THE NEW ART CENTER GALA

Midsummer Night's Dream

SATURDAY JUNE 11, 7-11 PM

ART IS HEALING

RAISING FUNDS FOR
THE NEW ART CENTER AND
EXPANDED ARTS PROGRAMMING
IN SUPPORT OF EMOTIONAL
RESILIENCE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

NEW Teats & connect

Letter from our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining us for our Midsummer's Night Gala and supporting the New Art Center - a vital community resource for creativity and wellness. Covid has impacted everyone and everything - and we have all felt varying degrees of trauma, loss, racial and social injustices and emotional challenges. New Art has faithfully served Newton and the surrounding community for 45 years, and there is no doubt that the challenges of the past three years have enabled us to reexamine our practices and beliefs, and make systemic changes for the emerging needs of our community.

Tonight, I am so pleased to thank our entire Board of Governors, who have had the vision and stamina to lead us through challenging times. I am also deeply grateful to the board members on our Gala Committee who have worked tirelessly to bring this evening to fruition.

As you celebrate with us this evening, I encourage you to think about what sparks your personal creativity, and ask yourself how New Art can help you in your journey. As we plan for our next 45 years, we are seeking to grow into a more inclusive organization, in a new home, with expanded programs that enable us to become a true center for creativity for everyone. Tonight is our first step in that direction - and I am grateful and appreciative that we have begun this mission together.

Emily O'New Executive Director

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who made this spectacular, uniquely beautiful, creative and fun event possible. Special acknowledgement must be given for the incredible effort, inspiration, and countless hours given by our intrepid Gala Event Committee.

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CASE FOR SUPPORT

Called by some a pandemic within the pandemic, COVID-19 exacerbated a mental health crisis that has been growing exponentially for decades. National research conducted by Massachusetts General Hospital shows that depression is at three times the rate that it was prior to COVID-19. A survey conducted by the Creative Youth Development Department of the Massachusetts Cultural Council found equally concerning results specific to youth:

90% 82% 71%

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ANXIETY DEPRESSION SOCIALLY WITHDRAWN

Amidst the troubling rise in mental health challenges, we should not be left without hope. A study conducted specifically for the Newton Community in 2021 by students from the Heller School of Public Policy found the following about residents of Newton:

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BROUGHT THEM JOY.

So how can we start to drive positive sustainable change and address the mental health crisis?

Policies and programs must be initiated at the community level to urgently tackle these issues.

Since reopening for in person classes in the Fall of 2020, New Art has seen heightened levels of anxiety from students and families of all ages. This reached a crescendo within the children's Summer Camp where many unexpected social and emotional difficulties arose. Teens were by far the largest group impacted by these difficulties. Many of our teen students spoke openly about mental health challenges and identified the New Art Center as a preferred safe space.

In response to these emerging community needs, the New Art Center will pilot mental health and wellness programs that prioritize the emotional wellbeing of our community across all classes and programs. Visual arts are an important tool for self-expression, emotional regulation, and well-being and New Art is uniquely positioned to promote collective healing for our community through art and creative practice.

New Art will provide regular professional development training for our faculty and staff around social emotional learning, trauma informed teaching, and healing-centered engagement that centers on diversity, equity, access and inclusion. We will also launch a series of community wellness programs, including weekly mediation, meditative drawing, and family-friendly movement programs that are free and open to all. Most importantly, New Art will pilot a referral-based expressive art therapy program for adolescent students that will be co-facilitated by an art therapist and visual arts educator for students struggling with mental health issues such as anxiety and depression.



YOUR CHANCE TO HELP MAKE AN IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY.

