February 11, 2022
Editor of the Week: Paul Van Hemel

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Alerts & Notices

- Board of Directors Meeting, Friday, February 18, 10:00. Zoom link will be available in the OLLI Daily Schedule email. All members welcome.
- The next issue of OLLI E-News will be published Friday, February 18; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, February 15, at 6:00.

Board of Directors Election Recruiting
By Bob Heyer, Board Member and Nominating Committee Chair

The OLLI Board of Directors Nominating Committee is recruiting members to be candidates for election to the Board of Directors. Every year, some new members are elected to the Board to replace members whose terms are ending. Being a Board member is a good way to learn more about the inner workings of OLLI, meet other members, and play an active role in helping OLLI transition to the future “new normal.”

The Board meets monthly during the year except December, August, and our Annual Membership meeting in May. The only prerequisite to become a candidate for election to the Board are being an OLLI member desiring to contribute ideas and enjoying volunteering.

If you are interested in being a Board member, want further information, or would like to nominate another OLLI member to the Board, please contact Nominating Committee Chair Bob Heyer at theyer@verizon.net.

For Music Lovers
By Linda H. Harber, President, Friends of Music at Mason

One of my favorite things about being involved with Friends of Music at Mason (FOMM) is telling other music lovers about the wonderful music programs available to all of us. With this new year come lots of great, and often free, music opportunities. Some are both in-person and live-streaming. This link takes you to the Rev and Sid Dewberry Family School of Music live streams for the next few months, with great music to enjoy at home—from student recitals to the upcoming Dewberry Artist Series (see graphic above for times and dates). This Faculty Artist series will also be free and in person at Mason’s Harris Theatre on the Sundays listed in the graphic.

Later this month, there is something very special for all Jazz lovers:

MASON JAZZ FESTIVAL
Saturday, February 26, 2022

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10:00 – 8:00 (all day)
Harris Theatre – George Mason University Fairfax Campus

All performances are FREE and open to the public! FREE parking in LOT K.

Website: music.gmu.edu/JazzFest

With special performances by the Mason Jazz Ensemble (directed by Jim Carroll) and closing festival concert by the United States Army Band "Pershing’s Own" premier jazz ensemble, The US Army Blues.

The Computer Club (OLLI Personal Computer User Group, or OPCUG) will meet with its partner, the Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society (PATACS), on Saturday, February 19, via Zoom. Program activities begin at 1:00; the Zoom session usually opens at 12:45.

**DJ Using Streaming Services—On-Demand Tunes for an Upcoming High-School 50th Reunion**
Mike Pafford’s presentation is about how to use the audio equivalent of this 1999 Quest commercial—a Streaming Audio Account—along with other software and portable hardware to provide ‘on demand’ music at any event. Although the topic is “DJ Using Streaming Services,” the example will only describe how to use a Spotify Premium Account to create an event playlist to provide background music, and how to interrupt the playlist to play specific requests. Presentation topics will include a rundown of all account software and hardware resources needed, a proposed floor plan layout, information about audio streaming services, creating event playlists, how to manage playlists to provide uninterrupted background music (online or offline), and how to manipulate online playlists in real time, to accommodate specific requests.

Mike Pafford is a retired systems engineer, having had careers in the Navy and at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab. Previously, he presented a fascinating session about a lengthy road trip in an electric vehicle.

**Learn in 30: Open Mic—Multiple Presentations on Members’ Favorite Software**

Gary Oddi—PTE AV Studio 10 is a slideshow program for the PC and the MAC. It is used for producing digital slideshows using your images and videos.

Gabe Goldberg—Apple’s native Home app on iPhone/iPad/Watch/Mac lets you define/connect/control diverse accessories (e.g., HomePod speakers, electric outlets, lights, cameras, doorbells, locks).

Lorin Garson—Swift Playgrounds is an Apple teaching tool aimed towards children to encourage them to learn how to program computers; it also presents an opportunity for experienced adults to learn to code.

Bill Walsh—Reboot Restore RX—will let you take a snapshot of your current computer configuration, establishing a baseline for future activity, allowing restoration of the baseline in case of errant activity.

**See full details on this meeting by clicking here.** For information on the Computer Club, see the OPCUG Website. OPCUG dues are $5 for 2022—see http://olli.gmu.edu/opcug/comm.html for details on making payment.

Attend via Zoom’s cloud meeting service, beginning at 1:00. Please click this link to join the meeting and use passcode 757899 or enter meeting ID 883 4629 4760 in the Zoom app and use the above passcode.
Poet's Corner

"A Little Night Music"

Mmm
Breath whistling faintly through a stuffy nose
A sniff, snuffle, or wheeze, if you please
Occasional gurgling of the gut
The outcry at a muscle cramp: ow, ow, ow
Painful hip joints groaning
Dry throat rasping
Then a gasp
A frenzied scuffle of scratching
A chorus of barking coughs
The starting percussion of a sneeze.

A shush of whispers
A snort of giggles
The very muffins crunches of a mattress
Sheets rustling
Smooth skin sliding
Sighs subsiding
Mumbled mumblings
Sputtering staccato snorts
Tiny dream yips
Sinking silence
Mmm

Sandy Myles

At the Fairfax Campus Venues

Popovich Comedy Pet Theater
Sat, Feb 19, 11:00 and 2:00
Concert Hall
Admission: $15 Adults; $10 children.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: Jason Vleaux, Guitar & Aaron Clay, Double Bass
Sat, Feb 19, 8:00
Harris Theatre
Admission: $70, $60, $45.

Pilobolus: Big Five-Oh!
Sun, Feb 20, 7:00
A pre-performance discussion will take place in Monson Grand Tier, which is located on the third level of the Center for the Arts Lobby, 45 minutes prior to curtain. Concert Hall
Admission: $50, $43, $30.

Mason Student & Faculty Performances
(see music.gmu.edu for additional student recitals)

Dewberry Faculty Artist Series:
(The information below is taken from the list of events at https://music.gmu.edu/events/
Note that although the events listed below are free, the site above provides a link to register for free tickets to attend in-person, and another to watch livestreams.)

Kathleen Mulcahy, clarinet; Sophia Kim Cook, piano
Sun, Feb 20, 3:00
Harris Theater
Free

Brass Faculty Recital
Sun, Feb 20, 7:00
Harris Theater
Free

At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Arts & Music at George Mason
Performances February 11 through February 21

By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

As Mason’s campuses reopen, programs are offered at both Fairfax and Manassas campuses, along with virtual events. Proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test result is required for all audience members. 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 send an email to Briana Schoen at bschoen@gmu.edu. 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.

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**Meetings & Clubs**

*Please note:* Physical meetings for clubs and activities are canceled until further notice in accordance with Mason's guidelines. OLLI is conducting its classes and activities online. Refer to the university's [coronavirus website](https://www.gmu.edu/coronavirus) for official university updates and check the [OLLI Calendar](https://www.gmu.edu/olli/calendar) for revised information.

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](https://www.gmu.edu/olli/memberportal) and click on ZOOM CLASS LINKS.

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**Ballet Hispánico**

Sat, Feb 19, 8:00

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

Merchant Hall

Admission: $53, $46, $34.

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**Gallery Exhibit: 10th Annual Prince William County Public Schools Student Exhibition**

Continues through Sun, Feb 20

Hylton Performing Arts Center

Buchanan Partners Art Gallery

Admission: Free

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Deadline: Tuesday, 5:00, for that week’s issue (Monday, 5:00, for letters to the editor); early submissions are greatly appreciated. Please limit articles to about 250 words.

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