundation operates entirely through donations, community partnerships, and fundraisers.

On March 21st, TheraYouth will host a benefit concert to raise vital funds for pediatric therapy services. Help transform the lives of New Jersey's most vulnerable children through buying a ticket, or through a donation at [www.therayouth.org](http://www.therayouth.org).

## WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU HIT "PAUSE"?

The parishes of St. Bartholomew the Apostle, Immaculate Heart of Mary in Scotch Plains along with the Church of the Little Flower Berkley Heights and St. James the Apostle Springfield are inviting men of all ages to attend this year's Men's Cornerstone XVII retreat. It will be on Friday March 6th and Saturday March 7th and held at St. Bartholomew in Scotch Plains.

### WHAT IS CORNERSTONE?

Cornerstone is an opportunity to hit the "pause button" in life and a chance to renew and strengthen your faith and grow in your experience in the Christian faith. It is led by a team of parishioners from various backgrounds and ages who themselves have experienced an increased presence of Christ in their lives.

### WHY SHOULD I ATTEND CORNERSTONE?

You will have a unique opportunity to meet other men of the community and together listen, reflect, and share real life experiences. Taking the time to retreat from daily routine and stress is both a necessary and rewarding experience.

### WHAT DOES "CORNERSTONE" MEAN?

The word "Cornerstone" describes Christ as the main foundation ("the cornerstone") of our lives. His presence within us allows us to live, grow, and become more loving and vibrant people of God.

What can I expect at Cornerstone? It will begin on Friday evening March 6th at 6 p.m. and end on Saturday evening March 7th after Mass and dinner. There will be talks, followed by small group discussions, time for quiet personal reflection, Reconciliation, and Eucharist.

### REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Please visit the web sites of either St. Bartholomew the Apostle at [stbartholomewchurch.org/mens-cornerstone](http://stbartholomewchurch.org/mens-cornerstone) or Immaculate Heart of Mary at [ihmparish.net](http://ihmparish.net). You may also reach out to the co-directors: Jim Brennan 908-337-6874, [jpbrennan1946@gmail.com](mailto:jpbrennan1946@gmail.com); Jose Montero 201-310-4278, [josergomezmontero@hotmail.com](mailto:josergomezmontero@hotmail.com); or Pat Cetera 908-230-7282, [ceteras4@verizon.net](mailto:ceteras4@verizon.net).

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Throughout the week, visitors are welcome to observe live rehearsals of any of NJYS's 15 ensembles, offering a rare behind-the-scenes look at how young musicians collaborate, learn, and grow under the guidance of NJYS's accomplished artistic staff. Open Rehearsals Week is designed for students in grades 2-11 who are curious about joining a youth orchestra or expanding their musical journey.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet NJYS conductors, experience the rehearsal process firsthand, and explore how NJYS nurtures musical excellence, teamwork, and confidence in young performers.

Said Artistic Director and Principal Conductor Helen Cha-Pyo, "At the New Jersey Youth Symphony, we hold our students to the highest standards of musical excellence and artistry because they are capable of extraordinary things. At the same time, our core mission goes beyond performance. We want our students to experience the profound connection between music and life, and to understand the power of music as a force for service, empathy, and community building. Open Rehearsals Week is an open invitation to parents, educators, and students to step inside our rehearsal rooms, feel the joy of our community, and witness the 'serious fun' that happens when young people make music together with purpose,

passion, and heart."

NJYS is one of New Jersey's premier youth orchestra programs, serving talented young musicians from across the region through a comprehensive range of ensembles and educational experiences. Open Rehearsals Week reflects NJYS's commitment to access, education, and artistic excellence.

Attendance is free, but advance registration is encouraged. Registration and additional information available at [NJYS.org](http://NJYS.org).

## ABOUT THE NEW JERSEY YOUTH SYMPHONY

The New Jersey Youth Symphony (NJYS), a program of Wharton Arts, provides exceptional orchestral and ensemble training to young musicians in grades 2-12. Through a wide range of ensembles, performances, and educational opportunities, NJYS fosters musical excellence, collaboration, and a lifelong appreciation for the arts.

Wharton Arts' mission is to offer accessible, high quality performing arts education that sparks personal growth and builds inclusive communities. Wharton Arts' vision is for a transformative performing arts education in an inclusive community to be accessible for everyone.