- **\$2500** Transforms the culture of New Art to become a creative center dedicated to inclusivity and wellness, training our entire staff and faculty in social emotional learning, wellness and community support. We need 3 x \$2500 to fulfill this need.
- **\$1800** Enrolls a teen in 31 hours (a full year) of our new expressive arts therapy program, supporting their mental health, helping them to learn to express themselves, and develop their self-identity. We hope to enroll at least 16 students in this program each term.
- **\$1000** Supports a year-long internship for a teen in the New Art Center's DEI Young Leadership program, giving young people invaluable professional training and work experience that

When it comes to stereotypes — the whole "good for nothing teenager" — sometimes I feel like I should believe that. And I'm like no, I come here, I take classes, I want to better my art and that's a thing that I'm passionate about and having a place that's specifically for my passion is something that makes me fight the feeling that I am a burden... I have my goals, I have my aspirations and that's what matters. And this place is very helpful for figuring it out." — CURRENT NEW ART TEEN STUDENT

- empowers, builds resilience and self-worth and self-respect as well as real job skills in a creative community.
- Provides a scholarship for a week of New Art camp, a creative, safe, and sensory friendly experience for teens and children of all abilities.
- **\$100** Opens the New Art Center to an hour of free community wellness programming with meditation, creative movement, and other creative wellness activities. We hope to run these programs weekly throughout the year.

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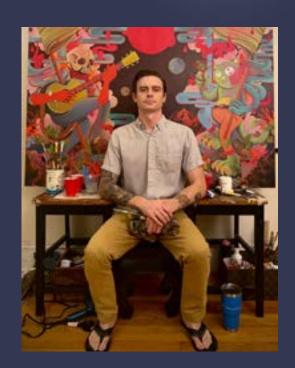
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Schedule of Events

BRINGING TOGETHER INDIVIDUALS AND LOCAL BUSINESSES TO PROMOTE RESILIENCE
AND SUPPORT THE COLLECTIVE HEALING OF OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH THE ARTS.

6:50 PM

Arrival & Check-In

7:00 PM

Cocktails & Open Bar

Art is Healing Exhibit & Auction (docent-led)

Live Music & Entertainment

Interactive Art featuring Percy Fortini Wright

Savory Passed Nibbles, Grazing Table

& Raw Bar by The Catered Affair

8:30 PM

Silent Auction & Roving Balloons

Speaking Program

Live Art Auction & Fund a Need

Last Call for Silent Auction

9:00 PM

DJ & Dancing

Dessert by Le Petit Pouf & Gelato & Chill

9:30 PM

Silent Auction Closes

10:00 PM

Roving Balloon Raffle Drawing

Furniture Boutique Many of the furnishings & decor you see tonight are available for purchase.

Visit the Check-In desk for more details.

10:30 PM

Roving Balloon Prize Swap
Don't love your prize? Join us for a Gift Swap
Speed Date led by Emcee Jonathan Soroff!





66 We believe creativity and making art are essential to individual and community wellness.

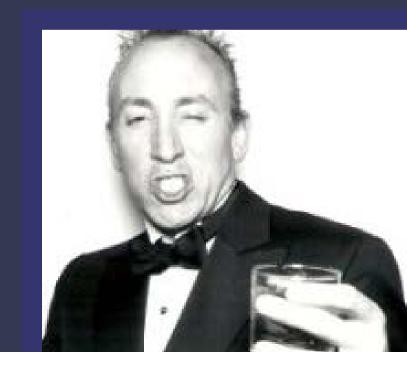
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JONATHAN SOROFF, OUR EMCEE:

After growing up in Newton and graduating from Duke University, Jonathan Soroff, began his journalism career at The Boston Herald. For 28 years, he was the lead columnist for The Improper Bostonian Magazine, writing the social column and a celebrity interview in every issue. He's written for a variety of publications around the world and is currently a contributing editor at Boston Magazine.

For several years, he co-hosted a weekly radio program, "Status Report," on Boston Herald Radio. In 2013, he published his first novel, "Crimes of Fashion." He serves on the Board of Overseers at The Boston Ballet, the Advisory Board of the Trustees of the Reservations, the Board of Corporators for Beaver Country Day School in Chestnut Hill, MA, and is a director of the NET Research Foundation, which funds research into carcinoid cancer and related tumors. He lives in Newton, MA, with his husband, Sam Mazzarelli.



