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# ARTS & CULTURAL NEWSLETTER

*Serving the citizens of the City of Middletown, CT through arts and cultural opportunities.*

## SPOTLIGHT: Art on View at City Hall

"The City Art Collection," initiated in 1977 by the Commission on the Arts, is a unique Middletown asset that brightens up our building and has been viewed by thousands of people. It is a permanent collection of art works purchased from local artists, and on continuing exhibition in the Municipal Building. Each newsletter publication will feature a piece of the collection and a statement about the artist who has created the work. The collection can be viewed Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., excluding state and federal holidays.



The Middletown Commission on the Arts is pleased to honor two students with a MCAAAA Award this year. In 2D we have chosen Dante DiMauro and in 3D Kendayln Zipf. Both students were recently honored by the MCA at the MHS Awards Ceremony. Their pieces are currently on display at City hall in our display case located on the main floor, across from the tax office.



MAYOR DANIEL T. DREW

### Commissioners

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- Councilman Sebastian Giuliano
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Poet Laureate 2019 -'22  
 Cheryl Ann Hale

Music Ambassador 2019  
 Neely Bruce

Staff: Kisha Michael  
 Arts Coordinator

*Meeting are held every 4th Wednesday of each month, Room 208 Municipal Building, unless otherwise indicated on the calendar. Public session is held at the beginning of the agenda.*

# EVENTS, PERFORMANCES & THE ARTS

Serving the citizens of the City of Middletown through arts and cultural news and activities.

CITY of MIDDLETOWN COMMISSION ON THE ARTS presents

## SUMMER SOUNDS CONCERTS

Tuesday Evenings @ 6:00 pm

### Poet Laureate's Corner

Under the Sign

A drum gives heartbeat  
to a poem about the night.  
Like misty ancient ritual,  
we circle around him,  
transfixed,  
waiting to add our lines,  
our stories  
to collective consciousness.

In and out,  
the Circle breathes poems  
under the exit sign,  
deep breaths,  
life, love, loss, death.  
Inhale each other's pain or joy,  
exhale butterflies, flowers, rivers.  
Some strip naked  
down to bare insecurities.  
Others find humor in absurdity,  
stick out their tongues, smile—  
and dare the world to  
bring it on!

This is sacred rite;  
poetic heartbeat.  
Listen and be heard.  
We feel not diminished  
for offering up pieces of our-  
selves,  
but something closer to whole.  
In the Circle  
one by one,  
take a final turn

under the Exit Sign.

Cheryl Anne Hale  
Poet Laureate, Middletown, CT

### Fun Factor Band

Tuesday, July 16th @ Union Park/South Green  
Classic Rock/R&B cover band playing popular  
songs their audiences know and love!



### Michael Pestel and the Mockingbird Ensemble

Tuesday, July 30th @ Harbor Park-Gazebo

World Music, Avant Jazz, Avian Experimental,  
and the Poetry of Susie Allison, Middletown's  
First Poet Laureate, in "Down by the Riverside  
Ways"



### Nekita Waller Trio

Tuesday, August 13th @ Union Park/South Green  
R&B & Soul sung by Middletown's own State Troubador!



### Angelo Sapia Band

Tuesday, August 27th @ Union Park  
Playing classic Italian favorites!

### Middletown Symphonic Band

Tuesday, September 3rd @ Harbor Park

Fun for All Entertainment  
with Pre-Show @ 5:30 pm



THE CHILDREN'S CIRCUS OF MIDDLETOWN - LIVE PERFORMANCE!  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2019 @ 5 P.M. - 66 SPRING ST., MACDONOUGH SCHOOL  
RAIN DATE SATURDAY, AUGUST 3rd @ 5 P.M.  
WWW.ODDFELLOWSPLAYHOUSE.ORG OR WWW.MIDDLETOWNCT.GOV/ARTS

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[www.facebook.com/CityArtsOffice](http://www.facebook.com/CityArtsOffice)

# MIDDLETOWN PRESENTERS and more...

## ARTS ON VIEW

**City Art Collection**  
Municipal Bldg./City Hall  
245 deKoven Dr.  
www.middletownct.gov

### GALLERIES

**MAC 650 Gallery**  
650 Main St./860-343-1516  
www.mac650.com

**Middlesex Community College**  
100 Training Hill Rd./860-343-5806  
• Pegasus Gallery, Chapman Hall  
• The Niche Gallery, Founders Hall  
www.mxcc.edu/art-exhibits

**Wesleyan Potters Gallery & Shop**  
350 South Main St./860-344-0039  
www.wesleyanpotters.com

**Wesleyan University, CFA**

• Davison Art Center  
• Ezra & Cecile Zilkha Gallery  
• Mansfield Freeman Ctr.,  
College of East Asian Studies  
www.wesleyan.edu/cfa

