



TMAP Paints the Town

After a two-year multi-tiered collaboration between Princeton University and volunteers from Trenton, the Trenton Mural Arts Project (TMAP) became a reality. The community turned out on April 17 to begin painting the first of what TMAP hopes to be several murals in and around the city of Trenton.

Design and execution of the mural is community-driven. Students from Princeton University's Pace Center for Civic Engagement and the Atelier Program participated in several public outreach gatherings to get residents' input for the mural's themes.

The Pace Center for Civic Engagement supports efforts by participants to identify and address issues of public concern and to practice effective public leadership aimed at building stronger communities and societies throughout the world. Students learn to be actively engaged citizens.

The Atelier is a unique program that brings professional artists from different disciplines together with Princeton University students to create new work in a seminar and/or workshop setting. Last spring, a course dedicated to TMAP called "The Big Picture: Mural Arts in Philadelphia and Trenton" was led by Jane Golden, the director of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program, along with muralist Shira Walinsky.

The course examined the history of mural art as well as issues of design and



Middle section of the mural to be painted on the Home Rubber Company building along Route 129 in Trenton.

functions of place in public art. Students will help paint the mural as they explore how the mural process has been a powerful tool for social change. They will have the opportunity to witness how identity, perception and power shift when communities are part of creating and writing their own histories through murals and public art.

The first TMAP mural was designed by Phillip Adams, who designs and restores murals for Philadelphia Mural Arts. He melded ideas gathered from a series of community brainstorming sessions into a snapshot of the city's past and present, and a look to the future. The mural stretches across Home Rubber Company building, along Route 129 at Cass Street. Home Rubber is a symbol of Trenton industry that dates back to 1881 and continues to run today.

The past, in the mural, will be a charcoal rendering of an historic panoramic photo of

Trenton across cinderblocked windows on the left side of the building. The present will be painted on the boiler room wall to the right of the Home Rubber Company sign on the original building's brick wall. The image is of machinery inside the factory, a business still in operation after 130 years. The Trenton Makes Bridge is visible through red metal door frame. The industrial image will blend with the actual conduit on the building and transformer directly in front. The largest section, running the length of the RiverLine walking platform, will be an expanse of water repre-

senting the future, which is full of uncertainty and promise. Water recalls the canal that once ran where Route 129 is now, and the Delaware River upon which Trenton was founded. The pylon of the Trenton Makes bridge is incorporated into the painting so that it blends with the actual brick tower at the end of the light work room building.

TMAP is a partnership between ArtWorks Trenton, Capital City Redevelopment Corporation, Trenton Downtown Association/Destination Trenton, The City of Trenton, and Princeton University. TMAP was created in 2010 to plant the seeds of a mural arts program in New Jersey's Capital City. Their goal is to grow the project into a program with murals all over the city.

A dedication ceremony for the finished mural is planned for June 4. For more information, please call 393-8998 x 13 or visit trentonmuralartsproject.org.

Lawrence Arts Council Celebrates 40th Anniversary

The Lawrence Arts Council (LAC) is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year.

LAC was founded by a group of residents who wanted to establish the arts in Lawrence as an entity separate from Princeton and Trenton. They also wanted to promote their many, talented local artists and musicians. One of the major initiatives was to supplement the arts curriculum in township schools by sponsoring artists and musicians who would give demonstrations and performances to students.

These programs were well received ac-

cording to June Tipton, LAC's first president, "Over all there was tremendous enthusiasm, creativity and cooperation from Lawrence artists, residents and schools. We joined together to make our growing township more aware and participatory in fine arts."

Among its many achievements, LAC members ran the first Mercer County Teen Arts Festival, initiated artist-in-residence, music programs, and scholarships for Lawrence Township schools, and established a 25-year history of successful craft shows at Rider University. LAC organized

countless exhibits, beginning with Clothes Pin Art shows at the Lawrence Shopping Center, a Junior Art Show and a Black Artists' Show at the Lawrence Community Center with Wendell Brooks as one of the featured artists.

Most recently, LAC awarded grants to support the newly-formed Lawrenceville Main Street Artists Network, an artists' cooperative.

For more information, please contact lawrenceartscouncil@yahoo.com or visit Lawrence Arts Council on Facebook.

A Summer Full of Arts & Performance Camps

Summertime is for fun and exploration. Arts camps offer both within a safe, structured environment. Children can learn new skills, develop life-long appreciation for the arts and make lasting memories and friends. Here is a sampling of what Mercer County has to offer:

YouthStages offers a variety of free interactive drama workshops for ages 3-9 at several of the Mercer County Library branches, and Princeton Public Library. For more information about Mercer County Library programs, please call 882-9246 or visit mcl.org. For more information about Princeton Library programs, please call 924-9529 or visit princeton.lib.nj.us. (wv)

YouthStages and the West Windsor-Plainsboro Community Education are offering drama workshops for students entering grades 1-9. Fees range from \$120 to \$325 for half and full day programs. For more information and to register, please call WW-P Community Education at 716-5030 x5032 or visit west-windsor-plainsboro.k12.nj.us.

Peddie School offers Theater Camp for students ages 12-15, with courses in acting, musical theater and dance, July 11-August 6. Green Apple Theater Camp, for children ages 8-11, from July 25-29, encompasses both drama and music. Camps meet from 8:30 am-3:30 pm in the Swig Arts Center of Peddie School at 201 Main Street in Hightstown. For more information, please call 944-7550. To register, please visit peddie.org. (wv)

CityArts Camp for ages 6-12 offers chorus, dance, photography, art and drama. Camp meets from August 22-26, 8 am-4 pm in Covenant Presbyterian Church at 471 Parkway Avenue in Trenton. The cost is \$150. For more information and an application, please call 310-1339 or visit cityartstrenton.org. (wv)

Trenton Community Music School and Blue Mountain Festival offer a two-week camp from July 11-22, 9 am-4 pm in Trinity Cathedral at 801 West State Street in Trenton. Children entering grades 1-8 receive instruction in ear-training, ensemble playing, and vocalization. The cost is \$275. For more information and an application please call (484) 832-4660 or visit BlueMountainFestival.org.

Passage Theatre Company and Trenton Museum Society host an Art & Theater Camp from August 1-12, 9 am-4 pm in Ellarslie Museum, Cadwalader Park off Parkside Avenue in Trenton. Students ages 6-12 will learn drawing, painting, and theater arts progression. Campers will create a theatrical production for a public performance on August 12 in Mill Hill Playhouse. The cost is \$240-\$280. For more information and an application, please call 989-1191 or visit Ellarslie.org. (wv)

The Junction Art Camp offers students entering grades 1-5 visual arts, drama, music, dance, environmental art, literary arts, and

outdoor play. Camp is August 22-September 2, 9 am-12 pm, 1-4 pm, or 9 am-4 pm in the West Windsor Arts Center at 952 Alexander Road in Princeton Junction and costs \$200-\$300. For more information, please call 716-1931 or visit westwindsorarts.org. (wv)

For almost four decades, Tomato Patch has been held at Mercer County Community College in West Windsor. Students entering grades 5-12 learn video, visual and performing arts. Camps are in session from June 27-August 11 and conclude with a Festival of the Arts. Tomato Patch alums entering grades 8-12 may attend a masterclass about ins and outs of show business. The session runs from July 25-August 12 and concludes with a final performance. For more information about Tomato Patch, please call 570-3333 or visit kelseyatmccc.edu. (wv)

Camp Albemarle is music camp for ages 7-14, from July 3-30, 8:30 am-5:30 pm. American Boychoir Experience, a one-week camp for boys ages 8-12 by audition, focuses on choral training and music theory from June 26-July 2. For more information, please call American Boychoir School at 924-5858 or visit americanboychoir.org.

