

16TH ANNUAL

# Bridgeport Art Trail

November 7-10, 2024

# BAT

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We salute the arts, artists and nonprofits  
from our vibrant community who bring their talents  
and passions to the 2024 Bridgeport Art Trail



*“Essential to both individual wellbeing and thriving  
communities, the arts are a vital part of any conversation about  
increasing equity and opportunity.”*

**MENDI BLUE PACA**  
President & CEO,  
Fairfield County's Community Foundation

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## THE BRIDGEPORT ART TRAIL MARKS 16 YRS!

The BAT is produced annually by **City Lights & Company**, a nonprofit 501c3 that serves the community through art. Stay connected to the Bridgeport art scene year-round. Go to **BridgeportArtTrail.org**



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Cover art: L-R Detail of sculpture by Iyaba Ibo Mandingo, ARWE Journey ehiibt; Kimono 1 by Carlos Biernay, Elisha Brockenberry modeling at the NEST, American Fabrics Building, Goonmetal at Ursa Gallery photo by Dariusz Kanarek; Mural detail by Victor Quinonez; Meighan Morrison in her studio at Metro

## LETTER FROM MAYOR JOSEPH P. GANIM



Mayor Joseph P. Ganim

Mayor Ganim WELCOMES YOU to the Bridgeport Art Trail,

We are proud to showcase Bridgeport's Art Trail, an experiential promotion of our city's thriving arts and culture scene. Creativity and innovation are alive and thriving in our city. We continue to promote an inventive spirit through creativity along with a supportive environment for artists to succeed and display their talents. I am delighted to support this annual celebration of artists and crafters. It is my strong belief that the arts are an asset for growth and improvement to the quality-of-life in Bridgeport and an inspiration for all who visit. The City was proud to become the presenting sponsor for the 4th annual Bridgeport Film Fest earlier this year to continue our support of the arts community.

The Bridgeport Art Trail map is an excellent tool to illustrate the proliferation of our arts community. This map is a tour of our revitalized downtown neighborhood, the hub of the Park City's arts and cultural scene where you will find public art featuring over 40 public art installations. Then visit destinations such as Read's ArtSpace, the Bridgeport Pride Center, City Lights Gallery, The Barnum Museum, and the Housatonic Museum of Art. Travel south to the new Metro Art Studios located in the historic "Crown Corset" factory. On the West Side, pop into NEST Arts Factory and the Klein Memorial Auditorium. Be sure to check out the "art park" of painted canisters along the Pequonnock River on the grounds of 305 Knowlton Street, as well as the interior art lofts. Then go over to the East End formerly and fondly known as the "sewing district," home of the American Fabrics Arts Building featuring a variety of creative artist spaces.

Bridgeport's arts community is thriving! Visit Art Trail destinations all year-round!

Sincerely,

## A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



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Department of Economic and  
Community Development  
Office of the Arts





## WELCOME TO THE 16TH ANNUAL BRIDGEPORT ART TRAIL!

The Bridgeport Art Trail is an extraordinary resource made up of 7 arts studio buildings in a city of 150,000.

### HOW TO USE THIS BAT PROGRAM GUIDE AND ARTISTS' DIRECTORY

The book begins with BAT 2024 highlights and some suggested ways to tour the BAT, recommending clusters and special events. This includes a chronological schedule. All listings are paired with a venue number as listed in the grand list and the BAT map. The back of the book offers an artists' directory, which can be used year-round.

### WHAT'S NEW?

#### Bridgeport Art Trail Launches the Ricky Mestre Artists Serving Community Award.

The short version of the mission statement for City Lights/Bridgeport Art Trail is "to serve the community through art." There are continual examples of Bridgeport Art Trail artists who actualize this goal year after year. When funds allow, and the synergy is right, the CL/BAT compensates and recognizes those with whom we collaborate. In an effort to develop a more deliberate attempt to support artists who serve the community through their art, the 2024 BAT initiates the **Ricky Mestre Artist Serving Community Award**.

#### Congratulations Ricky Mestre!

Unlike some awards that are created in memory of an individual, the BAT chose to name this award after a deserving living artist, Ricky Mestre, who maintains his Bridgeport art studio at the Knowlton. The list of causes Ricky supports with his art and compassion are endless, ranging from healthcare and public awareness during the COVID crisis to social and cultural causes. 14 years ago, his vision, conviction, and perseverance initiated the first Queer art exhibit in CT, collaborating with City Lights Gallery. He organized and served as the chairperson and co-curator of the exhibit, and successively



Artist Ricky Mestre

built-out the annual Greater Bridgeport Pride Celebration to be bigger and better. His courage, pride, and vision started with an exhibit, later adding an outdoor party, variety show, and Pride march. The success of this event attracted new energy and philanthropic support to establish the Bridgeport Pride Center, filling a void in the community. This is an example of the ripple effect and leadership that artists serving the community can provide. City Lights/Bridgeport Art Trail is grateful and proud to support this effort.

Ricky is a living example of art serving the community! The list of causes Ricky has championed is unending. Among these include serving as co-captain for the NY Aids Walk for 12 years, performing in local theatre productions, and training youth through a TV broadcasting workshop at Soundview Public Access TV station where he is the training manager. He frequently performs and donates his art for important causes and fundraisers.

#### TikTok Challenge: A Bridgeport Art Trail/ Bridgeport Film Fest Collaboration

The BAT, proud fiduciary partner of the Bridgeport Film Festival, is launching a TikTok challenge through a generous grant from Fairfield County's Community Foundation. Winners will be featured at the 5th Annual Bridgeport Film Fest and on digital media platforms, and will receive cash prizes. With the intention of giving forward and highlighting the good community work being done in Bridgeport, winners can also designate a cause of their choice to receive a \$100 contribution in their name.

Get ready to unleash your creativity at our 2025 Bridgeport Film Fest with the electrifying TikTok Challenge! As the BFF celebrates 5 incredible years, we invite filmmakers, students, community activists, and professionals to craft captivating short videos—up to three minutes long—under the vibrant theme of "Reel City Life."

The BFF will offer two social media reel-creating workshops in early 2025 to help inspire/build a foundation for your content to help you tell your story! **Please check out [bridgeportfilmfest.org](https://bridgeportfilmfest.org) for more information.**

#### The BAT welcomes back the Bridgeport Innovation Center!

#2 The BIC team, including program organizers Robin Gilmore and Gerald Moore, have convened a mass of art, music, upcycled products, performance, and demonstrations.

**MNTD Studios/785 Union Ave #3** is the newest site on the Bridgeport Art Trail. A freshly renovated warehouse that was once the Moore Tool Company, the building has been revitalized with arts studios, exhibiting spaces, and murals complemented by **Foolproof Brewing, H & C Co-op** (a premier rental kitchen for food professionals) and **Black Horse Garage**, specializing in classic and vintage automobiles.

#### 2024 Bridgeport Art Trail Theme: "Heritage and Beyond"

This focus responds to 2024 art exhibits and initiatives where art intersects with heritage and relocation in reference to time and place. Art and artifacts are markers in time, depicting the past, imagining and heralding the future. This theme is spurred by the current zeitgeist inspired by the words of Maya Angelou: "I have great respect for the past. If you don't know where you've come from, you don't know where you're going. I have respect for the past, but I'm a person of the moment. I'm here, and I do my best to be completely centered at the place I'm at, then I go forward to the next place."

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### BAT offerings that relate to the theme “Heritage and Beyond”

**Arwe Journey : Twentieth-Century Afri-Caribbean Migration at Housatonic Museum of Art #9**, a solo exhibit by Iyaba Ibo Mandingo. The museum is open Monday - Friday, so we decided to kick-off the BAT weekend with an **Artists' Party at HMA on Thursday, Nov 7th from 6pm to 8:30pm**.

### World Famous Art in Bridgeport!

The extraordinary collection of the **Housatonic Museum of Art #9** is a unique cultural resource, accessible to the public throughout the college campus in downtown Bridgeport, CT. The works of prominent artists range from **Warhol to Rembrandt**, including many important 20th century artists. The permanent collection of over 7000 pieces continues to grow through gifts and donations, now including the arts of Africa, Oceania, and the Americas, as well as renowned artists such as Ansel Adams, Chuck Close, Jeff Koons, and Cindy Sherman. They also include Jenny Holzer, whose solo exhibit recently closed at the Guggenheim Museum, and renowned Harlem Renaissance painter Jacob Lawrence, whose epic Migration Story series inspired Caribbean-born artist Iyaba Ibo Mandingo to create the “Arwe Journey,” currently debuting at Housatonic Museum of Art. The spacious gallery at HMA is a fitting site to debut this 61-panel series by BAT artist Iyaba Ibo Mandingo.

Commonalities between the two artists, Jacob Lawrence and Iyaba Ibo Mandingo, include formal similarities such as the number of panels and dimensions, and both are recognized as storytellers in the African Griot tradition, which serves to teach and pass forward heritage. Lawrence depicts the Great Migration of African Americans from the South. Lawrence's series has been exhibited at the Museum of Modern Art and other prestigious museums throughout the country.

Mandingo depicts the compelling history of the Windrush Generation and the broader Afri-Caribbean migration to Europe and North America in the twentieth century. His exhibit continues in the back gallery, where Mandingo's work delves into his ancestral and spiritual connections, with a special tribute to Black women, who he credits as “nurturers, survivors, and leaders” in his personal life and the broader Afri-Caribbean community.

Visitors are invited to tour the art studio and learn more about the Bridgeport Art Trail artist Iyaba Ibo Mandingo at **Gallery 9104 #6** on Saturday and Sunday, Nov 9th-10th, from 12pm to 6pm.

**A Banksy was relocated to 785 Union Ave, MNTD studios and FoolProof Brewing #3**. How the world-famous art got here reflects the story of art and its connection to culture and urban development. As with all things, especially art, local stakeholders

have differing opinions about the piece of street art that was rescued from a building scheduled to be demolished in New York and then recently installed in Bridgeport's newest art studio site MNTD studios #3, at 785 Union Ave.

Formerly the Moore Tool Company (established in 1924), the warehouse at 785 Union Ave has been rejuvenated and is bursting with possibility, now the home of MNTD Studios, FoolProof Brewing, Black Horse Garage, and H&C Coop.

Visitors can experience all the art and changes at 785 Union while sipping on one of the offerings from Foolproof Brewing #3

**My Stories exhibit at City Lights Gallery #22** Chilean fiber artists depict stories of those who lived through the dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet. Co-curators of the “My Stories” exhibit are Carlos Biernnay and Paola Figueroa.

**Bridgeport and Beyond photo essay at the NEST Arts Factory #31** Photos and video document recent Bridgeport Art Trail satellite exhibits including the most recent and amazing one in Venice, Italy.

**Bridgeport's own UFOologist Albert K. Bender:** on Friday, Nov 8 from 6pm to 8pm at **Read's Ground Floor Gallery, 1042 Broad Street #12**, Read's artist MIA presents the fascinating story of Bridgeport's own Albert Bender, who claimed to have interactions with extraterrestrials. A mural by artist Brad Noble commemorates Bender's meeting with the ‘Men In Black,’ painted on the corner of Broad Street and Cesar Batalla Way, only blocks from where his home once stood, now replaced with the I-95 overpass.

**Ursa Gallery #18 presents Can It Be All So Simple:** curated by Tara Blackwell, this exhibit captures the raw nostalgia of a pre-digital era—before camera phones and social media reshaped our experiences—when life was lived fully in real-time.

**Visit the Mary and Eliza Freeman Center for History and Community #26** where local history and contemporary art merge.

**The Bridgeport Portrait Project at the NEST Arts Factory #31a:** “a photographic time capsule,” meet the artists and see the photographs documenting Bridgeport's recent history.

**Kindred Thoughts Book Store #21b** Book discussion moderated by Cultural Historian Michelle Black-Smith, “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings” by Maya Angelou, 5 pm on Sat Nov 9.

**Find a piece of history at Mongers Market #8**, a sprawling warehouse of eclectic finds, from furnishings to fashion, art, salvaged industrial and architectural items, tools, doors, lighting, rugs and even the kitchen sink, only open on Sunday, Nov 10 from 10am to 4 pm.



City Lights & Company is the 501c3 nonprofit organization that produces the annual BAT. We thank all community partners, sponsors, and artists for their support and collaboration. Please help us to continue to provide these free programs and opportunities.

Contributions can be sent to City Lights & Company, 130 Elm St., Bridgeport, CT 06604. Donate through the website [BridgeportArtTrail.org](http://BridgeportArtTrail.org). Thank you!

## BRIDGEPORT ART TRAIL ROUTES

You can go this way or that way!

The BAT weekend is a movable feast for the visual art culture vultures who can forage city wide. Here are some possible routes.

**Coming from Fairfield:** Framemakers #36, The NEST Arts Factory #31, Metro Art Studios #7

**Downtown venues:** Housatonic Museum of Art #9 (only open on 11/7, and 11/8, during BAT weekend), Read's Art Space #12, Arcade Mall #21, Ursa #18, City Lights Gallery #22, then head off to The Knowlton #29 and American Fabrics #1

**Coming from Stratford:** American Fabrics #1, The Knowlton #29

**Downtown Venues:** Housatonic Museum of Art #9 (only open on 11/7 + 11/8, during BAT weekend), Read's Art Space #12, Arcade Mall #21, Metro Art Studios #7, The Nest Arts Factory #31, Framemakers #36

**Coming from Bridgeport:** The numbered BAT listings are organized by districts, start where you like!

## THURSDAY BAT NIGHT KICKOFF

"It's like an artists' home company party." Mingle and meander. The BAT city-wide celebration starts downtown at four arts venues! View art and socialize with the creative community. See new art and popular favorites. Enjoy live music and reception fare.

### 1 – 7 pm

**The Mary & Eliza Freeman Center For History And Community #26**

The Hypogean Tip: What Lies Beneath the Surface? Sculpture by Rachel Owens. Featuring Gary Judkins, Jack Lardis, and Aisha Nailah.

### 3 – 5 pm

**BPT Film Fest #31c screening at Housatonic Community College #9**

3pm Artist Meet and Greet, 3:45pm Film Screening. View a curated collection of films that dive into the intimate lives of Artists and their journeys through triumphs, struggles, and the personal emotional highs and lows that they face through the creative process.

### 5:30 – 7:30 pm

**City Lights Gallery #22**

Enjoy reception fare and view a new exhibit, "My Stories." Through their art and words, Chilean fiber artists share their personal stories and the memories of those who lived under the Pinochet dictatorship. A time that Chileans rarely talk about, funding from CT Humanities enabled City Lights Gallery and these artists to present important personal stories and relevant universal themes.

### 6 – 8 pm

**Housatonic Museum of Art #9**

Start your annual city-wide open studios art celebration off right with free food and music! Experience a night like no other with reggae, calypso, and AfroBeats, lite bites and drink. Connect with the current exhibition of artwork by Iyaba Ibo Mandingo and meet the artist himself, mingle with the local arts community. Free & open to the public.

### 5:30 – 9 pm

**Read's ArtSpace #12 Light/Projection Art**

The BAT brings back a popular favorite. Dustin De Millio lights up Peacock Alley outside Read's ArtSpace #12 projecting a montage of local art and music videos and his signature free form digital magic. Light and projection installation sponsored by City Lights/Bridgeport Art Trail.

### 5:30 – 9:30 pm

**Read's #12 BAT Kick Off**

Party with us as we kick off the BAT with our new exhibit, "About Time" featuring an array of work by Read's residents and guest artists whose art highlights a variety of mediums. Savor delectable appetizers and cool refreshments while enjoying the musical explorations of Chris Cavaliere, musician & songwriter. Celebrate with friends, neighbors and fellow art aficionados at this lively annual event.

### 5 – 10 pm

**Hi-fi at the Arcade #21**

showcasing DJ's, musicians, and producers who share a little about their story, process and a selection of their music.

## FRIDAY

### 10 am – 2 pm

**The Color Shop #33**

Open house with professional tutorials and demonstrations of decorative finishes and kid-friendly crafting. Try your hand at our DIY Finish Kits, see our mock-up room displaying one of our decorative finishes.

**Start your Friday art viewing early,** miss the crowds. Enjoy the 2 new exhibits depicting relevant themes through impactful art.

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**Paradox Ink #21d**

Visit the studio of Liz Squillace at the **Arcade Mall #21**, see her latest works.

### 1 – 7 pm

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### 5 – 7pm

**Bridgeport Pride Center #25** unveiling of our inaugural queer art exhibit at BPC.

### 5 – 8 pm

**Artists' Meet-Up at FoolProof Brewing/MNTD Studios #3**

As artists are preparing their studios for the public, join them for an evening of good music, food, drink and community. Tour the freshly renovated and reactivated space, and the MNTD Studios #3 art.

**Ursa Gallery #18**

Can It Be All So Simple, curated by Tara Blackwell, captures the raw nostalgia of a pre-digital era—before camera phones and social media reshaped our experiences—when life was lived fully in real-time. URSA Roasters debuts the house Barnum Blend, with samples for people to try and purchase.

**Salsa Night at the Arcade Mall #21**

Enjoy the rhythm and beats of DJ Harry Trinidad, and learn from instructor Jonathan Borges of Latin Rhythm Dance Studio. Just bring your dancing shoes and join the fun!

