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Full Season of Performances Planned By Local Arts Groups for 2022-23



THREE NEW WORKS: American Repertory Ballet dancer Aldeir Monteiro is among those appearing in “Kaleidoscope,” the

company's fall program beginning September 23 at New Brunswick Performing Arts Center. (Photo by Harald Schrader)

By Anne Levin

More than two years after the pandemic paralyzed orchestras, dance companies, and theaters, the 2022-23 season appears to be back on track. Local companies have announced full rosters of in-person performances. Other than the now-expected health and safety advisories, things seem to be back to normal. Following are some of the events planned for fall, winter, and spring.

The season begins on September 10 and 11 when the Princeton Symphony Orchestra (PSO) returns to Richardson Auditorium with a program including *Fandango* by Mexican composer Arturo Márquez. Violinist Anne Akiko Meyers is soloist and Music Director Rossen Milanov conducts. The PSO season continues with its fall fundraiser on October 2, "Britten and Elgar" on October 15 and 16, Holiday POPS December 17, and additional programs including the world premiere of *Seven Decisions of Gandhi* by William Harvey on May 11 and 12. Visit princetonsymphony.org.

McCarter Theatre is back with a full season of theater, dance, music, and more, starting September 17-October 6 with Sarah DeLappe's play *The Wolves*. Other highlights of the season include David Sedaris, the native American and Canadian dance company Indigenous Liberation, The Hot Sardines jazz band, three National Geographic programs, violinist Randall Goosby, and the return of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, adapted and directed by Lauren Keating. Visit mccarter.org.



ON AREA STAGES: Violinist Anne Akiko Meyers is a guest artist with the Princeton Symphony Orchestra at Princeton University's Richardson Auditorium next month. The program is the first of the season's offerings by local music, theater, and dance organizations. (Photo by David Zentz)

American Repertory Ballet returns to the New Jersey Performing Arts Center September 23-25 with “Kaleidoscope,” which includes a collaboration between choreographer Da’ Von Doane and visual artist Grace Lynne Haynes. The season continues with *The Nutcracker* at McCarter Theatre, Trenton’s Patriots Theatre at the War Memorial, and New Brunswick’s State Theatre New Jersey, in November and December; the classic *Giselle* co-choreographed by Ethan Stiefel and Johan Kobborg, in New Brunswick in March; and a performance at New York City’s Kaye Playhouse, also in March. Visit arballet.org.

The eclectic Princeton University Concerts (PUC) series returns to Richardson Auditorium on September 29 with “Healing with Music,” featuring writer/broadcaster/musician Clemency Burton Hill, who will talk about her recovery from a massive brain aneurysm; neurosurgeon Christopher Kellner; and violinist Alexi Kenney. Writer Maria Popova is moderator. In addition to “Healing with Music,” the PUC season includes additional events in the “All in the Family,” “At the Movies,” “Concert Classics,” and “Performances Up Close” series. Visit concerts.princeton.edu.

Trenton’s Passage Theatre Company has one production listed so far for its coming season. *Blues in My Soul: The Legend and Legacy of Lonnie Johnson*, by David Robson, is at Mill Hill Playhouse October 15-30. The season’s theme is “Foundations for Our Future.” The company’s website reads, “All of the shows are about building on the past in order to create a new future. As we move forward from two very difficult years, we want to acknowledge and reflect on how the lessons we learned from the past will help to shape what’s to come.” Visit passagetheatre.org.

The Capital Philharmonic of New Jersey, led by Daniel Spalding, returns to Patriots Theatre at the War Memorial with Beethoven’s *Ode to Joy* (Symphony No. 9) on October 22. Soloists are Alex Meakem, Amber Johnson, Stephen Ng, and Mark Hightower. The Somerset Hills Chorus and The Lotus Project also participate. Additional concerts include the traditional New Year’s Eve event, a tribute to Ella Fitzgerald; Vivaldi’s “The Seasons” on March 18, and “Latin American Rhythms” on April 15. Visit capitalphilharmonic.org.

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Officials, Environmentalists Seek More Stringent Flood Mitigation Measures

Last week marked the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Ida, which caused 30 deaths and an estimated \$95 billion in damages in New Jersey. There was widespread flooding in the area, with more than nine inches of rain and many roads impassable.

