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## Nutcracker Enchants Audiences all Over Mercer County

The Nutcracker Ballet is based on the book *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King* written by E.T.A. Hoffman.

In 1891, the legendary choreographer Marius Petipa commissioned Tchaikovsky to write the music for a Nutcracker Ballet. In 1892, the first showing of the Nutcracker took place at the Mariinsky Theatre of Russia, home of the Kirov Ballet.

The Nutcracker ballet made its way to Western Europe in the 1930s and to America by 1940, performed by Ballet Russe. The first American full-length Nutcracker was performed by the San Francisco Ballet, choreographed by W. Christensen. The Nutcracker has since become an annual holiday tradition.

In this fairy-tale ballet, a young girl, Clara, receives a toy nutcracker as a present at a Christmas party. The nutcracker, dressed as a soldier, later comes to life and takes Clara to an enchanted Land of the Sugar Plum Fairy, in which candy, dolls and other toys magically come to life. Find out if the evil Mouse King and his rodentine henchmen will ruin everything for Clara and her nutcracker at a local performance this December.

**American Repertory Ballet's (ARB)** Nutcracker has been a family holiday tradition since 1963. For ten of those years, ARB danced Graham Lustig's Nutcracker, which debuted in 2000. Mr. Lustig held the position of Artistic Director of ARB and Princeton Ballet School (PBS) for eleven years, making him the longest serving Artistic Director in the company's history. In 2010 he left ARB to form LustigDanceTheatre and was named Artistic Director of the Oakland Ballet Company.

This year, ARB Director Douglas Martin choreographed the Nutcracker. He is a former principal dancer with the Joffrey Ballet and has been with ARB since 1993 as a dancer, teacher and ballet master. ARB Nut-



*ARB Nutcracker will be danced on the Patriots Theatre stage in the War Memorial on December 10.*

cracker will be on the Patriots Theatre stage in the Trenton War Memorial on December 10 at 1 pm. Tickets are \$26-\$41 and available by calling 984-8400, or online at the arballet.org or thewarmemorial.com. (wv)

**NJ Youth Ballet** was started in the fall of 2008 to provide training and performance opportunities to aspiring dancers between the ages of 5 and 18. Classes are offered in a wide variety of levels; and performances are choreographed to include roles of varying difficulties.

Dancers are held to the same rehearsal and performance principals found in a professional company. The most important thing imparted to them is a sense of value and purpose in performing for others.

NJ Youth Ballet Nutcracker will be performed from December 16-18, Friday at 7:30 pm; Saturday-Sunday at 1 pm & 4 pm in Kelsey Theatre at MCCC at 1200 Old Trenton Road in West Windsor. Tickets are \$12 and are available by calling 570-3333 or visiting kelseyatmccc.org. (wv)

**Roxey Ballet Company** has been dancing the Nutcracker for the past 15 years. Their cast is made up of over 100 professional and pre-professional dancers and actors from throughout NJ and PA. Surprise community leaders will also participate as cast members from time to time.

Roxey's Nutcracker is a joyous and magical way to begin the holiday season. The show provides a wonderful introduction to ballet for children of all ages. Even the smallest child is mesmerized by the beauti-

ful classical music, costumes, special effects, and classical ballet movements.

Roxey Ballet Company will present Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker from December 2-4, Friday at 7 pm, Saturday at 3 & 7 pm, and Sunday at 1 & 4 pm. The performance will be in the The College of New Jersey Arts Center at 2000 Pennington Road in Ewing. Tickets are \$10-\$50 and are available by calling 771-2775 or visiting roxeyballet.org. (wv)

**Ballet Technique**, directed by Julie Caprio, will present The Nutcracker in the Rider University's Yvonne Theatre on December 17 & 18 with performances at 12 pm, 3 pm and 7 pm. Rider's Lawrenceville campus is located at 2083 Lawrence Road. For more information and tickets, please call 587-2345 or visit ballettechnique.org. (wv)

**West Windsor Plainsboro Dance Company** will present a beautifully designed and choreographed production of The Nutcracker Suite complete with lavish sets and exhilarating music that features ballet, pointe, jazz, tap, and hip hop. Dancers of all ages will be on the Grover Middle School stage on December 3 at 7 pm and December 4 at 1 pm at 10 Southfield Road in West Windsor. Tickets are \$10 calling 799-9677 or \$11 at the door.

**YWCA Princeton** offers a Nutcracker Ballet Workshop for ages 4-7 from December 26-30. Morning or afternoon workshops are held at 59 Paul Robeson Place. For more information, please call 497-2100 or visit ywcaprinceton.org. (wv)

**NJ State Museum Planetarium Laser Nutcracker Spectacular 3D** captures the joyous spirit of the season with spectacular effects and brilliant laser light accompanied by Tchaikovsky's classical music. Shows are from December 27-29 at 11 am & 1 pm. Tickets are \$5-\$7. The Planetarium is located at 205 West State Street in Trenton. For more information, please call 292-6464 or visit njstatemuseum.org. (wv)

## TCNJ Art Gallery Welcomes New Director

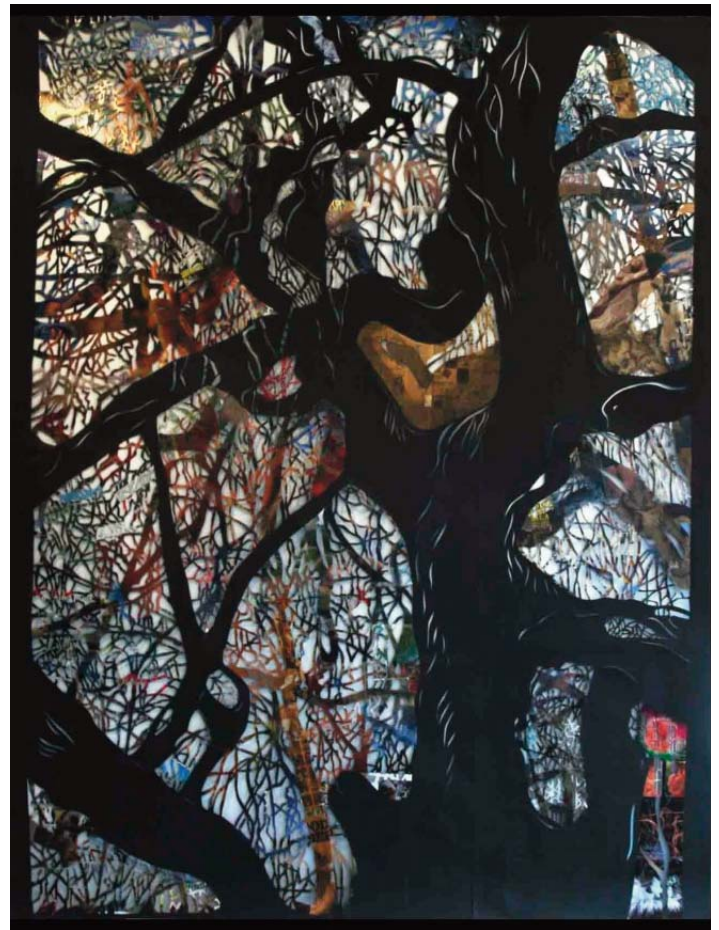
The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) School of Arts and Communication, along with the Center for the Arts, has appointed Emily Croll to the position of director and head curator of the Art Gallery and Sarnoff Museum. Beginning in July, Ms. Croll became responsible for providing overall strategy and direction for the exhibition and education programs, care and maintenance of the permanent collection, all fund-raising and financial operations, public relations, and direction interns and volunteers.

