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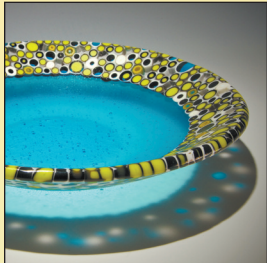
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Philadelphia Composer Writes Musical Based on Her Family Story



Composer Patricia King Haddad in her studio displaying photos of her grandparents, Nunzio and Annunziata Minissale, main characters of her new musical "La Giara." They emigrated from Sicily to Philadelphia early in the 20th Century, and had several successful bridal shops on Chestnut and South Streets over the years.

Composer, performer Patricia King Haddad, known for her work with the Brazilian group Minas, took a big turn in her music ventures when an old family story about a water jug pulled her out of her sleep in the middle of the night some five years ago. That got her writing a book and inspired the musical drama called *La Giara (The Water Jug)*. "The inspiration came to me like a bolt of lightning," King recalled. "I started writing and never stopped in those years. I never

themes that told every one's family immigrant story, as the music and story-teller extraordinaire Charlotte Blake-Alston drew the audience into another world.

Patricia has co-led the Minas with husband Orlando Haddad for over 30 years. But of late, she found herself passionately drawn into the world of writing dramatic and comedic music for this immense work, telling the story of her mother's family's emigration from Sicily to Philadelphia at the turn of the 20th Century.

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planned to write a book or a musical, but the music haunted me non-stop – before I slept every night, and first thing in the morning... I was possessed," she laughed. Patricia composed the music and lyrics for *La Giara*, and is thrilled to be performing the show for the second time at The International House Philadelphia on Sunday, **May 17**.

La Giara is a story about longing for the past and the cultures from which we Americans originate, giving voice to the last generation that is losing its cultural connections to the past. *La Giara*'s powerful music uplifts and gives meaning to this experience, appealing to many, reaching audiences of all ages, ethnic, and socio-economic groups.

Last summer's premiere of *La Giara* at The World Café Live brought the full house to their feet, identifying with

Nelly Berman School of Music Presents Free Concert

Award-Winning Student Gala Concert Open
to Community May 3



On Sunday, **May 3, 2015** at Radnor Middle School, The Nelly Berman School of Music will present a gala concert of award-winning students, including Alyssa Gabrilovich, a 9 year old pianist and a 3rd grader at Gladwyne Elementary School.

On Sunday, **May 3, 2015** at Radnor Middle School, The Nelly Berman School of Music will present a gala concert of award-winning students. The list of awards of some of the featured young performers reads like a "who is who" in the music performance world of Philadelphia. It is hard to imagine how many of these students, ages 7-17, have been able to find the time to practice the number of hours

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MAIN LINE ART CENTER'S SPRING GALA EXHIBITION & FUNDRAISER

Benefits Programs for Artists with Disabilities



Main Line Art Center's upcoming Spring Gala Exhibition & Fundraiser offers stunning professional works of art that you'll be eager to add to your collection, and can feel truly good about acquiring. Proceeds from sales benefit the Art Center's Programs, including their award-winning Accessible Art Programs for children and adults with disabilities and at-risk youth. Juried by Pam Regan, owner of Bluestone Fine Art Gallery in Philadelphia, the Spring Gala

The *Paint the Town Red Preview Party, May 1*, features *Red Dot Reserve*, an exciting twist on art-buying that puts the power of the red dot – the traditional symbol that a work has sold – in the hands of Preview Party guests. See Gloria Whitney's "Crossing To New Jersey – Ben Franklin Bridge," 2014.

Exhibition runs **May 2 through June 7** and features 2- and 3-D works of art in an array of styles from 101 respected artists from the area.

The exhibition opens with a ticketed preview, *Paint the Town Red Preview Party*, on Friday, **May 1** beginning at 6:30 p.m. for early admission, and 7 p.m. for general admission until 10 p.m. Guests are invited to don red, just a touch or head-to-toe, and enjoy creative cuisine, cocktails, music, and dancing, and will have access to silent auctions featuring culinary

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EVEN MORE EVENTS

Immaculata Symphony Benefit Concert

The Immaculata Symphony will hold a Benefit Concert on Saturday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. in Alumnae Hall on the campus of Immaculata University. The Immaculata Symphony is a university-community organization, with a long and outstanding tradition that goes back to the university's founding in 1920. The Immaculata Symphony partners with the MOXART organization, a local, non-profit organization whose mission is to provide unusual opportunities for amateur musicians. This joint venture will provide these musicians with an opportunity to perform concertos with a full symphony orchestra. Cost for the concert is \$15 for all adults; \$12 for senior citizens; and free for children under the age of 12. Tickets are available at the door.

How the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict became a War of Proxy in American Religion and Politics

The complex and often contradictory Christian attitudes towards Israel, in particular, and Judaism, in general, are deeply rooted in divergent Christian theological traditions and interpretations of Scripture. This Sunday, May 3 talk, led by Rev. Bill Borror, graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and member of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs Partners for Peace Program, and Rabbi David Straus of Main Line Reform Temple, will be an overview of the historical and cultural roots of the current controversy and also will offer a few modest suggestions for a more constructive way forward. Light refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m., followed by the Hassel Adult Education program at 10 a.m. This program is open to all at Main Line Reform Temple, 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood, 610-649-7800. www.mlrt.org.

Barber, Briselli and Brunch at the Gershman Y

The Gershman Y presents Barber, Briselli, and the Contentious Violin Concerto, Op. 14, a brunch discussion of Samuel Barber's famous work, on Sunday, May 3 at 11 a.m. Marc Mostovoy, founding Music Director of the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, and Susanna Briselli, daughter of world-renowned violinist Iso Briselli, will discuss the drama behind the concerto's commission by Philadelphia industrialist and philanthropist Samuel S. Fels. The concerto's composition by Barber, Iso Briselli's refusal to perform it, and the evolution of the concerto as one of the iconic works in the violin repertoire is an intriguing musical melodrama. Tickets are \$15 and are available at www.GershmanY.org or by calling 215-545-4400.

"Teaching Good" May 3 at the Ethical Society

Today crumbling neighborhoods, budget cuts, overwhelmed teachers, and "teaching to the test" hamper our educational system and put our nation at risk. In "Teaching Good: Praxis, praxis, praxis," Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader, Ethical Humanist Society of Philadelphia, explores Ethical Cultures historical contributions to public education reform at 11 a.m., May 3, 1906 S. Rittenhouse Square. He suggests that today we emphasize some important elements of Ethical Humanism's approach to education: faith in the natural goodness of children, and "praxis," an educational theory emphasizing the continuous cycle of reflection and action-testing theories by applying them to the social and civic world. For information contact the Society at office@phillyethics.org or 215-735-3456 or visit the Ethical Humanist Society of Philadelphia (formerly the Philadelphia Ethical Society website at www.phillyethics.org. Free street parking by permit available on arrival.

"Saving the Family Farm" Panel Discussion

The Haverford Township Free Library and the Oakmont Farmer's Market will host the panel "Saving the Family Farm," on Sunday, May 3 at 2 p.m. The program will take place at the Library. Join for a panel discussion with your local farmers who sell food at the Oakmont Farmer's Market including poultry farmer Axel Linde of Lindenhof Farm and dairy farmer Don Gable of Conebella Farm. This event is a great way to learn more about our local food system and how you can find fresh, tasty and healthy foods and support local farm families. This program is made possible through a partnership between the Haverford Township Farmer's Market Association and the Library. The Library is located at 1601 Darby Road, Havertown, PA. For information, contact Mary Bear Shannon at 610-446-3082 ext. 216 or email shannon@haverfordlibrary.org, or visit www.haverfordlibrary.org.

