

Calendar of Events¹

Auditions

January 28, New Student Auditions, Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey. Students MUST study privately and be enrolled in either their school band or orchestra (if there is a band or orchestra in your school) in order to become and remain a member of the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey. Recommendation by the student's private teacher is required. Home-schoolers are also invited to audition! For more information visit yocj.org

Concerts

January 12, Winter Performance- A Night in Vienna, Central Jersey Choral Society, 4:30pm. Princeton Meadow Church, 545 Meadow Rd, Princeton. A tribute to the City of Music, which features the music of Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, and a host of others! For more information visit cjchoralsociety.org

January 19, Winter 2020 Large Ensemble Concert, Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey, 3pm & 7pm. Kendall Hall, The College of New Jersey. For more information visit yocj.org

February 6, Isabelle Faust, Violin Jean-Guihen Queyras, Cello Alexander Melnikov, Piano at Princeton University Concerts, 8pm. 68 Nassau St, Princeton, princetonuniversityconcerts.org

February 6, Performance with Westminster Choir College Jubilee Singers, Trenton Children's Chorus, 6pm. The Black History Month Concert performance takes place at Westminster Choir College, Princeton. For more information visit trentonchildrenchorus.org

February 10, Music from China, Princeton Symphony Orchestra, 1pm. Located in Richardson Auditorium in Alexander Hall, Princeton. FREE. For more information visit princetonsymphony.org

February 11, Gabriela Montero, Piano, Princeton University Concerts, Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, 6pm & 9pm. 68 Nassau

St, Princeton, princetonuniversityconcerts.org

February 16, three Centuries of Lutes with Daniel Swenberg, Dryden Ensemble, 3pm. Located at Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary, 64 Mercer St, Princeton. For more information visit the drydenensemble.org / 609-466-8541.

February 20, Calidore String Quartet, Princeton University Concerts, 8pm. Nassau St, Princeton, princetonuniversityconcerts.org

February 22, Brothers on Broadway, Capital Philharmonic of NJ, 7:30pm. Located at Patriots' Theatre, 1 Memorial Dr, Trenton. For more information visit yocj.org

March 8, Richardson Chamber Players, Beethoven at 250, at Princeton University Concerts, 3pm. 68 Nassau St, Princeton, princetonuniversityconcerts.org

March 13 & 14, Bach's St. John Passion, Dryden Ensemble, 7:30pm. Located at Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary, 64 Mercer St, Princeton. For more information visit the drydenensemble.org / 609-466-8541.

March 14, The Coming of Spring with Lorenzo Mazamuto, Capital Philharmonic of NJ, 7:30pm. Located at Patriots' Theatre, 1 Memorial Dr, Trenton. For more information visit yocj.org

March 22, 2nd Annual Chamber Music Fundraiser, Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey, 3pm. Located at Crosswicks Friends Meeting House in Crosswicks. For more information visit yocj.org

March 23, Mahler Chamber Orchestra with Mitsuko Uchida, Piano, at Princeton University Concerts, 8pm. 68 Nassau St, Princeton, princetonuniversityconcerts.org

March 29, Spring Into Song Concert, Trenton Children's Chorus, 2pm. For more information visit trentonchildrenchorus.org

March 21; 8pm & 22; 4pm, Stefan Jackiw Plays Mendels-

sohn, Princeton Symphony Orchestra. Located in Richardson Auditorium in Alexander Hall, Princeton. For more information visit princeton-symphony.org

Dance

Every Tuesday night, International Folk Dance, Princeton Folk Dance, 7:30pm. Kristina Johnson Pop-Up Studio, Princeton Shopping Center, (609)921-9340 Lesson followed by dance. \$5. princetonfolk-dance.org

Every Wednesday night, Newcomer Dance, American Ballroom Dance Company, 7pm, \$10. (609) 931-0149. For more information visit americanballroomco.com

Every Thursday night, Viva Tango, 8pm. Suzanne Patterson Center, Princeton. (609) 948-4448, \$15. For more information visit vivatango.org

Every Friday night, Friday Night Social, American Ballroom Company, 7:30pm. Located at 1523 Parkway Ave, Ewing. (609) 931-0149. For more information visit americanballroomco.com

Every Friday, Friday Dance Social, Jersey Dance, 8:30pm. West Windsor Arts Center, 952 Alexander Rd, West Windsor. For more information visit jerseydance.com

Every Saturday, English Country Dance, Princeton Country Dancers, 8pm. Suzanne Patterson Center, Princeton. \$11. For more information visit princeton-countrydancers.org

Exhibitions

Now - May 10, Dreaming of Utopia: Roosevelt, New Jersey, Morven Museum. The first of its kind, this show examines the history of Roosevelt, from its early days as an antidote to the Great Depression to a twenty-first century arts community. For more information visit morven.org.