Arts Council of Princeton has a wide variety of visual and performing arts camps for ages 5-16 from June 20-August 26 in Princeton Junior School. For more information and to register, please call 924-8777 or visit artscouncilofprinceton.org. (wv)

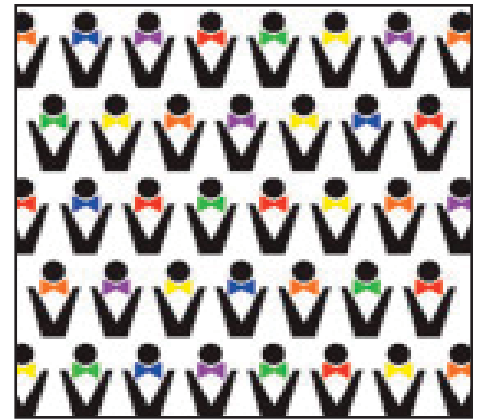
A Christian Musical Theatre and Art camp for ages 9-15 is held at First Presbyterian Church of Hamilton Square at 3550 Nottingham Way in Hamilton. Camp is in session July 11-22 from 8:30 am-3:30 pm. For more information and to register, please call 587-7076 or visit ccchoir.com.

Dynamic Dance Camp, for ages 5-14, will be from July 11-August 5 in Grover Middle School at 10 Southfield Road in West Windsor. Register through West Windsor Parks-Recreation at 799-6141 or wwparks-recreation.com.

McCarter Center Theater Program, from June 27-August 14, is for children entering kindergarten to grade 12. Each program culminates in a performance. For more information and to register, please call 258-8289 or visit mccarter.org. (wv)

Adventures in Opera Camp allows children to work with a professional opera company. Vocal and acting classes culminate in a final performance. Camp is held from July 5-15 at McCarter Theater at 91 University Place in Princeton. For more information, please call 799-7700 or visit opera-nj.org. (wv)

Westminster Conservatory camps gives music and performance instruction to children ages 2-19 from June 27-August 12. For more information, please call 921-7104 or visit rider.edu/conservatory.



Brothers in Song

The New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus (NJGMC) is celebrating twenty years of sharing their passion for music, celebrating triumphs and inspiring each other and their audiences. A special anniversary concert on June 10 will feature traditional men's chorus songs as well as a new song commissioned to commemorate the anniversary.

NJGMC is a volunteer chorus with members from all over New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania. Their concert series consists of two or three concert weekends. Special performances as part of their commitment to community involvement and outreach include Kristallnacht commemoration at the New Jersey State House in Trenton, the Yom HaShoah (Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day) commemoration at the Jewish Community Center in Edison, and "Sing for the Cure," a benefit for breast cancer education at Carnegie Hall.

NJGMC is the only New Jersey member of the roughly 200-member international Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA Choruses), a network of choruses that sponsors conferences and festivals for its members.

The Chorus has collaborated with several other choruses throughout the United States, from Rochester to Denver. In conjunction with the Chamber Choir of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington DC, they recorded the CD "Prayers for Bobby," a work inspired by the book and movie of the same name.

NJGMC welcomes new members-singers at the beginning of the season-non-singers at any time. This being an anniversary year, the chorus is looking to reconnect with former members. Rehearsals are Mondays from September to June at 7:30 pm in Nassau Presbyterian Church at 61 Nassau Street in Princeton.

Brothers in Song will be presented on June 10 at 8 pm in The College of New Jersey Mayo Hall at 2000 Pennington Road in Ewing. Tickets are \$15-\$25. For more information, please call (732) 579-8449 or visit njgmc.org. (wv)

International Piano Festival

The Golandsky Institute International Piano Festival will present recitals by acclaimed classical and jazz pianists from July 9 to July 17. The festival celebrates the bicentennial of the birth of Franz Liszt with performances of his music and lectures by scholars, Scott Burnham of Princeton and Elena Sorokina of the Moscow Conservatory.

Golandsky Institute was established to teach the Taubman Approach during a week-long Summer Symposium that coincides with the piano festival. The approach helps pianists overcome technical limitations as well as cures playing-related injuries. It is also the way that tone production and other components of expressive playing can be understood and taught.

International Piano Festival 8 pm performances include:

Josu De Solaun Soto, international piano competition winner performing Spanish music on July 10 in Taplin Auditorium, Fine Hall, Princeton University campus.

Richardson Chamber players, Anna Lim, violin and Tom Kraines, cello, join pianist Ilya Itin, in an evening of Piano Trios on July 11 at Nassau Presbyterian Church at 61 Nassau Street in Princeton.

Father Sean Duggan playing religious music of Franz Liszt, Bach and Messiaen on July 12 in Nassau Presbyterian Church.

Logan Skelton performing Bartok and Liszt on July 14 in Taplin Auditorium.

Bill Charlap, performing a jazz solo at Taplin Auditorium on July 15.

Leeds Gold Medalist, Ilya Itin performing Beethoven, Bach and Yehudi Wyner on July 16 in Taplin Auditorium.

All performances are at 8 pm, tickets are \$30. For more information about the institute or to purchase tickets, please call 877-343-3434 or visit golandskyinstitute.org.

Mercer County Photography Show

MCC&HC will be seeking photographers for the biennial juried Mercer County Photography Show this fall.

All images must be created utilizing photographic processes, including black and white, and color photography, non-silver processes, book art, and computer-derived photography, to be eligible. All work must have been created within the past two years. All two- and three-dimensional work must be appropriately presented for gallery installation. Two-dimensional work must be framed and wired for hanging.

More information will be available in late August. To be included on the mailing list, please call 278-2712 or email PhotoShow@mercercounty.org.

Dear Friends,

Longer days, bright sunshine, and warm breezes can only mean one thing: summer has arrived.

Act on the opportunity offered by the comforts of summer and take the time to "get away" while still staying close to home and enjoying some of Mercer County's many upcoming summer events. This summer, our County offers hidden gems that can provide entertainment, enlightenment and inspiration. Inside this Culture & Heritage newsletter, you will find activities for all tastes: art shows, film screenings, benefit walks, outdoor concerts and festivals, history lectures, and programs to honor our military veterans.

In addition to this wonderful selection of events, I also encourage you to visit the County's many parks, its golf courses and tennis courts, and other recreational facilities. These facilities have never been as popular as they are now as more and more of our residents are discovering they don't need to travel far to enjoy a picnic, take in beautiful scenery on a walk, go fishing or spend time with loved ones. Summer is here... explore our great County.



