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## Greater Trenton Symphony Orchestra

Now in its 84th season, the Greater Trenton Symphony Orchestra (GTSO) is New Jersey's oldest fully professional orchestra. In the past eight decades, the GTSO has introduced the experience of live orchestral music to hundreds of thousands of concertgoers, adults and children alike, and remains a leading force in the establishment and development of audiences for the performing arts in Mercer County.

Over the decades, the GTSO performed with some of the Twentieth Century's greatest artists, including such legendary opera singers as Placido Domingo, Lauritz Melchior and Eleanor Steber; pianists Gary Graffman and Ruth Laredo, composer/conductor Maurice Duruflé, and popular singers Barbara Cook, Sarah Brightman, Al Jarreau, Melissa Manchester, and Ben E. King, among many others.

In 1932, the GTSO moved from its original home at the "old" Crescent Shrine Temple Auditorium on North Clinton Avenue to the newly opened 1800-seat Trenton War Memorial Auditorium (recently renamed Patriots Theater). For the next 62 years, the orchestra performed an annual series of concerts at the War Memorial until it closed for extensive renovations in early 1994. During the renovation period, the orchestra performed in the "new" Crescent Shrine Temple Auditorium and Trinity Cathedral.

Upon completion of the War Memorial's \$42 million restoration in December of 1998, the GTSO drew record audiences to a series of concerts reopening the historic theater.

In October of 1999, the GTSO performed a special "Gala Opening Concert" celebrating the opening of Trenton's new 10,000-seat, \$60 million Sovereign Bank Arena at Mercer County. The orchestra performed in a pair of concerts at New York's Carnegie Hall in October of 2001, and at the New Jersey Governor's Inauguration in January 2002.

This season, the GTSO will be presenting a three-concert "Pops" series at Patriots Theater at the War Memorial. The series begins with the Christmas Holiday Spectacular on December 18 at 3 p.m., continues with the New Year's Eve Concert on December 31 at 8 p.m., and concludes with Tchaikovsky's Greatest Hits on April 2 at 3 p.m.

In collaboration with the Cathedral Arts Series at Trinity, the GTSO will present Mozart's 250th Birthday Concert on January 29 at 8 p.m. at Trinity Cathedral at 801 West State Street in Trenton.

For tickets or for more information about the Greater Trenton Symphony Orchestra, call (609) 396-5522, ext. 2, or visit [www.trentonsymphony.org](http://www.trentonsymphony.org). (ww)

## The Best Little Theater In Town

Kelsey Theatre is one of the finest, most active cultural sites in Mercer County. Offering high quality theater with low ticket prices and convenient location on the campus of Mercer County Community College, Kelsey beacons adults and children with weekend fare throughout the year.

"When the theater opened in 1972, there were four full-scale productions and a few cultural events," said M. Kitty Getlik, Kelsey's artistic director since 1990. "This season we're putting on 32 shows and events."

Each season Kelsey Theatre offers audiences an appealing mix of adult comedy and drama, family musicals, dance performances, and a Kelsey Kids Series for the younger set. "We try to offer something for everyone," Getlik said.



*"Goldilocks and the Three Bears" will be presented by Kaleidoscope Theatre on February 11.*

An ideal performance space, Kelsey Theatre has been embraced by regional theater companies. This year's companies include Stars in the Park, Playful Theatre, Pierrot Productions, Pennington Players, Like 40 Productions, Maurer Productions OnStage and Cheng/Ferrara Productions. Kelsey Theatre's resident troupe, The Kelsey Players, also perform several shows annually.

In developing the production schedule, Getlik tries to balance the crowd-pleasing favorites with uncommon, more challenging shows. "Some people come to the theater to see old favorites. Others are looking for

a theater experience that shakes them up a little bit." Like 40 Productions, composed primarily of MCCC alumni, is known for its staging of lesser known, more provocative works.

Despite competition from the multitude of cultural offerings in the region Kelsey Theatre has plenty to offer. Getlik notes that "with our quality productions, inexpensive ticket prices, free parking, and convenient location, once we get the people here, they keep coming back."

For more information on Kelsey Theatre, call (609) 584-9444 for a free color brochure or visit [www.kelseytheatre.net](http://www.kelseytheatre.net). (wav)

## Kelsey Kids Playshops Help Children Find Their Voice

Kelsey Kids Playshops at Mercer County Community College have been nurturing children's self-expression and theater arts appreciation since 2002.

In collaboration with Youth Stages, Playshops are offered for two age groups, kindergarten through second grade, and third through fifth grade on Saturdays in the fall and the spring. The upcoming session runs from January 14 to March 25 and concludes with a "sharing" class for family and friends.

Explains M. Kitty Getlik, Kelsey Theatre's artistic director, "Play is children's work. It's their way to learn, to explore, and to discover what they can accomplish. The Playshops provide a guided opportunity for them to discover their abilities, and to build self-esteem and confidence."

Class size is limited so early registration is suggested. The cost is \$175 per session. For registration information, please call (609) 586-4800, ext. 3566, or visit [www.kelseytheatre.net](http://www.kelseytheatre.net).

## Martin Luther King Day

*"The aftermath of nonviolence is the creation of the beloved community, while the aftermath of violence is tragic bitterness."*

—Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

January 20, 1986 was the first official observance of Martin Luther King Day. It was the first federal holiday created since Memorial Day in 1948, and the only federal holiday commemorating an African-American. The only other holiday created in that century was Veterans Day.

Dr. King and George Washington are the only Americans whose birthdays are national holidays. Internationally, Dr. King is one of a few social leaders to be honored with a holiday. Usually that honor is reserved for military or religious figures.

When President Reagan signed legislation creating the holiday in November 1983, it marked the end of a persistent, highly organized lobbying effort spanning the nation for 15 years.

"As is usually the case with great figures, particularly controversial ones who are fighting for a philosophy condemned by many, Dr. King was well ahead of his time," says Joseph Lowery, King's contemporary counterpart as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta. "Even those very much opposed to him during his lifetime have come to see that segregation, injustice and militarism are concerns which must be addressed by modern society."

# Take a “River Walk” through Trenton’s History

Since its completion in March 2002, the Route 29 tunnel has served thousands of motorists and the surrounding neighborhood. Traffic has been redirected from the local streets and residents and visitors alike have enjoyed River Walk Park. For a leisurely stroll through the history of Trenton, take a walk “on” the Trenton Tunnel.

This project was instrumental in transforming Trenton’s waterfront in many positive ways. As a result of the tunnel construction, creation of the South River Walk Park and other planned projects, the city has accomplished significant reclamation of the waterfront as a resource for the community.

In addition to providing direct access from Route 129 to Waterfront Park for those interested in a Minor League baseball game and from New Jersey state government offices to Route 129 for employees looking to cut some time from their daily commute, the tunnel provides the foundation for South River Walk Park. The half-mile-long, 100-foot-wide urban streetscape esplanade along historic Lambertson Street graces the South Trenton neighborhood with beautiful views along the Delaware River, a bicycle path and pedestrian walkway. The park’s creative design provides beautifully landscaped gardens, open lawn areas, three pavilions, and two children’s playgrounds. An historic interpretive area documents the city’s history from prehistoric times through the present. Adjacent to Waterfront Stadium at the ramp and stair access to South River Walk Park is a new riverside water feature.



*South River Walk Park looking south from Waterfront Park towards the Lalor Street exit.*

The historic interpretive area illustrates the history of Trenton in five different 100-year sections. Each is marked with an arched structure indicative of the architecture of that time period. Ninety-seven granite stepping stones, with significant Trenton dates and facts, move the visitor along an interpretive timeline that zigzags through the arches. Bronze plaques present im-



*South River Walk Park from the view of the Gary Price sculpture looking south to the historic interpretive area.*

portant aspects of Trenton area history in more depth. Nine 4-color signs describe the history of the park site and its immediate surroundings.

In November 2004, a ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the park’s completion, but it is by no means finished. Most recently added was an inscription to Helis, a beluga whale from the St. Lawrence River in Canada who visited Trenton this past April.