On View - June 28, Preserving the Pinelands: Albert Horn-er's Portraits of a National

Treasure, New Jersey State Museum, 205 West State Street St, Trenton. The exhibit will feature images which capture the quiet beauty and intimate landscapes of New Jersey's Pinelands National Reserve by photographer Albert Horner, and artifacts from the NJ State Museum's collections which tell just some of the stories of the land, animals, people and industries that make the Reserve a state and national treasure. The 40th anniversary of the Pinelands Preservation Act, considered by former Governor Brendan Byrne to be the most important accomplishment of his administration, and the issue most central to his legacy as governor. For more information visit state.nj.us/state/museum. (WW)

Now - February 16, The Eternal Feast: Banqueting in Chinese Art from 10th to the 14th Century, Princeton University Art Museum. The exhibition brings to life the art of the feast during three transformative Chinese dynasties, the Song, Liao, and Yuan, which together enjoyed a thriving economy, cultural flourishing, and the intermingling of foreign and native traditions. Focusing on a rare group of surviving paintings from the period—along with ceramic, lacquer, metal, and stone objects as well as textiles—the exhibition reveals feasts to be singularly positioned to illuminate one of the most enduring and significant facets of the Chinese tradition: the continuum between life and the afterlife. The exhibition features fifty objects arranged in sections that focus on ladies banqueting in the past, gentlemen feasting in the present, and dining in the afterlife. Several other aspects of elite feasting—including costume, cuisine, music, and dance, as well as burial customs, architecture and gardens, artistic patronage, and painterly practice—are also explored, offering a window into life, death, and art during a time period whose cultural influence extends in China to the present day. For more information visit artmuseum.princeton.edu (WW)

January 9 - February 8, Badlands, BSB Gallery, 143 East State Street Ste.4, Trenton. Badlands" is a new series of experimental works created by sculp-

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tor Dominic Sansone relying heavily on everyday building materials easily accessible at local hardware stores and found objects. A collection of pedestal based and free-standing sculpture along with tactile, relief style "paintings", form the basis for the proposed exhibition which addresses themes of environmental, social, and infrastructural decay in our society. Opening Reception: January 10, 4-7pm. For more information visit bsbgallery.com

February 20 - March 14, Collective Expeditions, BSB Gallery, 143 East State Street Ste.4, Trenton. Collective Expeditions, presented by The International Society of Antiquaries, is a learned group of multidisciplinary artists. Individually and collectively their work references tribal, shamanic, ancestral, as well as contemporary art; esotericism; anthropology; and archaeology in various direct and indirect ways. The goal, thus, is to look back in order to look forward, as they unfold the narrative of the distant past. Collective Expeditions features artists Olivia Baldwin, Kyle Cottier, Elisa Pritzker, and Greg Slick. Opening Reception: February 22, 5-7pm. For more information visit bsbgallery.com

Farmers Markets

January 4 & 18 February 1 & 15; March 7 & 21, West Windsor Farmers' Market, 10am. Windsor Athletic Club Clarksville Rd, West Windsor. Produce, meats, woven fibers, honey, wine, flowers, baked goods, and prepared foods. For more information visit westwindsorfarmersmarket.org

Festivals/Holiday

January 5, Arts Council of Princeton - Three Kings' Day Event, 3pm. Join the Arts Council of Princeton in our Solley Theater for a special dance performance! Fiesta del Día de Los Reyes Magos, or Three Kings Day, is the last day of the Christmas season and is celebrated throughout the world by several different cultures. Enjoy a live Flamenco dance performance by Lisa Botalico's Fiesta Flamenca and rosca de reyes (Three Kings cake). Learn about Spanish culture and end the holiday season in celebration! Paul Robeson Center for the Arts, 102 Witherspoon Street, Princeton. For more information, please visit artscouncilofprinceton.org or call 609.924-8777.

March 26 - March 29, 2020 Trenton Film Festival, Trenton Film Society. For more information visit trentonfilmsocty.org

Historical Activities

Every Third Tuesday of each month, Stamp Collecting, Hamilton Philatelic Society, 7:15pm, Hamilton Library, Justice Samuel Alito Way, Hamilton, (609) 751-4642. For more information hamiltonphilatelic.org (WV)

Every Second Tuesday, Central Jersey Genealogical Club, Hamilton Library, 7 p.m. For more information visit cjcgnj.com (WV)

