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Summer 2005

Princeton Summer Chamber Concerts

Founded in 1968 by music journalist, pianist and cellist Barbara Sand, Princeton University Summer Concerts were fashioned after the outdoor summer concerts in the courtyard of the Yale Law School. Ms. Sand wanted to provide free chamber music performances to local audiences.

For almost 40 years, Princeton University Summer Concerts has been providing concerts of the highest caliber by young professional musicians. Some of the fledgling groups have gone on to become renowned international chamber music ensembles.

This summer's lineup is no different. Richardson Auditorium provides the backdrop for the Shanghai Quartet on June 29, the Gryphon Trio on July 7, the Miro Quartet on July 14, and the Enzo Quartet on July 20.

Hailed as "a foursome of uncommon refinement and musical distinction," the Shanghai Quartet has earned the reputation as one of the world's most outstanding string quartets. Originally formed in Shanghai, this versatile ensemble is known for their passionate musicality, astounding technique, and multi-cultural innovations. Weigang Li and Yi-Wen Jiang on violin, Honggang Li on viola, and Nicholas Tzavaras on cello make up The Shanghai Quartet.

Touring internationally since 1993, the Gryphon Trio is now recognized as one of North America's premier chamber ensembles. "The secret of the Gryphon Trio is their sheer love of the musical experience, a love which they communicate to their audiences with a blend of passion and ease." The trio, Annalee Patipatanakoon on violin, Jamie Parker on piano, Roman Borys on cello, is named after the Gryphon, a mythical creature that is half lion and half eagle.

The Miró Quartet is increasingly recognized as one of America's brightest and most exciting



The Miro Quartet will be playing at Richardson Auditorium on July 14 at 8 p.m.

young chamber groups. Formed in the fall of 1995, the Quartet met with immediate success, winning a string of national and international music competition prizes. Last year the Quartet, Sandy Yamamoto and Daniel Ching on violin, John Largess on viola and Joshua Gindele on cello, was appointed Faculty String Quartet at The University of Texas at Austin.

The Ensô String Quartet is quickly becoming one of America's leading young ensembles. After winning a series of national and international concert competitions in 2003, the ensemble was featured in a national broadcast of Minnesota Public Radio's long-running program Saint Paul Sunday.

The Enso Quartet draws members from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the USA, Tereza Stanislav and Maureen Nelson on violin, Georgina Grosvenor on viola, and Richard Belcher on cello.

The Princeton Summer Chamber Concerts Series is held in the Richardson Auditorium on the Princeton University campus. Tickets are free from the box office which opens at 7 p.m. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. For more information, call (609) 631-7884. (w)

MCC&HC Welcomes New Commissioners

Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission would like to announce and welcome the newest members of the commission:

- Renu Agrawal
- Dr. Howard Goldstein
- Brian O. Hill
- Lisa Kasabach

2005 Grant Recipients

Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission is pleased and proud to announce the following recipients of the 2005 Grants. The grant program is administered by the Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission and funded under the State/County Partnership Program of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

- Arts Council of Princeton
- Chin Yun Chorus, Inc.
- Community Arts Partnership at the Peddie School
- Friends of NJ State Museum
- Garden State Watercolor Society
- Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra
- Greater Trenton Choral Society
- Hopewell Valley Children's Theater
- Hopewell Valley Chorus
- Jewish Community Center
- Latina Women's Council of Mercer County, Inc.
- Le Triomphe de l'amour
- MCCC Aspirations
- MCCC Band
- MCCC Dance Ensemble
- MCCC Kelsey Theatre
- MCCC Kelsey Review
- MCCC Art Gallery
- Mercer County Tomato Patch
- Old Barracks Association
- The Open Air Theater
- Playful Theater
- Princeton Area Community Advancement
- Princeton Garden Statesmen SPEBQSA
- Princeton Public Library
- Princeton University Summer Chamber Concerts
- Rider University Art Gallery
- Shakespeare '70
- TENJ: The College Art Gallery
- Trenton Artist Workshop Assn.
- Trinity Cathedral Arts Series
- West Windsor Arts Council
- Voices

Storytelling: A Potpourri of Story Bouquets

The 2005 Eastern District Convention of the National Story League will be held August 4 through 7 at the Trenton Marriott Hotel at Lafayette Yard. Storytelling workshops and storytelling olios will feature animal and nature tales, stories from many countries and cultures, and story songs.

Julie Pasqual, storyteller, ballet dancer, actress, and pediatric clown will perform at the Saturday Evening Storytelling Concert. Pasqual has told stories at the Kennedy Center, the New Jersey Storytelling Festival, the Connecticut Storytelling Festival, and at schools, libraries, museums, festivals...and even weddings.

A special storytelling event will be held on Friday at the Old Barracks Museum, Trenton. Storytelling luncheons and storytelling dinners will feature Students as Storytellers, storytellers from

the Garden State Storytellers League, and National Story League story groups from Virginia, Florida, and Pennsylvania.

The Garden State Storytellers' League, Inc., an affiliate league of the National Story League, is hosting the conference. Gwendolyn Jones, storyteller and Professor Emerita at The College of New Jersey, founded the state league in 1982; the national one was founded in Tennessee in 1903.

Anyone interested in storytelling is encouraged to register. Educators, librarians, and administrators will learn how to integrate storytelling into a K-12 curriculum. New Jersey educators who attend will receive Professional Development Hours. For information and registration materials, call (609) 890-3378 or email englearn@aol.com.

Trenton Artists' Workshop Association

For the last 26 years, Trenton Artists' Workshop Association (TAWA) has successfully enriched the cultural environment of the greater Trenton area. It has provided local, national and international exhibition opportunities for its members, as well as workshops, lectures and gallery talks. These exhibitions and educational programs are open to the public at no charge.

TAWA was founded in 1979 by Lata Patterson and Dr. Mary Tatum Howard to promote the arts in the greater Trenton area. Membership has grown to over 300 professional artists, educators and students working in the visual, media, performing and language arts.

TAWA has maintained a long-standing relationship with Ellarslie, The Trenton City Museum, which generously offers its galleries to host the summer exhibitions.

Another key component of TAWA's mission is their scholarship program. The Stockton Memorial Scholarship, in memory of Emma Jane Stockton, is an annual art scholarship awarded to a Trenton High School graduate. Last year's recipients were Kavion Robinson.

The Holman Photography Award is given to an outstanding college photography student. Last year, the award, sponsored in part by Jean Holman in memory of her late son, Ed, a TAWA member and photographer, was presented to Robert Watkins from MCCC.

Two major exhibits will be launched this summer, TAWA I June 25 to July 31, and TAWA II from August 6 to September 11. The "Invitationals at Ellarslie" will be juried by Susan M. Taylor, director of the Princeton University Art Museum, and will offer six artists the unique opportunity to develop a solo show in one of the three gallery spaces available at Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park.

Last year, TAWA celebrated its 25th anniversary of serving and promoting the arts and artists of the greater Trenton area with "TAWA@25." A full-color catalog celebrating the Gala Exhibition at Ellarslie Mansion was made possible with the generous support of Bristol-Myers Squibb. This 80-page catalog will be available at the opening of TAWA I on June 25. (w)



TAWA member Khalilah Sabree accompanies her painting on exhibit at Ellarslie Mansion.