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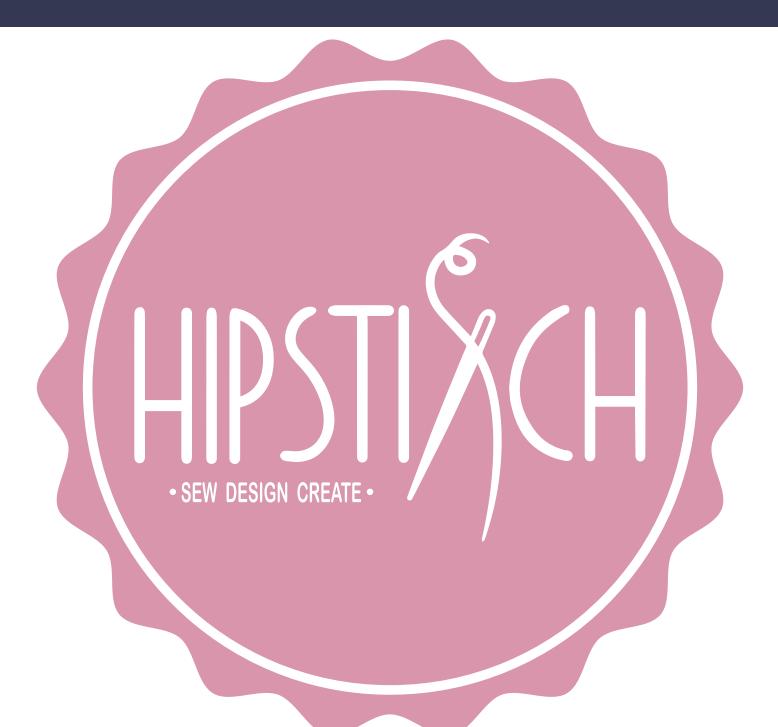


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ITEM 102 GET STYLED BY KODOMO

It's pronounced koh-doh-moh, and it means "child" in Japanese. And if you have a baby, child or tween, and you love playful and stylish clothes, this package is for you! You are invited to Beacon Hill to meet with one of Ko-

domo's skilled style experts for a private consultation to fit your little one for two weekend or casual outfits. Outfits can be for the same child or two different children. Please note that while we will take the winner's preferences into consideration, some restrictions may apply regarding requests for specific items, returns or exchanges. Your fashionista will love every minute as they get showered with attention and walk away with cool new outfits!

VALUED AT \$300



ITEM 103 WRAP YOURSELF IN PILGRIM WATERS SILK

This is a one-of-a-kind cotton/ silk scarf with four sided hand fringed up-cycled silk sari edges, hand printed by Suzy Pilgrim Waters. Each print run has its own unique characteristics. Any small artifacts are the results of production printing by humans - which makes each piece all the more special! VALUED AT \$315



ITEM 104 GET FIT AND TONED WITH FIGURELLA

Located in Newton Center, the Figurella method offers women a scientifically and naturally based weight loss method, personalized to fit a person's

specific needs. This get fit and toned package includes THREE 30 minute-fat burning thermogenic bubble workouts in a temperature-controlled space which maximizes your metabolic rate. It uses resistance bands and very specific low impact movements to tone and shape. Every exercise is designed to target and tone a specific area of the body. After each workout you will enjoy a 15-minute SpaShell detox bath. Sit and relax as increased oxygen levels allow for improved blood circulation, boosts metabolism for 72 hours and leaves the skin with a natural glow. Please note that the iCOONE Lymphatic Massage uses a light cupping/massage technique to squeeze out the fat within those micro vacuoles and the body then disposes of it (Via lymphatic system).