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The New Jersey Festival Orchestra (NJFO) invites patrons and music lovers to "Music for a Matador," an unforgettable operatic fundraising gala featuring highlights from Bizet's Carmen. The event will take place Friday, April 10, 2026, from 6:00-10:00 PM at The Gran Centurions in Clark, NJ.

The evening will showcase electrifying excerpts from Bizet's iconic opera, narrated by Maestro David Wroe and brought to life by NJFO musicians alongside acclaimed guest artists. Featured performers include Lisa Marie Rogali as Carmen, Dane Suarez as Don José, Sara LeMesh as Micaëla, and SeungHyeon Baek as Escamillo. Guests can expect an immersive operatic experience filled with drama, romance, and unforgettable musical moments.

In addition to the performance, attendees will enjoy a beautifully curated dinner and have the opportunity to participate in both live and silent auctions, featuring exclusive experiences, gifts, and collectibles.

Proceeds from "Music for a Matador" support NJFO's ongoing education and community outreach programs, including Listening is Healing, which brings live classical music to hospitals, rehabilitation centers, and community settings. Recently, NJFO has expanded this program to Overlook Medical Center in Summit, NJ, offering patients and staff moments of reflection, calm, and inspiration through music. Funds raised at the Gala help sustain these programs and ensure that NJFO's artistry and

educational initiatives remain accessible to communities across New Jersey.

"Music for a Matador" offers a unique blend of operatic performance and gala celebration, providing patrons with an evening that is both culturally enriching and socially impactful. Sponsors and guests play a vital role in sustaining NJFO's mission to bring world-class music to audiences of all ages and backgrounds.

For tickets, sponsorships, or more info, visit [www.njfestivalorchestra.org/gala-2026](http://www.njfestivalorchestra.org/gala-2026) or email [info@njfestivalorchestra.org](mailto:info@njfestivalorchestra.org).



