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PAC MAC FESTIVAL BEGINS

10 Days of Cultural Events in Downtown Patchogue



Patchogue, NY – This Friday, October 17 is the official start of a the Patchogue Arts Council (M)usic (A)rts (C)inema (PAC MAC) festival in Downtown Patchogue. The ten day festival, a collaboration among the Patchogue Arts Council, the Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce and the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, highlights music, visual arts, cinema and live literary and theatrical performances in more than 20 venues around Patchogue Village. PAC MAC was made possible by a \$25,000 “Destination Downtown” grant secured by Legislator Calarco Patchogue Arts Council through Suffolk County’s Hotel/Motel Tax Fund.

“So many people already know about Patchogue’s great restaurants,” said Legislator Rob Calarco. “What they may not know is that we have a world-class performing arts theater, a thriving music scene, dozens of talented artists and a state-of-the-art independent cinema that

screens films, documentaries, opera and ballet. Our downtown has an embarrassment of riches and I am so proud to sponsor this event so that we can show them off.”

The festival begins Friday with various music performances and art exhibitions around Patchogue Village. The official kick-off will occur on Saturday evening, with a walking tour of outdoor sculpture followed by a reception at Briarcliffe College. Other highlights include a full-day “Jamfest” at 89 North on October 19, sculpture installations around the Village and three screenings of animation at Shand’s Loft at the Brickhouse Brewery.

“Over the last several years there has been an explosion of artistic activity in Patchogue,” said Lori Devlin, Patchogue Village Trustee and Board Member of the Patchogue Arts Council. “With the PAC MAC festival we are seeking to unite all of these forces; music, arts, cinema and more and expose them to a broader audience.”

“At the heart of Patchogue’s recent revival has been the emergence of a thriving Arts Scene in our community that started with the creation of the Patchogue Arts Council,” said David Kennedy, Executive Director of the Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce. “Not only is PAC MAC a celebration of all this, it also will be attracting new visitors to our downtown who I know will be making many return visits once they discover all that is happening in Patchogue. We are very proud to be a sponsor of PAC MAC through the Patchogue Chamber Foundation.”

Many of the events are free and family-friendly. For more information about the schedule, go to www.patchoguearts.org.

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