Spring Container Garden Make-and-Take

The Narberth Area Garden Club is hosting a container garden make-and-take on Thursday, May 7, 2015. Bring a 15" or smaller pot and your creativity. The potting soil and a variety of colorful annuals for sun or

**Jazz Bridge Presents Vocalist
Rhenda Fearrington**



The Jazz Bridge "Jazz at the Center" First Wednesdays Neighborhood Concerts Series at the Cheltenham Center for the Arts, 439 Ashbourne Road in Cheltenham, presents singer Rhenda Fearrington on Wednesday, May 6. Showtime is 7:30 p.m., tickets are \$10/\$5 for students, and are only available at the door. For info: 215-517-8337 or visit www.jazzbridge.org/events/neighborhood-concerts.

shade will be provided so participants can custom design an arrangement to enjoy from spring until fall. There is a supply fee of \$5 for members and \$15 for non-members. Come to the Narberth Borough Building, 100 Conway Avenue, Narberth, PA 19072, 2nd floor, Haverford Avenue entrance, at 7:15 p.m.

Lankenau Medical Center Spring Fair

The Women's Board of Lankenau Medical Center in Wynnewood will hold its annual Spring Fair on May 7 & 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the main lobby area. Approximately thirty vendors will be selling items including jewelry, garden decor, handbags, homemade gourmet candy, children's items and more. Themed baskets containing many exciting items contributed by the staff of departments in the hospital will be raffled. Spring flowers will also be available for sale. All proceeds will benefit patient care enhancement programs at Lankenau. Information is available by contacting Sue Williamson in the Volunteer Office at 484-476-2139.

Yumi Kendall & Friends Benefit Concert

Yumi Kendall, Assistant Principal Cellist of The Philadelphia Orchestra, will give a Benefit Concert for the Lyre Association of North America on Friday, May 8, 2015, 8 p.m., at Camphill Village Kimberton Hills, located at 1601 Pughtown Road in Phoenixville, PA. Pianist Sheila P. Johns and The East Coast Lyre Ensemble will accompany Yumi on several selections, including two pieces arranged by Veronika Roemer for lyre ensemble and cello - Saint-Saens' The Swan from The Carnival of the Animals and the Rachmaninoff Vocalise. The lyrists, who are coming together from seven states to support the fundraiser, will also offer a special piece written for the modern lyre. For info or to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Lyre Association of North America, contact: lyrists@gmail.com lyrists@gmail.com, or go to www.LyreAssociation.org.

Free Pop-Up Concert for Mother's Day

Celebrate Mother's Day early with Federal Winds! A traditional wind quintet founded in the heart of South Philadelphia, Federal Winds is committed to bringing music to both traditional and unexpected places around the city. For their first Free Library performance, Federal Winds has chosen works from various styles, including a work by jazz great Paquito D'Rivera (Aires Tropicales) and an intense piece by David Maslanka, who is best known for his numerous wind ensemble compositions. If you're interested, you can find many of the works they'll be playing inside the Free Library's Chamber Music Collection; this circulating collection of over 30,000 works serves musicians literally all across the nation. The concert will be Saturday, May 9, at 3 p.m. in the Grand Lobby the Parkway Central Library, 1901 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. For information, contact 215-686-5316 or erefnus@freelibrary.org. Accessible entrance in rear of building.

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ARTS, CULTURE & SOCIETY EVENTS

ROSEMONT SCHOOL HOLDS SPRING MUSICAL "JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT"



The colorful fashion of "Joseph" (Donny Gayhardt of Bryn Mawr) draws a reaction of disbelief from narrators and brothers alike during this scene from "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" during rehearsal at Rosemont School. Narrators and brothers are, from left: Jessica Schneider (Wayne), Tommy McHugh (Bryn Mawr), Carter Strid (Bryn Mawr), Julie Mongeluzi (Newtown Square), Elizabeth McNulty (Bryn Mawr), Maura Boyle (Bryn Mawr), Anne Curran (Villanova), Mary Grace Miller (Broomall), David Pomeroy (Rosemont), and Kayla Pierre (Norristown).

The community is invited to attend Rosemont School of the Holy Child's Middle School spring play, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," on **May 8 & 9** at the School gymnasium. Joseph is a musical with lyrics by Tim

Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber. The play is based on the "coat of many colors" story of Joseph from the Bible's Book of Genesis. Doors to the gymnasium open at 6:30 p.m., and the play will begin at 7 p.m. For info: 610-922-1010.

Haverford Guild of Craftsmen Annual Spring Fine Craft Show

May 1 & 2 at Saint George's Episcopal Church in Ardmore



Glass bowl by HGC President Robin Flynn.

The Haverford Guild of Craftsmen will be holding its annual Spring Fine Craft Show on Friday, **May 1**, from 12 p.m. - 9 p.m., and Saturday, **May 2**, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Saint George's Episcopal Church at 1 West Ardmore Avenue, at the intersection of Darby Road and Ardmore Avenue in Ardmore, PA 19003.

The public is invited to a reception from 6 - 9 p.m. Friday evening, to meet and mingle with the artists and enjoy wine and light refreshments.

Known for their diversity, creativity, and dedication to fine craft, the members of The Haverford Guild of Craftsmen form a local chapter of the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen, one of the oldest professional craft guilds in our country. The HGC is well known in Haverford Township for their Holiday Studio Tour, their booth at the Oakmont Farmer's Market, and seasonal shows. This popular spring show marks the fourth time the HGC members will be showing under one roof—bringing together artists

from local townships as well as Delaware and New Jersey.

The Haverford Guild of Craftsmen Spring Show will showcase the work of over 30 artists in

media such as jewelry, leather, ceramics, glass, fiber, photography, copper, painting, wood, illustration and mixed media. Several of the artists will be demonstrating their craft throughout the day on Saturday, and a raffle will grant unique items to lucky winners. The Haverford Guild of Craftsmen Spring Show is the perfect opportunity to buy local and handmade for spring and summer events such as Mother's Day, Graduations, end of the school year Teacher's Gifts, Father's Day and Weddings.

Admission is free, parking is plentiful, and St. George's is handicapped accessible. For information, visit The Haverford Guild of Craftsmen's website www.haverfordguild.org or email the Haverford Guild of Craftsmen at haverfordguild@gmail.com. Find the organization on Facebook www.facebook.com/HaverfordGuildOfCraftsmen and on Pinterest!



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experiences and wine pairings. New this year, the Preview Party will feature Red Dot Reserve, an exciting twist on art-buying that puts the power of the red dot, the traditional symbol that a work has sold, in the hands of Preview Party guests. Guests who acquire their artwork before 8:30 p.m. using their red dots will be exclusively eligible for a grand prize.

Early admission tickets to the Paint the Town Red Preview Party are \$200 and general admission tickets are \$150. New this year, young friend/under 40 tickets are \$100 per person, or \$150 for two tickets. To purchase tickets, call 610-525-0272, ext. 113. **Beginning May 2**, the Spring Gala Exhibition is free and open to the public. Main Line Art Center's galleries are open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

During the Spring Gala Exhibition, artwork created by Accessible Art participants will be on exhibit throughout the Art Center and in the Welcome Gallery, as well as at Bryn Mawr Hospital and Ludington Library. The Accessible Art Exhibitions include work from the Art Center's Exceptional Art Program for children, teens, and adults with disabilities, as well as the Center's programs with partner organizations the Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, JCHAI, the Village (formerly Presbyterian Children's Village), and PA School for the Deaf. A free Artist Reception and Sensory Garden Party/Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser is planned for Saturday, **May 30** from 1 to 3 p.m. at Main Line Art Center to honor the inspiring artists in the exhibitions.

Main Line Art Center is located at 746 Panmure Road in Haverford, behind the Wilkie Lexus dealership just off of Lancaster Avenue. The Art Center is easily accessible from public transportation and offers abundant free parking. For information about Main Line Art Center's Spring Gala Exhibition or Paint the Town Red Preview Party, visit www.mainlineart.org or call 610-525-0272.

