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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## ANNUAL 'MEET ME IN MORRISTOWN' HITS THE SIDEWALKS ON LAST THURSDAYS OF MAY – AUGUST, ARTIST SUBMISSIONS STILL OPEN

**Morristown, NJ** – (May 12, 2022) Morristown Partnership and Morris Arts will host Meet Me in Morristown (MMiM), a summer event that promotes arts and culture, as well as the downtown economy. MMiM will take place on the last Thursday of every month, which includes May 26, June 30, July 28 and August 25. The rain date will be the following day, on Friday. Morristown business sidewalk sales will run from 11AM to 8PM throughout the town and entertainment and artists from 5PM to 9PM alternating locations every month on the Morristown Green (in May and July) and Vail Mansion Lawn (in June and August).

"This year we are back to a full four-month schedule, beginning in May, partnering with Morris Arts to bring the community together for this much-anticipated event," said Jennifer Wehring, executive director at the Morristown Partnership. "By combining our business and arts communities, Meet Me in Morristown promotes our downtown, fosters entrepreneurship, highlights area artists and promises a lively and fun night out for everyone," Wehring added.

Meet Me in Morristown will transform the downtown into a center for art, music and fun with artists and performers. Select visual artists will showcase and sell their artwork while Morristown businesses remain open later and host sidewalk sales and demonstrations by their businesses.

On May 26, our first featured band of the MMiM series, <u>Fish Eyed Blues</u> will perform on the Morristown Green. Fish Eyed Blues plays a variety of blues/rock music including Stones, Creme, Hendrix, Clapton, Wilburys, ZZ Top, Allman Brothers, BB King and more. Opening for them will be The Flipcharts.

## **Artist & Business Call:**

There is still time for artists and businesses to participate (May deadline is May 20, 2022) in MMiM. If you are an **artist** who wants to show and sell your artwork, visit Morristown **businesses** who want to participate should visit Morristown Partnership's website.

"We are so excited to bring back a full season of Meet Me in Morristown" said Tom Werder, executive director at Morris Arts. "This unique partnership of local businesses, government, artists and arts organizations is a great example of how Morris Arts fulfills its mission to build community through the arts."

All activities will operate in compliance with state public-health guidelines, as well as local directives.

Visit MeetMeInMorristown.com for additional details.



**Morristown Partnership** is a Special Improvement District (SID) created in 1994, designated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. It supports Morristown's vibrant business district by developing private/public partnerships among business, government, civic and community members. It is self-funded partly through special assessments on commercial properties located in the SID, foundation and/or government grants, promotional participation, sponsorships for community events and financial & in-kind donations. The Morristown Partnership consists of more than 400 commercial properties and 1,000+ businesses physically located in the SID. If you would like more information on The Morristown Partnership, please visit the website at <a href="https://www.morristown-nj.org">www.morristown-nj.org</a> or call at 973-455-1133 for business opportunities in downtown Morristown.



## **Morris Arts**

Morris Arts in a nonprofit organization that has been fulfilling its mission of "building community through the arts" for nearly 50 years. They bring communities together through a series of family-friendly art events including Pumpkin Illumination, Meet Me in Morristown, the Giralda Music & Arts Festival, Music Beyond Borders, Morris Arts Fest and more. In addition to their Arts in Community initiatives, Morris Arts' Arts in Education programs impact thousands of students in the County and beyond through their signature in-depth artist residencies and assemblies. They provide life-changing mentoring programs for economically underserved students from pre-k through high school. Morris Arts also curates and maintains two art galleries which host multiple exhibits throughout the year showcasing a diverse range of art by local artists. Providing access to meaningful artistic experiences for all Morris County residents, Morris Arts' reach includes people of all ages, means and backgrounds and has an estimated total industry impact of more than \$11.4 million. Learn more about Morris Arts by visiting morrisarts.org or following them on social media @morrisartsnj.