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Winter Term Grab 'n' Gab Coffee Klatsch, Tallwood, January 25

February 1, 2019

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Alerts & Notices

- An Evening with Broadway Legend Baayork Lee, an event in the Professional Touring Artist Series, will be held Saturday evening, February 9, at 8:00, at the Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods (class fee \$15). Click [here to register](#).

- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published February 8; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, February 5, at 6:00.

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Help Bring More Music and Art to OLLI



By Marianne Metz, Arts and Music Program Planning Group Co-Chair

OLLI's Art and Music Program Planning Group will meet on Friday, March 1, to plan fall- and winter-term classes. We need your help! Is there a topic in music, dance, film, architecture, painting, photography, or other visual arts that particularly interests you? Why not take the plunge and turn that interest into an OLLI class?

If you're not sure of the steps to take, start by coming to the March 1 meeting to talk about it. You'll enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded arts enthusiasts. We welcome new ideas and new people; we would love to see you.

The planning meeting will be held at Tallwood from 12:30 to 2:00 on March 1. Although this meeting is at Tallwood, it will address class offerings in all three venues: Fairfax, Reston, and Sterling (Loudoun).

In the meantime, if you have questions or suggestions, please contact us:

- Angie Talaber (Art), talaber@comcast.net
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- Marianne Metz (Music), themelodylingers@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

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Theater Lovers' Group: February Events



By Norma Jean Reck, Theater Lovers' Group Coordinator

Guest Speaker to Spotlight Community Dance in Northern Virginia, February 22: OLLI members and guests are cordially invited to hear guest speaker Lauren Green speak about the state of Community Dance in Northern Virginia at the Theater Lovers' Group (TLG) meeting Friday, February 22, 10:00-11:30 in TA-1. Come early, grab a cup of coffee in the Social Room, then join us for what is sure to be a delightful and informative talk. You do not have to be a member of TLG to attend the meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Lauren, daughter of OLLI member Lea Edwards who organized this program for us, will update us on the state-of-dance in our Northern Virginia community. We will learn about the Virginia Dance Coalition and how it got started, and about the Dance Fest, as well as Dancin' Unlimited's International Dance Show. Lauren is a member of the Dancin' Unlimited Jazz Dance Company, which produces the Jazz and Tap Dance Festival that will take place March 16 - 17 at BalletNova in Falls Church.

With a dance-performance bachelor-of-fine-arts degree from State University NY at Buffalo (2009), Lauren taught dance and performed professionally, then shifted toward social media marketing and organizational development. She also completed a masters at Mason in organizational development and knowledge management (2016). She has been performing with Marilyn York's Dancin' Unlimited Jazz Dance Company.

Thunder Knocking on the Door, February 24: OLLI member Gay Alper has arranged for OLLI members and their guests to see the 2:00 matinee of *Thunder Knocking on the Door* on Sunday, February 24, at Creative Cauldron in Falls Church. The senior rate is \$28/person. Optional dinner at Ireland's Four Provinces will follow the show. OLLI members and their guests are welcome to join TLG members for the show.

This Tony Award-nominated show is an intoxicating musical fable filled with humor, heart, and the extraordinary music of three-time Grammy award winner Keb' Mo'. In a small Alabama town, a mysterious blues guitar-playing stranger named Marvell

Thunder shows up at the door of the Dupree family and brings a challenge for the offspring of late Jaguar Dupree, the only man to outplay him in a "cutting contest." Thunder offers Glory Dupree, Jaguar's blind daughter, a Faustian bargain: If he wins the contest, he gets Jaguar's guitar. If she wins, she gets her sight back.

If you and your guests would like to join TLG members for this performance, please email njreck@cs.com.

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Mah Jongg Club

By Marian Drohan, Mah Jongg Club Coordinator

The Mah Jongg Club welcomes all members who want to learn Mah Jongg or already know how to play. We regularly meet at Tallwood on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. For February, the Mah Jongg Club games are scheduled as follows:

- Wednesday, February 6, 1:30-3:30, in TA-2
- Wednesday, February 20, 10:00-noon, in TA-2.



Join us to stretch your mind and have fun with a game that is (maybe) easier than bridge, but definitely challenging! For more information, contact me (preferably by [email](#)) or visit the Mah Jongg Club blog at <https://olli.gmu.edu/mah-jongg-club/>.

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History Club



By Beth Lambert, History Club Coordinator

The History Club's first meeting of 2019 will take place on Wednesday, February 6, at 2:15 in TA-1. Our presenter will be Pat McGinty, and he will be speaking on the "USS Panay Incident." The incident was a 1937 attack by the Japanese on the American gunboat, Panay, anchored in the Yangtze River, and it took place years before we were at war with Japan. Pat will explain how this, apparently

mistaken, attack by the Japanese foreshadowed the conflict between the two nations during WWII.

Members of the History Club know that Pat's presentations are always informative, and we look forward to them. Those who have not officially signed up for the club are more than welcome to attend next Wednesday's meeting; you will get a taste of our interesting and thought-provoking gatherings—and will want to return.