Sincerely,

Brian M. Hughes

County Executive

Lustigdancetheatre's Princeton Festival Premiere

Graham Lustig's *Pulcinella* will premiere on June 11 at the McCarter Theatre during the Princeton Festival. The production is presented in the style of Commedia dell'arte, the Italian form of theatre from the mid-16th century characterized by masked "types" of iconic characters. *Pulcinella* was a prominent stage figure that emerged from the Neapolitan tradition, and has taken various forms, the most famous being the puppet Punch of the Punch and Judy shows.

Lustigdancetheatre is a contemporary dance company that consists of an ethnically diverse group of ten dancers (five men and five women). The dancers hail from an impressive roster of major universities, dance companies, and training programs.

Also being performed is *Uncertain Steps* accompanied live by world renowned cellist, Sölen Dikener. Mr. Dikener is a distinguished cellist, teacher, and composer both in the United States and worldwide.

The Lustigdancetheatre performance will be in McCarter Theatre at 91 University Place in Princeton on June 11 at 8 pm. Tickets are \$25-\$45. (wv)

Princeton Festival offers seven additional performing arts productions from June 4 through June 26. There is also a free musical preview and lecture series at local libraries. For more information, please call 759-0379 or visit princetonfestival.org. For more information about lustigdancetheatre, please visit lustigdancetheatre.org.

Outspoken Library

An initiative of the New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center (TBBC) makes access to thousands of audiobooks, audio magazines, and audio news feeds available to people who have trouble reading. Mercer County Library Lawrence branch is one of 42 libraries statewide to participate in the program.

The Outspoken Library Kiosk is for veterans and residents with impaired vision, a physical disability that makes it difficult to hold a book, or a learning disability. Registered users will also be able to download more than 3,000 audiobooks that can be played on free digital player, provided by the Library of Congress.

The kiosk links to TBBC's Audiovision Newspaper Reading Service 24-hour broadcast schedule and the National Federation for the Blind's Newsline with more than 300 newspapers, magazines, and wireless service. Eligible users will also have at-home access to more than 18,000 downloadable audiobooks and 42 magazines from the National Library Services Braille and Audio Reading (BARD) Program.

The kiosk, TBBC and BARD access are free, but users must be registered. Interested residents can receive more information about eligibility, an application, and assistance using the Outspoken Library Kiosk from library staff.

Mercer County Library Lawrence branch is located at 2751 Brunswick Pike. For more information, please call 989-6922 or visit mcl.org. (wv)



Calendar of Events

MCC&HC cannot be responsible for errors or omissions. Call ahead to confirm times and prices. Unless otherwise noted, the area code is 609. For an expanded listing, visit nj.gov/counties/mercer/commissions/cultural/newsletter.html. Deadline for fall issue, which covers September, October and November is July 13, 2011.

Art Happenings

Ellarslie Open Salon, thru Jun 12, Artworks, 19 Everetts Alley, Trenton. 394-9436; artworkstrenton.org. (wv)

Art Salon IV: Roots, Steve Tobin, Jun 1, 6-9pm, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$85. Register 586-0616; groundsforsculpture.org. (wv)

Senior Thesis Exhibit, Jun 2-12, Anne Reid Gallery, Princeton Day School, Great Road. 924-6700; pds.org. (wv)

Dreamscapes, juried high school photography, Jun 3-Jul 15, Johnson Education Center, One Preservation Place, Princeton. 924-4646; drgreenway.org.

Anniversary Arts Party, Jun 4, 11am-4pm, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$12. 586-0616; groundsforsculpture.org. (wv)

Student Exhibit, thru Jun 10, Gallery at Chapin School, 4101 Princeton Pike, Princeton. 924-7206; chapinschool.org. (wv)

Tots on Tour, Jun 11 & 25, 11am & 1pm, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Ages 3-5. Register 586-0616; groundsforsculpture.org. (wv)

Artists Network reception, Jun 11, 4-7pm, Lawrenceville Main Street, 2683 Main Street, Lawrenceville. 512-1359; lmsartistsnetwork.com.

ArtJam, thru June 12, 19 Hullfish Street, Palmer Square, Princeton. 989-9417; homefrontnj.org/artspace.

Glass Boys & Cranberry Girls, Lewis W. Hine photos, thru Jun 12, NJ State Museum, 205 West State Street, Trenton. 292-6464; newjerseystatemuseum.org. (wv)

William Hogarth: The Painter's Travels in London lecture w/Marianne Grey, Princeton Art Museum, Jun 16, 7pm, Lawrence Library, 2751 Brunswick Pike. 989-6920; mcl.org. (wv)

Diversity, thru Jun 17, West Windsor Art Center, 952 Alexander Road. 716-1931; westwindsorarts.org. (wv)

ArtAllNight, Jun 18, 3pm-Jun 19, 3pm, Roebling Rope Factory, Clinton Avenue, Trenton. 394.9436; artallnighttrenton.org. (wv)

Ribbon of Life: The Delaware and Raritan Canal, thru Jun 19, Morven Museum and Garden, 55 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$5-\$6. 924-8144; morven.org. (wv)

Perfect Citizen, thru Jun 25, Arts Council of Princeton, Paul Robeson Center, 102 Witherspoon Street. 24-8787; artscouncilofprinceton.org. (wv)

Summer Show, Jun 25-Aug 27, 1pm, West Windsor Arts Council, 952 Alexander Road. Garden theme in conjunction w/GroWW Garden Tour. 919-1982; westwindsorarts.org. (wv)

Paper Folding Workshop w/Chung Ja Y Kim, Jun 30, 7pm, Lawrence Library, 2751 Brunswick Pike. 989-6920; mcl.org. (wv)

Angelo Ferrante, paintings, thru Jul 12, University Medical Center @ Princeton, 253 Witherspoon Street. 497-4069; princetonhcs.org. (wv)

Childhood & Nature, Born of Wonder, tribute to Charles Evans, thru Jul 15, D&R Greenway Land Trust, One Preservation Place, Princeton. 924 4646; drgreenway.org. (wv)

Grace Previty Johnston, pastels, Jul 14-Sep 13, Princeton Medical Center, 253 Witherspoon Street. Reception Jul 14, 5-7pm. 497-4069; princetonhcs.org. (wv)

The world As We Know It, thru Aug 19; **Fall Show**, Aug 26-Nov 25, Straube Center, One Straube Center Blvd, Pennington. 737-3322; straube-center.com. (wv)

James Surls, In Balance, expressionist sculpture, thru Sep 25, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. 586-0616; groundsforsculpture.org. (wv)

Ellarslie Museum

Ellarslie Open XXIX, thru Jun 12. **Trenton's Musical Past**, Jun 7-Sep 2 *Ellarslie Museum, Cadwalader Park, Parkside Avenue, Trenton. 989-3632; ellarslie.org. (wv)*

Princeton University

Art Museum
Highlights Tour, Sat-Sun, 2pm.
Cartographies of Time, Jun 25-Sep 18.
Life & Death of Buildings, Jul 23-Nov 6.