The Open Air Theatre at Washington Crossing State Park has been preserving an artistic heritage established in Mercer County 41 years ago. The amphitheater is situated in an idyllic natural outdoor setting with excellent acoustics. The theatre is run by *The Washington Crossing Association of New Jersey*, a totally volunteer-run organization dedicated to promoting public interest in the arts through quality cultural and historical offerings; preserving and restoring the historical buildings located in the park, and educating visitors about Mercer County's cultural, historical and natural resources.

The Open Air Theatre draws approximately 18,000 attendees to the Park during its twelve-week performance season. Most of the theatre

groups are local to Mercer County and participate in the Mercer County Cultural & Heritage grant program, which helps fund their home-base programming.

Open Air Theatre performances are a delightful way to spend a summer evening and are ideal for families. Pack a picnic, spread out a blanket, and relax under the stars. The amphitheater does have benched seating, a concession stand and is fully handicapped accessible. This summer's upcoming performances include *Much Ado About Nothing* by Shakespeare '70; *1776* by Actors' NET; *Once Upon a Mattress* by Playful Theatre; *Annie Get Your Gun* by Yardley Players; *Into The Woods* by Pennington Players, and *The Wizard of Oz* by Stars in the Park.

The Open Air Theatre is located in Washington Crossing State Park, 355 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road (Route 546), Titusville. The entrance is on Route 546, 1 mile east of the Delaware River. Box Office opens at 6 PM on performance dates only. Curtain time is 8 PM. General admission ranges from \$4 to \$10. For more information, call (609) 737-1826. (w)

Princeton Festival to Present Sweeney Todd

Professional opera will return to the Kirby Arts Center of the Lawrenceville School this summer, when the Princeton Festival presents the Stephen Sondheim/Hugh Wheeler musical thriller **Sweeney Todd** from July 3 to 16.

Sophisticated, macabre, visceral and uncompromising, **Sweeney Todd** provides a great mix of intense drama and dark humor. A chilling, suspenseful masterpiece of murderous "barber"-ism and culinary crime, **Sweeney Todd** tells the infamous tale of the unjustly exiled barber who returns to 19th century London seeking revenge against the lecherous judge who framed him and

ravaged his young wife. His thirst for blood soon expands to include his unfortunate customers, and soon the resourceful proprietress of a pie shop has the people of London lining up in droves to taste her mysterious new meat pies!



Artistic Director Professor Richard Tang Yuk has assembled a stellar cast that features bass-baritone Harry Dworchak as Sweeney and mezzo-soprano Catherine Cowdrick as Mrs. Lovett. Under the direction of Ellen Douglas Schlaefter, the production includes The Princeton Festival Orchestra and Chorus. Performances are scheduled for July 3 at 3 p.m., and July 9, 15 and 16 at 8 p.m. Lawrenceville School is located on Route 206. Tickets are \$25-\$75. For more information, call 800-595-4849 or visit www.princetonfestival.org. (wAPV)

Pennington Dance Celebrates 25 Years

For twenty-five years, Pennington Dance has been inspiring dancers from ages 3½ through adult. The instructors' repertoire includes ballet, jazz, tap, Pilates mat work, hip-hop, African dance and original Broadway. Fully equipped studios are located in Pennington at both the Cyrus Lodge and Pennington Presbyterian Church and in Titusville at the Unitarian Church.

To commemorate a quarter-century of teaching, Pennington Dance will present a concert on June 5 at 1 p.m. in Patriots Theater of the Trenton War Memorial. The celebration will showcase accomplishments and talents of Pennington Dance students, who will be performing classical ballet variations, and jazz, hip-hop, and tap numbers.

Also featured in the concert will be local dance groups dedicated to preserving their eth-

nic heritage through the arts such as The Trenton Terpsichorians Greek dancers; Timbuktu African drum and dancing; Guthrie Scottish Dancers; Lisa Botalico's Fiesta Flamenca; Griggstown Lockrapper Sword Team; BalaDavi's Classical Indian Dance Group; Morris Dancers; Middle Eastern Belly Dancing; Handsome Molly Dancers, and Princeton Korean Dance Troupe. The performance coincides with Trenton's Heritage Days Festival at the State House Complex.

Pennington Dance's 25th Year Celebration: American and Multi-Cultural Dances is open to the public, and tickets are \$18. For information, call (609) 737-7596 or visit www.penningtondance.com. The program is made possible in part from funds from Straube Center Office Space in Pennington. (w)

EnCorp Inc. plans Broadway at the Movies camp and recital

Broadway at the Movies will be the theme of the June 29 recital that will be the culmination of EnCorp, Inc., Theatre School's 2005 summer camp.

EnCorp has New York professionals train youths in the original dialogue, dance and songs of Broadway, is making a departure from its successful summer camps of 2003 and 2004 by offering the camp in June, not July.

Instructors will include Susan Haefner, who was on Broadway in *42nd Street*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie* and *State Fair*; Tim Santos, the dance captain and assistant director and assistant choreographer for *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular*; Bobby Clark, who toured in *Some Like It Hot* with Tony Curtis; EnCorp's executive director Newton Gilchrist, who originated the role of Hank Munson in *State Fair* and was in the Broadway revival of *Camelot*; Lisa Guignard, EnCorp's co-director, a veteran dance captain of Broadway and national tours whose five Broadway credits include the revivals of *My Fair Lady* and *Camelot*, and Ned Coulter, EnCorp's acting director, who was in the Broadway revival of *My Fair Lady* and has appeared on NBC's *Law & Order*. EnCorp alumna Christina Merwitz, who played piano solo at Carnegie Hall as the first-place winner of the 2005 Golden Key Music Festival Competition, will be a teaching assistant and perform in the recital.

Camp will begin on Saturday, June 18, resume Monday, June 20, and continue daily through Sunday, June 26. The schedule for June 18 through 26 will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the two-story white building EnCorp rents on the campus of Villa Victoria Academy, 376 W. Upper Ferry Road at Route 29 in the West Trenton section of Ewing.

On Monday and Tuesday, June 27 and 28, campers will rehearse from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Villa Victoria Theatre in the main building of the academy. The show will be at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 29. Tickets will be \$15, and all seats will be reserved.

Camp fees are \$625 for first-time EnCorp students, and with discounted fees for students currently enrolled in EnCorp's fall-spring programs.

Contact EnCorp at (215) 280-1273 or visit its Web site at <http://www.encorpin.org>.

Puerto Rican Parade

The Puerto Rican Parade of Trenton was founded by Father Armando Iavarone and members of the Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in 1978. The organization is committed to promoting the culture and folklore of the Puerto Rico people, and educating and empowering Latino youth.

The parade committee's annual scholarship proves their motto, An Educated Mind Equals Success. During the annual gala dinner dance set for July 30, \$1000 in scholarships will be given to one, or divided between two, graduates of Trenton Central High School.