### 6 – 8 pm

**WPKN Radio Studios #19**

Open House, Record Sale and Art Exhibit, tour the studios, meet the broadcasters.

**UFologist Albert K. Bender Info Session with artist MIA at Reads Art Space #12**

Learn about Bridgeport's Albert Bender who established the International Flying Saucer Bureau on Broad Street, Bpt in 1951 and published Space Review Magazine, claiming to have met the "Men In Black" extraterrestrials. His UFO-ology has been immortalized in the mural of Brad Noble blocks away from Bender's Bridgeport home, on the corner of Broad St and Cesar Batalla Way. Bender's home once stood on Broad St, replaced with the I-95 overpass.



## BAT EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE

### 6 – 9 pm

**The Knowlton #29** hosts **Iterations: A Dialogue of Scale**: This experiential exhibit at the Armstrong and Wilder Galleries invites viewers to journey through the artist's mind, where tiny conceptions grow into monumental works of art.

**Bridgeport Arts & Cultural Council (BACC) #21e** "The Untitled Show - No Themes, Just Art" showcases a vibrant collection of works from both emerging and established local artists, celebrating a diverse range of mediums and perspectives

### 7:30pm

**Downtown Cabaret #23** "In the Heights" - bring your snacks and drinks and enjoy this popular Tony Award winning musical. Tickets range from \$43.50 - \$49.50.

### 8 – 11 pm

**Improv Comedy**, Love, Laughs & Lyrics 10 Year Anniversary show at **BPT Creates #21a**, \$20 at the door.

## SATURDAY

### 8:30 am

**Framemakers #36** -See the exhibit "Compilation of Artistic Endeavors." Start viewing art early, then stop at one of the many Black Rock eateries and cafes for a coffee and a breakfast nosh, **Source Coffeehouse #32**, **Harborview Market #35** and others.

**The Urban Bike Tour #22a** meets up at **City Lights Gallery #22** for a complimentary coffee and bagel and the annual photo and Evel Knievel faux stunt jump by Jeff Coleman. (You gotta' see it to understand.)

### 10am – 4 pm

**Bridgeport Innovation Center #2 Open Studios** Artists Gerald Moore and Robin Gilmore will be partnering with BIC, BAT and City Lights Gallery to bring a sampling of artists from all over New Haven, Litchfield and Fairfield Counties. They have organized a multicultural / multigenerational gathering of creative people, activities, discounts, demonstrations, live painting, performances and workshops taking place on the second and third floors.

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Open house with professional tutorials and demonstrations of decorative finishes and kid-friendly crafting. Try your hand at our DIY Finish Kits, see our mock-up room displaying one of our decorative finishes.

### 10 am – 5 pm

**American Fabrics #1** welcomes the public to tour their studios, view and purchase art, and meet the artists in their art-making environment. See how industrial warehouses have been transformed into creative spaces. Don't miss the inaugural exhibit in the Stairwell Space curated by Terri Smith.

Visit the **Reiki Room at the Knowlton #29b**, Reiki Master Practitioner, Rev. Ina Andersen offers a serene, tranquil, safe and sacred space dedicated to promoting holistic healing.

### 11am – 2 pm

**Reiki at the Bridgeport innovation Center #2**

### 11am – 4 pm

**Read's ArtSpace Ground Floor Gallery #12** presents the group exhibit "About Time" featuring Read's residents and guest artists working in a variety of mediums.

**The Nest Arts Factory #31** - Step into a world of creativity at Open Studios at the NEST Arts Factory, where art comes alive in every corner!

### 11am – 5pm

Arts studios are open to the public city-wide including **The Knowlton #29** and **MNTD Studios #3** Check out their full listings for further info about activities, demos, receptions, and special projects.

### 11am – 6 pm

**Metro Art Studios #7**, Tour the studios, watch a series of short films, purchase some affordable art, visit the gift shop and see **Transformations: Reimagining Earth and Waste Art Exhibit**, curated by Carla Goldberg. Family fun activities include an artful scavenger hunt, live music and a body painting demo.

### The Mary & Eliza Freeman Center For History And Community #26

The Hypogean Tip: What Lies Beneath the Surface? Sculpture by Rachel Owens. Featuring Gary Judkins, Jack Lardis, and Aisha Nailah.

### 12 – 2 pm

**Colorful Bridgeport #14a public art walk** - the best way to see all the incredible new public art in Downtown Bridgeport.

### 12 – 4 pm

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Family friendly demos at the **NEST Arts Factory #31** from Abstract art, to glass blowing, Tai Chi and storytelling.

**Demonstrations at Metro Art Studios #7** Interactive Cyanotype Demonstration and Body Painting

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#### Ursa Gallery #18

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### 1 – 2 pm

**Smoother Jazz/ Rhythm and Blues and Inspirational Sounds** by the John & Co Music Group at the **Bridgeport Innovation Center #2**

### 1 – 3 pm

**Neighborhood Studios #24 Open House**, tour our creative classes for children in Bridgeport including student art, theater and dance classes.

### 1:30 – 3:30 pm

**Live music** at the **NEST #31**, **Metro Art Studios #7**, **Bridgeport Innovation Center #2**

### 12 – 6 pm

**Iyaba Arts Open House at Gallery 9104 #6**, view 3 floors of art in a stunning loft space in the South End.

### 1 – 2:30 pm

**We Rise: Storytelling** Collective in the Community Room at the **NEST #31**

### 2:30 – 3:30 pm

**Pangea Band #31f** resident musicians play energizing world beat music in the **NEST #31** community room

### 2 – 4 pm

Live painting at **Read's ArtSpace #12** by MIA

### 3:30 pm

**Downtown Cabaret #23 "In the Heights"**, bring your snacks and drinks and enjoy this popular Tony Award winning musical. Tickets range from \$43.50 - \$49.50.

### 4 pm

**BRAG #31b** art exhibit reception at the **NEST Arts Factory #31** with music by Dan Tressler

### 5 pm

#### Kindred Thoughts Bookstore #21b

*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, by Maya Angelou: book discussion moderated by Cultural Historian Michelle Black-Smith, we will come together quarterly to engage with and celebrate the great canon of African American literature.

## BAT EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE

### 5 – 9 pm

#### **NEST #31 After Party | Community Room**

Celebrate the evening at the After Party at the NEST, where good vibes and great company await! Enjoy complimentary refreshments while soaking in the sounds of the band Honest Ivy, alongside a lineup of lively reggae and world music performers. It's the perfect way to unwind, connect with friends, and dance the night away in a vibrant atmosphere!

### 6 – 11 pm

See the debut of "URSA Underground" #18, a gallery group show of local hits. Curator Cris Dam creates a unique art space with art and music.

### 5 – 7 pm

**Talk That Talk - Bridgeport Art Legends Panel Discussion (BACC #21e)** A dynamic panel discussion featuring local legends and artists from a diverse range of backgrounds, bringing unique perspectives, experiences, and creative journeys. Engaging conversation will explore the intersections of art, culture, and identity.

### 7:30 pm

**Downtown Cabaret #23 In the Heights**, bring your snacks and drinks and enjoy this popular Tony Award winning musical. Tickets range from \$43.50 - \$49.50.

**Greater Bridgeport Symphony #30a at the Klein #30** Guest conductor Leslie B. Dunner leads GBS, program includes Haydn's Symphony #6, Gershwin's Piano Concerto in F major, and Ginastera's Variaciones Concertantes.

### 8 – 11 pm

Live music at **Ursa Gallery #18**.

## SUNDAY

### 10 am – 4 pm

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### 11 am – 1 pm

#### **Artists' Brunch at the Nest Arts Factory #31**

Creativity meets community at this popular annual BAT tradition! Mingle with the creative community. Enjoy complimentary bites, refreshing mimosas, and live music by the acoustic duo Honest Ivy. Donations gratefully accepted.

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### 3 pm

#### **Bridgeport Innovation Center #2 Love & Melody of Tajay**

Vibrant beats and soulful melodies. Music is a journey through the highs and lows of the human experience, emotion, and the power of rhythm.

### 3:30 pm

**Downtown Cabaret #23 In the Heights**, bring your snacks and drinks and enjoy this popular Tony Award winning musical. Tickets range from \$43.50 - \$49.50.

### 3:30 – 4:30 pm

**Meet Mario Productions Film screening at the NEST #31** proudly presents an afternoon of thought provoking independent short films for your mind.

### 5 – 8 pm

#### **BAT Closing Party Part 1 at FoolProof Brewing/ MNTD Studios #3**

Get a final look at some BAT art and savor the experience of the weekend of art with a beverage. Are you hungry? All that art trailin' can build up an appetite. FoolProof's menu ranges from fondue to Thai Mussel pot to Captain Crunch chicken fingers. Enjoy!

### 6:30 – 9:30 pm

#### **BAT Closing Party Part 2 at Park City Music Hall #34**

The BAT weekend closes down with the turbo charged rhythms of Pangea, playing their brand of Afrobeat, Soul and Space Funk blended with influences from around the globe. They share the stage with the incomparable The Lost Tribe who bring Afro-funk Fusion to new levels. The show will kick off with a pop up art installation and poetry by Bridgeport's griot/storyteller Iyaba Mandingo.



*Bridgeport Art Trail is produced by City Lights/ Bridgeport Art Trail*



*Artist Iyaba Ibo Manding workshop with youth*



## EAST SIDE

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#### 18th Annual Open Studios

**Saturday, Nov 9, 10am to 5pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 10am to 5pm**

In its 18th year, American Fabrics Arts Building (AFA) Open Studios showcases over 25 artists in their studios where the creative process happens. Held in a renovated factory building where linen and lace were once manufactured, the event has become a destination for collectors, interior designers, and art lovers alike. AFA's diverse group of artists are engaged in painting, printmaking, sculpture, quilting, jewelry, photography, ceramics, textiles, design, mixed media, and more. Every year we welcome new artist tenants, lending a fresh perspective to the event. Many artists will be offering affordable art for sale and hosting special events (see the AFA artists list at the back of the guide, for more information).

Once again we are supporting the Bridgeport Rescue Mission (BRM). The mission serves those critically in need directly in our community. It feeds the hungry, shelters the homeless, and helps people conquer drug and alcohol addictions. AFA will be serving as a drop-off point for their Thanksgiving Stuff-A-Truck event, giving patrons the opportunity to donate food and coats for local families in need. (See event listing.) Lastly, the artists of AFA have joined together once again to donate an assortment of small works for the AFA Collector's Raffle. An amazing collection of work will be raffled for \$5 a chance, with all proceeds going to BRM! There will be food trucks in the west parking lot to serve our patrons from 10 am to 5 pm each day. Music and participatory performances will offer fun for the whole family! Ample onsite free parking and handicapped access.

#### THEBATHROOMSHOW

**Roxy Savage, 2nd floor bathroom**  
**Saturday, Nov 9, 10am to 5pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 10am to 5pm**

THEBATHROOMSHOW is a site-specific exhibition in the "Ladies-Women's" room, featuring a series of AMFAB bathroom-related digital photographs. The American Fabric Art Building (c. 1907) was a lace manufacturing building with the second-floor bathrooms designated "executive bathrooms." Roxy Savage (studio 201) welcomes all genders to experience THEBATHROOMSHOW. The artist will negotiate! Venmo and Zelle accepted.

#### "I Do Not Know What It Is I Am Like" Exhibit

**Saturday, Nov 9, 10am to 5pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 10am to 5pm**

The group show "I Do Not Know What It Is I Am Like" will be the inaugural exhibition at The Stairwell Space, a new contemporary gallery located in the American Fabrics Arts Building. The exhibition title comes from renowned video artist Bill Viola's work by the same name. In it, Viola films an owl, slowly zooming into its pupil until we see the artist reflected back. Using this as a starting point, the works in "I Do Not Know What It Is I Am Like" will explore the intersection of artistic process and less tangible interior processes such as introspection and intuition. The show features an intergenerational roster of artists working in a wide range of materials and is curated by Terri C. Smith in collaboration with The Stairwell Space founder, artist Linda Colletta.

#### Thanksgiving Stuff-A-Truck with Food and Coats!

**Saturday, Nov 9, 10am to 5pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 10am to 5pm**

The Bridgeport Rescue Mission will bless more than 4,000 needy families with turkey and all the fixings, plus a winter coat for every member of the family who needs one! Help us to help them by bringing donations to our Open Studio event. Their warehouse is in our complex and AFA is a drop-off point. They are asking for the following contributions: 12-15 lb. frozen turkeys, canned green beans, corn, peas, and sweet potatoes, canned cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, canned gravy, 1 lb. cans of coffee, and powdered fruit drink mixes. Bins for Donations will be placed at both entrances.







Art studio of Jocelyn Braxton Armstrong at American Fabrics #1

## 2 Bridgeport Innovation Center

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### Invitational Pop Up Exhibition Space

**Saturday, Nov 9, 10am to 4pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 10am to 4pm**

The Bridgeport Innovation Center (BIC) returns to the Art Trail. Returning artists and artists new to the community show their creative work in shared spaces and suites with the creative community in selected suites in building #1 on the 2nd and 3rd floor.

The BIC, was once the American Chain and Cable Company founded in 1912. Has served as a business incubator and an artists' community. Artists Gerald Moore and Robin Gilmore, partner with the BIC, BAT and City Lights Gallery, bringing a sampling of artists New Haven, Litchfield and Fairfield Counties. Experience a multicultural, multigenerational gathering of creative people, offering activities, discounts, demonstrations, live painting, performances and workshops. Meet some new creative faces and enjoy a performance, learn a new skill, buy some art and support your creative community.

### Special Offer - Professional Headshots

Selfie Made Studio - Ayanna Campbell

**Bridgeport Innovation Center - Building 1, Suite 1306**

**Saturday, Nov 9, 10am to 4pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 10am to 4pm**

As part of this collaboration, Selfie Made Studio will be offering professional headshots to all interested attendees for a nominal cost of \$30. Capture your best self with high-quality, professional photos that you can cherish and use for various purposes, be it for your business profile, branding, social media, or personal keepsake.

### Demonstration Of Craft - Tammy Foster Friedman

Bridgeport Innovation Center - Building 1, Suite 1305A

**Saturday, Nov 9, 10am to 4pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 10am to 4pm**

Of her many talents, Tammy will be demonstrating the process of dry felting and will have kits on hand for purchase as well as creating holiday ornaments for sale during the event.

### Asami Green's Visions of Healing at BIC for Bridgeport Art Trail

Bridgeport Innovation Center - Building 1, Suite 1305B

**Saturday, Nov 9, 10am to 4pm,**  
**Reiki Sessions 11am to 2pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 10am to 4pm,**  
**Reiki Sessions 11am to 2pm**

Visions of Healing is an exclusive collection of Intuitive Healing Art created by Asami Green, an Intuitive Life Artist, a Reiki Master, and a certified Aromatherapy practitioner. Elevate your space and nourish your spirit with art infused with Reiki energy and spiritual intentions, offering an immersive experience created to foster contemplation and reflection. This art is to be observed and experienced, inspiring the audience to delve into their introspective journeys. During the two-day event, Asami will offer 10-minute Reiki sessions (donation-based) with optional aromatherapy (fee of \$10). Enjoy the tranquil healing essence of Reiki surrounded by Asami's art designed to promote balance and relaxation, enhancing your overall well-being. For more info visit [asamigreen.com](http://asamigreen.com)

### Live Painting

**Bridgeport Innovation Center, Building 1, Suite 1305B**

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11 am to 4pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 4pm**

Event with artists Valeria Roncoli, Ariella Sanchez and Florence Ferrat. All in Suite 1305B. Artists will be working at their easels during the event and welcome an audience with questions, insights and observations. A Community Conversation about Art and Art Appreciation and an opportunity to see the creative process in real time.

### Dance Performance and Experience with Joy Herbst

**Part 1. Contemporary Fusion Belly Dance Performance**

**Bridgeport Innovation Center - Building 1, 3rd Floor**  
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**[joy@joyherbst.com](mailto:joy@joyherbst.com)**  
**[joyherbst.com / wcwcct.com](http://joyherbst.com/wcwcct.com)**

**Saturday, Nov 9 at 11:15am**

Organizer: Joy Herbst

What is contemporary fusion bellydance? Drawing from folkloric dance forms such as raq sharqi, jazz, and flamenco ("bellydance") blended with modern dance, ballet, and hip hop, fusion dancer Joy Herbst performs a (~ 5 minute) dramatic and impassioned dance piece that highlights the divine light of the Sacred Feminine archetypes. Donations welcome.

### Dance Performance and Experience with Joy Herbst

**Part 2. Conscious Dance Experience**

**Bridgeport Innovation Center - Building 1, 3rd Floor**  
**Saturday, Nov 9 at 12pm**

Joy Herbst will guide participants through a 30-minute intuitive dance practice of DANCING the 5 ELEMENTS™, her healing movement modality that allows women to explore freedom and embodiment. In this practice we allow inspiration by the 5 Elements in nature utilizing free movement, breath and meditation, and reflection. Women with the desire to move and be moved by their inner guides are welcome! This practice is suitable and open to all levels of ability, no dance experience is required. A \$5-\$10 donation is requested, however never required.

