

Weekly Newsletter

From inspiring exhibits and creative workshops to engaging theater events and special community gatherings, there's something for everyone to enjoy at Celebrate St. James. This week's special highlight is our ribbon cutting ceremony, marking an exciting milestone for our community. Here are a few upcoming highlights:



South Pacific June 5-14

Don't miss your chance to experience the timeless music and romance of South Pacific.

Reserve your seats today: 516-272-6597

LighthouseTheatreCompany.com/tickets

Art Safari June 8, 6-7 pm

An interactive Animal Art Scavenger Hunt & Creative Studio experience. Kids will explore the Living Things exhibit, search for hidden creatures, sketch their discoveries, and create their very own animal-inspired masterpiece in the studio.



Addams Family Auditions June 8 & June 11, 7pm - 10 pm

The Lighthouse Theatre Company is holding auditions for The Addams Family Musical and all roles are open! Whether you're a seasoned performer or stepping onto the stage for the first time, this is your chance to join a delightfully dark and hilariously spooky production.

Tuesdays at 2pm with Carolyn Benson June 9, 2 pm

Joined by her very special guest Paul Mahos

Monthly Music Series. Free Community Event. RSVP



Ribbon Cutting June 10, 3 pm

Join us as we celebrate the official Ribbon Cutting of the St. James Center for the Arts—a historic building reawakened and reimagined as a vibrant community cultural arts center. RSVP

Art Gallery

Living Things exhibit: Show and sale continues through June 14

CALL TO ARTISTS: ARTIST CHOICE EXHIBIT

Submissions can be brought to the Gallery starting on June 15th.





Presents

RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S

SOUTH PACIFIC



**JUNE 5 -
JUNE 14**



Celebrate St. James
Center for the Arts
176 2nd Street, St. James



Tickets:

516-272-6597

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SOUTH PACIFIC is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of
The Rodgers & Hammerstein Organization. www.concordtheatricals.com

Purchase Tickets



Dive Under the Sea

THIS SUMMER!

Disney's THE LITTLE MERMAID JR

SUMMER THEATRE INTENSIVE

SING!
DANCE!
ACT!
Make Magic!



FULL PRODUCTION
of Disney's
The Little Mermaid JR.



BUILD CONFIDENCE
Make friends &
have fun!



TRAIN WITH
PROFESSIONAL
TEACHING ARTISTS



REHEARSE, SING,
DANCE & SHINE
on stage!

REGISTER TODAY!



JULY 6 – JULY 26
MONDAY – FRIDAY
12PM – 4PM

TWO CLASSES:

GRADES 2-5 & GRADES 6-9

REGISTRATION

\$425 | EARLY BIRD* \$375
(PAY BY MAY 30)



LOCATION:
176 2nd Street
St. James, NY 11780



INFO & REGISTRATION:
lighthousecompany.com/summer-camp
or call 516-272-6597

CELEBRATE
ST. JAMES



Register Now

Call To Artists



Calling all Artists

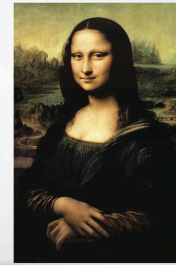
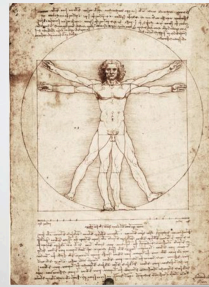
A New Juried Art Exhibit

**Opening Reception Saturday
June 27th - 1PM - 3PM**



These are my
2 - favorites
Leonardo DaVinci

Artists Choice



Art due to the Gallery
week of June 15th.

Limit 1 piece up
to 20 x 24

All mediums acceptable -
Photography, Painting
Oil, Water Color, Acrylic
Collage, Sculpture, etc.

**Celebrate St. James
Center for the Arts
176 Second St., St. James**

For information call or text - 631-984-0201 or 631-686-5501
Celebrate St. James is a 501(c)3 organization
email celebratestjames@gmail.com - www.celebratestjames.org



CALL TO STUDENT ARTISTS: “ARTIST’S CHOICE”

Celebrate St. James Center for the Arts is pleased to invite student artists to submit work for our upcoming juried exhibition.

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT ARTISTS:

One piece per student entrant in grades K-12.
Limited student spots. Submission can be artwork created in school or independently.

All mediums acceptable: Painting, photography, drawing, sculpture, ceramic. 2-D work must be matted, framed, and ready to hang with a secure wire across the back. Sawtooth hangers or hooks are not acceptable. Please attach a label to the back with artist name, title of work, and if it is available for sale the price. One piece per student level entrant.



Fee: Artwork up to 20x24 Oversized pieces will be priced accordingly. Please inquire.

\$15 entrant fee or Member Pricing: \$10
If you are not currently a member, you can join at this time to receive the member discount.

Commission: 20% Commission to Celebrate St. James if your work sells.

