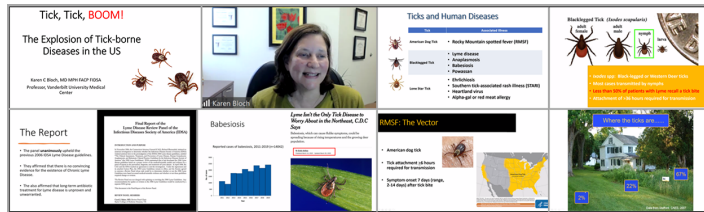


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Dr. Karen C. Bloch Presented an Informative Discussion of Tick-borne Diseases in the US, March 31

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Alerts & Notices

- **Correction:** The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be at 10:00 on Friday, April 28, hybrid in TA-1 at Tallwood and on Zoom. The Meetings & Clubs table in the April 7 *E-News* showed it incorrectly for April 21.
- Get ready to vote (for five) in the OLLI Board election! [Click here](#) to read candidate statements. Watch for events where you can meet the candidates (e.g., Annual Meeting May 5, 10:00). The election is May 5-19.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, April 21; the regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, April 18, at 6:00.

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Wednesday Team Bloch Conversation – April 19



By Brenda Bloch-Young and Doris Bloch, Co-Moderators

On Wednesday, April 19, at 4:00, Team Bloch will moderate a conversation on "What are you streaming now?"

During the pandemic, we all adapted to streaming movies and series at home. What streaming options do you favor? Netflix, Amazon Prime, Apple TV, or others? Do you opt in and out based on current offerings? Now that we are more comfortable interacting with the world, have you canceled any of these services? Has your content consumption changed? Please join us and share your thoughts.

Please join us and tell us what your favorites are. Meeting ID and password are on the OLLI daily schedule and are identical to the chat line logins; plan on some social time with Team Bloch.

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Upcoming Mason Jazz Events This Month



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

In the last issue of *E-News*, we noted two jazz offerings coming up next week (The Jazz Workshop on April 17 and The Mason Jazz Vocal Ensemble at Blues Alley on April 19). Here are three more great events near the end of April to cap off the month!

MASON JAZZ VOCAL NIGHT

April 24, 2023, 8:00
Center for the Arts, Concert Hall
Tickets: [Click here.](#)

Join Dr. Darden Purcell, the Mason Jazz Voice Studio, and Mason Jazz Vocal Ensemble for an evening of swinging standards and classic hits from the Great American Songbook. Special guest choir is Forest Park High School Platinum Vocal Jazz Ensemble, directed by Lara Brittain!



JAZZ COMBOS

April 26, 2023, 8:00
De Laski Performing Arts Building, 3001
Free and Open to the Public

The Mason Jazz Combos, directed by Wade Beach, perform their spring 2023 concert!

International Jazz Day

April 30, 2023, 7:00
Center for the Arts, Concert Hall

Tickets: General Public \$12, Seniors \$8 [Click this link.](#)



Share the vibrancy and vitality of jazz music with Mason Jazz students and faculty on April 30!

International Jazz Day brings together communities, schools, artists, historians, academics, and jazz enthusiasts on all continents to celebrate and learn about jazz and its roots, future, and impact. School of Music ensembles performing will be the Mason Jazz Ensemble (director, Jim Carroll), Latin American Ensemble (director, Juan Megna), Mason Steel Pan Ensemble (director, Victor Provost), Mason Jazz Vocal Ensemble (director, Darden Purcell) and very special guests, Positive Vibrations Youth Steel Orchestra (directors, Khandeya Sheppard, Domenic Lewis and Ronald Lee Jr.).

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Upcoming Musicals Not To Be Missed



By Norma Jean Reck, Theater Lovers' Group Coordinator

Urinetown

Sunday, May 7, join Theater Lovers' Group (TLG) to see the 2:00 matinee performance of *Urinetown* at Workhouse Arts Theater in Lorton. The play, a Tony award-winning comedy musical, is set in a Gotham-like city where only public toilets are available for everyone's use due to a 20-year drought that caused a severe shortage of water. A hero emerges to lead a revolution that exposes the shortcomings of the social, legal, and political systems that results in gales of raucous laughter.