Class Reunion

Overbrook High School Classes of 1965 is planning its 50th class reunion on **August 21 and 22, 2015**. For info, call M. Savage Smallwood at 215-850-9841 or Cheryl Jackson Hawes at 267-357-5570.

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Premiere of "Hallelujahs of the Free" to be Performed by Play On, Philly! Symphony Orchestra May 2

Piece by David Carpenter & commissioned by Play On, Philly! - part of the Mann's Liberty: Unplugged! Festival, at Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

Play On, Philly! has commissioned a work by local composer David Carpenter, as part of the Mann's Liberty: Unplugged! festival commemorating three men and three movements that have changed the world: Frederick Douglass and the abolitionist movement; Martin Luther King, Jr. and the civil rights movement; and Nelson Mandela and the anti-apartheid movement. Carpenter's work, "Hallelujahs of the Free," for speaker and orchestra, uses the words of Frederick Douglass, whose writings not only fought for the abolitionist cause of the 19th century, but also speak to the civil rights struggles of today.

"Hallelujahs of the Free" will be one of the pieces performed on Saturday, **May 2, 2015**, 2 p.m. at the Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 419 S. 6th Street, Philadelphia. The concert, titled "Three Men, Three Movements" is the inaugural concert event for Liberty: Unplugged!, the Mann's 2015 festival celebrating Douglass, King, and Mandela, and their still-relevant messages of freedom from slavery, voting rights and human rights. Admission is free but you must RSVP to reserve a space: <http://manncenter.org/content/three-men-three-movements-rsvp>.

Says Carpenter, "I knew who Frederick Douglass was, but it was not until I read his writings that I gained an appreciation of his profound impact on the abolitionist movement, which he joined after his escape from slavery in 1838. The words in my piece are drawn mainly from Douglass's 1852 speech, 'What to a Slave is the Fourth of July?' In it, Douglass argues that the U.S. Constitution is, as he puts it, 'a glorious liberty document,' and that all Americans must live up to its spirit, put away their race prejudice, and abolish slavery once and for all."

"There is no better way for our students to deeply understand the impact of activists like Frederick Douglass than through their own artistic expression," says Stanford Thompson, Founder and Artistic Director of Play On, Philly! "Mr. Carpenter's piece is a powerful way for them to connect with his story, and I believe the audience will feel that energy in his work as well. Working with David has helped our students make new connections with the rich culture many of them come from and one all of us can be proud of."

David Carpenter's music has been performed throughout the United States, including concerts at the Aspen Music Festival and School and the Oregon Bach Festival, the Brevard Music Center, Selected scenes from his opera, *The Age of Innocence*, were performed in New York City in November 2013. A recipient of a MacDowell Colony fellowship in 2010, Carpenter was composer-in-residence for the 2012-13 season with the Delaware County Symphony, who premiered his orchestral work, *The River in the Tree*. Carpenter holds a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in composition from Temple University, where he studied with Maurice Wright. For information, visit www.davidowencarpenter.com.



David Carpenter composing at the piano. Photo/ © Jo Morrissey

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Rosemary Ellen Guiley: the Mystery of the Djinn at Main Line Mutual UFO Network May 12

Little-known entities, the Djinn, have been involved in human affairs throughout history, from ancient aliens to abducting ETs



Rosemary Ellen Guiley is a leading paranormal researcher and investigator whose work also includes UFOs and ETs, cryptids, spirit communications, the afterlife, and entity encounters of all kinds. She has done ground-breaking research on Shadow People and the Djinn. Guiley provides the evidence for their activities and their intentions concerning human beings Tuesday, **May 12** at Tredyffrin Public Library, Strafford. For information, visit www.MainLineMUFON.com. Her current work focuses on interdimensional contact experiences, the afterlife and spirit communications, psychic skills, dreamwork for well-being, spiritual growth and development, angels, past and parallel lives, problem hauntings, and investigation of unusual paranormal activity.

Paranormal researcher Rosemary Ellen Guiley explores the mysterious Djinn at Main Line MUFON Tuesday, May 12 at Tredyffrin Public Library, Strafford, PA. For information, visit www.MainLineMUFON.com.

"Like many people, my interest in the paranormal began in childhood, inspired by experiences, extraordinary dreams, an intense interest in astronomy, and a voracious reading of non-fiction and fiction related to the paranormal, occult, science fiction and fantasy. It was clear to me early in life that the paranormal and the unseen realms are real, and that human beings have encounters and experiences that have been documented since ancient times. Our experiences form patterns throughout history that reveal our constant interaction with dimensions of the afterlife, spirit, the Divine, and a wide range of beings.

"My interests were always wide-ranging, and that continues to characterize my research and work today. All things in the paranormal and metaphysical realms are interconnected. "My work is oriented around the how and why of our extraordinary experiences. I examine both the light and dark sides of our experiences, from the mystical and angelic to the invasive and problematic. To know one side, you must also know the other," she concludes. She has done ground-breaking research on the Djinn and their roles in paranormal phenomena, attachments and possessions, ET abductions, cryptid encounters, Black-Eyed Kids, and ancient aliens and gods. She is the author of "The Djinn Connection: The Hidden Links Between Djinn, Shadow People, ETs, Nephilim, Archons, Reptilians and Other Entities." Her websites are www.visionaryliving.com and www.djinnuniverse.com. Main Line MUFON meets monthly (mainly Tuesday evenings) at 6:30 p.m. at Tredyffrin Public Library, 582 Upper Gulph Road, Strafford, PA 19087. The meeting is free and open to the public. For information, visit www.MainLineMUFON.com or contact Jennifer W. Stein: MainLineMUFON@comcast.net or call 610-613-0088.

OCNJ Spring Block Party May 2

Ocean City, NJ's 32nd Spring Block Party will be held on Saturday, **May 2**, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The mile long festival extends from 5th to 14th Sts. on Asbury Ave. along Ocean City's Award Winning Downtown. There will be over 350 crafters with lots of unusual and practical items for sale. The downtown features over 100 specialty shops and some especially good restaurants.

You can enjoy live entertainment from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Big Daddy Band featuring Larry Conner will be at 6th St., Robert Boney Ensemble at 7th St., Tony DeLuca, a one man band at 9th St., the Tidal Wave Band at 10th St., Bubba Mac Blues Band at 13th St., and Keith Hickman will be entertaining at 14th St. There will be free pony rides for the children at the Tabernacle grounds, 6th and Asbury Ave., also from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. And talented magician, Chad Juros, will be performing his astounding tricks and juggling at that location.

Plus, there will be a downtown Merchant's Sidewalk Sale and Boardwalk Table Sales all weekend. For information, call the Ocean City regional Chamber of Commerce 1-800-BEACHNJ.

Chamounix Mansion Benefit

Chamounix Mansion International Hostel presents its Golden Anniversary Celebration honoring Jane Golden, Executive Director of the City of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program on Saturday, **May 2**, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. For information: 1-800-379-0017.

Quizzo and Karaoke Night Library Fundraiser

The Haverford Township Free Library will host Quizzo and Karaoke Night at the Community Recreation and Environmental Center (CREC) at the Haverford Reserve on Friday, **May 8**, from 7 - 10 p.m. While you're putting your knowledge and voice to the test, enjoy snacks and a cash bar of beer, wine, sodas, and bottled water. Don't miss the 50/50 and HTFL swag! The event is a fundraiser for the Library. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased at the Library front desk or online. Your entry fee gets you one free drink ticket. For information and to purchase tickets online, go to www.haverfordlibrary.org/quizzo. Seats are first come, first served. This event is for Library supporters who are 21 and above.

