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Local Community Enjoy Local Sights, Sounds and Flavors in newly renovated historic building

Hamilton Township, NJ – On Saturday October 21, 2017, Isles welcomed around 400 guests, vendors, staff and volunteers to an evening of eclectic local food, drink, arts, and entertainment at the new Social Profit Center at Mill One. The fundraiser invited guests to savor the flavor of the local community and celebrate Isles and the renovated, formerly vacant historic mill. Fall Fest showcased local restaurants, offering a variety of locally sourced and inspired entrees and desserts, as well as NJ specialties including local wine, craft brews, cider and more. It was truly a special night as the building came to life as guests enjoyed the tastes, sights and sounds of the local Trenton community, whilst touring rejuvenated Mill One spaces.

As guests arrived, they were treated to the incredible skills of the Trenton Circus Squad and had the opportunity to roam the building listening to local musicians and viewing artists at work. Dinner offered guests a chance to sample a range of dishes from many local favorites as well as more recently established vendors, such as the Trenton Junior Chefs program. This catering group supplied a menu that incorporated Isles’ seasonal produce (that they helped harvest) and Isles’ very own honey. As program founder and Executive Director of the Shiloh Community Development Corporation, Marie Thelusma-Chase, commented, “The Trenton Junior Chef were so excited upon arrival...the venue was spectacular and the event was so well attended. They definitely enjoyed serving the guests.”

Mill One artist-in-residence, Malcolm Bray worked on a large-scale canvas in his studio, one of several artist spaces in the new Social Profit Center. “The energy and potential is tremendous...a diamond in the rough,” says Bray about the new space. Guests were able to watch artists at work in a variety of medium including sculpture, graffiti and tattoo inspired art, and watercolors, whilst sipping signature cocktails with locally sourced ingredients or trying the NJ wine, beer and cider providers. They were also able to discover more about the work Isles does through a series of interactive pop up exhibits and learn the story of the stunning large brick and timber frame 1894 factory building through large scale galleries exhibited throughout.

Jazz guitarist Dick Gratton was one of the featured performers and has a personal connection to a previous tenant of Mill One. His mother, Geraldine Gratton, worked for Atlantic Products Co. from about 1946 to 1952. Mr. Gratton would pick her up from work to return to their neighborhood just a few blocks away. Fall Fest brought him back to a reimagined and revitalized Mill One to perform alongside other talented local musicians.

During the evening, guests learned about Isles’ Social Profit Center at Mill One, which is bringing together social impact businesses, nonprofits, and arts spaces under one roof, offering flexible office, warehouse, studio and event spaces. Fall Fest also saw community partners mingle and share in the night

of celebration bringing together friends and organizations from the Trenton area together in the newly refurbished historic building. Isles' Chief Development Officer Corey Waldron says, "We're proud to bring together such a diverse, unique group of supporters and partners to celebrate Isles' work and show off the progress we've made at Mill One. Fall Fest provided us with a glimpse of what's to come. The energy created by bringing people together in the Social Profit Center will create opportunities for improved services and deepened impact throughout our region."

Please see below for a full list of sponsors, vendors and participants in Isles Fall Fest 2017. To learn more about Isles, Mill One, or see pictures from the event and more about those who participated please visit www.isles.org/fallfest. Preparations for Fall Fest 2018 are already underway, you can also sign up for the Isles newsletter through the website to stay up-to-date on plans. For more information, please contact Karen Hollywood at KHollywood@isles.org or 609-341-4722.

Fall Fest 2017

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Food and Drink at Fall Fest

1911 SmokeHouse Bar-B-Que, Trenton—Smoked American BBQ
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BAI, Trenton
Café Seventy-Two/ Cugino's, Ewing—American and Italian
Franca Bakery, Trenton—Baked treats
Health is Wealth Restaurant and Juice Bar, Trenton—Vegetarian/Vegan
Ila Mae's, Trenton—Soul food
Italian Peoples Bakery, Trenton—Italian desserts
Jersey Cider Works, Newark
La Cabaña Bakeshop and Restaurant, Trenton—Latin American
Mamma Flora's, Ewing—Neighborhood Italian
Occasions by Cintron, Princeton – Global Cuisines ~ Locally Sourced
Party Tray's Etc. by Judy, Lawrenceville—Tea, coffee and fruit and herb infused water
River Horse Brewery, Ewing
Sourland Distillery – Hopewell
Studio B Bakery and Bistro, Trenton—New Orleans style
The Cheesecake Lady, Hamilton Square—Homemade cheesecakes
The Dapper Chef, Trenton—Caribbean
The Referend Bier Blendery, Hopewell
Trenton Junior Chefs, Trenton—Seasonally inspired catering
Valenzano Winery, Shamong