Urinetown

Tickets: \$33 plus \$3 per person fee. Optional riverside dining in Occoquan immediately following the performance. For more information, email Norma at njreck@cs.com.



Audrey

Sunday, May 21, join TLG to see the 2:00 matinee performance of *Audrey* at Creative Cauldron in Falls Church. This regional premiere is a musical based on the life of Audrey Hepburn from her teenage years as a spy in Holland during WWII to her iconic star status as a leading lady in Hollywood. Who can forget her 'little black dress'?

Tickets: Group rate is \$45 per person. Optional après-show dining at a sophisticated restaurant nearby. To sign up for the show and dinner, please email Norma at njreck@cs.com ASAP as tickets are going fast.

In the Heights

Saturday, June 10, join TLG to see the 2:00 matinee performance of *In the Heights* by Lin-Manuel Miranda at NextStop Theatre in Herndon. The award-winning musical tells the story of the sea change that occurred during a period of three days of sweltering heat to the Dominican

immigrants living in New York City's Washington Heights area, through the eyes of the local bistro owner. It's the prequel to Westside Story. Group-rate tickets are \$44 per person. Optional après-show dinner at a nearby restaurant. To sign up for the show and dinner, please email Norma at njreck@cs.com.



Into the Heights

Guests are always welcome to join members of TLG at our outings. If you would like to join OLLI's TLG, go online to the [member portal](#) and register for it just like you do for a class, or you can email Susan Job, OLLI's registrar, at ollireg@gmu.edu, and ask Susan to help you sign up for Theater Lovers' Group.

Questions? Email Norma at njreck@cs.com.

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Coming Soon: Couch Tour of Workhouse Arts Center



By Norma Jean Reck, Theater Lovers' Group Coordinator

Did you know that about fifteen to twenty minutes from OLLI's Fairfax campus, just off Route 123, there is a 55-acre campus that is home to a flourishing community center for the visual and performing arts? This year-round venue offers opportunities to meet with working artists; browse art galleries; enjoy live music, stand-up comedy, and dinner and a movie; take health and wellness classes like Pilates, Yoga, art, and cooking classes; visit a museum on the history of the suffragettes, and so much more.

Want to know more about The Workhouse Arts Center? Be sure to join the class "Couch Tour of the Workhouse Arts Center" via Zoom on Wednesday, April 19, at 2:00 when Liz Colandene, the Performing Arts coordinator for Workhouse Arts Foundation, Inc., will meet virtually with OLLI members to discuss its history, educational and military art program offerings, and current theater offering – Urinetown – a laugh-out-loud show with a terrible title.



Liz Colandene

Mark your calendar: Wednesday, April 19, at 2:00. Everyone is invited to join Theater Lovers' Group!

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

A Walk to Ancient Rocky Outcrops

With thanks to the Reston, VA, Nature Center

Start from the Nature Center parking lot, the flyer said, take the mulched woodland path and follow it through hardwoods, pines, cross a small stream on logs—note the bluebells, native plants—continue on.

And there, where the path curves, skirting a low treeless mound, we saw them—outcropped jutting stones—but low now and worn—and old—old as continents, old as the Triassic Lowlands, angular and still amid small mossy plants and ferns.

Abrupt old stones, you who knew the Pleistocene, tectonic lift, the folding and rift and the long, unimaginable eons—the Miocene, the Cambrian—you who have come to rest—who tell us of deep time.

Caroline McNeil

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances April 14 through April 24



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](#).

Current vaccination policy for the Center for the Arts and Hylton Performing Arts Center is summarized as follows:

Audience members are not currently required to show proof of vaccination, or a negative COVID-19 test result for most events **except** when required by the event organizer or artist. If proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test result is required for a specific event, it will be indicated on the webpage with event details.

Specific requirements are detailed and any future policy changes may be found here: <https://cfa.gmu.edu/plan-your-visit/vaccination-policy>.