South River Walk Park is a small but beautiful part of a massive \$94 million project begun in September 1998. The Trenton Complex expansion project was the final section of the Route 29 Project that was started in the 1960s to alleviate traffic congestion throughout the City of Trenton. The remaining 1.4 mile gap was closed between the existing routes 29 and 129 completing the interstate freeway loop around the city. Prior to its completion, motorists between the two sections used Lambertson Road, a two-lane residential street that was not officially designated as Route 29.

Coordination between NJDOT, Mercer County, the administration of the city of Trenton and the various community stakeholder groups began in earnest from the inception of the River Walk Park project. The State realized that detailed input from both Mercer County and the local area residents was necessary to ultimately provide a park facility that could be embraced by both entities. A Community Partnering Team (CPT) was formed to act as the sounding board for all the issues that needed to be resolved regarding the park’s programming, aesthetics and maintenance elements.

“This park is a wonderful success story on so many levels. From the planning process to the wide variety of usage it receives, it is something to be proud of,” said Kevin Bannon, executive director of Mercer County Park Commission. From early concept models to the opening day ribbon cutting, the CPT representatives made sure that all decisions regarding the park were scrutinized through the lens of the original project goals and objectives. David Byers, manager of the Bureau of Landscape and Urban Design for the NJDOT, explained, “The community was brought into the process very early on and their input was crucial to the success of this project.”

The Community Partnering Team concept now in place provides great value in bringing together all stakeholders, providing a forum for

holistic understanding of the interconnectivity of various waterfront projects and taking the best advantage of coordinating investments by multiple partners.

Noting the success of the CPT, Donna Lewis said, “Working with the community not only improved the park design, it also ensured that we would have long-term partners in the operation and maintenance of the park.” Though built by the state and located in the city of Trenton, Mercer County operates and maintains the park.

The River Walk Park project was designed by Vollmer Associates and constructed by New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for the Mercer County Park Commission. The NJDOT provided funding for this important investment in the quality of life for Trenton residents through the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF).

Vollmer Associates, consistently ranked among the nation’s top engineering design firms, provides engineering, architecture and planning, landscape architecture and survey services for both public and private clients ranging from property surveys and site designs for commercial developments, parks and municipal facilities to engineering design and construction supervision for complex highway projects.

South River Walk Park is not only a shining example of Mercer County’s commitment to preserving open space and creating recreational resources throughout the County, it has won recognition and accolades from the American Council of Engineering Companies, United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, American Society of Landscape Architects, and New York Construction.

## Oscar Shorts At New Jersey State Museum!

The Trenton Film Society will once again screen a select group of Oscar-nominated Short Films on February 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the New Jersey State Museum Auditorium. Based on last year’s Oscar Shorts sold-out screening, the organization expects a large and enthusiastic crowd. This special screening, just one week before the statuettes are given out in Hollywood, will benefit the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Trenton Film Festival, which is slated for May 5-7. This year’s Oscar Shorts screening is the only one in the Tri-state area that film fans can attend before the Oscars.

“We are excited to help give these films their due and fans a chance to see some great short films that always seem to be quickly honored while the show’s host is taking a break,” said Kevin Williams, Artistic Director of the Trenton Film Society.

The list of films to be screened will be announced on February 1. The New Jersey State Museum is located at 205 West State Street in Trenton. Tickets will be \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Advance tickets can be purchased online at [www.trentonfilmfestival.org](http://www.trentonfilmfestival.org). For more information call (609)-396-6966 or visit [www.trentonfilmfestival.org](http://www.trentonfilmfestival.org). (wv)

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## Xin Nian Kuai Le

Happy New Year! January 29, 2006 is the first day of Chinese New Year or Xin Nian. Year of the Red Fire Dog or bingxu, Year 4704 in the Chinese calendar, 2006 is a Yang year. Chinese New Year begins with the second new moon after the winter solstice and ends fifteen days later with the full moon.

The Chinese Calendar has been in use since at least the 14th century B.C.E. Legend has it that the Emperor Huang Di invented the calendar in 2637 B.C.E. It was based on both the sun and the moon, or lunisolar.

The lunar cycle repeats every twelve years. Each of these twelve years is designated with an animal. The characteristics of each animal are tempered by one of the five Chinese elements of metal, water, wood, fire and earth, overlaying a 5-year cycle on the lunar cycle. Combined they make the 60-year cycle or Ganzhi.

Three ways to name a Chinese year are by one of twelve animals, by one of its sixty former names, which is a combination of the Chinese element (shie tiangan) and the designated animal (shier dizhi), or by the year in the Chinese calendar.

Also called "Spring Festival" it is a time to celebrate the earth coming back to life when plowing and sowing can begin. An ancient custom called Hong Bao, meaning Red Packet, takes place when children and unmarried people receive a small red envelope with sweets or money. Festival of Lanterns or Yuanxiao Jie marks the end of the New Year with singing, dancing and lantern shows.

Gong Xi Fa Cai—May you be prosperous.

## PDS Sculpture Park

This fall, the Anne Reid Art Gallery created a sculpture park on the grounds of the Princeton Day School and installed the works of three contemporary artists near the beautifully landscaped main entrance. The intent is to captivate students and visitors and engage them in a lyric dialogue between the school environment and the contemporary artists.

The sculpture park features Dana Stewart's fanciful creatures, based on his imaginary and sometimes dark menagerie; Harry Gordon's massive wood and stone works which capture the spirit of the Delaware woods where he sculpts, and Elizabeth McCue's transformation of Dorothy's ruby red slippers from the film *The Wizard of Oz* into a larger-than-life sculptural installation that explores scale and content in the outdoor space.

The Anne Reid Art Gallery will be exhibiting the imaginative, intensively decorative paintings of Fay Sciarra until December 16, and Madhvi Subrahmanian's Ceramic Forms, representing fertility and abundance, from February 6 to March 10.

Princeton Day School is located off Great Road and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the school year. For more information, please call (609) 924-6700.

Dear Friends,

As we move into winter and the year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to make you aware of some unique and wholesome ways to celebrate the holidays in Mercer County. Whatever your cultural background, Mercer County presents ample opportunities to enjoy the winter holiday season. From plays at McCarter Theater to holiday decorations in Palmer Square, from ice skating and hot cocoa at Mercer County Skating Center to holiday foods from a variety of ethnic traditions in Trenton's finest bakeries, Mercer County has it all.

I encourage all of you to make use of the cultural resources in your home communities to make good holiday memories this year. You may also wish to visit your local branch of the Mercer County Library System or contact our Culture & Heritage office for some informational reading material on the many cultural holidays scheduled over the next few weeks. If your family comes entirely from one country or one culture, take this opportunity to learn about different holiday traditions.

The richness and diversity of cultural heritage in Mercer County can hardly be understated. This holiday season, take time to enjoy the marvelous tapestry of traditions that makes our County great.



Happy holidays!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian M. Hughes".

Brian M. Hughes  
Mercer County Executive

## Come Out and Dance

The winter months offer many opportunities to warm up to dance, or warm up with dance.

December brings a host of Nutcracker performances from professionals and soon-to-be-professionals. Check the Calendar of Events for listings at the Yvonne Theatre, Patriot's Theater, Kelsey Theater and the Thomas Grove Middle School. There is even a Nutcracker Ballet Camp at the Princeton YWCA for young children.

Mercer County has a wide variety of places to dance as well as to learn to dance. Central Jersey Dance Society hosts open dances preceded by a lesson. No Name Dance at 6 p.m. on the first Saturday each month features Latin, Hustle, Swing, and Night Club 2-step. Jersey Jumpers at 7:30 p.m. on the third Friday features East Coast Swing and Lindy Hop. Dances are held at the Unitarian Church at 50 Cherry Hill Road in Princeton and cost \$11. For more information call (609) 945-1883.

Central Jersey Scottish Country Dancers meet in Hightstown every Monday at 8 p.m. at the Meadow Lakes Retirement Community off Etra Road. Beginners are welcome, lessons are \$3. For more information call (609) 936-0891.

