

Westport Arts Advisory Committee
Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 12 noon, Town Hall room 201 in person and on Zoom

Present: Nancy Diamond, Kathie Bennewitz, Miggs Burroughs, Eric Chiang, Richard Epstein, Diane Lowman, Shobana Mani, Jessica Noyes, Charles Rosoff, Elizabeth Strick, Dina Upton Kimberly Wilson. Ive Covaci WestPAC chair.

Unable to attend: Frederic Chiu, Lee Goldstein, Jerri Graham {on Zoom}

Guest: Harris Falk

WestPAC:

Ive reported that all information to do with public art will be posted on the new website Discover WestportCT.com. The Colytown Middle School project for donated large scale art has received four art proposals so far. Kathie and Ive will follow up.

Downtown Planning implementation Committee Report:

Kathie reported that on October 17 at 6:00 pm at the Library, the Downtown plan will be presented. Dina went to the Discover Westport meeting chaired by Andrea Moore.

Poet Laureate Report:

Jessica has scheduled a number of poetry events, On October 17, she will read a poem at the Discover Westport launch and on October 20 at the MOCA open mike event. On November 11 she will hold a workshop on using paintings as inspiration for poetry. She is working with the Senior Center and schools to hold poetry workshops.in the new year.

TEA Talk:

To be held November 6th at the Library. After much discussion the title of the event is, "Creativity Unleashed" Film – Music – Art. The following artists and presenters were confirmed.

FILM:

Guest film maker Kevin Wilson Jr, has been invited to talk about his career. As a young influential film maker from New York, he has produced award-winning films including, "My Nephew Emmett" and a commercial promoting "Black Panthers 2". He will be interviewed by Jen Berniker. if unavailable, Shobana will take her place.

Music:

Michael Whelan, Emmy award winning performer, teacher, and media commentator. A recipient of 15 Hugo awards and 3 World Fantasy awards to name a few. His work is on TV shows, commercials, TikTok and You tube. He will discuss the changes in the music industry and talk about the book he is working on "The Business of Music" He will be in discussion with Richard

ART:

Community artist 5Fingers who lives and works in Norwalk. His work focuses on people who are in the news; current events are his inspiration. Artist Tom Bernsten will be part of the discussion. Two possible moderators to interview the artist were suggested. They are, Cecily Anderson, artist and teacher and Liz Legget artist and Director of Exhibitions at MOCA. Kathie will reach out to see who is available.

Entertainment: To bookend the event a performance by Heshima Moja, composer who works where music and art meet. He sings in Spanish and English combined with music from around the world.

Nancy requests all bios of all artists be received asap.

Diane will be Library liaison. Dina will be marketing coordinator. Miggs will do lawn signs, e-cards and program.

Press Release: Nancy and Dina, they will also meet with Library media person.

Please let Nancy know if you are unable to attend the event.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25pm

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Strick, Secretary Westport Arts Advisory committee