The Celebration includes the Miss Puerto Rico Pageant on June 5, the flag raising at Trenton City Hall on July 30, the carnival from August 4 to 7 and the parade on August 7.

Dear Friends,

The warmer weather, school vacations, and slower pace of summer work days provide plenty of opportunities for you to explore and enjoy what Mercer County's public and private entities have to offer in the way of cultural and athletic entertainments.

June, July and August are full of outdoor events such as live theater, movie screenings, parades, and art, musical and ethnic festivals. I suggest you take a look through this quarterly and attend some of the events listed. You might even decide to become involved with the sponsoring organizations.

The freedom of summer days should give you time to gather with family and friends for leisurely times at Mercer County Park Commission facilities, or at facilities operated by the municipalities in which you live, where you can picnic, hike, bike, play catch, and enjoy swings and jungle gyms.

I wish each of you relaxing and enriching summers, and thank you for the privilege of serving this diverse Mercer County family.

Sincerely,



Brian M. Hughes

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Mercer County Executive

Convention and Visitors Bureau Sparks Tourism in the Capital Region

In November 2004, Mercer County helped kick off the Capital Region Convention and Visitors Bureau, which has a primary mission of marketing the Region to national and international audiences as a convention, meeting and tourist destination.

The Bureau plays an active leadership role in efforts designed to enhance the marketing of the Region and also serves with other agencies in advocating for improvements that increase Mercer County's appeal as a convention, meeting and tourist destination. Such teamwork and collaboration are beginning to prove to be a key element in developing the Region's tourism appeal.

"Our goal is to provide an excellent visitor experience for travelers of all kinds," said Kimberley Stever, Executive Director for the Capital

Region Convention and Visitors Bureau. "The Capital Region is home to New Jersey's majestic State House, Princeton University, Grounds for Sculpture and key sites of the American Revolution. We have an abundance of heritage, culture and fun, and we welcome visitors to explore our many treasures regardless if their visit is business or leisure driven."

Still in its infancy, the Capital Region Convention and Visitor Bureau is working hard to enhance the visitor experience and invites visitors to stop by its Visitor Center, located at the corner of Barracks and Lafayette streets in downtown Trenton. "The Trenton Visitor Center has information on everything to see and do in the Capital Region and the State of New Jersey," Stever said. "We're open seven days a week, and we can help you plan a day trip or explore the entire state!"



Princeton Summer Experience

The Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Princeton Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau are pleased to announce the publication of the third annual edition of the award-winning Princeton Summer Experience brochure highlighting arts, cultural, and historic activities that take place in the Princeton Region throughout the summer months. The publication of this brochure is made possible through the support of Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes and the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

For your free copy of the Princeton Summer Experience brochure, call 609-924-1776 or download a copy at www.visitprinceton.org.



Calendar of EVENTS

The Mercer County Culture and Heritage Commission cannot be responsible for errors or omissions. Call ahead to confirm times and prices. For an expanded listing, visit www.mercercounty.org/CH/nl.htm. Deadline for Fall 2005 issue is July 8, 2005.

Art Exhibits

Anniversary Arts Party, June 11, 10 a.m., Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$12. (609) 586-0616. www.groundsforsculpture.org. (w)

Unexpected Journey: Gillett Griffin and the Art of Ancient Americas, through June 12, Tue-Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun 1-5 p.m., Princeton University Art Museum, McCormick Hall. Sat-Sun docent tours at 2 p.m. (609) 258-3788. (w)

Art of the '80s, through June 12, Princeton University Art Museum, McCormick Hall. Sat-Sun docent tours at 2 p.m. (609) 258-3788. (w)

Ellarslie Open XXIII, through June 12, Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie, Cadwalader Park. (609) 989-3632. (wv)

D&R Greenway Land Trust Juried Exhibit, through June 15, Brodsky Gallery, Chauncey Conference Center, ETS Corporate Campus, 660 Rosedale Road, Princeton. (609) 252-1417. (w)

Members' Exhibition, through June 24, Garden State Watercolor Society, Capital Health System at Mercer, 446 Bellevue Avenue, Trenton. (609) 394-4000. (wv)

Thomas George: A Retrospective, June 25-Sept. 11., Tue-Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun 1-5 p.m., Princeton University Art Museum, McCormick Hall. Sat-Sun docent tours at 2 p.m. (609) 258-3788. (w)

Recarving China's Past, through June 26, Tue-Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun 1-5 p.m., Princeton University Art Museum, McCormick Hall. Sat-Sun docent tours at 2 p.m. (609) 258-3788. (w)

Spring Group Exhibition, through June 30, Tues-Sat 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Morpeth Gallery, 43 West Broad Street, Hopewell. Opening Reception June 4, 6 p.m. (609) 333-9393; www.ruthmorpeth.com.

Jane Driscoll students, through June 30, Mercer County Library, West Windsor Branch, 333 Norath Post Road, Princeton Jct. (609) 799-0462; www.mcl.org. (wv)

Gina Chang, oil painter, July 1-31, Mercer County Library, West Windsor Branch, 333 North Post Road, Princeton Jct. (609) 799-0462; www.mcl.org. (wv)

John Blackford and Frank Magalhaes, through July 10, Sat-Sun, 12-5, Gallery 14, 14 Mercer Street, Hopewell. Opening reception June 3, 6 p.m.; meet the photographers June 6, 1-3 p.m. (609) 333-8511; www.photosgallery14.com.

Floating Above the Clouds, woodblock prints of Mount Fuji, through July 10, Tue-Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun 1-5 p.m., Princeton University Art Museum, McCormick Hall. (609) 258-3788; www.princetonartmuseum.org.

Edward Greenblat, July 15-August 28, Gallery 14, 14 Mercer Street, Hopewell. Opening reception July 15, 6 p.m.; meet

the photographer July 17, 1-3 p.m. Gallery hours are Sat-Sun, 12-5, and by appointment. (609) 333-8511.

Laura Warne, photographer, August 1-31, Mercer County Library, West Windsor Branch, 333 North Post Road, Princeton Jct. (609) 799-0462; www.mcl.org. (wv)

Hatching the Past Dinosaur Eggs and Babies, through Sept. 10, New Jersey State Museum, Galleries at 225 West State Street, Trenton. Gallery open Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., June Gallery Tours, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m. (609) 394-9535. (w)

Spring/Summer Exhibition, through Sept. 25, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$12. (609) 586-0616; www.groundsforsculpture.org. (w)

Itzik Benshalom, through Sept. 25, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$12. (609) 586-0616. (w)

Hellenic Journeys, through Oct. 23, Princeton University, Firestone Library, Main Gallery, 1 Washington Road, Princeton. (609) 258-3155. (w)

Benefits/Galas/Tributes

Mary Cleere Haran & Nancy Giles, June 4, silent auction 7 p.m., performance 8:30 p.m., Conduit, 439 South Broad Street, Trenton. Benefits Passage Theatre Company. Reservations (609) 392-0766. (w)

Reed Mansion Fund Raiser, June 5, 2 p.m., Bella Vista Farm, 60 Old Ewingville Road, Ewing. Benefits Capital Fund for upkeep of Benjamin Temple House, sponsored by Ewing Township Historic Preservation Society. \$10. Reservations (609) 883-2455; www.ethps.org.