Princeton Country Dancers holds regular Wednesday night dances with an introductory workshop from 7:30 p.m. at the Suzanne Patterson Center behind Borough Hall on Route 206. Contra dances are taught with live music for \$6. For more information call (609) 683-7956.

Princeton Folk Dance invites dancers to enjoy international folk dances from Eastern Europe to the Middle East on Tuesdays (during the school year) at Riverside School, 58 Riverside Drive from 6:30 p.m. for \$3; and Fridays at Suzanne Patterson Center behind Borough Hall on Route 206 from 8 p.m. for \$5. For more information call (609) 895-9512.

## Learn to Choose

"Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space lies our freedom and power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and freedom."

These words are from Viktor E. Frankl, a Viennese neurologist and psychiatrist, who wrote about his experience as a concentration camp prisoner in his book *A Man's Search for Meaning*. Instead of describing the horrific events that occurred around him, he wrote about the ways he and others dealt with these atrocities with insight into the creative capacity of the human spirit in time of crisis.

Dr. Frankl's father, mother, brother and wife died in Nazi concentration camps. First imprisoned in Auschwitz, then in Dachau, Dr. Frankl was forced to relinquish all of his worldly possessions, including a scientific manuscript which he considered his life's work. During this time, his three main objectives were to survive; to utilize his medical training to help, and to learn something. He met each one of these objectives. What he learned was that there was a common thread amongst the survivors, that each had a trait that proved essential to his or her survival. Every one of these people possessed a positive vision of the future and something significant yet to do.

Each of these individuals was able to use that "space" that Dr. Frankl identified to decide to take actions toward a future. Each was guided by the principle that to choose one's own way is the absolute last of the human freedoms.

Dr. Frankl founded the Viktor Frankl Institute in Vienna, Austria, a scientific society for Logotherapy and Existential Analysis. Logotherapy differs from Freudian psychiatry in that it attempts to offer solutions to human concerns as they exist in the moment, rather than locating their roots in the past. The year 2005 marks the 100th anniversary of Viktor Frankl's birth.



# Calendar **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](http://www.mercercounty.org/CH/nl.htm). Deadline for Spring issue, which covers March, April and May is January 13, 2006.

## Art Exhibits

**myself, my camera, my world**, through Dec. 10, Gruss Center of Visual Arts, Lawrenceville School, Main Street. (609) 620-6026.

**Sayen Garden**, Ruth Taylor, photographs, Dec. 13-14, 6-8 p.m., Sayen House, 155 Hughes Drive, Hamilton Square. (609) 587-7356.

**Whitney G. Cookman**, paintings, through Dec. 15, Gallery at Chapin School, 4101 Princeton Pike. Hours by appt. (609) 924-7206.

**Secure the Future**, photographs, through Dec. 16, Gallery, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Route 206, Lawrenceville. (609) 252-6275. (w)

**The Human Face**, photographs, through Dec. 21, Art Gallery, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. (609) 586-4800 ext. 3588. (wvp)

**Landscapes and Faces**, photographs, Jan. 6-Feb. 5, Gallery 14, 14 Mercer Street, Hopewell. (609) 333-8511; [www.photosgallery14.com](http://www.photosgallery14.com).

**Kenneth McIndoe**, paintings, Jan. 4-28, Silva Gallery, The Pennington School, 112 West Delaware Avenue. Reception Jan. 6, 6 p.m. (609) 737-8069; [www.pennington.org](http://www.pennington.org). (w)

**William Earl Perry**, photographs, through Jan. 8, Trinity Cathedral, 801 West State Street, Trenton. (609) 392-3805. (wvp)

**Eric Drotch**, paintings, Jan. 13-27, Mariboe Gallery, CAPPS The Peddie School, Ward Avenue, Hightstown. Reception and gallery talk Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m. (609) 490-7550; [www.peddie.org/capps](http://www.peddie.org/capps). (w)

**Photographs of Sculpture**, Jan. 14-April 30, Grounds for Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Gallery talk Jan. 28, 2 p.m. (609) 586-0616; [www.groundsfor sculpture.org](http://www.groundsfor sculpture.org). (w)

**Children's Art**, Jan. 14-Feb. 26, Ellarslie, Trenton City Museum, Cadwalader Park. Reception Jan. 21, 11 a.m. (609) 989-3632; [www.ellarslie.org](http://www.ellarslie.org). (wvp)

**Domestic Spaces**, TAWA, through Jan. 14, Artworks, 19 Everett Ally, Trenton. Tue-Wed, Sat 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (609) 394-9436. (w)

**The Legacy of Homer**, through Jan. 15, 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](http://www.princetonartmuseum.org). (w)

**French History Painting**, through Jan. 15, Princeton University Art Museum, McCormick Hall. (609) 258-3788. (w)

**Marsh Meditations**, Jan. 17-March 26, The Gallery at Bristol Myers Squibb, Route 206, Lawrence. (609) 252-6275. (w)

**Preserving Our Past**, through Jan. 22, Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park, The Trenton City Museum. (609) 989-3632; [www.ellarslie.org](http://www.ellarslie.org). (wvp)

**James Kearns**, Jan. 26-Feb. 23, Rider University Art Gallery, 2083 Lawrenceville Road. Reception Jan. 26, 5 p.m.; gallery talk Feb. 2, 7 p.m. (609) 895-5588; [www.rider.edu/arts](http://www.rider.edu/arts). (w)

**Nikon's Small World**, photomicrography, through Jan. 29, NJ State Museum Auditorium, 205 West State Street. (609) 292-6464. (wvp)

**Grace Johnston**, pastels, through Jan. 31, Hopewell Library, 245 Pennington-Titusville Road, Pennington. (609) 737-2610. (w)

**Les Amis Des Arts**, through Jan. 31, West Windsor Library, 333 North Post Road. (609) 799-0462. (w)

**Alarm Me, Frances Heinrich**, paintings, through Feb. 3, Bernstein Gallery, Robertson Hall, Princeton University. (609) 258-2222; [www.www.princeton.edu](http://www.www.princeton.edu).

**Working Harbor**, through Feb. 3, Gallery 125, 125 South Warren Street, Trenton. (609) 989-9119.

**Salon de Hightstown**, Feb 3-12, Mariboe Gallery, CAPPS, Peddie School, Ward Avenue, Hightstown. Reception Feb. 3, 6:30 p.m. (609) 490-7550; [www.peddie.org/capps](http://www.peddie.org/capps). (w)

**Madhavi Subrahmanian**, ceramics, Feb. 6-March 10, Anne Reid Art Gallery, Princeton Day School, The Great Road. (609) 924-6700; [www.pds.org](http://www.pds.org).

**Layers of Recall**, prints, Feb. 8-March 8, Silva Gallery, The Pennington School, 112 West Delaware Avenue. Reception Feb. 11, 6 p.m. (609) 737-8069; [www.pennington.org](http://www.pennington.org). (w)

**Hand Bookbindings**, lecture, Feb. 9, 5 p.m., Stewart Film Theater, 185 Nassau Street, Princeton. (609) 258-3155.

**Student Exhibit**, Feb. 22, 6:30-8 p.m., Mariboe Gallery, Peddie School, Ward Avenue, Hightstown. (609) 490-7550; [www.peddie.org/capps](http://www.peddie.org/capps). (w)

**Galapagos**, photographs, through Feb. 28, West Windsor Library, 333 N. Post Road. (609) 799-0462. (w)

**Reflections and Juxtapositions**, photographs, through April 1, Another Angle, 362 Nassau Street, Princeton. (609) 924-7733.

**Hans Christian Andersen's Illustrators**, through March 26, Firestone Library, Milberg Gallery, One Washington Road, Princeton University. Gallery talk Jan. 15, 4 p.m. (609) 258-2697. (w)

**Menhirs, Dreams, Myths and Deities**, Hans Van de Bovenkamp, sculpture, through April 30, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Artist reception and gallery walk Feb. 4, 3 p.m. (609) 586-0616; [www.groundsfor sculpture.org](http://www.groundsfor sculpture.org). (w)

**Balanced Dialogue**, Hungarian sculpture, through April 30, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. (609) 586-0616; [www.groundsfor sculpture.org](http://www.groundsfor sculpture.org). (w)

**The Importance of Here**, through June 15, Anne Reid Art Gallery, Princeton Day School, The Great Road. (609) 924-6615.

