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SUNSET CRUISE CHANGES DATE TO WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH, FOR ACCESS TO ART, INC. FUNDRAISER

AVALON. Access to Art, a N.J. not for profit, will go down to the sea in ships on the Ms. Avalon again this year. Access to Art will move the date of their sunset cruise from Thursday, August 6th to Wednesday, August 12th for their second annual cruise event to benefit the arts. "We are sorry to change the date, particularly since we had so much information out about it, but we couldn't avoid it. Thursdays, it turns out are allocated to deep sea fishing by Ms. Avalon, which they hadn't known in the Spring, when we set the date with them, so we will return to Wednesday, August 12th. It is a wonderful party boat, and a very good time, and we are looking forward to it again. Jerry Hurd and Diane Finore Hurd are gracious hosts. It's a smooth ride in the back bays with a gorgeous sunset. We are planning a smashing event, with Lisa Di Bruno, disc jockey on the upper level of the boat, and Bart Singer, singing some Irish love songs, ballads, and sonnets below. Bart has a beautiful voice and he has been singing for about 30 years or so in the Philadelphia area. Our chef is planning hors d'oeuvres of a Caribbean variety and we will have wine and beer to quench people's thirsts, plus soft drinks." said Barbara Beitel, of Access to Art, Inc. "We hope to have a magnificent sunset as we cruise the backbays of Avalon and see all the porches of summer, and visit the nooks and crannies of Avalon on the water. Tickets are \$50., and include food, beverages and entertainment, to say nothing of the boat ride." Beitel said. "We had an entertaining time last year with Jim Maher and Lisa DiBruno singing and plenty of delicious food and beverages. It was lots of fun and the music was great." she said.

The event benefits the Sam Maitin summer chamber music festival which will continue in full swing in September with two major concerts featuring the Mondrian Ensemble (Philadelphia Orchestra strings with Aurelia Mika Chang, piano, on the 12th,) featuring violinist Michael Ludwig, former Associate

Concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra, and current concertmaster of the Buffalo Philharmonic, Aurelia Mika Chang, piano, Anna Marie Ahn Petersen, viola, and John Koen, cello. On the 19th, we will have Alexander Markov, violinist, winner of the gold medal for the Paganini Competition, considered one of the best violinists of the century by no less than Lord Yehudi Menuhin and Aurelia Mika Chang . who performs on three continents, perform in Cape May at the First Cape May United Methodist Church. Both concerts will be held at 7 p.m. at the Cape May United Methodist Church. Markov, celebrated in Europe and the U.S., will also give a masterclass for interested violinists. Of him, and his mastery of the 24 Caprices for violin solo, Mstislav Rostropovich said: "Once I managed to hear his performance of the 24 Paganini Caprices on T.V. I am certain that he is one of the most interesting young violinists of his generation in the entire world." Yehudi Menuhin said: "He is without doubt one of the most brilliant and musical of violinists..." Call Barbara at (609) 465-3963 for registration for the class, which is limited.

Access to Art, Inc. is planning more music for September when we will bring the fabled Mondrian Ensemble to the area on the 12th of September at 7 p.m. They began our music festival, and the first year we we brought them and their friends to perform, they brought us Steve Copes, NPR concertmaster for Sunday at St. Paul's, and Robert Chen, now concertmaster of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. This year we had the celebrated Kathryn Krueger, violin, of Vienna, in February, and now Alexander Markov, renowned all over the world for his mastery of the violin. People can also enjoy a dinner prior to each concert with seating from 5 p.m. and ending at 5:45 p.m. at the Washington Inn, at Union Park, or at Oyster Bay and Seafood in Cape May. The Washington Inn and Oyster Bay offer three course meals for \$47. including the ticket to the concert. Union Park is offering a three course meal for \$50. with concert ticket. The concert will be held at the First Cape May United Methodist Church, 625 Washington St., Cape May at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20. adults, \$15. seniors, and \$10. students. People interested in the violinists can go online to www.accesstoart.org and hear Markov, who has been featured in the movie, "The Art of Violin," and also in a movie on his Paganini's 24 Caprices filmed by Bruno Monsaigeon. They can also hear the beautiful melodic music of Michael Ludwig on his site which we have online. These gentlemen are extraordinary violinists. This summer Alexander Markov has performed, to sold out crowds, at the Mendocino Festival in California, where he opened the festival. He performed in France, and the UK , had 3000 people show up for a concert he gave in Turkey, featuring his rock band and his 6 string electric guitar, a project he does to bring the young people who adore rock, to see how the young composers of earlier periods, were the young turks of their day. He regularly sells out Carnegie Hall where he holds music goes spellbound. In the summer he goes back and forth on a regular basis to Europe and the U.S. He performs all over the world to rave reviews, and we are very fortunate to have him here." Beitel said. The New York Times said: "The most exciting violin recital this listener has heard in quite some time....Mr. Markov scoops and slides with an emotional intensity that has all but vanished from contemporary violin playing. Somewhere Mischa Elman is smiling." Markov is a Russian expatriot who came here in the 1980's with his parents from Russia . His father, his only instructor, is also a violinist.

Tickets for the concert can be reserved by calling (609) 465-3963. The concerts are supported, in part, by sponsorships from Sturdy Savings Bank, the Sacramento Family Foundation, the Kyrios Tsakapoulos fund, Douglass Fudge and the Sheller Family Foundation. The marketing sponsors include John's Tire & Auto, Wildwood, the Washington Inn, and La Mer Beachfront Inn of Cape May. A grant from the Department of State, Division of Travel & Tourism also made the advertising possible.