### LIBRARIES & MUSEUMS

**Godfrey Memorial Library**  
134 Newfield St./860-346-4375  
www.godfrey.org

**Middlesex County Historical Society**  
151 Main St./860-346-0746  
www.mchsct.org

**Russell Library**  
123 Broad St./860-347-2528  
www.russelllibrary.org

## PRESENTERS

### ART INSTRUCTION, MIXED MEDIA & WORKSHOPS

**CT Woodcarvers Association**  
Facebook: @Connecticut Woodcarvers Association

**Middletown Art Academy**  
504 Main St., Suite South-3/860-344-0554  
www.middletownartacademy.com  
featuring Art Walk Middletown  
www.artwalkct.org

**The Art Guild of Middletown**  
P.O. Box 205/860-358-9212  
www.artguildofmiddletown.org

### KIDS, FAMILY & SENIOR SERVICES

**Kidcity Children's Museum**  
119 Washington St./860-347-0495  
www.kidcitymuseum.com

**Recreation & Community Services  
Recreation Division**  
61 Durant Terrace/860-635-4500  
Senior Division/860-638-4540  
www.cityofmiddletown.com

**Russell Library Children's Department**  
123 Broad St./860-344-8479  
www.russelllibrary.org

### COMMUNITY BASED & SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

**Artist for World Peace**  
860-301-9757  
www.artistsforworldpeace.org

**Family Wellness Center/CHC**  
635 Main St./860-347-6971 x3662  
familywellness.chc1.com

**North End Action Team (NEAT)**  
645 Main St./860-346-4845  
www.neatmiddletown.org

### MUSIC, DANCE, THEATER PERFORMANCE & VISUAL ART

**ARTFARM**  
119 Highland Ave./860-346-4390  
www.art-farm.org

**CT Gilbert & Sullivan Society**  
P.O. Box 313/860-554-1256  
www.ctgands.org

**CT Heritage Productions**  
152 Nejako Dr./860-398-9247  
www.chproductions.org

**CT Poetry Society**  
www.ctpoetry.net/860-563-5761

**Middlesex Hospital Vocal Cords**  
www.vocalchords20.org/860-347-2787

**Middletown Scottish Country Dancers**  
www.nhrscds.com/860-653-5258

**Middletown Stage Company**  
www.middletownstagecompany.org

**Middletown Symphonic Band**  
www.middletownsymphonicband.org

**Middletuners**  
The Senior Chorus of Middletown  
Barbara Arafeh/860-347-4887

**Oddfellows Playhouse Youth Theater**  
128 Washington St./860-347-6143  
www.oddfellows.org

**Stage Left Dance Studio**  
100 Riverview Center-Suite 100/860-346-6928  
www.empowermovement.org

**The Buttonwood Tree Performing Arts Center**  
605 Main Street/860-347-4957  
www.buttonwood.org

**The Greater Middletown Chorale**  
P.O. Box 527/860-316-4854  
www.gmchorale.org

**The Greater Middletown Concert Association**  
P.O. Box 2622/860-343-7555  
www.greatermiddletownconcerts.org

**Wadsworth Mansion at Long Hill Estate**  
421 Wadsworth St./860-347-1064  
www.wadsworthmansion.com

**Wesleyan University, CFA**  
• Crowell Concert Hall  
• Ring Family Performing Arts Hall  
• World Music Hall  
www.wesleyan.edu/cfa

**Vinnie's Jump and Jive**  
424 Main St./860-347-6971x3777  
www.vinniesjumpandjive.com

### MEDIA ARTS, FILM, RADIO & SOUND PRODUCTION

**The Coffeehouse Recording Studio**  
510 Main St./860-347-8439  
www.thecoffeehouse.net

**Wesleyan University**  
• WESU 88.1 FM/860-685-7700  
www.wesufm.org  
• Center for Film Studies/  
www.wesleyan.edu/cfilm

### RETAIL, COFFEE SHOPS & RESTAURANTS FEATURING LIVE MUSIC, PERFORMANCES & ART ON VIEW

**ION Restaurant**  
606 Main St./860-346-9210  
www.ionrestaurant.com

**Klekolo World Coffee**  
181 Court St./860-343-9444  
www.klekolo.com

**Laboca Restaurant**  
337 Main St./860-347-4777  
www.labocamexican.com

**Middlesex Music Academy**  
440 Main St./860-344-0525  
www.middlesex-music-academy.com

**Middletown Framing**  
502 Main St./860-347-0064  
www.middletownframing.com

**Perkatory Coffee Roasters**  
725 Main St. Unit 23/860-788-2029  
perkatoryroasters.com

**R.J. Julia Bookstore**  
413 Main Street/860-685-3939  
www.rjjulia.com

**Tesoro Unique Gifts**  
680 Main St./860-704-0607  
www.tesorouniquegifts.com

**The Mattabessett Canoe Club  
@ Harbor Park**  
80 Harbor Dr./860-347-9999  
www.canooclubmiddletown.com

**Ursel's Web**  
140 Washington St./860-344-0041  
www.urselsweb.com

### CITY DEPARTMENTS:

**Recreation & Community Services  
Division, 61 Durant Terrace**  
860-638-4500  
**rec@middletownct.gov**

**Senior & Community Center Office**  
61 Durant Terrace  
860-638-4540  
**seniors@middletownct.gov**

**Middletown Youth Services Bureau**  
372 Hunting Hill Avenue  
860-854-6030  
**carbonellaj@mpsct.org**

# OPPORTUNITIES and EVENTS

Serving the citizens of the City of Middletown through arts and culture opportunities.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**JULY 10**  
Music at the Mansion  
**HARTFORD JAZZ ORCHESTRA**  
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Wadsworth Mansion  
421 Wadsworth St.