WCACC Spring Concert 2015

The West Chester Area Community Chorus presents their annual spring concert at West Chester East High School auditorium, 450 Ellis Avenue, West Chester on **May 9** at 7 p.m. The 140-member group is known for performing works across the spectrum of choral music, to entertain all ages. A centerpiece medley from the Tony Award winning show "Ragtime" (best original score 1998) will be performed, along with favorites from the past ("Africa," "Help Me Rhonda"), Broadway show tunes, inspirational anthems, atmospheric themes, and "What a Wonderful World" with a special children's choir. For information on advance tickets (admission is \$5 at the door until sold out) or on joining the chorus, email the group at wccommchorus@comcast.net or visit www.westchesterchorus.org.

KOP 10 Miler Race

Don't miss the 8th annual King of Prussia 10 Miler, 5K Run/Walk, and Kids Run - A great Broad Street Run alternative - happening Sunday, **May 17, 2015**, beginning and ending at Heuser Park on Beidler Road in King of Prussia. The first event begins at 8 a.m. There is easy parking and fun for everyone! The 10 Miler is a challenging, scenic 10-mile loop with plenty of hills. The course is USATF certified (PA #08002WB). The 5K course is an out-and-back on Beidler Road. Race Marshals will be on the course to direct runners/walkers. For information and link to register visit <http://www.kingofprussia10miler.com>.

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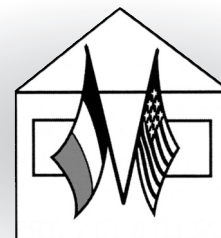
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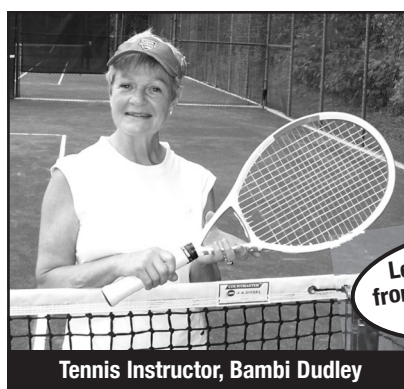


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NARBERTH COMMUNITY THEATRE PRESENTS PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING COMEDIC PLAY “HARVEY”

Narberth Community Theatre's production of “Harvey” opens on Friday, **May 1**, at the Overbrook Presbyterian Church located at 6376 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19151. Directed by David Leavitt, “Harvey” runs **May 1, 2, 8 and 9** at 8 p.m. and matinee performances on **May 3 and 9** at 3 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$14 - \$16 and can be purchased via the website at www.narberthcommunitytheatre.org.

“Harvey” introduces audiences to Elwood P. Dowd, an eccentric man whose imaginary friend, Harvey, happens to be a pooka (a mischievous mythological creature) who takes the form of a six-and-a-half foot rabbit. Elwood's sister, Veta, grows tired of his behavior and decides to have Elwood committed to spare herself and her daughter from further embarrassment. Hilarious chaos and confusion ensue in this comedy of errors when a doctor commits Veta instead of Elwood! This zany cast of characters takes audiences on a journey to see if Elwood will be transformed into a “perfectly normal human being” or be allowed to keep his friend Harvey.

The Broadway production opened November 1, 1944 and ran for 1,775 performances. Playwright Mary Chase received the Pulitzer Prize for Drama for the work in 1945. It was adapted for film in 1950 and featured Jimmy Stewart as Elwood, and was revived on Broadway in 1970 and 2012.

The cast of Narberth Community Theatre's “Harvey” is led by Peter Hayes (Elwood P. Dowd) with Maura McInerney



Getting ready for Narberth Community Theatre's production of “Harvey” are, from left – Maura McInerney (Veta Simmons), Caylynn Lott (Myrtle Mae Simmons), Peter Hayes (Elwood P. Dowd), Brian McKay (Dr. Chumley).

(Veta Simmons), Norma Kider (Mrs. Chauvenet), Steve Kerschener (Duane Wilson), Caylynn Lott/Diane Christiano (Myrtle Mae Simmons), Andrew Maksymowich (Judge Gaffney), Liz McCallum (Betty Chumley), Chuck McCallum (E.J. Lofgren), Brian McKay (William R. Chumley, M.D.), Meaghan Reid (Ruth Kelly, R.N.) and Patrick Martin (Lyman Sanderson, M.D.).

Narberth Community Theatre (NCT) has been entertaining the Philadelphia and Mainline communities for well over 50 years. Come out and support this gem of a local theatre and check out their new permanent home, conveniently located on City Avenue. NCT's 2015-2016 season will bring “South Pacific,” “The Wedding Singer” and “Brighton Beach Memoirs” to the Overbrook stage.

“Kinky Boots” Makes Philadelphia Premiere at Forrest Theatre

“Kinky Boots,” the smash-hit musical that brings together four-time Tony® Award-winner Harvey Fierstein (Book) and Grammy® Award-winning rock icon Cyndi Lauper (Tony Award-winner for Best Score for “Kinky Boots”), opens for a two-week engagement at the Forrest Theatre on **April 28 - May 10**, as part of Broadway Philadelphia, presented collaboratively by the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts and the Shubert Organization.

Tickets ranging in price from \$55 to \$115 are available by calling 800-447-7400 or online at www.telecharge.com. Premium tickets priced at \$150 to \$175 are also available for purchase. Group orders of 15 or more may be placed by calling 866-276-2947 or 215-790-5883. Tickets will be available at the Forrest Theatre box office (1114 Walnut St.) (open Mon. - Sat., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.). For information visit www.forrest-theatre.com Performances include: Tuesday - Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m.; Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m.; matinees Saturdays at 2 p.m. and Sundays at 1 p.m.

Directed and choreographed by Tony Award-winner Jerry Mitchell, “Kinky Boots” opened on Broadway April 4, 2013 and continues to play to standing-room-only crowds nightly. The show, which has broken all box office records at the Hirschfeld Theatre, recouped its costs in October 2013, after just 30 weeks on Broadway.

“Kinky Boots” took home six 2013 Tony Awards, the most of any show in the season, including Best Musical, Best Score (Cyndi Lauper), Best Choreography (Jerry Mitchell), Best Orchestrations (Stephen Oremus) and Best Sound Design



“Kinky Boots” opens for a two-week engagement at the Forrest Theatre on **April 28 - May 10**. Photo/Matthew Murphy

(John Shivers). The show also received the Drama League, Outer Critics Circle and Broadway.com Awards for Best Musical and the Grammy Award for Best Musical Album, along with many other accolades.

In “Kinky Boots,” Charlie Price has reluctantly inherited his father's shoe factory, which is on the verge of bankruptcy. Trying to live up to his father's legacy and save his family business, Charlie finds inspiration in the form of Lola. A fabulous entertainer in need of some sturdy stilettos, Lola turns out to be the one person who can help Charlie become the man he's meant to be. As they work to turn the factory around, this unlikely pair finds that they have more in common than they ever dreamed possible... and discovers that when you change your mind about someone, you can change your whole world.

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Ellie Mooney, Owen Pelesh, Denise Whelan and Scott Langdon in Irving Berlin's "I Love a Piano" at the Walnut Street Theatre. Photo/Mark Garvin

By Jerry H. Bloom, Staff Writer
Onstage

• **Walnut Street Theatre**, Independence Studio on 3, 825 Walnut Street in Philadelphia presents *I Love A Piano*, through **June 28**, Tuesday - Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. This musical follows the journey of a piano as it moves in and out of American lives from the turn of the century to the present. Irving Berlin's classic songs include *Blue Skies*, *There's No Business Like Show Business*, *Puttin' on the Ritz*, *How Deep is the Ocean*, and *I Love a Piano*. For tickets (\$35 - \$40) or info, call 215-574-3550 or 800-982-2787 or visit www.WalnutStreetTheatre.org.

