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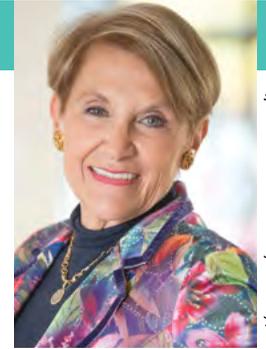
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from the CEO

George Washington on the Arts

by Janet Langsam, ArtsWestchester CEO



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George Washington by Gilbert Stuart
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It seems that ever since the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) was created, it has been under siege. Although it is a tiny agency, less than 0.006% of the \$3.54 Trillion federal budget, it has had enormous impact on the quality, abundance and diversity of the arts in America through its 140,000 grants, totaling more than \$5 Billion over its 50 years. While not a certainty, the NEA's small \$147.9 Million budget, may once again be at risk in our nation. Historically, the arts have been viewed as central to a civilized society. Indeed, the arts were confirmed by Congress to be "vital to the health and glory of the Republic" when the endowments were signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson in 1965.

Historian Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. put it this way: "If history tells us anything, it tells us that the United States, like all other nations, will be measured in the eyes of posterity; less by the size of its gross national product and the menace of its military arsenal than by its character and achievement as a civilization."

John Ruskin, an art historian in the Victorian era, believed in the power of art to transform the lives of people oppressed more by visual illiteracy than by poor material conditions. He wrote: "Great nations write their autobiographies in three manuscripts: the book of their deeds, the book of their words and the book of their art."

Today, it is the words of our first president George Washington that resonate with me the most, and hopefully with a majority of Americans. He said: "To encourage literature and the arts is a duty which every good citizen owes to his country." I think that says it all.



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news in brief

Ballet des Amériques named Resident Company of the Tarrytown Music Hall



(photo credit: Shamsher Dhanoa)

Ballet des Amériques (BDA) was named the resident dance company of Tarrytown Music Hall (TMH) following the company's first performance at the historic Music Hall in October. TMH Director along with BDA Director and Choreographer Carole Alexis, recently announced the permanent partnership following the Port Chester dance company's 5th anniversary celebration. BDA will present its unique choreographies on Westchester County's oldest stage beginning with its 2017 / 2018 season.

Westchester County Budget Provides Level Funding for Arts

To close out 2016, the Westchester County Board of Legislators looked onward toward to the coming year. As such, it passed a \$1.8 billion operation budget for 2017. The budget was

supported by all 10 members of the bipartisan coalition. In this budget, funding for the arts remained level. The cultural sector has a direct and lasting impact on Westchester's economy, creating \$156 million in annual spending and creating 4,800 jobs in the county, according to a 2012 study by Americans for the Arts. Supporting this sector maintains and increases this impact while bringing awareness and much-needed funds for local arts organizations.

Color Camera Club of Westchester: Call for Photography



Photograph by Jinghui Chen

The Color Camera Club of Westchester (CCCW) has announced its 44th International Photography Competition and Exhibition. Based in Valhalla, CCCW receives entries from around the world. The top 20% of these entries, scored by a panel of judges, receive ribbons, are included in an online catalog and are exhibited throughout the year. Entries are accepted online through March 4. For additional information, entry instructions and past winning images, visit: colorcameraclub.com.



Special Ticket Price: New Choral Society

New Choral Society is offering a special ticket price for the remaining two shows of its season. When using the discount code "ArtsW" at checkout, shoppers will save \$5 to either performance. The chorus will perform Gioachino Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle* on March 5 and will feature the music of Gabrieli, Rudolph, Rutter, Thompson and more during "Jubilation! Works for Chorus, Organ and Brass," on May 7. For more info on these performances, which take place at the Hitchcock Presbyterian Church in Scarsdale, visit: newchoralsociety.org.