Princeton University Art Museum, McCormick Hall, campus. 258-3788; artmuseum.princeton.edu. (wv)

Library
The Cracked Lookingglass, Leonard L. Milberg Collection of Irish Prose Writers highlights, thru Jul 10.

John F. Kennedy: From Old Nassau to the New Frontier, thru Jul 29.

Princeton University Library, Firestone Library, One Washington Road. 258-1470; library.princeton.edu. (wv)

Small World Cafe

Witherspoon Street
Friends School artists, thru Jun.
David Serotkin, thru Jul.
Eliana Lorenz, thru Aug.

Nassau Street
Tom McGill, thru Jun.
Mariya Steele, thru Jul.
Small World Cafe, 14 Witherspoon Street, Princeton. 924-4377 x2; 254 Nassau Street, Princeton. 924-4377 x3; smallworldcoffee.com.

Dance

Mercer Dance Ensemble, Poetry in Motion, Jun 4, 7:30pm; Jun 5, 2pm, Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. \$10-\$14. 570-3333; kelseyatmccc.org. (wv)

Pennington Dance Performance, Jun 5, 1-3pm, Hopewell Valley High School, 259 Pennington-Titusville Road, Pennington. \$20. 737-7596; penningtondance.com. (wv)

Pennington Dance Pre-game Performance, Jun 12, 12:30pm, Waterfront Park, Route 129, Trenton. 737-7596; penningtondance.com. (wv)

Peace, Love, Dance, Jun 18, 12pm & 5pm, Bordentown High School, Ward Avenue. 585-8580; allthatjazzdanceacademy.com. (wv)

Flamenco, 1st & 3rd Wed, Malaga, 511 Lalor Street, Hamilton. 396-8878; malagarestaurant.com.

Dancing

Scottish Dancing, Mon, 7:30pm, Meadow Lakes, Etra Road, Hightstown. \$3. 584-9764; rscds-nj.org.

Princeton Country Dancers, Contra, Wed, 7:40-10:30pm; 4th Sat, 8-11pm; **English Country**, 2nd Sat, 8-11pm; Suzanne Patterson Center, 45 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$8-\$10. 924-6763; princetoncountrydancers.org.

Folk Dancing, Tue, 7:30pm, Suzanne Patterson Center, 1 Monument Square, Princeton. \$3. 921-9340; 912-1272; princetonfolkdance.org.

Black Cat Tango, Thu, 8pm, lessons; 10pm-12am, practice, Suzanne Patterson Center, 45 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$12. 273-1378; theblackcattango.com.

Ballroom Dancing, Newcomers, Wed, 7-9pm; Practice, Fri 8-11pm, American Ballroom, 1523 Parkway Avenue, Ewing. \$10-\$15. 931-0149; americanballroomco.com.

Dance Improv, 2nd Sat, 8-10pm, All Saints' Church, 16 All Saints' Road, Princeton. \$15. 924-3767; dancelimprov.com.

Loco Latin, Salsa, Wed, 8:30pm, Katmandu, 50 Waterfront Park, Trenton. \$8. 651-6070; hotsalsahot.com.

Argentine Tango, 3rd Sat, 7pm, Suzanne Patterson Center, 45 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$12. 945-1883; centraljerseydance.org.

Film

Roma, Federico Fellini, Jun 2; **Roman Holiday**, William Wyler, Jun 9, 6-8pm, Princeton University Art Museum lawn. Bring seating. Rain location: McCormick 101. 258-3788; artmuseum.princeton.edu. (wv)

Not Quite Legal Film Festival, Jun 11, 11am, Mill Hill Playhouse, Front & Montgomery streets, Trenton. 396-6966; trentonfilmfestival.org. (wv)

Student Film & Video Festival, Jul 20-21, 7pm, Princeton Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. Ages 14-24, Submission deadline Jun 21. 924-9529 ext. 247; princetonlibrary.org. (wv)

Kuser Farm Mansion

The Day the Earth Stood Still, 1951, Jun 17, 7pm.

Trenton-made cars, Tim Kuser slide show, Jun 26, 1 pm.

Oklahoma, 1955, July 8, 7:30 pm.

Kuser Farm Mansion, Newkirk Road, Hamilton. 890-3630; hamiltonnj.com.

NJ State Museum

The Sea Bright Skiff, Jun 15, 1pm.

NJ Birding, Jun 22 & Jul 6, 1pm.

Down Jersey, Jul 20, 1pm.

Lighthouses, Jul 27, 1pm

New Jersey State Museum, 205 West State Street, Trenton. 292-6464; njstatemuseum.org. (wv)

History Activities

John Abbott House, Sat-Sun 12:30-4:30pm, 2200 Kuser Road, Hamilton. 585-1686; hamiltonnj.com.

Brearley House, 1st Sat, 10am-noon, Meadow Lane, Lawrenceville. Lawrence Historical Society. 895-1728; thelhs.org. (wv)

Civil War/Native American Museum, 2nd & 3rd weekends, 1-4pm, 2202 Kuser Road, Hamilton. 585-8900; campolden.org.

Drumthwacket Tour, Wed noon, 354 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$5. Register 683-0057; drumthwacket.org.

Kuser Farm Mansion, Sat-Sun, 11am-1pm, 390 Newkirk Avenue, Hamilton. 890-3630; hamiltonnj.com.

Morven Museum Tour & Tea, Wed 1pm, 55 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$16-\$20. Register 924-8144; morven.org.

National Guard Militia Museum, Civil War Sesquicentennial Exhibit Tue & Fri, 9am-3pm, Lawrenceville Ar-

mory, 151 Eggert Crossing Road. 530-6802; state.nj.us/military/museum.

NJ State Police Museum, Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm, 1040 River Road, West Trenton. 882-2000, ext. 6401; njsp-museum.org. (wv)

State House Tours, Mon-Fri, 10am-3pm; 1st & 3rd Sat, 12-3pm, 125 West State Street, Trenton. 633-2709; njleg.state.nj.us. (wv)

Schenck House, 2nd Sun, 1-4pm, West Windsor Historical Society, 50 Southfield Road. **Dressing Up to Visit Grandma exhibit.** 799-1278.

Trent House Museum, Mon-Fri, 12:30-4pm, 15 Market Street, Trenton. 989-3027; williamtrenthouse.org.

Camp Olden Roundtable meetings, Jun 2, Jul 7, 7pm, Hamilton Library, 1 Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. Drive; Hamilton. 585-8900; campolden.org. (wv)

Camden & Amboy Railroad meeting, Jun 3, 7:30pm, Hightstown Freight Station, 164 North Main Street. trainweb.org/camdenandamboyrhistoricalgroup.

Postcard Show & Sale, Jun 4, 9am-5pm, Union Fire Company, 1396 River Road (Route 29), Titusville. (wv)

Mill Hill Garden Tour, Jun 11, 12-5pm, Artworks, 19 Everett Alley, Trenton. \$10-\$15. 815-1359; trentonmillhill.org.