Ms. Croll's more than 20 years of experience includes senior administrative officer and acting director of the Barnes Foundation, director of the Morven Museum and Garden, and director of the Historical Society of Princeton, and most recently curator and academic liaison for art and artifacts at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania, where she curated numerous exhibitions accompanied with scholarly publications, oversaw a collection of 50,000 objects and taught a graduate museum studies course.

TCNJ Center for the Arts serves as a focal point for arts on the campus and functions to promote arts activities and collaborations with arts organizations in the greater community. The Center serves as advocate for arts education and as a link to the curricular needs of all seven TCNJ schools. The Center facilities include the Art Gallery, Mayo Concert Hall, Kendall Hall Main Stage Theatre, Don Evans Black Box Theatre, WTSR radio and soon-to-be-opened Sarnoff Museum. The Center hosts campus-sponsored events as well as events brought in from all over the world.

The Art Gallery is located on the first floor of the new Art & Interactive Multimedia (AIMM) Building. Five exhibitions are presented annually including three curated exhibitions featuring nationally and internationally recognized artists, plus a student exhibition and a faculty exhibition highlighting the extraordinary talent from the TCNJ campus. All gallery exhibitions, artist talks, and programs are free and open to the public.

The current exhibit, *Inter-Mediate Selected Chinese-American Contemporary Art* will be on view until December 11. The eight artists in the exhibition—Cui Fei, Sin-ying Ho, Hu Bing, Song Xin, LiQin Tan, Zhang Hongtu, O Zhang, Zheng Lianjie—were born and studied art in China (including Hong Kong) and now live and work



*Here and Now* by Song Zin, on exhibit in TCNJ Art Gallery until Dec. 11.

in New York and New Jersey. Their art mediates between the two cultures of China and the United States, as well as negotiating between different artistic media and styles.

The gallery is open on Tuesday through Thursday from noon to 7 pm, and Sunday from 1 to 3 pm. TCNJ is located at 2000 Pennington Road in Ewing. For more information, please visit call 771-2633 or visit [tcnjartgallery.pages.tcnj.edu](http://tcnjartgallery.pages.tcnj.edu). (wv)

## MCCC Gallery Hosts County Photo Show

The Gallery at Mercer County Community College (MCCC) will spotlight area photographers in the biennial Mercer County Photography Show. Jurying took place on October 29 and the show will be on view through December 19.

The juror is Ricardo Barros, an award-winning photographer and photography teacher whose work is included in numerous collections and museums, including The Smithsonian, the Fogg Art Museum, and the Museum of Art of San Paulo, Brazil. Mr. Barros is the author of *Facing Sculpture: A Portfolio of Portraits, Sculpture, and Related Ideas*, featuring his portraits of sculptors and their work.

Artists working in all photographic media/processes who are 18 or older and live, work or attend school in Mercer County may submit photographs for consideration. Best in Show, Juror's Merit, Honorable Mention, and MC Purchase Awards were announced at the opening reception and awards ceremony in November.

There will be a Winter Solstice Concert in the Gallery on December 19 at 6:30 pm. The Gallery is located on the second floor of the Communications Building on MCCC's West Windsor campus at 1200 Old Trenton Road. For more information, please call 570-3589 or visit [mccc.edu/community\\_gallery](http://mccc.edu/community_gallery).

## GTSO at 90

As New Jersey's oldest professional symphony orchestra, the Greater Trenton Symphony Orchestra (GTSO) has contributed to NJ's cultural life since 1921. GTSO has been the resident orchestra of the Trenton War Memorial since 1932. Following a five-year, \$40 million renovation, the symphony reopened the War Memorial in 1998.

GTSO has performed with some of the twentieth century's greatest artists including opera singers Kirsten Flagstad, Lauritz Melchior, Eleanor Steber and Placido Domingo, pianists Gary Graffman and Ruth Laredo, and composer/conductor Maurice Duruflé. In recent years, the orchestra has featured popular singers Sarah Brightman, Bar-

bara Cook and Ben E. King, trumpeter Doc Severinsen and actor John Lithgow.

**GTSO concert series in the Trenton War Memorial includes:**

**The Celtic Tenors**, Matthew Gilseman, James Nelson, Daryl Simpson on December 4 at 7:30 pm. \$19-\$35.

**New Year's Eve Concert** featuring Lorraine Ernest, soprano, Daniel Sutin, baritone, and Steven Ryan, pianist on December 31 at 8 pm. \$25-\$65.

**Philadelphia Sinfonia**, young classical musicians, on February 20 at 3 pm. \$5-\$25.

For more information and to purchase tickets, please call 396-5522 or visit [trentonsymphony.org](http://trentonsymphony.org). (wvp)

## Museum Pass Program

Friends of the Mercer County Library has made available free admission passes to museums in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Mercer County Library System (MCLS) patrons with a valid library card may borrow museum passes for three days from the Lawrence, Hopewell, and West Windsor branches.

The two-year-old program includes a variety of unique institutions, such as the American Museum of Natural History, Guggenheim Museum, New York Historical Society, Garden State Discovery Museum, Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms, Please Touch Museum, New York City Fire Museum, the Mütter Museum of the College of Physican's of Philadelphia, and the Children's Museum of Manhattan.

Passes may be reserved up to 90 days in advance online or in person at the reference desk in any of the three participating branches. Lawrence Headquarters Branch is located at 2751 Brunswick Pike; the Hopewell Branch is located at 245 Pennington-Titusville Road in Pennington; and the West Windsor Branch is located at 333 North Post Road in Princeton Junction.

After a museum visit continue exploring science, history, or art with the audio, visual and printed resources available in the local library.

For more information about the Museum Pass Program please call 989-6922 or visit [mcl.org](http://mcl.org).

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## Festival of Trees

Morven Museum & Garden, located at 55 Stockton Street in Princeton, will hold its annual Festival of Trees from November 30 through January 8, 2012.

The museum's historic galleries will be adorned with beautiful holiday trees decorated by area businesses and organizations including: D&R Greenway Land Trust, Designs by Lisa Marie, The Dogwood Garden Club of Princeton, The Garden Club of Princeton, Gasior's Furniture, Keris Tree Farm & Christmas Tree Shop, McCarter Theatre Center, Princeton Doll and Toy Museum, Stony Brook Garden Club, Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association, Vicki Trainer, and Westminster Choir College of Rider University.

Hours to view the Festival of Trees are on Wednesday through Friday from 11 am to 3 pm, and weekends from noon to 4 pm. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students. No formal tours will be conducted during the festival, but docents will be available to answer questions. For more information, please call 924-8144, ext. 106 or visit [morven.org](http://morven.org).

Dear Friends,

Another winter season is here and, once again, we in Mercer County are granted the opportunity to experience an exciting array of cultural experiences during the holidays.

