December 2016

Dear Friend,

Southampton Arts Center approaches the holidays with gratitude and anticipation of the New Year. We are deeply grateful for the ongoing support of the community and our benefactors, and are looking forward to a thrilling 2017 season. It is with great pleasure to announce that we will be doing our part to keep the Village of Southampton vibrant and active year-round by remaining open all 12 months, continuing to offer even more wonderfully diverse programs and exhibitions.

Launched in 2013, Southampton Arts Center has become a hub for arts and culture on the East End, welcoming almost 35,000 visitors this year. By the end of 2016 we will have presented over 100 programs and events for the entire community, often free of charge, through partnerships with world-class artists, performers, educators, and cultural institutions. Our impressive array of programming partners this year included International Center of Photography, New York Academy of Art, the George Eastman Museum, Hamptons International Film Festival, Jazz at Lincoln Center, Telluride Mountainfilm, the Watermill Center, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County Marine Program, the Shinnecock Indian Nation, and more. Enclosed is a summary highlighting our progress and programming success, as well as a photo overview of 2016.

Southampton Arts Center is a privately funded institution. In order to continue our mission to provide the highest quality arts and cultural events for our community and to ensure that this special building and its grounds remain community space, we need your support. This season, please consider a year-end contribution to help secure our continued growth and future success.

With your help, Southampton Arts Center will continue to be a vibrant community space, enhancing the cultural life of our Village for generations to come.

Wishing you all the best for a warm holiday season!

Sincerely,

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OVERVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016

Southampton Arts Center has established itself as a vibrant hub for arts and culture on the East End of Long Island. In just four years, audiences have grown from 10,000 to an anticipated 30,000 in 2016. Southampton Arts Center has upgraded its galleries and technical capacity for programs and has ended each year with a balanced budget.

Our programming continues to expand as we respond to the needs of our community.

PROGRAMS

Southampton Arts Center presents over 100 events annually including live performances, talks, visual art exhibitions, wellness programs, educational workshops and more. Building on a successful partnership model, the Center works with Jazz at Lincoln Center, the International Center of Photography (ICP), New York Academy of Art, New York Historical Society, New York Foundation of the Arts, the Hamptons International Film Festival, Telluride Mountainfilm on Tour, the Watermill Center and many more to deliver world-class programs.

In keeping with its mission to serve the community, Southampton Arts Center presents a Halloween Haunted House, hosts the Southampton High School Prom, is a destination for weddings, fundraisers and other private events and through its exhibitions, has featured the works of over 75 East End Artists.
ART
Each year we present a full season of gallery shows which in 2016 included East End Collected2 curated by Paton Miller; WATER|BODIES presented by NY Academy of Art and curated by Eric Fischl and David Kratz; ICP’s Winning the White House: From Press Prints to Selfies; Chas Addams: Family and Friends; and Colorama from GE Eastman.

FILM
Our film program, an ongoing partnership with Hamptons International Film Festival, offers a free outdoor film series in July and August with well loved classics including Tootsie, The Candidate, To Catch A Thief and Rocky. Hundreds of guests bring blankets and sit outside on our lawn to enjoy a summer evening of film. Special presentations and screenings take place throughout the year and have included Walker Art Center’s Internet Cat Video Festival, Telluride Mountainfilm on Tour Southampton, and React to Film.

TALKS
Illustrious speakers including Susan Rockefeller and informative Q&As tied in with screenings shown in partnership with REACT TO FILM were presented. We are also home to the year-round Dan’s Papers Literary Salon Series. Topical lectures tied to our visual art and performances are scheduled periodically.

LIVE
Concerts featuring Jazz at Lincoln Center and Pianofest, plus performances by artists including Melissa Zapin, The Hoodoo Loungers, Migngiel Anggelo, Nancy Atlas and The George Gee Swing orchestra have all been presented outdoors on our great lawn and indoors in our theater. A new jazz series presented by The Jam Session was offered throughout the summer and on select weekends in the Fall.

KIDS
Our Kids series features popular weekly programs throughout the summer on our outdoor stage. In 2016 these included performances by Josh & The Jamtones and Baby Loves Disco Dance Party, bubble shows by Jeff Boyer, visits with Quogue Wildlife animals, plus two new programs: Studio on the Steps with local artists and Stories on the Steps in collaboration with Rogers Memorial Library. In 2016 we expanded to include Friday afternoons in August featuring Puppet Shows with Goat on a Boat @ Bay Street Theater.

WELLNESS / SUSTAINABILITY
We have expanded our programming to include Wellness programs including Yoga on the Lawn and Meditation. The wildly received and energizing outdoor wellness event, Southampton Sweat, took place in August with over 1,000 participants. Our partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County offers special workshops and painting programs that focus on protecting our East End environment.

FINANCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE
Southampton Arts Center has run a balanced budget since its inception with positive audits each year. With the help of Southampton Village and private donors, upgrades to the building are ongoing. Our $600,000 budget is funded through private donations and proceeds from the vital annual SummerFest benefit. Corporate support has grown with sponsorships from Land’s End, Audi, Mini Cooper and Brown Harris Stevens plus local businesses and media. We have received state funding for a major upgrade to the grounds. With a four-year track record of success, Southampton Arts Center is actively pursuing a broad base of support from corporations, foundations and government programs. Through our public-private partnership, Southampton Village has extended a 99-year lease for the building and provides ongoing operational support, facilities and grounds maintenance to Southampton Arts Center. This partnership has enabled the organization to focus on programming and engage stakeholders to develop year-round audiences and become an integral part of the East End community.

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ART | EXHIBITIONS

EAST END COLLECTED2, curated by Paton Miller; WATERBODIES, presented with New York Academy of Art and curated by Eric Fischl and David Kratz; WINNING THE WHITE HOUSE: FROM PRESS PRINTS TO SELFIES, presented with International Center of Photography; CHAS ADDAMS: FAMILY AND FRIENDS, presented with the Tee & Charles Addams Foundation; COLORAMA, organized by the George Eastman Museum.


KIDS | EDUCATION

Stories on the Steps with Rogers Memorial Library; Bi-Lingual School Dance Workshops with Water Mill Center resident Dance Company, El Colegio del Cuerpo from Colombia.

KIDS | ART

Studio on the Steps Art Workshops; Shinnecock Dreamcatcher Workshop; Community Peace mural; Native American Jewelry Making; Holiday Cookie Decorating Workshop.

KIDS | NATURE

Marine Touch Tank and Waterfront Restoration “Seeding Party” with Cornell Cooperative Extension; Quogue Wildlife “Meet the Animals.”

KIDS | LIVE

The Pop Ups in concert; Baby Loves Disco; Bubble Trouble with Jeff the Bubble Guy; Josh and the Jamtones in concert; Shockwave Beat Box workshop; Goat on a Boat @ Bay Street Live Puppet Shows.

WELLNESS

Yoga on the Lawn with Mary Angel Buffo of Ananda (every other Sunday, July 3-August 28); Meditation in the Galleries with Julie Sacks (every other Sunday, July 10-September 4); Ingest, Digest and Rest — Post Thanksgiving Yoga with Mary Angela Buffo.

TALKS

EAST END COLLECTED2 Artist Talk; WATERBODIES Artist Talk; PROTECTING WHAT IS PRECIOUS: PURSING YOUR PASSIONS THROUGH AN ENVIRONMENTAL LENS with Susan Rockefeller and guests; ENERGY, FOCUS, PEACE: THE POWER OF MEDITATION with Bob Roth of the David Lynch Foundation; WINNING THE WHITE HOUSE gallery tour with the curators.

2016 Programs and Events
**FILM**

* Racing Extinction with Telluride Mountainfilm; Walker Internet Cat Video Festival; On the Water & in the Field; Electoral Dysfunction with REACTtoFILM; Naldei: A Baby Elephant’s Tale and Mind of a Giant with Wildlife Conservation Society; Under the Gun with REACTtoFILM; Hamptons International Film Festival Outdoor Screenings of National Lampoon’s Vacation, Surf’s Up, Rocky, The Candidate, The Shining, To Catch a Thief, Tootsie, and Jaws; Telluride Mountainfilm Festival on Tour Southampton; Gene Wilder Tribute screening of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory; The Addams Family; Beetlejuice; Poltergeist; Rocky Horror Picture Show; The Diplomat with Telluride Mountainfilm; Native American Documentary Shorts with Telluride Mountainfilm, 11th Annual African American Film Festival; Free Birds; Peggy Guggenheim: Art Addict; National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation in Celebration of National Ugly Sweater Day; A Christmas Story.

**LIVE**

* Nancy Atlas Project; The Thunderballs; Jazz at Lincoln Center “Jazz for Young People” presents Thunderswamp; Jake Lear Blues; Jazz on the Steps with the Jam Session (every Sunday); Bohème to Broadway with Melissa Zarin; Jazz at Lincoln Center “Jazz for Young People” presents Grace Kelly; Summer Swing with the George Gee Orchestra; Miss Rosie Americana-Folk Band; Miguel Angel and the Immigrants; Go People Live Theatrical Production of Bell, Book and Candle; Jazz at Lincoln Center “Jazz for Young People” presents Jake Goldbas; The HooDoo Loungers; NEGRA | ANGER by Colombian Dance Company, El Colegio del Cuerpo; LIVE from Southampton Arts Center: Latin From Manhattan with the Jam Session; Singer/Songwriter Jennifer Lee Snowden; LIVE from Southampton Arts Center: The Music of Mali with the Jam Session; Shinnecock Community Social: Dancers and Drummers; HARVEST Night Out with DJ Twilo; David Bowie Tribute Concert with Cracked Actor; Valerie diLorenzo Cabaret Concert.

**EVENTS**

* Opening receptions for EAST END COLLECTED2, WATER | BODIES, WINNING THE WHITE HOUSE: FROM PRESS PRINTS TO SELFIES, CHAS ADDAMS; FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND COLORAMA; Toast to Summer; Annual SUMMERFEST Benefit Event honoring Renee Harbers Liddell; Spooktacular Haunted House by Oscar Gonzalez.