Postcard Collecting, Jun 13, Aug 8, 6:30pm, Washington Crossing Card Collectors, Union Fire Hall, 1396 River Road, Titusville. 215-737-3555; wc4postcards.org. (wv)

Junior Camp Olden, Jun 18, 9:30am-3pm, 2202 Kuser Road, Hamilton. Ages 8-13 enlist as soldier or lady, period activities. 259-1428; campolden.org.

Flemington Neshanock vs. Atlantic BBC, 1864 baseball match, Jul 10, 12pm, Brearley House, Meadow Lane, Lawrenceville. Lawrence Historical Society. 895-1728; thelhs.org. (wv)

Colonial Ice Cream Making, Jul 30, 2pm, William Trent House Museum, 15 Market Street, Trenton. 989-3027; williamtrenthouse.org.

Hiroshima & Nagasaki Remembrance, Aug 5, 6pm, Coalition for Peace Action, Institute for Advanced Study, Olden Lane, Princeton. Bring picnic. 924-5022; peacecoalition.org.

Howell Living History Farm

Hog Slopping, Jun 4

Haying, Jun 11

Pleasant Valley Schoolhouse Tour, Jun 12 1pm & 2:30pm

On The Road w/Elsie the Cow, Jun 17, 7:30pm

Dairying, Jun 18

Oldtime Baseball, Jun 25

Ice Cream Party, Jul 2

Wheat Harvest, Jul 9

Sweep the Fields, Jul 10

Evening Hayrides, Jul 16, 23, 5-8pm

Mercer County 4-H Fair, Jul 30-31

Honey Harvest, Aug 6

Barn Dance, Aug 12, 7:30pm

Pleasant Valley Wagon Tours, Aug 13

Potato Harvest, Aug 20

Fiddlin' on the Farm, Aug 27

*Howell Farm is a Mercer County Park System facility, Valley Road, Titusville. 10am-4pm unless noted. *Wheelchair accessible hayride: 737-3299; howellfarm.org.*

Princeton Historical Society

Walking Tour, Sun, 2-4pm. \$4-\$7.

Einstein at Home, Tue-Sat, 12-4pm, Bainbridge House. \$4.

Udpike Farmhouse Fun Day, Jun 4, 18, 10am-4pm, 354 Quaker Road. \$5.

Stroller Strides, Jun 1, Jul 6, Aug 3, 10-11am. \$5-\$7.

Scrapbook presentation, Jun 9, 4pm.

Flemington Neshanock vs Elkton Eclipse, 19th Century base ball, Jul 23, 11am, Princeton High School, 151 Moore Street.

Historical Society of Princeton, Bainbridge House, 158 Nassau Street. 921-674; princetonhistory.org.

Holiday/Heritage

Flag Day Ceremony, Jun 14, 12pm, 400 Witherspoon Street, Princeton. spiritofprinceton.org.

Independence Day picnicking & Fireworks, Jul 1, 7pm, Princeton University stadium fields. spiritofprinceton.org.

Concert & Fireworks, Greaseband, Jul 1, 7pm, Veterans Park, Kuser Road, Hamilton. Raindate, Jul 3. 890-4028; hamiltonnj.com. (wv)

Concert & Fireworks, Jul 2, 6pm, Etra Lake Park, Disbrow Road, East Windsor. 443-3000; east-windsor.nj.us.

Concert & Fireworks, Jul 2, 7pm, Rider University, 2083 Lawrence Road. 844-7067; lawrencetwp.com.

German American Club

Karaoke Night, Jun 4, 9pm. \$5.

Summer Dance, Jun 18, dinner 5:30pm; dancing 7:30pm. \$10.

Euro-American Auto Show, Jul 9-4pm. Rain date Oct 15.

American Oldies Dance, Jul 9, dinner 6:30pm; dancing 8pm. \$9.

Beach Party Dance, Jul 16, dinner 5:30pm; dancing 7:30pm. \$10.

August Dance, Aug 20, dinner 5:30pm; dancing 7:30pm. \$10.

German-American Society, 215 Uncles Pete's Road, Yardville. 585-5200; www.gakclub.org.

Literary Events

Read & Pick, Sat-Sun, 9:30am & 11am, Terhune Orchards, 330 Cold Soil Road, Lawrence. \$7. 924-2310; terhuneorchards.com.

Delaware Valley Poets, 1st Tue, 7:30pm, Lawrence Library, 2751 Brunswick Pike; **Readings**, 2nd Mon, Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. 203-6800; delawarevalleypoets.com. (wv)

Poetry Contest, NJ Poetry Society. Deadline Sep 1. njpoetrysociety.org.

NJ Writers' Society Meetings, Jun 13, Jul 7, Aug 8, 6:30pm, West Windsor Library, 333 North Post Road. 799-0462; mcl.org. (wv)

Literary Greats Walking Tour, Jun 16, 7pm, Princeton Tour Company, 100 Nassau Street. \$20. 902-3637; princetonontourcompany.com.

Poets Invitational, Jun 19, 2pm, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Register 689-1089; groundsforsculpture.org.

Summer Reading Program For Kids, Jun 27-Aug 12, Mercer County libraries. 989-6915; mcl.org. (wv)

Hopewell Writers Club, Jun 28, Jul 26, Aug, 23, 6:30pm, Hopewell Library, 245 Pennington-Titusville Road, Pennington. 737-2610; mcl.org. (wv)

Writers Group, Jun 27, 6pm, Trenton Public Library, 120 Academy Street. 392-7188; trentonlib.org.

McCarter Theater

Sleeping Beauty Wakes, thru Jun 5, Wed-Thu, 7:30pm; Fri, 8pm; Sat, 3pm & 8pm; Sun, 2pm & 7:30pm. \$20-\$70.

Barber of Seville, Jul 9, 23, 8pm; Jul 17, 2pm. \$20-\$110.

Crossing Over, opera/Broadway, Jul 10, 2pm. \$15.

Gilbert and Sullivan highlights, Jul 15, 8pm. Victoria J. Mastrobuono Emerging Artists. \$15.

Consul, Jul 16, 8pm; Jul 24, 2pm. \$20-\$110.

Studio Artists Scenes, Jul 17, 7pm; Jul 19, 8pm. Victoria J. Mastrobuono Emerging Artists. \$10.

Opera Stars Concert, Jul 22, 8pm. \$35.

Family Room, staged opera, Jul 23, 2pm; Jul 24, 7pm. \$25.

McCarter Theatre, 91 University Place, Princeton. 258-2787; mccarter.org. (wv)

Musical Performances

Live Music, Arturo Romay, latin jazz, Tue; **Edward Boutross Trio**, jazz, Thu, 6:30-8pm, Santino's Ristorante, 1240 Route 130 South, Robbinsville. 443-5600; santinosristorante.com.

Lawrence Community Band, Thu, 7:30pm, Lawrence Senior Center, East Darrah Lane. 883-8414. (wv)

Open Mic, Thu, 10pm-1am; **Live Music**, Sun, 9-11pm; Wed, 10pm-1am, Alchemist & Barrister, 28 Witherspoon Street, Princeton. 924-5555; theaandb.com.