June Fete Dinner Dance, June 10, 8 p.m., Princeton University Football Stadium, off Washington Road. Benefits University Medical Center at Princeton Auxiliary. \$100. Registration (609) 497-4069. (w)

ECHO Silent Auction and dessert, June 17, 6 p.m., Covenant Church, 471 Parkside Avenue, Trenton. Benefits ECHO Senior Program. \$5. (609) 695-4151. (w)

Preservation Gala 2005, June 25, 5 p.m., Drumthwacket, 65 Mercer Street, Princeton. Benefits Preservation New Jersey. \$200. (609) 392-6409. (w)

Princeton Festival Gala, July 3 after the 3 p.m. performance of Sweeney Todd, Kirby Arts Center and Abbott Dining Room, Lawrenceville School, Route 206. \$150-\$300. (215) 493-6876; www.princetonfestival.org. (WAPV)

Puerto Rican Gala Dinner Dance, July 30 6 p.m., Trenton Marriott at Lafayette Yard, Lafayette Street. Benefits Puerto Rican Parade of Trenton scholarship program. (609) 586-9097. (WAPV)

Dance

American and Multi-Cultural Dances,

June 5, 1 p.m., Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Memorial Drive, Trenton. \$18. (609) 737-7596; www.penningtondance.com. (wb)

Spare Parts, June 25, 8 p.m., Princeton Country Dancers, Suzanne Patterson, 45 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$8. (609) 683-7956.

Education/Workshops

David Schultz Lectures on Itzik Benshalom, June 10, 7:30 p.m., Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Reservations (609) 586-0616; www.groundsforsculpture.org. (w)

Young Artists Workshop-Watercolor, June 18, 10:30 a.m.-noon, ages 6-9; 1-3 p.m. ages 10+, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$15-\$20. Register at (690) 586-0616, ext. 20; www.groundsforsculpture.org. (w)

"Broadway at the Movies" Theatre School Summer Camp, June 18-26, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., EnCorp, Inc., Villa Victoria Academy, 376 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton. Rehearsal June 27, 28, 7-10 p.m.; show June 29, 7:30 p.m. (215) 280-1273. (w)

Fairs/Festivals

Bank of America-Trenton Heritage Days Festival, June 4, noon-8 p.m.; June 5, noon-7 p.m., NJ State House Plaza, West State Street, Trenton. (609) 777-1771. (w)

Trenton 2 Nite, June 10, July 8, August 12, 5-9 p.m., Trenton Downtown Association, South Warren and West Lafayette streets, Trenton. (609) 393-8998.

The Groovy Fete, June 11, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Princeton University Football Stadium, off Faculty Road. Benefits the University Medical Center at Princeton's Breast Health Center. (609) 497-4069; www.princetonhcs.org. (w)

A Celebration of Asian Art and Culture, June 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Princeton University Art Museum, McCormick Hall. (609) 258-3788; www.princetonartmuseum.org.

Summer Solstice Poetry Festival, June 25, 7-10 p.m., Nassau Park Pavilion, Nassau Park Blvd., West Windsor. Sponsored by Developers Diversified Realty (DDR) and West Windsor Township. (609) 919-1982; www.westwindsorarts.org.

Film

Rivers and Tides: Andy Goldsworthy Working with Time, June 4, 7:30 p.m., Mercer County Library, West Windsor Branch, 333 North Post Road, Princeton Jct. Co-sponsored by West Windsor Arts Council. (609) 799-0462; www.mcl.org. (w)

Let the Church Say Amen, June 9, 7 p.m., Mercer County Library, Lawrence Headquarters Branch, 2751 Brunswick Pike. Registration (609) 882-9246 or

kcyrus@mcl.org; www.mcl.org. (wv)

Summer Teen Film Series with discussions, June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 7 p.m., Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. Cosponsored by Arts Council of Princeton, Princeton Public Library, and Princeton Teen Film Committee. Teens and adults are invited to attend. (609) 924-9529 ext. 240; princetonlibrary.org. (w)

Independence, video, July 4, 2 p.m., Washington Crossing State Park, Route 546, Titusville. (609) 737-0623. (w)

Celebrating the Art of the Short Film, July 14, 7 p.m., Mercer County Library, Lawrence Headquarters Branch, 2751 Brunswick Pike. Registration (609) 882-9246 or kcyrus@mcl.org. (wv)

Student Film & Video Festival, July 28, 7 p.m., Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. Projects from 9th through 12th graders may be submitted through June 30. For entry form and guidelines visit www.princetonlibrary.org/teens. (609) 924-9529 ext. 240. (w)

Film Series, August 11, 7 p.m., Mercer County Library, Lawrence Headquarters Branch, 2751 Brunswick Pike. Registration (609) 882-9246 or kcyrus@mcl.org. (wv)

Newark Black Film Festival*

Adult Screenings

Tribute to Ossie Davis, June 30, 7 p.m.

City of God, July 7, 7 p.m.

TBD, July 14, 7 p.m.

Beah: A Black Woman Speaks, July 21, 7 p.m.

Moolaadé, July 28, 7 p.m.

Slam, Aug. 4, 7 p.m.

Youth Screenings

Mz Medusa, Elizabeth's Doll and Hot Hippo, July 7, 1 p.m.

Unforgettable Pen Pal, Harlem and Dem Bones, July 14, 1 p.m.

Dance of the Animals, Buddy T's Little Theatre and A Picture of Freedom, July 21, 1 p.m.

Claymation, Ellington is Not a Street and Harriet Tubman, July 28, 1 p.m.

*New Jersey State Museum, 205 West State Street, Trenton. (609) 292-6347; www.newarkmuseum.org. (w)

Jazz/Folk Music

Something Inside So Strong, June 3, 8 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, Titusville. \$15. (609) 396-7774; www.njgmc.org. (w)

Freedom Stairway by Briz, June 18, 1 p.m., Mercer County Library, Lawrence Headquarters Branch, 2751 Brunswick Pike. Registration (609) 882-9246 or kcyrus@mcl.org; www.mcl.org. (wv)

Jen Chapin, June 18, 7:30 p.m., Concerts at the Crossing at Grounds For Sculpture,

18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$15-18. Registration (609) 586-0616, ext. 20; www.groundsfor sculpture.org. (w)

Michael Feldman's Whad'Ya Know? June 25, 10:30 a.m., Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Memorial Drive, Trenton. \$35-\$45. (609) 984-8400. (wva)

Jesse Colin Young, with Kate Gaffney opening the show, July 23, 7:30 p.m., Concerts at the Crossing at Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$18-\$23. Reservations (609) 586-0616, ext. 20. (wv)

Cheryl Wheeler, August 13, 7:30 p.m., Concerts at the Crossing at Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$18-\$23. Reservations (609) 586-0616, ext. 20. (wv)

Colonial Music and Storytelling, every Wednesday, 6 and 8 p.m., Traditions Coffee House, Old Barracks Museum, Barrack Street, Trenton. \$5-\$10. (609) 396-1776, 888-BARRACK; www.barracks.org (wva)

Historical House Tours

John Abbott II House, open Sat-Sun, 12-5 p.m., Historical Society of Hamilton Township, 2200 Kuser Road, Veterans Park. (609) 586-1686.