In this edition of our Culture & Heritage newsletter, you'll find a rich assortment of cultural events, displays, tours, and crafts happening across the County throughout the winter, with a very special emphasis on "The Nutcracker." This time-honored ballet will be celebrated in many expressions and venues throughout the County, and I encourage you to experience it at least once! In addition to all holiday-inspired events, there also are scores of other enriching arts or cultural experiences, I encourage you to join in and enjoy Mercer County's unique offerings.

The opportunities to celebrate the holidays in new and enlightening ways are bountiful. From traditional favorite winter pastimes such as sleigh rides and re-enactments of Washington crossing the Delaware, to modern interpretations of holiday themes through visual art, music, and theatrical performance, you and your family will find no shortage of ways to make this holiday season joyous and exciting.

Best wishes for a blessed holiday season and for a winter filled with wonder.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Hughes  
County Executive



## Voices for the Marsh

Voices for the Marsh Juried Photography Show will be on display from February 2-28 in the Mercer County Library, Lawrence Branch at 2751 Brunswick Pike. There will be an opening reception on February 4 from 2-4 pm.

Jurors are Sally K. Davidson, a photographer, artist, historian, and educator, and Jenn Rogers, Mercer County Naturalist, who will also determine the awards.

Friends for the Marsh and the D&R Greenway Land Trust are inviting photographers to submit work on CD for jurying by January 5 at 5 pm to Voices for the Marsh, c/o D&R Greenway Land Trust, 1 Preservation Place, Princeton, NJ 08540.

The show is open to both professional and non-professional photographers, adult and youth (up to age 18 or grade 12) photographers. Photographs must be taken within the The Bordentown-Hamilton-Trenton Marsh, and must be for sale.

The Marsh offers year-round and seasonal habitat for an astonishing wealth of plants, birds, mammals, and other wildlife. At the same time, the Marsh provides important ecological services for the communities that surround it. Voices for the Marsh is designed to support the protection and preservation of the Marsh by celebrating its ecological and historic significance.

For more information and to receive or download a prospectus, please email [marshphotos@marsh-friends.org](mailto:marshphotos@marsh-friends.org) or visit [marsh-friends.org](http://marsh-friends.org).

## Scoop Reporters Wanted

Celebrate NJ! is challenging fourth graders to write an article for the *New Jersey Scoop* online newspaper. Students are asked to research and write an article about New Jersey arts, business, people, science, sports, or travel. Winning articles are selected by a panel of volunteer judges for publication and honor at regional awards events in the spring.

A program guide, which provides instructions for teachers and students, resources and links for web research, a list of activities and day trips (for parents), and community events, along with a timeline for submission, judging and article selection is available at [celebratenj.org](http://celebratenj.org). The program guide is also available in Spanish.

Team projects or a class project may work better if there is not enough time or resources for teachers to manage a writing program. These may be submitted instead or in addition to the articles. There is, however, a maximum of six articles per class.

Fourth grade teachers are requested to register online at [celebratenj.org](http://celebratenj.org). Registration ends on December 30. Students' article submission runs from January 9 to March 2. The Awards Ceremony details will be emailed to teachers in the spring.

The *New Jersey Scoop* online newspaper is published near the end of May and can be downloaded at [njscoop.com](http://njscoop.com).

More information is available by calling (732) 333-0462, emailing [khatcher@celebratenj.org](mailto:khatcher@celebratenj.org) or visiting [CelebrateNJ.org](http://CelebrateNJ.org).



# Calendar 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 events listing, visit [nj.gov/counties/mercer/commissions/cultural/calendar.html](http://nj.gov/counties/mercer/commissions/cultural/calendar.html). Deadline for spring issue, which covers March, April and May is January 12, 2012.

## Art Happenings

**Rory Mahon sculptor**, thru Dec, Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street. 924-8777; [artscouncilofprinceton.org](http://artscouncilofprinceton.org). (wv)

**Winter Show**, Dec 2-Feb 24, Straube Center, One Straube Center Blvd, Pennington. 737-3322; [straubecenter.com](http://straubecenter.com).

**Off the Wall: Affordable Art Exhibit**, Dec 3-18; **Artisan Market**, Dec. 3, West Windsor Arts Center Gallery, 952 Alexander Road, Princeton Junction. 716-1931; [westwindsorartscenter.org](http://westwindsorartscenter.org). (wv)

**Janine Antoni, performance artist**, Dec 6, 7:30pm, Dance Studio, Lewis Center for the Arts, 185 Nassau Street, Princeton. 258-1500; [princeton.edu/arts](http://princeton.edu/arts).

**Members' Show**, Dec 9-Jan 1, Artists' Gallery, 18 Bridge Street, Lambertville. 397-4588; [lambertvillearts.com](http://lambertvillearts.com).

**Artists Network reception**, Dec 10, 4-7pm, Lawrenceville Main Street, 2683 Main Street. 512-1359; [lmsartistsnetwork.com](http://lmsartistsnetwork.com).

**Contemporary Chinese-American Art**, thru Dec 11, College of New Jersey Art Gallery, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing. 771-2198; [tcnjart-gallery.pages.tcnj.edu](http://tcnjart-gallery.pages.tcnj.edu). (wv)

**Princeton Photography Club Meeting & Lectures**, Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8, 7pm, Johnson Education Center, D&R Greenway Land Trust, 1 Preservation Place, Princeton, 732-422-3676; [princetonphotoclub.org](http://princetonphotoclub.org).

**George Nick paintings**, thru Dec 11, Rider University Art Gallery, Bart Luedeke Center, 2083 Lawrenceville Road. Tue-Thu, 11am-7pm; Sun, 12-4pm. 895-5588; [rider.edu/artgallery](http://rider.edu/artgallery).

**Photos: Larry Parson-African Children, John Blackford-High Water**, thru Dec 18, Gallery 14, 14 Mercer Street, Hopewell. Reception Dec 2, meet photographers, Dec 4, 1pm. 333-8511; [photogallery14.com](http://photogallery14.com).

**Tasha O'Neill, photos, Karen Stolper, paintings**, thru Jan 6, Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. 924-8777; [artscouncilofprinceton.org](http://artscouncilofprinceton.org). (wv)

**Lecture: Guercino The Collector w/Dr. Veronica White, Columbia University**, Jan 8, 5pm, Dorothea's House, 12 John Street, Princeton. [dorotheashouse.org](http://dorotheashouse.org).