Today, September 7, as the 2022 storm season makes its arrival known in Princeton, environmental leaders and elected officials are gathering in Manville for a press conference outside of a home that was badly damaged by last year's storm. They will be urging Gov. Phil Murphy to take action to mitigate the effects of increased rainfall and flooding, which have been caused by climate change.



Speakers are expected to emphasize the need to pass the New Jersey Protecting Against Climate Threats (NJPACT) initiative that would upgrade flood hazard and stormwater guidelines in order to better prepare the state for the impacts of climate change and powerful storms. NJPACT advocates will urge the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) to adopt proposed but delayed new stormwater requirements and to use updated rainfall data.

With this year's hurricane season revving up, Princeton has worked to prepare for its next encounter with extreme weather conditions. "We're doing well within the constraints of what state law will allow us to do," said Princeton Councilman David Cohen, who will be speaking at the Manville conference. But he emphasized that because of state rules there is "a gaping hole in our regulations in Princeton right now." State rules stipulate that local stormwater regulations cannot be enhanced above the state requirements for residential site improvements.

Acknowledging the state's efforts to address the housing shortage in New Jersey, Cohen added, "I'm somewhat sympathetic, but my feeling is that it's shortsighted to say that municipalities can't require enhanced stormwater rules for housing projects."

He pointed out that housing projects constitute about 90 percent of new housing in Princeton with the recent affordable housing settlement. He continued, "So it's a golden opportunity for us to be trying to do more to better manage our

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New COVID Boosters May Quell Fall Outbreaks

COVID-19 rates continue to remain relatively low in the area, and hopes are high that the recently approved COVID booster that targets the Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 strains of the virus will help to prevent outbreaks this fall.

Last week the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved new booster shots that combat the two subvariants that currently make up almost all COVID-19 cases. The new booster doses are already being distributed locally and across the country.

Princeton Deputy Administrator for Health and Community Services Jeff

Grosser said that the Princeton Health Department would be updating their vaccine clinic schedule as soon as they get word on when the new bivalent vaccines will be arriving. In the meantime, some area pharmacies, clinics, and doctors' offices will have boosters available.

The new bivalent booster, which targets the original strain of the coronavirus as well as the Omicron subvariants BA.4 and BA.5, will replace the former booster shot for individuals over age 12. The new Moderna booster will be available for age 18 and older, the Pfizer booster for 12 and older. Individuals are advised to wait at least two months following primary or

booster vaccinations before receiving the new booster.

"The most recent variants have evaded immunity from vaccines and prior infections, and both Moderna and Pfizer have their own updated booster," said Grosser. "Certainly those who are high-risk individuals would benefit from a booster dose now, including older adults, or individuals with cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, cancer, and those who are moderately or severely immunocompromised."

In a September 2 announcement recommending the new boosters, New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy said, "I continue to

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Jewish Center Exhibit Intended to Spark Reflection, Learning

Designed to encourage examination of and reflection on our attitudes and biases, "Black + Jewish Connection, Courage, Community," an exhibit coming to The Jewish Center Princeton September 17 to October 31, explores the history of Black and Jewish relationships. Three talks accompany the exhibit.

Created at the Museum of History and Holocaust Education at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Ga., "the panels bring to light selected events in the long history of the American Jewish and African American communities in order to educate, provoke, raise questions, and prompt discussion," said Linda Oppenheim, a community activist leading The Jewish Center's planning team.

"The material can be uncomfortable, she cautioned. "If some of the material makes the visitor uncomfortable, we hope that they will use that moment to step back and think about how information and images provided by media, school curricula, and other sources have influenced the formation of their attitudes and biases and allow themselves to experience a different understanding," she said.