## Art Workshops

**Children's Saturday Workshops**, Jan 14-Feb 26, Trenton City Museum, Ellarslie Mansion, Cadwalader Park. Registration (609) 989-3632; [www.ellarslie.org](http://www.ellarslie.org). (w)

**Weaving**, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Grounds for Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$120. Reservations (609) 586-0616, ext. 20. (w)

## Artworks\*

**Sand Paintings and Totems**, Dec. 17

**Weaving**, Jan. 21

**Carnival Masks and Instruments**, Feb. 18

**Tap-Taps and Pinata**, March 18; 1:30 p.m. \*MCCC at ARTWORKS, 19 Everett Ally, Trenton. Information or registration (609) 394-9436; [www.artworks.nj.org](http://www.artworks.nj.org). (w)

## Benefits

**Dreams of Tourmaline Gala**, Jan. 21, 7 p.m., Hyatt Regency Princeton, 102 Carnegie Center. Benefits Eden Family of Services. \$300. Registration (609) 987-0099. (w)

**Gala** featuring Marcia Ball and Beausoliel, Feb. 24, 7 p.m., McCarter Theater, Princeton. Benefits Corner House Foundation. \$35-\$48. (609) 924-8018; [www.princetonotp.org/CornerHouse](http://www.princetonotp.org/CornerHouse). (w)

## Dance

**New Traditional Nutcracker** by Susan Jaffe, Dec. 10, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m., Montgomery High School, 1014 Route 601, Skillman. \$8-\$15. (609) 514 1600. (w)

**The Nutcracker**, Dec. 17-18, 2 & 4 p.m., Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. \$12. (609) 584-9444; [www.kelseytmccc.org](http://www.kelseytmccc.org). (wvp)

**The Birthday of the Infanta**, Graham Lustig, Jan. 28, 8 p.m., Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton University. Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra & ARB Princeton Ballet School. 609-258-5000; [www.gpyo.org](http://www.gpyo.org). (wv)

**Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun**, Debussy, Feb. 23-25, 8 p.m., Berlind Theater, McCarter Theatre, 91 University Place, Princeton. (609) 258-5000. (wv)

## Dancing

**Jersey Jumpers**, Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m., Unitarian Church, 50 Cherry Hill Road, Princeton. \$11. (609) 945-1883.

**Central Jersey Dance Society**, Dec. 31, 8 p.m.-1 a.m., Unitarian Universal Congregation, 50 Cherry Hill Road, Princeton. (609) 945-1883; [www.centraljerseydance.org](http://www.centraljerseydance.org).

**The Devi Rave**, dancing chant, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, 8 p.m., Princeton Yoga Center, 50 Vreeland Drive, Skillman. \$20. (609) 924-7294; [www.princetonoyoga.com](http://www.princetonoyoga.com).

**Candace Dance Lessons**, Jan 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, Beginner 4 p.m.; Intermediate 5 p.m.; Feb. 12, 19, 26, March 5, Beginner Latin 4 p.m.; Intermediate 5 p.m., Princeton YWCA, 59 Paul Robeson Place. Registration (609) 497-2100, ext. 332; [www.dance.homestead.com](http://www.dance.homestead.com).

**Candace Dance Lessons**, Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, Beginner Ballroom 6:30 p.m.; Beginner Latin 7:30 p.m.; Intermediate Ballroom 8:30 p.m., Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. Registration (609) 586-9446; [www.dance.homestead.com](http://www.dance.homestead.com).

**Rhythm & Drumming Circle**, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, 8 p.m., Princeton Yoga Center, 50 Vreeland Drive, Skillman. \$10. (609) 924-7294; [www.princetonoyoga.com](http://www.princetonoyoga.com). (w)

**Princeton Ballet School Open House**, Feb. 10, 7 p.m., 29 North Main Street,

Cranbury. (732) 249-1254 ext. 10. **Swing Dance**, third Friday each month, 7:30 p.m., Unitarian Universal Congregation, 50 Cherry Hill Road, Princeton. \$8-\$11. (609) 945-1883; [www.centraljerseydance.org](http://www.centraljerseydance.org).

**International Folk Dancing**, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., Riverside School, 58 Riverside Drive, Princeton. \$3. Fridays, 8 p.m., Suzanne Patterson Center, Route 206 behind the Borough Hall, Princeton. \$5. Sponsored by Princeton Folk Dance. (609) 924-6930; [www.princetonfolkdance.org](http://www.princetonfolkdance.org).

**Scottish Country Dancers**, Mondays, 8 p.m., Meadow Lakes Retirement Community, Etra Road, Hightstown. \$3. (609) 936-0891; [www.scotia-dance.org](http://www.scotia-dance.org).

**Central Jersey Dance Society**, first Saturday each month, 6 p.m.; third Friday, 7:30 p.m. Unitarian Church, 50 Cherry Hill Road, Princeton. \$8-\$11. (609) 945-1883 [www.centraljerseydance.org](http://www.centraljerseydance.org).

**Princeton Country Dancers**, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Suzanne Patterson Center behind Borough Hall, Princeton. \$6. (609) 683-7956; [www.princetonol.com/groups/pcd](http://www.princetonol.com/groups/pcd).

**Princeton Folk Dance**, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. (during the school year), Riverside School, 58 Riverside Drive, \$3; Fridays, 8 p.m., Suzanne Patterson Center behind Princeton Borough Hall, \$5. (609) 895-9512; [www.likeprinceton.home.att.net/princetonfolk](http://www.likeprinceton.home.att.net/princetonfolk).

**Israeli Folk Dancing**, second & fourth Tuesdays each month, 10-11 a.m., 483 Dutch Neck Road, East Windsor. \$3; (609) 799-5506.

**Country Western Dancing**, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Enterprise Firehouse, 569 Klockner Road, Hamilton. \$8. (609) 586-3939.

## Film

**Fairy Tale Theater** and craft, Dec. 10, 17, 30, 2 p.m., Trenton Public Library, Main Branch, 120 Academy Street. (609) 392-7188; [www.trentonlib.org](http://www.trentonlib.org).

**March of the Penguins**, Dec. 10, 9:15 p.m., The Frist Center, Princeton University Campus. \$2. (609) 258-1742; [www.princeton.edu/~ufo/theater](http://www.princeton.edu/~ufo/theater).

**Blackboards**, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m., Robertson Hall, Princeton University Campus. (609) 258-0724; [www.princeton.edu/~uchv/filmforum](http://www.princeton.edu/~uchv/filmforum).

**Peking Opera Blues**, Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m., McCormick Hall, Princeton University. (609) 258.3795; [www.princeton.edu/sites/TangCenter](http://www.princeton.edu/sites/TangCenter). (w)

**The Exorcism of Emily Rose**, Dec. 13-15, 9:15 p.m., The Frist Center, Princeton University. \$2. (609) 258-1742; [www.princeton.edu/~ufo/theater](http://www.princeton.edu/~ufo/theater).

**Chantal Akerman**, documentary, through Feb. 26, Princeton University Art Museum, McCormick Hall. Gallery talk Dec. 9, 12:30 p.m.; Dec. 11, 3 p.m. (609) 258-3788; [www.princetonartmuseum.org](http://www.princetonartmuseum.org). (w)

**Weimar Films of Fritz Lang**, Wednesdays, 7 p.m., East Pyne Auditorium, Princeton University. (609) 258-4141;

www.german.princeton.edu.

**Shijie** (The World), Jan. 13, 10:15 p.m., McCosh Hall, Princeton University. (609) 258.3102; www.princeton.edu/~ufu.

**Elevator to The Gallows**, Jan. 20, 10:15 p.m., McCosh Hall, Princeton University. (609) 258.3102; www.princeton.edu.

**Ground Hog Day** (dinner & movie), Feb. 2, 5:30 p.m., 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$30. (609) 586-0616, ext. 20. (w)

**Garden State Film Festival**, Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m., Grounds for Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$8. (609) 586-0616. (w)

**Independent Films**, second Thursday each month, 7 p.m., Lawrence Library, 2751 Brunswick Pike. Registration (609) 882-9246; kcyrus@mcl.org. (w)

## Heritage Activities

**West Jersey Scottish American Society**, meeting, third Wednesday each month, 7 p.m., Slackwood Presbyterian Church, Route 1, Lawrence; (609) 291-9085.

