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Jim Dunphy Hosts Escape to Margaritaville Ice Cream Social, Tallwood, February 14

February 21, 2020

Editor of the Week: John Nash

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Alerts & Notices

- *Reminder:* Outreach Committee meeting, Monday, February 24, 10:00, in the Annex at Tallwood.
- *Reminder:* Theater Lovers' Group meeting, Wednesday, February 26, 2:00, TA-1.
- Special Events Program Planning Group meeting, Wednesday, March 4, 12:15, in the Annex at Tallwood.
- Fairfax Coffee Klatch, Thursday, March 5, 9:30, in the Annex at Tallwood.
- Governance Committee meeting, Friday, March 6, 1:30, in the Annex at Tallwood.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, March 6; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, March 3, at 6:00.

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Have a Hand in Special Events Planning



By Alice Slayton Clark, Communications and Program Associate

Join the OLLI Special Events Program Planning Group at its next planning meeting on Wednesday, March 4 at 12:15 in the Annex. We will talk about all of the fabulous presentations and excursions being planned for OLLI for fall term 2020 and beyond. All of these great programs are designed and coordinated by members like you who volunteer their time to shape the OLLI curriculum. You do not need to be an expert in curriculum development or education management, and you can dedicate as much or as little time as you have available. There is no pressure. So join us: brainstorm on classes, make some new friends, have fun!

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Literature, Theater, and Writing/Languages Program Planning Group Meeting



By Rala Stone, Literature, Theater, and Writing/Languages Program Planning Group Co-Chair

Are you impressed with the quality and variety of literature, language, and theater (LLT) courses offered each term? Are you curious about how these courses are chosen? If so, mark your calendar and come to our program planning meeting on Thursday, March 26 at 1:00 pm in TA-1. Meet people with interests similar to your own and have the pleasure of sharing ideas and becoming a volunteer and an important contributor to making OLLI the best it can be.

We value your feedback and need your input to continue to offer classes that you want and enjoy. We hope to see you there. If you cannot attend but have ideas, or even better, would like to offer a class, please contact one of the members of the team below:

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Photography Club



By Angela Talaber, Photography Club Co-Coordinator

Are you dismayed that your photographs are dark and dreary? That you've cut off the heads of some of your favorite people? Or that you haven't learned to use the camera in your iPhone yet? Well, you'll enjoy this solution: just join the OLLI Photo Club and begin to improve your photographic abilities.

The Photo Club meets twice monthly. The first meeting is at 9:30 the second Friday of each month where we select the Photo of the Month and learn from a guest speaker. The club



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also meets the fourth Friday at noon to discuss technical aspects of photography and cameras. You also can attend monthly field trips where you can practice your developing photographic skills.



Plan to join the Photo Club and begin to improve your photographic abilities. You just may find out who those headless people are in your pictures! All meetings are held at Tallwood.

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Join Mason's School of Theater as It Launches Its International Partnership



By Norma Jean Reck, Theater Lovers' Group Coordinator

On Friday, March 6, at 6:00 in TheaterSpace, OLLI members and our guests are invited to join "1,001 Plays" as Mason's School of Theater launches its new international partnership with student theater artists at Santa Catarina Federal University in Florianopolis, Brazil.

The evening will begin at 6:00 with hors d'oeuvres and conversation at a reception where the concept of "1,001 Plays" is explained.

Addressing the theme "Tomorrow," seven student-written, ten-minute play readings that address the theme "Tomorrow" will be staged and presented by Mason students at 7:00. Then, the attendees will meet Mason's Brazilian theater partners—student playwrights and their mentors—who will join in for a video talkback.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, email njreck@cs.com. If you would like to attend this special event, please RSVP to njreck@cs.com by Friday, February 28.

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Photo of the Month

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The February Photo of the Month theme was Doors and Windows. We selected John Olsen's photo "Open the Window of Your Mind" which may also be viewed at [this page](#). To view other photos by members of the Photography Club, visit the club's photo [website](#).

-- By Angela Talaber, Photography Club Coordinator

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Unavailable

A call from Unavailable
 Does little to excite me
 How can I be curious
 About someone who won't
 Leave their name
 Or a message?
 Instead, I continue

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With my jottings
 Aware that I, too
 Am unavailable.

If you wish to be heard
 Best you give a hint
 As to who is calling
 And what you wish
 To speak to me about.
 Otherwise, the silence grows.
jan bohall

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Obituary

Ann Shell

Ann Shell, who joined OLLI in 1995 and was a member for many years, died on January 23. An active volunteer, she had many friends. She loved to travel, play canasta, take classes at OLLI, and participate in OLLI's Reader's Theatre.

Further information is available at [this link](#).

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Mason Jazz Festival



By Darden Purcell, D.M.A., Mason Director of Jazz Studies

Do you like good music? Well, this is your chance to hear some fantastic music and learn more about jazz.



Our upcoming Mason Jazz Festival is all day Saturday, February 29, from 10:00 to 9:00. Clinics and workshops will be held in

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deLaski Performing Arts Building with performances at the Harris Theatre. Sponsored by [Mason Jazz Studies](#), [National Jazz Workshop](#), and the [Jazz Education Network](#), participating groups will perform a 20-30 minute set, followed by a clinic by Mason Jazz faculty and special guests. The program will conclude with a concert by the world-famous United States Air Force Airmen of Note at 7:00 in the Harris Theatre. You won't want to miss this!

Almost as good as the music is that all events are FREE admission and open to the public! There's FREE parking, too, in LOT K. For schedule and event details, visit the website at: go.gmu.edu/JazzFest.
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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, February 21 through March 9



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

National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine

Sat, Feb 22, 8:00
Concert Hall

A pre-performance discussion begins on Monson Grand Tier 45 minutes prior to the performance.