**Linda Bradshaw**, thru Jan 12, University Medical Center @ Princeton, 253 Witherspoon Street. 497-4069;

[princetonhcs.org](http://princetonhcs.org). (wv)  
**Lynette Lombard paintings**, Jan 23-Feb 26, Rider University Art Gallery, Bart Luedeke Center, 2083 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville. Reception Jan 23, 5pm. 895-5588; [rider.edu/artgallery](http://rider.edu/artgallery). (wv)

## Anne Reid Gallery

**Lily Stockman's New Jersey barn paintings**, Jan 9-Feb 2.  
**Debbie Reichard installation & ceramics**, Feb 13-Mar 8.

*Anne Reid Gallery, Princeton Day School, Great Road. 924-6700; [pds.org](http://pds.org). (wv)*

## Chapin School

**Susan Roseman, prints & James Feehan, paintings**, thru Dec 9.  
**Charles David Viera, paintings**, Jan 3-27. Reception Jan 11, 5-7pm.  
**Jeff Epstein, paintings**, Jan 30-Mar 2. Reception Feb 1, 5-7pm.  
*Chapin School, 4101 Princeton Pike, Princeton. 924-7206; [chapin-school.org](http://chapin-school.org).*

## Grounds For Sculpture

**Tots on Tour**, Dec 3, 17, 11 am & 1pm. Ages 3-5. Register.  
**Knitting Intro Demo w/Laura Cramer**, Dec 11, 1-3pm.  
**Paper Cutting Demo w/Hou-Tien Cheng**, Dec 18, 1-3pm.  
**White Hot: Expressions in Iron**, thru Apr 8.  
**Creating Steel Roots**, thru April 8.  
**Contemporary Sculpture Awards**, thru Apr 22.  
**Michael Dunbar, large-scale sculptures**, thru Apr 22.

*Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. 586-0616; [groundsforsculpture.org](http://groundsforsculpture.org). (wv)*

## New Jersey State Museum

**Sampling Life: Preserving Fluids & Natural History Collections**, thru Dec 31.  
**Essential Life: Tricia Zimic paintings & sculpture**, thru Feb 19.  
**American Perspectives: The Fine Art Collection**, extended view.  
**Pretty Big Things: Stories of New Jersey History**, extended view.  
**Cultures in Competition: Indians & Europeans in Colonial NJ**, extended view.  
**Works Progress Administration & Archaeology in NJ**, extended view  
**Natural History Highlights**, extended view.  
**Science History Art: Explore Your State Museum**, extended view.

**Trenton: Crucial Crossroads**, Museum Auditorium – Alcove Gallery.  
**Civil War Flag Collection of NJ**, Dept of State Gallery, 225 West State Street. Mon-Fri, 9am-4:30pm.  
*New Jersey State Museum, 205 West State Street, Trenton. Tue-Sat 9am-4:45pm, Sun 12-5pm. 292-6464; [newjerseystatemuseum.org](http://newjerseystatemuseum.org). (wv)*

## Silva Gallery

**Spheres and Foundations**, thru Dec 15. Reception Dec 8, 4:30pm.  
**Mothers, Mel Leipzig**, Jan 6-Feb 2.  
**Senior Student Exhibit**, Feb 10-Mar 7. Reception Feb 10.  
*Silva Gallery of Art, The Pennington School, 112 West Delaware Avenue. 737-1838; [pennington.org/arts](http://pennington.org/arts).*

## Princeton University

**Art Museum Highlights Tour**, Sat-Sun, 2pm.  
**Memory and the Work of Art: 9/11**, thru Dec.  
**Medieval English Alabaster Sculpture from Victoria and Albert Museum**, Dec 3-Feb 12.  
**John Singer Sargent's An Interior in Venice & Elizabeth Allen Marquand**, thru Dec 11.  
**Mark Rothko: Magenta, Black, Green on Orange**, thru Jan 8.  
**Eighteenth-Century Japanese Painting**, thru Jan 22.  
**Lee Friedlander: Cars and The New Cars**, thru Feb 5.  
**Pattern/Picture**, thru Feb 5.

*Princeton University Art Museum, McCormick Hall, campus. 258-3788; [artmuseum.princeton.edu](http://artmuseum.princeton.edu). (wv)*

**Firestone Library George Segal: Sculptor as Photographer**, thru Dec.  
**Sin and the City: William Hogarth's London**, thru Jan 29.

*Princeton University, Firestone Library, One Washington Road. 258-1470; [library.princeton.edu](http://library.princeton.edu). (wv)*

## Benefits

**A Cappella Jam & Toy Drive**, Dec 9, 6:30pm, Palmer Square, Nassau Street, Princeton. Toy donations benefit YWCA Princeton's St. Nicholas Project. 921-2853; [palmersquare.com](http://palmersquare.com).  
**Tree of Light**, Dec 9, 7pm, Lewis School, 53 Bayard Lane, Princeton. Benefits scholarship fund. \$35. Register. 924-8120; [lewisschool.org](http://lewisschool.org).  
**Communities of Light**, Dec 12, 5:30pm, 2207 Lawrence Road, Lawrence. Luminaries benefit Womanspace. \$10. 394-0136; [womanspace.org](http://womanspace.org).

**Santa's Arrival**, Dec 24, 11am, Princeton Airport, Route 206. Bring wrapped gift w/child's name—Santa will distribute & unwrapped gift for Mercer County Board of Social Services. 921-3100; [princetonairport.com](http://princetonairport.com).  
**Oyster Bowl**, Feb 5, 11am-2pm, Blue Point Grill, 258 Nassau Street, Princeton. Benefits Susan G. Komen for the Cure. \$45. Register 921-1211; [oysterbowlnj.com](http://oysterbowlnj.com).  
**Eden Dreams Gala**, Jan 21, 6:30pm, Hyatt Regency Princeton, 102 Carnegie Center, West Windsor. Benefits Eden Institute Foundation, 987-0099; [edenservices.org](http://edenservices.org). (wv)  
**Midnight in the Garden Gala**, Feb 4, 7pm-12am, Art Museum, Princeton University campus. Benefits education, Academic Programs. 258-3788; [artmuseum.princeton.edu](http://artmuseum.princeton.edu). (wv)

## Dance

**Flamenco**, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed, Malaga, 511 Lalor Street, Hamilton. \$12. 396-8878; [malagarestaurant.com](http://malagarestaurant.com).  
**Nutcracker Suite**, Dec 3, 7pm; Dec 4, 1pm, Grover Middle School, 10 Southfield Rd, West Windsor. WW Plainsboro Dance Company. \$9. 799 9677; [thedancecorner.org](http://thedancecorner.org).  
**Nutcracker**, Dec 10, 1pm & 4:30pm, American Repertory Ballet, Patriots Theater, War Memorial, Memorial Drive, Trenton. \$26-\$41. 984-8400; [thewarriorballet.com](http://thewarriorballet.com); [arballet.org](http://arballet.org).  
**Snow Queen**, Dec, 17, 7pm; Dec, 18, 2pm, Kendall Theatre, College of New Jersey, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing. DanceVision. \$15-\$25. 520-1020; [dancevisionNJ.org](http://dancevisionNJ.org). (wv)  
**El Sueno: Alborada Spanish Dance**, Dec 20, 7:30pm, Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. \$12-\$16. 570-3333; [kelseytheatre.net](http://kelseytheatre.net). (wv)

**On Pointe: Music of Romeo and Juliet**, Jan 20, 5:15pm, Princeton Studio, Princeton Ballet School, 301 North Harrison Street. 921-7758; [americanrepertoryballet.org](http://americanrepertoryballet.org).  
**On Pointe: Don Quixote**, Feb 24, 5:15pm, Princeton Ballet School Studio, 301 North Harrison Street. 921-7758; [americanrepertoryballet.org](http://americanrepertoryballet.org).

## McCarter Theatre

**Dance Festival**, Jan 17-18, 8pm; Jan 18, 2pm, Princeton University Program in Theater and Dance.  
**Noche Flamenca**, Jan 28, 7:30pm.