The Kennesaw exhibit was developed and curated by Adina Langer, who is from the Princeton area. The exhibit's 10 panels cover European immigration and the Great Migration, the arts, education, World War II, violence against Jews and African Americans, the civil rights movement, and the current experience of African American Jews. Along with three accompanying lectures and supplementary

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LAST PLUNGE: A youth enjoys a dive at Community Park Pool on Sunday. The pool is now closed for the season. Poolgoers share what they are looking forward to this fall in this week's Town Talk on page 6. (PHOTO BY STEVE HAY)

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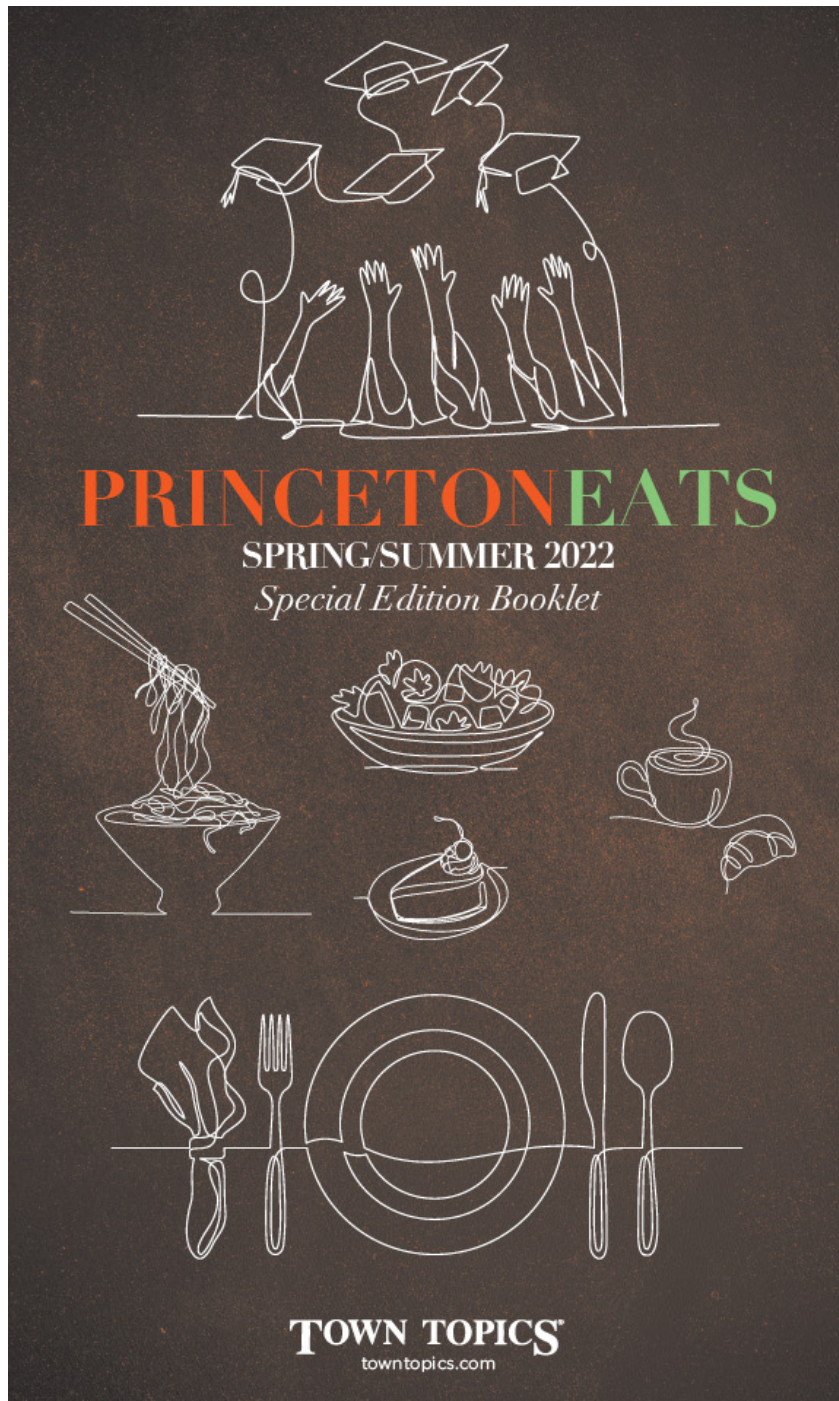
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AOY Art Center Summer Art Camps

This summer is the perfect opportunity for kids to express their creative side and have fun in a nurturing environment. Make new friends at Aoy Art Center, an award-winning Bucks County, Pa., summer camp. From June 20 through August 19, campers ages 5 to 16 are encouraged to explore drawing, painting, sculpting, printmaking, and so much more. We are offering over 55 week-long camps, with exciting new camps featuring character design, fashion, graphic design, oil painting, leather and woodworking, acrylic painting, jewelry making, and watercolor painting. Young artists will enjoy selecting from our many fun-themed camps.

