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Other Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University
Board of Directors Meeting
AGENDA
April 15, 2022 – 10 a.m., Zoom

- I. Welcome and Introduction of Guests
- II. Approval of the Agenda
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the March 2022 Board Meeting
- IV. President's Report
- V. Consent Calendar (When accepted, the content of all submitted reports are deemed to be accepted in their entirety.)
 - AV Committee
 - News
 - Membership Committee
 - Program Committee
- VI. Committee Action/Information Items
 - Strategic Planning Committee Report
- VII. Executive Director's report
 - Membership
 - Facilities
 - Meetings
- VIII. Treasurer's Report
- IX. UNFINISHED Business
- X. NEW Business
 - Resolution 220415-01, Resolved, The OLLI Board of Directors approves the Winter '22 academic program for OLLI shall be held as "Zoom-only" term. (Submitted by Paul Howard, OLLI President)
 - Resolution 220415-02, Resolved, The OLLI Board of Directors approves a special discount for George Mason University retirees. Retirees would receive a one-time voucher of \$150 toward the purchase of an annual membership at the promo rate of \$300. Past, present, and future retirees would be eligible for the voucher. (Submitted by David Osterman, Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee)
 - Resolution 220415-03, Resolved, The OLLI Board of Directors approves the Strategic Plan. (Submitted by Charles Silver, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee)
- XI. Additional Comments from Board Members
- XII. Public Comments
- XIII. Adjourn

Membership Update (1005 members)

Membership Update/BOD Report
As of April 8, 2022

Membership Types Purchased	2015	2021	2022	Difference 2022 vs 2015	Difference 2022 vs 2021
Annual Memberships - Full: Winter & Spring (not final)	520	358	355	-165	-3
Annual Memberships - Promo: Winter & Spring (not final)	0	80	75	75	-5
Total Annual Memberships Purchased (not final)	520	438	430	-90	-8
Introductory Memberships: Winter & Spring (not final)	62	23	20	-42	-3
Total Memberships purchased	582	461	450	-132	-11

OLLI-GMU Strategic Plan - Introduction

OLLI-GMU's current Strategic Plan dates from 2009, when the planning committee completed "Pathways to the Future". That plan was organized around five major topic areas—membership, programs, facilities, finance, and organization. It included relevant history in each area since the organization's founding in 1991, and identified short-term and strategic actions in each.

In December, 2017, OLLI-GMU's strategic planning committee began work on updating the "Pathways" plan. In July, 2018, these goals were presented to the Board of Directors and committee chairs at a board retreat. With only minor changes, the recommended strategic goals were accepted.

The work of that committee was interrupted in March of 2020 with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. OLLI-GMU quickly and successfully pivoted to distance learning on the Zoom

Board of Directors Meeting, April 15
(see summary article below)

April 22, 2022

Editor of the Week: John Nash

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Alerts & Notices

- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, April 29; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, April 26, at 6:00.

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Summary of April Board of Directors Meeting



By Rita Way, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held virtually April 15.

OLLI President Paul Howard thanked the outgoing members of the Board along with the executive committee for their service and dedication to OLLI.

Executive Director Jennifer Disano reported that the spring term has been going well. Members have been able either to attend classes or take them by Zoom. She thanked Paul Howard, his technical team, and the staff for their long hours of hard work to make this possible. There were some in-person classes that had to be converted to virtual because the attendance levels were low. It will be important for the future to evaluate how members want to take classes—in person or on Zoom.

Currently the total membership is 1105 (Annual, Introductory, and Lifetime).

Three resolutions were approved by the Board:

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Resolution 220415-03, Resolved, The OLLI Board of Directors approves the *Strategic Plan*.

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OLLI Board of Directors Election Voting Starts in Two Weeks

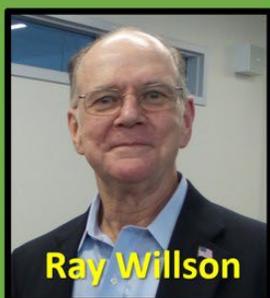


Bob Heyer, Board Member and Election Committee Chair

The Board of Directors election is coming! Voting starts May 6 in the election for five vacant positions on the OLLI Board for the next three years. Below are the candidates for the positions. Go to the OLLI website at olli.gmu.edu, then click on Board of Directors Candidates to read the bios of the candidates. On Friday, May 6, the candidates will be at the ZOOM OLLI annual membership meeting at 10:00. They will introduce themselves and take questions. The election will begin at noon on May 6.