**Tosca**, Feb 3, 7:30pm. \$15-\$109.  
**Russian Ballet: Romeo & Juliet**, Feb 4, 7:30pm.  
**La La La Human Steps**, Feb 14, 8pm.  
*McCarter Theatre, 91 University Place, Princeton, 258-2787; mc-carter.org. (wv)*

## Dancing

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

**Princeton Country Dancers, Contra**, Wed, 8-10:30pm; 4<sup>th</sup> Sat, 8-11pm; **English Country**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, 8-11pm; Suzanne Patterson Center, 45 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$8-\$10. 924-6763; princetoncountry-dancers.org.

**Folk Dancing**, Fri 8pm, Suzanne Patterson Center, 1 Monument Square, Princeton. \$5. 921-9340; 912-1272; princetonfolkdance.org.

**Folk Dancing**, Tue 7-9pm, Riverside School, 58 Riverside Drive, Princeton. \$3. 921-9340; princetonfolkdance.org.

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

**Jersey Jumpers**, 3rd Fri, 7pm, Central Jersey Dance Society, Unitarian Church, 50 Cherry Hill Road, Princeton. \$12-\$15. 945-1883; centraljerseydance.org.

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

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

## Film

**Films for Teens to Seniors**, Mercer County Library branches. mcl.org.

**La Vie Est Belle, Congo**, 1991, Dec 6, 7:30pm, Center for African American Studies, Princeton University, McCormick Hall 106. Discussion w/Wendy Laura Belcher. 258-5000; princeton.edu.

**Chocolat**, 1988 Dec 13, 7:30pm, Center for African American Studies, Princeton University, McCormick Hall 106. Discussion w/Wendy Laura Belcher. 258-5000; princeton.edu.

**L'imbroglia del lenzuolo** (The Trick in the Sheet), 2010, Jan 22, 3pm, Directed by Alfonso Arau, Dorothea's House, 12 John Street, Princeton. dorotheashouse.org.

**Figli delle stelle** (Unlikely Revolutionaries), 2010, Feb 26, 3pm, Directed by Lucio Pellegrini, Dorothea's House, 12 John Street, Princeton. dorotheashouse.org.

**Oscar Shorts**, Feb 24-25, Trenton Film Society. 331-9599; trentonfilm-festival.org.

## History Activities

**Meet me at the Farmstead**, Dec 3 & 21, 10am, Historical Society of Princeton, Updike Farmstead, 354 Quaker Road. \$5-\$10. 921-6748; princetonhistory.org.

**Mill Hill House Tour**, Dec 3, 12-5pm, ArtWorks, 19 Everetts Alley, Trenton. \$15-\$20. 815-1359; trentonmillhill.org.

**Holiday open house**, Dec 4,7,11,14, 11am-2pm; Drumthwacket, 354 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$5. Register 683-0057; drumthwacket.org.

**Candlelight House Tour & Boutique**, Dec 11, 2pm, Ely House, 164 Main Street, Hightstown. \$5-&15. 448-8388; hewhs.org.

**Candlelight House Tour**, Dec 11, 11am-4pm, Rockingham, 84 Laurel Avenue, Kingston. Register 683-7132; rockingham.net.

**Mercer County Library 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration**, Dec 14, 10am, Lawrence Headquarters, 2751 Brunswick Avenue. 989-6920; mcl.org. (wv)

**Delaware Valley Radio Association meeting**, Dec 14, 7:30pm, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 137 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton. 585-2001; w2zq.com.

**Christmas Night Crossing lecture w/Mark Sirak**, Dec 17, 2pm, Visitors Center; **235<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Christmas Day Crossing Reenactment**, Dec 25, 1pm, Washington Crossing State Park, Route 546, Titusville. 737-9303; state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks.

**Lantern Walking Tours**, Dec 23, 6:30 & 7pm, Nelson House, Washington Crossing State Park, Route 546, Titusville. Register 737-2515; state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks.

**Patriots Week**, Dec 26-31, downtown Trenton. 877-PAT-WEEK; patriotsweek.com.

**Hogmanay Bonfire**, Dec 31, 6pm, Brearley House, Meadow Lane, Lawrenceville. 895-1728; thelhs.org.

**Festival of Trees**, thru Jan 8, Morven, 55 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$5-\$6. Register. 924-8144; morven.org.

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

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

**Kuser Farm Mansion**, Sat-Sun, 11am-2:30pm, 390 Newkirk Avenue, Hamilton. 890-3630; hamiltonnj.com.

**National Guard Militia Museum, Civil War Sesquicentennial Exhibit** Tue & Fri, 9am-3pm, Lawrenceville Armory, 151 Eggert Crossing Road. 530-6802; state.nj.us/military/museum.

**State House Tours**, Mon-Fri, 10am-3pm; 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat, 12-3pm, 125 West State Street, Trenton. 633-2709;

njleg.state.nj.us. (wv)

**Schenck House**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun, 1-4pm, West Windsor Historical Society, 50 Southfield Road. 799-1278.

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

## Holiday/Heritage

**Holiday Walk**, Dec 2, 6pm, Main Street, Pennington. **Pennington Dance** performs, Presbyterian Church, 13 South Main Street, 6:45pm. 737-7765; penningtonboro.org.

**St. Nicholas Bazaar**, Dec. 2, 7-10pm; Dec 3, 10am-2pm, Trinity Church, 33 Mercer Street, Princeton. 924-2277; trinityprinceton.org.

**Holiday Craft Show**, Dec. 3, 9:30 am, West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South, 346 Clarksville Road, West Windsor. Benefits PTSA. \$1. 716-5000, ext. 5050.

**Holiday Festivities w/Santa & Snowy**, Dec 3, 12:30 pm-3 pm, Princeton Shopping Center, 301 North Harrison Street. 921-6234; princetonshoppingcenter.com. (wv)

**Holidays in the Village**, Dec 4, 3-5pm, Weeden Park, Main Street, Lawrenceville. 219-9300; lawrencevillemainstreet.com.

**Cultural Program**, Dec 3, 3-6pm, Princeton India Foundation, Robbinville High School, 155 Robbinville, Edinburg. Road. 799-5675; ifmpnj.org. (wv)

**Holiday Brunch/Concert**, Dec 4, 11am-2pm, Cranbury Inn, 21 South Main Street. \$58. 655-6695; PrincetonGardenStatesmen.com.

**Christmas Open House**, Dec 10-11, 11am-3pm, Windsor Farms, 1202 Windsor Road. 443-9379; windsorfarmandmarket.com.

**Chanukah Celebration**, Dec 20, 5-6pm; **Holiday Entertainment**, thru Dec 18, Sat-Sun 12-3pm, Palmer Square, Nassau Street, Princeton. 800-644-3489; palmersquare.com.

**New Year's Eve Party w/Windjammers**, Dec 31, 6pm-1:30am, German-American Club, 125 Uncle Pete's Road, Yardville. Dinner 7pm. \$50-\$55. Register by Dec 16. 490-0943; gakclub.org.

**MLK Literary & Video Contest Awards Ceremony**, Jan 16, 1pm, Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton University campus. Keynote speaker: Van Jones. 258-3601;princeton.edu/mlk/schedule.