Children receive individualized instruction from professional teaching artists. Extended child care hours are available before camp, starting at 7:30 a.m., and following camp until 6 p.m. Register for a morning camp (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.) or an afternoon camp (1 to 4 p.m.). Enjoy a free supervised lunch period when registering for both a morning and afternoon camp.

AOY Art Center is committed to the safety of your children and our instructors. Last summer 230 children enjoyed nine art-filled weeks without a single case of COVID-19 reported by our campers or staff. The

protocols we established in 2020 and employed again in 2021 will continue as long as necessary. All camps are held at the Aoy Art Center at 940 Mirror Lake Road on the beautiful Patterson Farm in Yardley, Pa., conveniently located by the I295 / Route 332 interchange. Register by March 31 for 10 percent off at aoyarts.org.

Arts Council of Princeton
Arts Council of Princeton's Summer Arts Studios encourage all young artists to let their inner creativity shine! Ages 5-16 will explore the arts in a variety of mediums from clay, textiles, drawing and painting, fashion, mixed media, and so much more. Teens and tweens will dive more deeply into various mediums to immerse themselves in a week of exploring their creative passions. ACP Summer Studios are led by incredible professional teaching artists, experienced in guiding our artists in hands-on art making with backgrounds in art history and cultural influences. For more information and to register, visit artsCouncilofprinceton.org.

The Bridge Academy
The Bridge Academy changes lives. Founded in September 2003 by educators, parents, and community members, The Bridge Academy helps students with language-based learning disabilities, including dyslexia,

dysgraphia, auditory processing, and ADHD "bridge the gap between potential and performance." This is accomplished through a nurturing learning environment, student-focused instruction, strong academic standards, and a superior teaching staff.

We are a New Jersey-state approved school for ages 8-18, and the only school in New Jersey certified by the Orton-Gillingham Academy. With a 3:1 or 4:1 ratio in reading, writing, and math, along with small group instruction for other classes, The Bridge Academy uses multi-sensory techniques throughout the curriculum. The school's academic and social programs are uniquely student centered and tailored to meet the specific needs and learning style of each student enrolled.

Dedicated, experienced teachers encourage students to thrive and blossom into the people they are destined to be. Over 87 percent of our alumni pursue college and/or technical school after graduation. For more information visit bridgeacademy.org or call (609) 844-0770. We look forward to meeting you!

The Cambridge School
Children with learning differences are often impacted by the lapse in instruction over summer months which can lead to the summer slide. Cambridge School's Summer Program offers a

unique opportunity for students to continue receiving academic instruction in the morning and participate in enrichment activities in the afternoon. Each camp day starts with morning academics — language, reading, writing, and math. The afternoon features various intensive programs. The Reading Intensive (Grades 3-5) addresses building the important elements of reading comprehension. The Adventure and Exploration Club (Grades K-5) offers nature hikes, scavenger hunts, and other outdoor experiential learning opportunities. The Executive Function Intensive (Grades 5-9) identifies and remediates students' individualized executive function challenges.

Our summer program is June 27 through July 22. Find out more about our program at thecambridge-school.org/academics/summer-program or call us at (609) 730-9553.

Color Me Mine

Color Me Mine Princeton is a Paint-Your-Own-Pottery studio located at the Princeton Shopping Center. You pick the pottery and paint it, we will glaze and fire it for you in our kilns. We offer in-studio painting plus monthly workshops for adults and kids using a variety of techniques on pottery, canvas, clay, and mixed media.

Our robust Summer Camp program spans 10 weeks from June to September

with a unique theme each week. Artists will complete eight-10 projects while learning about art and building confidence in their artistic skills. We incorporate outside play and socialization into the program too! As a bonus, we finish each week with a pizza party and an art show for the parents. Extended days are available with additional projects. Check out our School's Out workshops on our website, princeton.colormine.com, where we run programs similar to our Summer Camp Program.

