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The 11th Annual Madison Holiday Arts Festival Expands to Two Days. Music, Dance, Visual Arts and Spoken Word

Forty-five events at 11 venues in Downtown Madison

Presented by the Madison Arts and Culture Alliance, the Madison Downtown Development Commission, and the Madison Chamber of Commerce.

Friday, November 25 (Noon-6 pm) and Saturday, November 26 (1-5 pm)

Madison, New Jersey- MACA, The Madison Arts & Culture Alliance, the Madison Downtown Development Commission, and the Madison Chamber of Commerce will present the **11th Annual MADISON HOLIDAY ARTS FESTIVAL**, this year, expanding to two days-- Friday, November 25th from noon-5 pm and Saturday, November 26 from 1-5 pm. Musicians, dancers, visual and spoken word artists will be featured throughout the Borough of Madison until the traditional Santa Parade comes down Main Street. This event is free and open to the public.

“This event has become so popular, we had to add an extra day,” said MACA President Deborah Starker. “With over 45 events spread across 11 venues, this is the largest and most diverse Festival we have ever presented.” Last year’s Festival attracted over 1,250 people.

The Museum of Early Trades and Crafts will serve as the headquarters and warming station, with an information booth and free hot cider. On Friday, the museum will host the Grace Church teen male a cappella group, the Gargoyles, pianist and poet Petra Schemmann, and The Eclectic Consort, playing a wide range of music on medieval and renaissance instruments. On Saturday, caricaturist Andrew Pungot will be drawing members of the public. Guests can also tour the museum’s current exhibit “good earth—Pottery and Terra Cotta Industries in New Jersey. “

Grace Episcopal Church will serve as the Festival’s classical music hub on both days. On Friday, harpist Merynda Adams will play a solo set, and a later set with flautist Susan Glaser. John Pivarnik and Nan Childress’ set will feature four-hand piano compositions. Bob Butts, conductor and musical director of the Baroque Orchestra, will play his original songs and compositions, the day wrapping up with the popular quartet Simply Brass. On Saturday, the Grace Church a cappella Daughters of Zion will open the day, followed by a “Mini-marathon Advent Organ Concert” featuring John Pivarnik, Anne Matlack, and Ian Tomesch. Bob Butts closes up the day with an encore of his Friday performance.

Drip's coffee-house setting on Friday will feature solo acts: singer songwriters Donna Ward and Patricia Doyle, as well as folk singer Jeff Webb. On Saturday, local favorites King's Rd. start off the day, followed by singer-songwriter Christine De Leone, and the eclectic duo Truth & I. Drip's ongoing gallery will be exhibiting unique photographs on canvas by the husband and wife team of Coco and Alin Tocmacov.

Short Stories Bookstore's Friday lineup includes Madison's Spotlight Kids performing selections from their musical Peter Pan, the Madison-based band favorite Rosewood, Latino musician Michael Aquino, and the acoustic-electric group Half Step Down. Solo acts Mike Sodano, Max Orsini, and Jeff Webb fill out Saturday's lineup. The bookstore will also be running a gallery exhibit called Landscapes/Cityscapes, a multi-media art show curated by Jane Z. Quinn, featuring artwork by Aida Jones, Sally Lebwohl, Jeremy Moss, Gabrielle Moulding, John Sobala, Jennie Traill Schaeffer, and Jerry Troianello.

On A Roll will feature folk singer Rachel Schachter and classical guitarist Darren O'Neill on Friday, with Celtic folk singer Heather Mulvey playing two sets on Saturday.

The Presbyterian Church of Madison will host a Friday marathon of Music from the Madison Schools, sponsored by the Madison Music Association.

Additional Friday venues include: Studio Yoga hosting Dance Innovations' annual selections from the Nutcracker; Poor Herbie's, featuring singer-songwriter Star Barkman; The Hat Shop, featuring the music group One by 6, as well as original hand-made hats constructed by owner Monika Stebbins; Provident Bank will feature a warming station with hot drinks and snacks with caricaturist Andrew Pungot drawing members of the public. Friday evening wraps up at the world-renowned jazz club Shanghai Jazz, with the Jerry Vezza Trio playing a Jazz Christmas.

"This event is an excellent showcase for Madison's cultural life and a great way to start off the Holiday Season," said Lisa Ellis "You can relax, meet friends, dine at any number of the town's excellent eateries, or shop for holiday gifts at Madison's unique small businesses."

This once a year celebration will be held rain or shine. If you'd like more information, go to www.madisonartsnj.org , where you will find daily line-ups, searchable schedules, information on all of the acts, and a venue map.

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Additional Information

The **Madison Arts & Culture Alliance (MACA)** is a coalition of arts organizations, cultural institutions, neighbors, colleagues and friends dedicated to encouraging collaborations among the wide-ranging cultural offerings in the Rose City.

MACA facilitates exciting new connections, strategic partnerships and creative collaborations — frequently between people and institutions whose paths otherwise might not have crossed. It brings together artists, arts administrators, educators, parents, businesspeople, community leaders and others, all with a common goal: to support the cultural institutions and programs that have such a positive impact on Madison's economy and quality of life.