If you need more information, please contact our OLLI Election Committee Chairman, Bob Heyer (rhey@verizon.net) for details.

OLLI Board of Directors Candidates



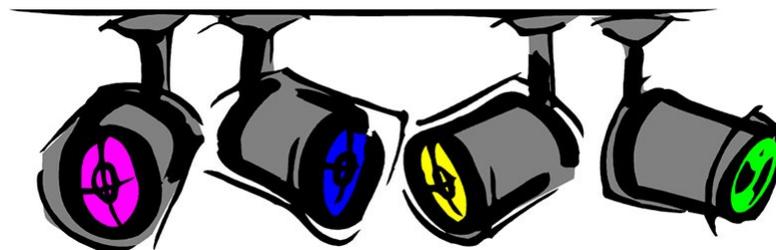
Choose 5 Candidates for OLLI 3 Year Term, Vote May 6 - 20

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An Insider's Take on NextStop Theatre



**By Norma Jean Reck,
Theater Lovers' Group
Coordinator**



Join Theater Lovers' Group (TLG) on Wednesday, April 27 for an insider's take on NextStop Theatre. According to NextStop Theatre's director of development Tomoko Azuma, "The finished product that the audience sees, in my opinion, is just the tip of the iceberg. All the creation that goes before the performance is what I find so interesting since, it's where the art gets created and shaped."

Azuma goes on to say, "It's the behind-the-scenes process that brings great theater to life. It's the many decisions and details that are discussed and worked out in rehearsals prior to the production that are fascinating."

NextStop Theatre, located at 269 Sunset Park Drive in Herndon, Virginia, was founded in 1988 as the Elden Street Players, an all-volunteer, 114 seat, black-box theater. It soon began playing to standing-room only audiences. On January 1, 2013, Evan Hoffman was named Producing Artistic

Director. A talented visionary (and Herndon native), Hoffman has developed NextStop into one of the leading professional theater companies in our region, producing between six and eight shows a year.

On Wednesday, April 27, from 4:00 to 5:30, during our virtual TLG meeting, Azuma will give us an inside look at what it takes to produce shows, keep the footlights on, develop an audience, and much more. All OLLI members are invited to join TLG members to meet Azuma and learn about NextStop Theatre and what makes it a stellar representative in the local arts community.

From Friday, April 29, to Sunday, May 1, at 7:00, you can enjoy NextStop's special free event, Theater in the Park, when NextStop gives a free, open-air performance of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in the Reston Town Square Park. For more information, go to www.nextstoptheatre.org.

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Mason Jazz Concerts April 25-30



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

The next week offers a feast of great Mason jazz concerts—see below. Mark your calendars!

MASON JAZZ VOCAL NIGHT

Monday, April 25, 8:00

Center for the Arts

Purchase Tickets: <https://cfa.calendar.gmu.edu/mason-jazz-vocal-night-2022/>.

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! With special guests, Forest Park High School Platinum Vocal Jazz, directed by Lara Brittain.



MASON JAZZ VOCAL NIGHT

APRIL 25TH, 8PM | CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Tickets: \$12 General Public, \$8 Seniors, \$5 Students | cfa.calendar.gmu.edu/mason-jazz-vocal-night/

FOREST PARK HIGH SCHOOL | MASON JAZZ VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Director, Lara Brittain Director, Dr. Darden Purcell



LATIN AMERICAN ENSEMBLE LIVE at BLUES ALLEY (Two Shows)

Tuesday, April 26, 8:00 and 10:00

Blues Alley

1073 Wisconsin Ave, Washington DC 20007

<https://www.bluesalley.com/>

Tickets for 8:00 Show: [8:00 link](#)

Tickets for 10:00 Show: [10:00 link](#)

The Three-time Down Beat Award-winning Mason Latin American Ensemble, directed by Dr. Juan Megna will share the stage with the NOVA Big Band, directed by Mason alumnus Shannon Gunn at Washington DC's historic Jazz club, Blues Alley! (Photo by Joyce Boghosian)



THE JAZZ WORKSHOP

Wednesday, April 27, 8:00

De Laski Performing Arts Building, 3001

Free and open to the public.