We are currently offering an early bird discount for Summer Camp through May 1, and the weeks fill up fast with limited space. Color Me Mine Princeton prides itself on being a safe and clean environment. We look forward to seeing you at the studio!

Hun Summer Day Camp

Learn. Explore. Play. Let your child's first memory as part of the Hun Community be a joyful, unforgettable experience at Hun Summer Day Camp. From the time your camper is dropped off until they are picked up, your child will be engaged and playing indoor and outdoor activities with other campers and nurturing counselors from the Hun Summer Community.

During the six weeks that camp is in session, campers will explore Hun's 45-acre campus through eco-nature

walks and field games, and use some of our academic buildings for art and crafts, mini-STEM projects, performing arts, LEGO builds, and weekly design challenges. Campers will learn the Golden Rule while participating in sports, games, and swimming in small groups that are well supervised. Lunch is included and pre- and after-care options are available. Sign up for any number of the six weeks offered and have the best summer ever.

Dates: June 27-August 5; 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m.; ages 5-12. For more information, visit HunSchool.org/summer/hun-day-camp or email Summer@hunschool.org.

Lawrenceville Summer Scholars

Are you a rising sixth through tenth grader looking to take your summer to the next level? Check out Lawrenceville Summer Scholars (LSSS)! Lawrenceville Summer Scholars achieve academic and personal growth, experience adventure, and join a supportive community of Scholars from across the country and around the world. Join Lawrenceville faculty and student prefects to embark on your adventure today. Experience an incredible three weeks of House, Harkness, and Community as you select classes, compete for the House Cup, share your talents and passions through collaborative

