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**"BUNNY HOP TEA" A Spring Arts Extravaganza for Children and the Young of Heart
at the Doctor's Inn, April 24th**

Cape May Court House. The pre-civil War Doctor's Inn at 2 North Main St. in the heart of Cape May Court House, will play host to Access to Art's 2nd Beatrix Potter "Bunny Hop Tea," which was previously presented by them in 2007 to two sold out audiences. Featured at the tea will be Barton Singer, who recently performed in *"As You Like It,"* in area schools who will present four children's songs. Bart has spent fifty years collecting and singing English, Irish, and Scottish love songs, along with Shakespearian and Elizabethan art songs. The Doctor's Inn was built by Daniel Hand, who also built the Old Court House, for his daughter, Daniela, and Dr. John Wiley.

On April 24th, at 12 noon, and again at 2 p.m., Access will present the Bunny Hop Tea, a charming children's event featuring music, delicious tea sandwiches, pastries, and tea, hot chocolate, and lemonade. Following each tea, in the Old Court House, Alison J. Murphy, who performs for East Lynne Theatre Company, will portray Beatrix Potter. Jim Maher, who has performed in over 41 productions for South Jersey Regional Theatre, will portray her brother Bertram; both actors will regale children and their parents, grandparents and relatives with tales from Beatrix Potter including the perennial childhood favorite, Peter Rabbit. Adults are \$25. and children \$10. Since the event is catered, the Doctor's Inn needs a head count for food. Call 465-3963 to reserve seats. "The former event was very popular, and people begged us to do it again. Because of the availability of the actors, we were unable to do it until now." said Barbara Beitel, Access to Art, Inc. Director. "Maggie Strawley, who just graduated from Townsend College with a BFA in dance, will be our chairman for the event." Beitel said. "Maggie teaches at her childhood studio, Dance Dynamics, where she began dancing for Mary Beth Clark as a child." Beitel said. The event is a fund raiser for Access to Art's Summer Chamber Music Festival and upcoming Renaissance Faire.

Guests will enjoy music during the tea by Bart Singer, who, for fifty years, has collected English, Irish, and Scottish love songs, along with Shakespearian and Elizabethan art songs. He has been a solo performer in the annual Philadelphia Folk Festival. Bart was a member of an early music and Elizabethan music group at Glassboro State College (now Rowan). In the 80's and 90's, he was a participant in a bi-monthly Irish music group. Recently Access to Art featured a production of *"As You Like It,"* by William Shakespeare in area schools. Bart sang the Elizabethan ballads in the production. "Bart has a lovely voice, good taste in selecting beautiful songs, and sings them with sensitivity and creativity." Beitel said. "He will also perform in our October Renaissance Festival in Cape May." "We invite the community to join us in the

celebration of childhood innocence, good manners, and fun as we invoke imagination with the acting, song, and dance of our talented participants." Checks may be sent to Access to Art at 417 E. Pacific Ave., Cape May Court House, N.J. 08210. Reservations should be made in advance by calling (609) 465-3963. "Head counts are necessary, because the food is being prepared especially for the event by caterers." Beitel said.