Bainbridge House, open Tues-Sun, 12-4 p.m., 158 Nassau Street, Princeton. (609) 921-6748; www.princetonhistory.org.

Benjamin Temple House in Drake Farm Park, open year-round by appointment. Ewing Township Historic Preservation Society, 27 Federal City Road, Ewing. (609) 883-2455; www.ethps.org.

Brearily House open first Saturday each month, 10 a.m.-noon, Lawrence Historical Society, Meadow Lane, Lawrenceville. (609) 895-1728. (w)

Drumthwacket Tours, open Wednesdays, 10 a.m., 354 Stockton Street, Princeton. Reservations (609) 683-0591; www.drumthwacket.org.

Ellarslie Mansion, open Tues-Sat, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sun 1-4 p.m., The Trenton City Museum, Cadwalader Park, Trenton. (609) 989-3632; www.ellarslie.org.

Johnson Ferry House, open Wed-Sat, 10 a.m.-noon; Sun, 1-4 p.m., Washington Crossing State Park, Route 546, Titusville. (609) 737-0623.

Morven, open Wed-Fri, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sat, noon-4 p.m., 55 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$4-\$5. (609) 924-8144; www.historicmorven.org. (w)

Schenck House, open second Sunday each month, 1-4 p.m., Historical Society of West Windsor, 50 Southfield Road, West Windsor. (609) 452-8598.

Thorpe House, open Sat-Sun, 12-5 p.m., Historical Society of Hamilton Township, 2200 Kuser Road, Veterans Park. Civil War, Native American and African-American exhibits. (609) 452-8598.

Historical Activities

Colonial Kids, hands-on activities, Sat-Sun, noon-4 p.m., William Trent House Museum, William Trent Place, Trenton. \$1-\$2.50. (609) 989-3027. (wv)

Princeton Cemetery Guided Tour by George Brown and Phil Shaver, June 5, 11 a.m., Greenview Avenue, Princeton. (609) 924-1369.

School of Artillery, June 11, 1:30 p.m., June 12, 1 p.m., Washington Crossing State Park, Route 546, Titusville. (609) 737-0623.

Crossing Diorama Program, July 2, August 7, 2 p.m., at the Stone Barn opposite the Johnson Ferry House, Washington Crossing State Park, Route 546, Titusville. (609) 737-0623.

Civil War Re-Enactment, July 22, noon-7 p.m.; July 23, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; July 24, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Veterans Park, Whitehorse-Hamilton Square Road, Hamilton. (609) 581-4033; www.campolden.org.

Mercer County Antique Show & Sale, August 6, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sovereign Bank Arena, Hamilton Avenue at Route 129, Trenton. Appraisals, \$5 each, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Admission \$5. (609) 278-8100.

Howell Living History Farm*

Old Time Baseball, June 4, 10 a.m.

Haying, June 11, 10 a.m.

Hog Slopping, June 18, 10 a.m.

Dairying, June 25, 10 a.m.

Ice Cream Party, July 2, 10 a.m.

Wheat Harvesting, July 9, 10 a.m.

Horse-drawn Wheat Harvest, July 9, 10 a.m.

Hayrides, July 16, July 23, July 30, 5 p.m. *Wheelchair accessible wagon is available by reservation at (609) 737-3299.*

Honey Harvest with Beekeeper Bob Hughes, August 6, 10 a.m.

Pleasant Valley Historic District Tours, August 13, 10 a.m.

Canning, August 20, 10 a.m.

Fiddlin' on the Farm, August 27, 10 a.m.

*A Mercer County Park System facility, Valley Road, off Route 29, Titusville. (609) 737-3299.

Hamilton Township Concert Series*

Ron Kraemer & the Hurricanes, Jump, Blues, Swing, June 26, 6 p.m., Kuser Farm Park. (Rain date: June 27, 7 p.m.)

The Mahoney Brothers, July 3, 7 p.m., Veterans Park, followed by fireworks. (Rain date: July 5, 7 p.m.)

Travis Wetzel Trio, Bluegrass, July 10, 6 p.m., Kuser Farm Park. (Rain date: July 11, 7 p.m.)

Freedom Brass Dixie, Dixieland, July 17, 6 p.m., Kuser Farm Park. (Rain date: July 18, 7 p.m.)

Point Blank, 50's, July 24, 6 p.m., Kuser Farm Park. (Rain date: July 25, 7 p.m.)

Banjo Joe, Roarin' 20's, Big Band, July 30, 6 p.m., Anchor Thread Park

Borderline, Country, Bluegrass, July 31, 6 p.m., Kuser Farm Park. (Rain date: August 1, 7 p.m.)

Kat Jazz Swing Group, August 7, 6 p.m., Kuser Farm Park. (Rain date: August 8, 7 p.m.)

Briggs & Glover, Irish, August 14, 3 p.m., Kuser Farm Park

Dick Chimes Polka Band, August 14, 6 p.m., Kuser Farm Park. (Rain date: August 15, 7 p.m.)

Andi Rosell Band, Country, 50's-70's

rock, August 21, 6 p.m., Kuser Farm Park. (Rain date: August 22, 7 p.m.)

Mountain Laurel Bluegrass Band, Country, Blues, August 28, 6 p.m., Kuser Farm Park. (Rain date: August 28, 7 p.m.)

Movies In The Park*

Mary Poppins, June 17, Anchor Thread Park

E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial, June 22, Kuser Farm Park

Scooby-Doo 2, July 1, Veterans Park

Spider Man, July 6, Veterans Park

Shark Tale, July 15, Veterans Park

Jumanji, July 20, Sayen Gardens

Shrek 2, July 29, Veterans Park

Grease, August 3, Anchor Thread Park

Spongebob Square Pants The Movie, August 12, Veterans Park

Singing In The Rain, August 17, Sayen Gardens

Harry Potter & The Prisoner Of Azkaban, August 26, Veterans Park

*Hamilton Township Division of Recreation. Movies start at dusk, are rated PG, rain date is the following Wednesday or Friday. *Anchor Thread Park, Groveville Road, Groveville; Kuser Farm Park, 390 Newkirk Avenue, Hamilton; Sayen Gardens, Hughes Drive, Hamilton; Veterans Park, 2200 Kuser Road, Hamilton. (609) 581-4116; www.hamiltonnj.com*

Kuser Farm Mansion*

Presentations

Family Photographs taken in a Victorian Setting, June 4, 5, 9 a.m.-noon.

Japanese Festival Dolls (video), June 4, 3 p.m.

Shirley Temple Dolls & Memorabilia, June 5, 3 p.m.

Carnival Glass, July 2, 10 a.m.

19th Century French Fashion Dolls (video), July 3, 10 a.m.

The All-Bisque Dolls Of Shandele (video), July 28, 10 a.m.

