

Ice, Art and Music Mix during a Frosty Street Celebration

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SAG HARBOR, NY-

The East End is bracing for more than a slight freeze this weekend but that doesn't worry the organizers of HarborFrost. So far, the annual family-friendly celebration of all things Sag Harbor intends to plow through the expected snow and predicted blizzard. This is no wonder for the festival that features displays of ice carved with power tools, dances with fire, a jump into icy waters, cold water sailing, a theatrical outdoor hunt for treasure and more, topped off by an explosion of Grucci fireworks.

UPDATE - FEB 8, 2013 (12:35 p.m.)

Changes as follows:

HarborFrost has **RESCHEDULED** tonight's Frost Ball until Friday, Feb 22.

HarborFrost has **RESCHEDULED** events planned for Saturday. They will now all be held on SUNDAY.

The one exception is the **Mardi Gras Ball**. It has been **RESCHEDULED** as a St. Patrick's Day Party and will be held on **March 16** at 8 pm at Bay Street Theatre.

ORIGINAL STORY CONTINUES BELOW:

This year, a guided gallery walk by painter Maryann Lucas is added to an action-packed day. The Sag Harbor Music Festival will be presenting single musicians performing in various spots in Sag Harbor. ZIMA! returns to present its theatrical scavenger hunt to add dramatic flair and whimsy. Also on tap is a small bites culinary stroll, film and cartoon screenings, cold water rescue demonstration, a sailboat regatta, a Quiz Bowl, a farmer's market, a Mardi Gras Ball and more.



Fear No Ice sets their ice castle aflame at HarborFrost 2012.

Kicking things off is a Frost Ball held tonight from 6 to 10 p.m. at Bay Street Theatre. HarborFrost continues tomorrow and Sunday. A confirmation of scheduled events will be issued this afternoon (Friday). Here's where to find the schedule and the latest information: sagharborchamber.com, sagharboronline.com, facebook.com/sagharborchamber or [facebook/sagharborexpress](https://facebook.com/sagharborexpress).

Saturday is jam-packed with events from 9 a.m. through 8 p.m. and beyond. Check the Sag Harbor Chamber website for complete details.

One of the creative highlights is ice carving performances. They take place at noon on the Long Wharf and at 2 p.m. at the Civil War Monument. Ice carving will be presented by Fear No Ice, one of five ice sculpting companies owned by competitive ice sculptor Scott Rella.

Last year, ice carvers from Fear No Ice carved a detailed castle on the Long Wharf. Names of nearby children were etched into ice. The walls of the castle were scored to simulate stone and a grand entrance drawn into the frozen material. The castle top was molded from ice blocks in typical architectural tops for castles.

At the monument, carvers created ring toss statues fashioned like cactus which drew smiles from children.

Ice carving at HarborFrost will again be presented by Fear No Ice and led by Rella. While the ice sculptures at the Sag Harbor festival may be relatively simple, most of Rella's creations are not.

Rella represented the USA at the Olympic Games in Lillehammer in 1994 and in Salt Lake City in

2002. He also represented the United States at the World Championships several times in Fairbanks Alaska and Hokkaido, Japan, he said. These events had Rella creating towering sculptures of ice requiring machinery to hoist Rella into the sky. Next weekend, Rella heads to Colorado to compete in ice carving tournaments drawing top ice artists.

New for HarborFrost is a free guided Gallery Walk. The walking tour of Sag Harbor galleries will bring a bit of summer art scene excitement to the cold air festival, said Lucas.

Participating galleries include Grenning Gallery, Monika Olko Gallery, Richard J. Demato Fine Arts Gallery, Christy's Art Center, The Hooke Sculpture Gallery, Romany Kramoris Gallery and the Sag Harbor Fine Arts Center (formally known as the Hamptons Studio of Fine Art).

Several galleries are unveiling new shows for the walk. Grenning Gallery and Monika Olko Gallery present new exhibitions.

The Sag Harbor Fine Arts Center, a painting school in Sag Harbor, is hosting a Grand Opening and Benefit Art Show to coincide with HarborFrost.



Artist and ice carver Scott Rella at HarborFrost 2012.

Music, theater and culinary arts will all be represented at HarborFrost 2013. The Sag Harbor American Music Festival is presenting solo musicians at venues around Sag Harbor from noon to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. See below for a line-up.

A Culinary Stroll begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Il Capuccino and continues to several Sag Harbor restaurants. See details below.

The ZIMA! Treasure Hunt for children will take place again this year. Participants search around Sag Harbor Village for clues and objects. There are three sessions offered. They begin at 2 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and at 3 p.m.

Also worth noting are the return of the Fiery Sensations Fire Dancers. The free performance begins at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday on the Long Wharf. Grucci Fireworks will light up the sky at 6:15 p.m. The Mardi Gras Ball begins at 8 p.m. at Bay Street Theatre. It features live music by Joe Lauro's Hoodoo Loungers and Gene Casey & the Lone Sharks. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$25 at the door. Call 631-725-9500 for details.

HarborFrost continues on Sunday with a Pancake Breakfast, a wintry hike and a Suzy on the Rocks Concert.



Grucci Fireworks at HarborFrost 2012

BASIC FACTS: The third annual **HarborFrost** takes place from Friday night through Sunday afternoon (Feb 8 to 10) in Sag Harbor Village. For complete details and current scheduling, sagharborchamber.com. The event is presented by the Sag Harbor Chamber of Commerce and the Sag Harbor Express newspaper.

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Here's where to find arts-related happenings:

GALLERY WALK

A brisk gallery walk will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Led by painter Maryann Lucas, the walk begins at 3 p.m. at Grenning Gallery, 17 Washington Street. A brief presentation about the art on view will take place at each gallery.

LIVE MUSIC presented by **SAG HARBOR MUSIC AMERICAN MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Noon: Leroy Klavis plays acoustic guitar at The Corner Bar

1 pm: Ada Rovatti performs jazz saxophone and piano at The American Hotel

2 pm: Sara Hartman appears at Grenning Gallery. Hartman is a singer/songwriter

3 pm: Cassandra House at GeekHampton. House is a singer/songwriter

3:30 pm: Bryan Duffy plays classical guitar at Sag Harbor Fine Arts Center

4:30 pm: Mariann Megna performs acoustic guitar at Sag Harbor Fine Arts Center

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CULINARY STROLL

Begins at 1 p.m. and continues to 5:30 p.m. The stroll begins at Il Capuccino at 30 Madison Street and continues to LT Burger and Page with concludes at Muse in the Harbor. There is a \$40 fee. For reservations, call Charles Canavan at 631-379-2169.

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ZIMA! TREASURE HUNT

Begins at 2, 2:30 and 3 p.m. at the Civil War Monument located at the intersection of Main and Madison Streets. Suggested donation is \$10. Presented by Kate Mueth and Neo-political Cowboys. For information, call Ana Nieto at [646-286-6264](tel:646-286-6264).

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ICE CARVING

Fear No Ice creates two unique ice sculptures. The first will be created at noon on the Long Wharf. The second carving takes place at 2 p.m. at the Civil War Monument. Free.

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