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

WINTER HAIKU

Soft, gray, sullen clouds
Slowly drift across the sky.
Shining white snow falls.

Brilliant sun shines now
All the snow is quickly gone.
Gray clouds may return.

Gail Zander

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, February 1 -11



By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

For tickets for either Center for the Arts Concert Hall (CFA) or Hylton Center, call 1-888-945-2468, buy tickets online through the event calendar (see links below), or visit the venue's box office. For more information, see the [CFA ticket page](#) or the Hylton Center [ticket purchase page](#).

At the Fairfax Campus Venues

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: Mendelssohn & Schumann

Sat, Feb 2, 8:00

A pre-performance discussion with conductor Christopher Zimmerman and special guests begins at 7:00.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$69, \$53, \$50, \$39, \$25.

St. Olaf Orchestra

Tue, Feb 5, 7:30

Concert Hall

Admission: \$10.

Trey McLaughlin & The Sounds of Zamar

Fri, Feb 8, 8:00

A pre-performance discussion with a member of the company begins 45 minutes prior to the performance.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$44, \$37, \$26.

Havana Cuba All-Stars: *Asere! A Fiesta Cubana*

Sat, Feb 9, 8:00

A pre-performance discussion with a member of the company begins 45 minutes prior to the performance.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$50, \$43, \$30.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

(see music.gmu.edu for additional student recitals)

The Mason Cabaret: *The Golden Age of Broadway*

Fri, Feb 1 and Sat, Feb 2, 8:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: Adults, \$30; seniors, \$15.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibit: 8th Annual Prince William County Public Schools Student Exhibition

January 22 – March 9

Gallery Reception: Sat, Jan 26, 3:00

Gallery receptions are free and open to the public. Please RSVP to smeyer3@gmu.edu.

Buchanan Partners Art Gallery

The Buchanan Partners Art Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00-6:00.

Right Angle Entertainment: *The Simon & Garfunkel Story*

Fri, Feb 1, 7:30

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$55, \$49, \$39.

Shanghai Opera Symphony Orchestra

Fri, Feb 8, 8:00

A pre-performance discussion with a member of the company begins 45 minutes prior to the performance. Merchant Hall

Admission: \$60, \$51, \$36.

The Mason Cabaret: *The Golden Age of Broadway*

Fri, Feb 8, Feb 2, 8:00

Gregory Family Theatre

Admission: Adults, \$30; seniors, \$15.

L.A. Theatre Works: *Steel Magnolias*

Sat, Feb 9, 8:00

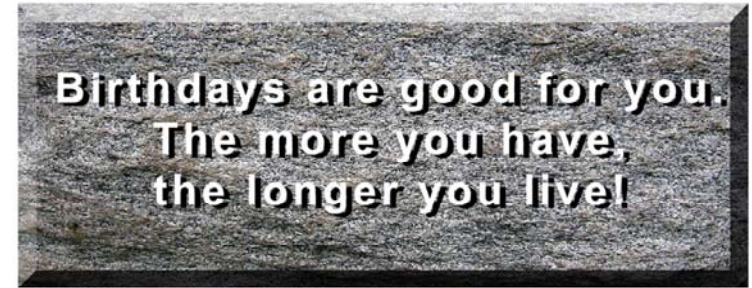
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Admission: \$44, \$37, \$26.

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For further details on any of the above events, see the [CFA event calendar](#), and the [Hylton Center event calendar](#).

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Meetings & Clubs

The following list covering the next two weeks is extracted for your convenience from the master online calendar maintained by the office, with direct web links added when available. The list is accurate as of mid-week but for the most up-to-date information, please view the latest forecast of coming events on our website ([News/OLLI Calendar](#)). *Note: All OLLI members are welcome at, and encouraged to attend, meetings of the Board of Directors, committees and resource groups, kick-off coffees, etc. (**bolded below**).*

Sat Feb 2	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
Wed Feb 6	1:30pm	Mah Jongg Club–TA-2
	1:45pm	Bridge Club–TA-3
	2:15pm	History Club–TA-1
Fri Feb 8	9:15am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Photography Club–TA-1
	9:30am	Crafts and Conversation–Annex
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club–TA-2
	11:00am	Homer, etc.–Annex
	11:30am	Cooking Club–TA-3
Sat Feb 9	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
Wed Feb 13	1:30pm	Tallwood Book Club–TA-1
	1:45pm	Bridge Club–TA-3
	2:15pm	Spanish Club–TA-2
Fri Feb 15	9:15am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Crafts and Conversation–Annex

	10:00am	Board of Directors Meeting–TA-1
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club–TA-2
	11:00am	Homer, etc.–Annex
	12:30pm	Dr. Who Club–TA-3
	1:00pm	1103 Ice Cream Social–TA-1
Sat Feb 16	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
	1:00pm	Personal Computer User Group

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Deadline: Tuesday, 6:00, for that week's issue (Monday, 6:00, for letters to the editor); early submissions are greatly appreciated. Please limit articles to about 250 words.

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