



# Psychedelic Light Show Inaugurates the new Parrish Art Museum

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## **WATER MILL, NY**

Superstorm Sandy forced Open House celebrations to be reshuffled for the new Parrish Art Museum. The strange turn of events may mean a psychedelic light show will provide the first sneak peek at the new museum for the general public.

The Joshua Light Show will be the first public program held at the new Parrish Art Museum when it opens tomorrow in Water Mill, NY. It also inaugurates the museum's new Lichtenstein Theater. The show begins at the same time as the VIP Open house, which was rescheduled from last weekend due to Superstorm Sandy.

The multimedia light show and concert takes place at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for museum members and \$15 for nonmembers.

The museum's Grand Opening Celebration is slated for Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Open House celebrations continue on Sunday and on Monday, which is Veteran's Day. All Open Houses are free.

The Joshua Light Show pairs an immersive psychedelic light show with original music performed by musician-producer Nick Hallett and composer Zach Layton. Friday's show will be unique as parts of the multimedia experience are expected to have significance to the local area, according to the museum.

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Joshua Light Show in progress. Photo: Lindner Genz, Transmediale

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The Joshua Light Show first found fame in the late sixties at Bill Graham's Fillmore East in New York City. Their innovative light shows were part of the 1969 Woodstock Festival. They became a staple at concerts by The Grateful Dead, Jefferson Airplane, Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Frank Zappa, The Doors and others.

They now present shows at Lincoln Center, Hirschhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Hayden Planetarium and other venues.

But before fame struck, White began his psychedelic lighting career in the Hamptons.

White was a member of Bobb Goldsteinn's Lightworks team, who regularly held shows in 1966 at L'Oursin, a waterfront nightclub in Southampton, according the museum. The psychedelic dance club was founded by venture capitalist Alan Patricof. The Patricof Family Foundation is sponsoring Friday night's performance.

**BASIC FACTS:** The Joshua Light Show will be presented tomorrow night at 6 p.m. at the new Parrish Art Museum. Tickets are \$10 for museum members and \$15 for non-members. They can be purchased through [Eventbrite](#).

Special performances and events continue throughout the weekend at the new Parrish Art Museum. These include art-inspired concerts *A False Sense of Darkness* and *Watercolors*. Performance art pieces on Saturday include "The Future is Ours" and "Free Advice." Both were conceived by artist Hope Sandrow as part of her museum-wide installation project "Genius Loci."

Also being performed on Saturday is the dance piece "Floored," also by Sandrow.

For details, see "[Performance, Music and Groovy Lights Launch the new Parrish Art Museum](#)."

Open House Celebrations are being held on Saturday, Sunday and Monday at the Parrish Art Museum. The museum is now located at 279 Montauk Hwy, Water Mill, NY 11976. [www.parrishart.org](http://www.parrishart.org).

Information on the Joshua Light Show can be found at [www.joshualightshow.com](http://www.joshualightshow.com).