Live Music, Fri, 6-9pm, Molto Bene Caffè y Mercato Italiano, 116 North Main Street, Hightstown. 448-1588; downtownhightstown.org.

Dick Gratton, jazz guitar, Fri, 6-9pm, Chambers Walk Cafe, 2667 Main Street, Lawrenceville. 896-5995; alaboutjazz.com.

Live Music, Fri-Sat, 10:30pm, Triumph Brewing Co., 138 Nassau

Street, Princeton. 924-7855; triumphbrewing.com.

Cafe Improv, 4th Sat, 9pm, Princeton Arts Council, 102 Witherspoon Street. \$2. 924-8777; cafeimprov.com. (wv)

Victar on Guitar, Thu, 4pm, **Live Music**, Fri, 3-6pm; Sat 12-5pm, Tavern on the Lake, 101 Main Street, Hightstown. 800-727-3548; taveronthelake.net.

Mercer County Symphonic Band, Jun 1, 8pm, Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. 584-9444; mccc.edu. (wv)

Spring Concert, Jun 2, 7:30pm, High School North, 90 Grovers Mill Road, Plainsboro. HS Choirs & Orchestra. 716-5050; ww-p.org. (wv)

PHS Jazz Ensemble Big Band, Jun 3, 7pm, Princeton High School, 151 Moore Street. 806-4280; princetonjazz.org. (wv)

NJSO Best of Ballet, Jun 3, 7:30pm, Patriots Theatre, Trenton War Memorial, Memorial Drive. \$21-\$60. 984-8400; thewarmemorial.com. (wv)

Band Concert, Jun 3, 7:30pm, High School South, 346 Clarksville Road, West Windsor. 716-5050; west-windsor-plainsboro.k12.nj.us. (wv)

Brahms' Ein Deutches Requiem w/Central Jersey Choral Society, Jun 4, 3pm, Trinity Cathedral, 801 West State Street, Trenton; Jun 11, 8pm, Princeton University Chapel, campus. \$12-\$15. 751-5805; cjchoralsociety.org.

Community Song Festival w/Nick Page, Jun 4, 7pm, Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street, Princeton. Benefits CASA. Princeton GirlChoir. 924-0103; nassauchurch.org.

Choir of the Pope's Diocese, Jun 4, 3pm, Patriots Theatre, Trenton War Memorial, Memorial Drive. \$35-\$99. 984-8400; thewarmemorial.com. (wv)

It's A Brand New Day w/Princeton Garden Statesmen, Jun 4, 7:30pm, Yvonne Theatre, Rider University, 2083 Lawrenceville Road. \$12-\$20. (646) 302-7405; princetongardensatesmen.com. (wv)

Chamber Music w/Steel Band, Jun 7, 7:30pm, High School North, 90 Grovers Mill Road, Plainsboro. 716-5050; ww-p.org. (wv)

Trenton2Nite, Jun 10, Jul 8, Aug 12, 5pm, Trenton Downtown, South Warren & Lafayette streets. 393-8998; trenton-downtown.com.

New School for Music Study 50th Birthday Celebration & Open House, Jun 18, 2-5pm, 4543 Route 27, Kingston. nsmspiano.org.

Brothers in Song, Jun 10, 8pm, College of New Jersey, Mayo Concert Hall, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing. \$15-\$25. (732) 579-8449; njgmc.org. (wv)

PHS Studio Band, Jun 10, 8pm, Princeton High School, 151 Moore Street. 806-4280; princetonjazz.org.

Christine Martucci, Jun 10, 7:30pm, Courtyard Concert, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Register. \$12. 586-0616; groundsforsculpture.org. (wv)

New Jersey Jazz Fest, Jun 11, 12-9pm, College of St. Elizabeth, Morristown. 800-303-NJJS; njjs.org.

New England Tapestry, Tim Keyes Consort, w/Nick Gatto, oboe, Jun 11, 8pm, Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton University campus. 258-5000; princeton.edu/richaud. (wv)

American BoyChoir Graduation & Concert, Jun 12, 3pm, Princeton University Chapel, Murray-Dodge Hall, campus. 924-5858; american-boychoir.org. (wv)

Key of She, a cappella, Jun 17, 8pm, Solley Theater, Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street. \$10-\$15. 924-8777; artscouncilofprinceton.org.

New York Songwriters Circle, Jun 17, 7:30pm, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$20-\$25. 586-0616; groundsforsculpture.org. (wv)

Shaun Ruymen, Jun 24, 7:30pm, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$12. 586-0616; groundsforsculpture.org. (wv)

Café Improv, Jun 25, 7pm, Solley Theater, Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street. \$2. Music, poetry, comedy. 924-8777; artscouncilofprinceton.org; www.cafeimprov.com. (wv)

La Shir, Jun 26, 2:30pm, Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton University campus. Center for Jewish Life. 258-5000; princeton.edu/richaud.

Golandsky Institute Piano Festival, Jul 9-17, 8pm, Princeton & Princeton University campus. 877-343-3434; golandskyinstitute.org.

VOICES Chorale Sing, Aug 4, 7:30pm, Music Together, 225 Pennington-Hopewell Road, Hopewell. 637-9383; voiceschorale.org. (wv)

Princeton Festival

Corelli, Rossini, Verdi, Puccini w/Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra, Jun 4, 8pm, Richardson.

Bruce Barth & Steve Wilson w/Jazz-Nites, Jun 5, 4pm, Clark Music Center. \$45.

Boy Friend, music & lyrics by Sandy Wilson, Jun 10-25, Sat, 8pm; Sun, 3pm, Matthews Acting Studio. \$45.

Iustigandcetheatre, Jun 11, 8pm, McCarter Theatre. \$25-\$45.

Stravinsky, Fauré, Brahms w/Concordia Chamber Players, Jun 12, 3pm, Taplin Auditorium. \$30.

Albright, Dupré, Saint-Saëns Organ Recital, Jun 18, 8pm, Princeton University Chapel. \$40-\$50.

Mozart, Franck, Orff w/Princeton GirlChoir members, Jun 12, 4pm, Clark Music Center. \$15-\$25.

Rake's Progress, Igor Stravinsky opera, Jun 19, 3pm; Jun 26, 3pm, McCarter Theatre. \$30-\$125.

Piano Competition Finals, Jun 25,

8pm, Clark Music Center. \$30.

Princeton Festival. Princeton University campus: Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall; Taplin Auditorium, Fine Hall; Princeton University Chapel, Murray-Dodge Hall. Clark Music Center, Lawrenceville School, Main Street. Matthews Acting Studio, 185 Nassau Street, Princeton. McCarter Theatre, 91 University Place, Princeton. 537-0071; princetonfestival.org.

Small World Café

Swinging Poodles, Jun 4, 8:30pm.

Superfive, Jun 11, 8:30pm.

Dan Zimmerman & the Torquebilities, Jun 25, 8:30pm.

