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Photos by Paul Van Hemel, September 30, 2019

Dr. Richard Demy, Low Brass Professor at Northern Virginia Community College, Demonstrates and Plays 19th-Century Instruments (Serpent, Ophicleide, and Euphonium) in Presentation at the Mason Faculty Club Series, September 30

October 11, 2019

Editor of the Week: Sheri Siesseger

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Alerts & Notices

- *Reminder:* OLLI Board of Directors meeting will be held Friday, October 18, 10:00, at United Christian Parish in Reston. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- *Reminder:* OLLI chili fall festival will be Friday, October 18, 12:30-2:00, at UCP in Reston, following the Board of Directors meeting. Register at [this link](#).
- The OLLI Thanksgiving Potluck will be held Friday, November 1 at 1:00 at Fairfax Lord of Life Church. Come celebrate our volunteers. See additional information and register for event 1106 at the member portal.
- A preview of winter term courses, including some tasty brunch treats, will take place at United Christian Parish in the coffee room Thursday, November 7 at 11:05. No registration required.
- There's still time to have your voice heard! The OLLI programming team is conducting another Idea Week Survey. Please complete the short survey to provide valuable input for the development of future OLLI classes and events. Here is the [link](#).
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, October 18; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, October 15, at 6:00.

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Outreach Committee Needs You



By Rosemary Lubinski, Outreach Committee Chair

The next meeting of the Outreach Committee is on Wednesday, October 23, from 1:30-2:30 in the Tallwood Annex. Please join us or let me know how you can help grow our wonderful program. Many sincere thanks to all who have been attending programs this fall and the Fairfax Fall Festival.

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Loudoun Non-Fiction Book Club Meeting



By **Barbara Wilan**, Loudoun Non-Fiction Book Club Coordinator

The next meeting of the Loudoun Non-Fiction Book Club will be Tuesday, October 22, at 2:15. We will be reading Stephen Hawking's *Brief Answers to the Big Questions*. We will discuss chapters 1-2 and 6-9, including the topics:

- Is there a God?
- How did it all begin?
- Is time travel possible?

Despite the title, the book is not daunting and is described by *The New York Times* as "lively and provocative." The *Times* goes on to cite Hawking's "good-natured humor" and "natural teacher's gifts."

Please join us for an equally "lively and provocative" discussion. There should be copies of the book at your local library.

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Theater Lovers' Group to Take Arm-Chair Tour of Theater in London



By **Norma Jean Reck**, Theater Lovers' Group Coordinator

Grab coffee and cookies and head to TA-1 on Friday, October 25, at 10:00 for the Theater Lovers' Group (TLG) meeting. OLLI's own Nancy Scheeler will transport us to London for a personal theater tour. Every OLLI member is invited.

Sunday, October 13: Ed Rader leads a group to see the 2:30 performance of G.B. Shaw's *Candida*, a comedy about love and marriage as only Shaw can portray it. *Candida* will be performed by an outstanding cast at The Undercroft Theatre, located in the Mount Vernon Place United Methodist Church, 900 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. (within walking distance of Metro at Mt. Vernon Square, Gallery Place, or Metro Center). Senior tickets are \$40 at www.stageguild.org. For details, email edward.rader@gmail.com.

Sunday, October 20: TLG members and guests will see the 2:00 matinee of *Trying* at 1st Stage in Tysons. This comic and touching play explores the author's real-life experience working for retired Judge Francis Biddle (F.D. Roosevelt's attorney general and chief judge at the Nuremberg trials) at his home in D.C. from 1967-1968. Optional post-show dinner (at a group rate) at Founding Farmers. For details, email njreck@cs.com.

At the TLG September 27 meeting, Mack Miller spoke with us about the Friends of Theater at Mason (FOTM), which gives \$2,500 scholarships to five deserving Mason theater students each year. FOTM members enjoy meeting the students and theater professors, attending staged readings (e.g. of Taylor Mac's *Hir*), play readings of upcoming shows (e.g. *Rags*, *Twelfth Night*), and serving up a Chili Chowdown for the cast and crew on a tech day. For more information, email cmmiller10847@gmail.com.

