



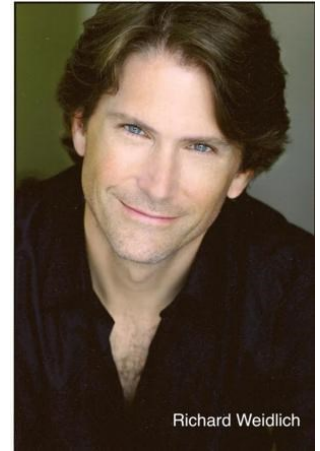
Events Calendar

Cocoa & Caroling Sunday, December 16th 3:00 — 5:00 PM

Back for a return engagement, the professional singer and actor Dr. Richard Weidlich will perform holiday classics and lead us in song. Stephanie Johnson will accompany on keyboard.

Dr. Weidlich has performed in opera, operetta and musical theater, as well as with symphonies and chamber ensembles. He is a professor at Sacred Heart University, teaching music classes and individual voice lessons. He has performed with the Summer Theatre of New Canaan as Sir Lancelet in Camelot, Professor Harold Hill in *The Music Man*, Max in *The Sound of Music* and the King in *Cinderella*. In addition, he teaches at the Performing Arts Conservatory in New Canaan and is the Director of Music at St. Francis Episcopal Church in North Stamford.

Join the festivities and enjoy refreshments, music and good cheer. The event is free to members and \$5 to nonmembers.



Richard Weidlich

WPA EXHIBIT TO OPEN JANUARY 11TH

A New Deal for the Arts: The Federal Art Project Era 1933-1943 opens on Friday, January 11 with a reception from 5-7pm. This exhibit includes work by Justin Gruelle, George Avison, Clifton Meek and others, as well as documents, posters, and historical information.

During the Depression of the 1930s, New Canaan experienced general, widespread unemployment, and the Town accepted relief from various governmental agencies set up under President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal. Funds for artists came from both the Public Works Art Project and the Works Progress Administration. Through these programs, art was commissioned for New Canaan's public places, including Town Hall and the public schools.

Come learn about this period in history where, for the first time, the United States Government subsidized artists. The exhibit will explore the impact the New Deal had on

the development of American art, including the growth of abstraction, on the conversation that continues to this day on the role of government in supporting the arts, and on the socio-economic implications of this artwork.

Events associated with this exhibit include a bus tour of WPA art in New Canaan and Norwalk led by art historian Ed Vollmer on January 30, and a talk by Betty Branch on February 10 discussing the role that New Canaan residents played in rescuing and restoring this New Deal art. Watch the e-newsletter for details.



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❄️ **WINTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018-2019** ❄️

Dec. 16	Sun.	Cocoa & Caroling	3:00 — 5:00 pm
25-26	Tues.- Wed.	Society Closed for Christmas Holiday	
Jan. 01	Tues.	Society Closed for New Year's Day	
07	Mon.	Board of Governors Meeting	7:00 pm
11	Fri.	WPA Exhibit Opens	5:00 — 7:00 pm
24	Thurs.	Donor Cocktail Party	6:00 — 8:00 pm
30	Wed.	WPA Art in Norwalk—Bus tour guided by Ed Vollmer	10:00 am — 2:00 pm
Feb. 04	Mon.	Board of Governors Meeting	7:00 pm
10	Sun.	Film <i>Rescuing and Restoring WPA Art in New Canaan</i> —Discussion with Betty Branch	3:00 — 4:30 pm
14	Thurs.	Valentine Tea	2:00 — 4:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SOCIETY IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC ON MONDAYS AND WILL BE CLOSED SATURDAY 12/22 AND 12/29.

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