



“Arts Against Addiction” Fundraiser at Ashawagh Hall

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The “Arts Against Addiction” Fundraiser

Thursday July 24th, 2014

Ashawagh Hall
780 Springs Fireplace Rd. East Hampton, N.Y. 11937
East Hampton
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COST: \$32.00. Tickets are available [online](#) or at the door (if available).

The “Arts Against Addiction” fundraiser brings together East Hampton artists, musicians, and writers to provide treatment scholarships for individuals who respond to creative counseling. The paintings at this show are priced significantly less than the gallery prices for these artists. In addition, there is a Silent Auction and raffle of “Curious Objects.”

[Online raffle tickets](#) are available for those not able to attend only. Online contributions for the scholarship fundraiser are graciously [accepted](#). One hundred percent goes towards treatment scholarships.

The “Arts Against Addition” Featured Artist is Steve Haweeli:



“Blues at Louse” by Steve Haweeli.

[Steve Haweeli](#) has played a crucial role in conceptualizing and promoting this event. His painting “Blues at Louse” is an abstract rendering of a location most East Hamptonites know well: Louse Point.

Haweeli explained his reasons for supporting this effort this way:” I have known Spero for decades

and have a tremendous amount of faith in his work. He works with the toughest of patients and he's on the front line of helping people with their addictions."

He continued, "The East End art community is a wide yet close group and collectively we will almost always donate a piece of art or proceeds from an art sale to a worthy cause. Many of us have lived on the edge of addiction, so this one strikes home for all of us."

Haweeli is the featured artist for the "Arts Against Addiction" fundraiser.

Artists with a Hamptons connection.

They include [Stephanie Brody-Lederman](#) of East Hampton and New York City and [Jason Poremba](#) of Southampton, NY.



"The Way You Speak" by Stephanie Brody-Lederman, 2013. Oil & Acrylic on canvas, 18 x 24 inches.



"Help Me I'm Drowning" by Jason Poremba, 2014. Mixed media on canvas, 20 x 18 inches.

Other artists with a Hamptons connection include: *Evan Zatti, Eric Ernst, Paton Miller, Lew Zacks, Hans Van de Bovenkamp, Jo-Ann Corretti, Arlene Bujese, Kimberly Goff, Mary Laspia, Dalton Portella, Robert Valdes, Athos Zacharias, Charles Waller* and many more. Artworks available painting, sculpture and mixed media. Abstraction, landscape, figurative, street art and other types of works are included in the fundraiser.

The exhibition includes national artists like Tom Stevens.



"Face of Addiction" by Tom Stevens, 2014. Mixed media and a cigarette, 48 x 48 inches.

International Artists include *Jorjina Lalos* and *Dom*:

[Jorjina Lalos](#) is a world-famous Byzantine iconographer from Athens, Greece. She graciously painted an icon specifically for the “Arts Against Addiction” fundraiser.



“Saint Jude” the patron saint of lost causes by Jorjina Lalos, 2014. Egg shell tempura, 8 x 13 inches.

Dom is a United Kingdom Street Artist.



“Femme Fatale” by Dom, 2013. Spray paint and acrylic on 300gm Waterford paper, 30 x 22 inches.

Proceeds from the fundraiser go towards:

- Providing treatment scholarships. A number of East End artists, musicians and writers will directly benefit by having access to this kind of highly personalized treatment.
- Raising awareness that creative individuals are more susceptible to addictive illness than the general population.

Treatment:

Counseling is done through the QTherapy Institute: an online counseling center.

The [QTherapy Institute](#) does science-based drug treatment for creative people who don't respond well to rehabs and 12 Step programs, though many clients eventually return to AA or some other support group like SMART Recovery.

Non-traditional fundraiser:

Spero Alexio, who created the Arts Against Addiction, tells ArtHub “The fundraiser is non-traditional just like my counseling center. The QTherapy Institute isn't a nonprofit, but here's the interesting thing...we aren't for profit either. What we stand for is effective treatment of addictive illness...

doing whatever is necessary to bring the client back to health.”

Event Format:

Noon to 3pm- Free viewing for the public.

6pm- Doors open for the show

*Hors d'oeuvres by *Springs General Store*.

*Free non-alcohol beverage station.

*Classic rocks songs by *D.J. John Lockwood* (addiction themes).

*“Curious Objects” raffle. Raffle winners announced every 15 minutes.

*Comedy set by Peter Elfant

*Live music- The Dick Johansson Band and special guests

*Dessert and coffee by *Art of Eating*.

BASIC INFO: The “Arts Against Addiction” Fundraiser takes place on July 24th, 2014. Tickets are \$32 and can be purchased at the door (if available) or online at www.qtherapy.tix.com. This event is expected to sell out. Ashawagh Hall is located at 780 Springs Fireplace Rd, East Hampton, N.Y. 11937. www.ashawagh-hall.org.

[Online raffle tickets](#) are available for those not able to attend. The cost is \$20 for five tickets. Click [here](#) to see the raffle items and to purchase. Online contributions for the fundraiser are graciously [accepted](#). One hundred percent goes towards treatment scholarships. Click [here](#) to support.

QTherapy Institute is an online counseling center providing a science-based alternative treatment program for addictive illnesses with a special focus on the dynamics of relapse. They specialize in providing creative, highly individualized psychotherapy. www.qtherapy.co/about-us.

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