**Order of the Sons of Italy in America**, meeting, third Tuesday each month, 7 p.m., Amalfi's, 146 Lawrenceville-Pennington Road. (609) 581-7900; www.osiamercercounty.org.

## Historical Activities

**U.S. Presidents in Princeton** exhibition gallery talk, Dec. 10, 2 p.m., Historical Society of Princeton, 158 Nassau Street. (609) 921-6748; www.princetonhistory.org.

**Walking tours of Princeton**, Dec. 11, 18, 2 p.m., Historical Society of Princeton, 158 Nassau Street. \$3-\$7. (609) 921-6748; www.princetonhistory.org.

**Sayen House and Gardens**, Dec. 13-14, 6-8 p.m., 155 Hughes Drive, Hamilton Square. (609) 587-7356; www.sayengardens.org.

**Bainbridge House and Princeton History** gallery talk, Dec. 16, 2 p.m., Historical Society of Princeton, 158 Nassau Street. (609) 921-6748; www.princetonhistory.org.

**Christmas Night Crossing and The Battle of Trenton**, lecture by Mark Sirak, Dec. 17, 2 p.m., Washington Crossing State Park Interpretive Center, (609) 737-9304.

**Lantern Walking Tours**, Dec. 23, 6:45 p.m. & 7:15 p.m., Johnson Ferry House, Washington Crossing State Park, 355 Route 546, Titusville. \$3-\$5. Registration (609) 737-2515.

**Christmas Day Crossing Reenactment**, Dec. 25, 1 p.m.; rehearsal Dec. 11, 10 a.m., Washington Cross State Park, Routes 29 & 546. (609) 737-9304.

**William Trent House**, weekdays, 12:30-4 p.m., 15 Market Street, Trenton. (609) 989-3027; www.williamtrenthouse.org. (wv)

**Princeton Doll and Toy Museum**, Mon, Fri-Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 8 Somerset Street, Hopewell. \$3-\$5. (609) 333-8600.

**Hopewell Museum**, Mon, Wed, Sat 2-5 p.m., 28 E. Broad Street. (609) 466-0103.

**Civil War Roundtable**, first Thursday each month, 7 p.m., Hamilton Twp. Library, 1 Municipal Drive. (609) 585-8900. (wv)

**Morven Tour and Tea**, 12:15 p.m. & 1:15 p.m., 55 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$12.50. Reservations (609) 924-8144 x106; www.morven.org.

### Howell Living History Farm\*

**Christmas on the Farm**, Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Nick arrives at 12:30 p.m. Gift sale benefits restoration projects.

**Ice Harvest**, Jan. 28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Sugar Tree Tapping**, Feb. 4, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Maple Sugaring**, Feb. 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

### Kuser Farm Mansion\*

**Holiday Tours**, Dec 11, 6-9 p.m.; Dec. 10, noon-3 p.m.

**Jersey Valley Model Railroad Club**, Dec. 7, 6-9 p.m.; Dec. 4, noon-3 p.m.

**The Valentine** (video), Feb. 4, 11, 9 a.m.

**Stuffed Zoo Animals**, Feb. weekends, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Valentine Photos in Heart-Shaped Gazebo**, Feb. 4-5, 11-12, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Wedding Videos**, Feb. 5, 7 & 8 p.m.

**Valentine Tours** (adults), Feb. 14, 6:30 p.m.

\*A Hamilton Township facility located at 390 Newkirk Avenue, inside Kuser Farm Park. Advance reservations are required. Call (609) 890-3630.

### Patriot's Week\*

"The American Crisis," Dec. 26, 1-2 p.m., Old Barracks Courtyard

**Music by Spiced Punch**, Dec. 26, 1-2 p.m., Old Barracks Courtyard

**Revolution 101 with Richard Patterson**, Dec. 26, 2-3:30 p.m., The Trenton Marriott

**Puppet Show: Punch & Judy**, Dec. 26, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Gallery 125; Dec. 31, 1 p.m., 1:45 p.m., Old Barracks Museum

**Meet the Press: Generals Roundtable**, Dec. 26, 4-5 p.m., Trenton Marriott

**Exhibit: Washington's Letter to the Ladies of Trenton**, Dec. 27, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Wachovia Financial Ctr., 1 W. State St.

**New Citizens Swearing-In Ceremony**, Dec. 27, 10-11 a.m., Council Chambers, Trenton City Hall, 319 E. State St.

**State House Civics Tour**, Dec. 27, 30, noon-1 p.m., NJ State House

**Researching African-American Genealogy with Jack Washington**, Dec. 27, 12:30-2 p.m., Gallery 125

**History of Tea with Stacy Roth**, Dec. 27, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Trenton Marriott. \$15.

**Fireside Chat with Dr. Elihu Spencer re-enactor Rev. John Allen**, Dec. 27, 4-5 p.m.; Dec. 31, 12:30-1:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church

**Double Feature: American Propaganda Films and Abbott & Costello's The Time of Their Lives**, Dec. 27, 7-9 p.m., NJ State Museum Auditorium

**Lecture and Walking Tour: Churches with Dr. Martin Paulsson**, Dec. 28, 9:30-11:30 a.m., St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 140 N. Warren St.

**Washington's General: Nathanael Greene with Terry Golway**, Dec. 28, noon-1:30 p.m., Masonic Temple Library

**18th Century Trials**, Dec. 28, 29, 2-3:30 p.m., New Jersey State House

**Meet the Artist: Peter Fiore**, Dec. 28, 4-6 p.m., Old Barracks Museum

**Robert Moulard portrays Michael Keane**, Dec. 28, 6-8 p.m., Old Barracks Museum

**The Capitol Steps**, Dec. 28, 8-9:30 p.m., Trenton Marriott Hotel \$25.

**Trenton Battlefield Walking Tour with Ralph Siegel**, Dec. 29, 10 am-noon, Café Olé, 126 S. Warren St.

**Hidden Treasures of the State House**, Dec. 29, 10:30 am-noon, NJ State House

**Early American Domestic Arts with Deborah Peterson & Clarissa Dillon**, Dec. 29, 11 am-

2 p.m., Classics, 117 S. Warren St.

**Molly Pitcher's Story**, Dec. 29, noon-1 p.m., Gallery 125, 125 S. Warren St.

**Strange Afterlife of Thomas Paine with Paul Collins**, Dec. 29, 1-2:30 p.m., Masonic Temple Library

**18th Century Musick**, Dec. 29, 4-6 p.m., NJ State Museum Auditorium

**Dinner Theatre with George and Martha**, Dec. 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Trenton Marriott \$23-\$33.

**10 Crucial Days Bus Tours**, Dec. 30, Trenton Marriott, 9-10:30 a.m., Wash-

ington Crossing to the Streets of Trenton; 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Backroads from Trenton to Princeton. \$10. 877-PAT-WEEK.

**Historical Geography and Archaeology of Trenton with Richard Hunter**, Dec. 30, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Trenton Visitors Center, Lafayette and Barrack Streets

**18th Century Women's Clothing with Jean Bickal**, Dec. 30, 1-2 p.m., Gallery 125

**NJ Revolutionary War Trail with Mark Dilonno**, Dec. 30, 2:15-3:45 p.m., Gallery 125

**Revolutionary War Games with Richard Kane**, Dec. 30, 4-6 p.m., Masonic Temple

**National Treasure screening** (Nicholas Cage), Dec. 30, 7-9 p.m., Masonic Temple

**1st Battle of Trenton**, Dec. 31, 11 a.m.-noon, Trenton Battle Monument to Mill Hill Park

**Organ concert**, Dec. 31, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church

**The Life and Clothes of a Re-enactor with Mike Cecere**, Dec. 31, 1-1:45 p.m., Gallery 125

**Memorial Service for the Fallen**, Dec. 31, 2:30-3 p.m., First Presbyterian Church

**2nd Battle of Trenton**, Dec. 31, First Presbyterian Church to Mill Hill Park

**Flag Retirement Ceremony**, Dec. 31, 4-4:30 p.m., Old Barracks Courtyard

\*Trenton Downtown Assoc.; 877-PAT-WEEK; www.patriotsweek.com.