### Smooth Jazz/ Rhythm and Blues and Inspirational Sounds by the John & Co Music Group

**Bridgeport Innovation Center - Building 1, 2nd Floor**  
**Saturday, Nov 9 at 2pm**

Come Join Us for about an hour of music at BIC's second floor in Building 1 at 2pm. The group consists of musicians and singers: Keyboards, drums, bass guitar, lead guitar soloists participating are Sean Davis, Ellyon Wells and background singers.

### Sip & Pour Candle Making Class (BYOB)

**Bridgeport Innovation Center, 2nd floor, Suite 1212**  
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**[purevibezllc@gmail.com](mailto:purevibezllc@gmail.com)**  
**[facebook.com/purevibezllc](https://www.facebook.com/purevibezllc)**  
**Saturday, Nov 9, 1pm to 4pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 1pm to 4pm**

Organizer: Bree Sanders  
PURE VIBEZ CO.

Get ready to unleash your creative side at our BYOB Sip & Pour Candle Making Class in our new studio. Join us for an unforgettable experience and VIBE where you'll learn the art of candle making while enjoying a glass of wine (or whatever you prefer) Book now and get ready to ignite



your passion for crafting beautiful non toxic candles! 21+ | BYOB | No Experience Required \*All materials provided, just bring your drink & good vibes! What you will take home: A beautiful candle ranging in size 8-16oz created by you. 1 wax melt. Music & light refreshments available. Cost \$65 per person (Early booking discount \$50)

### ■ Performance by Tajay: “Love & Melody”

**Bridgeport Innovation Center - Building 1,  
3rd Floor Event Space**  
**IG: @mr.versatilee**  
**tajayyyk1@gmail.com**  
**TikTok: @tajayyy**  
**Saturday, Nov 9 at 3 pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10 at 3pm**

Organizer: Tajay Kelly

I'm Tajay – your guide to a world of vibrant beats and soulful melodies. Born in Jamaica and raised in Bridgeport, CT. Music has been my compass through life's twists and turns. My sound is a fusion of emotions that reflects the diversity of my experiences. Whether it's the pulsating energy of the streets or the quiet moments of introspection, my music is a journey through the highs and lows of the human experience. emotion and the power of rhythm. Together, let's create moments that resonate long after the music fades.

### ■ Dance Performance - Katrese Weaver

**Bridgeport Innovation Center, 3rd Floor,  
Suite 1307**

**Katreseweaver@gmail.com**

**IG: @LightImageVintage**

**Sunday, Nov 10, 11:30am**

Organizer: Katrese Weaver

Light Image Vintage

Experience a transformative solo dance performance by Katrese, blending expressive movement with healing sounds. Witness as Katrese's fluid, emotive gestures harmonize with soothing soundscapes, creating a serene and restorative experience. This performance invites you to connect with the therapeutic power of movement and sound, offering a moment of peace and introspection. Donations Appreciated for dance performance and welcomed.

### ■ Evel Knievel Stunt Show

Bridgeport Innovation Center

**Sunday, Nov 10 at 2pm**

Cool Jeff Coleman's engines are revving as the anticipated Evel Knievel Stunt Show spins its wheels on its next feat of distance and speed. This fun event will be at the Bridgeport Innovation Center Invitational Pop Up. You saw him at the Black Rock Porch Fest and the painted stairs on Broad Street at the City Lights Gallery, before the Urban Bike Tour. On Sunday, November 10 at 2pm, you can join in the fun for Bridgeport Art Trail 2024. Come cheer on as Jeff pulls off another exciting stunt!

### Artists:

- Suite 1212: Bree Sanders
- Suite 1216: April Floyd
- Suite 1216C: Bobby Corwell
- Suite 1303: John Hatch, Cynthia Lucero, Katrese Weaver, Willie Scaife
- Suite 1305A: Jasmine Braziel, Carolina Batista, Alesia DiFederico, Tara Dixon, Tammy Foster Friedman, Deborah Held, Inna Linov, Amber Maida, Larry Morse, Nicole Paul, Ellen Tresselt
- Suite 1305B: John Bright, Melissa Dias, Florence Ferrat, Robin Gilmore, Asami Green, Michael Johnston, Iyaba Ibo Mandingo, Beth Lazar, Gerald Moore, Andrew Pinto, Valeria Roncoli, Ariella J. Sanchez, Susan Tabachnick, Will Corprew, Jeff Becker
- Suite 1306: Ayanna Campbell, Patricia Corcoran, John E. Lawson, Andrew Pinto, Cristina Sarno
- Suite 1307: Jeff Coleman

## 3 785 Union Ave: MNTD Studios, Foolproof Brewing, Black Horse Garage, H&C Co-op

### ■ Beer and Banksy at Foolproof Brewing and MNTD Studios at 785 Union Ave #3

Visitors to the newest stop on the Bridgeport Art Trail can enjoy a brew from Foolproof Brewing while reflecting on the art of the world-renowned Banksy. As they take in the work, they might ponder, “How does an artist's work capture the public's imagination, embed itself in popular culture, and skyrocket in value—much like the subway drawings of Keith Haring?” This contemplation adds another layer to the experience, inviting viewers to consider the unpredictable journey from street art to cultural icon.

### ■ BAT Artists Meet-Up, Art & Beer

**Friday, Nov 8, 5pm to 8pm**

BAT trekkers can meet up to enjoy art, live music, and explore the newly renovated warehouse space, including studios and event spaces. The historic Moore Tool Company (est. 1924) has been revitalized with art galleries, a brewery, elegant event spaces, and vintage cars. It's also home to the Black Horse Garage, making 785 Union Ave a must-see destination. This eclectic blend of visuals and brews is not to be missed! MNTD Studios #3 will be open Fri-Sun during BAT weekend.

### ■ Video Installation by Yves Wilson at MNTD Studios

**Friday, Nov 8, 5pm to 8 pm**

Yves' video art and 2D wall installation for MNTD Studios, featured as part of the Bridgeport Art Trail, explores the connection between people, space, and the overlooked significance of everyday objects, drawing on his background as a street artist and photographer.

### ■ Open Studios

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 5pm**

**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 5pm**

MNTD artists' studios will be open during the BAT weekend, along with stunning art installed throughout. View the art MNTD Studio artists and featured guest artists including Dariusz Kanarek, Scott Schuldt, Yves Wilson and a Bridgeport Art Trail sampler exhibit. Among those included are Carlos Biernay, Claude Desir Jr. Looketha, Claude Desir Jr, Larry Morse, Francis Pressley.

### ■ BAT Closing Party

**Sunday, Nov 10, 5pm to 8pm**

After a weekend packed with art, wind down at 785 Union Ave. Mingle with other BAT visitors and artists. Enjoy live music, Foolproof libations and a nosh and art on view.



FoolProof Brewing/MNTD studios #3

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## ■ MNTD Studios

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mntdstudios.com

## ■ BAT Open Studio Hours at MNTD

Friday, Nov 8, 5pm to 8 pm  
Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 5pm  
Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 5 pm

The newest addition to the Bridgeport Art Trail, MNTD Studios features 10 freshly renovated artist spaces, with 15 more under renovation. With amazing light, modern windows, heating, air conditioning, elevators, and secure parking, it provides a perfect environment for creativity to thrive. Inquiries about studio rentals can be sent to the email above.

MNTD Studios showcases how yet another Bridgeport warehouse has been reimagined with art, creativity, classic cars, and craft beer!

Typically, access to the studios is restricted, preventing brewery patrons from entering. However, during this BAT open studio weekend, artists and Foolproof visitors will mix as guests explore the halls, event spaces, exhibits, and studios. Artists' studios will be open during the BAT weekend, along with stunning art installed throughout.

## ■ MNTD Studio Artists

### RiseUP for Arts

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CT's source for Public Art and Placemaking, Empowering communities to imagine new possibilities. Lori Bloom Resident artist, classes, murals and more.

### Danii Leblanc

IG: @daniilestudios / daniileblanc.com  
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Danii Leblanc is a Haitian American photographer based in Connecticut. Inspired by her father, she discovered her love for photography. Fueled by her passion for the arts, she draws from fine arts and the harmonies of music, infusing her work with a symphony of emotions.

## ■ MNTD Guest BAT Artists

### Claude Desir Jr.

@viiSEviiiN

### Painting, Drawing, Wearable Art

My artwork intentionally contains a lot of symbolism and hidden messages. This is the best way I can communicate my interests in history, politics, culture and education. I reclaim negative connotations and degrading depictions transforming them into imagery of heritage and resilience.

My use of historically insulting imagery that promoted negative stereotypes has caused controversy prompting different reactions dependent on one's history and perspectives. Some feel I am re-appropriating negative imagery; some say I am perpetuating it; others are left irresolute. My intention is to not only start a conversation, but to keep the history alive, to educate future generations for those who are unmindful.

### Dariusz Kanarek Photography

IG: @dkkanarek

Dariusz Kanarek, photographer/videographer/web designer, presents a series of dynamic portrait photographs of Bridgeport Art Trail artists.

Born in Warsaw in 1973, he has been residing permanently in the United States since 1990. After a 10-year tenure at NBC, he was V.P. at Comedynet, collaborating with world-class actors such as Lewis Black, Jim Gaffigan, and Ray Romano.

In 2017, he returned to his roots, dedicating himself professionally to his passions, art and photography. Collaborating with organizations promoting art and the artistic bohemia in Bridgeport, CT, he developed his photographic craft.

His photography has been published in the Connecticut Post, Hartford Courant, Westport Lifestyle, Kurier Plus, and many exhibition and cultural event catalogs. He is the photographer for City Lights Gallery/ Bridgeport Art Trail.



His photographs/works are also exhibited at City Lights Gallery. In 2022, he received a CT Office of the Arts grant to organize an exhibition showcasing the roots and migration stories of local artists. Since 2023, he has held the position of president of the Polish-American Photographers' Club.

#### **Samuel Pintos**

**samuelpintos.com**

#### **Expressive Figurative painting**

"I distort reality influenced by my emotions, feelings, and experiences, to express my internal world and create my own reality from my subjectivity."

Samuel Pintos is a Peruvian artist, born in the city of Lima. He has been interested in exploring the different emotional and corporeal responses of individuals when interacting with others. His work depicts thwarted relationships, loneliness, and the cohabitation of lovers. Pintos has presented numerous collective exhibitions in Peru and in other countries, such as Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Germany, Malaysia, Mexico, Spain, Switzerland, and the USA. Some of his works are included in several permanent collections and compiled in various publications.

#### **Scott Schuldt**

#### **View from the Canoe Installation**

**IG: @scott\_schuldt1**

**canoepost.blogspot.com**

**notesfromsmokefarm.blogspot.com**

Artist Scott Schuldt never disappoints, presenting his stunning works inspired by his passion for canoeing and his concern and study of environmental conditions and fascinating choices of materials. From hand-carved paddles to schematic renderings about the condition of marine life and waterways, his canoe-themed installation demonstrates how he thinks, creates and sees the world as an artist, engineer and lover of nature. He melds his unique art practice and choices of materials, such as embroidery bead work and found-object constructions with the skills from his training and years of experience as an engineer and his countless hours exploring nature and canoeing.

Watch Scott as he demonstrates time-consuming hand-sewn bead embroidery.

#### **Jodi Steifel**

**Paintings, oil on canvas**

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My world is defined by color and chunks of abstract shapes placed together to make a whole. That world is a version of the mental state I am experiencing at the time or it is an interpretation of remembered or reinterpreted memories. In essence, my paintings capture my thoughts, my memories, or the emotions that hang around inside me demanding to have an external space of their own, and for me that exists within a visual world. Painting that place helps me connect with others.

#### **Yves Wilson**

**Video Installation**

**Studio@YvesWilson.com**

**917-623-9243**

**YvesWilson.com**

Yves François Wilson, a native of Bridgeport, Connecticut, and internationally recognized artist, creates work that delves into abstract representations of memory, identity, and the experiences of Black America.

Yves' video art and 2D wall installation for MNTD Studios, featured as part of the Bridgeport Art Trail, explores the connection between people, space, and the overlooked significance of everyday objects. Drawing on his background as a street artist and photographer, he uses the urban environment as both canvas and subject, blending large-scale 2D prints with immersive video projections to reexamine how people move through and interact with their surroundings.

A graduate of Parsons School of Design and New School University, Yves studied under legendary cinematographers Gordon Parks, Rodrigo Prieto, and Bradford Young. With over 20 years of experience as a union camera assistant and lighting technician for film, TV, and museum-based video, his career highlights include projects featured in the Whitney Biennial, Sundance Directors Lab, Tribeca Film Festival, and Full Frame Documentary Festival. Yves' work has been exhibited at galleries and institutions like the Norwalk Art Space, Haviland Street Gallery, UConn, and the Aldrich Museum.

#### **■ Foolproof Brewing**

**785 Union Ave, Bridgeport, CT**

**foolproofbrewing.com**

**BAT Weekend Hours:**

**Thursday, Nov 7, 3pm to 9pm,**

**Friday, Nov 8, 12pm to 10pm**

**Saturday, Nov 9, 12pm to 10pm**

**Sunday, Nov 10, 12pm to 9pm**

Foolproof Brewing Company is thrilled to announce our expansion into Bridgeport, Connecticut! After over 10 years of serving Pawtucket, we're bringing our new Brewery, Taproom, and Kitchen to the beautifully renovated Moore Tool Company building at 785 Union Avenue.

At Foolproof, our ethos of 'Your Life. Your Beer.' shines through in everything we do, blending craft beer, cuisine, vibrant art, and experiences into our space and service. We invite you to gather with friends, create lasting memories, and explore new adventures—one beer at a time. We can't wait to raise a glass with you in our new home! Cheers!

#### **■ Black Horse Garage**

**785 Union Ave, Bridgeport, CT**

**sales@blackhorsegarage.com**

**203-330-9604**

**blackhorsegarage.com**

785 Union Ave might just be the coolest stop on the Bridgeport Art Trail—there's something for everyone! From art and beer to classic cars, you can grab a brew and a bite before touring the vibrant art studios and exhibits. Black Horse, a renowned automotive facility, specializes in classic and vintage automobiles, serving the needs of their passionate owners. Established in 1991, Black Horse set out to restore and service the finest European and American cars ever made, prioritizing top-tier craftsmanship and exceptional client experiences. Our award-winning team tackles each project with care, precision, and genuine enthusiasm.



*Above sculpture by Ben Quesnel, murals by Cris dam at Ursa Underground # 18*

## ■ H&C Co-op

785 Union Ave, Bridgeport, CT  
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hcco-op.com

H&C Co-op is a premier rental kitchen space located in Bridgeport, CT, offering long-term and short-term kitchen rentals tailored for culinary professionals. Our state-of-the-art kitchens are designed to inspire creativity, whether you're a seasoned caterer, food entrepreneur, or chef working on a pop-up event or special project. H&C Co-op provides flexible rental options with top-notch facilities perfect for hosting cooking classes, private dinners, or corporate events. With secure storage solutions and exceptional amenities, we ensure peace of mind and convenience, allowing you to focus on creating outstanding culinary experiences.

## 4 ■ Seaside Park

Entrance at the southernmost end of  
Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT

The 325 acres of lush lawns, shady glades and sports fields and beach front on Long Island Sound, Seaside Park was designed by Calvert Vaux and Frederick Law Olmsted, whose other efforts include Manhattan's Central Park. Bridgeport's most famous resident, the 19th century circus impresario PT Barnum is largely responsible for the development of the park.

Once pastureland, wood lots and salt marshes, Barnum envisioned the first marine "rural" park in the United States. Among the prominent art at Seaside Park are the sculptures of PT Barnum created by Thomas Ball, bronzed in 1887, and Elias Howe sculpted by Salathiel Ellis. A



Artist Iyaba Ibo Mandingo, portrait by Dariusz Kanarek

female figure atop the Sailors and Soldiers Monument faces Long Island Sound, her arm outstretched holding a laurel wreath to honor those who served and sacrificed in the Civil War. The monument was created by Melzar Mosman. Through a partnership with the Friends of Seaside Park and City Lights & Company, in 2009 a missing liberty figure was replaced with a new cast created by Emily Bedard.

## 5 ■ PenRod Studio

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penrodphotographs.com

PenRod Studio represents the photography of Penrhyn and Rod Cook ranging from street photography to nudes and landscapes using mixed medium.

## 6 ■ Gallery 9104

25 Lafayette Street, Unit 9104  
(entrance on Gregory St), Bridgeport, CT  
Contact: Iyaba Ibo Mandingo  
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203-685-1309  
iyabarts.com

### ■ Open Studio

Saturday, Nov 9 and Sunday, Nov 10,  
12pm to 6pm

Gallery 9104 features the art of Iyaba Ibo Mandingo, storyteller and master teacher, specializing in paintings, drawings, sculpture, textile collage, poetry, puppetry and performance of his original works like "UnFramed." He is a sought-after poet/artist regionally, nationally and in the Caribbean and Africa. Gallery 9104 is an Art House. Our goal is to give the art lover an opportunity to see the work beyond the gallery walls in a setting they can relate to.

