

ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS ARTS COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events:

LECTURE SERIES: John Lollo **Sunday January 17th, 2:00 pm**

John Lollo, nationally known playwright, television producer and writer, (and Atlantic Highlands resident) and actress Debbie O'Brian will read excerpts from his hit comedy, *Mr Goldwyn*, which starred Alan King during its smash off-Broadway run. Lollo has written for television personalities from "Dr. Ruth" to Howard Stern, and is currently at work on a new play.

This event will be held at AMA Ristorante Toscana, 41 First Ave. Reservations are required as seating is very limited. Make reservations by phone or email: 732-856-8383, info@atlantichighlandsartscouncil.com. A tax-deductible donation of \$15 is suggested at the door.

INTERVIEW WITH JOHN LOLLOS

Margaret Moro

Atlantic Highlands resident John Lollo knows and has known many, many entertainers over the years through his work in television. A nationally known playwright, television producer and writer, Mr. Lollo will be reading the first act of his play *Mr. Goldwyn*, this Sunday at 2 pm at Ama Restaurant on First Avenue. This comedic presentation is part of the AHAC's Artists' Lecture Series.

Mr. Goldwyn is a moment in time in the life of Samuel Goldwyn, an immigrant from Warsaw who became one of the five movie moguls in Hollywood. The play ran at the Promenade Theater on Broadway in 2001, starring Alan King. The time was 1952 after Mr. Goldwyn experienced five movie flops (his first ever) due to the emergence of television. Undaunted, Goldwyn flies in the face of contemporary logic and produces a family picture, "Hans Christian Anderson." Mr. Lollo will also talk about "Goldwynisms" sayings of Mr. Goldwyn which were malapropisms, such as "A verbal contract is not worth the paper it's written on." Mr. Lollo describes Mr. Goldwyn as "the most colorful and fascinating of the men that created the movie business."

Mr. Lollos will be joined by Debbie O'Brian who will be reading the part of Mr. Goldwyn's secretary, Helen. Lollos will discuss how the play came about and he will take questions from the audience.

Mr. Lollos began his career at NBC as a page and worked his way up to Vice President. While in that position, he was moonlighting with his first play in New York City at the Sheridan Square Theatre. This was a musical version the Shakespeare's Twelfth Night which he adapted from the book, wrote lyrics and directed. It got good reviews and the executives at NBC, instead of firing him for his extra-curricular activities, gave him the job of making sure that the network talent went on Johnny Carson's "Tonight Show".

Mr. Lollos built his successful career by doing what he loved. He advises up-and-coming artists to go into their art with a full heart and soul and without a back-up career because it takes a total commitment. "You have to absolutely love it so that the inevitable long pauses between jobs are filled with your passion to fulfill you dream. It will happen."

STARS OF THE FUTURE AT SOUNDS OF THE HIGHLANDS JR.

Save the Date! Auditions Saturday, January 30

The second annual 'Sounds of the Highlands Junior' concert will be held Sunday, March 7, at 2:00 pm at the Central Baptist Church. Musicians and entertainers 18 and under can call Laura DuBois at 732-687-3571 for additional information or to schedule an audition.

Last year's concert was a great success with over twenty acts consisting of young people from the surrounding area.

SOUNDS OF THE HIGHLANDS

The fourth annual Sounds of the Highlands concert, featuring some of the extraordinary musicians who live locally and perform nationally and internationally will take place on Saturday, May 22, 2010, 7:30 PM at the Central Baptist Church

PAINT OUT RETURNS

Every Tuesday morning from 10 am - 1 pm, "paint-in" with Marge Levine at the Central Baptist Church, Third and East Highland Avenues, in the Kraft room. For more information, call Marge at 732-872-8965, or email artmarge1@gmail.com. The charge for each person will be \$10 for the three hours, and that money will go for the renting of the room.