Lauren Green's Graphic Record seen here depicts OLLI's July 24 class on Fusion Dancing as presented by Marilyn York on jazz, Tish Cordova on ballet, and Stephanie Dorrycott on modern dance. Stop by TA-3 to view the complete exhibit that was created by Lea Edwards, OLLI member and Lauren's mother. You don't have to be a student of the class to be able to understand what it was about.



All OLLI members and guests are welcome to join TLG members on their theater adventures. To join TLG, go to OLLI's [web site](#) and add Theater Lovers' Group as you would a class.

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Computer Club Meets Saturday, October 19

3rd Saturday, October 19
 Latest Apple Devices and Eco System Update
 Experts Panel – Extended Q&A



By **Paul Howard**, OPCUG Program Chair

The Computer Club (OLLI Personal Computer User Group, or OPCUG) will meet with its partner, the Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society (PATACS), on Saturday, October 19, at Tallwood. Join us at 12:30 for socializing in the Annex. Program activities begin at 1:00 in TA-1.

Apple Products and Eco System Update, presented by Aaron Davis, Sr., systems

engineer (No Zoom Session is available for this portion of our meeting, and it will not be recorded for later viewing.)

Aaron Davis from Apple will join us at our October meeting for an update on the latest Apple product releases and operating system updates. Expect to hear about the new iPhone 11 models, a new entry-level iPad, Apple Watch Series 5, new services from Apple like AppleTV+ and Apple Arcade, and the new iOS 13 and iPadOS operating system releases.

Experts Panel – Extended Q&A The opening forty minutes of our meeting will offer the chance to ask those questions that have been bugging you about your computer or other digital device. Please send questions in advance of the meeting to: spkrquestions@patacs.org.

See full details on this meeting by [clicking here](#). For information on the Computer Club, see the [OPCUG website](#). OPCUG dues of \$5 for 2019 will be collected at this meeting.

Can't make the meeting in person? Dues-paid club members may attend via Zoom's cloud meeting service, beginning at 12:45. Send a message to webinarhosts@patacs.org if you plan to attend in this way. Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/519103813> (Meeting ID: 519 103 813).

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A Workshop Like No Other!



By Michelle Blandburg, Member of OLLI Players and Board of Directors

During the sunny afternoon of October 2, Tallwood was graced with the joyous music of LADAMA. This multi-national group, the first chosen for Mason's new Artist-in-Residence program, honored OLLI by conducting a workshop. Although seriously titled "Workshop on Afro-Indigenous Traditions and Culture," the class was a mini-festival of music, song, and movement. LADAMA is an award-winning all-female quartet whose members hail from South and North America: Lara Klaus (Brazil), Daniela Serna (Columbia), Maria Fernanda Gonzalez (Venezuela), and Sara Lucas (USA) (Photo by Dave Talaber). Their educational program utilizes the language, history, music, instruments, and dance of their homes. During their time at Mason, they have also conducted workshops at local schools to teach the variety and complexity of Afro-indigenous cultures



throughout peoples of the African Diaspora. Playing traditional instruments, the group led OLLI members to happily sing and dance (Photo by George Addison).

If you weren't lucky enough to attend this unique workshop, enjoy LADAMA at www.ladamaproject.org. Under the expert guidance of programming manager Adrienne Bryant Godwin, future participants in the Artist-in-Residence program will include the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Company (January 2020) and Maria Schneider (April 2020). Find more information at <https://cfa.gmu.edu/about/mason-artists-residence>. To view more photos from this workshop event, [click here](#).



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Stories of a Hollywood Actress



By Eleanor Pascale, OLLI Member

Our very own Thelma Weiner shared some interesting stories of her days as a Hollywood actress and performing in musical theater. Thelma appeared in the movies, *Murder at 1600* (a secretary), *First Monday in October* (senator's wife), *Avalon* (Aunt Mollie), an episode of *Homicide*, and countless television commercials. At the age of 16, Thelma was awarded a scholarship to study under a vocal instructor at the Julliard School in New York; she is a member of the Screen Actors Guild. (Event Photos by Eleanor Pascale; more

photos at [this link](#)



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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Patio Garden

Spirit eroded and faltering,
 I seek the soothing balm of color
 blooming in my patio garden.
 The pinks of the mandevilla's fluted blossoms
 with a dollop of yellow glowing at the center
 that radiates calm; apricot begonias
 preening in a ceramic pot.;
 dense orange puffs of marigold;

the vibrant shades of red, peach, lilac,
 hot pink and white of New Guinea impatiens;
 deep burgundy leaves of coleus with accents
 of the same yellow-green as sweet potato vines.