Trenton Marriott, 1 W. Lafayette St.; Old Barracks Museum, Barracks St.; Gallery 125, 125 S. Warren St.; NJ State House, 125 W. State St.; Masonic Temple, Barracks St.; NJ State Museum Auditorium, 205 W. State St.; First Presbyterian Church, 120 E. State Street.

**Santa Arrives**, Dec. 24, 11 a.m., Princeton Airport, Route 206. Bring a wrapped gift with child's name for Santa to distribute, and donate a gift through Mercer County Board of Social Services. (609) 921-3100.

**Christmas Eve Caroling**, Dec. 24, 5 p.m., Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street to Palmer Square. (609) 924-8777.

**Holiday Festivities**, through Dec. 24, Sat-Sun, 1-3 p.m., Palmer Square, Princeton. (609) 921-7500; www.nassauinn.com.

**Nutcracker Ballet Camp** (ages 4-7), Dec. 26-30, 9:30 a.m.-noon, YWCA Princeton, 59 Paul Robeson Place. \$150 (609) 497-2100; www.ywcaprinceton.org.

**Menorah Lighting** with Sheket children's choir, Dec. 27, 5 p.m., Palmer Square, North Hulfish Plaza, Princeton. (800) 644-3489.

**New Year's Eve Bonfire**, Graham Kronk, piper, Dec. 31, 6 p.m., Breatley House, Meadow Lane, Lawrenceville. (609) 895-1728.

**MLK Commemoration, Award Ceremony**, Jan. 16, 1 p.m., Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton University. (609) 258-3601; www.princeton.edu

**MLK Day of Service**, Jan. 16, Volunteer opportunities (215) 665-2475; www.mlkdayofservice.org.

**Ground Hog Day Festivities**, Feb. 2, 10 a.m., 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$30. (609) 586-0616. (w)

13 South Main St.; Dec. 17, 8 p.m., Princeton United Methodist Church, Nassau & Vandeventer Streets. \$8-\$18. (609) 637-9383; [www.voiceschorale.org](http://www.voiceschorale.org). **American Boychoir**, Dec. 17, 8 p.m., Princeton University Chapel, Princeton University. \$10-\$30. (609) 924-5858.

**New Jersey Opera Theater**, Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m., Grounds for Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$5. (609) 586-0616, ext. 20. (w)

**Fifteenth-Century Music**, Dec. 18, 1:30 p.m., 3 p.m., Princeton University Art Museum, McCormick Hall. (609) 258-3788. (wav)

**Susan Souza**, Dec. 30, 7:30 p.m., Cafe Ole, 126 South Warren Street, Trenton. \$5 (609) 396-9788; [www.tgca.com](http://www.tgca.com).

**Eliran Avni Musicale**, Jan. 15, 4 p.m., Steinway Musical Society, Jacobs Music, 2540 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville \$15. (609) 434-0222.

**Justin Hartz**, organist, Jan. 15, 7:30 p.m., St. Paul Church, 214 Nassau Street, Princeton. (609) 924-1743.

**Thomas Jefferson's Music**, Jan. 14, 8 p.m., Unitarian Church of Princeton, 50 Cherry Hill Road, Le Triomphe de l'amour presents the Colonial Assembly. Pre-concert talk, 7:30 p.m. \$5-\$15. (609) 252-0522; [www.triomphebaroque.org](http://www.triomphebaroque.org).

**Westminster Conservatory**, Jan. 16, Feb. 16, 12:15 p.m., Niles Chapel of Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street, Princeton. (609) 921-2663.

**Julie Lloyd**, Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m., Cafe Ole, 126 S. Warren Street, Trenton. \$5. (609) 396-9788; [www.tgca.com](http://www.tgca.com).

**Westminster Kaleidoscope Chamber Series**, Jan. 29, 3 p.m., Gill Chapel, Rider University, 2083 Lawrenceville Road. \$5-\$10. (609) 921-2663. (w)

**American Music Tribute**, Feb. 3, 8 p.m., Boheme Opera, Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street, Princeton. \$25. (609) 581-7200; [www.bohemeopera.com](http://www.bohemeopera.com).

**Westminster Kantorei**, Feb. 4, 8 p.m., Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary, 64 Mercer Street. \$10-\$15. (609) 921-2663.

**Tomoko Kanamaru**, piano, **Satoshi Okamoto**, double bass, and **Brad Hougham**, tenor, Feb. 5, 4 p.m., Steinway Musical Society, Jacobs Music, 2540 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville. \$15. (609) 434-0222.

**Anne Akiko Meyeres**, violin, Feb. 25, 8 p.m., The Peddie School, Ward Avenue, Hightstown. \$20. (609) 490-7550; [www.peddie.org/capps](http://www.peddie.org/capps). (w)

**Maggie Hill**, Feb. 25, 8 p.m., Grounds for Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$10-\$15. (609) 586-0616. (w)

**Snapperhead**, Feb. 28, 8 p.m., Grounds for Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$30. (609) 586-0616. (w)

**Music Department Winter Concert**, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m., Mount-Burke Theater, Peddie School, Ward Avenue, Hightstown. (609) 490-7550; [www.peddie.org](http://www.peddie.org). (w)

### Folk Music

**Jennifer Johnson**, Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m., Cafe Ole, 126 S. Warren Street, Trenton. \$5. (609) 396-9788; [www.tgca.com](http://www.tgca.com).

**Pat Humphries & Sandy O**, Jan. 20, 8 p.m., Christ Congregation Church, 50 Walnut Lane, Princeton. \$3-\$15. 609-799-0944; [www.princetonol.com/groups/pfms](http://www.princetonol.com/groups/pfms).

**Kate Gaffney, Birdie Busch & John Francis**, Jan. 21, Grounds for Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. (609) 586-0616, ext. 20. (w)

**David Brahinsky and Friends**, Jan. 28, 8 p.m., Princeton Yoga Center, 50 Vreeland Drive, Suite 506, Skillman. \$15. (609) 924-7294; [www.princetonoyoga.com](http://www.princetonoyoga.com). (w)

**Christine Lavin**, Feb. 4, 8 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 268 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville. \$18-\$20. (609) 406-1424; [www.crossingconcerts.com](http://www.crossingconcerts.com). (wv)

**Tommy Sands with Moya Sands**, Feb. 17, 8 p.m., Christ Congregation Church, 50 Walnut Lane, Princeton. \$3-\$15. 609-799-0944; [www.princetonol.com/groups/pfms](http://www.princetonol.com/groups/pfms).

**Adrienne Young and Little Sadie with John Francis**, Feb. 25, 8 p.m., Concerts at the Crossing, Unitarian Church, 268 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville. \$16-\$18. (609) 406-1424; [www.crossingconcerts.com](http://www.crossingconcerts.com). (wv)

### Jazz

**Arturo Romay**, Latin jazz guitar, Dec. 15, 22, 29, 7 p.m., Mediterra, 14 Hulfish Street, Princeton. (609) 252-9680. Dec. 13, 19, 27, 6 p.m., Leonardo's, 654 Marketplace Boulevard, Hamilton. (609) 585-8202.

**Kenny Garrett Quartet**, Dec. 2, 8 p.m., CAPPs, Mount-Burke Theater, Peddie School, Ward Avenue, Hightstown. Pre-concert chat 7 p.m. \$15. (609) 490-7550; [www.peddie.org/capps](http://www.peddie.org/capps). (w)

### Richardson Auditorium\*

**Princeton University Orchestra**, Dec. 10, 8 p.m.; Dec. 11, 3 p.m. \$5-\$18.

**Debussy**, Dec. 10, 8 p.m.; Dec. 11, 3 p.m. \$5-\$18.

**Vienna Choir Boys**, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. \$38-\$40.

**Holiday Celebration**, Dec. 15, 8 p.m. \$10-\$15.

**Carols for Chorus, Harp, and Percussion**, Dec. 16, 8 p.m., Princeton Pro Musica. Pre-concert lecture 7 p.m. at Nassau Presbyterian Church. \$30-\$35.