• **Pennsylvania Ballet at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia**, presents *A Tribute to Jerome Robbins*, **May 7 - 10** that includes the company premiere of In G Major, and performances of *The Concert* and *Fancy Free*. World famous for his work on blockbusters like *West Side Story* and *The King and I*, Robbins also created ballets for the entire family. For tickets, call 215-893-1999 or visit www.paballet.org/tribute-jerome-robbins.

• **Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts**, Perelman Theater in Philadelphia, presents *Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia* (JOP) playing the music of Billy Strayhorn, Saturday, **May 9**, at 8 p.m. Under the artistic direction of renowned Philadelphia trumpeter Terrell Stafford, the performance celebrates Strayhorn's 100th birthday with a special program including *Take the 'A' Train*, *Satin Doll*, and Strayhorn's most famous

ballad, *Lush Life*. For tickets (\$29-\$39) or info, call 215-893-1999 or visit www.kimmelcenter.org.

• **Upper Darby Performing Arts Center**, 601 North Lansdowne Avenue in Drexel Hill, PA, will host the **The Pennsylvania Academy of Ballet Society's Spring Celebration** of modern and classical ballet and circus arts performances, Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets (\$25/\$15 students) or information, call Melinda Pendleton at 610-664-3455 or visit www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1396821.

Dining Around

• **Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurants** will celebrate *National Burger Month* in May, at all 11 locations offering a different burger each day priced at \$13.50. Every guest will receive a *Burger Month Punch Card*, and for every five burgers they order, they'll earn a \$15 reward to use on their next visit to Iron Hill. For locations in PA, NJ, and DE, visit www.ironhill-brewery.com.

Special Events

• **Paramour**, 139 East Lancaster Avenue at the Wayne Hotel in Wayne, PA, will celebrate their *4th Annual Kentucky Derby Party*, Saturday, **May 2**, 4 to 6:30 p.m. on the Veranda. Watch the race day events unfold on TVs in the Lobby Lounge and out on the Veranda while sampling Paramour's savory Southern inspired hors d'oeuvres and special sweet treats along with refreshing mint juleps and specially reserved wine selections chosen by Paramour's Sommelier. Enter *Paramour's Best Dressed for the Derby Contest* where first, second and third place prizes are awarded for the best men's and women's Derby outfits. For tickets (\$50 per person) or info, buy in person at Paramour or online at <http://paramourwayne.com/4th-annual-kentucky-derby-party>. All ticket proceeds support the Radnor Historical Society.

• **Philly PHLASH** is back with purple buses operating a seven-day-a-week service through **September 7**, with a Friday through Sunday schedule beginning on **September 11 through November 22**, and picking up again to a seven-day-a-week schedule from **November 27 through January 3, 2016** for the holiday season. Information and schedules available at www.visitphilly.com/tours/philadelphia/phlash.

• **The Haverford Guild of Craftsmen** will offer its third Spring Fine Craft Show, at **St. George's Episcopal Church**, 1 West Ardmore Avenue, at the intersection of Darby Road and Ardmore Avenue, in Ardmore, PA, Friday, **May 1**, noon to 9 p.m. and Saturday, **May 2** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Haverford Guild of Craftsmen is the 15th local chapter of the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen, one of the oldest professional craft guilds in our country. This is a free event, with free parking, and St. George's is handicapped accessible. For info, visit www.haverfordguild.org.

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Overbrook Farms House Tour & Tea - May 3

Tour Homes Turn-of the Century Homes Designed by Stellar Architects

The Overbrook Farms Club invites the community to attend its annual House Tour & Tea on Sunday, **May 3**, from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Founded in 1892 as the first planned community along the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, the homes of Overbrook Farms were designed by leading architects of the time to house some of the city's most successful industrialists and politicians.

Tickets are available now at www.overbrookfarmsclub.org, or by calling 215-477-9250. Tickets purchased in advance are \$30 and \$35 on the day of the tour. The tour ticket in-

The Overbrook Farms Club invites the community to attend its annual House Tour & Tea on Sunday, May 3, from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

cludes afternoon tea service. Participants can take a break from touring and enjoy tea at Ivy Hall, a splendid 1904 mansion that boasts an ample and ornately appointed ballroom wing.

Each year, featured homes change, highlights of the tour this year include several homes that appear in the recently published book on Overbrook Farms by Arcadia Publishing. Also several new homeowners are putting the homes on display once again or showcasing their renovation "works in progress."

Tour "regulars" are charmed by the neighborhood's grand and varied architectural history, visible in the 413 structures that remain since the community's founding in 1892. The homes of Overbrook Farms include a wide variety of styles. The eclectic designs of noted architects Charles Barton Keen,



Westray Ladd, Walter H. Thomas, Walter F. Price, Horace Trumbauer, Chester Kirk, William L. Price, David Knickerbocker and Lawrence Visher Boyd, Joseph W. Houston, Angus Wade, Yarnell & Goforth, and others are apparent throughout the community. Overbrook Farms has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since March 21, 1985.

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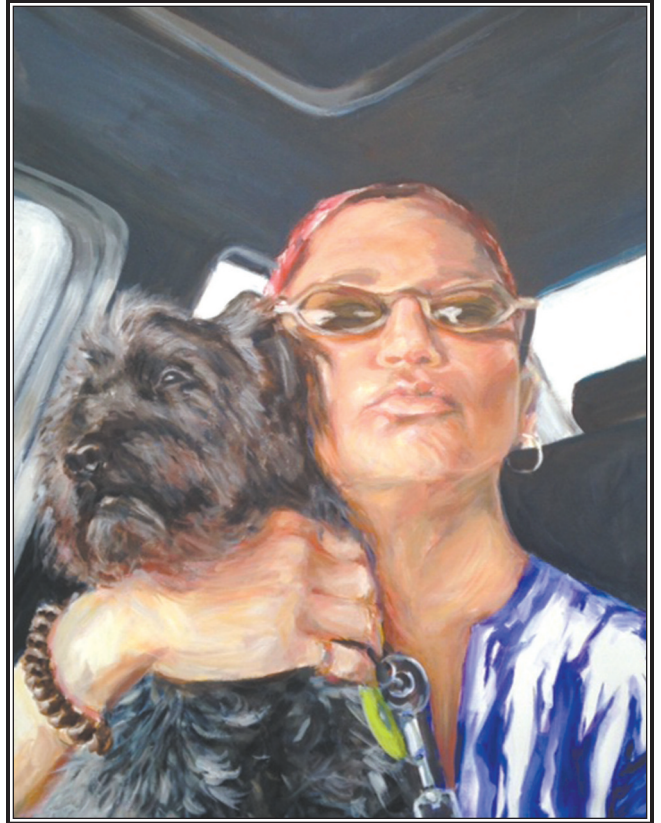
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Jurassic Park Movie Marathon and Dinosaur Dance Party May 9



"Tracy the Triceratops," inhabited by extreme puppeteer Matt Brady, will perform throughout the day **May 9** at the Jurassic Park Movie Marathon & Dinosaur Dance Party at the Academy of Natural Sciences. Photo/Mike Servedio/ANS

With the upcoming release of the fourth installment in the *Jurassic Park* series, the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University presents a *Jurassic Park* Movie Marathon, plus a Dinosaur Dance Party for the younger set. It all happens Saturday, **May 9**, and is free with museum admission.

With *Jurassic World* opening in U.S. theaters June 12, "the Dinosaur Museum" will present the first three films in the wildly popular, now classic, series that launched in 1993 with *Jurassic Park*. The movies will be screened back-to-back in the Academy's auditorium with a 20-minute break in between.