## 7 ■ Metro Art Studios

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Celebrating our three year anniversary, Metro Art Studios is a renovated factory of 39 premium art studios in the South End of Bridgeport. The three year journey to thoughtfully renovate this lovely South End landmark has resulted in an ideal space for artists to thrive. Granted an Award of Excellence by Preservation Connecticut in 2022, Metro Art Studios is an inspiring place to create and to visit the over 40 artists working in many media - painting, sculpture, drawing, jewelry, mixed media, printmaking, music, photography, and videography. Metro also offers free professional development workshops monthly such as Artist WorkLab with the Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County, and South End Sounds, a music performance

series. Sign up for our mailing list so you don't miss anything. All the latest updates are posted to Instagram and via email newsletter. Contact us for information about studio rentals, and our art and music programming. ADA accessible; ample free on and off street parking.

## ■ Open Studios

Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 6pm  
Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 6pm

Meet the artists of Metro Art Studios - over 40 artists working in a wide variety of disciplines, from drawing to painting, sculpture to jewelry, printmaking to photography, video, and music. Three full floors of professional artists in loft studios to wander, discover, explore, and learn about various forms of art, inspiration, process, and so much more. Many artists are offering special prices and rare discounts during the Art Trail.

## ■ Transformations: Reimagining Earth and Waste Art Exhibit

Crown Gallery

Opening Reception Saturday, Nov 9, 1pm to 4pm

Crown Gallery Hours

Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 6pm

Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 6pm

The Crown Gallery at Metro Arts Studios is proud to present "Transformations: Reimagining Earth and Waste", an immersive exhibition curated by renowned mixed media artist and independent curator Carla Goldberg. The exhibition brings together six visionary installation artists who transform discarded and natural materials into compelling works that provoke thought and inspire action. Participating artists include Deborah Hesse, Kamal Ahmad, Alison McNulty, Carla Goldberg, Suzan Shutan, and Sui Park. This exhibition is not just a visual experience—it is a call to action, encouraging us all to reconsider our role in sustainability and to see the potential in the discarded. Through the transformative visions of these six artists, "Transformations" offers a glimpse into a more hopeful, regenerative future. Regular Gallery Hours: Thursday - Saturday, 12 pm to 4 pm, and by appointment.

## ■ 10 x 10 Exhibit and Sale, 1st Floor

Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 6pm

Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 6pm

Celebrate and support the arts in Bridgeport with the annual Metro Art Studios fundraiser. All works are 10" square and all are \$100 each. Start or add to your art collection! You'll find work in a variety of media from both Metro and regional artists. This is a fantastic opportunity to purchase work that is worth more than \$100 while supporting both the exhibiting artists and Metro Art Studios' programming during this unique fundraiser. Come early for the best selection!





BAT Urban Bike Tour #22 a

### ■ Scavenger Hunt

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 6pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 6pm**

Collect clues to solve the scavenger hunt throughout the three stories of Metro Art Studios on Saturday and Sunday. Turn in your completed form at the Metro gift shop, and receive a free piece of original art. Put your observational skills to the test while discovering great art and walk away with a unique prize. No cost to play!

### ■ Art Pops!, Gift Shop, 1st Floor

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 6pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 6pm**

A fabulously fun fundraiser of tiny art. Art Pops!, a custom vending machine in Urbane, the Metro gift shop, offers small surprise pieces of art for \$10 each. All proceeds go to support Metro programming. All work is original, unique, and made by Metro artists. Custom mattes and frames are available for sale in the gift shop to turn your Art Pop! into a great gift or wonderful piece of wall art for your home.

### ■ Urbane Gift Shop, 1st Floor

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 6pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 6pm**

New art and merchandise for fall! Affordable art, jewelry, sculpture, textiles, and decor. The perfect place to find gifts for the holidays, art and accessories to add to your collection, or a special treat for yourself. Metro Art Studios branded merchandise is available as well.

### ■ Background Coffee, 1st Floor Food and Drinks, 2nd & 3rd Floors

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 6pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 6pm**

Metro Art Studios is proud to once again welcome Background Coffee to serve visitors during the Bridgeport Art Trail. It's more fun to enjoy great art with a great beverage! 100% of proceeds from cold brew, hot coffee, and tea go to Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer, a CT & NJ based organization raising funds for childhood cancer research. In addition to Background Coffee on the first floor, find hot mulled cider, cookies, and other snacks on the 2nd & 3rd floors.

### ■ Live Music, All three floors

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 6pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 6pm**

Enjoy pop-up musical performances throughout Metro on Saturday and Sunday afternoon by local singers, songwriters and instrumental musicians.

### ■ Susan Fehlinger, Studio 101

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 6pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 6pm**

Susan Fehlinger is introducing a new series of urban/industrial oil paintings, many focusing on Bridgeport.

### ■ Linn Cassetta, Studio 101

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 6pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 6pm**

Linn Cassetta, designer, painter, printmaker will be showing her fantasy bird collection in addition to her ongoing egg exploration.

### ■ Dale Najarian, Studio 102

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 6pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 6pm**

Dale will be exhibiting her newest original oil paintings of contemporary landscapes and cityscapes, along with her shadow series.

### ■ Denise Susalka, Color Mixing for Young Picassos, Studio 105

**Saturday, Nov 9, 1pm to 2pm**  
**(2nd overflow session 2:30pm to 3:30pm)**

Landscapes of Tuscany, Provence, New England and Puerto Rico. Paintings of Coral, Rainbow Eucalyptus, Flowers and Fruits as well as Abstracts. 10% off on selected artwork.

### ■ Lucienne Buckner, All Creatures: High and Low, Studio 107

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 6pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 6pm**

Lucienne will be showing her nature-themed sculptures, artwork, lighting, and furniture.

Inspired by her love for all creatures: high & low, slow & fast, beautiful & homely.

Stop by studio 107 for a chance to win your choice of one of three sculptures.

### ■ Short Art Films, Studio 113

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 6pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 6pm**

A pop-up exhibit of curated short original art films in a unique screening space on the 1st floor at Metro.

### ■ Alicia Cobb, Body Painting Demonstration, Studio 115

**Saturday, Nov 9, 12pm to 4pm**

Come and experience a live body painting demo with award-winning artist, Alicia Cobb. Take advantage of the opportunity to ask questions, take pictures, and collect her work. On Sunday, enjoy creative conversations with Alicia and a guest artist from 1 to 2 pm. Light refreshments will be available.

### ■ Natalia Petkov, Interactive Cyanotype Demonstration, Studio 116

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 6pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 6pm**

Natalia Petkov is conducting an interactive cyanotype demonstration, safe and fun for people and kids of all ages! She is also exhibiting a new series of large scale cyanotype works spanning up to 13 feet in length.

### ■ Jane Davila, Studio 205

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 6pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 6pm**

See new work by printmaker and textile artist, Jane Davila. Jane prints on both fabric and paper, and often includes stitching on both types of work. Jane has a variety of printing projects incorporating block printing, screen printing, and pochoir printing in progress to see and discuss.

■ **Julia Contacessi, Studio 206**

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 6pm**

**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 6pm**

Stop by the studio to see Julia's abstract original paintings and prints. There are options available in a range of price points, starting as low as \$25 with ready-to-hang prints starting at \$50. Visit anytime at [juliacontacessi.com](http://juliacontacessi.com)

■ **Susan Taylor Murray, Studio 211**

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 6pm**

**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 6pm**

Susan will be exhibiting her new series of night skies. She will also be having a sale and a raffle of a framed print to be drawn on Sunday at 5 pm.

■ **Tracey Anderson Kollar, Vintage ReStyled, Studio 212**

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 6pm**

**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 6pm**

Tracey will be working on a vintage furniture find over the weekend of the Bridgeport Art Trail. Stop by Saturday and Sunday to follow her project through the nitty-gritty of preparation, painting and decorative details.

■ **Patrice Barrett, New Work and Sale, Studio 213**

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 6pm**

**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 6pm**

In-studio sale, 10% off small canvases, 10"x10", 12"x12", 14"x14", 15% off Thermofax screen prints, matted, or matted and framed, 9"x12".

■ **Jill Morton Art, Studio 214**

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 6pm**

**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 6pm**

I'm buzzed about my new work especially the biggest piece I'm attempting to do. Go big or go home I'm saying to myself. Come stroll or linger and chat, have some wine and let's talk art while surrounded by color.

■ **Carlos Davila, Studio 305**

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 6pm**

**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 6pm**

Carlos has created a vignette that fuses his modern sculpture with antique design. Stop by to see this dynamic blending of styles and time periods. New series of small and medium oil paintings are on display, and a rare sale of sculpture maquettes and small etchings.

■ **Russell Miyaki, Studio 307**

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 6pm**

**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 6pm**

Russell will be exhibiting a new series of work exploring the "Art of Destruction" between consumerism and art. Taking apart consumer packaging and turning them into vivid new expressions.

■ **Richard Oriolo, Studio 314**

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 6pm**

**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 6pm**

Start your journey on the 3rd floor at Metro Art Studios and enter your contact information in Studio 314 to win an original matted painting.

8 ■ **Mongers Market**

1155 Railroad Avenue

IG: @mongersmarketusa

203-583-5899

■ **Open Viewing - CT Tool Heritage Spotlight**

**Mongers Market Booth F5**

**Sunday, Nov 10, 10am to 4pm**

Connecticut, and Bridgeport itself has a long and storied history in Tool Manufacturing. Many wonderful pieces and examples have found their way into Mongers Market. For this one day only, we will be pulling together a showcase of the CT Brands and Companies that have stood the test of time. A vital hub of Industrial Manufacturing for years, CT played an important role during the late 19th century, and leading into the 20th. Antique and Vintage sewing machines, piano parts, hand tools- like screwdrivers and nut-drivers, steel manufacturing machinery itself; the list is long.

Many of your ancestors might have worked in Manufacturing Facilities just like this building. Many companies produced goods right here in this neighborhood of Bridgeport, and throughout the state. We will have samples of things produced during those formidable Industrial years. Touch a piece of history, take photos, and produce your own creation if inspired.



Art by Danielle Julius

**DOWNTOWN**

9 ■ **Housatonic Museum of Art**

900 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, CT

IG: @housatonicmuseumofart

hello@housatonicmuseum.org

203-332-5052

[housatonicmuseum.org](http://housatonicmuseum.org)

■ **The Artist Way: Film Screening and Meet and Greet**

Housatonic Performing Arts Center in Lafayette Hall

900 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, CT

**Thursday, Nov 7, 3pm Artist Meet and Greet |**

**3:45pm Film Screening**

Join us for The Artist Way, a curated collection of films that dive into the intimate lives of Artists and their journeys through triumphs, struggles, and the personal emotional highs and lows that they face through the creative process. Followed by a panel discussion featuring artists of various disciplines on what it means to live an artist life in 2024. This screening will kick off with a Meet and Greet with the Artists over complimentary bites and refreshments! Free to attend and all are welcome!

■ **Arwe Journey - Twentieth-Century Afri-Caribbean Migration**

**Weekdays from 8:30am to 7pm, closed on the weekend**

In this exhibition, the artist Iyaba Ibo Mandingo tells the story of the Afri-Caribbean migration to Europe and North America in the twentieth-century through his paintings and sculptures. On view for the first time as a full series, his sixty-one part painting series, Arwe Journey, depicts the history of the Windrush Generation as inspired by Jacob Lawrence's Great Migration series and August Wilson's plays. The back gallery continues the story, showing the ancestral and spiritual roots of Mandingo's artwork. He pays special homage to the incredible strength and impact of Black women who he credits as nurturers, survivors, and leaders in his life and beyond. This exhibition is curated by Suzanne Kachmar of City Lights Gallery with support from the Housatonic Museum of Art staff.

■ **Bridgeport Art Trail Kick-off with Arwe Journey – Twentieth Century Afri-Caribbean Migration**

Burt Chernow Galleries, Housatonic Museum of Art

**Thursday, Nov 7, 6pm to 8pm**

Start your annual city-wide open studios art celebration off right with free food and music! Experience a night like no other with reggae, calypso, and AfroBeats while feasting on Caribbean cuisine. Connect with the current exhibition of artwork by Iyaba Ibo Mandingo and meet the artist himself. Free & open to the public; RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/HMA-arwe-BAT-RSVP>



### On Display: HCC Student Artwork

Lafayette Hall, 3rd and 4th Floor  
Weekdays from 8:30am to 7pm,  
closed on the weekend

See the artwork of Housatonic Community College art students on display at Lafayette Hall.

### On Display: Reimagining Little Liberia – Restoration & Reunion

Housatonic Museum of Art (left corridor)  
Weekdays from 8:30am to 7pm,  
closed on the weekend

Connecticut's African American legacies are rich, layered. From land to sea, countryside to cityscape, African and Native Americans contributed to the development of this region – only to have their own stories omitted from official histories. Bridgeport's "Little Liberia" (1821-1899) was even ignored on maps. Art, artifacts and scholarship tell this story. Little Liberia, deeply connected to a Black Atlantic network, created opportunities for CT's Black and Native Americans beyond the denigration of slavery and servitude.

## 10 Barnum Museum

820 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT  
info@barnum-museum.org  
203-331-1104  
barnum-museum.org

As one of the longest ongoing museums in the nation, the Barnum Museum remains true to P.T. Barnum's original mission: Instructive Entertainment. For more than a century, families from around the world have visited the Barnum Museum and experienced wonder, curiosity, surprise and enrichment. With exhibits ranging from a miniature circus to the recently acquired "Centaur of Tymfi," the Museum continues to amaze and enthrall guests of all ages. The Museum is currently undergoing a massive and transformative restoration, and construction will continue through 2024. To stay connected and keep you entertained, please visit our award-winning YouTube Channel at youtube.com/@BarnumMuseum or our website at barnum-museum.org. Your support matters!

## 11 Bridgeport History Center

Burroughs-Saden Public Library  
925 Broad Street, 3rd Floor, Bridgeport, CT  
IG: @bridgeporthistorycenter / bportlibrary.org/hc  
203-576-7400 x7

#### Hours:

Wednesday 12pm to 8pm

Thursday 12pm to 8pm

Friday 10am to 5pm

\*Saturday from 10am to 5pm by appointment  
(Call or use contact form on BHC website)

The Bridgeport History Center opened its doors in 1936. The collection contains historic photographs, newspapers, maps and a host of research materials documenting the history of this city. The Center also has one of the largest collections for conducting genealogy research in the state.



Outdoor projection art and video by Dustin DeMilio, near Reads Art Space #12, above projection of art by Ricky Mestre.

### ■ Work in Progress by Carlos Biernay

Thursday, Nov 7, 12pm to 8pm

Friday, Nov 8, 10 am to 5 pm

Saturday, Nov 9, 10 am to 5 pm

A Work in Progress, a portion of an original work by fiber artist Carlos Biernay will be on view to the public in the community room of the downtown library. The final commission will consist of four, 30' panels depicting the culture and heritage of Bridgeport.

## 12 Read's Artspace Ground Floor Gallery

1042 Broad Street, Bridgeport, CT

Art Trail Gallery Hours:

Thursday, Nov 7, 5:30pm to 9:30pm

Friday, Nov 8, 6pm to 8pm

Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 4pm

Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 4pm

This former department store located in the heart of downtown has the distinction of being the sole artist live/work space in the city. Home to more than 30 artists working in a variety of mediums including visual arts, music, writing and theater, Read's has served as a hub for residents to create and exhibit their work since 2005. In addition to Gallery shows, art is featured in the common spaces throughout the building. Hours by appointment.

### ■ Bridgeport Art Trail Kick Off Party

Thursday, Nov 7, 5:30pm to 9:30pm

Party with us as we kick off the Art Trail with our new exhibit, "About Time" featuring an array of work by Read's resident and guest artists whose art highlights a variety of mediums. Savor delectable appetizers and cool refreshments while enjoying the musical explorations of Chris Cavaliere, Musician

& Songwriter, as he takes you on a sonic journey with his guitar. Revel in art and one another as friends, neighbors and fellow art aficionados gather at this lively annual event. Entrance on Broad Street. Reminder: Do NOT Park in the private lot.

### ■ Event: Light/Projection Art

Thursday, Nov 7, 5:30pm to 9pm

The BAT brings back a popular favorite. Dustin De Millio lights up Peacock Alley outside Read's ArtSpace #12 projecting a montage of local art and music videos and his signature free form digital magic. Light and projection installation sponsored by City Lights/Bridgeport Art Trail.

### ■ UFOlogist Albert K. Bender Info Session with artist MIA

Read's Ground Floor Gallery, 1042 Broad Street  
Friday, Nov 8, 6pm to 8pm

WW2 Air Force Veteran and Bridgeport resident Albert K. Bender established the International Flying Saucer Bureau in Bridgeport on Broad Street in 1951 and published *Space Review Magazine*. He initiated the first World Contact Day on March 15, 1953 which was followed by visitations from the infamous Men in Black right here on Broad Street. Learn more about this fascinating man and his explorations into the unknown with MIA in this intriguing session and includes interactive artwork by MIA.

### ■ Live Painting

Read's Ground Floor Gallery  
Saturday, Nov 9, 2pm to 4pm

Observe the process as MIA and other resident artists create new work during this live painting session. Always intriguing to see what develops on the canvas in the moment.