Registration Deadline June 15: Email submissions to sandra.ciraolo27@gmail.com
Please include your name, title, medium, size, and a photo of your work.

Art due to gallery week of June 15 during business hours.

Please contact us if you need to make other arrangements.



Guidelines for student submissions can be downloaded [here](#).



ART SAFARI

Animal Art Scavenger Hunt & Creative Studio






Join us for an exciting art adventure as we explore our *Living Things* exhibit! Search the gallery for creatures and complete a fun scavenger hunt. Then head to the studio to turn your discoveries into a work of art!

Monday
June 8
6:00-7:00

\$35 (\$5 sibling discount
per child)
Ages 6-12



-  Explore the gallery and find animals, colors, textures and more!
-  Take notes and sketch your favorite finds to spark ideas
-  Make your own animal-inspired masterpiece in our art studio!



REGISTER: info@celebratestjames.org

Celebrate St. James Center For The Arts

176 2nd Street, St. James

Email to Sign Up

They're Creepy...
and They're Casting

The
Addams Family

— AUDITIONS —

Directed by
→ Tony Chiofalo & Jacklyn Lisi ←



AUDITION DATES
June 8 & June 11
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM



ALL ROLES OPEN
Seeking actors ages 8+
Double casting possible



CALLBACKS
June 11
(if needed, by invitation)



LOCATION
176 2nd Street
St. James NY 11780



WHAT TO PREPARE
Prepare 16-32 bars in the style of
the show. (Songs from the show are welcome)
Dress to dance – you will
learn a short routine.



PERFORMANCE DATES
September 18 – October 4
St. James & Freeport



DETAILS & REGISTRATION:

LighthouseTheatreCompany.com/Auditions

Audition Form



*Tuesdays at 2pm
with Carolyn*

Joined by her very special guest

Paul Mahos

June 9, 2026

Celebrate st James Center for the arts
176 2nd St.

For Information call
631.984.0201

Carolyn Benson

FREE ENTRY
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FREE ENTRY

Email to Sign Up

— YOU'RE INVITED TO —

Celebrate **ST JAMES**
— CENTER FOR THE ARTS —

RIBBON CUTTING



*Join us as we celebrate a
new chapter for our community and the arts.*



WEDNESDAY
JUNE 10
2026




3:00
PM

CELEBRATING AN HISTORIC BUILDING
REAWAKENED & REIMAGINED.

FOOD

FUN

ENTERTAINMENT

 Celebrate St James Center for the Arts
176 2nd Street, St. James, NY 11780
Please RSVP by 6/5/26
info@celebratestjames.org



*Building Creativity.
Inspiring Community.*

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Paint and Sip
Summer Sunsets

Wednesday, June 17 7:00-9:00 Adult \$50



Celebrate the start of summer with an evening of creativity and relaxation at our Summer Solstice Paint & Sip! In this guided acrylic painting workshop, you'll create a vibrant painting that captures the beauty and warmth of the season. No painting experience is needed - just bring your friends, your creativity, and get ready to toast the start of summer with art!

[Register Here](#)



Summer Kickoff Art Workshop



JUNE 19

9:00-12:00

Extended hours available for
additional cost upon request

AGES 6-12

\$75

(Sibling Discount
\$5 per child)

Get ready for summer with this specialty art program! Young artists will explore a variety of creative techniques inspired by summer themes while enjoying fun games and activities designed to spark imagination and creativity.

[Email to Sign Up](#)

Paint & Sip
MONET & MERLOT
An Evening in France with Art, Wine & Inspiration

Step into the world of Impressionist artist Claude Monet for an immersive evening of art and ambiance. Sip wine, savor French-inspired bites, and create your own Impressionist-style painting.

Friday
July 17
7:00-9:00

\$50 Per Person, Includes:

A brief introduction to Monet and the gardens that inspired many of his most iconic paintings.

Guided painting session and painting materials

French wine, cheese, and light specialties



[Email to Sign Up](#)

CELEBRATE SUMMER CONCERTS

2026

at Celebrate Park



Sunday, June 28
• 7:00 – 8:30 PM

The Dedications

A beloved Long Island doo-wop group performing the greatest hits of the '50s and '60s with rich harmonies and classic rock & roll flair.



Sunday, July 19
• 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Broadway Under the Stars

Four original cast members from Jersey Boys, joined by their Broadway-star wives, deliver powerhouse vocals and the iconic sounds of The Jersey Boys and other hits of Broadway.



Sunday, July 26
• 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Blue Bayou the Ronstadt Experience

Featuring Carolyn Benson, Blue Bayou is Long Island's premiere Linda Ronstadt tribute band since 2017. Soaring vocals and dynamic stage presence.



Sunday, August 2
• 7:00 – 8:30 PM

New Life Crisis

A high-octane party band known for dynamic mashups, dance-floor favorites, and electrifying stage energy. A staple of the Long Island music scene.



