



SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK SERIES

The Southampton Cultural Center is embarking on the 20th season of its popular "Concerts in the Park Series". The 2006 line up of bands is exciting and featuring live bands many of which have not had the opportunity yet to be part of the series. We worked hard to make this the best season yet!

Make sure to mark your calendar for Wednesday, July 5 when the Nu-Cullers will open the series in Agawam Park and get you off your seats with great Motown music. As usual you are welcome to bring your beach chairs, blankets and picnic along with the entire family and have a couple of fun and relaxing hours.

We are very proud of still being able to bring you these concerts free of charge. It is a financial challenge every year to produce the series and find enough sponsorship and support to make ends meet. I already thank our volunteers who come around with their buckets for donations during the concert for their efforts and encourage you to be as generous as you can be.

Check the back cover for this summer's lineup!

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

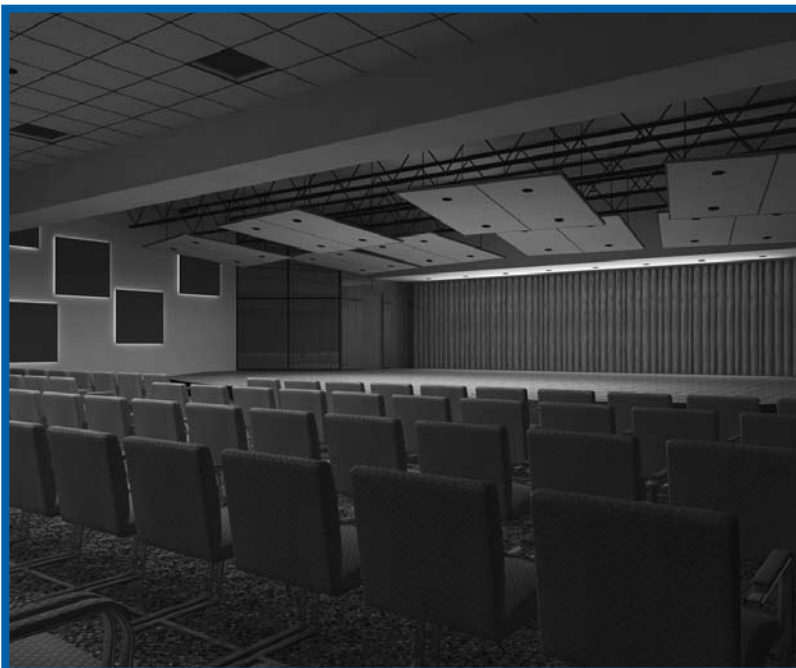
Words cannot describe the disappointment that the accident caused, which flooded the entire Cultural Center two days before its scheduled opening and dedication as "The Levitas Center for the Arts." All the people involved in the project, working on the job had poured their hearts into the effort to get the building ready for the event, and the work crew had been there literally around the clock.

As I write this, the fans and dehumidifiers are humming while we are regrouping and working on the new time line for the completion of the building and rescheduled opening. The accident has not diminished the excitement and energy we all feel from the soon to be finished jewel the Levitas Center for the Arts will be in our community.

To receive the latest updates on our events and programs please sign up for our e-mail alerts.

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THE LEVITAS CENTER FOR THE ARTS



The Opening and Dedication event for the Levitas Center for the Arts will be rescheduled later this summer. The date will be announced soon. Please call or sign up for e-mail to get the latest information.

The celebration will feature performances by the Hampton Chamber, Peconic Youth and Prelude Orchestras, pianist Liliane Questel, the ELI Psalmist Gospel Choir, the Youth Choir of the Hamptons Choral Society and other artists and will also feature an exhibition of the work of the late Willard Levitas. A generous bequest by Willard Levitas and his widow Aura has made the renovation and expansion of the Southampton Cultural Center possible. The event will be open to the public.

*An architectural rendering of
the Levitas Center for the Arts*

CLASS SCHEDULE

For information, call 631 287-4377

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS

Le Cercle Francais' Children's French Club

September 2006-June 2007
Wednesdays
4:00 - 5:00 PM: Beginners
5:00 - 6:30 PM: Intermediate

Peconic Youth Orchestra

September 2006 - June 2007
A symphonic ensemble comprised of students from all areas of Eastern Suffolk. Players for the PYO must be in the sixth grade and playing NYSSMA Level 4 and above. Rehearsals begin September 21 and take place throughout the school calendar at the Southampton Cultural Center.
Thursdays 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Prelude Ensemble

September 2006 - June 2007
This group is targeted towards younger musicians early in their orchestral development. Students with basic sight reading abilities are welcome to take on the exciting challenges and rewards of playing in a string orchestra.
Thursdays 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Summer String Festival

For violin, viola, cello and bass players of all levels, ages 6-19. To register or for more information please contact Michelle Madland Rosette at 406 586-6922 or mmmadland@yahoo.com.
July 10 - 21
Weekdays
9:00 am - 12:30 PM

Summer Skills Building Workshop

July 31 – August 11

We have brought in EBL Coaching, who will be offering a 2-week intensive summer skills building workshop for students in grades 1 through 6. Students will learn research-based, multi-sensory tools to help them develop skills in reading, writing, reading comprehension, and math. Students are assessed initially to determine their levels, strengths and weaknesses, and are grouped in small groups of 4 – 6 per class.
Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

A workshop for middle school and high school students will also be presented. This program is designed to build independent study skills strategies in test taking, note taking, organization, reading comprehension, and writing using multi-sensory tools.
Monday through Friday, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

For more information visit www.eblcoaching.com or call (646) 342-9380.



CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Kendo

Children and adults study the art of traditional Japanese fencing to develop the physical capability for fighting as well as the moral and spiritual aspects that may be applied in coping with real life.
Mondays and Wednesdays
6:30 - 8:00 PM

Individual Music Lessons

Contact us for further information. We currently offer individual instruction for the violin, cello and piano.

CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Instructed Life Drawing Classes

Artist and teacher Linda Capello focuses on anatomy, proportion foreshortening, mass and line quality in this class.
Thursdays, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

English as a Second Language

May 8 - August 18
Beginners: M, W, F 6:00 - 10:00 PM
Intermediate: M, W, F 8:00 - 10:00 PM
Advanced: T, Th 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Tuition: \$600 (can be paid in three installments). Call Jacqueline Vignoli at 516 380-6913

Herstory

Writers Workshop for women interested in exploring the memoir form. For more information visit www.herstorywriters.org or call 631 725-4697, or see the article on the facing page.
Thursday, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

SPOTLIGHT: HERSTORY WRITERS WORKSHOP

Erika Duncan

On the occasion of Herstory Writers Workshop's 10th anniversary, we wish to thank the Village of Southampton's Cultural Center for providing us our first and most permanent home. Now, with 14 branches on Long Island, including 3 weekly workshops in Suffolk County's two correctional facilities and two groups for women who write in Spanish, we have seriously engaged over 1000 women in a unique grass roots project in which writing, healing and community building are combined.

When I first opened the doors to the Veteran's Hall of the Southampton Cultural Center in March of 1996 to offer a week of free memoir writing workshops to any woman in the community who wished to write her story, I never dreamed that I would some day be training participants to take the approach into prisons and libraries, nor that songs from Korea and Mexico and Native American chants would rise out the memories our women would record on the page.

In the words of Lonnie Mathis, long term member and workshop facilitator: "We are housewives, community activists, court judges, retirees, lawyers, physically and mentally disabled, directors of major organizations. We are mothers, sisters, wives, aunts, partners, Black, White, Hispanic, Native American, gay, straight, wealthy and poverty stricken, incarcerated and free. Each week we gather, we break bread and we share. We share who we are as women. We share the worlds we lived in as children.... We challenge ourselves and each other to go beyond what we see as our limits.... But we never lose sight of the writing."

The women of Herstory, many of whom have never written before, have produced 15 finished books, one just published by St. Martin's Press, and the others in various drafts. We have just published the first issue of a bilingual literary magazine, *Latinas Write/ Escriben*, featuring the works of women from our Spanish language East Hampton group and our Farmingville bilingual workshop, and with county funding we are making a documentary to bring our approach to a wider audience.

We will continue to offer our Friday morning workshop at the Cultural Center through July. As of August 10, it will be replaced by a new Thursday evening workshop (6:00 - 9:00 pm), taught by Linda Coleman. Linda has been working with Herstory since its onset and has been a Herstory facilitator for the past four years. As always, we welcome new members. I will continue to offer monthly day-long retreats on the second Saturday and the fourth Friday of each month at my home in Sag Harbor.

The tuition for the weekly workshops is \$150 a month (with a \$10 discount if prepaid), and for the day-long retreat \$80, with scholarship help provided for those who need it through help from the Town of Southampton Cultural Arts Program and other contributions.

For further information or to register call 631 725-4697, or log into our website at www.herstorywriters.org. Our workshop in Spanish takes place on Thursday nights from 7-9pm at the Town of East Hampton Family Resource Center and is offered free of charge with support from the town and the Bridgehampton National Bank. For information call Latina Coordinator, Sandra Dunn at 631 523-0150.

PIANO RECITAL SERIES

Our successful Piano Recital Series concluded its third season with Andy Russo, a 1995 to 1998 Pianofest veteran, who performed for a full house on May 13, exciting us with Bach's Goldberg Variations, John Adams lovely "China Gates" and a dazzling transcription of Borodin's Polovtsian Dances. At the end of the evening Andy had the audience up for a standing ovation.

The heart and soul behind the Series, board member and pianist in her own right, Liliane Questel (pictured at the right), is already working on an ambitious line-up of some of the most talented pianists for the next season, which will feature 5 recitals. The Series will open on Saturday, October 14 with a big surprise, alumnus of Pianofest, continue on Saturday, November 11 with Michael Berkosky (Pianofest 2004-2005) and Saturday, December 9 with Anna Stoycheva (Pianofest 1999-2000).

The dates for Spring of 2007 will be set by the fall.





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Announcing our Concerts in the Park Lineup!

CONCERTS IN THE PARK 2006 LINEUP

All Concerts Start at 6:30 PM

Date	Location	Artist	Style
Wednesday, July 5	Park	Nu-Cullers	Motown
Wednesday, July 12	Park	The Long Island Jazz Orchestra	Swing
Wednesday, July 19	Park	The Hampton Chamber Orchestra	“Boston Pops”
Wednesday, July 26	Park	Shenole Latimer	Jazz
Wednesday, August 2	Beach	Daytrippers	“The English Invasion”
Wednesday, August 9	Park	Jeff Roberson and LIFE	Gospel
Wednesday, August 16	Park	New York Exceptions	50/60s Oldies
Wednesday, August 23	Beach	The Lone Sharks	Blue Grass
Wednesday, August 30	Park	Island Boys	Steel Band

Location:

Park = Agawam Park, Beach = Coopers Beach