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Fourth Annual SaratogaArtsFest To Hit City June 10-13

Saratoga Springs, N.Y. —SaratogaArtsFest 2010 will launch the summer arts scene in Saratoga Springs June 10-13 with an agenda of some 75 events and activities at venues throughout the city. The festival, now in its fourth year, will span music, dance, visual art, film, theatre, and literary art. The full schedule for the festival is available at www.SaratogaArtsFest.org.

A small sampling of this year's line-up includes the acclaimed José Limón Dance Company, jazz trumpeter Brandon Lee, pianist and jazz sideman Warren Bernhardt, the celebrated composer Richard Danielpour, Carnegie Hall's Ensemble ACJW, and fiction writer Alix Ohlin.

These performances will be mixed in with dozens of events and activities for a wide-range of audiences—from the seasoned arts aficionado to families with young children.

In addition to nationally known artists, SaratogaArtsFest 2010 will celebrate the talent of local artists, from those with established reputations to budding performers from nearby schools. The area's musical talent will include the Albany Symphony Orchestra's brass quintet, Lake George Opera at Saratoga, Saratoga Chamber Players, Burnt Hills Oratorio Society, Ballston Spa Community Band, the Saratoga Acoustic Blues Society, and the eclectic Annie and the Hedonists. A number of youth choral and music groups will also perform.

This year's line-up will include the Albany-based Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company. Among the local visual artists who will display their works are sculptor Beverley Mastrianni and painters Michelle Winnie and David Arsenault. There will be theater performances by the New York State Theater Institute, the Empire State College Foundation of the State University of New York (SUNY), Saratoga's own Home Made Theater, and the Flying Kite Children's Theatre.

New this year

SaratogaArtsFest 2010 will offer some fresh approaches designed to bring the arts together—and to bring the arts to the public—in new and creative ways.

Working Artist Studio Walk—For those who want a behind-the-scenes view of artists at work, this year’s ArtsFest studio walks will be a real treat. On these self-guided tours, participants will have the opportunity to watch as painters, weavers, potters, and sculptors bring their creations to life. These open sessions will take place at some 20 studio locations throughout the city on Saturday and Sunday.

Center Stage—ArtsFest 2010 will offer a new Center Stage feature, with ongoing programming on Friday evening and all day Saturday at a central downtown location. A variety of music performances from local groups will be complemented by musical storytelling, family dance activities, and more. The Center Stage will be the site of the Downtown Business Association Music Showcase from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, featuring bands playing rock, blues, folk, and soul.

Family Day—On Sunday at Skidmore College, events for families will include a cabaret by the Saratoga Children’s Theatre, the Amazing Kids Circus, hands-on art activities at the Tang Museum, a guided nature walk in the North Woods, and musical performances by students from the Saratoga Springs schools. The music events will highlight Skidmore’s new Arthur Zankel Music Center.

Music and Motion—This dance and music collaboration will feature the music of composer Richard Danielpour and the choreography of dancer and Skidmore professor Debra Fernandez. Preludes will be played by Xiayin Wang, and string quartets will be performed by Hyperion Quartet.

“Opening the Box”—A high-powered panel of artists and art experts will explore “Cross-Genre Collaboration in Today’s Art Scene.” Moderated by Yaddo President Elaina Richardson, the discussion will cover contemporary trends that are sparking artistic alliances.

The Saratoga Sculpture Project —Both indoor and outdoor sculpture will be showcased in a variety of locations throughout the city, with the artworks selected specifically for each venue. Locations will include the Tang Museum at Skidmore College, the Saratoga Arts Center on Broadway, the Saratoga Polo grounds, and the Saratoga Springs Amtrak station.

Purchase of the ARTSPASS Admission Package

The ARTSPASS provides access to some 75 events throughout SaratogaArtsFest as well as discounts and perks at area shops and eateries during the festival. Adult and senior ARTSPASS Admission Packages also include year-round benefits at area galleries, theaters, and museums.

The ARTSPASS Admission Package can be purchased online at www.SaratogaArtsFest.org. It is also available at retail stores in downtown Saratoga Springs: Impressions, on Broadway; Beads, on Henry St.; and Mimosa, on Beekman St.

The prices for the *ARTSPASS* Admission Package are listed below.

Adults	\$35
Seniors (65+)	\$25
Students (13+) and military	\$15
Youth (children 4 to 12)	\$5
(Free for children under 4)	
Family Four Pack	\$70 (two adults, two youth)

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Major sponsors of SaratogaArtsFest 2010 to date include Adirondack Trust Company, Designsmith Studio, Interactive Media Consulting, Quad Graphics, Saratoga Springs Rotary Club, Skidmore College, CBS 6, Star 101.3 fm, TheSaratogaLife.com, the Times Union, and WAMC Northeast Public Radio.