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# WESTCHESTER

# FALL ARTS GUIDE

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Pocantico  
Center



## DANCE

Who better than Carole Alexis—founder, director, and choreographer of Ballet Des Amériques in White Plains—to provide a pro take on this fall's don't-miss dance performances?

The French government knighted choreographer and teacher Carole Alexis in 2022 for her contributions to the field of dance, dubbing her Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres. This year, she received ArtsWestchester's Advancing Equity Award, netting her company a cool \$25k. In October, Ballet Des Amériques will be performing at the New Rochelle Dance Festival, and then in November, at New York City's Teatro LATEA. Meanwhile, the dance doyenne is excited about this season's amazing local offerings.

### Sculpture Dances:

#### Kykuit

Sep 11, 12, 13

**David Rockefeller  
Creative Arts Center**

Nature and masterful movement combine in hour-long al fresco performances on the renowned Kykuit property. "I think it is so important to give people the experience of art, the outdoors, and sculpture, and to bring it all together in a beautiful place," says Alexis. The show was developed by the interdisciplinary performance company Site-Specific Dances.

of Tchaikovsky's 1875 masterpiece by International Ballet Stars—which includes members from all over, including Italy, France, Ukraine, Japan, Moldova, and Kyrgyzstan—is a wonderful choice for families with younger kids. "It's such a classic," she explains. "Shows like this help children develop their love for art and culture."

#### Ailey II

Oct 12

**Emelin Theatre**

"Alvin Ailey is like jazz, the company represents American culture and history," notes Alexis. "It almost always sells out." See the troupe's new work, *Luminous*, in an intimate, comfortable venue that offers excellent views of the stage.

### The Great Gatsby Ballet

Sep 18

**The Palace Theatre**

"It's always interesting to see how an art form such as writing is translated into dance," Alexis points out. Journey back to the Roaring Twenties and F. Scott Fitzgerald's iconic novel, brought to life with a cast of 40 from the acclaimed World Ballet Company.

### Ballet Hispánico

Nov 16

**Ridgefield Playhouse**

"Like Alvin Ailey, Ballet Hispánico is iconic," says Alexis. "The last time I saw them, I was amazed by their strong, well-rehearsed dancers and tight choreography. I will always go see Ballet Hispánico whenever they perform in the area."

### Swan Lake

Oct 11

**The Palace Theatre**

According to Alexis, this performance



## ART

Fill your calendar through the end of the year with best-in-class suggestions from Kathleen Reckling, CEO of ArtsWestchester.

"This fall offers an exciting lineup of exhibitions featuring artists who push our understanding of what we think we know," says Kathleen Reckling, leader of the largest private nonprofit arts council in the state. "These artists work across disciplines and media, cross borders, challenge concepts of utility, and ask viewers to think about our relationship to spaces and places." Hear about them in her own words.

### Katherina Jesek

Sep 2-Dec 8

**The Center for the Digital Arts Gallery at SUNY Westchester Peekskill**

"The Center for the Digital Arts Gallery at SUNY Westchester Peekskill teamed up with the Kinosaito Art Center to exhibit video, photography, and animated GIFs by Katherina Jesek, an acclaimed multimedia artist. Her work explores the intersection of analog and digital media, reimagining antiquated technologies such as cathode ray oscilloscopes through a contemporary lens. It also engages with our imagination around the possibilities of technology, especially in the age of AI."

### DRAW: Heat

Sep 19-Jan 11

**Hudson River Museum**

"Approaching the subject of climate change from a different angle, this show invites 40 artists from across the country to meditate on the existential threat we face as a result of the social, political, and power inequities produced by ineffective environmental policies. After exploring these contemporary works on paper, there's an opportunity to visit pieces from the museum's permanent collection, recontextualized in new installations."

### Meltdown: A Changing Climate

Oct 5-Jan 11

**ArtsWestchester Gallery**

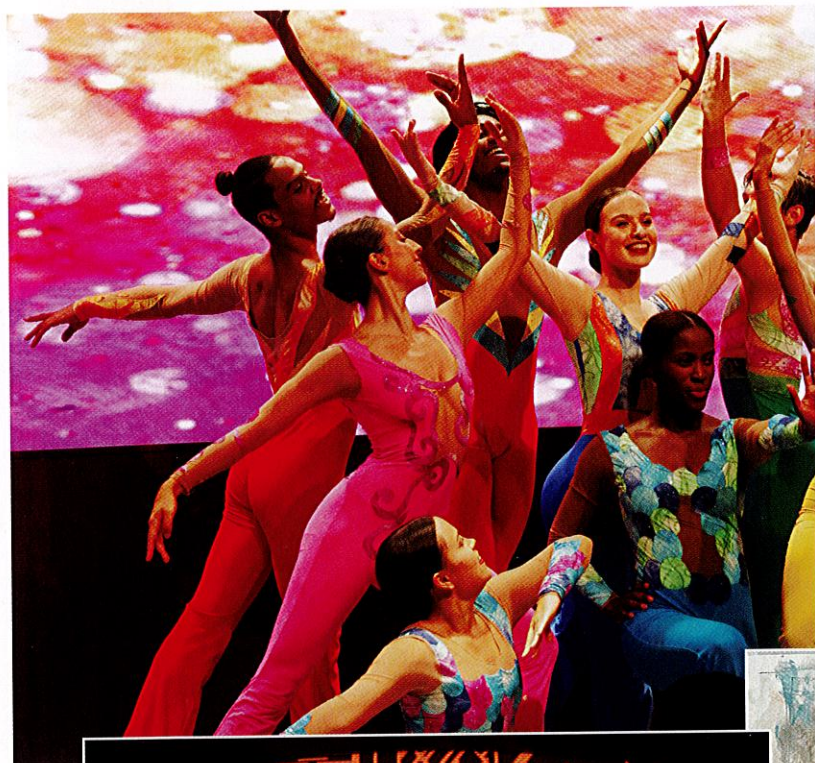
"ArtsWestchester has supported new works by artists who will address ways in which ice and water are integral to the Hudson Valley, and how climate change is shaping the future of the regional landscape. Among the dynamic works in the exhibition is a monumental ice installation by Jaanika Peerna that will change overtime as it melts, pushing pigment to shape a beautiful abstract painting."