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

## Grounds for Sculpture

**Westminster Bell Choir**, Dec 2, 7pm. \$10-\$13.

**Toad Hall Shop & Gallery Artisan Boutique**, Dec 3 & 4, 10 & 11, 17 & 18, 12-5pm.

**Holiday Wreath Decorating Workshop**, Dec 3, 1-3pm. \$40-\$45.

**Holiday Origami Demo w/April Zay**, Dec 4, 1-3pm.

**Opera NJ: HolidayFare**, Dec 9, 7pm.  
**Holiday Gift Boxes & Cards Workshop w/April Zay**, Dec 10, 1-4pm.  
**Alex & The Kaleidoscope Band**, Dec 10, 2pm.

**Holiday Tea Party @ Peacock Café**, Dec 11, 4-6pm. \$34. Register 890-6015.

**Holiday Candle-Making Workshops for Kids**, Dec 17, 12 & 1pm. \$5.

**Pushcart Players: A Season of Miracles**, Dec 17, 2:30pm.

*Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. 586-0616; groundsforsculpture.org. (wv)*

## Princeton Univ. Chapel

**Afternoon Concerts**, Dec 1, 8, Feb 9, 16, 23, 12:30-1pm.

**Bach: Advent Vespers w/Chapel Choir**, Dec 4, 2:30pm.

**Messiah Sing**, Dec 12, 7:30pm. \$5.  
**Lessons & Carols w/Chapel Choir**, Dec 14, 7:30pm.

**American Boychoir**, Dec 17, 7:30pm.  
**Officium Pastorum—The Shepherds, 13th Century Christmas**, Dec 18, 3pm, \$10. Guild for Early Music. guildforearlymusic.org.

**Strings and Pipes**, Feb 24, 8pm.

*Princeton University Chapel, off Washington Road, campus. 258-3654; princetonchapelchoir.com.*

## Literary Events

**Tiger Tales**, Dec 2, 9, 16, 11 am-12pm, Cotsen Children's Library, Firestone Library, Princeton University campus. Ages 3 to 5. 258-2697; princeton.edu. (wv)

**Tom Brokaw Talk & Book Signing**, Dec 6, 4:30pm, Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton University campus. 258-5000; princeton.edu/richaud. (wv)

**Toy & Book Drive**, Dec 16, 6pm, Trenton Marriott, 1 West Lafayette Street. Benefits Children's Futures. \$20 or \$10 w/toy or book. childrensfutures.org.

**Writing Workshop**, Dec 3, 10am-3pm, Camillo's Cafe, Princeton Shopping Center, 301 North Harrison Street. \$85. Register lauren@laurenb-davis.com; laurenb-davis.com

**Visiting Writers Series: Joe Wenderoth**, Dec 6, 4:30pm, College of New Jersey Library Auditorium, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing. 771-2585; tcnj.edu. (wv)

**Delaware Valley Poets Workshop**, Dec 6, 7:30pm, Lawrence Public Library, Darrah Lane. Bring 10 copies of your poem. 882-9246; delawarevalleypoets.com. (wv)

**Delaware Valley Poets Read**, Dec 12, 7:30pm, Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. 924-9529; princetonlibrary.org. (wv)

## Fund for Irish Studies

**Irish Modernism w/Maud Ellmann**,

University of Chicago, Dec 2.  
**Why Study Irish Folklore w/Bo Almqvist**, Dublin, Dec 9.  
**Broken Down by Age, Sex and Religion w/Catriona Crowe, National Archives of Ireland**, Feb 17.  
**Life in Translation: My German-Irish Childhood** Hugo Hamilton, **The Speckled People**, Feb 24.

*Lewis Center for the Arts, 185 Nassau Street, Princeton. 4:30pm. 258-1500; princeton.edu/arts.*

## Musical Performances

**VoicesChorale Family Concert**, Dec 3, 10am & 11:30am, Music Together, 225 Pennington-Hopewell Road, Hopewell. \$8-\$10. 637-9383; voiceschorale.org. (wv)

**NJ Gay Men's Chorus: A Holiday Shuffle, You Pick 'Em, We Sing 'Em**, Dec 11, 4pm, Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 50 Cherry Hill Road, Princeton. \$15-\$25. (732) 579-8449; njgmc.org.

**MCCC Choral Concert**, Dec 13, 7:30pm, Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. 570-3735, mccc.edu. (wv)

**MCCC Jazz Band Concert**, Dec 13, 8pm, Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. 570-3735, mccc.edu.

**VoicesChorale: Once in Royal David's City**, Dec 17, 4:30pm & 8pm, Trinity Church, 33 Mercer Street, Princeton. \$10-\$25. 637-9383; voiceschorale.org. (wv)

**Greater Trenton Symphony Orchestra New Year's Eve Concert**, Dec 31, 8pm, Patriots Theater, War Memorial, Trenton. \$25-\$65. 396-5522; trentonsymphony.org. (wv)

**Central Jersey Choral Society: Haydn & Bruckner**, Jan 21, 2:30pm, Grace St Paul's Church, 3715 E State Street Ext, Mercerville; Jan 28, 2:30pm, St Paul's Church, 79 One Mile Road Extension, East Windsor. \$15-\$20. 759-1936; cjchoralsociety.org.

## Concerts at the Crossing

**Hoots & Hellmouth & Madison Viollet**, Dec 3, 7:30pm.

**Mary Gauthier & John Fullbright**, Jan 12, 7:30pm.

**Southside Johnny & Pool Fool Acoustic Jam**, Feb 18, 7:30pm.

*Concerts at the Crossing, UU Church at Washington Crossing, 268 Rte 546, Titusville. \$5-\$20. concert-satthecrossing.com. (wv)*

## McCarter Theater

**Tallis Scholars**, Dec 12, 8pm. \$20-\$54.  
**Jake Shimabukuro**, ukulele, Dec 19, 8pm. \$15-\$45.

**Chucho Valdes**, piano, Jan 20, 7:30pm.  
**Mavis Staples**, jazz, blues, Jan 21, 7:30pm.

**Europa Galante chamber orchestra**, Jan 31, 8pm.

**Classic Albums Live: Pink Floyd Dark Side/Moon**, Feb 10, 7:30pm.

**Overtone Quartet: Dave Holland, Jason Moran, Chris Potter & Eric Harland**, Feb 15, 8pm.

**Vladimir Spivakov & Olga Kern**, Feb 16, 8pm.

**Richard Thompson**, Feb 17, 8pm.  
**Jane Monheit**, jazz, Feb 18, 7:30pm.  
**Soweto Gospel Choir**, Feb 18, 8pm.  
**Bruce Hornsby**, Feb 24, 8pm.

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

## Princeton Folk Music

**Nowell Sing We Clear**, Dec 16, 8pm.  
**Garnet Rogers**, Jan 20, 8pm.  
**Atwater-Donnelly**, Feb 17, 8pm.

*Princeton Folk Music, Christ Congregation Church, 50 Walnut Lane. \$5-\$20. 799-0944; princetonfolk.org.*

## Richardson Auditorium

**PU Glee Club: Readings & Carols**, Dec 2, 8pm.

**PU Jazz Ensemble**, Dec 3, 8pm.  
**PU Wind Ensemble**, Dec 4, 4pm.  
**Grieg, Satie, Brahms: PU Orchestra**, Dec 9-10, 8pm.