Riverside Bluegrass Band, Jul 2, 8:30pm.

Small World Cafe, 14 Witherspoon Street, Princeton. 924-4377 x2; smallworldcoffee.com.

PU Chamber Concerts

Weiss-Kaplan-Newman Piano Trio, Jun 21, 8pm.

Dolce Suono Trio, Jul 6, 8pm.

Voxare Quartet, Jul 14, 8pm.

Linden Quartet, Jul 26, 8pm.

Princeton University Summer Concerts, Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, campus. 570-8404; pusummerconcerts.org. (wv)

Westminster Choir College

Camps, Jun 19-Jul 30. 1 & 2-week sessions for musicians.

Seminars, Jun 20-Aug 5. 1 & 2-week seminars for musicians.

Peninsula Girls Choir, Jun 20, 7:30pm, Bristol Chapel.

Elbert Gong, piano, Jun 23, 7:30pm, Bristol Chapel.

Brazilian drumming ensemble, Jul 14, 7:30pm, Bristol Chapel.

Yonsei Concert Choir of South Korea, Jul 19, 7:30pm, Bristol Chapel.

Westminster Chamber Choir w/Joe Miller, Jul 22, Richardson Auditorium, Princeton University campus.

Westminster Choir College of Rider University, 101 Walnut Street, Princeton. 924-7416; rider.edu/wcc.

Outdoor Fun

Courtyard Concerts, Thu, 6:30-8:30pm, Arts Council of Princeton, Princeton Shopping Center, 301 North Harrison Street. 924-8777; artscouncilofprinceton.org. (wv)

Courtyard Concerts, Jun 15, 29, Jul 13, 27, Aug 10, 24, 5-7pm, Princeton Forrester Village, 206 Rockingham Row. Arts Council of Princeton. 924-8777; artscouncilofprinceton.org. (wv)

Music in the Park, Thu, Jun 5-Aug 4, 6:30pm, Lawrenceville Main Street, Weedon Park, Main Street. 219-9300; LawrencevilleMainStreet.com.

Cemetery & Ghost Tour, Sat, 7:30pm, 100 Nassau Street, Princeton. \$15. Register 902-3637; prince-

tontourcompany.com.

Farmers Market, Sat, 9 am-2pm, Lawrenceville Main Street, 11 Gordon Avenue. Food, music, art. 219-9300; lawrencevillemainstreet.com. (wv)

Farm Market, Sat, 9 am-1pm, Vaughn Drive, Princeton Junction. Food, music, art. WW Arts Council. 577-5113; west-windsorfarmersmarket.org. (wv)

Live Concerts, Sat, Jul-Aug, 2-4pm, Palmer Square, Nassau Street, Princeton. 921-2333; palmersquare.com. (wv)

Community Festival, Jun 11, 2pm, Community Park, West Manor Road & Gordon Way, Robbinsville. Raindate June 12. 918-0002; robbinsvilletwp.org.

Americana Family Barbeque, Jun 16, 5-10pm, Princeton University Art Museum, campus. Bike decorating parade, olde time fun, gallery tours. 258-3788; artmuseum.princeton.edu. (wv)

Jazams Block Party, Jun 17, 6-11pm, Palmer Square, Nassau Street, Princeton. Crafts, food; movie at dusk. 921-2333; palmersquare.com.

Firefly Festival, Jun 19, 4-9pm, Terhune Orchards, 330 Cold Soil Road. Lawrence. Music, nature, crafts. 924-2310; terhuneorchards.com.

Opera NJ, Jun 24, Jul 8, 7-9pm, Palmer Square, Nassau Street, Princeton. Raindate Jul 2. 921-2333; palmersquare.com. (wv)

FreedomFest, June 25, 3-11pm, Mercer County Park, Old Trenton Road & Hughes Drive. 448-7107; mercercounty.org. (wv)

Blueberry Bash, Jul 9-10, 10 am-5pm, Terhune Orchards, 330 Cold Soil Road. Lawrence. Music, puppet show. 924-2310; terhuneorchards.com.

MusicFest w/Stuck in the Decade, July 24, 6-8pm, Mercer County Park Marina, Old Trenton Road & Hughes Drive, West Windsor. 448-7107; mercercounty.org. (wv)

BurgerMania w/Dawgs & 2U, Mercer Idol finalists, Aug 2, 3-9pm, Mercer County Park Marina, Old Trenton Road & Hughes Drive, West Windsor. 448-7107; mercercounty.org. (wv)

Triskaidekaphobia Ghost Hunt, Aug 13, 9pm., \$25. Register 902-3637; princetonontourcompany.com.

MusicFest w/Ernie White Band, Aug 21, 5-8pm, Mercer County Park Marina, Old Trenton Road & Hughes Drive, West Windsor. 448-7107; mercercounty.org. (wv)

Bandstand by the Lake

Kindred Spirit, Jul 5

Herd of Blues, Jul 12

Wenonah Brooks, Jul 19

Limited Slip, Jul 26

Robbinsville Town Center, Lake Drive. Concerts begin 7pm. 918-0002, x 120; robbinsvilletwp.org.

Etra Lake Park

Independence Day Celebration, Jul 7, 6pm. Raindate Jul 3.

Beatlemania, Jul 17, 6pm. Raindate Jul 24.

Family Night, Jul 27, 7pm. Will Shaw, juggler; Movie: Despicable Me.

TimeTone, Aug 7, 6pm. Raindate Aug 14.

Family Night, Aug 17, 7pm. 100% Cotton; Movie Toy Story 3.

East Windsor Township Recreation Department, Etra Lake Park Disbrow Hill Road. 433-4000; east-windsor.nj.us.

Hopewell Boro Concerts

Gazebo Parks, Jun 10, 24, Jul 8, Aug 5, 19, 7:30pm, Columbia Avenue.

Blawenburg Band, June 27, 7:30pm, Gazebo Park; Jul 11, 25 & Aug 8, 7:30pm, Train Station.

Hopewell Boro. 737-3753; hopewelltp.org.

Theatre

Catch a Rising Star, Max Dolcelli, Jun 10-11; **Vic DiBitetto**, Jun 17-18; **Joe DeVito**, Jun 24-25; **Davin Rosenblatt**, Jul 8-9; **Joe Bolster**, Jul 16; **Joe Moffa**, Jul 23; **Blues Night w/Luke Elliot**, Jul 29; **Sandy Marks**, Jul 30; **Ben Hague**, Aug 5; **Catch A New Rising Star Comedy Showcase**, Aug 12-26; **Roundboy Jimmy Graham**, Aug 20; **Chris Rich**, Aug 27, 8pm, Hyatt Regency, 102 Carnegie Center, West Windsor. \$20. 987-8018; catcharisingstar.com

Comedy All-Stars: Joe Bublewicz, Jimmy Carroll, Marion Grodin & Steve Trevelise, Jun 25 8pm, Patriots Theatre, Trenton War Memorial, Memorial Drive. \$25. 984-8400; the-warmemorial.com. (wv)

PlayMaking, Jun 4-5, Passage Theatre at Mill Hill Playhouse, Front & Montgomery Streets, Trenton. 392-0766; passagetheatre.org. (wv)

Off-Broadstreet Theatre

Little Shop of Horrors, Jun 17-Jul 23.