In addition, loveable Tracy the *Triceratops* will lead a music-

filled Dinosaur Dance Party for all ages that recurs every hour on the half hour, starting at 10:30 a.m. Families with young children especially will enjoy keeping in step with extreme puppeteer Matt Brady – in the colorfully bulky body of Tracy – as he makes the 10-foot-long dinosaur twist, turn and trot to impossibly catchy tunes.

Movie show times are 10:20 a.m. for *Jurassic Park*; 1 p.m. for *The Lost World: Jurassic Park*; and 3:25 p.m. for *Jurassic Park III*.

"This really is an all-ages event with something for everyone," said Timshel Purdum, director of education and lifelong learning. "It's casual enough that visitors can come and go among the movies and dances as fits their schedule."

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Free Concert

On Friday, **May 15** at 8:30 p.m., the Chamber Singers of Haverford and Bryn Mawr Colleges, directed by Thomas Lloyd, will perform their "Annual Commencement Concert." This concert will be held in Thomas Great Hall on the Bryn Mawr College Campus at 101 North Merion Ave, Bryn Mawr, PA, and is free and open to the public. For information 610-896-1011 or www.haverford.edu/music/events/.

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For information, resources and news, visit www.newhorizonscenter.org or call to 610-664-2366 to sign up for any of these upcoming events or programs.

Volunteers Needed: Become a part of an active network that supports and sustains each other. Interested volunteers can inquire via email: Judy.NHSC@gmail.com.

Daily Lunch, Monday through Friday at Noon: New Horizons serves a full course lunch every weekday at Noon for adults 60 and over. The menus are planned by a local nutritionist and are catered by Betty the Caterer. Meals are available to eat-in or take-out, for a suggested donation of \$2 per meal. This program is subsidized by Montgomery County Aging and Adult Services. Call or check the website (www.newhorizonscenter.org) to see what's on the menu! Call 610-664-2366 or stop by 100 Conway Avenue, 2nd Floor, Narberth, to make your reservations!

Creative Health Therapy - Make Natural Personal-Care Products

On Tuesday, **May 5** at 12:45 p.m., Art Therapist and Wellness Counselor John Muraco will lead a DIY workshop to make natural personal care products. What we put on our body is just as important as what we put in it. Most cleaning and personal care products are full of harmful chemicals. In this workshop, learn how to make natural products for your personal care, using simple, inexpensive, natural materials. Try easy techniques to make hand/face cream and toothpaste. Fee: \$3 material fee. Interested parties can stop by in person to New Horizons Senior Center, 100 Conway Avenue, 2nd floor or call 610-664-2366.

Introduction to QiGong - Free Workshop

On Wednesday, **May 6** at 12:30 p.m. Alisa Phillips, certified QiGong instructor, will lead an Introduction to QiGong Workshop. QiGong literally means life energy cultivation. In this workshop Alisa will introduce simple, slow QiGong movements that are good for relaxation, stress relief, balance, joint flexibility and self-healing. QiGong has been used as part of medical practice for centuries in China and has been medically proven to help in healing and preventative care.

Current Events with State Senator Daylin Leach

Pennsylvania State Senator Daylin Leach, representing the 17th Senatorial District, will visit New Horizons Senior Center on Thursday, **May 7** at 9:30 a.m. for "Donuts with Daylin." Seniors are invited to come out to discuss current issues, as well as issues important to Senior over coffee and donuts.

"Ask the Doctor" with Dr. Randall Russell

Dr. Randall Russell, Site Chief, Lankenau Wound Center, will present a workshop on Tuesday, **May 12** at 12:45 p.m. entitled "Keeping a Bounce in Your Step." Dr. Russell will discuss how to maximize one's ambulatory potential with age. The saying "use it or lose it" takes on more meaning as we age. Overall health and quality of life are closely related to staying active and mobile. Learn how to keep your body moving through strength and conditioning, proper footwear, care for varicose veins and maintaining general health. Free Presentation. Come early, and enjoy a catered lunch provided by Betty the Caterer for only \$2 before the workshop.

Author Series: Live Your Legacy Now

On Wednesday, **May 13** at 12:30 p.m. Author Barbara Shaiman presents a workshop to provide you with the tools to find meaningful projects at any age. Find your passion and change the world.

Throughout her career, Barbara Shaiman, has helped to empower others to create social change. She is the founder of "Champions of Caring" a non-profit organization that has empowered over 10,000 youth in Philadelphia and South Africa to become leaders in public service and active, engaged citizens. She has created programs that have motivated young people with the skills to create service projects to address local and global issues.

The success of Champions of Caring with young people led her to create her newest venture, "Embrace Your Legacy," concurrently with the release of her new book, "Live Your Legacy Now: Ten Simple Steps to Find Your Passion and Change the World," to encourage adults of all ages and backgrounds to embrace and live their legacies.

Barbara's mother was incarcerated at Auschwitz and is the sole survivor of a family of sixty-five people, and her father worked for Oskar Schindler. This family legacy motivated Barbara to help others to live their legacies by giving back to their communities.

Through speeches, workshops and consulting, she shares her ten-step approach to provide participants with the necessary tools to create social change in an informed and creative way. She has presented this message to audiences of all ages and backgrounds, locally, nationally and internationally. Changing the world, one person at a time.

Embrace Your Legacy motivates individuals to assess their core values, identify their passion and utilize these assets to take action and create projects for personal growth and social change. Her programs create cultures of caring in communities, organizations and/or business environments by developing socially conscious leaders and active citizens.

Art Corner: Nature Drawing

Artist Alisa Phillips will teach an introductory Nature Drawing workshop on Friday, **May 15** at 12:30 p.m. for any level of artist. Learn simple techniques to capture what you see in nature using pencil, pen, watercolor or charcoal. Drawing from nature allows you to gain an appreciation and connection with the natural world while giving you an opportunity to discover a new way of seeing the world around you.

New Horizons Walking Club

Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Seniors who are tired of walking alone and are interested in getting fit and meeting other fun people, can join the New Horizons Walking Club! Warmer weather is a good time to get outside, walk and talk. This group meets at 9:30 a.m. at New Horizons on a weather-permitting basis. If the weather is questionable, please call the center. Comfortable clothes and walking shoes are recommended. Advance registration is requested. Interested parties can stop by or call 610-664-2366 to sign up.

Computer & Tablet Tutorials

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On Wednesday, **May 13** at 12:30 p.m. author Barbara Shaiman presents a workshop to provide attendees with the tools to find meaningful projects at any age. This is one of the many interesting programs for seniors offered by New Horizons Senior Center in Narberth.



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National History Bee Action at Friends' Central



Friends' Central Middle Schoolers Ben Klein of Philadelphia, Gordon Wilcox of Broomall, Sara Bergmann of Haverford, Oona Pierre of Philadelphia, and Benny Flora of Narberth - pictured with Middle School Principal Alexa Quinn (far left) and Middle School teacher and History Bee coordinator Jebb Chagan (far right) - participated in the Regional Finals of the National History Bee, hosted at Friends' Central on April 18. Based on their performance at Regionals, Klein and Wilcox also qualified to compete in Nationals during Memorial Day weekend.

On Saturday, April 18, Friends' Central welcomed over 300 people, including 100 Middle School student qualifiers from both public and private schools in the tri-state area, at the Regional Finals of the National History Bee. Five Friends' Central Middle Schoolers participated in the Regional Finals, and based on their performance at Regionals, two students qualified for Nationals. In addition, six students competed in the National Competition in the Upper School division, April 25 - 26 in Arlington, VA.

FCS Middle School students Sara Bergmann '19, Benny Flora '20, Ben Klein '19, Oona Pierre '20, and Gordon Wilcox '20 finished among the top 120 in the region on the Online Regional Qualifying Exam (ORQE), making them eligible to participate in the Regional Finals of the National History Bee. Based on their outstanding performance at the Regional Finals, Ben Klein and Gordon Wilcox received invitations to

who participated and those who advanced to the next round! We were thrilled to host again this year and hope to continue the relationship we now have with the History Bee."