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

NPR's *From the Top* Recorded Live

Sat, Feb 29, 8:00
Concert Hall

A pre-performance discussion begins on Monson Grand Tier 45 minutes prior to the performance.

Admission: \$48, \$41, \$29.

Family Series: Hot Peas 'n' Butter Family Music Band

Sun, Mar 1, 1:00 and 4:00
Concert Hall

Admission: \$15 Adults; \$10 children.

The King's Singers: *Love Songs*

Fri, Mar 6, 8:00
Concert Hall

A pre-performance discussion begins on Monson Grand Tier 45 minutes prior to the performance.

Admission: \$55, \$47, \$33.

Russian National Ballet: *Romeo and Juliet*

Sat, Mar 7, 8:00
Concert Hall

A pre-performance discussion begins on Monson Grand Tier 45 minutes prior to the performance.

Admission: \$56, \$48, \$34.

Russian National Ballet: *Cinderella*

Sun, Mar 8, 2:00
Concert Hall

A pre-performance discussion begins on Monson Grand Tier 45 minutes prior to the performance.

Admission: \$56, \$48, \$34.

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Mason Student and Faculty Performances

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

Faculty Artist Series

Fri, Feb 21, 8:00, Prof. Christopher Jewell (bassoon) and Emily Foster (oboe)

Sat, Feb 22, 8:00, Dr. Mirtcheva Blevins, Dr. Yoonji Kim, and Dr. Kimberly Yi (piano)
 Sun, Feb 23, 3:00, Dr. Kathy Mulcahy (clarinet)
 Sun, Feb 23, 7:00, Dr. Eunae Ko Han (piano)
 Sun, Mar 1, 3:00, Dr. David Porter (tuba)
 Sun, Mar 1, 7:00, Dr. Anna Balakerskaia and Friends (piano)
 Harris Theatre
 Admission: Free.

Wind Symphony & Symphonic Band Concert

Tue, Feb 25, 8:00
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$12 Adults; \$8 seniors.

Mason Jazz Festival

Sat, Feb 29, 10:00am
 Harris Theatre and various venues throughout deLaski
 Admission: Free.

Mason Jazz Festival Concert

Sat, Feb 29, 7:00
 Harris Theatre
 Admission: Free.

Mason Symphony Concerto Concert

Wed, Mar 4, 8:00
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$15 Adults; \$10 seniors.

Mason School of Theater: *The Women of Lockerbie*

Thu, Feb 27 – Sat, Feb 29, 8:00
 Sat, Feb 29 and Sun Mar 1, 2:00
 deLaski Performing Arts Building, A105, TheaterSpace
 Admission: \$20 Adults; \$10 seniors.

MFA Directing Project: *The Chairs*

Fri, Mar 6, 5:00
 deLaski Performing Arts Building, A105, TheaterSpace
 Admission: Free.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibition: *9th Annual Prince William County Public Schools Student Exhibition*

Through Feb 29
 Buchanan Partners Art Gallery
 The Buchanan Partners Art Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00-6:00.
 Admission: Free.

Kevin Burt and Big Medicine

Sat, Feb 22, 8:00
 Gregory Family Theater
 Admission: \$30.

National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine

Sun, Feb 23, 2:00
 Merchant Hall
 A pre-performance discussion begins in Merchant Hall one hour prior to the performance.
 Admission: \$55, \$47, \$33.

Matinee Idylls: Chao Tian and Wytold (replacing Tidewater Guitar Quartet)

Tue, Feb 25, 12:30 lunch, 1:30 concert
 Gregory Family Theater
 Admission: \$49, lunch and concert and desert; \$34 concert and dessert only.

Ordway Conservatory Youth Ballet: *The Wizard of Oz*

Sun, Mar 1, 4:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$20 Adults; \$15 children and seniors.

Russian National Ballet: *The Sleeping Beauty*

Fri, Mar 6, 8:00
 Merchant Hall
 A pre-performance discussion begins in Merchant Hall one hour prior to the performance.
 Admission: \$55, \$47, \$33.

Manassas Symphony Orchestra: *American Idols*

Sat, Mar 7, 7:30
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$20 Adults; \$16 seniors.

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Sun, Mar 8, 4:00
Merchant Hall

A pre-performance discussion begins in Merchant Hall one hour prior to the performance.

Admission \$48, \$41, \$29.

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For further details on any of the above events, see the [CFA event calendar](#) and the [Hilton 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 22	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
Mon Feb 24	9:30am	What's in the Daily News?–TA-1
	10:00am	Outreach Committee–Annex

Tue Feb 25	11:00am	Spanish Club–TA-2
Wed Feb 26	10:00am	Bridge Club–TA-3
	10:30am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum–TA-1
	2:00pm	Theater Lovers' Group Meeting–TA-1
Fri Feb 28	9:15am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation Group–Annex
	11:00am	Homer, etc.–Annex
	12:00noon	Photography Club–TA-3
Sat Feb 29	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-2
Mon Mar 2	9:30am	What's in the Daily News?–TA-1
Wed Mar 4	10:00am	Bridge Club–TA-3
	10:00am	Mah Jongg Club–Annex
	10:00am	History Club–TA-2
	10:30am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum–TA-1
	12:15pm	Special Events Program Planning Group Meeting–Annex
Thu Mar 5	9:30am	Grab 'n' Go Coffee Klatch Fairfax–Annex
Fri Mar 6	9:15am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation Group–Annex
	11:00am	Homer, etc.–Annex
	11:30am	Ethnic Eats Club–Aldeerah Saudi Cuisine, Vienna
	1:30pm	Governance Committee Meeting–Annex
Sat Mar 7	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-2

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