**Holiday Family Concert**, Dec. 17, 4 p.m. \$18-\$30.

**American Boychoir**, Dec. 18, 4 p.m. \$20-\$40.

**Bach's Complete Brandenburgs**, Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m. \$39-\$45.

**Italian Jewels New Jersey Symphony Orchestra**, Jan. 6, 8 p.m. \$20-\$75.

**Gleb Ivanov, piano**, Jan. 19, 8 p.m. \$20-\$35.

**Princeton Symphony Orchestra**, Jan. 22, 4 p.m. Pre-concert talk 3 p.m. \$15-\$60.

**Princeton Symphony Orchestra with American Repertory Ballet**, Jan. 22, 4 p.m. \$15-\$48.

**Vladimir Feltsman, piano**, Jan. 27, 8 p.m. \$50-\$62.

**Broadway Concert**, Feb. 4, 8 p.m. \$15-\$60.

**Richardson Chamber Players**, Feb. 19, 3 p.m. \$10-\$20.

\*Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton University Campus. (609) 258-5000; [utickets@princeton.edu](mailto:utickets@princeton.edu); [www.princeton.edu/utickets](http://www.princeton.edu/utickets). (wa)

### Westminster Choir College\*

**Children's Choir**, Dec. 10-11, 3 p.m. \$10-\$15.

**Baroque**, Dec. 18, 3 p.m. \$10-\$15.

**Kindle the Tapers**, Dec. 18, 8 p.m. \$10-\$15.

**Fuma Sacra: A Rose in Winter**, Dec. 19, 8 p.m. \$15-\$20.

**Music For Flute And Piano**, Jan. 22, 3 p.m. \$5-\$10.

**Handel Arias**, Jan. 29, 3 p.m. \$15-\$20.

**Trio da Capo**, Feb. 4, 8 p.m. \$5-\$10.

**Music and Poetry**, Feb. 5, 3 p.m. \$10-\$15.

**Black History Month Concert**, Feb. 11, 8 p.m. \$10-\$15.

**Organ Masterworks**, Feb. 12, 3 p.m. \$10-\$15.

**German and Italian Songs**, Feb. 19, 3 p.m. \$10-\$15.

**Westminster Williamson Voices Concert**, Feb. 24, 8 p.m. \$10-\$15.

**Faculty in Recital**, Feb. 25, 8 p.m. \$5-\$10.

\*Westminster Choir College, Bristol Chapel, 101 Walnut Lane, Princeton. (609) 921-2663; [wccinfo@rider.edu](mailto:wccinfo@rider.edu); [www.westminster.rider.edu](http://www.westminster.rider.edu). (w)

## Theater

**Squabbles**, Dec. 9-Jan. 15, 8 p.m. Off-Broadstreet Theater, 5 South Greenwood Avenue, Hopewell. \$24-\$26. (609) 466-2766; [www.mccarter.org](http://www.mccarter.org).

**Freshman One-Act Festival**, Feb. 2-4, 8 p.m., Theatre Intime, Hamilton Murray Theater, Princeton University. \$6-\$12. (609) 258-5155; [www.theatreintime.org](http://www.theatreintime.org).

**Harlem Doctors**, Feb. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18, 8 p.m.; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 2 p.m.; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 5 p.m., Passage Theatre Company, Mill Hill Playhouse, Front & Montgomery Streets, Trenton. \$25. (609) 392-0766; [www.passagetheatre.org](http://www.passagetheatre.org). (wval)

**Urinetown**, Feb. 16-18, 8 p.m., Peddie School, Mount-Burke Theater, Ward Avenue, Hightstown. \$10. (609) 490-7550; [www.peddie.org](http://www.peddie.org). (w)

**Mrs. Warren's Profession**, Feb. 16-18, 23-25, 8 p.m.; Feb. 26, 2 p.m., Don Evans Black Box Theater, Kendall Hall, The College of New Jersey, Ewing. Shakespeare '70 presentation. \$6-\$12. (609) 882-5979; [www.shakespeare70.org](http://www.shakespeare70.org). (w)

**Fences**, Feb. 23-25, March 2-4, 8 p.m.; March 4, 2 p.m., Theatre Intime, Hamilton Murray Theater, Princeton University. \$6-\$12. (609) 258-5155; [www.theatreintime.org](http://www.theatreintime.org).

**Stalag 17**, Feb. 24-25, Mar. 3-4, 8 p.m., Feb. 26, Mar. 5, 2 p.m., Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. Presented by Like 40 Productions. \$10-\$12. (609) 586-9446; [comed@mccc.edu](mailto:comed@mccc.edu); [www.mccc.edu](http://www.mccc.edu). (wvp)

### Musical Theatre/Opera

**The Wiz**, Dec. 17, 8 p.m.; Dec. 18, 3 p.m., Westminster Choir College, The Playhouse, 101 Walnut Street, Princeton. \$10-\$15. (609) 921-2663.

**You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown**, Jan. 6-7, 13-14, 8 p.m.; Jan. 7-8, 14-15, 2 p.m., Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. \$10-\$16. (609) 584-9444; [www.kelseyatmccc.org](http://www.kelseyatmccc.org). (wvp)

**The Who's Tommy**, Jan. 27-28, Feb. 4, 8 p.m., Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 2 p.m., Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. \$10-\$16. (609) 584-9444; [www.kelseyatmccc.org](http://www.kelseyatmccc.org). (wvp)

**The Servant of Two Masters**, Feb. 6-18, 21, 23-25, 8 p.m.; Feb. 18, 25, 2 p.m., Westminster Choir College, Arts Studio Theater, Rider University, 2083 Lawrenceville Road. (609) 896-5303.

**Best Little Whorehouse in Texas**, Feb. 10-11, 17-18, 8 p.m.; Feb. 12 & 19, 2 p.m., Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. \$10-\$16. (609) 584-9444; [www.kelseyatmccc.org](http://www.kelseyatmccc.org). (wvp)

### Theatre for Children

**How the Grinch Stole Christmas**, Dec. 14-16, 10 a.m.; Dec. 17, 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m., Off-Broadstreet Theater, 5 South Greenwood Avenue, Hopewell. \$4. (609) 466-2766.

### Kelsey Theatre\* for Children

**How to Eat Like a Child**, Jan. 20, 7 p.m.; Jan. 21-22, 2 & 4 p.m.

**Goldilocks and the 3 Bears**, Feb. 11, 2 & 4 p.m.

**Junie B. Jones**, Feb. 18, 2 & 4 p.m.

**T-Bone's Tropical Adventure**, Feb. 25, 2 & 4 p.m.

\*Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. \$8. Kelsey Theatre Box Office at (609) 584-9444; [www.kelseytheatre.net](http://www.kelseytheatre.net). (warp)

## Try-Outs/Opportunities

**Q&D Poetry Review** submissions through Dec. 30. Guidelines [www.quickanddirtypoets.com](http://www.quickanddirtypoets.com). **Nikon's Small World Photomicrography Competition**, deadline for entries April 28. [www.nikonsmallworld.com](http://www.nikonsmallworld.com).

**Salon de Hightstown Exhibit**, deadline for application Jan. 1, send letter of interest: Kym Kulp, Mariboe Gallery Curator, CAPPs, S. Main St., Hightstown, NJ. 08520; or e-mail: [kkulp@peddie.org](mailto:kkulp@peddie.org) "salon de Hightstown" in the subject line.

**Trenton Film Festival**, deadline for entry Feb. 1, Trenton Film Festival, Submissions, PO Box 22430, Trenton, NJ 08607. \$25-\$45. (609) 396-6966; [www.trentonfilmfestival.org](http://www.trentonfilmfestival.org).

**Kelsey Literary Review**, deadline for submission May 1. Authors must reside or work in Mercer County. (609) 586-4000 ext. 3326; [kelsey.review@mccc.edu](mailto:kelsey.review@mccc.edu); [www.mccc.edu](http://www.mccc.edu).