## ART TRAIL LOCATIONS





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### EAST SIDE

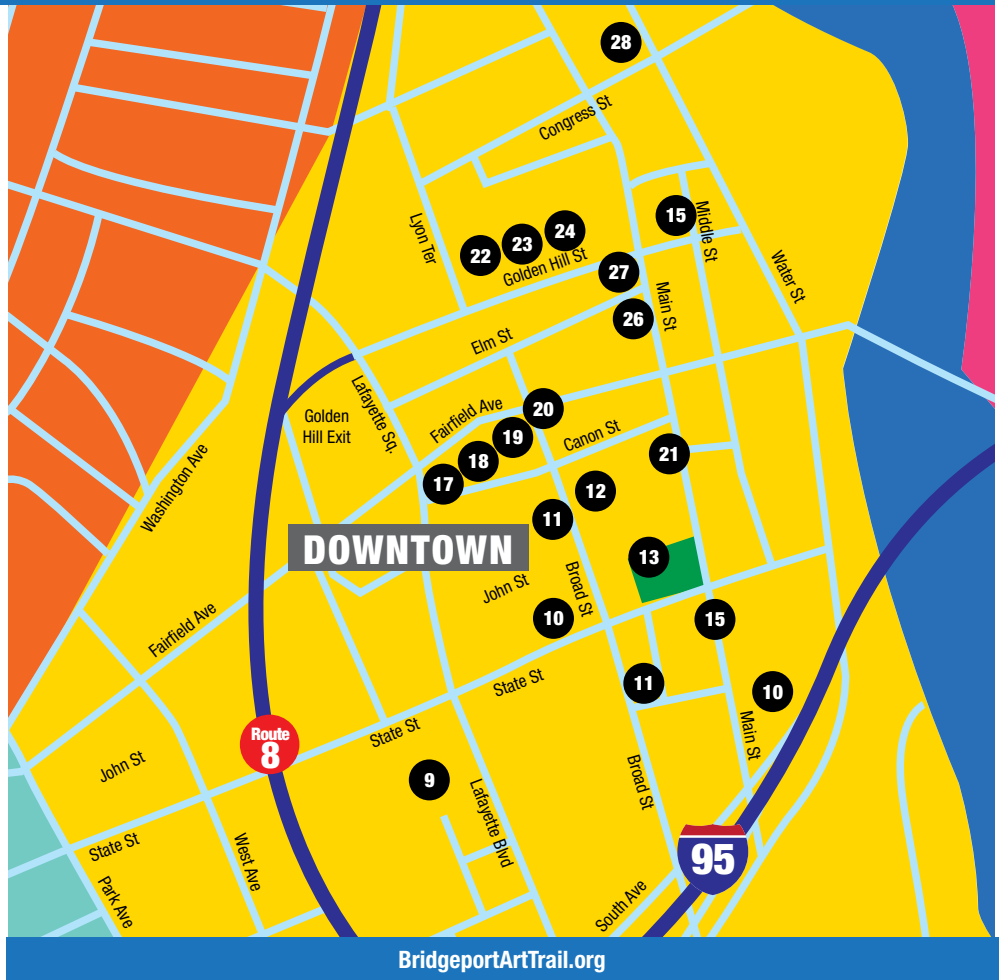
1. **American Fabrics**  
1069 Connecticut Avenue
2. **Bridgeport Innovation Center**  
955 Connecticut Ave. Bridgeport, CT
3. **MNTD Studios**  
785 Union Avenue, Bridgeport, CT

### SOUTH END

4. **Seaside Park**
5. **PenRod Studios**  
325 Lafayette Street
6. **Gallery 9104**  
325 Lafayette Street, Unit 9104
7. **Metro Art Studios**  
345 Railroad Avenue
8. **Mongers Market**  
1155 Railroad Avenue

### DOWNTOWN

9. **Housatonic Museum of Art**  
900 Lafayette Street
10. **Barnum Museum**  
820 Main Street
11. **Bridgeport History Center/  
Bridgeport Public Library**  
925 Broad Street
12. **Read's Art Space**  
Floor Gallery, 1042 Broad Street
- 12a. **Maggie Daly Arts Cooperative**  
1042 Broad Street
13. **McLevy Green**  
202 State Street
14. **Art in Public Places**
- 14a. **Colorful Bridgeport**
15. **Stress Factory**  
167 State Street
16. **Skateport**  
Post Office Square, 90 Golden Hill Street
17. **Bijou Theatre**  
275 Fairfield Avenue
18. **Ursa Gallery**  
245 Fairfield Avenue
19. **WPKN**  
277 Fairfield Avenue
20. **Emporium**  
305 Fairfield Avenue
21. **Historic Arcade Mall**  
1001 Main Street
- 21a. **BPT Creates**
- 21b. **Kindred Books**
- 21c. **dertbag**
- 21d. **Paradox Ink**
- 21e. **Bridgeport Arts and Cultural Council**
22. **City Lights Gallery**  
265 Golden Hill Street



### 22a. Urban Bike Tour

23. **Downtown Cabaret Theatre**  
263 Golden Hill Street
24. **Neighborhood Studios of Fairfield County**  
150 Elm Street
25. **Bridgeport Pride Center**
26. **The Mary and Eliza Freeman Center**  
1135 Main Street
27. **Berlinetta**  
90 Golden Hill Street
28. **The Archive**  
118 Congress Street
29. **Artists of Knowlton**  
305 Knowlton Street
30. **The Klein Memorial Auditorium**  
910 Fairfield Avenue
- 30a. **Greater Bridgeport Symphony**
31. **The NEST Arts Factory**  
1720 Fairfield Avenue
- 31a. **Misencik Photography**

### 31b. Black Rock Art Guild

- 31c. **Bridgeport Film Fest**
- 31d. **TaiChi/Tawawa Wellness**
- 31e. **Black Rock Art Galleries**
- BLACK ROCK**
32. **Source Coffeehouse**  
2889 Fairfield Avenue
33. **Color Shop**
34. **Park City Music Hall**  
2926 Fairfield Avenue
35. **Harborview Market**  
218 Harborview Avenue
36. **Framemakers Framing & Gallery**  
3004 Fairfield Avenue

### NORTH END

37. **Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo**  
1875 Noble Avenue
38. **SHU Discovery Center and Planetarium**  
4450 Park Avenue



Please scan to visit our  
online Artist Directories



**Sun. Nov. 10,  
5:30–8:30pm**  
**Del Mundo**  
**Latin Beats and Brews**  
**Salsa Night**  
**Bachata and Salsa Lessons**  
**Foolproof Brewing #3**

## 12a Maggie Daly Arts Cooperative

1042 Broad St. (entrance on John St.),  
Bridgeport, CT  
IG: @mdacarts / thekennedycollective.org  
203-690-1609

The Kennedy Collective Maggie Daly Arts Cooperative (MDAC), founded in 2014, continues to be a magical and unique space adding to the cultural fabric of Bridgeport. Located in the former Read's building #12, MDAC artists with intellectual disabilities have made connections with neighbors, businesses, universities, museums and art councils forming innovative partnerships to celebrate the universal language of art. At MDAC, opportunities abound for artists to experience varied media and approaches to artmaking.

## 13 McLevy Green

Corner of Broad Street and State Street,  
Bridgeport, CT  
203-576-7233

The Park City's first public park, historic McLevy Green was set aside as a public square in 1806 and sits in the heart of downtown Bridgeport. The park is surrounded by landmark architecture and buildings. It is the site of McLevy Hall, a stunning Greek Revival Brownstone built in 1854, where Abraham Lincoln spoke when he campaigned for the presidency. Today it is a vibrant hub of entertainment, shopping, dining, and relaxation for city residents and visitors. Every summer, it is home to the Downtown Farmer's Market, the Downtown Thursday concert series, and Bridgeport Arts Fest, among other festivals and events.

## 14 Art in Public Places

The city of Bridgeport has an eclectic collection of public art city-wide. Learn about public art spanning back over a century and half. For a comprehensive survey of monuments, sculpture and murals, go to [bridgeportarttrail.org/bat-public-art](http://bridgeportarttrail.org/bat-public-art).

## 14a Colorful Bridgeport/ Downtown Special Services District

938 Broad Street, Bridgeport, CT  
IG: @colorfulbridgeport / colorfulbridgeport.com  
[hello@infobridgeport.com](mailto:hello@infobridgeport.com)  
203-908-3622

### ■ Downtown Salsa Nights

**Arcade Mall (1001 Main Street)**  
**Friday, Nov 8, 5pm to 8pm**

Get ready to immerse yourself in a vibrant Downtown experience - Salsa Nights! In partnership with the Bridgeport Arts + Cultural Council, GBLN, and Hartford Healthcare St. Vincent's Medical Center, Colorful Bridgeport invites you to an electrifying evening of salsa dancing under the stars. Enjoy the rhythm and beats of DJ Harry Trinidad, and learn from instructor Jonathan Borges of Latin Rhythm Dance Studio. Just bring your dancing shoes and join the fun!

### ■ Colorful Bridgeport Public Art Walk

**Saturday, Nov 9, 12pm to 2pm**

Join us for the Colorful Bridgeport public art walk - the best way to see all the incredible new public art in Downtown Bridgeport. There is LOTS of amazing art to see on this fun and festive walk of the nearly 40 public art sites around the neighborhood. (Meet at 938 Broad Street.)

## 15 Stress Factory Comedy Club

167 State Street, Bridgeport, CT  
IG: @stressfactorybpt  
203-576-4242  
[bridgeport.stressfactory.com](http://bridgeport.stressfactory.com)

Vinnie Brand's Stress Factory Comedy Club brings the nation's top headliners to Bridgeport every week. The Stress Factory hosts an open mic night every Wednesday at 7:30 pm, and Date Night Thursdays for dinner, dessert, drinks and a great show for a special price. The best in entertainment and dining—eat, drink, laugh!

## 16 Skateport

1155 Main St., Bridgeport, CT, Post Office Square  
IG: @skateportct / skateportct.com  
[skateportct@gmail.com](mailto:skateportct@gmail.com)  
Executive Director & Founder:  
Takina Pollock Shafer

Bringing roller skating back, Bridgeport style. Skateport is designed to spread and support the culture of roller skating in Connecticut by creating spaces to skate. Seasoned skaters, new skaters, aspiring skaters and spectators are invited to join us!

## 17 The Bijou Theatre

275 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT  
[louiszayas@bijoutheatrect.com](mailto:louiszayas@bijoutheatrect.com)  
[info@bijoutheatrect.com](mailto:info@bijoutheatrect.com)  
203-296-2875  
[bijoutheatrect.net](http://bijoutheatrect.net)  
Executive Director: Lou Zayas

In continual operation for over 100 years, the Bijou is one of the oldest buildings used as a movie house in the country. The Bijou Theatre is a fully renovated multifunctional venue for live performances and film as well as business and social events. Under new management, Lou Zayas and Star Factory at the Bijou added children's theatre and kids parties to Bijou offerings. Check out our website for future live performances, fabulous tribute band shows and screenings or to book your event or schedule your production.

## 18 URSA Gallery

247 Fairfield Ave, Bridgeport, CT  
IG: @ursa.gallery  
**BAT weekend Hours:**  
**Friday, Nov 8, 5pm to 8pm**  
**Saturday, Nov 9, 12pm to 11pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 12pm to 5pm**

URSA Gallery is a venue inspired by the cafés in Paris at the turn of the century, where artists gathered to drink coffee and discuss ideas and aesthetics. URSA Roasters will debut the house Barnum Blend, with samples for people to try and purchase. We will be operating as a roaster. URSA Cafe will be opening later this year with a full menu and coffee bar. The menu will be inspired by Spanish and Mediterranean cuisine.



### ■ Art Exhibit: Can It Be All So Simple

Can It Be All So Simple, curated by Tara Blackwell, captures the raw nostalgia of a pre-digital era—before camera phones and social media reshaped our experiences—when life was lived fully in real-time. This collection reflects a gritty authenticity, exploring life's simple pleasures and the unfiltered beauty of a time when, despite not having much, we had what we needed. It is a tribute to the moments that shaped us, reminding viewers that sometimes, the most profound richness is found in life's simplest moments. Featuring Cal Bocicault, Samantha Cosentino, Duvian Montoya, Saint Phifer, Remy Sosa, Epic Uno, and Tara Blackwell.

### ■ "URSA Underground"

**Saturday, Nov 9, 6pm to 8pm**

See the debut of "URSA Underground," a gallery group show of local hits.

### ■ Live Music at URSA

**Saturday, Nov 9, 8pm to 11pm**

Experience live music at URSA gallery! There is a cover charge for the show.

## 19 WPKN Radio, 89.5FM

277 Fairfield Ave., Bridgeport, CT

On-air telephone: 203-336-9756

Office telephone: 203-331-9756

[wpkn.org](http://wpkn.org)

General Managers: Valerie Richardson/  
Brendan Toller

Founded in 1963, the nonprofit, community Radio station has three studios and a community room, becoming a multi-platform operation encompassing video and livestreaming, podcasting, and terrestrial radio. WPKN streams live on the Internet at [wpkn.org](http://wpkn.org) and on other internet radio platforms.

Programs include public affairs, news and interview shows, live and recorded music, free-form music, news, public affairs and spoken word. WPKN's volunteer programmers present a wide variety of music and alternative information in a freeform mix. From the obscure to the recognizable, informed programmers help listeners discover the best in live and recorded performances.

### ■ WPKN 50+ Year Archive Record Sale and Art Exhibit At the WPKN Studios Open House

**Friday, Nov 8, 6 pm - 8 pm**

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11 am - 5pm**

**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am - 5pm**

The record archive of WPKN, an eclectic mix of vintage vinyl, is on sale to support Wpkn programs and broadcasting.

WPKN ART: Group show features radio programmers and friends.

## 20 The Emporium

305 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT

203-520-8051

[emporiumct.com](http://emporiumct.com)

**Open Thursday - Saturday 12pm to 5pm**

The Emporium is an eclectic library and museum of touchstones of history and culture, available to be experienced or acquired. Listen to a favorite song from our collection of over 15,000 vinyl recordings; peruse one of our rare books dating back to the dawn of printing or explore historical ephemera ranging from Bridgeport to baseball. You can also support local entrepreneurs in the Startups Section, where you'll find hand-crafted jewelry and other unique gifts. Also, pick up guides for self-guided history walking tours

## 21 Historic Arcade Mall

1001 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT

203-395-1395

[facebook.com/arcademallbpt](https://facebook.com/arcademallbpt)

A true architectural gem in downtown Bridgeport, the Arcade Mall is a stunning historic restoration of one of the nation's first enclosed shopping malls. The breathtaking atrium has a dramatic Victorian stepped glass roof. The property was built in 1840 and underwent several interior and exterior renovations during the 1920s, 1950s and 1980s. It holds historic significance locally and nationally as one of the few remaining arcades from its time period. The renovated downtown landmark is activated with art pop-ups, studios and shops.

### 21a BPT Creates

Arcade Mall, 1001 Main Street, Suite 14,  
Bridgeport, CT

Contact: Rahz Branch

IG: [@bptcreates](https://www.instagram.com/bptcreates)

[magnacon7@gmail.com](mailto:magnacon7@gmail.com)

203-395-1395

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### ■ LOVE LAUGHS & LYRICS

#### 10 Year Anniversary Show

Arcade Mall, 1001 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT

**Friday, Nov 8, 8pm to 11pm**

Do you like improv comedy? Well if you enjoy shows like, "Who's Line is it Anyway?" and "Nick Cannon's 'Wildin' Out,'" then come out to LOVE LAUGHS & LYRICS 10 Year Anniversary show featuring The NEVER SAY NO Improv Troupe, Bridgeport's very own Improv Team! Music by the legendary DJ Buddha Luvjonz. Limited seating. (IG: [@neversaylovesimprov](https://www.instagram.com/neversaylovesimprov), email [halljason80@gmail.com](mailto:halljason80@gmail.com)) \$20 at the door.



Artist's brunch at the NEST #31

## 21b Kindred Thoughts Bookstore

Arcade Mall, 1001 Main Street, 1st Floor,  
Bridgeport, CT  
IG: @kindredthoughtsbookstore  
475-282-9050  
kindredthoughts.shop  
Store Hours:  
Sunday - Monday, Closed  
Tuesday - Friday, 11am to 6pm  
Saturday, 10am to 6pm

Proudly located downtown in the historic Arcade Mall in Bridgeport, CT., Kindred Thoughts Bookstore is an independent bookstore that is 100% Black-owned and 50% woman, and 50% veteran-owned, by Karin Smith and Derek Tompkins. We are Bridgeport's only bookstore with an emphasis on African American literature and cultural events, while also supporting the needs and interests across our entire diverse community.

### ■ Reading the Classics: *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou

Saturday, Nov 9 at 5pm

Reading the Classics is an opportunity to acquaint oneself with or revisit classic Black literature in an informal yet informative setting. Moderated by cultural historian Michelle Black-Smith, we will come together quarterly to engage with and celebrate the great canon of African American literature. All titles will be available for in-store purchase at least a month in advance, however, we encourage you to join us whether you have read the book or not. Light refreshments will be served and participants will receive a select bibliography of the author's written works. Now in year three of our series, we will read Maya Angelou's classic novel, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*. We hope you'll join us.