Dr. Linda Apple Monson produces a periodic "Notes from the Director." This email is full of interesting online performances by the students and faculty of the School of Music. If you would like to receive these bulletins, just sign up at [this link to stay in touch](#). Also, the Center for the Arts has a website, [Mason Arts at Home](#), which has a calendar of online events and access to many past performances. Information can also be found at [CFA ticket purchase page](#), [Center for the Arts YouTube Channel](#), or the [Hylton ticket purchase page](#).

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At the Fairfax Campus Venues

State Ballet of Georgia

Sat, Apr 15, 8:00

Concert Hall

A pre-performance discussion will take place in Monson Grand Tier, on the third level of the Center for the Arts Lobby, 45 minutes prior to curtain.

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

Keyboard Conversations with Jeffrey Siegel: *Mozart and Friends*

Sun, Apr 16, 7:00

Concert Hall

A pre-performance "Young Artists Musicale," featuring piano students of Northern Virginia Music Teachers Association members, will take place from 6:00-6:30 in the main lobby of the Center for the Arts.

An interactive question-and-answer session will conclude this program.

Admission: \$50, \$43, \$29.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra with George Li, piano

Sat, Apr 22, 8:00

Concert Hall

A pre-performance discussion with pianist George Li and Fairfax Symphony Orchestra Conductor Christopher Zimmerman will take place in Monson Grand Tier, on the third level of the Center for the Arts lobby, 45 minutes prior to curtain.

Admission: \$65, \$55, \$40.

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Mason Student and Faculty Performances

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

Jazz Workshop

Mon, Apr 17, 8:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: Free.

Symphonic Band Concert – Spring 2023

Tue, Apr 18, 8:00

Concert Hallt

Admission: \$16, \$12 seniors.

Jazz Vocal Night

Mon, Apr 24, 8:00

Concert Hall

Admission: \$16, \$12 seniors.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Eric Garner: *Multiple Repeat Mistakes*

Through Apr 15

Hylton Performing Arts Center, Buchanan Partners Art Gallery

Admission: Free.

Sistas: The Musical

Fri, Apr 14, 7:00

Sat, Apr 15, 2:00 and 7:00

Sun, Apr 16, 3:00

Hilton Performing Arts Center, Gregory Family Theater

Admission: \$30

Mason Chorale Broadway Showcase

Sat, Apr 15, 2:00 and 8:00

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$20 Adult, \$15 seniors.

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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

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Please note: Although some physical meetings for clubs and activities are canceled, some may be meeting in person or, in a hybrid mode, both in person and online. OLLI events and activities meeting online bear the identification "Z" in their course or event number (except clubs; you may need to check the [OLLI calendar](#) and daily schedule email for location and other event information). Refer to the university's [coronavirus website](#) for official university updates.

The following list covering the next two weeks is extracted for your convenience from the master online calendar maintained by the office. 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. The OLLI office has sent (or will send) emails with links and meeting passwords to club members; you may also log in at the [member portal](#) and click on ZOOM CLASS LINKS.*

Sat Apr 15	10:30 am 1:00 pm	Tai Chi Club Personal Computer User Group
Mon Apr 17	9:30 am	What's in the Daily News?
Tue Apr 18	4:00 pm 4:30 pm	Spanish Club Tai Chi Club
Wed Apr 19	1:45 pm 1:45 pm 2:00 pm	Bridge Club Mah Jongg Club Memoir and More Writing Group
Thu Apr 20	2:00 pm 4:30 pm	Walk & Talk Club Tai Chi Club
Fri Apr 21	9:30 am 11:00 am 11:00 am	Craft and Conversation Classic Literature Club Homer, etc.
Sat Apr 22	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
Mon Apr 24	9:30 am	What's in the Daily News?
Tue Apr 25	1:15 pm 4:30 pm	Humanities and Social Sciences/Current Events Program Planning Group Meeting Tai Chi Club
Wed Apr 26	1:45 pm 1:45 pm 4:00 pm 4:00 pm	Bridge Club Spanish Club Mah Jongg Club Theater Lovers' Group
Thu Apr 27	4:00 pm 4:30 pm	Reston Book Club Tai Chi Club
Fri Apr 28	9:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 noon 2:00 pm	Craft and Conversation Board of Directors Meeting Classic Literature Club Homer, etc. Photography Club Walk & Talk Club
Sat Apr 29	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club