

A New Museum, The Norwalk Art Space, Opens With a Celebration This Weekend

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The Norwalk Art Space, the area's newest museum, will open its doors to the public with a weekend-long celebration featuring a group exhibition, an outdoor live music festival, and the opening of the Art Space Cafe by celebrated Chef Bill Taibe.

— *an announcement from* [The Norwalk Art Space](#)

The museum, just north of the Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum in central Norwalk (off Exit 14), features a gallery, resident artists, classes, a sculpture garden and cafe, and musical performances.

Live music will be presented in our sculpture garden by a wide variety of musicians.

SEE ALSO: [A New Museum, Norwalk Art Space, Opens June 5 With Exhibit Tours, Outdoor Music, Sculpture Garden, Cafe](#) (May 9)

On Opening Weekend

The opening weekend will feature:

- A group exhibition by our Resident Artists and Korry Fellows, curated by Artistic Director Duvian Montoya, and Curatorial and Policy Advisor Nicole Sansone Ruiz, PhD.
- The opening of our Sculpture Garden, curated by sculptural curator Yvonne Shortt.

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- An outdoor live music festival, orchestrated by Musical Director David DeJesus, on June 5, 12pm - 7pm and June 6, 12pm - 5pm.
- The opening of the Art Space Cafe by celebrated Chef Bill Taibe.
- The opening of educational facilities under the supervision of Educational Directors Duvian Montoya and Darcy Hicks.
- The launch of our new website and social media platform headed by Director of Communication and Space Manager, Canyon Sharits, and Director of Design and Community Ambassador, Raf Santella (aka Five Fingaz).

Admission is free and open for all to enjoy.

Art Exhibition

Starting on June 5, The Norwalk Art Space will host its first exhibition, open to the public free of charge. The exhibition, curated by our Artistic Director Duvian Montoya, and Curatorial Advisor Nicole Sansone Ruiz, will feature select pieces from each of our four Resident Artists and five Korry Fellows, and will give the public a sample of the year ahead.

Community tours of the exhibition and space will take place at 1:30 and 4 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday with the artistic director and participating artists. The exhibition will last five weeks, through July 15, and will be followed by our first Korry Fellow Exhibition featuring Norwalk's own Jahmane West.

The Music

Saturday June 5 12pm - 7pm

12 - 1:15pm - Rebecca Haviland and Whiskey Heart

1:30 - 2:30pm - ADK House Tour w/ Duvian Montoya, Kelly Rossetti and Lizzy Rockwell

2:30 - 3:15pm - Mariachi Ensemble

3:15 - 4pm - Indian Tabla Group

4 - 5pm - ADK House Tour w/ Duvian Montoya, Lorena Sferlazza and Jahmane West

5:30 - 7pm - Big Sound Big Band

Sunday June 6 12pm - 5pm

12 - 1:15pm - Funky Dawgz

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1:30 - 2:30pm - ADK House Tour w/ Duvian Montoya, Tara Blackwell, Joseph Fucigna and Remy Sosa

2:30 - 3:15pm - Japanese Folk Dancer

3:15 - 4pm - St. Lukes Steel Pan Band

4 - 5pm - ADK House Tour w/ Duvian Montoya, Yvonne Shortt, Francisco Mandujano

Our music program is designed to provide high caliber music education to underserved students and to enhance Norwalk's musical landscape. Under the leadership of our Musical Director, David DeJesus, we will offer free classes, interactive workshops and performances featuring top-notch Connecticut musicians. We hope to create a community outlet for local music by developing young musicians and providing opportunities to seasoned professionals.

"It was such an honor curating this opening festival for the Norwalk Art Space. I hope the Norwalk community enjoys the eclectic mix of musical genres from around the world featuring musicians and performers from Connecticut and beyond."

David DeJesus

Norwalk Art Space Music Director

[Norwalk, CT., May 24, 2021]: The Norwalk Art Space is pleased to announce that it will open its doors to the public on June 5, 2021, 12pm - 7pm. The opening follows an 18-month redevelopment and remodeling of the building , named **ADK House**, after its founder Alexandra Davern Korry (1959-2020).