VALUED AT \$490.00



ITEM 105

CREATE A CUSTOM PARTY

For children or adults, art is a

great way to celebrate and connect. The New Art Center party package is a 90 minute experience including an art activity and instruction for groups of up to 12. Enjoy exclusive use of the space, materials, staff and an opportunity to personalize activities based on your theme. Room rentals include chairs, tables, bathrooms, WI-FI usage, and access to classroom sinks. Please note the New Art Center does not have a kitchen for rental use and our facility is an active art classroom space. Rental dates are subject to availability. Additional guests can be added for an extra fee of \$25 per person and the party can be extended beyond 90 minutes for an additional \$150/hr. VALUED AT \$300



ITEM 106 WEEK-LONG CREATIVITY EXPERIENCE

New Art's school and summer vacation camps are designed for children and teens interested in developing skills, creativity, and self expression at any ability level. This package includes 1 week of camp where students explore the possibilities and put their imagination to work. Each day offers 4 exciting activities based on the week's theme. Students will be divided into groups by grade and able to explore various mediums including 2D, 3D, performing arts, and clay. All materials will be provided, lunch is not included and an extended day option is available for an extra cost. Don't miss this incredible arts immersion experience!

VALUED AT \$495



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ITEM 107 DREAM HOME CONSULTATION

Looking to build a dream home or renovation? Having an architectural issue and need some advice? This package includes a one-hour architectural consultation with Nichols Design Group to help you get started. You will have the chance to discuss your idea or issue, review some parameters that influence the solution and then brainstorm an initial high-level vision for what is possible. If you choose to contract with the firm for complete architectural services this session will be credited to your contract. Some restrictions apply: this can't be used towards interior design consultation; you will not receive drawings as part of your consult.

VALUED AT \$500

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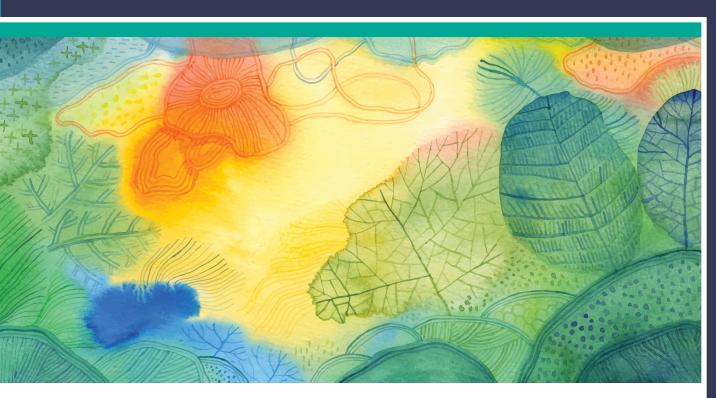


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ITEM 108 ACK ISLAND GETAWAY

Experience Nantucket in style with a one night stay at the island's newest style icon, Hotel Pippa. Located in the heart of downtown just steps away

from galleries, restaurants, boutiques and more. This getaway package includes XXX ferry tickets to and from the island for 2 people. Take a short walk from Hotel Pippa and enjoy lunch or dinner with a gift card to the fantastic Queequegs which features eclectic American cuisine. Pack your bags because you don't want to miss out on this incredible island adventure! VALUED AT \$1000



"Art is the only way to run away without leaving home."

— Twyla Tharp

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ITEM 109 I HEARTH A PIZZA PARTY

Who doesn't love swag, beer, and food pairings? Executive Chef Ivan will pair food dishes with a tasting of beers for 6 guests with your choice of dining indoors or on the open air patio. Two weeks lead-time required for booking and this cannot be combined with other promotions. VALUED AT \$600



ITEM 110

CANDYLAND EXPERIENCE

Sweet candy, sweet times. The Candyland experience includes a custom themed candy buffet for a private event for up to 30 people. Candy, table styling and set-up included. Jars, scoops and other materials must be returned post-event. Also included is a planning/consulting session with an event stylist for a total of 60 minutes over zoom or phone. The session can be used at once or divided into two 30 minute sessions. Some restrictions will apply specific to candy options. If you win this package you are in for a sweet treat!

VALUED AT \$750



ITEM 111 ALICE IN WONDERLAND

This is a rare opportunity to work with event designers at Socialite by Design to plan a one-of-a-kind tea party for a Sunday brunch. You will receive private consultation services, a vision plan for

centerpieces and decor, rental of tea set, glassware, flatware, outdoor chairs and table if needed. Winner is responsible for securing the location to host the tea party and all costs associated with the venue, food and staff.

