

FIRST NIGHT MORRIS COUNTY 2010
New Jersey's Biggest and Brightest New Year's Eve Celebration

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FIRST NIGHT MORRIS ANNOUNCES NEW YEAR'S EVE STUDENT ART EXHIBIT:
Middle School Winners to be featured at
18th Annual First Night Morris County Celebration

To commemorate its 18th consecutive year of providing Morris and surrounding counties with New Jersey's largest New Year's Eve celebration of arts and culture, First Night Morris, Inc. announces a mask design contest for Morris County Middle School Art Students.

Winning designs from participating middle schools will be displayed throughout the evening of December 31st at the Morristown Masonic Lodge. Original mask designs are being submitted from students across Morris County including Madison Junior School, Ridgedale Middle School, Frelinghuysen Middle School, East Hanover Middle School, Mendham Township Middle School, Jefferson Township Middle School, Lincoln Park Middle School and Richard Butler School. There is still time for middle schools to participate, and the winning designers will receive free admission buttons to First Night.

"The mask design contest is a creative way to include area schools in First Night's elaborate celebration of visual and performing arts. The official First Night Morris mask logo has identified this - the State's largest celebration of its kind - for many years, and we felt that this would be an appropriate way to invite self expression from the talented young people who call Morris County home," explained First Night Morris Chair Debra Williams, from AAA New Jersey Automobile Club.

"Working with the county's many dedicated art teachers and principals has been an added bonus. I am so pleased to chair this wonderful outreach project on behalf of First Night Morris," added board member and Morristown Councilwoman Alison Deeb. "With the help and inspiration of Morristown resident and artist-in-residence at Temple B'nai Or Becky Conviser, I have no doubt the exhibit will be a great success."

Those who wish to view the winning masks can do so by purchasing a First Night admission button. Button holders will also enjoy their choice of more than 90 performances being offered at this year's First Night Morris County celebration. As always, one very affordable button grants access to all of our 26 mostly walkable venues throughout the evening and two fireworks displays. Attendees of all ages will find many exciting performance options, and shuttles are provided by Atlantic Health System between most venues for those who prefer not to walk.

Visit firstnightmorris.com for a full program of performances and admission prices.

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