The Norwalk Art Space is located adjacent to Mathews Park at 455 West Avenue in Norwalk, Connecticut.

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“The Norwalk Art Space is a wonderful addition to our community. Norwalk is a vibrant place with a deep connection to the arts, museums, galleries, and culture, and the Norwalk Art Space is a perfect fit in a truly unique location. Students, artists, and visitors all have a place to enjoy and experience right in their own community. Many thanks to Alexandra Korry, and congratulations to Duvian, Canyon and the entire Norwalk Art Space team — we are thrilled to have this new museum in Norwalk.” said Norwalk Mayor Harry W. Rilling.

“The arts play an integral role in our communities. Our galleries and museums not only serve as institutions of inspiration and education but also sources of enrichment. That is why I am so excited to mark the opening of the Norwalk Art Space! The Norwalk Art Space will be a place that celebrates the work of artists across mediums and will expose visitors to new creative and innovative heights. I can’t wait for the community to experience all the Norwalk Art Space has to offer,” said Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz.

About our First Art Exhibition and our Resident Artists and Korry Fellows

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Our inaugural Korry Fellows, whose work will be exhibited, are:

- Tara Blackwell - Woman empowering pop artist - Stamford/Norwalk - <https://www.bwellstudios.com/about>
- Joe Fucigna - Multimedia abstract sculptor/painter - Redding/Norwalk - <https://www.fucigna.com/>
- Lizzy Rockwell - Book illustrator and quilt maker - Bridgeport/Norwalk - <https://www.lizzyrockwell.com/the-all-together-quilt>
- Kelly Rossetti - Abstract expressionist painter - Westport - <https://www.kellyrossetti.com/>
- Jahmane West - Socially aware multimedia artist - Norwalk - <https://www.artofjahmane.com/>

Our inaugural Resident Artists, whose work will also be exhibited, are:

- Francisco Mandujano - Sculptor/creature creator - Norwalk - <https://www.youtube.com/c/FrankyDCrafter/about>,
- Lorena Sferlazza - Contemporary painter/photographer - Norwalk - <https://www.lorenasferlazza.com/>
- Remy Sosa - Mixed media painter and collage artist - Norwalk - <https://www.needsrum.space/mixed-media>
- Emily Teall - Multimedia sculptor/painter and installation artist - Stamford - <https://www.emilyteall.com/>

Korry Fellows and Resident Artists were selected through a rigorous, highly-competitive process for their artistic excellence, talent, body of work, reputation in the community, and interest in teaching, mentoring and public engagement.

About our Sculpture Garden

Our sculpture garden, curated by Yvonne Shortt, is intended to be a dynamic link between The Norwalk Art Space museum and the adjoining community. The garden aims to inspire interaction and conversation in an artistic, welcoming environment. We have one permanent sculpture and three rotating sculptures which will change every two years. There will be public programming associated with each piece and around public art in general, as well as educational programs offering hands-on learning. The sculptures exhibited for our opening year include:

- A permanent sculpture by Connecticut-based artist, Gilbert Boro, titled “After the Race III”, which evokes memories of sailing on Long Island Sound.
- Curator Yvonne Shortt’s “Afro Pick: Don’t Go, Don’t Grow,” which draws from her own experiences as both a mother and a daughter. It depicts a moment of transition; of taking ownership and letting go. It does so using an afro pick base, an object with a rich 5,500 cultural history.
- Yves Francois Wilson’s “Janus of the Hollow,” which documents the artist’s grandfather’s journey from serving as a young Marine in South Carolina to working as one of the first black foremen at a shipyard in Bridgeport, Connecticut.
- Resident Artist Emily Teall’s “Tulip Bulb,” which draws on natural imagery of bulbs and wombs to evoke a gestation period in which the visitor can grow through introspection and reflection before emerging into the community.