AIMEE ANDERSON DESIGN

VALUED AT \$936

ITEM 112 TRANSFORM A ROOM MAKEOVER

Aimee Anderson Design is a boutique design and renovation consulting firm. This package includes the chance to work with Aimee Anderson to plan a room makeover and includes 10 hours of interior design consulting. This is a great chance to transform your space with a fresh new look and feel. This prize must be redeemed between October 2022 and March 2023.

VALUED AT \$1500



ITEM 113 DREAMY BEACH GETAWAY

Enjoy a one week vacation in

this lovely New Seabury home. An open concept main floor features a newly updated kitchen, two sitting areas, dining area and powder room; and the upper level has three bedrooms and two full baths. There's plenty of room for you and your guests to relax in the heated pool, spacious deck with a grill, outdoor shower and brand new 6-person hot tub. Located in one of the most desirable and private neighborhoods on Cape Cod, you are just a short drive from Mashpee Commons featuring great dining and shopping. Available for July 9-16, 2022 or find a mutually agreeable week in July 2023 or outside of the summer season. Rental does not include linens/towels (rental available from local vendors) and a \$300 clean fee is applicable. **VALUED** at \$6,700



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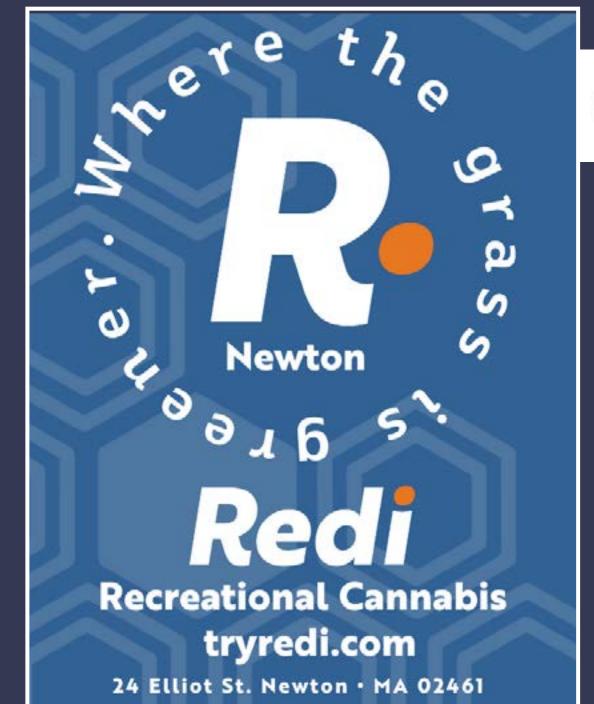
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ITEM 116 SPA DAY AT **CANYON RANCH**

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tritionally balanced gourmet lunch. Also included is a gift certificate for a 50-minute Canyon Ranch Massage OR a Canyon Ranch Facial. Additional services may be purchased at the published cost. Please note that restrictions apply: Gift certificate is non-transferable or extendible beyond the validity dates, and retains no cash value; Reservations are accepted on a space available basis & cancellation fees apply; Holiday and blackout dates apply, based on availability; All taxes and resort fees are included.

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SILVER \$50

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ROSE GOLD \$100

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EVERYONE WALKS AWAY A WINNER BUT THE PRIZE IS A SURPRISE UNTIL YOU POP!

For every balloon you pop, you will be entered into a grand prize raffle drawing with a chance to win a Red Sox tickets. The more you pop the more chances you have to win amazing prizes and possibly the grand prize. Raffle winner will be drawn at 10:00 pm.

For every balloon you pop, you'll be entered into a raffle drawing with a chance to win: Red Sox vs. Yankees 2 Pavilion Club Tickets July 9th

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Post-Gala Pick Up Details: Unclaimed items upon Gala closing will be moved to the New Art Center, and will be available for pickup starting Monday, June 13th through July 1st. General hours of operation for the office are Monday–Friday, 9am-5pm. If you cannot make it to the office during these times, please reach out to brandon@newartcenter.org to arrange a time to pick up your prize.





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