For details about this Arts Deal, and to sign up for email alerts about new discounts to arts events throughout Westchester County, visit:

artsw.org/artsdeals

Renovation of Bedford Playhouse Begins



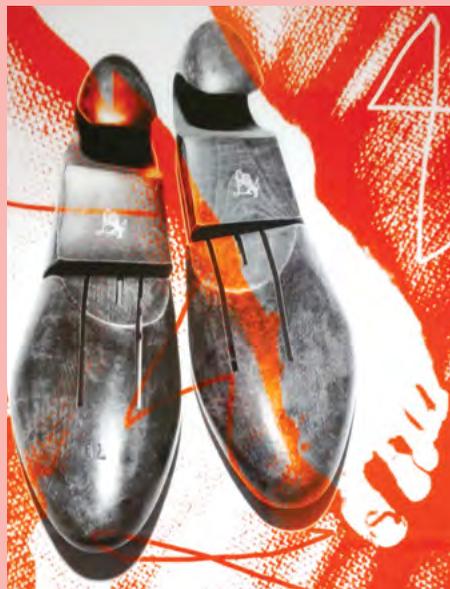
Bedford Playhouse

The Bedford Playhouse recently broke ground on its anticipated renovation after local residents raised over \$5 million in gifts and pledges to save it from being converted into retail space. The renovated space will have one larger, state-of-the-art theater and two intimate but modern theaters. The Playhouse will feature independent, classic and family-friendly films, as well as small musical and theatrical productions and speaking events. For info, visit: bedfordplayhouse.org.

ArtsW briefs

ArtsWestchester Partners With The Westchester

With the mission to promote the works of Westchester artists, ArtsWestchester recently partnered with The Westchester, a Simon Mall property. The artwork of artists Danielle Siegelbaum and Donna Miskend were installed at the recently renovated retail property in White Plains. The site-specific works, displayed in the fourth floor's new nursing room, as well as restroom corridors on the first and fourth floors, will enhance the mall's atmosphere and help to distinguish The Westchester as an energetic, contemporary, upscale shopping destination in Westchester County.



Feet by Danielle Siegelbaum

Brian Conway Presents Irish House Party in White Plains



Brian Conway (photo courtesy of the artist)

ArtsWestchester presents a celebration of traditional Irish arts and culture in its White Plains gallery on February 11. This bonafide Irish House Party will feature a live music performance by Brian Conway, an accomplished fiddler of the Sligo tradition. Conway remains faithful to the rich styles that were passed down to him by masters in their field, but incorporates a skill and enthusiasm that make his performance style distinctively his own. A brief student concert will kick off the evening before Conway,

along with special guests Mary Courtney and Brendan Dolan, performs tunes and songs from Irish culture. Guests will also be encouraged to participate during a traditional Ceili (kay-lee) dance. ArtsWestchester's gallery, set in its historic landmark building, is an intimate performance space for live music, dance performances and other events. For more info on Irish House Party, visit: artsw.org/irishhouseparty.

Modern Families Exhibition Receives Support from National Endowment for the Arts



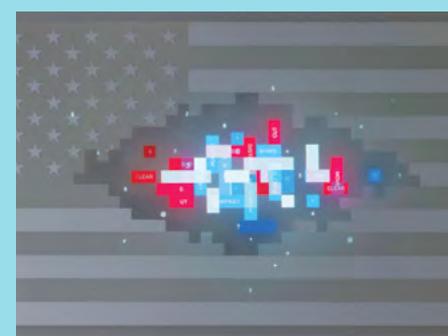
Photograph by Gillian Laub

ArtsWestchester was recently awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to organize and mount its fall exhibition, *Modern Families*. The exhibition is a visual exploration of who, and what, constitutes the American family today. Anchored by rare portraits by Harlem Renaissance photographer James Van Der Zee, it will also explore the conventional depiction of the "normal family." The exhibition will be on view in the fall of 2017.

Other Westchester NEA grantees include City of Yonkers, to support a public art project that commemorates the emancipation of 18th-century enslaved Africans from the region; Neuberger Museum of Art, for an exhibition about artist Romare Bearden; Joshua Bennett for a creative writing fellowship; Copland House, to support performances of American music performed by the Music from Copland House ensemble with related educational activities; Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, to support the residency component for its *Threads* exhibition; Jacob Burns Film Center, to support "The Power of Film: Community Engagement and Dialogue," a curated film series; and Clay Art Center, to support the creation and installation of public art through its *Healing Through Clay* arts therapy program.