### Shen Wei: STILL/MOVING

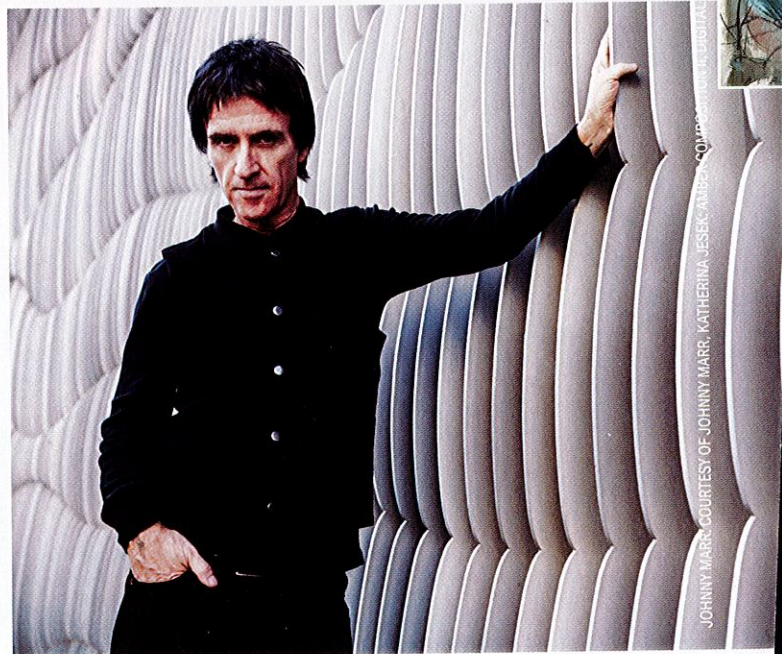
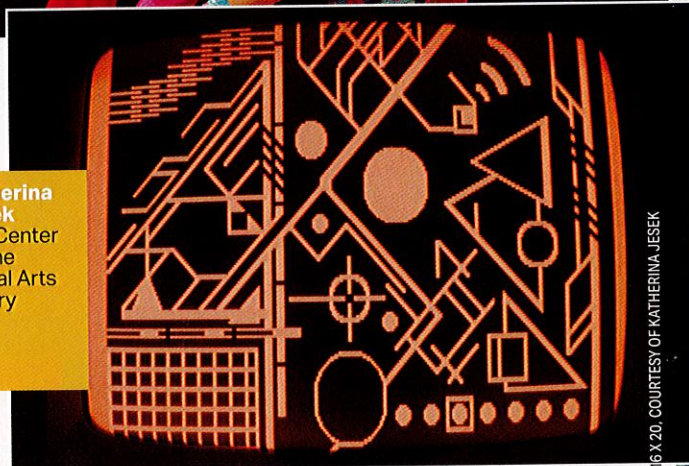
Oct 19

**Katonah Museum of Art & The Pocantico Center (dual locations)**

"The Katonah Museum of Art and The Pocantico Center are among Westchester's cultural jewel boxes, and this joint presentation between the two offers a unique opportunity to experience both sites through the work of one artist. Both locations will feature different aspects of Shen Wei's visual art practice and offer performances by the Shen Wei Dance Arts company. The KMA will emphasize the interdisciplinary nature of his work while the Pocantico Center's focus will be on Shen Wei's more recent landscape paintings."