Join the Mason Jazz Workshop, directed by John Kocur, in their spring concert! The Jazz Workshop explores the intersection of improvisation and composition in an atypical jazz ensemble, performing the music of Charles Mingus, Horace Silver, Billie Holiday, John Coltrane and more!



INTERNATIONAL JAZZ DAY

Saturday, April 30, 8:00

Center for the Arts

Purchase

Tickets: <https://cfa.calendar.gmu.edu/international-jazz-day-concert/>

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. Featured groups will be the Mason Jazz Ensemble, Mason Jazz Vocal Ensemble, Latin American Ensemble, District PANTET and the Braddock Road Brass Band!



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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Safari Sightings

A pride of lions
females and adolescents

dream of warthog lunch.

Cheetah boys lounging
high atop a termite mound
snoozing in the sun.

Leopard lithely leaps
up the gnarly baobab,
roars. Hornbills quiet.

Small yellow wildcat
crouches in the tall grasses
eyes shining, ears perked.

Carolyn F. Wyatt

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances April 22 through May 2



By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

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

Proof of vaccination or a negative Covid-19 test result will be needed through May 1. Beginning May 2, audience members will not be 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. **Face coverings continue to be required at all events.**

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 send an email to Brianna 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. Information can also be found at [CFA ticket purchase page](#), [Center for the Arts YouTube Channel](#), or the [Hylton ticket purchase page](#).

At the Fairfax Campus Venues

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra with Simone Dinnerstein

Sat, Apr 23, 8:00

Concert Hall

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.

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

Lila Downs

Sun, Apr 24, 7:00

Concert Hall

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.

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

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Mason Student and Faculty Performances

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

Mason Jazz Vocal Night

Mon, Apr 25, 8:00

Concert Hall

Admission: \$12, \$8 seniors, \$5 students.

Mason Wind Symphony Concert

Thu, Apr 28, 8:00

Concert Hall

Admission: \$12, \$8 seniors, \$5 students.

Mason Opera presents Rossini's *La Cenerentola*

Fri, Apr 29, 8:00

Sat, Apr 30, 2:00

Sun, May 1, 2:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: \$20, \$15 seniors, \$5 students.

International Jazz Day Concert

Sat, Apr 30, 8:00

Concert Hall

Admission: \$12, \$8 seniors, \$5 students.

Guitar Ensemble Concert

Sat, April 30, 7:00

deLaski Performing Arts Building, 3001

Admission: Free.

Mason School of Theater: Just Like Us

Sun, May 1, 2:00

deLaski Performing Arts Building, A105, Theater Space

Select scenes and a post-show panel discussion via Zoom. Register at

<https://app.e2ma.net/app2/audience/signup/1967719/1912540/>

(Additional performances and discussions shown in the CFA calendar at

[https://cfa.calendar.gmu.edu/just-like-us/.](https://cfa.calendar.gmu.edu/just-like-us/))

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibit by Jayne Matricardi: *Motherscape*

Continues to May 22

Hylton Performing Arts Center, Buchanan Partners Art Gallery

Admission: Free.

US Army Field Band Concert

Fri, Apr 22, 7:30

Merchant Hall

Admission: Free, tickets required.

Hylton Center 12th Anniversary Gala

Fri, Apr 29, 6:00

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$300 (includes dinner on Fri and concert on Sat).

Leslie Odom, Jr.

Sat, Apr 30, 8:00

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$100, \$75, \$60.

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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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**Be alive - for after all,
life is what you've got!**

Meetings & Clubs

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. Refer to the university's [coronavirus website](#) for official university updates; also, check the [OLLI calendar](#) and daily schedule email for event 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](#) and click on ZOOM CLASS LINKS.*

Sat Apr 23	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
Tue Apr 26	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Wed Apr 27	1:45 pm	Bridge Club
	4:00 pm	Mah Jongg Club
	4:00 pm	Spanish Club
	4:00 pm	Theater Lovers' Group
Thu Apr 28	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Fri Apr 29	9:15 am	Recorder Consort
	9:30 am	Craft and Conversation
	11:00 am	Classic Literature Club
	11:00 am	Homer, etc.
Sat Apr 30	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
Tue May 3	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club

Wed May 4	1:30 pm 1:45 pm 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Mah Jongg Club Bridge Club History Club Ethnic Eats Club
Thu May 5	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Fri May 6	10:00 am	Virtual Annual Business Meeting
Sat May 7	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club

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