## 21c dertbag

Arcade Mall, Suite 21, second floor  
dertbagdesign@gmail.com  
dertbag.us  
Open Thursday – Saturday, 12-7pm

The dertbag atelier is a retail space and studio space for the brand dertbag. Philip Post is a self-taught artist from Norwalk,



Crown Art gallery at Metro Art Studios # 7.



## ART CRITIQUE BANKSY

### Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder.

Art is interactive. The artist makes art compelled by aesthetic, intellectual and emotional influences, then the art is let loose for the viewer to engage with and have their individual reaction. Amazingly the same piece of art can spur a range of interpretations, sometimes drastically different. Some artists may intend to inspire, communicate, and teach, others may make art simply out of personal compulsion, because this is all they know to do, to get through life. Every piece of art an artist makes may not be the defining work that epitomizes the artist. It may just be one of many works. But when your canvas is a public wall and your art reaches international fame, your works can create a greater impact. This is the case with the street artist Banksy. Along with other outdoor murals, an original Banksy has been installed at MNTD Studios/FoolProof Brewing #3.

### What would art be without controversy?

Though the Bridgeport Banksy resides on private property, it has sparked a broad spectrum of public reactions. Banksy, the enigmatic artist, is renowned for creating provocative and bold public works using spray paint and stencils, consistently stirring intrigue, and sometimes controversy. One interpretation of this piece

could be a critique of the 'art biz' and its often-absurd influence on the genuine, untainted act of creating street art, hinting at the appropriation of art by different classes or cultures, and questioning who determines its financial worth. That's just one take. A more neutral view reveals a cultural disconnect between the art form, controversial text, and imagery.

### Art Critique, 4 Things

How one determines whether they like art is subjective. The viewer is offered visual clues to decipher in their own way. Here is a BAT suggestion. Art criticism can be broken down into 4 categories.

- Design, how does the overall work/ composition utilize the elements of design- line, shape, color, value, texture, and the principles of the design, such as emphasis, balance, unity, rhythm, alignment, etc.?
- Content, what/how is the content expressed. Is the content supported by the design? Content can include a theme, storytelling, mood, materials, and formal ideas about color, line, texture, abstraction, process.
- Execution, how is the art made, executed, performed, installed, presented?
- Taste, this is subjective, the viewer may just like it, because of the color, the theme, etc.

## 21d Paradox Ink

Arcade Mall, 1001 Main Street, 2nd floor,  
Bridgeport, CT  
IG: @liz\_squillace\_studio / lizsquillace.com  
paradoxink@yahoo.com  
Friday, Nov 8, 12pm to 5pm  
Saturday, Nov 9, 12pm to 5pm

Event: Open Studio

Paradox Ink is the studio of local artist Liz Squillace. She has created numerous large-scale murals and public art, such as the Painted Stairway, that have helped propel the vibrant art scene in Bridgeport, CT. For

CT. He started his brand dertbag in 2007 at age 12. Post came up with the name after a flareup of his Crohn's disease that made it nearly impossible to go to school. Instead, he channeled his energy into his art, creating his own world with dertbag. Post has shown his work in Tokyo, Vienna, NYC and LA. In 2013, Philip opened his 'dertbag atelier' at age 18. He sells his dertbag brand and his father's brand, Frank Foster Post, here. He also works on his personal artwork and music at the atelier. Kanye West has been photographed wearing dertbag designs.



the past two years, Liz has been pursuing a Painting Certificate at RISD. Liz is thrilled to share her new work with you during Open Studios. If you are looking to learn more about Liz and see her latest paintings, check out Paradox Ink in the Arcade Mall during the Bridgeport Art Trail.

## 21e Bridgeport Arts & Cultural Council (BACC)

Arcade Mall, 1001 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT  
All programming will take place at the  
Arcade Mall, 1001 Main Street  
[bridgeportartscouncil.org](http://bridgeportartscouncil.org)

### ■ Hi-fi at the Arcade, Suite 101-7

Thursday, Nov 7 – Sunday, Nov 10, 5pm to 10pm

Back by popular demand, our pop up vinyl listening room in the Historic Arcade Mall downtown Bridgeport, CT is BACC. We'll be showcasing not only DJ's but also

Musicians and Producers who will share a little about their story and process, along with a selection of their music.

### ■ The Untitled Show - No Themes, Just Art

Opening Reception Friday, Nov 8, 6pm to 9pm

Gallery Hours: Saturday & Sunday  
from 12pm to 6pm

This art show showcases a vibrant collection of works from both emerging and established local artists, celebrating a diverse range of mediums and perspectives. Each piece reflects the unique voices and experiences of the artists, inviting viewers to engage with contemporary themes and narratives. The exhibition fosters community connections and highlights the rich artistic talent within the region, creating a space for dialogue and inspiration.

### ■ Talk That Talk - Bridgeport Art Legends

Panel Discussion – Untitled Gallery

Saturday, Nov 9, 5 to 7pm

A dynamic panel discussion featuring local legends and artists from a diverse range of backgrounds, each bringing their unique perspectives, experiences, and creative journeys to the table. This engaging conversation will explore the intersections of art, culture, and identity, while delving into how different mediums and influences shape the work of these talented individuals. Whether you're an art enthusiast, a creative professional, or simply curious about the transformative power of the arts, this panel promises to inspire and ignite new conversations about the role of creativity in today's world.

## 22 City Lights & Company, City Lights Gallery and Bridgeport Art Trail

265 Golden Hill St, Bridgeport, CT

Mailing Address:

130 Elm St, Bridgeport, CT 06604

IG: @citylightsgallery / bridgeportarttrail.org  
[clgallerybpt@gmail.com](mailto:clgallerybpt@gmail.com)

203-334-7748

Executive Director of City Lights & Company, AKA City Lights/Bridgeport Art Trail: Suzanne Kachmar

City Lights Gallery Artistic Director:  
Suzanne Kachmar

Gallery Manager: Steve Gerber  
(offers full framing services)

City Lights & Company, also known as City Lights/Bridgeport Art Trail, is a nonprofit organization that serves the community through art and is the lead organization of the Bridgeport Art Trail, raising the funds and collaborating with the creative community to produce the annual city

# Arts Alive! Stratford Creates

**Saturday, November 9 in Stratford**

**Gallery Show • Photography & Musical Theater Workshops  
Gravestone Rubbings • Paint-Along • Song Circle**

**Visit [bridgeportarttrail.org](http://bridgeportarttrail.org) for the schedule**

Sterling House Community Center  
2283 Main Street in Stratford  
[info@artsallianceofstratford.org](mailto:info@artsallianceofstratford.org)



Photographer Tom Mezzantte, photo by Dariusz Kanarek



wide arts celebration weekend. The event attracts visitors from CT-NY and the greater region. The BAT weekend represents over 200 artists and organizations.

City Lights thanks all the creative hardworking collaborators, all the Bridgeport Art Trail artists, community partners, and sponsors that have supported the Bridgeport Art Trail for 16 years. City Lights/Bridgeport Art Trail also provides free arts programs that enrich the learning experience for youth, celebrates the rich diversity of the greater community, and provides work and opportunities for artists and creative entrepreneurs.

### ■ City Lights Gallery

265 Golden Hill St, Bridgeport, CT

**BAT Hours:**

**Thursday, Nov 7, 12pm to 7:30pm,**

**Opening reception 5:30pm to 7:30pm**

**Friday, Nov 8, 12pm to 5pm**

**Saturday, Nov 9, 12pm to 5pm**

**(Bike Tour meet up at 8:30 am)**

**Sunday, Nov 10, 12pm to 5pm**

**Regular Gallery/Frameshop Hours:**

**Wednesday - Friday, 12pm to 5pm**

**Saturday, 12pm to 4pm**

### ■ “My Stories” Exhibit Opening Reception

**Thursday, Nov 7, 5:30pm to 7:30pm**

Chilean fiber artists share their stories and the stories of those who lived under the Pinochet dictatorship. A time that Chileans rarely talk about, funding from CT Humanities enabled City Lights Gallery and these artists to present important personal stories and relevant universal themes. Lead artists/curators are Chilean artist Carlos Biernnay, who has lived and made art in Bridgeport for years, and Paola Figueroa Perez, curator of TP Gallery in Quillota, Chile.

Exhibiting artists are Marcia Saavedra Abarca, Elizabeth Morales Agoni, Paola Valencia Alvarez, Cynthia Araya Davalo, Nancy Mella Jimenez, Lorena Figueroa Lara, Rubi Perez Lizana, Esperanza Silva Lopez, Nataly Herrera Martinez, Patricia Aguilar Mieres, Denise Quijada, Mavel Pozo Santibaez, Loreto Silva, Carlos Bautista Biernnay, Paola Figueroa Perez, Liila Knakalova, and Paola Honores Alvarez.

Artists' statements and informative panels by Chilean historian Pablo Montero, in English and Spanish, support the artists' visual expressions realized in fiber and

textiles, along with QR codes that viewers can download to hear and see the artists talk about their work.

Award winning filmmaker/videographer Josue Orellana presents a video montage created specifically for this exhibit to contextualize the history and the personal stories depicted.

Suzanne Kachmar, executive director of City Lights/Bridgeport Art Trail, visited Chile last year and viewed an exhibit at the Santiago Museum of Contemporary Art commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Pinochet military coup, followed by an inspiring visit to the museum/home of poet/political activist Pablo Neruda in Isla Negra, Chile. After meeting Chilean artists and having conversations with Chilean artist and friend Carlos Biernnay, the realization was formed that this moment in history and an exploration of universal themes, like man's inhumanity to man, should be told through the medium of fiber art and storytelling.

When Kachmar proposed this project to the artists, to create art and tell their stories, she was focused on the perspective that the art would serve to inform an international audience. She did not realize the burden of pain and trauma she had asked the artists to revisit. In fact, some artists invited decided not to participate because of the intense memories they would confront. Others embraced it as a cathartic experience, and necessary to share their truth globally. To all of them she extends sincere gratitude.

### ■ Bridgeport Art Trail Bike Tour

**Meet at City Lights Gallery, 265 Golden Hill Street  
Saturday, Nov 9, 8:30am to 5pm**

Organizer: Urban Bike Tours of Bridgeport  
urbanbiketoursofbridgeport@gmail.com

See #22a for full details

Meet at 8:30 AM at City Lights Gallery (265 Golden Hill St) for free registration, art, coffee, a snack and a pose for the annual group photo, nearby parking available. Depart as a group at 9:15 AM.

There will be an afternoon stop for lunch. Please bring money for lunch, art purchases & suggested gallery donations.

### ■ Guerilla Art, City-Wide

The list of Bridgeport art studios continues to grow, as does the notoriety of the BAT regionally and now even in Europe. (Yes! A Bridgeport Art Trail exhibit was recently on view in Venice Italy.) As a form of outreach to local neighborhoods, BAT artists were commissioned to create original artworks to be installed in the environs around the art studio buildings. Specific locations were not confirmed by the time of publication of this program book. Suffice to say, the target area is between the studio spaces around Connecticut Ave. These works, on recycled vinyl banners, are temporary public art works, designed not to damage public/personal property. The intention is to activate public spaces between the art studio buildings, inviting passersby to participate in the BAT



Chilean fiber artist tell the stories of life under the Pinochet dictatorship.  
Above Turandot by Carlos Biernnay.







Artist Will Corprew of 80 by Design

programs. Participating artists are Elisha Brockenberry, Carlos Biernay, Claude Desir Jr., and Shanna Melton.

### ■ Workshops/Programs sponsored by City Lights/Bridgeport Art Trail

#### Figure Drawing at the NEST Arts Factory #31

1720 Fairfield Ave in the Community Room  
First two Tuesdays of every month  
6:30pm to 9:30pm

Open Sketch: Please bring art materials, some easels and tables available.

RSVP/prepay here:  
[bridgeportarttrail.org/workshops-1](http://bridgeportarttrail.org/workshops-1)

### The Writers' Group with Shanna Melton

#### Online - Free

First two Saturdays of the month 2pm to 4pm

The Writer's Group is an online space led by poet Shanna Melton for people who love words to gather and create new work. The mission is to use prompts and other creative tools to motivate the creative process. It also creates a space for us to share and get a reaction from other writers who can advise one another on how to enhance the poems and or stories we create. This is not an open mic or performance space. It is a place to create. Also join The Writer's Group ~ Bridgeport Facebook page for updates and inspiration between groups. It is also a great way to stay connected with other members.

More info/log in at [bridgeportarttrail.org/workshops-1/p/the-writers-group-with-shanna-melton](http://bridgeportarttrail.org/workshops-1/p/the-writers-group-with-shanna-melton)

### The BAT Storytelling Exchange with Nina Lesiga

Online - Free Workshop

First Thursday of the month 7pm - 9pm

Taking a break for the Bridgeport Art Trail festivities, join us in December! The 'BAT' is a free online workshop for adult storytellers

and story listeners, on the First Thursday of every month. Popular storyteller Nina Lesiga maintains a welcoming and supporting atmosphere for participants of all levels, telling and listening to stories, pitching new story ideas, refining works in progress, and practicing presentation. Share any genre of story for 8 minutes and receive up to 7 minutes of feedback, if you wish. Not all participants are expected to present.

To RSVP/Log in go to [bridgeportarttrail.org/workshops-1/p/the-bat-storytelling-exchange](http://bridgeportarttrail.org/workshops-1/p/the-bat-storytelling-exchange)

### 22a Urban Bike Tours of Bridgeport

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Urban Bike Tours of Bridgeport uses the bicycle to connect the dots of Bridgeport art, history, and architecture, highlighting local artists' adaptive reuse and repurposing of historic buildings. Throughout the year, this group leads free bike tour adventures in (and out of) the city.

### ■ Bridgeport Art Trail Bike Tour

Meet at City Lights Gallery, 265 Golden Hill Street  
Saturday, Nov 9, 8:30am to 5pm

Meet at 8:30 AM at City Lights Gallery (265 Golden Hill St) for free registration, art, coffee, a snack and a pose for the annual group photo. Depart as a group at 9:15 AM to explore Bridgeport's hidden treasures and booming art culture. Bob Halstead, local resident and Bridgeport raconteur, will lead a free guided bike tour to artists' open studios along the Bridgeport Art Trail, with visits to Metro Art Studios, Artists of 305 Knowlton and The Armstrong Gallery, American Fabrics Arts Building, Innovation Center and The Arcade Mall. There will be an afternoon stop for lunch. Please bring money for lunch, art purchases & suggested gallery donations. Nearby parking available. The bike tour will end at City Lights Gallery at 5 PM.

## 23 Downtown Cabaret Theatre

263 Golden Hill Street, Bridgeport, CT  
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203-576-1634

The Downtown Cabaret Theatre is a nonprofit organization that provides audiences in and around Fairfield County with a wide variety of musical and theatrical entertainment. In a tables-and-chairs-style seated venue and a BYOB picnic policy, the Downtown Cabaret Theatre provides three distinct stages of entertainment: Main Stage Theatre, Main Stage Concert and its award-winning professional Children's Theatre.

### ■ "In The Heights" Musical

Friday, Nov 8 at 7:30pm

Saturday, Nov 9 at 3:30pm & 7:30pm

Sunday, Nov 10 at 3:30pm

In Washington Heights, community is everything, and in this Tony award-winning musical we see how each of this cast of characters struggle to survive and how these same individuals come together as a community to mourn their losses and rejoice in their triumphs.

## 24 Neighborhood Studios of Fairfield County

150 Elm Street, Bridgeport, CT  
Contact: Frank Derico

[nstudios.org](http://nstudios.org)

Neighborhood Studios of Fairfield County is a community school of the arts open to children and adults. We provide dance, art, theater and music classes for youth and music lessons for adults. Our mission is to transform the lives of Bridgeport children through arts education and empower them to make a difference in their community. Since 1978, Neighborhood Studios has provided an inclusive, warm and welcoming environment that enables students of all abilities and backgrounds, including those with special needs, to reach their fullest potential through the power of the arts.

### ■ Neighborhood Studios Open House

Saturday, Nov 9, 1pm to 3pm

Come see our creative classes for children in Bridgeport including student art, theater and dance classes.

## 25 Bridgeport Pride Center

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[facebook.com/bridgeportpridecenter](https://facebook.com/bridgeportpridecenter)

Executive Director: Marcus Brown

Regular Hours: Monday - Friday, 10am to 5pm

The Bridgeport Pride Center serves as a vital hub for the LGBTQIA+ community and allies through its comprehensive support services, diverse programming,

and extensive resources. We offer a safe and welcoming space where individuals can connect, learn, and grow. Our center provides counseling services, support groups, educational workshops, social events, and advocacy initiatives. We also maintain a resource library and offer referrals to LGBTQIA+-friendly healthcare and legal services. By fostering inclusivity and empowerment, we strive to strengthen our community and promote equality for all.

### ■ Queer Art Exhibit and Happy Hour

**Friday, Nov 8, 5pm to 7pm**

Join us at the Bridgeport Pride Center on Friday, November 8, from 5 pm to 7 pm for the unveiling of our inaugural queer art exhibit! This event will mark a special moment as we celebrate the creativity and diversity of queer artists in the newly formed Bridgeport Pride Center. Enjoy complimentary bites and refreshments in a lively, welcoming atmosphere during this happy hour gathering. All are welcome to attend and be part of this vibrant celebration of art and community. We look forward to seeing you there!