OPEN MIC: LIVE AT THE WINE BAR

On the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm;
performers sign-up beginning at 7 pm;

Upcoming open mics: Tuesdays, February 9, March 9, April 9, May 11

Location: The Wine Bar, 2nd floor in the Harborside Grill Building

FILMONEFEST BENEFIT SCREENING AND RECEPTION

SCREENING: Sunday February 7, 2:00 pm at Atlantic Cinema 5

RECEPTION: 4:00 pm at Julia's Restaurant

The Arts Council will be holding a pre-release screening of *Mother and Child*, a film from Sony Pictures Classic. This film is donated by Tom Bernard of Sony Pictures Classic, and the screening is donated by Lenny Edwards of Atlantic Cinemas 5. The film stars Annette Bening, Naomi Watts, Samuel L. Jackson and Kerry Washington in three parallel stories that come together to emphasize the bond between mother and child.

Purchase your tickets at the AHAC website or at Flaky Tart.

The price of admission to the film is \$15; the price of admission to the reception is \$15.

The proceeds will benefit the FilmOneFest 2010

DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

SAVE THE DATE: April 17, 2010: Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction at the Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club to benefit FilmOneFest. Volunteers and auction items needed for this event. If you can contribute goods or services for the auction, or time for planning and creating a beautiful evening, please email info@atlantichighlandsartscouncil.com

IN THE NEWS

Atlantic Highlands Arts Council has been awarded a grant from the Monmouth County Arts Council to support the second annual FilmOneFest. The \$1,000 grant will enable AHAC to expand and improve the festival in many ways, but AHAC still must raise additional funds through donations and sponsorships. Sponsorship offers many benefits, including immediate recognition on the FilmOneFest website - check it out here: <http://www.filmonefest.org/sponsors.html>

FilmOneFest is now accepting submissions for the July 17, 2010 One Minute Film Festival. Videos must be no longer than 60 seconds in length and can be submitted by mail or email. Submission categories include: "Student" (for filmmakers who are currently enrolled in high school or an accredited college), "ONE" (for films with themes about unity and community), "Bayshore" (for films from filmmakers from the Bayshore

region of NJ and/or films about the Bayshore), and "Open" The early bird deadline is March 31, and the latest deadline is June 15. For more information, please visit the FilmOneFest website, <http://filmonefest.org> and click on "submissions"

MEMBER NEWS:

LIPTON'S EXHIBIT OF PHOTOS FROM INDIA AND TIBET

Arts Council Trustee Barbara Lipton will present an exhibit of photographs from India and Tibet at Middletown Township Public Library during February, 2010. The exhibit features photographs taken by women college students of their homes in rural Rajasthan, India, along with photographs taken in Tibet by Barbara Lipton. The Opening Reception will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6 from 2 - 4 pm. Tibetan Lama Wangdak Pema will speak at the reception. "Village Life in Rajasthan, India, and Life in Tibet"; Middletown Library February 6 - 28, 2010.

M E M B E R S H I P

Support the Arts in Atlantic Highlands: Be a part of AHAC by joining as a Member

As expected, the AHAC is always looking to raise money so we can keep our events affordable. We are presently writing grants to underwrite some of our events. We have relied on our community of businesses since our inception to host many events and advertise in our programs. Membership is also an important source of funding and support of AHAC events.

Membership in the Arts Council is simple. As a member, you can receive a discount on concerts, place free classified ads in our newsletter, and get invited to members only parties. And, you will be supporting the work that many volunteers have done to bring music, art and a broader sense of community to Atlantic Highlands.

Joel DeWitt and Barbara Lipton are working on this committee. Please contact either of them at info@atlantichighlandsartscouncil.com, or send your name, address and phone number with your check to AHAC, PO Box 236, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716.

These are the levels of membership:

Supporting Members:

Individual \$35 which includes a 20% discount on all concert programs

Family (2) \$50 which includes a 20% discount on all concert programs

Sustaining Members

Individual \$100 which includes 2 comp tickets and a 20% discount on all concert programs

Family (2) \$150 which includes 4 comp tickets and a 20% discount on all concert programs