

## National Jazz Month with the Arts Center Killingworth *Jazz NightOut* Spring Concert and *Jammin'* Exhibit at the New Spectrum Gallery

Celebrating April's Jazz Appreciation Month, the Arts Center Killingworth presents *Jazz NightOut* with acclaimed flutist **Keith Marks and Trio** on April 26 (7:30pm) at The Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center in Old Saybrook. A biannual sellout event, *Jazz NightOut* includes a cash wine bar, free appetizers and a dessert reception. Connecticut's **Cedric Mayfield & Epitome** opens the evening.

Marks, a nationally-recognized flutist has worked with jazz legends Ron Carter and Dave Burrell, and played for luminaries such as Nelson Mandela and Jimmy Carter. He is a regular at New York City jazz clubs and major music festivals, and has garnered rave reviews for his cd releases. Marks has forged a unique and commanding rhythmic voice from a seemingly delicate instrument, with *Jazz Review* noting "few artists are deserving of more recognition than Marks." Music critic George Kanzler has called Marks "an infectiously funky Pied Piper of the jazz flute." At *Jazz NighOut*, the Trio will perform favorites such as "All Blues" by Miles Davis, "Straight, No Chaser" by Thelonious Monk, "Afro Blue" by Mongo Santamaria, and "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy" by jazz fusionist Josef Zawinul.

In conjunction with *Jazz NightOut*, the Arts Center announces the opening of its new Spectrum Gallery and Store with *Jammin'*, an exhibit of fine art and crafts inspired by jazz. April 18 through May 26 (61 Main Street, Centerbrook), the show features the work of New York painter **Michael Singletary** and a select group of local and regional artists working in oil, acrylic, encaustic, photography and more. Singletary's portraits of major jazz figures have been exhibited at the Whitney and American Craft Museums, and are included in the MOMA Library and Library of Congress. His work has been shown with notable artists including Andy Warhol, Chuck Close, David Hockney and Robert Mapplethorpe, and was featured on *The Cosby Show* and in Spike Lee's films *Mo Better Blues* and *Jungle Fever*.

In addition to Singletary, other artists showing in *Jammin'* include a wide-range of local and regional painters, photographers, mixed media artists, sculptors, and numerous artisans working in jewelry, glass, pottery, ceramic, origami, weaving and quilting. Many of the artists and artisans have created unique "signature" pieces using their love of jazz as inspiration specifically for this show!

Multiple Gallery events are open to the public including *Jammin's* Open Reception, Friday, April 18, (6:30-9 pm) at Spectrum and includes live music by *JazzMan Entertainment*, wine and refreshments. Friday, May 2 (6:30-8:30) spend the evening participating in a monthly free program, *Drawing in the*

*Gallery.* Use the work of **Jammin'** artists as inspiration for sketching or for the start of a new piece. All levels welcome. Sunday, May 4 (2pm), meet **Jammin'** artist Frank Federico, an award-winning colorist and contemporary impressionist who demonstrates his painting techniques, and discusses his passion for jazz and its influence on his work. Friday, May 9 (7:30pm) Spectrum Gallery screens *Gumbo*, the first episode of Ken Burns' iconic PBS documentary on the history of jazz. Friday, May 16 (7:30pm) expressionist painter and **Jammin'** artist Andres Chaparro leads a discussion and offers an interactive demonstration on his fluid and free creative process, reflecting spontaneous emotion over traditional convention. He incorporates found objects, strong color contrast, and distorted subject matter.

In 2014, Spectrum Gallery and Store will present approximately five exhibits showcasing painting, mixed media, sculpture and photography. All Gallery exhibits will include free educational events such as artist discussions, demonstrations, family days, screenings and drawing in the gallery. Spectrum Gallery is open Wednesday-Saturday (11am-6pm) and Sunday (11am-5pm).

For *Jazz NightOut* tickets please call (860) 663-5593 or visit [www.artscenterkillingworth.org](http://www.artscenterkillingworth.org). Advance ticket purchase is highly recommended. For more information about the new Spectrum Gallery and Store in Centerbrook, including the five-week long *Jammin'* exhibit, call (860) 767-0742 and visit [www.spectrumartgallery.org](http://www.spectrumartgallery.org).

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