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April 6, Bonnie Becker in Analysis of the Origin and Purpose of the Bayeux Tapestry, Designated a Memory of the World by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization)

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Alerts & Notices

- Reminder: International Jazz Day concert, Saturday, April 30 (tomorrow), 8:00, Center for the Arts. To purchase tickets, <u>click here</u>.
- The next issue of OLLI E-News will be published Friday, May 6; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, May 3, at 6:00.

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OLLI Board of Directors Election Voting Starts a Week from Today



By Bob Heyer, Board Member and Election Committee Chair

Voting in the Board of Directors election begins next Friday, May 6, in the election to fill five vacant positions on the OLLI Board for the next three years. Here are the candidates for the positions.

OLLI Board of Directors Candidates



















Vote Online for 5 Candidates on May 6 - 20

Go to the OLLI website at olli.gmu.edu, then click on Board of Directors Candidates to read the bios of the

candidates. Everyone is welcome on Friday, May 6, at the ZOOM OLLI annual membership meeting at 10:00. The Board candidates will introduce themselves at the meeting and take questions. The election will begin at noon that day.

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

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Tallwood Book Club



By Betty Ellerbee, Tallwood Book Club Coordinator

The Tallwood Book Club will meet on the second Friday of each month at 2:30.

Book selections for the next several months are:

May **The Exiles** by Cristina Baker Kline
June **News of the World** by Paulette Jiles
July **Susan, Linda, Nina & Cokie** by Lisa Napoli

August The Henna Artist by Aika Joshi

September Lilian Boxfish Takes a Walk by Kathleen Rooney.

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Spring into Music



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

Nearing the end of Mason's academic year and 50th anniversary, I want to tell everyone about some great upcoming music events at Mason's Dewberry School for your enjoyment.

Please mark your calendars for:

Sunday, May 1, 11:00-1:00: Friends of Music at Mason (FOMM) spring reception at Coyote Grille in downtown Fairfax—a fun lunch/brunch time celebrating music, good friends, and good food. A portion of your meal cost will be donated to FOMM, so your fun will be charitable as well. There will be live musical entertainment from a Mason music alum, and we will be on the covered porch. Please RSVP to lharber@gmu.edu immediately. There are a few spaces left.

Saturday, May 7, 3:30-8:30: Fairfax Uncorked at Blenheim House in downtown Fairfax—Mason's jazz students and faculty will provide the entertainment for the afternoon and evening of wine and jazz—a great combo!

Sunday, May 8, 7:00: Mason Symphony Orchestra concert with concerto soloists and conductor, Dr. Soo Han—this promises to be a very special musical evening and there will be recognition of our FOMM Honoree, Barbara Jacksier. If you haven't seen any of Dr. Han's concerts, you are in for a treat.

There are also many student recitals available on Mason's YouTube channel. It's always great to see musical talent from home.

A special incentive—there is a contest among those of you who email me at lharber@gmu.edu by May 1. If your email is selected from those who respond, you will win a free Mason Pond deck parking pass. The Mason Pond deck is right next to Mason's Center for the Arts. This will be good for free parking for the May 8 Symphony Orchestra concert or for other Mason music events this month.

I look forward to seeing my OLLI friends at these very special upcoming Mason music events.

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Mason Jazz Concert May 4



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

As the spring term is winding down, there is still a great jazz concert coming at the beginning of May. Mark your calendars!

STEEL PAN ENSEMBLE/LATIN AMERICAN ENSEMBLE/BRADDOCK ROAD BRASS BAND

Wednesday, May 4, 8:00
De laski Performing Arts Building, 3001
Free and open to the public.

Travel to the Caribbean with the Steel Pan Ensemble, directed by Victor Provost, countries of Latin America, with the Down Beat Award-winning Latin American Ensemble, directed by Dr. Juan Megna, and back home again to the birthplace of jazz, New Orleans, with the Braddock Road Brass Band, directed by Graham Breedlove!

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

One Precious Moment

I held her soft hand in mine A moment's ripple in memory A gentle smile, a reverie Eyes moist I search for a sign I ask, are you fine? Seeking a clue, maybe sensory I held her soft hand in mine A moment's ripple in memory

I am glad you came, she opines Searching my face for clarity Finds no familiarity Mama don't you know me? I held her soft hand in mine A moment's ripple of memory

- Chitra Mohla

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances April 29 through May 9



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.

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At the Fairfax Campus Venues

Mason Symphony Orchestra Concert

Sun, May 8, 7:00

Proof of vaccination required for this event.

Concert Hall

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

Mason Student and Faculty Performances

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

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.

Mason School of Theater: Just Like Us

Fri, April 29, 8:00 - Select scenes and a post-show Talkback

Sat, Apr 30, 8:00 - Select scenes and a post-show panel discussion.

deLaski Performing Arts Building, A105, Theater Space

Admission: \$20, \$10 seniors.

Sun, May 1, 2:00 - Select scenes and a post-show panel discussion via Zoom. Register at

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

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.

Asian American/Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Festival

Sun, May 1, 5:00 Concert Hall

Admission: Free.

Mason School of Theater: A Concert Presentation of The Boy Detective Fails

Fri, May 6, 8:00

Sat, May 7, 2:00 and 8:00

Proof of vaccination required for this event.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$20, \$10 seniors.

Mason Dance Company: Spring: Dance Innovations

Fri, May 6, 8:00 (program A)

Sat, May 7, 8:00 (program B)

Sun, May 8, 2:00 (program B)

Sun, May 8, 7:00 (program A)

Proof of vaccination required for this event.

Harris Theatre

Admission: \$15, \$10 seniors.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibit by Jayne Matricardi: Motherscape

Continuing through May 22 Buchanan Partners Art Gallery

Admission: Free.

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.

Matinee Idylls: John Bullard

Tue, May 3, 1:30

Proof of vaccination will still be required for this event.

Gregory Family Theater Admission: \$29.

Manassas Symphony Orchestra: Reflection and Hope

Sat, May 7, 7:30 Merchant Hall

Admission: \$20, \$16 seniors.

Northern Virginia Ballet & Academy of Russian Ballet: Sleeping Beauty

Sun, May 8, 2:00 and 6:00

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$30, \$20 seniors.

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For further details on any of the above events, see the <u>CFA event calendar</u> and the <u>Hylton Center event calendar</u>.

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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 <u>coronavirus website</u> for official university updates; also, check the <u>OLLI calendar</u> 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/<u>OLLI Calendar</u>). 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.

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Sat Apr 30	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
Tue May 3	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Wed May 4	1:30 pm	Mah Jongg Club
	1:45 pm	Bridge Club
	4:00 pm	History Club
	6:00 pm	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
Tue May 10	2:15 pm	Loudoun Non-Fiction Book Club
	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Wed May 11	1:45 pm	Bridge Club
	4:00 pm	Mah Jongg Club
	4:00 pm	Spanish Club
Thu May 12	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Fri May 13	9:15 am	Recorder Consort
	9:30 am	Photography Club
	9:30 am	Craft and Conversation
	11:00 am	Classic Literature Club
	11:00 am	Homer, etc.
	2:00 pm	Cooking Club
	2:30 pm	Tallwood Book Club
Sat May 14	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club

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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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