Artists - Fall Fest

Liz Amaral – acrylic and ink

Malcolm Bray – abstract acrylics

Jonathan Conner (LANK) - spray paint stencils and watercolor

Stampy Goblyn – sketch, ink and paint tattoo style art

Leon Rainbow - graffiti and morphed with fine art

Eric Schultz - found object sculpture

Fall Fest Musical Line Up

Ceilidh Madigan (Saxophone)

Connor Choi (Singer /songwriter)

Dick Gratton (Jazz guitar) with singer **Kim Rogers**

Krystina Francine (Contemporary singer and pianist)

Michael Bernabe and **Elizabeth Amaral** (Live jazz)

Robert Ruffis (Bass)

Sean Kelly (Singer/songwriter, upright bass and guitar)

DJ ItsJustAhmad

About Isles:

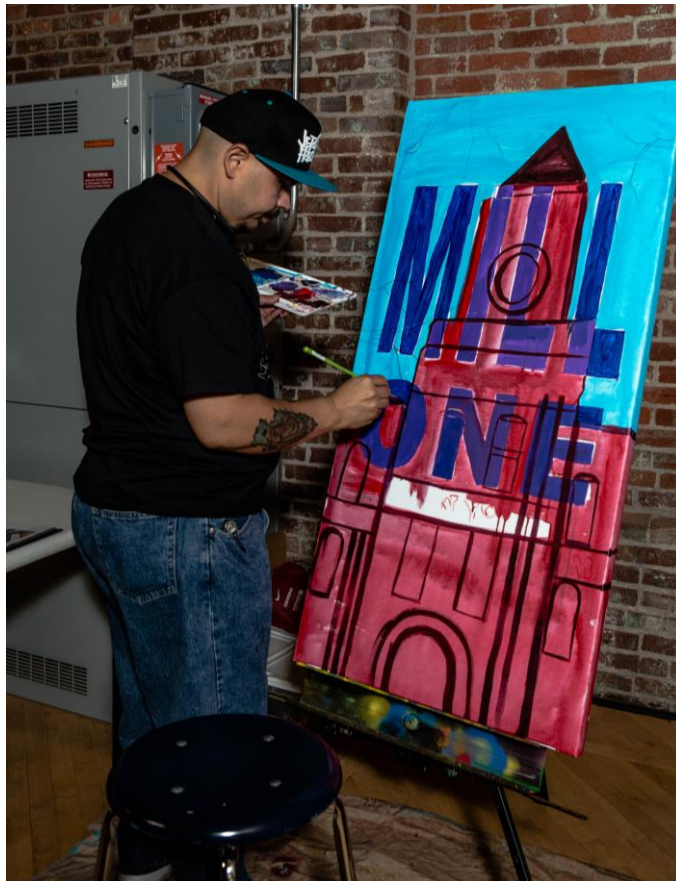
Founded in 1981, Isles, Inc. is a community development and environmental organization designed to foster self-reliant families and healthy, sustainable communities. Isles revitalizes communities, builds wealth, educates and trains, and creates healthy homes and spaces. Beyond its central New Jersey base, Isles works to influence policy and helps others build healthy, self-help approaches. For more information, visit www.isles.org



Trenton native Dick Gratton, jazz guitarist, was joined by singer Kim Rogers



left to right - Rachel Sandoval, and *Crystal Agüero* of the Trenton Junior Chefs served dishes prepared with Isles' garden produce and honey. TJC joined nine other local restaurants serving entrees, along with five dessert stations.



Artist Leon Rainbow at work on a piece inspired by Mill One