

# First-Ever PortFest Receives Rave Reviews From The Community

Thousands attended the first-ever PortFest, an outdoor celebration of local artists and supporting creative arts education in Port Washington Public Schools.

The festival, which took place at Schreiber High School in Port Washington on Saturday, May 19, was made possible by the community organization, HEARTS (Helping Enrich the Arts).

Supervisor Jon Kaiman and Councilwoman De Giorgio attended the celebration, which included performances by the Schreiber Jazz Ensemble, seven local bands, art exhibits, improv performances and even a technology tent where residents were challenged to a variety of brain teasers.

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Supervisor Jon Kaiman along with HEARTS founder Damon Gersh.



(L to R): Councilwoman De Giorgio, Nassau County Legislator Wayne Wink and Town Clerk Leslie Gross.



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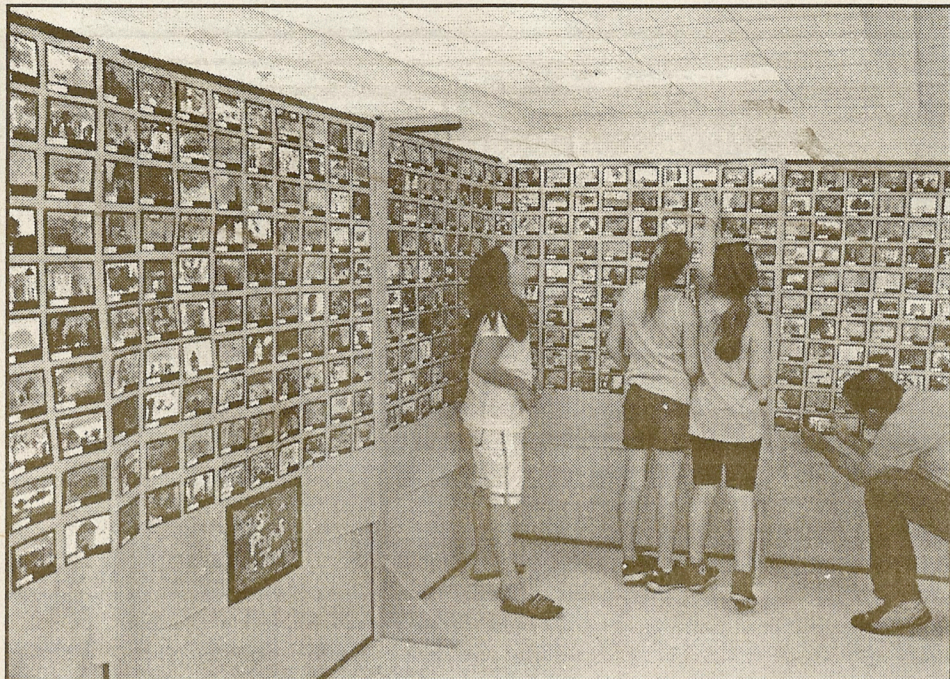
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"I was pleased to have the opportunity to support PortFest," said Councilwoman De Giorgio. "The members of the HEARTS organization should be proud of their accomplishments. I thank them for their commitment to our community and look forward to working with them on many more events in the

future."

HEARTS founder Damon Gersh said, "PortFest was all about raising awareness of the arts in Port Washington. We want Port to be known as the cultural center of Long Island."

Community liaison for HEARTS and coordinator of Port Fest, Leigh Richards, exclaimed, "I had a blast getting to know the people that make this town so great!"



The Sousa Elementary School art display.

Photo by Ellen Cohen



A Klezmer band performed during PortFest.

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The mixed choir.

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Kids enjoyed art projects that were offered during the day.

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A little girl plays the drums.

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