**JULY 11**  
The Center for Creative Youth & The Center for the Arts Presents:  
**CREATIVE CONNECTIONS**  
The evening will feature a short performance by Hartford-based dancer/choreographer Arien Wilkerson of multidisciplinary art collective Tnmot Aztro.

**JULY 17-AUGUST 21**  
The CT Bristol Old Tyme Fiddlers Club  
**FIDDLERS WORKSHOP - FREE**  
6:00 pm - 7:45 pm  
Russell Library  
123 Broad St.

**JULY 17**  
Music at the Mansion  
**CJ WEST AND THE DOWNTOWN TRAIN**  
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Wadsworth Mansion  
421 Wadsworth St.

**JULY 18**  
**TEACHING ARTIST OPEN SESSION**  
Oddfellows will serve as a hub, providing opportunities for Teaching Artists to meet formally and informally for discussion groups, professional development, networking and field development.  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Oddfellows Playhouse  
128 Washington St.

**JULY 18**  
**Bread and Puppet Theater: "THE DIAGONAL LIFE CIRCUS"**  
JULY 18  
7:00pm - 8:30 pm  
Wesleyan University Center for the Arts  
283 Washington Terrace

**JULY 19**  
Outdoor Movie Night  
**FIELD OF DREAMS 30TH ANNIVERSARY**  
8:00 pm - 10:30 pm  
@ Pat Kidney Field

**JULY 22**  
**INTRO TO WATERCOLOR CLASS FOR TEENS**  
Sita Raisz, a local watercolor teacher, will be instructing a short class on the basics of painting with watercolors.  
10:00 am - 12 pm  
The Buttonwood Tree  
605 Main St.

**JULY 22-26**  
**INCLUSIVE SUMMER MOVEMENT WORKSHOP ages 12-21**  
@Stage Left Dance  
For more information  
Contact 860-922-8665

**JULY 27**  
Connecticut Ballet Presents  
**BALLET UNDER THE STARS**  
7:00 pm  
Middlesex Community College  
100 Training Hill Rd.

**JULY 29**  
**DO IT YOURSELF FRAMING CLASS FOR TEENS**  
Have any artwork you would like framed, but it's just too expensive? The Buttonwood Tree is hosting a DIY Framing class for teens instructed by professionals over at Middletown Framing.  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
The Buttonwood Tree  
605 Main St.

**JULY 31**  
Music at the Mansion  
**MIDDLETOWN SYMPHONIC BAND**  
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Wadsworth Mansion  
421 Wadsworth St.

**JULY 31-AUGUST 25**  
Wesleyan Potters  
**FINE ARTS CRAFT SHOW**  
www.wesleyanpotters.com

**AUGUST 2**  
**THE CHILDREN'S CIRCUS OF MIDDLETOWN PERFORMANCE**  
@ MACDONOUGH SCHOOL  
5:00 pm (raindate 8/3)  
66 Spring St.

**AUGUST 17**  
**FLICK N' FLOAT MOVIE NIGHT**  
@ Veteran's Pool  
7:30-8:15 pm arrival w/crafts & games  
8:30 pm - 10:00 pm movie starts!  
Veterans Memorial Park

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**Homeowner Workshops:**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 5:30pm-6:30pm**  
Russell Library, Meeting Room 2  
123 Broad Street, Middletown

**July 31<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 5:30pm-6:30pm**  
Middletown Senior Center  
61 Durant Terrace, Middletown

**Tabling at Russell Library:**

Russell Library, 123 Broad Street  
6/28 3:30-5:30pm  
7/8 4:00-6:00pm  
7/11 5:30-7:30pm  
7/20 9:30-11:30am  
7/22 4:00-6:00pm

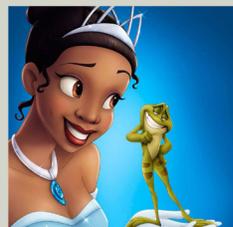


Join us on Foss Hill for free movie night under the stars.

**FREE**  
Bring a chair or a blanket.

picnic 7:00 PM  
(food trucks available)  
movie starts 8:30 PM

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Foss Hill at Wesleyan University  
Parking in the lots on Wyllys Avenue or on Mt. Vernon Street



**JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG  
RAIN DATE AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>



**JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>**  
BLACK PANTHER  
Free books on racial justice available while supplies last.



**AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
GOONIES

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**LISTINGS:**

Submission deadline for the next calendar is August 20h, space is available on a first come, first served basis. We will make every effort to list your **event OR organization** for each coming month. Email to [arts@middletownct.gov](mailto:arts@middletownct.gov)