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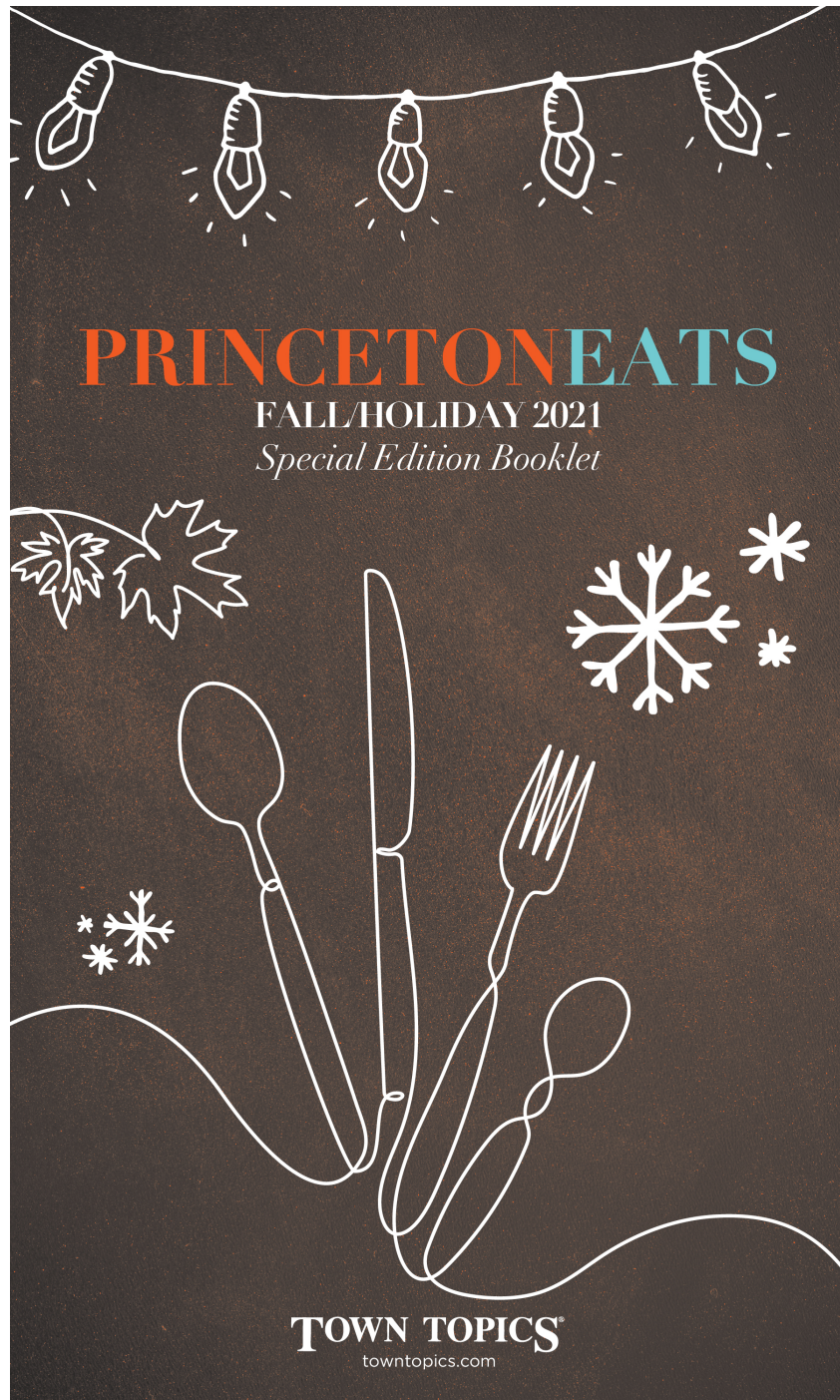
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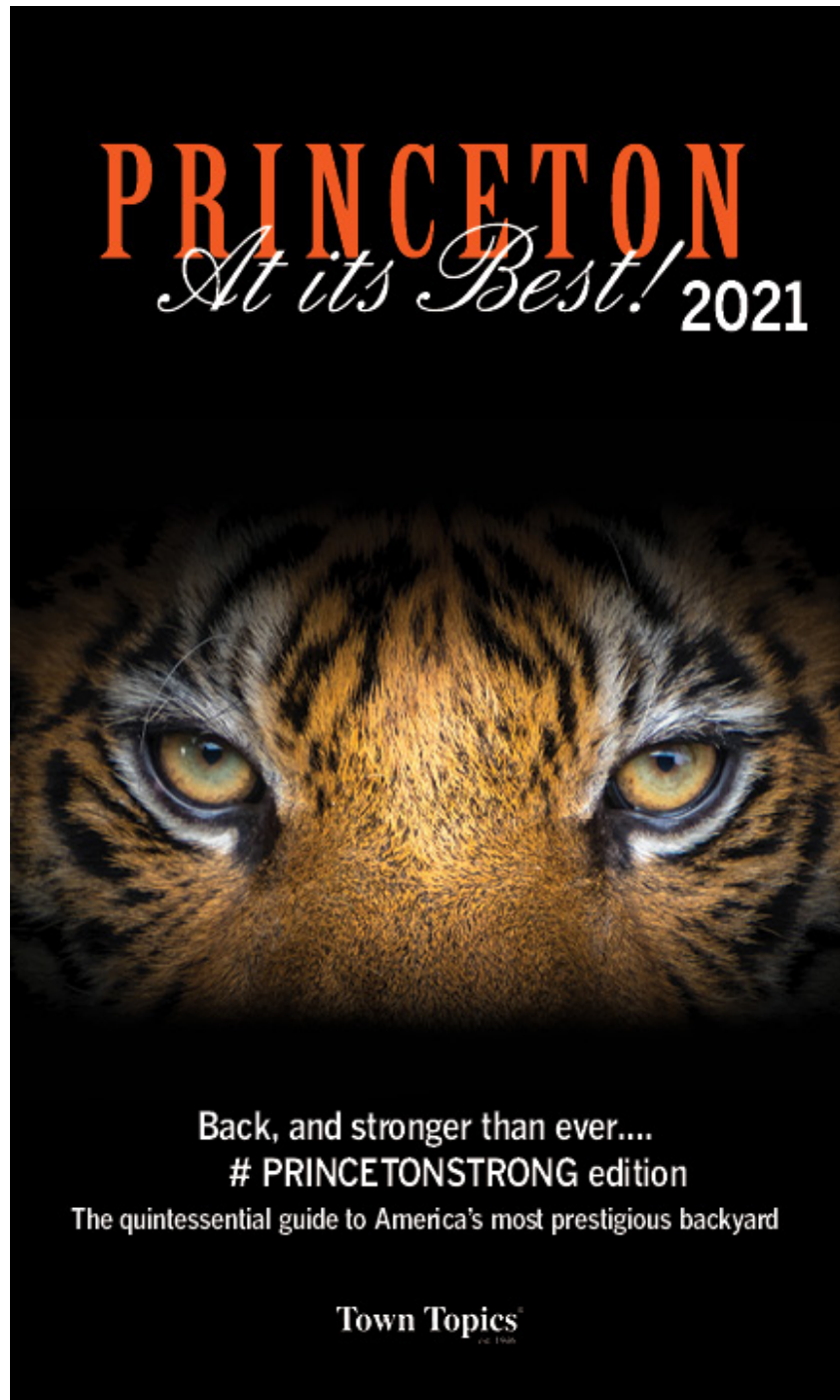