First Things First, Aug 5-Sep 10, *Off-Broadstreet Theatre, 5 South Greenwood Avenue, Hopewell. Fri-Sat, 7pm; Sun 1:30pm. \$28-\$30. 466-2766; off-broadstreet.com. (wv)*

Kelsey Theatre

Blithe Spirit, Jun 10-12, 18-19. \$10-\$14.

Die, Mommie, Die, Jun 24-25, 8pm. \$25. Jun 26, 2pm. \$10-\$14.

Twelfth Night or What You Will, Jul 1-10. Shakespeare '70.

Oklahoma! Jul 15-24. Yardley Players.

13 The Musical, Jul 29-Aug 7. Pennington Players.

Forever Plaid, Aug 19-28. Shore Repertory Company. *Fri-Sat 7:30pm; Sat-Sun 2pm. \$30-\$40.*

Kelsey for Kids

Camp Muckalucka, Jul 8, 10am & 1pm; Jul 9, 2pm & 4pm. \$8-\$10. *Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. 570-3333; kelseyatmccc.org. (wv)*

Mercer County History Regrant Program

Through a partnership between the New Jersey Historical Commission/Department of State and Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission, the Mercer County Division of Culture and Heritage administers a History Regrant Program. Grant funds are available to assist Mercer County-based non-profit organizations, particularly historic sites and historical organizations, libraries, schools, and local government entities to provide public history programs and information with a focus on Mercer County and/or its communities.

Funds are available in either of two categories: General Operating (GOS) and Special Projects (SP) grants. GOS grants are available only to non-profit historical sites and groups. SP funds are available to any county-based, non-profit organization, local government entity, school or library that offers public local history programming.

FY12 History Regrant Program guidelines and application can be downloaded at nj.gov/counties/mercer/commissions/cultural/historyprogram.html. A printed copy of the guidelines and application may be obtained by calling the Division office at 278-2712.

Deadline for submission of FY12 History Regrant applications is June 25 in the Division office, which is open weekdays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. For more information, please contact Tricia Fagan at 989-6418, or visit nj.gov/counties/mercer/commissions/cultural/historyprogram.

Sesquicentennial of the Civil War and Mercer County

The first shot of the Civil War was fired at 4:30 am on April 12, 1861 upon Fort Sumter by Captain George S. James from a ten-inch mortar. The order to fire was given by Brigadier-General P.G.T. Beauregard, commander of the Confederate military forces at Fort Johnson in Charleston, South Carolina.

Supplies and equipment were dwindling at Fort Sumter, a Union garrison standing guard over Charleston and its harbor. Major Robert Anderson refused Gen. Beauregard's demand to surrender, believing that provisions were on the way. Once Confederate batteries opened fire, Union forces were unable to maintain the fight and Maj. Anderson surrendered Fort Sumter at 2:30 pm on April 13.

Although there were no casualties during the bombardment, one Union artilleryman was killed and three were wounded (one mortally) when a cannon exploded prematurely while firing a salute during the evacuation of Fort Sumter on April 14.

Even though no battles were fought in Mercer County, there is still a strong connection to the conflict. Camp Olden, in Hamilton, was the first training camp for New Jersey soldiers. More than 8,900 troops trained there in 1861 from May when it opened until its closing in December.

The camp was named for the then governor of New Jersey, Charles Smith Olden. He was born in the small white house on the front lawn where Drumthwacket now is located. After making his fortune in New Orleans, Mr. Olden began construction on

Drumthwacket in 1835 on what was a farm where much of the Battle of Princeton was fought. He died in 1876 and was buried in Stony Brook cemetery.

Camp Olden Civil War Roundtable opened the first Civil War museum in New Jersey. It occupies the Pepper House behind the John Abbott House. The Camp Olden collection includes bullets and musket balls from a site on Kuser Road, a Trenton-marked rifle musket, an original knapsack, pocket change fused together by heat, some exotic artillery projectiles, including a Swamp Angel round. There is a large, diorama of the Morris Island Marsh Battery depicting the Swamp Angel in action along with detailed history of the gun from foundry to being reclaimed from a scrapyard by New Jersey Adjutant General William Stryker.

The museum holds a Junior Camp Olden Day for boys and girls ages 8 to 13 who want to enlist or portray a lady of the Civil War period. Soldiers and ladies can participate in military drills, camp life activities, music, games, songs, crafts on June 18 from 9:30 am to 3 pm. For more information, please call 259-1428 or 577-4813.

The Civil War and Native American Museum also has an impressive collection of Native American artifacts most of which were collected by Jack Rafferty along the marsh edge of John Abbott II farm.

The museum, located at 2202 Kuser Road in Hamilton, is open from 1 to 4 pm second and third weekends. For more information, please call 585-8900 or visit campolden.org.

A Place in Time Swamp Angel

The Swamp Angel was cast in the West Point Foundry in New York specifically to shell Charleston, South Carolina. After failing to take Battery Wagner, a Confederate earthen fort on Morris Island in Charleston Harbor, Union Brigadier General Quincy Gillmore directed that a battery be built in the marsh land between Morris Island and James Island.

Colonel Edward Serrell constructed an ingenious platform on the battery using 13,000 sandbags, 123 pine timbers, 45-55 feet long, 15-18 inches in diameter, 14,500 feet of 1-3-inch thick planks, 1,200 pounds of spikes, nails, and iron, 450 feet of 3 inch thick rope.

All of this was necessary to

support the 16,700 pound gun with an 8-inch bore, and barrel that had an 11-foot bore depth and sat atop an 8,000 pound carriage. The huge gun used a 16-pound powder charge to fire a 150-pound projectile filled with "Greek Fire," an incendiary fluid 7,900 yards. The gun was called Marsh Croaker and Mud Lark but Swamp Angel stuck.

On August 21, 1863, Gen. Gillmore demanded the surrender of Fort Sumter and Charleston defenses from Confederate Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard. Before his reply was received, Gen. Gillmore opened fire at 1:30 am on August 22 with the Swamp Angel sited on the steeple of Charleston's St. Michael's Church.

After a brief suspension to

evacuate Charleston, firing resumed at 12 am on August 23. About 1 am on the 36th salvo, the Swamp Angel's breech exploded, dismounting the cannon from its carriage and throwing it into the parapet. Prior to the rupture, six incendiary shells had exploded in the gun, adding to the stress caused by the long-range firing.

This was the first known firing of an artillery piece using a compass reading, and the furthest distance covered by any military bombardment to this time.

Phoenix Iron Works in Trenton purchased the gun for scrap after the war. In 1871, it was



saved from the furnace by veterans and citizens of Trenton and placed on a fieldstone plinth at the corner of Perry and Clinton streets. It was restored, moved and rededicated on April 12, 1961, centennial of the start of the Civil War, where it presently resides in Cadwalader Park in Trenton.



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