**Student Film & Video Festival**, deadline June 15. High school and college students are eligible to submit entries 20 minutes or less. (609) 924-9529; [www.princetonlibrary.org/teens](http://www.princetonlibrary.org/teens).

**YouthWorks**, deadline March 10, students in grades 6 and older may submit works in academics, activism & the arts. (609) 924-9529; [www.princetonlibrary.org/teens](http://www.princetonlibrary.org/teens).

**Princeton Garden Statesmen**, rehearsals, tryouts, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., The Pavilions at Forrestal, Windrow Drive, Princeton. (609) 252-1515; [www.menwhousing.org](http://www.menwhousing.org).

**Jersey Transit**, a cappella group seeking bass & soprano; (609) 466-3523; [www.jerseytransit.org](http://www.jerseytransit.org).

**Mad Science of West New Jersey**, seeking actors/animated instructors to present science birthday parties to children, training provided, 1580 Reed Road, Pennington, (800) 281-9709; [www.madscienceofnj.com](http://www.madscienceofnj.com).

**Princeton Jewish Center**, junior choir seeking singers ages 9-13; (609) 924-0330.

**Princeton Pro Musica**, seeking singers, All Saints' Church, 16 All Saints' Road, Princeton. Appointment (609) 683-5122.

**Trenton Children's Chorus**, seeking children in grades 2-8 for Tue & Thu after-school choir; high school students for Tue evening choir. (609) 393-9645.

**Westminster Community Chamber Choir**, seeking singers, Westminster Conservatory, 101 Walnut Lane, Princeton. (609) 921-7104, ext. 8355.

**Westminster Community Chorus**, seeking singers. (609) 921-7100, ext. 8307.

# Washington's Crossing and the State Park

Located on the Delaware River just eight miles north of Trenton is Washington Crossing State Park. It was here that the Continental Army under the command of General George Washington landed after their historic crossing of the Delaware River on Christmas night 1776. The park encompasses 841 acres in Mercer County and is easily accessible from Routes 29 and 546. The cultural, historic, natural, and recreational features of this park, provide a unique blend of activities for the park visitor.

The park supports an interesting assortment of plants including mixed hardwoods, red cedar forests, plantings of Eastern white pine, Japanese larch, Norway spruce and red pine. A splendid variety of spring and summer wildflowers can be found throughout the park. Among the most notable species of wildlife are whitetail deer, fox, raccoon, great-horned owl, screech owl, red-tailed hawk, red-shouldered hawk and Eastern bluebird.

A wide variety of migrating birds use the stream and ravine as a resting place and for nesting. Many bird species winter in the park, creating a perfect location for bird observation year round. The park also is popular for picnicking and hiking on the 15 miles of moderate trails and, in the winter, for cross-country skiing on those trails.

Washington Crossing State Park was established in 1912. The original park contained 100 acres and included an overlook to the Delaware River and the place where the Continental Army landed in New Jersey.

During the 1930s, major development of the park was accomplished through the Work Project Administration (WPA), a federal work program established during the Depression era. Roads, trails, and picnic groves were built. Of the current 841 acres, 440 acres of the park were purchased through the Green Acres Program.

Early records indicate that a ferry crossing was established between Pennsylvania and New Jersey about 1700. General Washington chose this crossing because it was little known and used allowing his troops to cross without probable detection. The ferry crossing was also central to his troops who were deployed along the Delaware River in Pennsylvania. After landing in New Jersey, the Continental Army engaged Hessian and British troops in the Battles of Trenton and Princeton. These battles are considered to be the turning point of the Revolutionary War.

General George Washington's crossing of the Delaware River on Christmas night 1776, for the brilliant raid on Trenton, was a crucial episode in the struggle for independence. The crossing was in fact a realistic and carefully planned

stroke designed to rescue a waning cause. Washington carried the war to the enemy by his daring act, and gave the new Nation and his often-defeated army a taste of victory at the war's lowest ebb.

The close of 1776 found the cause of independence staggering under a succession of defeats. The Continental Congress had made provision for a long-term military force in October, but at the end of the year this establishment was on paper, not in the field where it was desperately needed. In his camp on the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware, Washington realized that he must strike a blow at the enemy before his army melted away, and he determined to hit the Hessian garrison at Trenton.

On December 25, 1776, the icy waters of the Delaware River provided the setting for one of the pivotal events of the American Revolution. The Continental Army had little to celebrate that Christmas and seemed beat by hunger and cold. The American main force was ferried across the ice-clogged waters of the Delaware by Col. John Glover's hardy Marblehead fishermen, and in the bleak early morning hours assembled on the New Jersey shore for the 10-mile march to Trenton where the Hessians were celebrating Christmas.

The surprise was complete, and within an hour and a half after the action opened in Trenton, it was evident to the Hessians that they were outnumbered and escape routes had been cut off; they surrendered. The Americans suffered only two casualties, apparently from exposure, not enemy fire. Then only one week later, on January 2, 1777, the colonists beat back a fierce British counterattack at the Second Battle of Trenton.

Washington and the bulk of his force silently evacuated Trenton and headed north. They attack and defeated the rear of British forces at the Battle of Princeton on January 3, 1777, then escaped before British forces could arrive. The military campaign of December 25, 1776 through January 3, 1777 is known as "The Ten Crucial Days."

Reenactments of important historical events are central activities at Washington Crossing State Park. The crossing of the Delaware River is recreated every Christmas Day at 1 p.m., and a dress



*Christmas Day reenactment of the Delaware River crossing by Gen. George Washington and his troops.*

rehearsal will be staged on Dec. 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. An historic troupe known as the Frontier Guard encamps at the park every fall. There are video presentations, reenactments, lectures and tours scheduled throughout the year at different locations in the park. Patriots Week in Trenton offers an expanded view of the Ten Crucial Days.

The Washington Crossing State Park Visitor Center's exhibit galleries explore America's revolutionary conflict with an emphasis on "The Ten Crucial Days." The presentation includes a video of the Battles of Trenton and Princeton. In addition, the Swan Collection of Revolutionary War artifacts is exhibited. Nearly 900 military items from both American and British Armies are arranged chronologically from 1758 to 1783.

The Interpretive Center offers outdoor nature education programs for the whole family. For information, call (609) 737-0609, or visit their website to check the calendar of events.

The Nelson House, at the landing spot along the Delaware, features period furnishings and old photographs of the railroad and canal transportation.

Washington Crossing State Park, open Wednesday through Sunday year around, is located at 355 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road in Titusville. For more information, please call (609) 737-0623 or visit [www.nj.com/outdoors/parks/washington.html](http://www.nj.com/outdoors/parks/washington.html) to downloading the latest edition of *Nature's Grapevine*.

## American History Month

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution sponsor February as American History Month.

Their goal is to promote the study of American history; stress the importance of Freedom, Equality, Justice and Humanity in all our lives; stimulate a sense of pride for our Nation's great achievements and dedication to liberty; and to generate pride in the United States of America through community services in educational programs, essay contests and historic tours.

## *A Place in Time* Johnson Ferry House

This early 18th century gambrel roof farmhouse and tavern near the Delaware River in Washington Crossing Park was owned by Garet Johnson, who operated a 490-acre colonial plantation and ferry service across the river in the 1700s.

General George Washington and his staff commandeered the house as their headquarters while the American Army regrouped after the successful night crossing of the Delaware River. Washington's staff used the shelter of this house to finalize strategy for the attack on Trenton.

The keeping room, bedchamber and textile room are furnished with local period pieces, and are interpreted as the ferry keeper's farm residence of the Johnson family who lived there from 1740 to 1770. Furnishings include antiques and period artifacts, handmade toys and a book on manners and civility authored by Washington. The site also includes an 18th century kitchen garden.



Demonstrations and special events throughout the year shed light on history for the entire family. Open Hearth Cook, Mercy Ingraham, will present a demonstration and cooking class in the kitchen garden on January 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Johnson Ferry House is open Wednesday through Sunday. For information please call (609) 737-2515.



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