

I-Park Foundation, Inc.

Artists-in-Residence Program

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FINE FOOD, SWINGING TUNES AND CAPTIVATING ART ON TAP AS I-PARK HOSTS ILLUMINATIONS 2017

East Haddam, CT (September 8, 2017) — The sounds of music, laughter and spirited bidding will resonate through I-Park's East Haddam campus September 23 when the artist-in-residence program hosts its annual benefit dinner, Illuminations 2017.

The festivities will include a delectable dinner, toe-tapping music, silent and live auctions, dancing, and self-guided tours of I-Park's art-filled campus—illuminated for this event.

The party kicks off at 5 p.m. with wine, beer and light refreshments, as guests are invited to mingle with September's artists-in-residence, visit the recently completed artist's studios, and explore a few of the illuminated walking trails weaving through I-Park's bucolic campus. (Because of the uneven terrain, closed-toe shoes are strongly recommended.) A silent auction offers partygoers a chance to bid on a tempting array of art, wine, household goods and travel destinations from a host of local businesses.

Weather permitting, guests will congregate at the pond for a little surprise, then make their way to the tent, where they will be welcomed by the evening's emcee, radio and TV personality Renee DiNino from iHeartRadio. Local favorites The Shiny Lapel Trio will perform throughout the evening as guests dine on a delicious dinner from Riverhouse Catering. The evening concludes with dessert from Creative Cakes by Donna and dancing.

Tickets start at just \$75 and are fully tax-deductible to the extent provided by law—making this a fun and *affordable* way to support a great cause. All proceeds benefit I-Park's artists-in-residence program.

Seating is limited. To reserve your tickets, visit i-park.org and click the Illuminations button on the home page.

For additional information, contact 860-306-0636 or e-mail events@i-park.org.

CALENDAR LISTING

WHAT: Illuminations 2017, I-Park's annual benefit dinner

WHEN: Saturday, September 23, from 5 to 9 p.m.

WHERE: I-Park, 428 Hopyard Road, East Haddam, CT

FURTHER INFORMATION: Visit i-park.org, call 860-306-0636, or write events@i-park.org

About I-Park: I-Park is an artists-in-residence program offering fully funded four-week residencies in visual arts, architecture, moving image, music composition/sound art, creative writing and landscape/ecological design. Since its founding in 2001, I-Park has sponsored more than 850 residencies, and has developed cross-disciplinary projects of cultural significance and brought them into the public domain. Set within a 450-acre nature preserve, I-Park encourages dialogue between the natural and built environments, and has been the setting for exhibitions, performances, symposia, and programs that facilitate artistic collaboration. For more information, visit i-park.org.

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