Along with the Holiday Arts Festival, MACA presents or partners on a number of cultural events, including curating music for Bottle Hill Day, the Madison Sidewalk Gallery/Gala and Auction, and the annual presentation of the Black Maria Film Festival. It's weekly Wednesday Roundtable Meeting is an informal gathering of the arts and culture community.

The **Madison Downtown Development Commission** is an advisory body of the Borough of Madison dedicated to the economic growth and development of Madison's downtown business districts. It is empowered to develop plans for the redevelopment of the downtown district and act as a liaison between the private sector businesses and the local government. Activities include Bottle Hill Day, the Madison Farmers Market, the Madison Sidewalk Gallery/Gala & Auction, the Madison Storytellers Festival, May Day, the METC/DDC Downtown Concert Series, the Taste of Madison, and other events.

The **Madison Chamber of Commerce** is an independent, voluntary not-for-profit organization of business and professional people sharing ideas, talents and resources to promote the economic welfare of our dues paying members and Madison as a whole.

Schedule of Events Friday, November 24

Start Time	End Time	Event	Venue #	Venue	Address
12:00 PM	12:45 PM	Merynda Adams	11	Grace Episcopal Church	4 Madison Ave.
12:00 PM	12:45 PM	Spotlight Kids	2	Short Stories	23 Main St.
1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Andrew Pungot	9	Provident Bank	98 Main St.
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Donna Ward	3	Drip	34 Main St.
1:00 PM	1:45 PM	Jon Pivarnik & Nan Childress	11	Grace Episcopal Church	4 Madison Ave.
1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Madison Music Association	10	Presbyterian Church of Madison	19 Green Ave.
1:00 PM	2:30 PM	One by 6	8	Hat Shop	81 Main St.
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Rosewood	2	Short Stories	23 Main St.
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Star Barkman	7	Poor Herbie's	13 Waverly Pl.
1:15 PM	1:45 PM	Gargoyles	1	Museum of Early Trades and Crafts	9 Main St.
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	Rachel Schachter	6	On A Roll	50 1/2 Main St.
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Bob Butts	11	Grace Episcopal Church	4 Madison Ave.
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Petra Schemmann	1	Museum of Early Trades and Crafts	9 Main St.
2:30 PM	3:30 PM	Michael Aquino	2	Short Stories	23 Main St.
2:30 PM	3:30 PM	Patty Doyle	3	Drip	34 Main St.
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Dance Innovations	5	Studio Yoga	2 Green Village Rd.
3:00 PM	3:30 PM	Darren O'Neill	6	On A Roll	50 1/2 Main St.
3:15 PM	4:00 PM	Susan Glaser	11	Grace Episcopal Church	4 Madison Ave.
3:15 PM	4:15 PM	The Eclectic Consort	1	Museum of Early Trades and Crafts	9 Main St.
3:45 PM	4:30 PM	Darren O'Neill	6	On A Roll	50 1/2 Main St.
3:45 PM	4:45 PM	Jeff Webb	3	Drip	34 Main St.
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Half Step Down	2	Short Stories	23 Main St.
4:15 PM	5:15 PM	Simply Brass	11	Grace Episcopal Church	4 Madison Ave.
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Jerry Veza	4	Shanghai Jazz	24 Main St.

Schedule of Events—Saturday, November 26

Start Time	End Time	Event	Venue #	Venue	Address
1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Andrew Pungot	1	Museum of Early Trades and Crafts	9 Main St.
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Mike Sodano	2	Short Stories	23 Main St.
1:15 PM	1:45 PM	Daughters of Zion	11	Grace Episcopal Church	4 Madison Ave.
1:15 PM	2:15 PM	King's Rd.	3	Drip	34 Main St.
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	Heather Mulvey	6	On A Roll	50 1/2 Main St.
2:00 PM	2:30 PM	John Pivarnik	11	Grace Episcopal Church	4 Madison Ave.
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Rose City Songsters	1	Museum of Early Trades and Crafts	9 Main St.
2:30 PM	3:30 PM	Christine DeLeon	3	Drip	34 Main St.
2:30 PM	3:30 PM	Max Orsini	2	Short Stories	23 Main St.
2:45 PM	3:15 PM	Anne Matlack	11	Grace Episcopal Church	4 Madison Ave.
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Heather Mulvey	6	On A Roll	50 1/2 Main St.
3:30 PM	4:00 PM	Ian Tomesch	11	Grace Episcopal Church	4 Madison Ave.
3:45 PM	4:45 PM	Truth & I	3	Drip	34 Main St.
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Jeff Webb	2	Short Stories	23 Main St.
4:15 PM	5:15 PM	Bob Butts	11	Grace Episcopal Church	4 Madison Ave.

Gallery Exhibits

Drip Coffee Coco and Alin Tocmacov—Photographs on Canvas

Short Stories Landscapes/Cityscapes—Mixed Media , curated by Jane Z. Quinn

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