Cigar Box Collecting (video), July 29, 10 a.m.

Victorian Jewelry (video), August 4, 10 a.m.

Jewelry Through The Ages (video), August 4, 10:30 a.m.

Teapots (video), August 5, 10 a.m.

The Jumeau Dolls Of Shadele (video), August 6, 10 a.m.,

Steff Stuffed Animals (video), August 7, 10 a.m.,

*A Hamilton Township facility located at 319 Newkirk Ave., inside Kuser Farm Park. Advance reservations are required. Call (609) 890-3630.

Museums

Clarke House Museum, Wed-Sat, 10 a.m.-noon, 1-4 p.m.; Sun 1-4 p.m., Princeton Battlefield Park, 500 Mercer Road, Princeton. (609) 921 0074.

The Contemporary Victorian Townhouse Museum, tours by appointment, The Contemporary, 176 West State Street, Trenton. Reservations (609) 392-9727 or patpordash@aol.com.

Morven Museum and Gardens, Fri, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sat-Sun, noon-3 p.m., 55

Stockton Street, Princeton. \$4-\$5. (609) 924 8144; www.morven.org.

Old Barracks Museum, open daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Barrack Street, Trenton. (609) 396-1776, group tours (609) 777-4042; www.barracks.org. (wv)

Literary Events

Paul Muldoon, poet, June 13, 8 p.m., Delaware Valley Poets, Barnes & Noble, Princeton MarketFair, 3535 US Route 1. (609) 716-1570. (wv)

Summer Reading Club, June 15-Sept. 11, The Mercer County Library System. Children can register the week of June 27, program begins the week of July 5. Call local branch or visit www.mcl.org.

Discussion Group, The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway, June 16, Mercer County Library, Lawrence Headquarters Branch, 2751 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville. Registration (609) 882-9246; kcyrus@mcl.org; www.mcl.org.

NJ Storytelling Festival, June 26, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. An activity of the Folk Project in cooperation with the NJ Storytelling Network. (609) 586-0616; www.groundsfor sculpture.org. (w)

Poetry Slam, Rob Salup, slam master, June 27, 2 p.m., Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$5. Register to read (609) 586-0616, ext. 20; www.groundsfor sculpture.org. (w)

Call For Submissions, The Barefoot Muse, deadline June 30. Send 3-6 poems to evnsanna@comcast.net. For guidelines, visit www.delawarevalleypoets.com.

Harry Potter Midnight Magic Party, July 15, Barnes & Noble, Princeton MarketFair. Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince goes on sale at midnight. (609) 716-1570; barnesandnoble.com. (w)

Harry Potter storyline with Gwendolyn Jones, July 16, 11 a.m., Barnes & Noble, Princeton MarketFair. Live owl educational presentation by Mercer County Wildlife Center, 7 p.m. (609) 716-1570. (w)

Steven Richman, author, The Bridges of New Jersey: Portraits of GardenState Crossings, July 21, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, Princeton MarketFair. (609) 716-1570; barnesandnoble.com. (w)

Storytellers' Convention, August 4-7, National Story League, Marriott Hotel at Lafayette Yard, Trenton. (609) 884-8548.

Poetry Readings, second Monday each month, 8 p.m., Delaware Valley Poets, Barnes & Noble, Princeton MarketFair, 3535 US Route 1. (609) 716-1570. (wv)

Book Discussion Group, third Monday each month, Mercer County Library, Hopewell Branch, 245 Pennington-Titusville Road, Pennington. (609) 737-2610; www.mcl.org. (w)

Plainsboro Literary Group, fourth Monday each month, 6:30 p.m., Plainsboro Public Library, 641 Plainsboro Road. (609) 275-2897. (wv)

Poetry Workshop, second Thursday each month, 7:30 p.m., Delaware Valley Poets, Lawrence Public Library, Darrah Lane. (609) 882-9246. (wv)

IdentifyTheory, online literary forum accepts short fiction, nonfiction, poetry, photography, art, mp3s. Email questions

to: submit@identitytheory.com; or visit www.identitytheory.com.

Learning Spanish or English, every Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., Mercer County Library, Hightstown Branch, 114 Franklin Street. (609) 448-1474; www.mcl.org.

Musical Performances

Doo Wop Revival, June 11, 8 p.m., Kelsey Theatre, MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. Benefits The Mercer County Community College Foundation Student Scholarship Fund. \$50-\$100. (609) 584-9444; kelseyatmccc.org.

Spring Choral Concert, La Shir, June 12, 2:30 p.m., Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton University Campus. (609) 258-5000.

Trinity Fest Concert and Picnic, June 12, 3 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 801 West State Street, Trenton. \$6-\$12/concert; \$5-\$10/picnic. (609) 392-3805.

Animus, June 24, 7 p.m., GFS After Hours Courtyard Concerts, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$5. Reservations (609) 586-0616, ext. 20; www.groundsforsculpture.org. (w)

The Shanghai Quartet, June 29, 8 p.m., Princeton University Summer Concerts, Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton University Campus. (609) 631-7884. (wa)

Gryphon Trio, July 7, 8 p.m., Princeton University Summer Concerts, Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton University Campus. (609) 631-7884. (wa)

The Miro Quartet, July 14, 8 p.m., Princeton University Summer Concerts, Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton University Campus. (609) 631-7884. (wa)

The Enso Quarter, July 20, 8 p.m., Princeton University Summer Concerts, Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton University Campus. (609) 631-7884. (wa)

ZZ Top, August 23, 7:30 p.m., Sovereign Bank Arena, Hamilton Avenue at Route 129, Trenton. \$44-\$54. (609) 520-8383. (w)

Opera

Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street, July 3, 3 p.m.; July 9, 15, 16, 8 p.m., Princeton Festival, Kirby Arts Center, Lawrenceville School, Route 206. \$25-\$75. (800) 595-4849; www.princetonfestival.org. (wAPV)

Musical Theater Under the Stars, August 5, 6, 8:30 p.m., New Jersey Opera Theater, Pettoranello Gardens, Mountain Avenue, Princeton. (609) 799-7700; www.njot.org. (wsALB)

Le Nozze di Figaro, August 12, 16, 7:30 p.m., August 20, 8 p.m., New Jersey Opera Theater, Berlind Theater at McCarter, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$35-\$45. (609) 258-5050; www.mccarter.org. (wsALB)

Beaumarchais Plus, August 13, 8 p.m., August 14, 7:30 p.m., Berlind Theater at McCarter, 91 University Place, Princeton. New Jersey Opera Theater production. \$35-\$45. (609) 258-5050; www.mccarter.org. (wsALB)

Il Barbiere di Siviglia, August 14, 2 p.m., August 17, 7:30 p.m., August 19, 8 p.m., Berlind Theater at McCarter, 91 University Place, Princeton. New Jersey Opera Theater production. \$35-\$45. (609) 258-5050; www.mccarter.org. (wsALB)

Cherubino, August 18, 7:30 p.m., August 21, 2 p.m., Berlind Theater at McCarter, 91 University Place, Princeton. New Jersey Opera Theater production. \$35-\$45. (609) 258-5050; www.mccarter.org. (wsALB)

Ladies Afternoon at the Opera, August 20, 2 p.m., Berlind Theater at McCarter, 91 University Place, Princeton. New Jersey Opera Theater production. Reservations (609) 258-5050; www.mccarter.org. (wsALB)

Outdoor Fun

Walk the Tow Path, June 4, 9:30 a.m., from Port Mercer Canal House, 4278 Quakerbridge Road, Lawrence to Breatley House, Meadow Lane, Lawrence. Registration (609); www.dandrcanal.com.

