

## Asylum Hill Artists Present!

On June 17<sup>th</sup> the month long celebration of diverse art and artists in Asylum Hill began. As the posters and flyers say, “Asylum Hill Artists Present: A Celebration of Arts and Culture in Asylum Hill”, that is just what has and will be happening. The event on Tuesday featured visual art of many media and styles by more than 20 artists as well as music by Sinan Bakir and an act from their new play *Jimmy & Loraine* by Hartbeat Ensemble and culinary art by Capitol View Deli. Well over 100 people turned out for the event and photos from the evening began turning up on Facebook - *Asylum Hill Living* before morning. You can find more at <https://goo.gl/photos/cADjaBV6eFC2TKM36> But like a cup that's overflowing, this Month-long event can't hold everything that's happening.

On June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, **Spectrum in Motion**, the dance troupe working from the Boys & Girls Club performed *Sumayaw Sa Lahat* “Everybody is Dancing”. It was a wonderful performance featuring both the seasoned dancers and newer students. Photos can be seen at <https://goo.gl/photos/FAGJFHKg3Np4UFAm8>

Then, on both the 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, The Hartford hosted members of the Hartford Symphony to perform a lunchtime concert at the newly dedicated Liam E. McGee Memorial Park. The Jazz performance was especially enjoyable and the children from the Catholic Charities daycare joined in with egg shakers to fill out the rhythm section. Photos from this event are available at <https://goo.gl/photos/xE8zQxPWU1H17AHZA>

On the 13<sup>th</sup>, the dancers from Hartford City Ballet performed *Snow White* at the Aetna Theater at the Wadsworth, to a very supportive audience. The multicultural cast, reflected perfectly the multicultural attendance, and left little question that classical ballet has and continues to evolved in Hartford. Photos from that event will be available soon.

And finally, an enthusiastic crowd at Hamilton Heights had the double pleasure of contributing to a really worthwhile cause (the Fresh Start Pallet Products Project) and hearing Bob Lally and David Eberly perform a selection of Broadway show tunes and selections from the Great American Songbook. The concert took place in the beautiful 100-year-old library, which was originally the chapel of a Catholic School for girls. Several photos are available at <https://goo.gl/photos/cADjaBV6eFC2TKM36>

If you're feeling like you've missed everything, take heart, There's more opportunities to come, including several Farmer's Markets on the lawn just west of the Mark Twain House on Farmington Ave. on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14 of July and at the Stowe Center on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

There will also be the Multi-cultural Fashion Show on June 25<sup>th</sup> and the closing reception on July 8<sup>th</sup>, both at 555 Asylum. Hope to see you there.