New York State REDC Grant to Fund Suffragette Project

The arts in Westchester have received a boost from the Regional Economic Development Council, a set of economic development grants that will help to fund the projects of local cultural organizations. One of these grants was awarded to ArtsWestchester for an exhibition, *Suffrage Now!*, which will celebrate New York's historic role



Shift by Philippe Safire

in the path to the 19th Amendment. It will also reinforce the current relevance of the women's suffrage movement. Recognizing the arts as an important economic driver for the state, the grants also included other arts projects and organizations, including: City of Yonkers, for the Saw Mill River *Daylighting* project; Historic Hudson River Towns, for an educational and historical museum at Sing Sing prison in Ossining; and two grants to Historic Hudson Valley for the completion of its Philipsburg Manor restoration in Sleepy Hollow, and to promote its Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze at Van Cortlandt Manor.

event highlights

Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art Explores the Nature of Relationships



Who's Afraid of Aunt Jemimah by Faith Ringgold

Connections and relationships are constantly woven between varying aspects of our lives: a viewer's experiences help to inform how he or she feels about a work of art regardless of the artist's initial intention; an artwork may take on different meaning depending on what the curator decides to display in the same space; and a work may be interpreted differently based on today's society as opposed to the climate of the society in which it was made. Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art's new exhibition explores, through the cultural diversity of 25+ artists, the relationships "between" art and its participants – the artist, curator, viewer and the exhibition space – as well as broader interconnections "between" the personal, cultural, religious and national.

The artworks in *Between I & Thou*, innately prompt a dialogue about these similarities and differences among us, exploring "the between." For instance, Rune Olsen, originally from Norway, now lives in Hudson. His work draws on commonalities between the daily lives of global citizens, such as kitchen tools. Faith Ringgold's quilts speak to social injustice as well as her own personal memories from childhood. Also considered is the viewer's perspective, which is reflective of his or her own stories. This permitted the viewer to develop his or her own narrative regarding the work. The exhibition will remain on view through December 17. An opening reception will take place on February 4. An exhibition by the Center's winter artist-in-residence, Remy Jungerman, will open simultaneously. For more info, visit: hvcca.org.

Celebrating the Life of Amelia Earhart at Harrison Public Library

From February through July, Harrison Public Library (HPL) will present a series of programs that celebrate the 80th anniversary of American pilot Amelia Earhart's last flight. The former Harrison resident was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean, but disappeared mysteriously in 1937 while attempting to embark on a flight around the world. This month, HPL will screen the 2009 movie *Amelia*, which stars Hilary Swank and Richard Gere (2/23). The following day, author Paul Kicks will discuss what Earhart's life was like while living in Harrison in the 1930s (2/24). A variety of events follow through July, including a book discussion of *Code Name Verity* by Elizabeth Wein (3/6), a piano concert by Carolyn Enger that will focus on 1930s music (5/18), an air traffic controller presentation (7/24) and more. For more info, visit: harrisonpl.org.



Amelia Earhart (photo source: Creative Commons)

Neuberger Museum of Art Names Recipient of 2017 Exhibition Prize



Ports of Reflections by Leandro Erlich

Neuberger Museum of Art recently announced that Argentinian artist Leandro Erlich is the recipient of its 2017 Roy R. Neuberger Exhibition Prize, a biannual prize given to an artist for an early career survey. Erlich's monumental mixed-media *Port of*

Reflections installation will be on view, for the first time in the United States, at the Museum from February 5 through July 30. The installation, which fills an entire gallery, plays with the perspective of its viewers. Depicting a nighttime harbor, five colorfully painted rowboats appear to gently rock, a reflection cascading onto the water beneath them; however, there is no water in the room at all. The exhibition will also include a selection of models and videos tracing the artist's trajectory. Previous recipients of the prize were Tania Bruguera, Dana Schutz and Robin Rhode. For more info, visit: neuberger.org.

event highlights

Exhibition Pays Tribute to Civic Leader Larry Salley

ArtsWestchester and the African American Men of Westchester will present *The Photographer's Journey: A Tribute to Larry Salley*, a retrospective show that features photographic work of the late Lawrence Salley, an active member in numerous organizations and activities in local Westchester communities. The exhibition will be on view in ArtsWestchester's gallery in White Plains from February 23 through March 17. Photographs from Salley's travels will be featured in this show, as well as exotic landscapes, portraiture, floral abstractions and wildlife. As Salley was an avid lover of jazz music, a collection of jazz-related photographs will also be showcased. These photographs create a colorful documentation of local musicians and capture the energy and improvisational atmosphere of their performances.