Compass Basics, June 5, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Washington Crossing State Park, Route 546, Titusville. Registration (609) 737-9303.

Drumthwacket Garden Party, June 12, 1-4 p.m., William K. Selden, author autographing Drumthwacket's history book; Betty Dickson, artist, signing holiday ornaments; \$5. Reservations (609) 683-0591; www.drumthwacket.org.

Family Nature Walk, June 18, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Washington Crossing State Park, Route 546, Titusville. (609) 737-9303.

Stream Stomp Hike, June 19, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Washington Crossing State Park, Route 546, Titusville. Registration (609) 737-9303.

Dragonflies, with Herb Lord and Allen Barlow, June 25, 10 a.m., Roeling Park, Spring Lake, Trenton. Co-sponsored by Washington Crossing Audubon. www.marsh-friends.org.

Puerto Rican Carnival, August 4, 6-10 p.m.; August 5, 6-11 p.m.; August 6, 2 p.m.-midnight; August 7, 3-11 p.m. Cass Street at Route 129, Trenton.

New Jersey Poetry Society, Inc. 40th Anniversary Picnic Celebration, August 6, 3:30 p.m., 12 Rydal Drive, Lawrenceville. Catered by MCCC Culinary School. Reservations (609) 882-4784 or luciakalt@aol.com.

Puerto Rican Day Parade, August 7, 1 p.m. Hamilton and Chambers streets, to City Hall, Trenton.

Cannon & Rifle Firing Demonstration, by Daniel Morgan's Rifle Company and Lamb's Artillery Company, August 13, 11 a.m. Washington Crossing State Park, Route 546, Titusville. (609) 737-0623.

Outdoor Concerts

Mercer County Park*

New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, July 2, 7:30 p.m. followed by fireworks. *Sponsored by Bank of America, Pfizer and Mercer County Parks Commission.*

Rick Fiori, July 9, Jazz, Dance

Nassau Brass, July 16, Brass

Wenonah Brooks, July 23, Blues

Cheap Date, July 30, Rock, Dance

Paul Plumeri, August 6, Blues

Slo-Motion, August 13, Classic Rock

Tone Rangers, August 20, Southern Rock

Ron Kraemer and the Hurricanes, August 27, Jazz, Blues

*Mercer County Park, Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. Concerts begin at 6 p.m. (609) 989-6899; www.mercercounty.org.

Princeton Shopping Center Summer Concert Series**

Soul Cycle Music, June 4, Jazz

3 Across, June 11, Folk, Soft Rock

Nassau Brass, June 18, Brass

Phoenix Rising, June 25, Latin Jazz

Princeton Brass, June 2, Brass

Rhythm Kings, June 9, Dixieland

Ron Kraemer & The Hurricanes, June 16, Jazz, Blues

Bed Bug Eddie, June 23, Classic Rock

Blawenberg Band, June 30, Community Band

Tone Rangers, July 7, Country Rock, Blues

Billy Hill Band, July 14, R&B

Tom Klimchok, July 21, Country

Linda Torchia & The Ted Firth Quartet, July 28, Big Band & Jazz

Moonlighters, August 4, Big Band

Party of 5, August 11, Classic Rock, Oldies & Doo Wop

Trenton Brass Quintet Plus One, August 18, Brass

The Robert Murdock Band, August 25, Classic Rock

**Princeton Shopping Center, Courtyard, North Harrison Street. Concerts start at 6 p.m. (609) 921-6234. (w)

Weeden Park Concert Series***

The Darla Rich Quintet, July 7, 7 p.m.

Blawenburg Band, July 21, 7 p.m.

***Lawrenceville Main Street, Weeden Park, Main Street. Sponsored by Sovereign Bank. (609) 219-9300; lawrencevillemainstreet.com.

Theater

Hamlet, June 1, 2, 5, 7-9, 12, 14-16, 7:30 p.m.; June 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 8 p.m.; June 5, 12, 19, 2 p.m.; June 4, 11, 18, 3 p.m., Berlind Theater at McCarter Theatre, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$33-\$48. (609) 258-2787; www.mccarter.org. (wsALB)

Neil Simon's The Odd Couple, June 17, 18, 8 p.m., Kelsey Theatre, MCCC, West Windsor. Silent Auction, 7 p.m. Benefits the Open Arms Foundation's AIDS educational project and the James Tolin Memorial Scholarship. For donation information: (609) 586-4800 ext. 3566 or projects@mccc.edu. \$25-\$50. Kelsey box office (609) 584-9444.

Exhibit This! by New Jersey playwright Luigi Januzzi, July 8, 9, 15, 16, 8 p.m.; July 10, 17, 2 p.m., The Peddie Community Players, Swig Arts Center, Peddie School, Hightstown. \$10. (609) 490-7550, capps@peddie.org; www.peddie.org.

The Tempest, August 4-28, 8 p.m., Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival, Pettoranello Gardens Amphitheater, Mountain Avenue, Princeton. \$10. (609) 921-3682; www.princetonrep.org.

Open Air Theatre*

Much Ado About Nothing, Shakespeare '70, June 9-11, 16-18

1776, Actors' NET, June 23-25, 29, 30, July 1, 2

Once Upon a Mattress, Playful Theatre, July 7-9, 13-16

Annie Get Your Gun, Yardley Players, July 21-23, 27-30

Into The Woods, Pennington Players, August 4-6, 10-13

The Wizard of Oz, Stars in the Park, August 18-20, 24-27

*The Open Air Theatre, Washington Crossing State Park, 355 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road (Route 546), Titusville, NJ 08560. Box office opens 6 p.m., curtain time 8 p.m. on performance dates only. \$4-\$10. (609) 737-1826; info@oatnj.org; princetonol.com/groups/openair/ (w)

Theater For Children & Families

The Three Little Pigs, June 3, 4, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m., Off-Broadstreet Theater, 5 South Greenwood Avenue, Hopewell. Geared for ages 2 1/2 to 7. \$4. (609) 466-2766. (wAPV)

Ball in the House, June 4, 11 a.m., Young Audiences of New Jersey, Berlind Theater, McCarter Theater, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$12. (609) 258-6567. (wAPV)

Spring Performance, June 8, 7 p.m., Mercer County Performing Arts High School, Kelsey Theatre, MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. (609) 586-3550. (wAPV)

PlayMaking 2005, June 11, 2 p.m., 5 p.m., Mill Hill Playhouse, Front and Montgomery streets, Trenton. Passage Theatre's State Street Project presentation, co-sponsored by Trenton's 21st Century Community Learning Centers. \$5. (609) 392-0766.