## 26 The Mary & Eliza Freeman Center For History And Community

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freemancenterbpt.org

Founded in 2009, The Mary & Eliza Freeman Center for History and Community is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. The Center owns the Mary & Eliza Freeman Houses (circa 1848), under restoration, in



George Giannios of Pangea WorldBeat #31f

Bridgeport's South End. They are listed on the National Register of Historic Places for significance to African Americans and women. The Freeman Center is creating a national African American historic site consisting of a museum and education center, and a digital research center. Mission: restore, preserve, and ensure the viability of the Mary and Eliza Freeman Houses; teach the history of Connecticut African Americans; revitalize the surrounding Bridgeport South End community; and facilitate the preservation and revitalization of other African American, and greater Bridgeport historic/preservation communities

### On Display: The Hypogean Tip - What Lies Beneath the Surface?

Freeman Center Gallery

**Thursday, Nov 7, 1pm to 7pm**

**Friday, Nov 8, 1pm to 7pm**

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 6pm**

**Sunday, Nov 10, 1pm to 6pm**

The Hypogean Tip by sculptor Rachel Owens (Chair of the Sculpture Department at SUNY Purchase) features shimmering glass porches and newly added coal sculptures and exhibition elements. Developed in partnership between the Freeman Center and the Housatonic Museum of Art (HMA), the Hypogean Tip was showcased at the Sugar Hill Children's Museum of Art & Storytelling in Harlem. It explores themes of environmental justice, power, and agency and commemorates Bridgeport's Little Liberia - an 1821 settlement of Free People of Color in Bridgeport's South End. This exhibition also features painted works and photography by artists Gary Judkins, Jack Lardis, and Aisha Nailah.

### On Display: Reimagining Little Liberia - Restoration & Reunion

Housatonic Museum of Art (left corridor),  
900 Lafayette Blvd

**Thursday, Nov 7, 8:30am to 7pm**

**Friday, Nov 8, 8:30am to 7pm**

Connecticut's African American legacies are rich, layered. From land to sea, countryside to cityscape, African and Native Americans contributed to the development of this region - only to have their own stories omitted from official histories. Bridgeport's "Little Liberia" (1821-1899) was even ignored on maps. Art, artifacts and scholarship tell this story. Little Liberia, deeply connected to a Black Atlantic network, created opportunities for CT's Black and Native Americans beyond the denigration of slavery and servitude.

## 27 Berlinetta Brewing Co.

90 Golden Hill St, Bridgeport, CT

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Berlinetta Brewing creates classic Lagers and Ales. Our Taproom features a record shop and a handmade, all-analog, vacuum-tube powered soundsystem. For Art Trail

2024 weekend we have stacked the decks with outstanding vinyl selectors. All 21+ are welcome.

### ■ Vinyl Selections at Berlinetta Brewing for Art Trail 2024

**Thursday, Nov 7, 5pm to 9pm:**

Producer Bilal Lopez selects Hip Hop and electronic instrumentals

**Friday, Nov 8, 6pm to 9pm:**

DJ Anamaly selects upbeat house, reggae, and soul

**Saturday, Nov 9, 3pm to 7pm:**

Musician + DJ Dan Soto selects Soul-Jazz and Funk

**Sunday, Nov 10, 2pm to 6pm:**

Pangea Worldbeat brings eclectic global vinyl

## 28 The Archive

118 Congress Street, Bridgeport, CT

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**Open Tuesdays - Sundays from 11am to 6pm**

The Archive is Vinegar Syndrome's experimental retail store located at our film preservation facility in Bridgeport (right off I-95!). We carry all our releases (of course) and a wide variety of others from like-minded genre home video companies, in addition to super-rare VHS, laserdiscs and movie posters. We also have a growing selection of vinyl LPs and one of the largest collections of soundtrack LPs you will ever encounter.

## 29 The Knowlton

305 Knowlton Street, Bridgeport, CT

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New England's premier arts and entertainment hub and one-of-a-kind industrial waterfront event venue is home to world-class visual artists, sculptures and innovative businesses, nestled in the historic Armstrong Manufacturing Building on the banks of the Pequonnock River in Washington Park Historic District on Bridgeport's East Side. The Knowlton boasts a thriving artist complex, housing 27 artist studios and 35,000 square feet of event space featuring The Armstrong Gallery, The Wilder Gallery and the expansive waterfront venue, The Boathouse, as well as the ever-evolving outdoor Knowlton Art Park with new murals by world-renowned and local artists.

### ■ Iterations - A Dialogue of Scale

Armstrong and Wilder Galleries

**Friday, Nov 8, 6pm to 9pm**

Iterations: A Dialogue of Scale invites you to journey through the artist's mind, where tiny conceptions grow into monumental works of art. From intimate sketches to grand-scale pieces, witness the collection of curations for local artists that display the iterations of



thought behind the making of their work. See the gestation to the birth of works in this captivating exhibition meant to reveal the beauty of the artist's creative process.

### ■ Open Studios

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 5 pm**

**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 5 pm**

Step into the artist's realm at our Knowlton Open Studios event! Immerse yourself in a vibrant tapestry of creativity as you explore local artists studios, witness spaces that birth beauty, and connect with the passionate minds behind the masterpieces

### 29a Downtime TV | Media Production Company

The Knowlton, 2nd floor

[linktr.ee/DowntimeTV](https://linktr.ee/DowntimeTV)

**Event: Open Studio**

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 3pm**

**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 4pm**

Experience a blast from the past and tour the Downtime TV custom built 90s/20s studio sets. Experience and be a part of a LIVE studio podcast!

Turandot by Carlos Biernnay, in the exhibit, "My Stories" at City Lights Gallery #22

### 29b The Reiki Room & Emerging Voices Production, LLC

25 Maple St, Suite B

(Inside the 305 Knowlton St parking lot)

203-414-5710

[emergingvoicesproduction.com](https://emergingvoicesproduction.com)

[inareikiroom.as.me](https://inareikiroom.as.me)

Rev. Ina Alisa Anderson, CEO and Reiki Master Practitioner

### ■ 16th Annual Open Studios

**Saturday, Nov 9, 10am to 5pm**

The Reiki Room is designated a serene, tranquil, safe and sacred space dedicated to promoting holistic healing. The techniques provided focus on balancing the body's energy to promote physical and emotional wellbeing and balance. As a certified Reiki Master Practitioner, I am passionate about being called into the service of helping others help themselves, through the transformative healing of Reiki. Whether you seek relaxation, stress relief, or healing from physical or emotional imbalances, I am here to support you on your wellness journey.

Emerging Voices Production, LLC is a theater production company responsible for "Conscious Theater" Our latest production The Ubuntu Project was performed June 2024 at the Klein Memorial, and we look forward to performing again in 2025 at a Venue near you!

### 30 Klein Memorial Auditorium

910 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT

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**IG: @thekleinbpt / theklein.org**

The Klein is Bridgeport's 1447-seat performing arts center, presenting all the performing arts throughout the year. Built in 1940 in Art Deco style, it is home to several resident companies and community partners. The Klein's impact is further exhibited through its tuition-free arts education program, Klein Theatre Arts, for Bridgeport middle and high school students.

### ■ Greater Bridgeport Symphony Concert

**Klein Memorial Auditorium, 910 Fairfield Ave, Bridgeport, CT**

**Saturday, Nov 9 at 7:30 pm**

Guest conductor Leslie B. Dunner leads GBS in this second concert of their 79th season at The Klein. The program includes Haydn's Symphony #6, Gershwin's Piano Concerto in F major, and Ginastera's Variaciones Concertantes

## Finding inspiration is important.

At M&T Bank, we understand how important the arts are to a vibrant community. That's why we offer our time, energy and resources to support artists of all kinds, and encourage others to do the same. [Learn more at mtb.com](https://mtb.com).

M&T Bank is proud to support City Lights and the Bridgeport Art Trail.

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## 30a Greater Bridgeport Symphony

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facebook.com/thegreaterbridgeportsymphony  
Executive Director: Phyllis Cortese

The Greater Bridgeport Symphony has been a cornerstone of the cultural arts community in and around Bridgeport since 1946. This nonprofit professional orchestra typically presents five mainstage concerts each season at The Klein in addition to chamber music at the SHU Community Theatre in Fairfield. Through its illustrious music directors over the years, most recently Gustav Meier (for 42 seasons) and Eric Jacobsen (the past 9 seasons), GBS maintains the highest musical standards, presenting truly extraordinary and captivating concerts. As a growing force for music education in Bridgeport's schools, GBS offers a variety of grant and donor-funded music education programs for students of all ages. GBS looks to a future of even greater immersion in our diverse community enhancing the Greater Bridgeport region as a flourishing cultural center in Connecticut.

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## 31 The NEST Arts Factory

1720 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT

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203-690-1335

BAT Weekend Open Hours:

Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 9pm

Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 5pm | Artist Brunch  
11am to 1pm

The NEST Arts Factory is the longest running working artists' studio community in Bridgeport, marking over 30 years. Founder/Director Vic Mulaire was recognized in 2023 by the Fairfield County arts community with an ACE award for his 30+ years of service, providing accommodating and affordable working spaces for artists. Over the Bridgeport Art Trail Weekend enjoy open studios, art sales, hands-on activities, music, poetry, film and more!

The NEST Arts Factory is a supportive community of artists and musicians working in a wide variety of media in a reimaged factory building on the west side of Bridgeport, CT. NEST artists work in a wide variety of media from painting, drawing, and sculpture to ceramics, textiles, jewelry, filmmaking, poetry, printmaking, glass, mosaic, ceramics, upcycled clothing and furniture and interior design. Year round Classes and workshops include fiber arts, figure drawing, screenwriting, drawing, etc. NEST musicians play and write music in an array of genres including acoustic folk, Latin, alternative rock, reggae, and world music. Popular bands include the Cosmic Jibaros, Pangea and the Swamp Hogs.

Located in the heart of the NEST is the community room, where hands-on activities, live music, and poetry will take place during the BAT weekend.

Visitors can tour studios, meander the hallway art spaces, meet the artists, learn about the art, and enjoy activities.

On and Off-street parking is available for all events. Elevator available upon request.

## Art by Will Corprew Nest Arts Factory #31



Art by Rick Schaefer at Metro Art Studio #7



## ■ Open Studios, Exhibits, and Installations

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 4pm**

Step into a world of creativity at Open Studios at the NEST Arts Factory, where art comes alive in every corner!

Explore unique studios, witness the creative process firsthand, engage in meaningful conversations that spark inspiration. Whether you're an art aficionado or just curious, this vibrant gathering promises to ignite your imagination and connect you with the heartbeat of the local arts community.

## ■ Bridgeport Art Trail at Venice, Italy | Studio #33

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 4pm**

A suitcase art exhibit featuring Bridgeport Art Trail artists presents a different perspective than the common narrative that people in other countries may have about people in the United States, formed from popular culture and media.

## ■ Shared creation of three unique stepping stones — Marvelous Mrs. Mosaic Studio | Studio #25A

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am - 4pm**

You're invited to the open studio of the Marvelous Mrs. Mosaic to participate in the shared creation of three unique stepping stones. Stones will be available for purchase at the end of the art trail for anyone interested.

## ■ Bridgeport Portrait Project 11th Year — 'I Am Bridgeport' Video

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**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 4pm**

**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 4pm**

Jay Misencik & Geralene Valentine, photographers

The Bridgeport Portrait Project... "I Am Bridgeport" is a cultural heritage photography and storytelling project now in its 11th year. View updated "I Am Bridgeport" slideshow video and possibly participate in the project. Poli's Palace and Majestic Theatres Memories Project slideshow videos and book will be on display.

Hear and see Jay & Geralene's recent portrait series that celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Thomas Merton Family Center... with an exhibit of the project at CT State Community College Housatonic.

## ■ Family Fun - Abstract Art with Brett Masterson | Studio #32

**Saturday, Nov 9, 12pm to 2pm**

Join us for a fun-filled family art afternoon featuring the incredible Brett Masterson, where creativity knows no bounds! This hands-on workshop invites kids of all ages to explore the vibrant world of abstract



*Looketha talks about her art at Reads # 12*

art, encouraging self-expression through color and shape. With Brett's guidance, young artists will unleash their imaginations and create unique masterpieces to take home. Bring the whole family and enjoy an inspiring day of creativity, laughter, and artistic discovery!

## ■ Glass Blowing Demo with Arthur Afonso | Studio #8

**Saturday, Nov 9, 12pm to 3pm**

Experience the magic of glass blowing with a cool demonstration by the talented Arthur Afonso! Watch as he transforms molten glass into stunning works of art right before your eyes. Join us for an unforgettable afternoon of creativity and craftsmanship that will ignite your imagination!

## ■ Tai Chi with Jonathan Davis | Community Room

**Saturday, Nov 9, 12:15pm to 1pm**

Join us for an all-ages Tai Chi class with the skilled Jonathan Davis, where mindfulness and movement come together! Perfect for all experience levels, this class focuses on gentle, flowing exercises that promote relaxation, balance, and harmony. Whether you're a beginner or seasoned practitioner, you'll leave feeling rejuvenated and centered.

## ■ We Rise - Storytelling Collective | Community Room

**Saturday, Nov 9, 1pm to 2:30pm**

In this family friendly drop-in presentation, participants will be engaged by stories that cultivate courage, creativity, community connection and self-love.

## ■ Pangea Live Music Set | Community Room

**Saturday, Nov 9, 2:30pm to 3:30pm**

Pangea is a high energy, genre-bending ensemble based out of the NEST Arts Factory in Bridgeport, CT. Founded by Kris Studebaker and Nicholas Yost. As an ensemble, Pangea seeks to resonate with the ineffable psychedelic rhythms of the universe, creating a perpetual sonic spiral, pushing boundaries and exploring musical styling from across the globe. Band members are known for their versatility and adaptability, drawing from various musical influences to create their signature sound. The collective of musicians includes drummer Kris Studebaker, conguero Sam Mendez, percussionist/vocalist Will Diaz, bassist Mike Rachinsky, guitarist Jeff Wickun, Georgios Giannios on woodwinds, and keyboardist Nicholas Yost.



Murals at The Knowlston Walls

### ■ Dan Tressler Live Music Set | BRAG Reception Area

**Saturday, Nov 9, 4pm to 5pm**

Join the acclaimed local singer/songwriter for an intimate hour of music welcoming the artists of the Black Rock Artists Guild. Dan's music is also available on Spotify.

### ■ Black Rock Artist Guild (BRAG) Reception – The Brick Wall of Art

**Saturday, Nov 9, 4pm to 6pm**

Join the Black Rock Artist Guild, founded in 2013 by Judy Noelle and Michele Hubler, for one of their annual exhibits as they sponsor a reception at the NEST Arts Factory opened by musician Dan Tressler.

### ■ The NEST After Party | Community Room

**Saturday, Nov 9, 5pm to 9pm**

Celebrate the evening at the After Party at the NEST, where good vibes and great company await! Enjoy complimentary refreshments while soaking in the sounds of the band Honest Ivy, alongside a lineup of lively reggae and world music performers. It's the perfect way to unwind, connect with friends, and dance the night away in a vibrant atmosphere!

**Sunday, November 10, 2024**

**11am to 1pm | Artist Mixer and Brunch**

**1pm to 4pm | Open Studios, Exhibits and Installations**

**12pm to 5pm | Live music, Film Screenings and Creative Demos**

### ■ Artist Mixer and Brunch | Community Room

**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 1pm**

Join us for the Artist Mixer and Brunch at the NEST, where creativity meets community! Enjoy complimentary bites, refreshing mimosas, and live music by the acoustic duo Honest Ivy as you mingle and network with fellow artists and art enthusiasts. It's the perfect opportunity to connect before exploring the NEST and checking out the open studios—come be inspired!

### ■ Honest Ivy Acoustic Live Set | Community Room

**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 1pm**

The acoustic band, Honest Ivy joins us in the Community Room for a live music set over brunch!

### ■ Bridgeport Art Trail at Venice, Italy | Studio #33

**Sunday, Nov 10, 11 am to 4pm**

A suitcase art exhibit featuring Bridgeport Art Trail artists presents a different perspective than the common narrative that people in other countries may have about people in the United States, formed from popular culture and media.

### ■ Glass Blowing Demo with Arthur Afonso | Studio #8

**Sunday, Nov 10, 12pm to 3pm**

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Afonso! Watch as he transforms molten glass into stunning works of art right before your eyes. Join us for an unforgettable afternoon of creativity and craftsmanship that will ignite your imagination!

### ■ Open Studios

**Sunday, Nov 10, 1pm to 4pm**

Step into a world of creativity at Open Studios at the NEST Arts Factory, where art comes alive in every corner! Guests are invited to mingle with talented visual artists, innovative filmmakers, and inspiring musicians who call the NEST their home. Explore unique studios, witness the creative process firsthand, and engage in meaningful conversations that spark inspiration. Whether you're an art aficionado or just curious, this vibrant gathering promises to ignite your imagination and connect you with the heartbeat of the local arts community.