January 29, John Baxter on Richard Stockton: Revolutionary Unsung Hero, 2pm. Local historian and author John Baxter joins us to examine the life of Richard Stockton in the months immediately following the signing of the Declaration of Independence, some of the darkest days of the American Revolution. Mr. Baxter will present his research on Stockton's work as a member of the Continental Congress; his courageous journey to upstate New York, the northern theater of the war, during the fall of 1776; and the extent to which he laid the groundwork for the victory at Saratoga a year later. The question on whether Richard Stockton deserves to be remembered as an unsung hero of the Revolution will be entertained. For more information visit morven.org

February 16, George Washington's Birthday, Washington Crossing Park, 4pm. Bring the whole family to help George Washington celebrate his 288th birthday on Sunday, February 16, from noon to 4 PM at Washington Crossing Historic Park. Admission is free! Various children's activities will be offered in the park buildings and Visitor Center. At 3 PM, visitors will sing Happy Birthday to George and enjoy cake cut from his sword. For info visit washingtoncrossingpark.org.

Literary Events

January 9; February 13; March 12, Poets at the Library, Mercer County Library, Lawrence Branch, 2751 Brunswick Pike, , 7pm. For more information please visit mcl.org (WV)

Photography

January 11& February 1, Digital Camera Series: Settings & Beyond, Princeton Photo Workshop, 10am. For more in-

formation visit princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com

January 19, In the Studio: Still Life, Product and Table Top Photography, Princeton Photo Workshop, 11am. For more information visit princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com

January 26, The Fine Art of Professional Model Photography, Princeton Photo Workshop, 10am. For more information visit princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com

February 8, Flash Photography on a Budget, Princeton Photo Workshop, 10am. For more information visit princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com

February 29 & March 14, Adobe Lightroom: The Basics and More, Princeton Photo Workshop, 10am. For more information visit princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com

March 28 & March 29, Mastering Composition: Beyond the Rule of Thirds, Princeton Photo Workshop, 10:30am. For more information visit princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com

Theatre

Kelsey Theatre

January 3, 4 & 11 at 8pm; January 5, 11 & 12 2pm. Calendar Girls, Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. For more information visit kelseytheatre.net (WV)

January 17, 18, 24 & 25, 8pm. January 26 & 19, 2pm. 12 Angry Men, Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. For more information visit kelseytheatre.net (WV)

January 31, February 1, 7 & 8, 8pm; February 2 & 9, 2pm. Cabaret, Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. \$18 adults, \$16 seniors, \$14 students/children. For more information visit kelseytheatre.net (WV)

February 14, 15, 21& 22, pm; February 16 & 23, 2pm. Last of the Red Hot Lovers, Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. For more info. Visit kelseytheatre.net (WV)

March 6 & 7, 8pm; March 8, at 2pm. Tribute to the Grate-

ful Dead - Reock & Roll Revue, Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. \$30 all. For more information visit kelseytheatre.net (WV)

March 13, 14, 20 & 21, 8pm; March 15 & 22, 8pm.33 Variations, Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. For more information visit mercerband.org (WV)

March 27 & 28, 8pm; March 29, 2pm.Parade, Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. For more information visit mercerband.org (WV)

McCarter

January 10 - February 9, Goodnight Nobody, McCarter Theater. In this deeply moving and funny world premiere, a group of old friends reconnect after years apart. Reminiscing over the mishaps of motherhood to the miss-steps of sex, drugs, and rock n' roll; the realities of life prove that "adulthood" is hard.. For more information visit mccarter.org (W,A,S,B,V)

January 18, Richard Thompson, McCarter Theater. Named by Rolling Stone as one of the Top 20 Guitarists of All Time, Richard Thompson is also one of the world's most critically acclaimed and prolific songwriters. For more information visit mccarter.org (W,A,S,B,V)

January 25, The Mikado, McCarter Theater. Gilbert & Sullivan's operetta masterpiece is re-imagined in a new and innovative version combining the real-life characters of D'Oyly Carte's Victorian London with the Japanese settings of the G&S original. For more information visit mccarter.org (W,A,S,B,V)

February 1, Andy Borowitz, McCarter Theater. The man The Washington Post calls "America's finest fake-news creator and sharpest political satirist" returns to McCarter for another evening of sold-out smash-hit comedy. For more info visit mccarter.org (W,A,S,B,V)

February 16, Romeo & Juliet, McCarter Theater. Ukraine's principal ballet company brings a new production of one of classic ballet's all-time favorites set to Prokofiev's beautiful score. For more in-

formation visit mccarter.org (W,A,S,B,V)

March 10-29, Sleuth, McCarter Theater: A suspenseful game of cat-and-mouse, Anthony Shaffer's Sleuth is a brilliant parody of the Agatha Christie thriller filled with plotted murders, jealousy, and revenge. For more information visit mccarter.org (W,A,S,B,V)