**Princeton Brass Band**, Dec 11, 2pm.  
**PU Sinfonia**, Dec 15, 8pm.  
**Princeton Symphony**, Dec 17, 4pm.  
**American Boychoir: Winter Wonderland**, Dec 18, 4pm.

**Ensemble ACJW**, Jan. 19, 8pm.  
**Westminster Choir**, Jan 30, 7:30pm.  
**Beethoven, Ysaye, Saint-Saens w/ Julia Fischer**, violin, **Milana Chernyavska**, piano, Feb 16, 8pm.

*Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton University campus. 258-5000; princeton.edu/richaud.*

## Westminster Choir College

**Bring in the Season**, Dec 2, 12:15pm, Rider Art Gallery.

**Opera Theater: Die Zauberflöte (The Magic Flute)**, Dec 2-3, 8pm, Performing Arts Center.

**RU Chorale & Choir Holiday Concert** Dec 3, 7:30pm, Gill Chapel.

**Concert Bell Choir**, Dec 3, 8pm; Dec 4, 3pm, Bristol Chapel.

**Princeton Brass Holiday Spectacular**, Dec 4, 2pm, Yvonne Theater.

**Kantorei: O magnum mysterium**, Dec 4, 8pm, Bristol Chapel.

**RU Band**, Dec 5, 7:30pm, Bart Luedeke Center.

**Evening of Readings & Carols**, Dec 9-10, 8pm, Princeton University Chapel.

**Festive Christmas**, Dec 16-17, 8pm, Bristol Chapel.

**Community Orchestra**, Jan 13, 8pm, Performing Arts Center.

**Mendelssohn to Muczynski: Chamber Music**, Jan 15, 3pm, Bristol Chapel.

**Conservatory: I Virtuosi del Seicento**, Jan 19, 12:15pm, Niles Chapel.

**Nancy Froyland Hoerl**, soprano, Jan 22, 3pm, Bristol Chapel.

**Eric Hung**, piano, Jan 29, 3pm, Bristol Chapel.

**Kaleidoscope: Viva Italia**, Feb 5, 2:30pm, Gill Memorial Chapel.

**Margaret Cusack**, soprano, Feb 5, 3pm, Bristol Chapel.

**Kantorei: Musikalische Exequien**, Feb 11, 8pm, Bristol Chapel.

**Symphonic Choir**, Feb 12, 3pm, Princeton Presbyterian Church, 545 Meadow Road.

**Conservatory: Trio Brillante**, Feb 16, 12:15pm, Niles Chapel.

**Jubilee Singers**, Feb 19, 4pm, Bristol Chapel.

**Mountain & Water in Song & Ink**, Feb 26, 3pm, Bristol Chapel.

*Rider University, Lawrenceville Campus: Art Gallery, Bart Luedeke Center, Gill Chapel, Yvonne Theater, 2083 Lawrenceville Road. Princeton Campus: Bristol Chapel, 101 Walnut Street. Niles Chapel, Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street, Princeton. Performing Arts Center, Princeton High, 151 Moore Street. 896-5000; 921-7100; rider.edu/wcc.*

## Steinway Society Musicales

**Rosanne Nahass**, Jan 22.  
**Igor Resnianski**, Feb 19.

*Steinway Society Musicales, Jacobs Music, 2540 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville. 3pm. \$10-\$18. 434 0222; steinwaysocietyprinceton.org.*

## The College of New Jersey

**Choirs**, Dec 4, 4pm, Mayo Hall.  
**Concert Band**, Dec 6, 8pm, Mayo Hall.  
**Orchestra**, Dec 9, 8pm, Mayo Hall.  
**Boheme Opera NJ: Hansel & Gretel**, Dec 11, 3pm, Kendall Hall. \$10-\$40.

*The College of New Jersey, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing. \$5-\$15. 771-2563; TCNJ.edu. (wv)*

## Theatre

**Day Glow BLU Tour**, Dec 1-2, 8pm, Sun National Bank Center, Hamilton Avenue & Route 129, Trenton. 800-298-4200; comcasttix.com. (wv)

**Putnam County Spelling Bee**, Dec 2-3, 7pm; Dec 4, 1pm, Off-Broadstreet Theater, 5 South Greenwood Avenue, Hopewell. \$30. 466-2766; off-broadstreet.com. (wv)

**Short Plays: Trenton Central High Theatre Troupe & Passage Theatre Company**, Dec 9-10, 7pm, Dec 11 3pm, Passage Theatre, Mill Hill Playhouse, Montgomery Street, Trenton. 392-0766; passagetheatre.org.

**A New Brain**, Dec 8, 7pm, Dec 9-11, 2pm & 8pm, Rider University, Luedeke Theater, Lawrenceville. \$9. 921-2663; rider.edu/arts. (wv)

**Steve Martin: Stand Up: My Rise & Collapse**, Dec 8, 8pm, McCosh 10, Princeton University campus. 258-3000; lectures.princeton.edu.

**Jeff Dunham: Controlled Chaos**, Dec 10, 8pm & 5pm, Sun National Bank Center, Hamilton Avenue & Route 129, Trenton. 800-298-4200; comcasttix.com. (wv)

**Far and In Between**, JW Actors Studio's, Dec 15, 8pm, Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street.

\$15. 924-8777; artscouncilofprinceton.org. (wv)

**Disney On Ice**, Jan 25-29, Sun National Bank Center, Hamilton Avenue & Route 129, Trenton. \$13-\$65. 800-298-4200; comcasttix.com. (wv)

**Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead by Tom Stoppard**, Feb 16-25, Thu-Sat 8pm, Princeton Shakespeare Company, Whitman College Theater, Princeton University campus. \$8. 258-8900; princeton.edu/psc.

**A Midsummer Night's Dream**, Feb 17-18, 8pm; Feb 18-19, 8pm, Rider University, Yvonne Theater, 2083 Lawrenceville Road. \$9. 921-2663; rider.edu/arts. (wv)

## Kelsey Theatre

**A Christmas Carol, The Radio Show**, Dec 2-4, Fri-Sat 8pm, Sat-Sun 2pm. \$10-\$16.

**Beautiful Thing**, Dec 9-11, Fri-Sat, 8pm; Sat-Sun, 2pm. \$16.

**Pirates of Penzance**, Jan 13-22, Fri-Sat 8pm; Sun 2pm. \$14-\$18.

**Kazoobie Kazoo Show**, Jan 21, 2pm & 4pm. \$10.

**Laughter on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor**, Jan 27-Feb 5 & Feb 3, Fri-Sat 8pm; Sun 2pm. \$10-\$16.