In addition to these four Middle Schoolers, in the Upper School division, six Friends' Central students competed in the Mid-Atlantic Region History Competition, advanced to the semi-finals, and scored enough points to qualify for the National Competition, in Arlington, VA. They were David Arnold '17, Harrison Burdge '17, Ezra Kruger '18, Mike Wang '17, Sam Weiss '17, and Zach Zwick '16.

Congratulations to all Middle and Upper School students who participated in this exciting competition, and good luck to the Middle and Upper School students competing in Nationals! To learn more about the National History Bee, visit <http://historybee.com/>.

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compete in Nationals in Louisville, KY, during Memorial Day weekend.

Middle School teacher Jebb Chagan, who is also the coordinator for the event at Friends' Central, comments, "By competing in the National History Bee, these students joined a select group of some of the best young minds in the country - an accomplishment worth celebrating."

This was the third consecutive year that Friends' Central's Middle School participated in the National History Bee, and the second year Friends' Central has hosted the Regional Finals. Middle School Principal Alexa Quinn shares, "The History Bee is a wonderful opportunity for our students to demonstrate their passion for and knowledge of history, and we're so proud of the Middle Schoolers

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RACHAEL RAY THANKS ACADEMY OF NOTRE DAME SENIORS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE



From left - Academy of Notre Dame Seniors Taylor Leonhardt (Media) and Megan Marshall (Newtown Square) moved Rachael Ray to tears on an April 8 broadcast of her show. Megan and Taylor raised \$5,700 - equivalent to 57,000 meals - for Rachael Ray's 9 Million Meals, an initiative intended to raise funds to donate 9 million meals for families struggling with hunger in the United States.

Seniors Taylor Leonhardt (Media) and Megan Marshall (Newtown Square) moved Rachael Ray to tears on an April 8 broadcast of her show. Recently, Ray launched 9 Million Meals, an initiative intended to raise funds to donate 9 million meals for families struggling with hunger in the United States. The 9 Million Meals initiative works with Feeding America and No Kid Hungry, and with their collaboration, every dollar raised helps provide 10 meals.

The cause for Ray's tears? Megan and Taylor raised \$5,700 - equivalent to 57,000 meals.

The girls had been interested in service trips, but most they found were out of the country, which didn't work with their school schedules. Their mothers, Janet Marshall

and Danielle Leonhardt, had seen Ray talk about 9 Million Meals on her show and brought it to the attention of their daughters.

They were immediately taken with the initiative and knew they needed to help. The first thing they did was put donation jars in local stores, but it didn't stop there.

"We decided to do a bake sale, last minute, before Christmas break," says Megan.

"We wrote letters to family and friends as well, soliciting for donations," adds Taylor.

Janet Marshall said when Megan received a phone call from the show's producers, she thought they were just getting a thank-you invite to attend the show, not an appearance on television.

"They were so impressed that the girls just did it," says Janet, explaining that Megan and Taylor simply sent over the money raised with just a personal note attached. "The producers said so many people only do it to get on the show, and the humility shown by Notre Dame's seniors, in addition to the incredible donation, was inspiring."

They plan to continue raising money for 9 Million Meals.

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NELLY BERMAN SCHOOL GALA CONCERT

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required to win competitions and perform as soloists with orchestras including the Philadelphia Orchestra, Lansdowne, SPSO, Old York, Ambler, Pottstown, Delaware, New Jersey Pops, Warminster, West Chester University, Bucks County and Olney symphony orchestras. Many students on the program didn't just win one of these competitions, but several students set a goal for themselves of winning each and every one. One of the NBS student performers, 14 year-old cellist Alex Wu, a student at Harriton High school, has won 6 of these concerto competitions.

Academically precocious students can measure their math and science achievement by earning a high score in Pennsylvania State competitions. Ethan Lee, a 17 year old pianist performing on **May 3** can measure his in being the sole winner of the MTNA Pennsylvania State Competition, having the ultimate honor of scoring no 1 in our state, as well as winning the Philadelphia Orchestra Competition.

Two students, Melody Yu and Emma Lo, can measure theirs on an international level among young people ages 10-12 coming from many foreign countries by winning 1st and 3rd prize respectively in the Chopin International Competition. Melody, a 7th grader at Baldwin school, performed as a soloist with Philadelphia Orchestra this March and Emma, a 6th grader at Tredyffrin Middle School, won the SPSO and Warminster Orchestra competitions,

These award-winning students are part of the gifted student program that allows them to have two one-hour lessons per week and chamber music. This goal-oriented training makes it possible for these talented and hard-working students to delve profoundly into the intricate texture of music and achieve the highest level of technical and emotional interpretation possible with many hours of daily practice. Some of the students practice up to five hours a day. Alyssa Gabrilovich, a 9 year-old pianist and a 3rd grader at Gladwyne Elementary School is one of these students. Two weeks ago, her hard work, focus, and dedication made it possible for her to win 2nd prize in the prestigious West Chester University Pre-Collegiate Piano Competition age group 9 - 12.

Alyssa likes to practice piano, read, play tennis, sing, and swim. "I want to improve every time I practice. Usually I work on three pieces every day," Alyssa says with a shy grin. Each of her pieces are formidable works of piano repertoire—the Beethoven sonata she will play at the Gala concert, a Bach concerto she is competing with this Saturday, the Mendelssohn's Rondo Capriccioso she played for the WCU competition, and many Czerny studies which build her finger technique. Each composition requires attention to minute details. To combat her nerves she started participating in the weekly performance classes that NBS offers. "I was scared at the beginning when I started to play for people. Now, when I play more often, I am not scared anymore," she says happily.

"Mendelssohn is my favorite composer" she shares, "because of the expressiveness of his music. I like the Beethoven Sonata I am playing now, because of its energy and contrasting phrases."

Her mother is her great support and helps organize Alyssa's practice habits. She desires Alyssa to practice more efficiently, requiring fewer repetitions to achieve the desired results.

"Time is precious, and ideally she will not need to repeat a passage 15 times. If she really focuses on the details she can accomplish the same results in three or four repetitions. I am not home until late, and I help Alyssa by writing down precisely what the teacher says and then writing a schedule for her with practice times and a list of the sections she needs to work on. Recently, practicing has become an everyday habit for Alyssa. She finishes her weekly homework packet from school in about 15 minutes in one day. Maybe when she is older and has more homework, she will not have as much time to practice as she does now. As for now, I am not thinking about the future. I studied music as a child in Russia, and Alyssa is doing the same now. I am proud of her accomplishments and love to hear her play these beautiful pieces. I know that Alyssa loves music, which makes me happy."

