

STORM KING ART CENTER

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STORM KING ART CENTER HOSTS 8TH ANNUAL SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION ON JUNE 22, 2019 TICKETS ON SALE NOW



WHEN

Saturday, June 22, 2019

WHERE

Storm King Art Center, 1 Museum Road, New Windsor, NY 12553

WHAT

Storm King Art Center's annual Summer Solstice Celebration is the Hudson Valley's premier summertime event, featuring a cocktail reception and a gourmet farm-to-table dinner in the Art Center's picturesque landscape. The festive affair will treat guests to private tours of the grounds and special viewings of the 2019 exhibitions, *Mark Dion: Follies* and *Outlooks: Jean Shin*.

The evening will also feature a special live performance by activist orchestra The Dream Unfinished, who previously performed at Storm King in 2018. The piece *Epos: soundscape for thousands*, was an activation of *The peo-ple cried mer-cy in the storm*, a site specific sculpture by Allison Janae Hamilton.

EVENING ITINERARY

5:00–7:00 pm: Reception including cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and exhibition viewings

7:30 pm: Dinner in the Fields

9:00 pm: Dessert

FOOD

The gourmet, regionally-sourced menu will be designed by Gail Simmons, cookbook author, Special Projects Director at *Food & Wine*, and Judge on Bravo's *Top Chef*. Gail and Chef Shelley Boris of Fresh Company and Dolly's will collaborate on a farm-to-table meal inspired by the local region, Storm King's site, and the 2019 exhibitions.

Simmons said, "I am so honored and excited to create a special meal inspired by the stunning art and landscape of Storm King Art Center, and serve it under the stars in such a majestic setting. The menu is a playful, hyper-seasonal invitation for guests to experience the grounds and exhibitions anew. I hope the dinner will spark conversation about the works, ignite imaginations, and convey my deep love and appreciation for the Hudson Valley!"

SUMMER SOLSTICE CO-CHAIRS

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CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

David Brooks & Tora López, Beth Ann Coulton, Kelli & Jason Cross, Lauri & Douglas Freedman, Allison Janae Hamilton, Sarah Levine & William Jess Laird, Meredith Westgate Russo & Teddy Mathias, Judy Sund & Scott Gilbert, Georgia Wright & Sky Shepard

EXHIBITIONS ON VIEW

For the 2019 season, Storm King Art Center presents *Mark Dion: Follies*, the first exhibition to unite Mark Dion's signature folly works into a major survey. Also on view this season will be *Outlooks: Jean Shin*, a site-specific installation, utilizing salvaged maple trees in response to an ongoing revitalization project along Storm King's historic Maple Allée.

TICKETS

All proceeds benefit Storm King's exhibitions and programs. For ticketing information, please visit www.stormkingsummersolstice.org or e-mail summersolstice@stormkingartcenter.org.

Attendees can join the Storm King Circle, an exciting group for art enthusiasts ages twenty-one to forty-five, for exclusive Summer Solstice ticket pricing and access to special year-round programming at Storm King, in New York City, and beyond. For more information, please visit <https://stormking.org/circle/>.

ESCAPE TO THE HUDSON VALLEY

Make the most of your journey to the Summer Solstice and plan a Hudson Valley weekend. Check out stormkingsummersolstice.org/planyourweekend for lodging discounts, restaurant recommendations, and featured cultural and outdoor experiences. Purchasing a ticket to Summer Solstice grants access to the Art Center's grounds from Friday, June 21 through Sunday, June 23.

SPECIAL THANKS

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Aēsop will generously be providing full-sized gifts to all Solstice attendees, Fever-Tree will collaborate with Hudson Whiskey and Hendrick's to provide a range of craft cocktails with premium mixers, and Channing Daughters Winery will donate a selection of their sustainable wine offerings.

ABOUT STORM KING ART CENTER

Storm King Art Center is a 500-acre outdoor museum located in New York's Hudson Valley, where visitors experience large-scale sculpture and site-specific commissions under open sky. Since 1960, Storm King has been dedicated to stewarding the hills, meadows, and forests of its site and surrounding landscape. Building on the visionary thinking of its founders, Storm King supports artists and some of their most ambitious works. Changing exhibitions, programming, and seasons offer discoveries with every visit.

Storm King's 2019 season runs from April 3 through December 8, 2019. For more information, please visit: www.stormking.org.

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