THE GIFT OF ART

A sequence of magic happens when you decide to give the gift of art. First, you are drawn to an item that was created by a living, breathing being. It often has a story far beyond what meets the eye, and once revealed, your connection to it deepens. You then purchase this piece, giving reward that sends joyous electricity through its creator, not only for the monetary support that will allow them to create again but also because artists live to share. When you present your gift, you introduce this magic to someone, and its recipient knows the thought and care that went into its selection uniquely just for them. The yarn continues on through them and those they share it with. Giving art is a love story.

This holiday season, please shop small local artists and give love.
**MEMBERS’ SHOW APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN**

The next Members' Show is a nod to Dan's creativity and resolve as well as to those who have graced the cover of Dan's Papers, a true East End icon. EEA Members are challenged to stretch their imagination for this exhibition by recreating a Dan's cover from the past! Any medium can be used. No replications or copies will be accepted, but the piece must be related to an actual existing cover.

The EEA Members' Show is open to EEA Members of all Levels and free to Arts Insider and Working Artist Levels. Applications are due by December 31, 2021. If you would like to become a Member, click here.

**THE RISE OF PAINT PARTIES**

We have seen an increasing demand for Paint Parties, and it is easy to see why. These social activities not only come with zero calories and lots of fun attached, but also allow inspiration and individualism to prevail. Groups are intimate. Our teacher Karen is a pro, and even has a Bob Ross wig to channel the art of happy mistakes. Since Paint Parties are the perfect way for people to get together this holiday season, we are offering one every Thursday in December. Events can be mixed to make new friends or can be bought out for a private function. Book yours now!

**FREE EEA OFFERINGS**

- **Weekly Members Only:**
  - Open Studio
  - New Winter Hours
  - Tuesdays 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
  - Call 631.369.2171 to book!

- **Art with Kat Online Classes:**
  - All Ages & Levels
  - Take any time on Facebook!

- **Monthly Meet the Masters:**
  - NEW Time
  - December 4 - Renoir
  - January 8 - Modigliani

**SCHOOL:** 631.369.2171 | **OFFICES:** 631.727.0900

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**MUSIC MASTERS APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN**

The EEA Music Masters Mentorship Program is a 6-week intensive that allows secondary school-aged musicians the opportunity to train under a master performer or composer, leading up to a live group performance. Thanks to its continued sponsorship by Harlan & Olivia Fischer, this program remains tuition-free.

For the first time in its decade-long history, Music Masters consists of a power team: composer and conductor, Richard Iacona and jazz vocalist and bassist, Madeline Kole. Read more.

Intermediate to advanced vocalists and instrumentalists of all genres are encouraged to apply for this life-changing opportunity! Deadline to apply is January 20, 2022. Rehearsals start Friday, March 4, 2022.

**NEW PHONES, NEW FUNCTIONS**

East End Arts' phone upgrade is complete! We can now provide callers with a clear main directory, direct extensions, and individual voicemail boxes for each department and staff member. The upgrade also includes texting functions. You can now text us, and we can text you, all within the new system. We can even transfer texts to one another! We are grateful to level up in the modern world of communications and happy to now let you where you need to go with ease. Many thanks again to the generous donors who made this upgrade possible!

**HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES DECEMBER 11TH**

**Enjoy a Day in Riverhead Filled with Holiday Cheer!**

- **12:30-2:30**
  - Visit with Santa
- **1:00-2:00**
  - Enjoy the Show
- **2:00-3:00**
  - Make an Ornament
- **3:00-4:00**
  - Riverhead Holiday Parade
- **4:00-7:00**
  - Riverhead Holiday Bonfire
**TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: TATIANA BALEPINA**

_TATIANA BALEPINA_ is EEA’s Premiere Classical Private Piano Instructor! Tatiana has been working at EEA school since September 2003, just after she moved to Long Island after many years of traveling all over the world. She understands that there are pressures from parents to see results but cherishes the ability to veer away from the strong requirements followed in public schools. This freedom enables Tatiana to try new things with her students and offers a huge field for experimentation using different piano methods and approaches. During her pedagogical career, she has taught over 300 students of different levels and musical abilities. As she puts it, “...with just a little help,” students have reached accomplishments such as playing on the stage of Carnegie Hall. Her love for teaching the piano and making the connection between music, fine arts, and architecture is truly her passion. She encourages her fine art students to listen to the music as they create. Even her very young students are taught notes by color, using a system by Scriabin. It is all about how the students connect to the music. “EEA is a nice place to work. Very friendly atmosphere and a very nice team. I'm happy to be part of EEA school.” [Read more](#).

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: MARK GASHCHENKO**

_A Virtuoso in the Making_

Mark is currently in 6th grade attending Raynor Country Day School. He is a bright student, very creative and artistic. He loves exercising in tennis, drawing from nature, and constructing LEGO sets. He has many hobbies such as math, solving many types of Rubik’s cubes, performing card tricks, collecting coins, and of course playing piano! He started taking piano lessons at an early age, and became a student of Tatiana Balepina, at EEA in 2018, at the age of eight. During 2018-2021, Mark successfully participated in six different National and International Competitions, always winning prizes. As a Grand Prix Winner of Concert Festival International Competition Mark played on the stage of Carnegie Hall (2019) and as a Gold Winner of Golden Key Music Festival, he participated in a video recital (2021), which was in place of the performance at Carnegie Hall due to the quarantine. We can’t wait to see what Mark does next!
EEA WORDS OF WISDOM:

‘Going to college as a music major can seem thrilling and, if you’re like me, somewhat challenging at times. A college prep course can help navigate you through to make them much easier.’

- James Hayes, EEA College Prep Music Instructor

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: CORINNE TOUSEY

The Art of Observation

Corinne is an architecture and landscape photographer who takes her cues from the environment at the moment. Her pieces include scenes from New York, Long Island, and across the world, often sparking personal recollections for viewers that they can’t wait to memorialize on the walls of their homes. All Corinne’s photos are printed on metal to enhance the depth, color, and lines of the image, and she offers a variety of sizes, from miniature squares to panoramics. Read more.

Visit Corinne’s NYC to MTK show in the Rosalie Dimon Gallery at the Jamesport Manor Inn this month!

MLK PORTRAIT PROJECT UPDATE:

Participating Schools:
Bridgehampton (2 portraits), Center Moriches, East Hampton, Eastport South Manor, Hampton Bays, Mattituck, Mount Sinai, Riverhead, Rocky Point, Shelter Island, and Southampton

Completion Date:
January 17, 2022 (Dr. King’s birthday)
The virtual gallery will go live, and each portrait will hang in their respective high schools and then East End Food Market at 139 Main Rd., Riverhead before heading to EEA for auction.

Auction:
March 12, 2022 Let’s raise some money for our EEA art scholarship fund! Learn more.

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Rejoice with the unofficial start to our Holiday Season!

Watch Now
Under the Direction of Pastor Mary Anne McElroy

There is always more happening at EEA!