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The Shops at Kenilworth



▲ "If I Am Myself, Then Will I Be a Target?"—painted by Damon Arhos.

and studio art grad students. July 24-28 at the Sheila & Richard Riggs and Leidy galleries. Free. 410-225-5274. micagradshow.com —K.S.

POP POP FIZZ FIZZ

Though its name sounds a little adults-only, the sixth annual **Kegs and Corks Festival** is all-ages fun. Enjoy a day of socializing and sipping on unlimited samples of beer and wine (festival organizers say they're the only event that celebrates both equally); listening to live music; shopping at local vendors; and snacking on great food. Aug. 12 at Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds. Tickets: \$15-\$125. kegsandcorksfest.com —S.B.

SO SMOOTH

Legendary rock band **Santana** promises plenty of swagger and sizzle when they hit Merriweather this August as part of the "Transmogrify" tour. Fronted by virtuoso guitarist Carlos Santana, the 10-time Grammy-winning band blends mariachi with blues, rock and soul, bringing otherworldly riffs to their unique brand of global fusion and leaving audiences, indeed, magically transformed. Aug. 15 at Merriweather Post Pavilion. Tickets: \$55.50-

\$295. 877-435-9849. merriweathermusic.com —K.S.

PLAY FAIR

What's more summery than the **Maryland State Fair**? Get your quintessential quaintness on with animal exhibitions, petting zoos, music, great food (well, if you consider fried Oreos great—and we do), carnival rides, arts and crafts vendors, horse racing and so much more. Aug. 24-Sept. 4 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds. marylandstatefair.com —K.S.

SAVORY SOUL

While the words "soul food" usually elicit visions of fried foods and Memphis-style ribs, **Vegan SoulFest** proves that healthy living can be just as delicious. The celebration of vegan living, created by Brenda N. Sanders and Najha Wright, merges great food, cooking demos, music, vendors, speakers and more for a day that's as happy as it is healthy. Aug. 26 at Baltimore City Community College. Free. vegan.soulfest.com —LAUREN FITCH

PARTY OF THE CENTURY

Hear ye, hear ye! Travel back to the 1500s to the **Maryland**

Renaissance Festival and into the stunning village of Revel Grove, where adventures aplenty await. Wander among the shops of glassblowers, swordsmen and more, catch a jousting match, grab a turkey leg and some hot apple dumplings or listen to a minstrel play a spellbinding tune. Costumes are encouraged! Weekends Aug. 26-Oct. 22 in Crownsville. Tickets: \$19-\$25. rennfest.com —S.B.

IN A FLASH

How can you go wrong with a tagline like "Experience Awesome?" That tidbit of positive thinking comes courtesy of the **Flashlight Music Festival**, an all-day outdoor event dedicated to improving the lives of Baltimore's homeless. But the fest is anything but dour. Acts like Black Alley, the Kelly Bell Band and more join forces with food trucks, laser light shows, DJ battles and glow dance parties for an unforgettable bright night. July 8 at Canton Waterfront Park. Tickets: \$40-\$100. flashlightbaltimore.org —S.B.

MOTHER OF ALL COMEDIES

Comedians Kristin Hensley and Jen Smedley know that parenting is no easy task. Enter #IMOMSO-HARD, an out-of-the-snot-wipe-and-into-the-spotlight celebration of the hilarious and harrowing throes of motherhood. (Proof they know what they're talking about: more than 600,000 Face-

book fans and 55 million views on their web series.) Join the duo for **Mom's Night Out: Summer Break Tour**—but be sure to leave the kids at home, as the show is 18+. July 15 at the Lyric Tickets: \$35-\$46. 410-900-1150. modell-lyric.com —K.S.

GO DUTCH

Maryland-based artist Annet Couwenberg presents **From Digital to Damask**, an intimate exhibition exploring the relationship between technology, science, art and history. The 11-piece show highlights the creations borne from Couwenberg's Smithsonian Artist Research Fellowship, where she was paired with scientist Dr. Lynne Parenti to examine fish fossils, as well as work from her time in the Netherlands studying damask. Free. Aug. 16-Feb. 18 at the Baltimore Museum of Art. artbma.org —L.F.

BREAKING DOWN WALLS

Join the Baltimore County Public Library system and the League of Women Voters of Baltimore County as they present **Baltimore County Discusses: Immigration**, the latest in a series of forums surrounding sociopolitical issues. The program brings experts and members of five different political parties together to explore the topics, encouraging "mindful discussions" of hotbutton issues. July 19 at the Catonsville Branch and July 25 at the White Marsh Branch. Free. bcpl.info —K.U. □



Motherhood is big laughs with Kristin Hensley and Jen Smedley.