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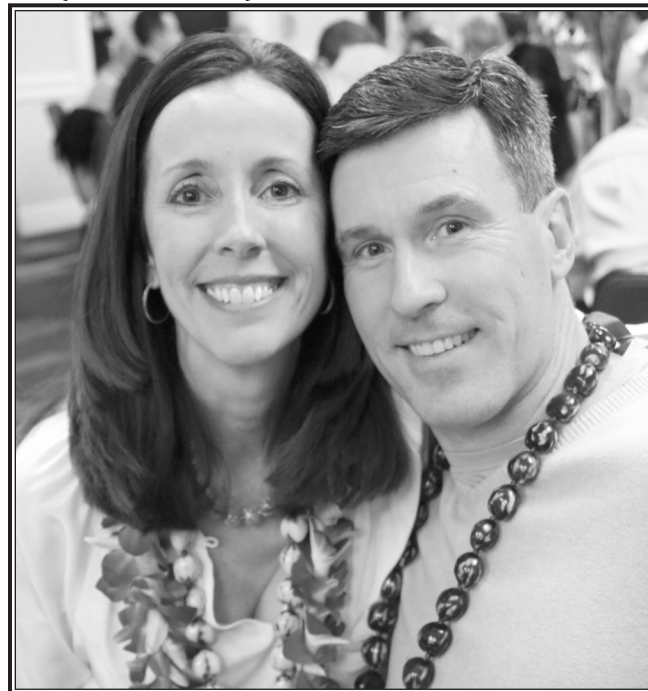
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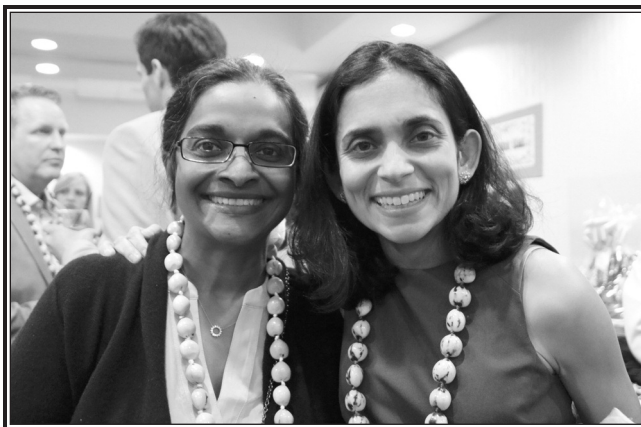


Daniel and Rosalyn Heth of Gladwyne are a pair at Tigerfest.

Over 350 WMA parents, faculty, staff and friends, in leis and their Hawaii finest, came together for a special night of socializing, playing games, winning prizes and bidding on auction items, all to support Waldron Mercy Academy and its students, at Tigerfest 2015: "Blue (and Gold) Hawaii," presented by Kairos Real Estate Partners, on Saturday, March 28, at the Philadelphia Marriott West in Conshohocken.

Attendees played fun games, won prizes, socialized, and bid on silent and live auction items, of which proceeds advance the mission, add to the student aid fund, support outreach partners, and provide resources for compensation for faculty and staff, as well as capital improvements to WMA's facilities.

For information about Waldron Mercy Academy, visit www.waldronmercy.org.



Shivane Raj of Gladwyne and Metty Vithayathil of Narberth enjoy Tigerfest.



Dr. Jeremy Herrmann and wife, Jennifer, of Merion Station, and Anne Farnum-Messano and husband, John, of Havertown.

PERFORMANCE OF "LA GIARA"

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La Giara's creation has been a very powerful and personal expression for Patricia and is the culmination of her life's experiences and varied musical background. *La Giara* is a departure from her main artistry of many years performing Brazilian Jazz and a return to her origins in musical theater, classical training, and her family's Sicilian culture. *La Giara* merges Italian Folk music with Opera, Brazilian Choro and Jazz. Throughout, the work expresses themes relevant to gender oppression, migration and the cultural losses that families experienced and transcended in adapting to a new world.

Story Synopsis: Hot-tempered Nunzio, as explosive as Mount Etna back home in Sicily, thinks he wears the *pantaloni* in his family until his wife and two daughters suddenly disappear, leaving behind a successful family bridal business in Philadelphia, changing their names, and jumping a cross-country train. Their goal: to get as far from him as possible. When he finally locates them, with the help of a private detective two years on the case, Nunzio discovers that his female "bimbos" are more resourceful than he imagined, making a successful living in Denver, Colorado. But an incident from Nunzio's past in Sicily has determined his misfortune - if only he had thought before rudely cutting in line to the town water fountain and breaking his Aunt Vincenza's water jug. If only he knew Aunt Vincenza would someday be his mother-in-law. If only he knew it would cause a lifetime family curse. Nunzio must make right and buys an impressive mansion to persuade his family.

Musicians: Patricia King Haddad (piano and vocals), Orlando Haddad (guitar and vocals), Jim Stager (bass) and Dave Hartl (accordion) with Charlotte Blake Alston (narrator) and John Nicholas Peters, Jessica Lennick, Katie Romano, Steve Carrasco (cast of singers). Artistic Director: John Nicholas Peters. Musical Director: Orlando Haddad,

La Giara will be presented at The International House Philadelphia on Sunday, **May 17** for a 4 p.m. matinee, with a narrator, large ensemble, a cast of singers, all enhanced by historic Philadelphia video projection. International House Philadelphia is located at 3701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, call 215-387-5125 or visit www.ihousephilly.org. Tickets: \$25 (general public), \$20 (I House Members), \$10 (I House Residents). Visit www.lagiaramusic.com.

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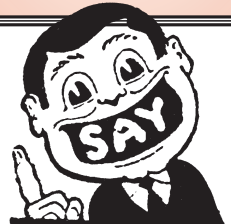
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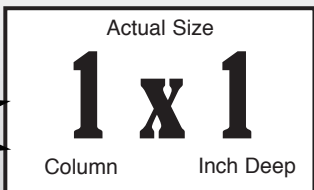
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Ward Van Haute's Reverse Paintings on Glass

New Exhibit at Villanova University Art Gallery April 30 - June 8

Luminous, color rich, reverse images on glass comprise Ward Van Haute's one-person exhibit, "Prism of Life," opening Thursday, **April 30**, at the Villanova University Art Gallery.

A free public reception to meet the self-taught Bethlehem, PA, painter/sculptor will take place on Friday, **May 8**, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the art gallery, located in the Connelly Center, 2nd floor, on the Villanova campus. Refreshments will be served. Convenient and free on-campus parking via the Ithan Avenue gate is available. The exhibit continues to **June 8**.

Being closely watched might be one feeling a viewer gets upon stepping into Van Haute's exhibit. Eyes, lushly colored and richly lashed, both bodied and disembodied, peer out from behind the glass on many of the paintings, which are done on repurposed windowpanes salvaged from roadsides by the artist.

The exhibit comprises more than 30 of Van Haute's most recent figurative paintings, some featuring dashes of abstraction. Carried out on single- and multiple-pane framed windows, the sharply-defined and strikingly colored - some almost psychedelically so - works range from individual portraiture to complex, multi-scene tableau.

In his paintings, Van Haute "focuses on human form in whimsical settings that reflect my cheerful engagement with the world," says the 36-year-old father of four. While there's whimsy in his treatments, his subject matter isn't always so.

In "Sunday Drive with Tony," a large eye cast in patriotic red, white, and blue beckons viewers into variegated scenes of youthful protest that hearken to America's Vietnam era. At 4 x 5 feet and comprising 20 individual panes, "Drive" is the exhibit's largest, and one of its most complex works.

It's difficult to tell what Millie's about in "Militant Millie and The Peace Grenade." Her raised, clenched fist and wide footed-stance say 'defiance,' while the designer camouflage fatigues with midriff top, wide white belt and matching-color hand grenade, say 'fashion.'

Whimsy plays large in "Reveille," an image with a dreamlike quality of childhood exuberance going awry. Above a blissfully sleeping mother, an airborne tyke in jump mode is about to use her as a landing pad. Makes one want to shout out "WAKE UP" and ask her where she keeps the Ritalin.

Van Haute has worked as a prop master/set dresser on television and theatrical productions in Philadelphia and New York. He learned on his own the unforgiving-of-mistakes art that reverse painting on glass can be. Beginning in the late '90s, he worked nights and weekends for about 10 years before being satisfied enough to exhibit his results.

The long road is all made worthwhile by the results: "Oils on the reverse of glass capture ambient light like no other medium and support combination can," he notes.

The artist holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from DeSales University, Center Valley, PA. The Villanova University Art Gallery is open weekdays from 9 a.m. into most evenings. For extended and weekend hours, and other information, contact the Art Gallery at 610-519-4612. Selected works in the Van Haute exhibit may be previewed on the gallery's website: www.artgallery.villanova.edu.



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