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Photos by Gretchen Bulova, August 3, 2019

*OLLI Players Present Alex Bulova's Antony and Cleopatra:  
 In Space! at Mason's Harris Theatre, August 3*

## August 16, 2019

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### Alerts & Notices

- OLLI offices reopen on Monday, August 19 (after summer break); clubs will resume meeting on Saturday, August 17.
- Reminder: Computer Club (OLLI Personal Computer User Group) meets Saturday, August 17 (tomorrow!), at 1:00 in TA-1 (social activities at 12:30 in the annex).
- Registration period for fall term is from 9:00 August 20 through noon on August 29. Classes have been added to fall term, and there are also cancelled classes. Check the OLLI [website](#) for a list of changes.
- *Note:* Presentation on a Tour of World War II in Europe: Stories and photos of those who served, offered by Indiana author Kayleen Reusser, Friday, September 27. Focus on European sites and veterans' experiences and memories. Register for Special Event 967.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, August 30; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, August 27, at 6:00.

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### Extraterrestrial *Antony and Cleopatra* Performed by OLLI Players



*By Doris Bloch, Program Committee Co-chair*

It is unlikely that William Shakespeare ever encountered aliens, but in Mason's Harris Theatre on August 3-4, there they were. Mason was host to a premier performance of this unique approach to *Antony and Cleopatra*, written and directed by Alex Bulova and performed by the OLLI Players. In this play, *Antony and Cleopatra in Space*, Mark Antony, as a member of the powerful interplanetary Martian triumvirate, was a resident of Mars, while Cleopatra was queen of Venus. The performance was presented as a 1930s radio play, with the seven actors playing multiple roles and adding many appropriate-to-radio sound effects. The various planets and other space travel images were represented by backdrop projections and there was even a role for a robot. Interspersed among the five acts were radio commercials, several for Shakespearean memes, such as the Ophelia

brand lifejackets.

Bulova has written several original playscripts, and in the past the OLLI Players have collaborated with him to perform them. Currently he is one of the two company playwrights in residence at the Class Act Players Theater Company. The OLLI Players group consists of OLLI members who love theater, enjoy acting, and travel throughout the Northern Virginia area to bring theater to other groups. Harris Theatre was a perfect venue for this show!

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## Music, Music Everywhere



*By Marianne Metz, Art and Music Program Planning Group Co-chair*

As you register for fall classes, it's easy to overlook some of the gems being offered at OLLI. If you like music, check out the wonderful multi-session classes described near the front of the catalog. But don't stop there! The following classes, listed elsewhere, promise to be wonderful as well.

Special events:

- 959 Judy Garland: Beyond the Rainbow (September 24, Fairfax)
- 962 From Poetry to Song: Emily Dickinson (September 25, Fairfax)
- 966 Greek Folk Tunes in Classical Music (September 26, Loudoun)
- 970 Workshop on Afro-Indigenous Traditions and Culture (October 2, Fairfax)
- 974 Stories of a Hollywood Actress (October 4, Fairfax)
- 979 The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald (October 14, Fairfax)
- 988 Salvaged Songs: Tunes from Broadway Musical Flops (October 25, Fairfax)
- 1000 European Operetta at the End of the Silver Age: Oscar Straus and Noel Coward (November 13, Reston)
- 1009 Vox Clamantis (October 23 performance at Reston Community Center Hunters Woods)
- 1011 The Klezematics Present Woody Guthrie's Happy Joyous Hanukkah (December 1 performance at Reston Community Center Hunters Woods)

Multi-session courses:

- R417 *Hamilton* and History
- F420 *Rags* (the musical)
- R607 Breath of Heaven: The Music and Poetry of Amy Grant
- F906 The Pittsburgh Renaissance

- F901 Mason Faculty Club Series, Part 1, particularly the September 30 session on musical instruments' evolution through history

Enjoy!

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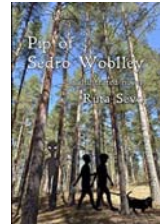
## Member Achievement A Newly Published Book



*By Ruta Sevo, OLLI Member*

My fourth novel, *Pip of Sedro Woolley*, has just been published. It is available as an ebook or paperback at Amazon.com; [click here](#).