### ■ Still Life Demo – Oil Painting – Artist: Lilah Heyman | Studio #35

**Sunday, Nov 10, 1pm to 2pm**

Discover the art of oil painting at the Still Life Demo with the talented Lilah Heyman at the NEST Arts Factory! This engaging session welcomes artists of all ages to observe Lilah's techniques. Join us for a captivating afternoon of creativity, inspiration, and artistic exploration!

### ■ Frankenpuss Acoustic Music Set | Community Room

**Sunday, Nov 10, 1:30pm to 2:30pm**

The band Frankenpuss joins us in the Community Room for a live music set!

### ■ Politically Speaking I Community Room

**Sunday, Nov 10, 2:45 – 3:25 pm**

Original videos by Sean Corvino and Josue Orellana

### ■ Film Screening – Meet Mario Productions | Community Room

**Sunday, Nov 10, 3:30pm to 4:30pm**

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Contact: Julie Robinson

Meet Mario Productions proudly presents an afternoon of thought provoking independent short films for your mind. The writing/directing/producing team of Dj Higgins and Julie Robinson invite you to spend an hour with us watching movies produced by Meet Mario Productions. Our mission is to push movies with a message for everyone to see. Come join us on Sunday, November 10, 3:30pm to 4:30pm at The NEST.



## **31a Misencik Photography / The Bridgeport Portrait Project**

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Since 2014, Jay and Geralene have been working on The Bridgeport Portrait Project. Now in its 11th year, it is an ongoing, documentary-style photography and storytelling project. The people photographed and the stories they share explain why Bridgeport is so much more than just a place. The project gives a contemporary definition to the rich, culturally diverse community that Bridgeport has always been. Also see and hear about other Bridgeport projects Jay and Geralene have produced: Main Street - Faces and Places, exhibits and calendar. The Thomas Merton Family Center exhibits and calendars, Poli's Palace and Majestic Theatres Memories Project, exhibits, talks, slideshow/video, and book.

### **■ The Bridgeport Portrait Project... "I Am Bridgeport"**

**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 4pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 4pm**

View updated "I Am Bridgeport" slideshow video. See and hear updates to the project, comment about the project, and possibly participate in The Bridgeport Portrait Project.

## **31b Black Rock Art Guild – BRAG**

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Founded in 2013 BRAG is a not-for-profit organization that welcomes artists of any genre – painters, writers, actors, sculptors, poets, photographers, musicians, singers – to join its diverse group of talented members. BRAG prides itself on creating a sense of artistic community in Black Rock and surrounding areas. BRAG meets monthly at the Fayerweather Yacht Club.

### **■ Black Rock Art Guild Member's Art Exhibition**

**The NEST Arts Factory**  
**Saturday, Nov 9, 11am to 5pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 11am to 5pm**

### **■ BRAG Reception in the "Brickway Hall of Art"**

**Saturday, Nov 9, 4pm to 6pm**  
Featuring musician Steve Gilbert.  
Participating Artists: Barbara Loss, Jay Misencik, Harold Davis, Susan Fehlinger, Rebecca Dunn, Paul Rockoff, Deborah Howland-Murray, Judy Noel, Sheila Weaver, John Bright, Roberta Delano, Steve Gilbert, Kimberly Szabo, Sharon Smalls, Tina Sarno, Hillary Brown

## **31c Bridgeport Film Festival**

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**facebook.com/BridgeportFilmFest**  
Executive Director: Jason A. Coombs

With City Lights/Bridgeport Art Trail as our fiduciary partner, the Bridgeport Film Fest is making "philanthropy through film" a priority in Bridgeport, CT. This nonprofit initiative is dedicated to the discovery, championing and development of independent filmmakers and audiences.

Through various year round programming including an annual three day in-person and virtual festival in September and a variety of popup film screenings at the Connecticut State Community College at Housatonic, the BFF seeks to showcase, guide and inspire independent film and theatre artists from the Bridgeport community and beyond. Local audiences will be enriched by the films, workshops, panels discussions and other forms of artistic expression curated by the festival team and will ensure the promotion of Bridgeport to continue to thrive as a cultural artistic center!

Submissions for the 2025 Festival are now open! Learn more about the Bridgeport Film Fest or submit films for consideration to [bridgeportfilmfest.org](http://bridgeportfilmfest.org)

### **■ The Artist Way: Film Screening and Meet and Greet**

**Housatonic Performing Arts Center in Lafayette Hall**  
**900 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, CT**  
**Thursday, Nov 7, 3pm Artist Meet and Greet | 3:45pm Film Screening**

Join us for The Artist Way, a curated collection of films that dive into the intimate lives of Artists and their journeys through triumphs, struggles, and the personal emotional highs and lows that they face through the creative process. Followed by a panel discussion featuring artists of various disciplines on what it means to live an artist life in 2024. This screening will kick off with a Meet and Greet with the Artists over complimentary bites and refreshments! Free to attend and all are welcome!

### **■ Filmmaker and Artist Mixer at Berlinetta Brewing**

**Berlinetta Brewing**  
**90 Golden Hill Street, Bridgeport, CT**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 1pm to 3pm**

Calling all Filmmakers, Artists and Art Lovers! Join us for a fun-filled mixer where creativity flows, connections are made, and inspiration is ignited. Artists of all disciplines are welcome to join us, you may meet your next future collaborator! Complimentary bites and a cash bar will be available! Free to attend and all are welcome!

## **31d Ta Wawa Wellness Tai Chi**

**tawawawellness@optonline.net**  
**203-257-1145**  
Tawawa Wellness LLC & Elev8ion Studio  
Live and Zoom Ta Chi Classes, sign up for affordable winter classes.

### **■ Tai Chi with Jonathan Davis**

**NEST Arts Factory | Community Room**  
**Saturday, Nov 9th 12:15pm to 1pm**

Evel8ion Studios presents Tai Chi and good health practices with certified Tai Chi practitioner Jonathan B Davis. Learn the history and philosophy of the Healing Art of Tai Chi. Observe or participate in a group demonstration of the Tai Chi form of Yang and Sun style. Learn how to apply every day simple and effective methods and techniques of the principles of traditional Tai Chi and Chinese medicine to stay healthy and well through the flu season and winter months.

## **31e Black Rock Galleries**

**1720 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT**  
**contact@blackrockgalleries.com**  
**203-335-0000**  
[blackrockgalleries.com](http://blackrockgalleries.com)

### **■ Open Showroom**

**Friday, Nov 8, 10am to 4:30pm**  
**Saturday, Nov 9, 10am to 4:30pm**

With over 20 years of experience in the industry and an amazing one-stop 53,000+ square-foot gallery showroom, Black Rock Galleries is the area's preeminent source for quality fine and decorative art, antiques, unique home furnishings and accessories at excellent and fair price points. The business is based on a passion for scouting hidden, forgotten and newer treasures and offering them with honesty and integrity. BRG specializes in the auction, appraisal and resale (through online estate auctions and consignment) of antique and contemporary works of fine art from world renowned and local artists, quality vintage and contemporary home furnishings and home décor items. Come explore the treasures at Black Rock Galleries.

## **31f Pangea Worldbeat**

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[pangeaworldbeat.com/the-band](http://pangeaworldbeat.com/the-band)  
**Facebook: Pangea Worldbeat**  
Specialty: Original Music

Pangea is a visionary, genre-bending ensemble based out of the Nest Arts Factory in Bridgeport, CT. Conceived by Kris Studebaker and Nicholas Yost, Pangea boldly explores the boundaries of music, blending diverse global influences into a captivating, body-enveloping groove. As an ensemble, Pangea paints enigmatic psychedelic strokes over a cosmic backdrop of modern and ancient rhythms, creating a colorful, perpetually-kinetic sonic spiral. Renowned for their remarkable versatility and adaptability,



Art by Brad Noble

Pangea's members draw from a vast multiverse of musical and visually artistic inspirations to craft their distinct signature sound. Blistering past common conventions, Pangea instead diverges into a kaleidoscope of rich, vibrant tones and resonant vibrations. This collective of musicians includes: (drummer) Kris Studebaker, (conguero) Sam Mendez, (percussionist/vocalist) Will Diaz, (bassist) Mike Rachinsky, (guitarist) Jeff Wickun, (woodwinds) Georgios Giannios, and (keyboardist and musical director) Nicholas Yost.

BAT Appearances:

**Saturday, Nov 9,**  
**The NEST - 2:30pm to 3:30pm**

**Sunday, Nov 10,**  
**Berlinetta - 2pm to 6pm**  
**Park City Music Hall - 6:30pm**

## BLACK ROCK

### 32 Source Coffeehouse

**2889 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT**  
**IG: @sourcecoffeehouse / sourcecoffeehouse.com**  
**Open Monday - Sunday, 7am to 5pm**

Source Coffee House, a beloved specialty coffee shop in Black Rock, is under new ownership, but its dedication to the community and craft remains stronger than ever. The new owners are committed to building deeper connections with the local community. Source Coffee House offers a menu that blends traditional coffee culture with innovative, cocktail-inspired beverages.

### 33 The Color Shop

**3295 Fairfield Ave, Bridgeport, CT**  
**IG: @thecolorshop.us / thecolorshop.us**  
**info@thecolorshop.us**  
**203-572-0176**  
**Regular Hours:**

**Monday - Friday, 10am to 4pm, by appt**

Having served the Gold Coast area (and beyond) with over 25 years of Decorative Painting in houses + businesses, The Color Shop now brings luxury wall finishes to the Everyday-Home through DIY Finish Kits. Creative Doers can transform their spaces with curated kits, outfitted with every product, tool, and supply needed to install gorgeous textures in their home.

#### ■ Interactive Open Studio

**Friday, Nov 8, 10am to 2pm – Open Studio**  
**Saturday, Nov 9, 10am to 4pm – Open Studio + DIY Tutorials + Hands On Practices**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 10am to 2pm – Open Studio + DIY Tutorials + Hands On Practices**

Open house with professional tutorials and demonstrations of decorative finish installs. Visit The Color Shop's studio and shop during the Bpt Art Trail and experience our DIY community of the decorative painting world. Try your hand at our DIY Finish Kits, see our mock-up room displaying one of our decorative finishes, and even bring the little ones by for some kid-friendly crafting.

### 34 Park City Music Hall

**2926 Fairfield Avenue Bridgeport, CT**  
**IG: @parkcitymusichall / parkcitymusichall.com**  
**203-260-5626**

#### ■ The Warped Tour Band

**Friday, Nov 8 at 9pm (Doors 8pm)**

The Warped Tour Band performs all your favorite Emo/pop-punk songs LIVE by artists like: Taking Back Sunday, My Chemical Romance, Blink-182, New Found Glory, Green Day, Good Charlotte, Sum 41, Fall Out Boy, Yellow Card, The Used, Brand New and everything in between!

#### ■ Lost Tribe + Pangea with a pop up art show from Iyaba Ibo Mandingo

**Sunday, Nov 10 at 5pm (Doors 4pm)**  
**Lost Tribe starts the night of music at 5 pm,**  
**Pangea at 6:30 pm**

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Lost Tribe is an Afro-funk fusion ensemble, led by multi-percussionist Jocelyn Pleasant. Their sound winds through many genres that are rooted in West African

rhythms and sensibilities; blending tradition with innovation and keeping the DRUM at the forefront.

iYABARTS is a multi-disciplined Art Company featuring the artwork of Iyaba Ibo Mandingo. Our goal is to create a love of self-expression through art around the planet.

### 35 Harborview Market

**218 Harborview Avenue, Bridgeport CT**  
**harborviewmarketcatering@gmail.com**  
**203-367-7336**  
**harborviewmarket.com**  
**Open BAT Weekend:**  
**Thursday, Nov 7, 6am to 7pm**  
**Friday, Nov 8, 6am to 7pm**  
**Saturday, Nov 9, 6am to 4pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 10, 6am to 2pm**

View local art while treating yourself to fresh and delicious homemade-style breakfast or lunch, gourmet coffee, freshly baked croissants, cookies and muffins. Owned by the Torres family for over 20 years, the neighborhood eatery is the family-friendly hub of Black Rock. A popular catering service, we also specialize in breakfast and lunch delicacies and are loved around Connecticut for our buttery croissants and "best in state" chocolate chip cookies. Each month, we feature local artists' work on our walls.

### 36 Framemakers Picture Framing & Art Gallery

**3004 Fairfield Ave, Bridgeport, CT**  
**IG: @framemakersblackrock**  
**203-338-0332**

#### ■ "Compilation of Artistic Endeavors"

**Thursday, Nov 7 – Saturday Nov 9, 8:45am to 5pm**

Featuring five artists:

- p.m.a. corcoran is a colorist, influenced by impressionism using pastels and oils.
- Andy Pinto's work is experimenting with visual perception.
- Val Pinto's acrylic and collage transition paintings, abstractly, interpret subtle changes in nature.
- Dave Schwartz's photography is inspired by commonplace objects seen in his everyday travels.
- Suz Dyer works in mixed media urban abstract photography.



Public mural activity BAT 2023



## NORTH END

### 37 Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo

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203-394-6565

Get your ticket to adventure! Connecticut's only zoo, celebrating its 102nd year, features 350 animals representing primarily North and South American and Northern Asian species. Guests won't want to miss our Amur tiger and leopards, maned wolves, Mexican gray wolves, and red wolves. Other highlights include our new Andean Bear Habitat, Spider Monkey Habitat, the Rainforest Building, the prairie dog exhibit, and the Pampas Plain with Giant anteaters and Chacoan peccaries. Guests can ride on the carousel, grab a bite from the Peacock Café and eat in the Picnic Grove. Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo is a non-profit organization approaching its 102nd year at a time when the mission of helping fragile wildlife populations and ecosystems is more important than ever.

### ■ GLOW WILD Lantern Festival

Thursday, Nov 7 - Sunday, Nov 10,  
5:30pm to 9:30pm

GLOW WILD returns to Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo! Journey through a wonderland of illuminated larger-than-life lanterns inspired by our wild world. Back by popular demand, this illuminating festival of lights is coming back for its third year! Spanning the width and breadth of Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo's 30 acres, guests are invited to walk through glowing corridors. Displays of flora and fauna will light up the night sky, dazzling guests of all ages! The Glow Wild Lantern Festival is designed for everyone to enjoy—whether a family outing, romantic date, or coworker get-together. The festival will run from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Thursdays through Sundays through December 15, 2024.

### 38 SHU Discovery Science Center and Planetarium

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facebook.com/shudiscoverysciencecenter  
Museum Hours:

Tuesday - Thursday, 10am to 6pm

Friday - Sunday, 10am to 5pm

Monday, 10am to 5pm

(for Discovery members only)

We believe in the importance of providing hands-on STEAM learning experiences that resonate with children's natural curiosity and love of learning. We are active advocates for science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) literacy in Connecticut and use our unique resources and expertise in informal STEAM learning to encourage and

provide a pathway for all young learners to become STEAM-empowered and informed decision makers in an increasingly technology-driven world. Our mission is to engage, excite and educate young learners through experiences and programs that inspire wonder and ignite creativity as the foundation for a lifetime love of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) learning. Please check our website and social media pages for all upcoming events!

### ■ On Display: "Dare to Dream" by Alicia Cobb

#### Exterior of Discovery Center building

In Alicia's words: "Dare To Dream" is a piece that I painted in dedication to children, specifically young black and brown children who are facing challenges that might deter those dreams. It is an experience that I know personally. I am living my dream now though thanks to people and places that encouraged me to keep believing even when I didn't believe in myself.



### Call for Submissions for the 2025 "Reel City Life" TikTok Challenge Sponsored by The Bridgeport Film Fest and City Lights / Bridgeport Art Trail!

Get ready to unleash your creativity at our 2025 Bridgeport Film Fest with the electrifying TikTok Challenge! As we celebrate five incredible years, we're inviting filmmakers, students, community activists and professionals to craft captivating short videos—up to three minutes long—under the vibrant theme of "Reel City Life."

This is your chance to shine on a platform that resonates with today's youth and to tell stories that reflect the diverse tapestry of our local Bridgeport community. Whether you're a seasoned storyteller or just starting out, this challenge is all about amplifying fresh voices, unique perspectives and helping to change the narrative of Bridgeport.

To sweeten the deal, we're offering exciting cash prizes! And not only will you have the opportunity to showcase your talent, but if selected you'll also be part of an inspiring festival atmosphere that celebrates creativity and connection. Imagine your work resonating with others while you engage with fellow storytellers who share your passion and want to uplift their community by changing the narrative!

New to visual storytelling/filmmaking? We are offering two social media reel creating workshops in early 2025 to help inspire/build a foundation for your content to help you tell your story! Please check out [bridgeportfilmfest.org](http://bridgeportfilmfest.org) for more information.

**This community opportunity has been made possible by the Fairfield County Community Foundation.**

#### Requirements:

- Must represent the theme of "Reel City Life", meaning about a person or place in the Bridgeport community.
- Video must be no longer than 3 minutes.
- Video must be vertical in the 9:16 aspect ratio.
- Video must have frame rates between 30 FPS and 60 FPS.
- If including music, it must be original or royalty free.

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Bridgeport, CT 06607

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November 9 + 10**

**10am - 5pm**

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