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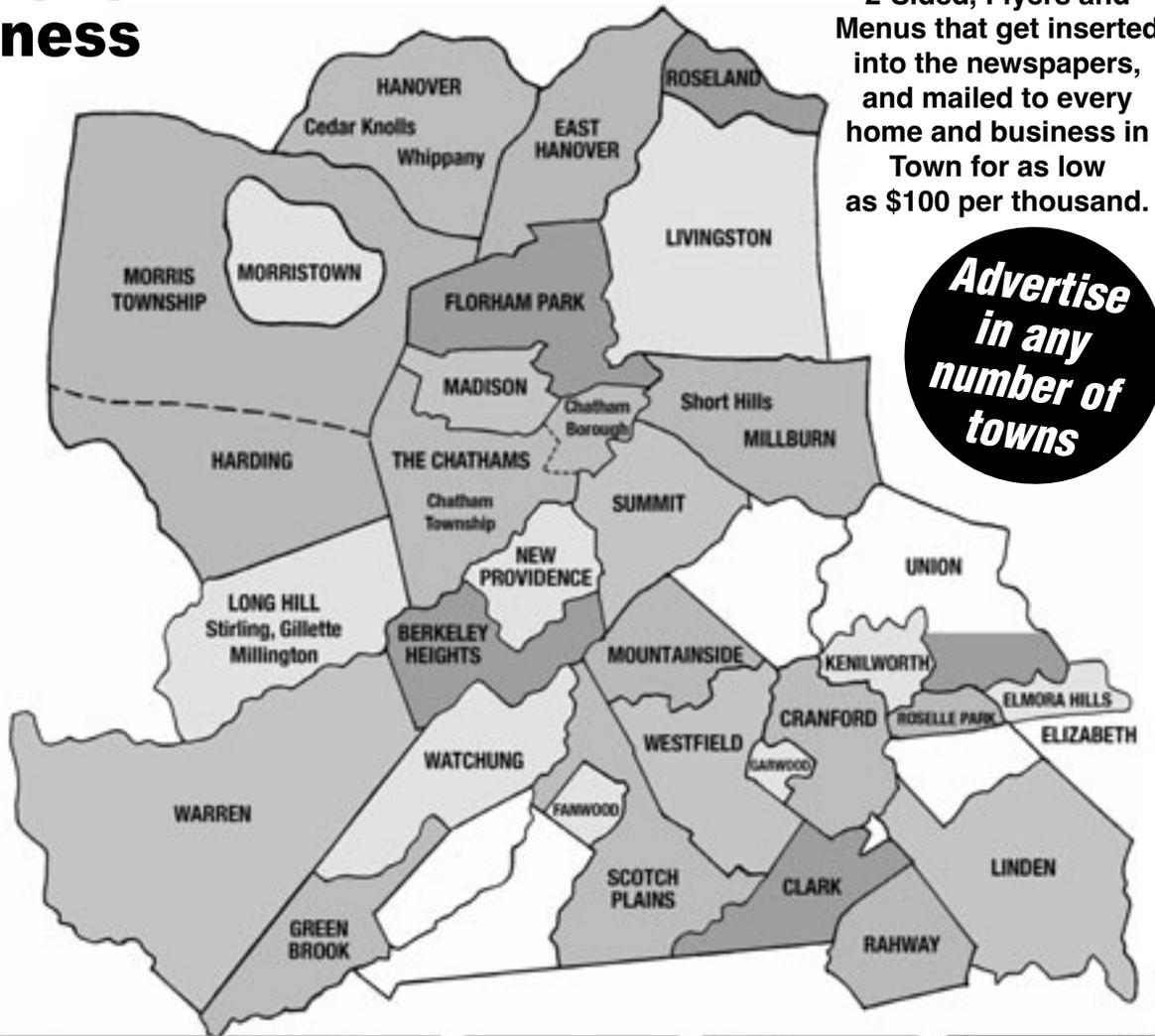
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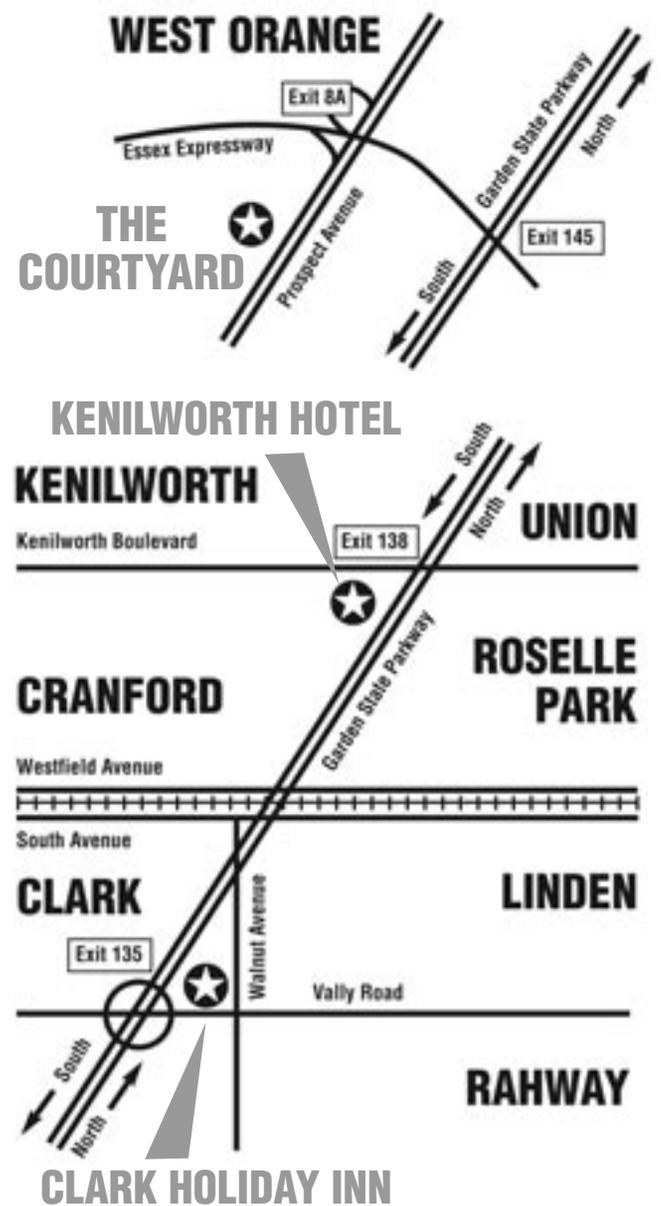
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