It is in the genre of magical realism and metaphysical fiction, drawing on reported accounts of contact with unidentified flying objects and aliens. It features telepathy, past lives, contact with extraterrestrials, and a set of New Age beliefs called "the Pleiadian message." If you are following the events at Area 51, for example, this book is in that alley.



There is a video trailer with eerie music on YouTube at [this link](#).

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## Poet's Corner

*Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop*

### Loony and in Love

The mellow moon  
Shining in the dark night  
Like a solitary lantern  
Has been a marker  
Of both Love and Madness.

Lovers have looked up from  
Their love boats and seen  
The moon reflected in the lake

And were enthralled and in love.

For billions of years tides  
 Have danced to the moon's distant  
 But persistent pull  
 By silver ropes.

The earth wobbled less  
 With its ancient companion  
 Circling round and round.

The residents of the lunatic asylum  
 Wrongly blamed the moon  
 For their madness.

A half century ago  
 Men ended their longing  
 And landed on the moon  
 Dancing a little dance of joy.

The moon surface itself  
 Was less romantic  
 With face pocked from  
 Millions of asteroids.

Man saw for the first time  
 The whole earth  
 With its swirling white clouds  
 And blue waters.

As we reach to the skies  
 We are now citizens of the cosmos.

*Jack A. Underhill*

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## Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, August 16 through September 2



By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

For tickets for either Center for the Arts Concert Hall (CFA) or Hylton Center, call 1-888-945-2468, buy tickets online through the event calendar (see links below), or visit the venue's box office. For more information, see the [CFA ticket page](#) or the Hylton Center [ticket purchase page](#).

### At the Fairfax Campus Venues

No performances scheduled

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### Mason Student and Faculty Performances

(see [music.gmu.edu](http://music.gmu.edu) for additional student recitals)

#### Mason Jazz Welcome Back Party

Sun, Aug 25, 5:30

deLaski 3001

Admission: Free.

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### At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

#### Youth Center Stage: *Camp Rock*

Fri, Aug 16, 3:30 and 6:30

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$10 Adults; \$8 students/seniors.

#### Pied Piper Theatre: *West Side Story, School Edition*

Fri, Aug 16, 7:00

Sat, Aug 17, 2:00 and 7:00

Gregory Family Theater

Call 703-330-2787 for ticket prices and more information.

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For further details on any of the above events, see the [CFA event calendar](#) and the [Hylton Center event calendar](#).

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## Meetings & Clubs

The following list covering the next two weeks is extracted for your convenience from the master online calendar maintained by the office, with direct web links added when available. The list is accurate as of mid-week but for the most up-to-date information, please view the latest forecast of coming events on our website (News/[OLLI Calendar](#)).

*Note: All OLLI members are welcome at, and encouraged to attend, meetings of the Board of Directors, committees and resource groups, kick-off coffees, etc. (bolded below).*

Sat Aug 17	10:30am 1:00pm	Tai Chi Club–TA-3 Personal Computer User Group–TA-1
Mon Aug 19	9:30am 10:00am 10:00am	What's in the Daily News?–TA-1 Bridge Club–TA-3 Mah Jongg Club–TA-2
Wed Aug 21	1:00pm	Audiovisual Committee Meeting–TA-1
Thu Aug 22	9:30am	<b>Fairfax Grab 'n' Gab Coffee Klatsch–Annex</b>
Fri Aug 23	9:15am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 12:00noon	Recorder Consort–TA-3 Craft and Conversation Group–Annex Theater Lovers' Group–TA-1 Homer, etc.–Annex Photography Club–TA-3
Sat Aug 24	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
Mon Aug 26	9:30am 10:00am	What's in the Daily News?–TA-1 Bridge Club–TA-3
Thu Aug 29	10:00am	<b>Reston Program Planning Group–Reston Regional Library Room 2</b>
Fri Aug 30	9:15am 9:30am 11:00am	Recorder Consort–TA-3 Craft and Conversation Group–Annex Homer, etc.–Annex
Sat Aug 31	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3

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## About OLLI E-News

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**Deadline:** Tuesday, 6:00, for that week's issue (Monday, 6:00, for letters to the editor); early submissions are greatly appreciated. Please limit articles to about 250 words.

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