**Disney Camp Rock**, Feb 10-12, Fri 7:30pm; Sat-Sun 2pm & 4pm. \$10.

**Reock & Roll Revue: déjà vu**, Feb 17-19, Fri-Sat 8pm; Sun 2pm. \$20.

**Death of a Salesman**, Feb 24-Mar 4, Fri-Sat 8pm; Sun 2pm. \$10-\$16.

## Kelsey for Kids

**'Twas The Night Before Christmas**, Dec 9-11, Fri 7:30pm; Sat 11am; Sat-Sun 2pm & 4pm. \$10.

**Nutcracker**, Dec 16-18, Fri 7:30pm; Sat-Sun 1pm & 4pm. \$14.

**El Sueno**, Dec 20, 11:15 am & 7:30pm. \$12-\$16.

*Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. 570-3333; kelseyatmccc.org. (wv)*

## McCarter Theater

**Christmas Carol**, Dec 4-Dec 24. Tue-Fri 7:30pm; Sat 2pm & 7:30pm; Sun 1pm & 5:30pm; Dec 24, 12pm & 4pm. \$20-\$75.

**Gatz**, Dec 15-18, 2pm. \$150.

**The Convent**, Jan 13-Feb 12, Tue-Thu 7:30pm; Fri-Sat 8pm; Sat 3pm; Sun 2pm & 7:30pm.

**Masters of Illusion**, Feb 11, 7:30pm.

**Peking Acrobats**, Feb 26, 3pm.  
*McCarter Theater, 91 University Place, Princeton. 258-2787; mccarter.org. (wv)*

## Theatre Intime

**Pavilion by Craig Wright**, Dec 1-10.

**Freshman One-Act Plays**, Feb 9-11.

**Dead Man's Cell Phone by Sarah Ruhl**, Feb 23-Mar 3.

*Theatre Intime, Hamilton Murray Theater, Frist Center, Princeton University campus. Fri-Sun, 8pm. \$12. 258-5155; theatreintime.org.*

## Petty's Run Site Saved

Mercer County and the NJ Department of Environmental Protection have agreed to a joint, cost-shared project to preserve and restore the Petty's Run archeological site adjacent to the Statehouse in Trenton. The Petty's Run site is the only known Colonial-era steel furnace whose archaeological remains have been excavated.

Site work in preparation for adding a new wing to the Thomas Edison State College building on West State Street included an archeological dig, which unearthed the corner of a substantial stone building. With the help of deeds, the structure was determined to be from the Harrow/Yard metal plating mill. Built in the early 1730s, it was the first water-powered facility on Petty's Run.

During the Colonial era, Petty's Run was a fast-moving creek that flowed past the barracks eventually to the Delaware River. It marked the western edge of Trenton until the Revolutionary War.

From the 1730s, Petty's Run provided a steady source of power for a plating mill, a steel furnace, cotton and paper mills. By the 1860s the stream was so polluted from tanneries, industrial sites, and domestic waste disposal that it had to be covered over by brick vaulting. Today it flows underground beneath the city and is part of its storm-water drainage system.

The County-State agreement also provides for the creation of an interpretive area with six information panels along a walkway around the excavation. The Petty's Run site will become a living history park—a unique educational tourist attraction for visitors to Trenton's Old Barracks and other important historical and cultural sites in the area.

## Holocaust Remembrance & Literary Awards

January 27 marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. In 2005, the United Nations General Assembly designated this day as International Holocaust Remembrance Day (IHRD), an annual day of commemoration to honor the victims of the Nazi era.

U.N. member nations are encouraged to honor the memory of Holocaust victims and develop educational programs as part of an international resolve to help prevent future acts of genocide.

The NJ Commission on Holocaust Education is partnering with the Prakhin International Literary Foundation to conduct a Student Literary Award in New Jersey.

The Foundation established two annual literary awards, *The Truth is in the Sea* and *The Truth about the Holocaust and Stalinist Repression*, to support authors who engage in the global fight for democracy, peace, equality of all races and cultures.

Last year, a literary award was created for students who submit prose, poetry, drama, art or survivor's testimonies (including photo documents). The theme is *The Evils of Stalin* between 1924 and 1953, which includes Stalin's involvement during the Holocaust (1933-45).

An Awards Ceremony will be held on January 29 in the Museum of Jewish Heritage a Living Memorial to the Holocaust in New York City.

For more information about the Prakhin International Literary Foundation Student Literary Awards and an entry form, please call (877) 900-6960 or visit [state.nj.us/njded/holocaust](http://state.nj.us/njded/holocaust).

## Leap Year

Leap years occur every 4 years. Years evenly divisibly by 4 receive an extra day in February, made necessary because the actual length of a year is 365.242 days.

The exception to the leap year rule is every fourth century year. Since the year is slightly less than 365.25 days long, adding an extra day every 4 years results in about 3 extra days every 400 years. So only century years that are evenly divisible by 400 were leap years.

The Roman calendar was introduced in the 7th century B.C. Based on the lunar cycle, it frequently fell out of phase with the seasons. Also, days were often added to extend political terms or interfere with elections.

Julius Caesar was advised by Sosigenes, an Alexandrian astronomer, to follow the solar year like the Egyptians. Caesar added 67 days to 45 B.C., making 46 B.C. begin on January 1, rather than in March. He also decreed that every 4 years a day be added to February to keep his calendar from falling out of step. He renamed the month of Quintilis Julius (July) after himself. Later, the month of Sextilis was renamed Augustus (August) after his successor.

An 11-minute-a-year error in Caesar's calculation for the solar year added 7 days by the year 1000, and 10 days by the mid-15th century. In the 1570s Pope Gregory XIII commissioned Jesuit astronomer Christopher Clavius to come up with a new calendar. In 1582, the Gregorian calendar was implemented, omitting 10 days for that year and establishing the new rule that only 1 of every 4 centennial years should be a leap year. Thus making each new calendar year begin on January 1.

## *A Place in Time* Octagon House

The Octagon House in Hightstown on the Peddie School campus was built in 1857 by J.S. Ely for Calvin Bartholomew, a homeopathic physician who may have followed Orson Fowler's teachings.

Mr. Fowler was a proponent of various forms of self-culture, and one of the leading phrenologists of his time. Phrenology is the determining of a person's character and mental capacity by measuring the contours and bumps of the human head.

Mr Fowler championed the octagon-shaped building, an idea which spread across the nation and died out by the Civil War. In his 1848 book, *The Octagon House: A Home For All*, he argued the advantages of an eight-sided house over the standard four-sided variety. Windows on all sides offer more light and better air circulation which, in turn, lowers heating and

cooling expenses. An octagon also costs less to construct, requiring shorter spans of lumber than conventional buildings.

This Octagon House was later owned by Carrie Hutchinson of Etra, who covered the stucco exterior with weathered wood. She later died mysteriously in the house and was found on an upstairs window seat.

In the 1890s Hiram Deats purchased the house and presented it to Peddie. He was a 1891 graduate of the Peddie Institute and a Peddie trustee from the next year until his death in 1963.

Mr. Deats collected stamps from the age of 6 and amassed one of the finest and largest philatelic reference collections of the time. His library included auction catalogues and copies of virtually all philatelic publications, as well as coin literature. He was a founder of the Amer-



ican Philatelic Association and the National Numismatic Society. In 1952, most of his stamp collection went to the Free Library of Philadelphia.

A Candlelight House Tour of other historic Hightstown homes will be on December 11 from 3-6 pm. For more information and tickets, please call 448-8388 or visit [hewhs.org](http://hewhs.org).



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