

# Fairfield celebrates 375 years with vibrant arts and culture

As the town of Fairfield celebrates our 375th anniversary this year, we are proud to honor and highlight the multitude of arts and culture that make our community so vibrant and a wonderful place to live and work.

Fairfield has become a destination for our many exciting and quality arts and cultural programs and events. Some of the places in town to visit include our Fairfield Museum and History Center, Fairfield Theatre Company, Fairfield University and Sacred Heart University, Pequot Library, the Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield Woods Branch Library and the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce and Art/Place. The musical events, galleries and dance schools, as well as the individual artistic talents, also make our town highly attractive.

In 2012, a first selectman's Fairfield arts advisory committee was launched to bring together the many wonderful arts and cultural talents, events and programs our town offers.

A 375th anniversary committee, comprised of volunteer residents and community leaders, was launched last spring. The committee has planned exciting events for Fairfield residents throughout 2014 to celebrate the town's rich history and create new memories for current and future generations.

Fairfield continues to be a strong supporter of the arts and cultural scene and invites residents and visitors alike to continue to enjoy and learn from the many outstanding individuals and organizations that make our community so special. The arts and culture in Fairfield not only helps contribute to our economic tax base, but also enriches our quality of life.

The town thanks the Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County for giving us another opportunity to invite the public to participate in any or all of the events and programs offered by Fairfield's impressive arts and cultural organizations.

Take the time to discover or rediscover all the things that make Fairfield a most special community. For more information on arts and culture in Fairfield, the public is encouraged to contact the first selectman's office at (203) 256-3030 or visit our website at [fairfieldct.org](http://fairfieldct.org).



First Selectman  
**Michael C. Tetreau**

The mission of the Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County is to support cultural organizations, artists and creative businesses by providing promotion, services and advocacy.

For more information, visit [CulturalAllianceFC.org](http://CulturalAllianceFC.org) or email [infoCulturalAllianceFC.org](mailto:infoCulturalAllianceFC.org) or call 256-2329. For events lists, visit [FCBuzz.org](http://FCBuzz.org).



## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT Fairfield

### STARS ALIGN TO SALUTE FAIRFIELD

Join the Fairfield Theatre Company Wednesday, Jan. 29, as it kicks off the town of Fairfield's 375th anniversary. Sponsored by Brody Wilkinson, local rock legends Chris Frantz and Tina Weymouth, founders of the Talking Heads, will host an evening of music headlined by some of their favorite local performers: The Zambonis, Caravan of Thieves and Mystic Bowie. Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime musical experience that supports FTC and the Fairfield Museum and History Center.



Fairfield Theatre Company, in the heart of downtown Fairfield, presents nearly 250 performances and concerts each year. FTC's intimate 200-seat StageOne venue is widely recognized as one of the best places to see a live performance in the region. FTC is dedicated to providing the highest quality arts, entertainment and educational experiences to the communities we serve. For more information, visit [fairfieldtheatre.org](http://fairfieldtheatre.org).

### HISTORIC FAIRFIELD DISPLAYED INTERACTIVELY

The Fairfield Museum and History Center will be at the forefront of the town's anniversary celebration, with full



**Creating Community:**  
Exploring 375 Years of Our Past

calendar of exhibitions, programs, lectures and family events. On view throughout the year is a new, major exhibition, "Creating Community: Exploring 375 Years of Our Past," which invites visitors to see, hear, touch and truly experience what life was like in our area from the 1600s on, as they walk through six chronologically organized sections and participate in the interactive, hands-on exhibits and view rare artifacts.

Fairfield Museum and History Center is a privately supported, nonprofit museum established in 2007 by the 103-year old Fairfield Historical Society. The 13,000 square-foot museum, inspired architecturally by the historic warehouses along Southport harbor, includes modern galleries, a research library, a museum shop and community spaces overlooking Fairfield's historic Town Green. The Fairfield Museum welcomes more than 15,000 visitors annually; it believes in the power of history to inspire the imagination, stimulate thought and transform society. Visit [fairfieldhistory.org](http://fairfieldhistory.org) for more information.

### ARTS FOR THE MIND AT FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY

Join Fairfield University's Quick Center for the Arts Open VISIONS Forum when A.O. Scott, chief film critic for The New York Times, takes the stage for an evening of insight and conversation. As a journalist and film critic, Scott has been at the forefront of discussion of American and international film, stirring the pot of conversation with keen insights and distinctive points of view.

The Open VISIONS Forum is Fairfield University's

signature lecture series. It is a public outreach program engaging the "life of the mind" with the community. As a valuable point of contact between the Connecticut audience and the university, Open VISIONS Forum underscores Fairfield's role of bringing academic excellence into the intellectual, cultural, ethical and spiritual dimensions of contemporary life. For more information, visit the website [fairfield.edu/arts/quickcenterforthearts/](http://fairfield.edu/arts/quickcenterforthearts/).

Visit [FCBuzz.org](http://FCBuzz.org) for more information on events and how to get listed.



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