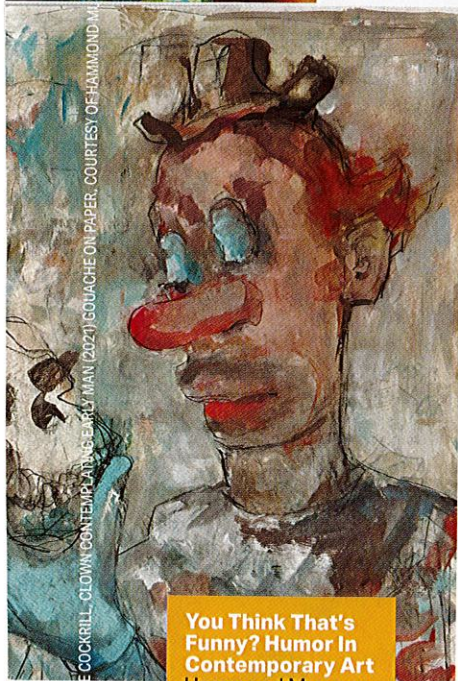
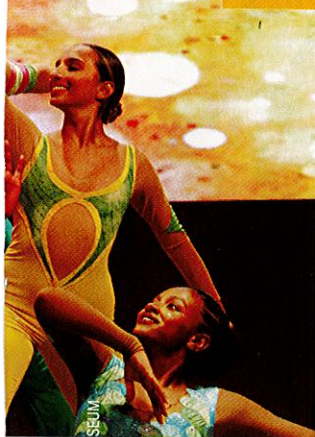
**Katherina Jesek**  
The Center for the Digital Arts gallery



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**Ballet  
Hispánico**  
Ridgefield  
Playhouse



**You Think That's  
Funny? Humor In  
Contemporary Art**  
Hammond Museum  
& Japanese Stroll  
Garden

**Johnny  
Marr**  
The Capitol  
Theatre

## FILM

Classic movie buffs, seize your moment to see a quintessential film (or several) in a theater among fellow fans. It's much more fun than watching on your own at home!

### **Anatomy of a Murder** Sept 10

**Jacob Burns Film Center**

Old-school 35mm film screenings attract cinephiles like metal attracts magnets. This showing is Otto Preminger's twist-y 1959 legal drama about a Michigan lawyer played by Jimmy Stewart who attempts to exonerate an innocent veteran on trial.

### **Grey Gardens** Oct 1

**Avon Theatre**

Few documentaries have had the enduring success or cultural impact of this bizarre peek into the lives of Edie Bouvier Beale and her mother, Edith, both related to Jackie Kennedy Onassis. Delve into their complex lives over the course of this documentary, celebrating its 50th anniversary.

### **Judgement at Nuremberg**

Oct 8

**Jacob Burns Film Center**

Stanley Kramer's 1961 drama follows the post WWII trials of four German judges who face a military tribunal for Nazi atrocities as

crimes against humanity.

Starring William Shatner and Judy Garland, the resulting film is a compelling commentary on dual themes of guilt and accountability.

### **John Cleese** Oct 18

**Paramount Hudson  
Valley Theater**

All hail one of Britain's comedy icons, John Cleese, when he marks the 50th anniversary of cult classic *Monty Python* and the *Holy Grail*. An audience Q&A follows, so curious fans should come prepared to ask the actor any burning, behind-the-scenes questions.

### **The Rocky Horror Picture Show**

Oct 25

**Tarrytown Music Hall**

Interactive showings of this 1975 cult classic starring Tim Curry and Susan Sarandon are the midnight-movie gold standard. Tarrytown Music Hall staff put together an audience participation kit, included in the price of each ticket. Warm up with some fun pre-show games and a costume contest.

## EXHIBITS

Stop by a museum or gallery to catch these shows while you can—they will make you laugh and think.

### **You Think That's Funny?**

**Humor in Contemporary Art**

Ongoing through Nov 16

**Hammond Museum & Japanese Stroll Garden**

Fine art and comedy collide in the Hammond Museum's main gallery, featuring work by a selection of contemporary artists including lauded painter Mike Cockrill. Two deceptively simple questions are at the heart of this show: What makes us laugh and why?

### **Complements: Charles Addams & Suzanne Heilmann**

Sep 15-Nov 15

**Rye Arts Center**

Just in time for Halloween, cartoons by Charles Addams, the creator of the sensationally spooky *Addams Family*, will be displayed alongside sculptures by artist Suzanne Heilmann, three of which were created specifically for the exhibition. The shared artistic through line is Addams' off-kilter and whimsical take on the world.

### **Uman: After All the Things**

Oct 19-May 10

**The Aldrich Museum of  
Contemporary Art**

Glasswork, painting, drawing, sculpture—the multimedia artist Uman is adept at all these and more. This will be apparent when she presents her first institutional solo exhibition at The Aldrich, encompassing bold new works on paper and a site-specific mural.

### **Ants: Tiny Creatures, Big Lives**

Nov 20-May 17

**Bruce Museum**

This fascinating show uses scaled-up models like a massive ant tunnel and a five-foot sculpture of a creepy crawly to make people feel like they've shrunk to the size of a bug. Add in macrophotography (extreme close-ups) and this exhibit is as fun as it is informative.

## NEW & NOTEWORTHY The Librarians

Sept 16

**Bedford Playhouse**

In keeping with book banning making headlines again, this timely documentary from Oscar-nominated filmmaker Kim A. Snyder (and executive producer Sarah Jessica Parker) follows a group of brave librarians fighting for intellectual freedom. An official selection at both the 2025 Sundance Film Festival and SXSW, the film offers a close look at Americans standing up to censorship.