

# THE BARRON ARTS CENTER SPRING/SUMMER 2026 EVENTS



Sunday  
April  
**26**  
2026  
1:00PM



**"NJ LOVES A PIANO" EVENT**  
**New Brunswick Chamber Orchestra**

NBCO will present a piano centric "salon" style afternoon performance under the theme of "American Patriotism" allowing for lively commentary and historical discussions. Reservations Essential. Call 732-634-0413



Tuesday  
May  
**26**  
2026  
7:30PM

BARRON ARTS CENTER LECTURE

## Hawaiian History & Culture

This session explores the rich heritage of the Hawaiian Islands, providing an in-depth look of the islands' history, and the evolution of Hawaii's unique multicultural society. Presented by Gail M. Thompson. Reservations Essential. Call 732-634-0413



## Tomoko Ohno Trio

Tomoko Ohno has performed with a cavalcade of jazz greats and has graced the stages of prestigious venues around the world, including Carnegie Hall, The Blue Note, and Birdland. Reservations Essential. Call 732-634-0413

Friday  
May  
**1**  
2026  
7:30 PM



BAC AFTERNOON LECTURE

## Tea Traditions in 18<sup>th</sup> Century England & America

In 18th century America, tea was a symbol of social status and refinement; but it would become a catalyst for rebellion and a symbol in the fight for American freedom

Presented by Historian Judith Krall-Russo Reservations Essential. Call 732-634-0413.

June  
**18**  
2026  
1:00PM

Tuesday  
May  
**5**  
2026  
7:30PM

BARRON ARTS CENTER LECTURE

## My Trip to Japan

This session offers a thought-provoking journey through Japan's rich history and vibrant culture. Presented by Gail M. Thompson. Reservations Essential. Call 732-634-0413



Tuesday  
July  
**7**  
2026  
7:30PM

## The Legacy of Thomas Paine



Bob Gleason portrays Thomas Paine

"These are the times that try men's souls." Outspoken, controversial, articulate and committed to social equality, Bob Gleason's Thomas Paine is certain to spark discussion and evoke spirited discussion. Reservations Essential. Call 732-634-0413



BAC JURIED ART EXHIBITION

**Visualize the Score:**  
When Art & Music Converge  
Music can evoke powerful emotions and memories. This exhibit invited artists to showcase how a particular piece of music can inspire art, celebrating the ways these journeys enrich our lives.

Join us for an Artist Reception  
Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> ~ 12-4pm.

May 8  
through  
June 5  
2026



BAC PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

## My First 50 Years:

The Photography of Ron Wyatt  
Photographer, Ron Wyatt's work not only documents the places he has visited, it explores global vibrancy from his unique perspective, illustrating the transformative combination of talent, passion and dedication.

Join us for an opening reception,  
Thursday, June 11 ~ 6-8pm.

June 11  
through  
July 12  
2026

*Pictured: "I Hear a Symphony" by Nancie Gunkelman  
Inspired by Beethoven's Symphony No. 6 [Pastorale]*

**THE BARRON ARTS CENTER**

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"NJ LOVES A PIANO" EVENT

# Ron Levy

Internationally acclaimed pianist, Ron Levy will present a selection of classical, jazz, operatic, Americana & show music accompanied by a vocalist. Reservations Essential. Call 732-634-0413



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17  
2026  
7:30PM

BAC CONCERT

# Forbidden Tropics Afro-Peruvian Jazz

Join Forbidden Tropics at the Barron Arts Center for their Album Release Concert. As an opening act, Alejandro Ataucusi will be playing the charango and hatun charango. Reservations Essential. Call 732-634-0413



July  
24  
2026  
7:30PM

# 2026 Poets Wednesday

Poets Wednesday is the Second Wednesday of Every Month

For More Information, please contact poetry director: Deborah C. LaVeglia  
Tel. (908) 272-3141  
Email: [deborahlavaglia0@gmail.com](mailto:deborahlavaglia0@gmail.com)

**Wednesday, May 13, 2026 ~ 8-10pm**  
Featured Reader: Gregg Yupanki Bautista

**Wednesday, June 10, 2026 ~ 8-10pm**  
Featured Reader: Stacey Z. Lawrence

**Wednesday, July 8, 2026 ~ 8-10pm**  
Featured Reader: Karin Jervert

**Wednesday, August 12, 2026 ~ 8-10pm**  
Featured Readers: Mannika Rosa & Kevin Powell

**Wednesday, September 9, 2026 ~ 8-10pm**  
Featured Reader: Kevin Ridgeway



# BARRONFEST 2026 FINE ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

OVER 30 ARTISTS & CRAFTERS / LIVE MUSIC / FOOD

10  
OCT  
2026  
12-4PM

- POTTERY
- PAINTINGS
- GLASSWORK
- CERAMICS
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- METAL WORK
- HAND-CRAFTED
- JEWELRY
- FABRIC ART
- WEAVING
- LIVE MUSIC
- AND MORE

HELD INDOORS AT ACACIA YOUTH CENTER  
95 PORT READING AVE, PORT READING, NJ 07064

SAVE THE DATE

OPEN SOON FOR SUBMISSIONS

PICTURED: ROW 1-PAINTING BY SARAI L. ARAIZA, FABRIC ART BY MARTHA LANDY, PAINTING BY HEDA MATIEJUNAS  
ROW 2- JEWELRY BY CHELSEA CARACCI, COLLAGE BY JEFF COHEN, CERAMICS BY WONA CZAJKOWSKI  
ROW 3- CRAFTS & KNITTING BY DONNA DONOVAN, ILLUSTRATION BY BRUCE FAHY, WATERCOLOR BY AMY FREYBERGER  
ROW 4- JEWELRY BY MARLIPOISLER, WOOD FURNITURE BY JOE MESSICK, WATERCOLOR BY SUSHMITA KOLHAPURKAR