Peace reigns here; emphatic annuals
 co-exist with quiet, understated perennials.
 I am reminded of the oath we all swear
 to the same sustaining sun. It reassures me
 that the harmony I long for is no farther
 than outside my back door.

Sandy Myles

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, October 11 through October 21



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

Virginia Opera: *Tosca*

Sat, Oct 12, 8:00 and Sun, Oct 13, 2:00

Concert Hall

A pre-performance discussion begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on Monson Grand Tier.

Admission: \$110, \$70, \$40.

L.A. Theatre Works: *SEVEN*

Fri, Oct 18, 8:00

Concert Hall

A pre-performance discussion begins 45 minutes prior to the performance. Post-performance cocktails and conversations in the lobby with members of the cast.

Admission: \$44, \$37, \$26.

Cirque Mei

Sat, Oct 19, 2:00 and 8:00
Concert Hall
Admission: \$50, \$43, \$30.

Keyboard Conversations® with Jeffrey Siegel: *Mistresses and Masterpieces*

Sun, Oct 20, 7:00
Concert Hall
The Young Artists Musicale begins at 6:00 in the main lobby.
Admission: \$44, \$37, \$26.

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Mason Student and Faculty Performances

(see music.gmu.edu for additional student recitals)

Faculty Artist Showcase Recital

Sunday, Oct 13, 3:00
Harris Theatre
Admission: Free.

Simone Dinnerstein Piano Masterclass

Mon, Oct 14, 11:00
deLaski Performing Arts Building, A323
Admission: Free.

Mason Symphony Orchestra

Concert Hall
Wed, Oct 16, 8:00
Admission: \$12 Adults; \$8 seniors.

Fall Choral Concert

Sun, Oct 20, 3:00
Concert Hall
Admission: \$12 Adults; \$8 seniors.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibit: Lory Ivey Alexander

Continues through Oct 26
Buchanan Partners Art Gallery

The Buchanan Partners Art Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00-6:00.
Admission: Free.

Prince William Little Theatre: *Judgment at Nuremberg*

Fri, Oct 11 and Sat, Oct 12, 8:00
Sun, Oct 13, 2:00
Fri, Oct 18 and Sat, Oct 19, 8:00
Sun, Oct 20, 2:00
Gregory Family Theater
Admission: \$20 Adults; \$17 seniors.

Manassas Chorale: *Broadway's Best*

Sat, Oct 12, 7:30
Merchant Hall
Admission: \$20, \$18.

Manassas Ballet Theatre: *Jazz in Motion*

Fri, Oct 18, and Sat, Oct 19, 7:30
Sun, Oct 20, 3:00
Merchant Hall
Admission: \$70, \$60, \$50, \$40, \$30.

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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).*

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Mon Oct 14	2:00pm	Science, Technology, and Health Program Planning Group Meeting–TA-2
Wed Oct 16	1:00pm	Audiovisual Committee Meeting–TBD
	1:30pm	Mah Jongg Club–Annex
	1:45pm	Bridge Club–TA-3
	1:45pm	Spanish Club–TA-2
Thu Oct 17	2:15pm	Reston Book Club–Room 117 UCP
Fri Oct 18	9:15am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation Group–Annex
	10:00am	Board of Directors Meeting–Room 113 UCP
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club–TA-2
	11:00am	Homer, etc.–Annex
	11:30am	Cooking Club–Home of Toni Acton
	12:30pm	Chili Fall Festival–Room 113-115 UCP
Sat Oct 19	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
	1:00pm	Personal Computer User Group–TA-1
Tue Oct 22	2:15pm	Loudoun Non-Fiction Book Club–Room 209
Wed Oct 23	1:30pm	Outreach Committee Meeting–Annex
	1:45pm	Bridge Club–TA-3
	1:45pm	Spanish Club–TA-2
Fri Oct 25	9:15am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation Group–Annex
	10:00am	Theater Lovers' Group–TA-2
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club–TA-1
	11:00am	Homer, etc.–Annex
	12:00noon	Photography Club–TA-3
Sat Oct 26	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3

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