Passage Theatre

March 20 - 22, Mother (and me), Passage Theater, Mill Hill Playhouse, 205 East Front Street, Trenton, 609-392-0766. Mother (and me) is the story of a larger than life Hungarian Mama Rose who's slowly waltzing into dementia, as her Broadway baby, Melinda shimmies into middle age. An outrageous one-woman show about stepping up and tapping into your own light. For more information visit passagetheatre.org

Workshops

January 06 - February 10, Chinese Brush Painting,

West Windsor Arts Council, 12:00pm. This class will show you how to paint beautiful and colorful nature images, while also incorporating bold calligraphy by using a simple kit, comprised of traditional ink brush, paint, and rice paper. Learn the techniques to paint a peony flower, bamboo, lotus, fish, mountains and water. You also will learn a brief history of Chinese Art in each class. For more information visit westwindsorarts.org (W,A,S,P,B,V)

January 18, Frost and Flames, Grounds For Sculpture, 11:00am. Get up close and watch as master carvers turn huge blocks of ice into art using power saws, chisels, and grit, in locations throughout the park. For more information visit groundsfor Sculpture.org (W,A,S,P,B,V)

January 28, Korean Knot Workshop, 10am. Traditional Korean knots have the same shape at the front and the back, which symbolizes symmetry and balance. With only string and a few tools, Korean

knots allow you to make a variety of accessories such as bracelets, bookmarks, pins, and key chains. We will go over the basic knots and make a bracelet. Come learn to make your own unique bracelets with Korean yarn! For more info visit westwindsorarts.org (W,A,S,P,B,V)

March 13 - 27, Felting Techniques Workshop, West Windsor Arts Council, 12:30pm. Felt is one of the oldest known textiles and is perhaps one of the most unique and versatile fabrics available. Learn 3 methods for working with felt and discover the possibilities of its unique artistic properties. Each week you will complete a new project and learn progressively advanced techniques, from basic principles of wet felting to color blending and composition. You will be introduced to the Shashiko stitch and mixed media composition to create a 3D surface manipulation.. For more info visit westwindsorarts.org (W,A,S,B,V)

The West Windsor Arts Council presents The Doom and Bloom Exhibition



Vernita Nemec

The Doom and Bloom art show runs Monday, January 6, 2020 to Friday, February 28, 2020 at West Windsor Arts Center in Princeton Junction, NJ. The juried exhibition showcases twenty-five artists whose artworks consist of materials that would otherwise be discarded. The artists' works highlight the crisis

of trash on earth and how artists can have a positive impact on the environment through the partnership of art and recycling. The opening reception of the show is Sunday, January 12, from 4 to 6 pm.

Vernita Nemec, (AKA Vernita N'Cognita), juror of the Doom and Bloom show, is a visual/performance artist/curator who has exhibited her art around the world. N'Cognita is currently the director of Viridian Artists art gallery in Chelsea, New York City. She has curated and organized exhibitions of art from recycled materials throughout the United States, including "Art from Detritus: Recycling with Imagination," for which she received a Kauffman Foundation Fellowship

and a grant from the Puffin Foundation. Her artwork ranges across a variety of disciplines, including installations, collages, and tangible art objects.

The Doom and Bloom show includes N'Cognita's "Endless Junkmail Scroll" installation. In a description of N'Cognita's Endless Junkmail Scroll, Times Observer Writer Stacey Gross explains, "The dynamic nature of the piece allows it to morph and adapt to any space in which it is shown, allowing Nemec to 'fill the air with detritus transformed' and creating a physical space out of art itself...The installation confronts multiple social and environmental issues inherent in twenty-first century life... Human beings'

Opportunities

Artist Opportunities

• Playfest 2020

The Lawrence Headquarters Branch of the Mercer County Library System will be hosting their annual PlayFest on Saturday, April 25, 2020. For the twelfth consecutive year, local directors will stage script-in-hand performances of one-act plays. This annual event is designed to showcase local original theater. Plays should be ten minutes in length, with a maximum of five actors. Playwrights should be of high school age or older and reside or work in the Delaware Valley. Submissions are limited to a maximum of two per playwright. Playwrights, amateur or professional, should submit their plays by Friday, January 10, 2020. Scripts can be emailed as a Word document attachment to akerr@mcl.org or may be brought to the Lawrence Headquarters Branch Library reference desk. Please include two title pages: one with the play title only and the other with play title and name, address, phone, and email address of the playwright. The playwright's name should not appear in the script. For additional information please call Ann Kerr, 609-883-8292.

ability to end life as we know it by the process of production and consumption, is the ultimate thesis of the piece."

Visitors will have the opportunity to view and purchase artworks at the Doom and Bloom exhibition at West Windsor Arts Center, 952 Alexander Rd, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550. For more information, call 609-716-1931 or write info@westwindsorarts.org.