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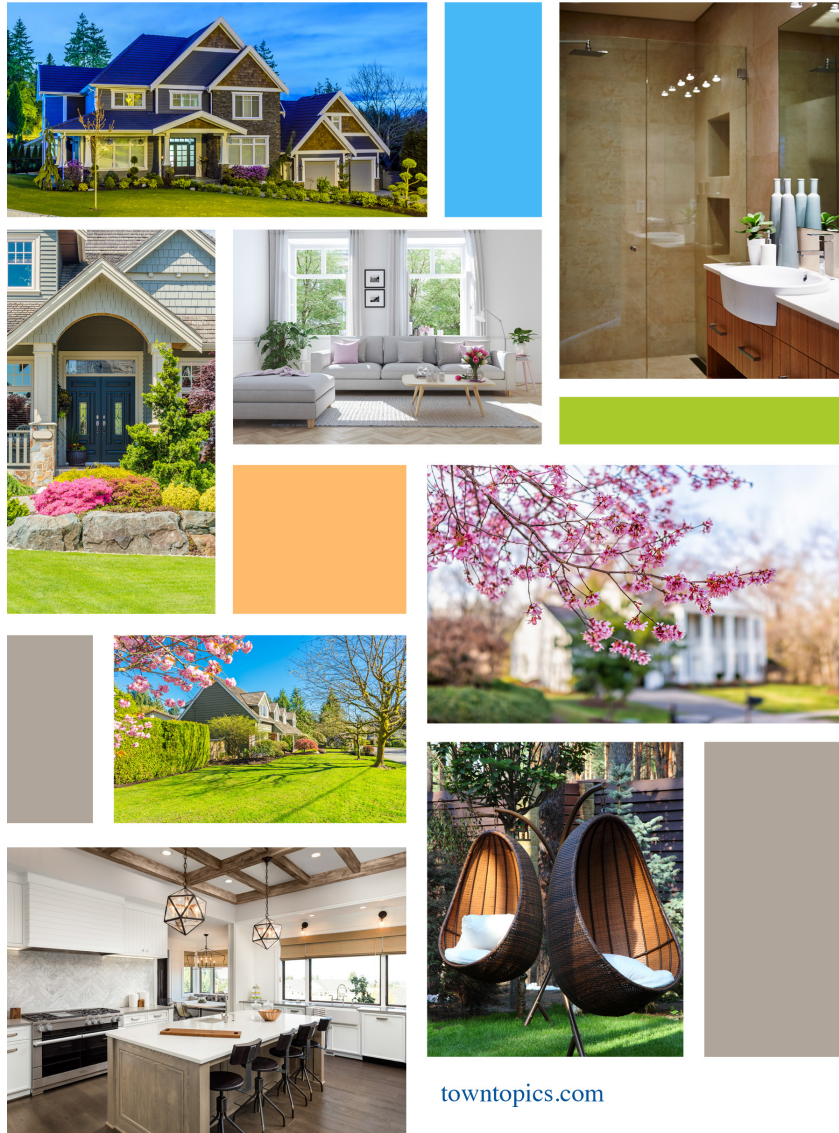


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