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#### Showcase the Arts Returns to New Hope

*NEW HOPE, Pa. (July 29, 2010)* -- Showcase the Arts returns to New Hope, Pa., Friday, Aug. 20 through Sunday, Aug. 29, 2010.

Hosted by New Hope Arts, Inc., the weekend of art, food and fun features a photographic exhibition, children's activities, a self-guided gallery and *plein air* painting tour of the New Hope area and the culinary arts event of the year, "Savor New Hope", a smorgasbord of entertainment and signature culinary delights from some of New Hope's and the surrounding area's finest restaurants.

Showcase the Arts kicks off Friday, Aug. 20 from 12-5 p.m. with "New Hope: In Character," a photographic exhibition of some of New Hope's most distinguished "characters" by award-winning freelance photographer Bob Krist. An official opening reception will take place Friday, Aug. 27 from 7- 9 p.m. with wine and light refreshments. Tickets are \$15 per person. "New Hope: In Character" runs through Aug. 29, 2010, with modified gallery hours (visit [www.newhopearts.org](http://www.newhopearts.org) for details).

On Saturday, Aug. 28, the Free Library of New Hope Solebury will host children's activities from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at its location on Ferry Street in New Hope.

On Saturday and Sunday, visitors to New Hope can participate in a free self-guided tour of local art galleries and on-location *plein air* artists. New Hope Arts will provide a map and guide of all *plein air* painting locations and a listing of local galleries. Also on Saturday and Sunday well-know local photographer Rick Gould will lead a group of photography novices on a stroll up the Delaware & Raritan Canal for some interesting "shooting." Wanna-be photographers must sign-up in advance and bring their own equipment. Tickets are \$15 and include professional guidance and coaching.

The weekend culminates on Sunday, Aug. 29 from 6-9 p.m. with “Savor New Hope,” a perpetual favorite summer culinary event. Stockton Avenue will be closed to through traffic to accommodate this feast for the senses. More than a dozen local restaurant chefs will treat guests to specialty dishes and local wineries and breweries will provide libations. A banjo-accompanied sing-a-long will end the evening. Great food and drink, lively singing and lots of fun and laughter promise to make “Savor New Hope” another unforgettable New Hope event. Tickets are \$45 in advance and \$55 the day of the event. Savor tickets include free entry to the “New Hope: In Character” opening Friday, Aug. 27.

Showcase the Arts is partially sponsored by the Bucks County Conference and Business Bureau. Detailed Showcase the Arts information and ticket sales are available on the New Hope Arts website, [www.NewHopeArts.org](http://www.NewHopeArts.org). Proceeds raised from Showcase the Arts fund New Hope Arts, Inc. programs.

**New Hope Arts, Inc.**, a 501(c)(3) organization, is located in the well known arts destination of New Hope, Bucks County, Pa., presents events that reach a broad audience and create an open, inviting environment in which the public can enjoy art. New Hope Arts sponsors events that focus on New Hope’s rich cultural heritage and showcase the exciting and diverse group of contemporary artists who live and work in the community. New Hope Arts, Inc. is funded in part by grants from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, Pennsylvania Partners for the Arts and the 5 County Arts Fund administered by the Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance, the Borough of New Hope, the New Hope Chamber of Commerce, Bucks County Conference and Visitors Bureau and donations from numerous individuals and businesses in the community.

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