Sunday, August 9
• 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Radio Flashback

A nostalgic journey through the greatest hits of the '70s, '80s, and '90s — upbeat, familiar, and perfect for a summer night.



Sunday, August 16
• 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Southbound

A beloved Long Island country and southern-rock band delivering warm harmonies, guitar-driven energy, and feel-good Americana.



Bring chairs & blankets



All ages welcome



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369 Lake Ave.
St. James, NY

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THE REVOLUTION WAS WON IN THE SHADOWS.

SHADOWS RISE

★ THE CULPER SPY RING ROCK MUSICAL ★

INSPIRED BY THE EVENTS OF THE CULPER SPY RING

A STORY OF ESPIONAGE. COURAGE. FREEDOM.



*Voices in the dark.
Messages in code.
A nation in the balance.
Invisible Ink*

711
721
722
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*For Liberty
Secrecy above all.
Trust few.
— S. G.*



★ **WORLD PREMIERE** ★

LIVE ACTORS. ★ LIVE MUSIC. ★ IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE.

JULY 10 - 12

★ OPENING NIGHT JULY 10 ★

ESPIONAGE ★ COURAGE ★ SACRIFICE ★ FREEDOM

STORY BY
NATALIE WEINSTEIN
AND CAROLYN BENSON

ORIGINAL SCORE BY
CAROLYN BENSON

ARRANGEMENTS BY
PAUL MAHOS

IMMERSIVE VIDEOGRAPHICS BY
PAUL MAHOS

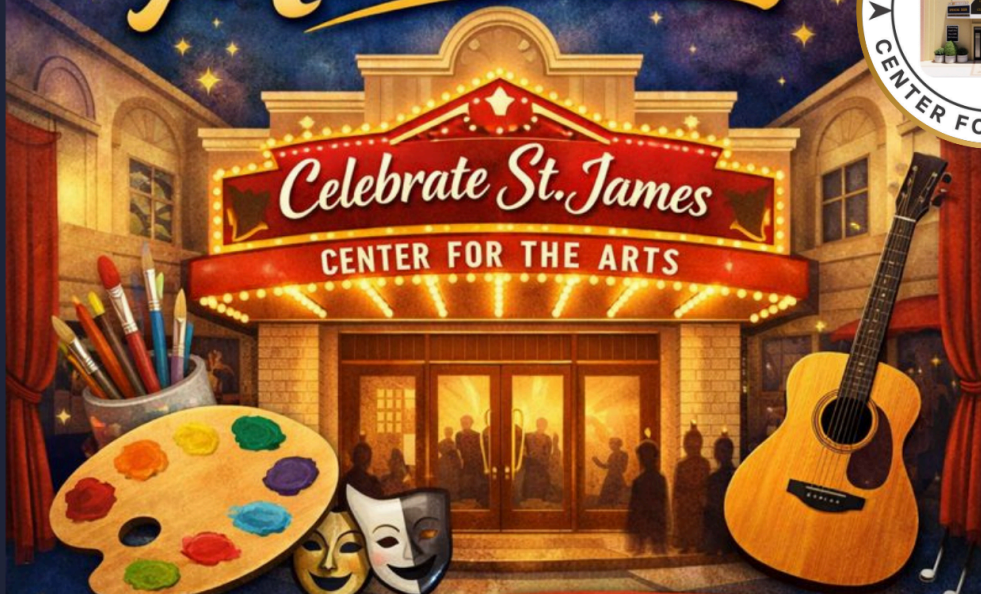
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CAROLYN BENSON

BASED ON TRUE EVENTS. INSPIRED BY COURAGE.

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Restore History

Build Community

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CelebrateStJames.org

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**LEAVE
YOUR
LEGACY**



**JOIN
THE
REVIVAL**

Built in the early 20th century, the former St. James Calderone Theatre has hosted legends and locals alike. Help us preserve it as the Celebrate St. James Center For The Arts with essential upgrades for generations to come.

Restoration Campaign



Balcony Mural \$36,000	Tin Ceiling \$20,000	Wood Flooring \$15,000	Museum \$150,000	
Lobby \$150,000	Kitchen \$50,000	Restrooms \$150,000	Front Doors \$15,000	
Video Screen \$100,000	Curtains \$24,000	Lighting \$75,000	Sound \$75,000	Tech Booth \$50,000

Major naming opportunities

Exclusive naming opportunities are available for the Center For:
The Arts Building, Museum/Lobby and the Theatre/Art Gallery Auditorium

LEGACY RECOGNITION- DONOR WALL

With your generous gift, your name will be permanently added to our Lobby Donor Wall
A lasting tribute to you for helping create the St. James Center For The Arts



**A \$1,200 donation will put your name on a theatre chair
& a One Year Membership to CSJ!**
(convenient payment terms available \$100.00/mo for 12 months)

Donate Today: celebratestjames.org/donate

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Naming & Dedication Opportunities

