

# Wake up, Staten Island

Your guide to this weekend's ...

# BIGGEST & BEST

**SATURDAY, MAY 25**

## Exhibition at Wagner College Gallery

Bill Murphy, a Staten Island based painter/draftsman will be exhibiting a selection of recent works in the Wagner College Gallery through Aug. 15. The works include landscapes, as well as figure studies and portraits. The 18 works comprising the exhibit include drawings, watercolors, etchings and acrylic paintings. All works have been completed in the last five years.

Murphy recently retired from teaching at Wagner College, having held the rank of professor of visual arts for the last 35 years. He has worked in many public collections, including most notably the British Museum, the Brooklyn Museum, the Baseball Hall of Fame and the Library of Congress.

The event is free and open to the public.

The Wagner Gallery is located in the Union Building on the campus of the college, at One Campus Rd., Grymes Hill. For further information kindly phone 917-678-2542.

## Universal Temple of the Arts' 'Love in Bloom'

"Love In Bloom" will summon the audience to explore the breadth, depth and power of love portraying a variety of artistic expressions of music, dance, visual art and poetry to convey love as the supreme emotion. Held at Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden (1000 Richmond Terrace, Livingston), gates open 5:30 p.m., with a musical performance at 7 and "Love in Bloom" at 8.

Admission: prime seating, \$25; adult (bring your own chair/picnic style), \$20; senior citizen, age 60+ (bring your own chair/picnic style), \$15; college student, valid ID (bring your own chair/picnic style), \$15; child, 17 years and under (bring your own chair/picnic style) \$10. Rain date is Sunday, May 26.

Purchase tickets by calling 718-273-5610 or email [info@utasi.org](mailto:info@utasi.org). Tickets also available

at venue entrance gates. For more info, visit [snug-harbor.org](http://snug-harbor.org).

## Richmond County Orchestra & USO Free Memorial Day Concert

As a tribute to veterans, the Richmond County Orchestra and the USO team up for a fun and fab evening of indoor patriotic music.

On tap will be music from the American Revolution, Civil War to World War I and II to contemporary tunes. The event runs from 8 to 9:30 p.m. and is hosted by the Richmond County Orchestra in the gymnasium of St. John's University (300 Howard Ave., Grymes Hill). This concert is free and open to all.

## Samijay at Staten Island Arts

Samijay will perform at the Divine Women Showcase at Staten Island Arts (23 Navy Pier Court, St. George). She will be joining other talented women, all sharing their original work. Seating is limited.

Staten Island Arts cultivates a diverse cultural community for the people of Staten Island by making the arts accessible to every member of the community; supporting and building recognition for artistic achievement and providing artists, organizations, and arts educators the technical, financial and social resources to encourage cultural production.

Get your tickets at [statenislandarts.org](http://statenislandarts.org).

## Muscle Car Cruise-In Night Presented By Venom Outlaws

The Muscle Car Cruise-In Night at Millie's of Staten Island returns. The event — which runs from 6 to 10 p.m. at Millie's of Staten Island (185 Bricktown Way, Charleston) — is open to all muscle, modern muscle, classic, antique, exotic, euro cars and trucks.

Dinner and drink specials will be available at Millie's of Staten Island.

And since members of the team behind Millie's are passionate about pizza and have "dueling ovens," both the coal fired and Nea-



Muscle cars will be on display at Millie's tonight. Courtesy, Dave Killen

politan styles are being offered. Phone Millie's at 929-284-4004 for more info.

## Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

The Staten Island Children's Museum will celebrate Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month and share the contributions of Asian-Americans in the military during special weekend art workshops.

Visitors will learn about the lives of Maggie Gee and Hazel Ying Lee, the Asian-American members of the Women Air Force Service Pilots. Check it out Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

The Staten Island Children's Museum is located on the grounds of Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden (1000 Richmond Terrace, Livingston). For further information phone 718-273-2060 or email [info@sichildrensmuseum.org](mailto:info@sichildrensmuseum.org), or visit [sichildrensmuseum.org](http://sichildrensmuseum.org).

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## Memorial Day Parade

The big draw this weekend is the Staten Island Memorial Day Parade that's set to step off at noon on Sunday on Forest Avenue.

The event is being hosted by the United Staten Island Veterans Organization, Inc. The Grand Marshal is Edward F. Rogers who is 92 years-young and a resident of Eltingville. He is one of the few WWII Seabees left on Staten Island. Kamilla Rovshanbekova of Dongan Hills was selected this year's Miss USIVO.

The event is funded in part by Borough President James Oddo, city Councilman Steven Matteo, Councilwoman Debi Rose, the NYC Dept. of Small Business Services, the NYC Dept. for the Aging, as well as from donations from Staten Islanders and veterans.

For additional information email [usivo2019@outlook.com](mailto:usivo2019@outlook.com).