Broadway at the Movies, summer camp show, June 29, 7:30 p.m., EnCorp, Villa Victoria Academy, 376 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton. \$15. (215) 280-1273. (w)

Nosing Around With Baked Oranges, July 8, 9:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.; July 9, 2 p.m. & 4 p.m., Kool Kid Series, Kelsey Theatre, MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. \$7. (609) 584-9444; www.kelseyatmccc.org. (wAPV)

Cashore Marionettes, July 16, 1 p.m., Berlind Theater, McCarter Theater, 91 University Place, Princeton. Young Audiences of New Jersey production. \$12. (609) 258-6567. (wAPV)

Genies, Lamps & Dreams, July 22, 9:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m., July 23, 2 p.m. & 4 p.m., Kool Kid Series, Kelsey Theatre, MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. Youth Stages, LLC production. \$7. (609) 584-9444. (wAPV)

Nosing Around Circus Style!, July 29, 9:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m., July 30, 2 p.m. & 4 p.m., Kool Kid Series, Kelsey Theatre, MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. \$7. (609) 584-9444. (wAPV)

OZ, Aug. 12, 9:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m., Aug. 13, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., Kool Kid Series, Kelsey Theatre, MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. \$7. (609) 584-9444. (wAPV)



Civil War re-enactors meet annually at Camp Olden Civil War Reenactment in Veterans Park to recreate Civil War encampment and battles.

The Civil War was the most profound and tragic event in American history. The 620,000 lives lost in "The War Between the States" are almost as many as the total number of American lives lost in all other American military actions combined.

The Camp Olden Civil War Round Table & Museum, Inc., founded in 1992, fosters and supports a better understanding of the Civil War era through living history, preservation projects, and educational programs and events. The museum,



The D&R Canal

The Delaware and Raritan Canal was built in the 1830s to provide an efficient and safe route for transporting freight to industrial areas across central New Jersey. Since boats could navigate the Delaware River to Bordentown and the Raritan River to New Brunswick, those two cities were selected as the canal's two terminuses. To supply water to the main canal at its highest elevation in Trenton, a feeder canal was dug from Bull's Island on the Delaware River south to Trenton.

Construction of the canal system was completed in 1834 with the majority of the laborers believed to have been Irish immigrants hired to dig, mostly by hand, the main canal and its feeder.

Most of the D&R Canal system remains intact as a reminder of the days when the delivery of freight depended on a team of mules or steam tugboats. Along the 58 miles of main and feeder canals that still exist are 19th century mills and locktender houses, along with hand-built spillways and stone-arched culverts.

The canal and its remaining structures are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. In 1974, over 60 miles of the canal and a narrow strip of land on both banks were made a state park and later designated a National Recreation Trail.

D&R Canal State Park offers history and nature programs. Historic biking or walking tours of the park can be arranged by appointment. For information call the D&R Park Historian (732) 873-3050 or visit www.dandrcanal.com.

"Relive" the Civil War in Hamilton

established inside a tenant house that was once part of the John Abbott II farm in Hamilton Township, was a first in New Jersey and is named for Olympic great Jim Thorpe who spent a season living in the house as a migrant farm worker. It is located in Veterans Park behind the John Abbott II House museum and its exhibits include uniforms, weapons and equipment relating to the experience of the common soldier in the Civil War as well as Native American artifacts excavated from various sites around Hamilton. The museum is open on weekends from 1 to 4 p.m., and its phone number is (609) 585-8900.

Other COCWRT preservation efforts include the restoration and rededication of the "Swamp Angel" Civil War Cannon Monument in Cadwalader Park; the designation of Camp Olden Park (New Jersey's first training camp) with the dedication of a monument commemorating the original Camp Olden site, and a plaque on the wall of Katmandu restaurant commemorating the factories that were located along the Trenton waterfront, and the workers who produced the rifles, naval and railroad equipment that were so vital to the Northern effort.

Upcoming COCWRT activities include Junior Camp Olden Day Camp, an educational opportunity for young people to experience the Civil War era by engaging in military drills, camp life activities, music, games, songs, and crafts. Young people who are 8 to 14 years old can enlist as Civil War soldiers and ladies on June 11 at 9 a.m. at the Civil War Museum on Kuser Road. The fee

per enlistment is \$20. For information or to make a reservation, call (609) 581-3549.

Monthly COCWRT meetings include presentations by prominent authors and historians and are open to visitors. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. on the lower level of the Hamilton Township Public Library, Municipal Drive behind the Police Station. On June 2, Dick Glass will speak on the history of military medals. On July 7, Allan Shikhvarg will portray Confederate General Longstreet.

Another annual COCWRT event is the Camp Olden Civil War Reenactment, staged at Veterans Park in conjunction with the Township of Hamilton. This year's will be held from July 22 to 24. Though the camp is open to the public on July 22, there will be no scheduled events. The following is a brief schedule of activities. A complete schedule will be available at the entrance.

July 23

- 10 a.m. Camp opens to the Public
- 11 a.m. Company/Battalion Drill, Camp Demonstrations
- 2 p.m. USA & CSA Dress Parades
- 3 p.m. Camp Life
- 3:45 p.m. Troops form up for Battle Scenario
- 4 p.m. Battle
- 6:30 p.m. The Cumberland Blues Band
- 9 p.m. Candlelight tours of the Camps

July 24

- 9 a.m. Camps Open to the Public
- 9:30 a.m. Church Services
- 10 a.m. Entertainment, Sutler/Dam area
- 10:40 a.m. USA & CSA Dress Parades)
- 11:30 a.m. Company/Battalion Drill, Camp Demonstrations
- 1 p.m. Troops form up for Battle
- 1:30 p.m. Battle
- 3 p.m. Camps close

A Place in Time John Abbott II House

If walls at The John Abbott II House in Hamilton's Veterans Park could talk, they might embellish the following tale of hidden money: In November 1776, Samuel Tucker, Treasurer of the State of New Jersey, asked John Abbott to hide state funds from the advancing British forces. After a thorough search, Tucker's trunk and some funds were seized, but the rest was overlooked. Abbott had cleverly hid them in a tub of broken crockery.

The oldest part of the John Abbott II House was built in 1730, and a large addition was built in 1840, a year after Daniel Ivins procured the house and farm from the heirs of John Abbott II.

Behind the house are a one-room tenant house, a circa-1840 doctor's office, and a smokehouse. All four buildings were slated for demolition in 1969, after Hamilton Township used Green Acres funding to purchase the property from George Ivins Tindall, Jr. and designated it Veterans Park.











The Historical Society of Hamilton Township rescued all four buildings, ensuring that the John Abbott II House would stand as a reminder of Mercer County's strong connection to the birth of our Nation. The tenant house, called the Thorpe House, is home to Civil War, American Indian, and Black History collections.

The John Abbott II House, Thorpe House and adjacent buildings, located near the Kuser Road entrance to Veterans Park, are open for tours on weekends from 12 to 5 p.m. For information, please call (609) 585-1686.

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