A special opening reception fundraiser will take place on February 23 from 6-8pm. With the purchase of a reception ticket, attendees will be entered in a raffle to win one of Salley's photographs. Proceeds from all ticket, raffle and photograph sales will benefit a photography award being established in his name. For more info, visit: artsw.org/tributesalley.



Photograph from Havana Series by Lawrence Salley

Bullseye Projects Showcases Artists-in-Residence in New Exhibition

Through March 18, Bullseye Glass Resource Center will showcase the varied work of three recent artists-in-residence in its *In Residence: New York* exhibition. Visitors will discover the intricate glass work of artists Nisha Bansil, who bases her work on observations of the environment; mixed-media sculptures and drawings of Nancy Bowen, who incorporates an eclectic mix of abstraction and representation into her works; and encaustic paintings-turned-kiln-glass by Mitchell Visoky, who explores universal ideas of identity through layers of imagery, color and texture. Bullseye Projects, a gallery component of Bullseye Glass, presents and promotes the work of innovative artists from around the globe in a creative exploration of contemporary glass. Its artist-in-residence program consists of artists who approach kiln-glass for the first time, explore new avenues of the medium or pursue work that isn't possible in their own studios. For more info, visit: bullseyegallery.com.



The Steel Square Pocket Book 1 by Nancy Bowen

Twenty-Year-Old Pianist Takes Audience on Journey Through Time



Alice Burla (photo credit: Maria Diez)

The Sanctuary Series will feature 20-year-old pianist Alice Burla, one of the youngest students ever accepted to The Juilliard School, in a special performance on February 19. The internationally recognized musician calls Westchester home after previously

living in Toronto, Ukraine and Israel, and has performed at acclaimed venues like Carnegie Hall and Madrid's Auditorio Nacional. She has spent much of her time traveling around the world, but during this performance, her audiences will travel with her – through time. The "Time Traveler" concert will present an array of music, from Baroque to Impressionism, and will include works from Bach and Mozart to Debussy and Chopin. The performance will take place at the South Salem Presbyterian Church. For more info, visit: thesanctuaryseries.org.

event highlights

Local Westchester Groups Celebrate Black History Month



Bokandeye African Dance and Drum Troupe (photo courtesy of New Rochelle Public Library)

Throughout the month of February, several local groups will offer fun and diverse programs in celebration of Black History Month.

New Rochelle Public Library (NRPL), in collaboration with **New Rochelle Council on the Arts**, will present *Notable African Americans of New Rochelle*, an exhibition that celebrates the remarkable lives of 16 African Americans from New Rochelle (Feb. 1-26).

NRPL will also offer family reading workshops (Feb. 2 & Feb. 16); African dance workshops (through Feb. 25); and an interactive concert with renowned bassist Hilliard Greene, who will trace the role of spiritual and folk songs in the struggle for freedom from slavery (Feb. 26).

Hudson River Museum will honor Black History Month with a performance (Feb. 12) by expert storytellers, Vienna Carroll and Keith Johnson, who will recount the Comabahee River Raid, an armed expedition lead by Harriet Tubman during the Civil War.

Purchase College Conservatory of Music invites audiences to experience Soul Voices, a group of student singers from different backgrounds, majors and interests who come together to demonstrate that unity is possible through the universal gift of the human voice (Feb. 22).

For more info visit: nrpl.org, hrm.org and purchase.edu/music.

Axial Theatre Explores Love and Relationships

The journey to and from love can be hilarious, heartbreaking and everything in between.

Axial Theatre takes an offbeat look at this range of emotions with *Twisted Valentines*, a set of eight one-act plays that will

be presented over the span of two consecutive weekends in Pleasantville: February 10-12 and 17-19. "The goal was to examine love and related emotions in their many and varied guises," explained Axial's Associate Artistic Director Linda Giuliano. The nature of relationships varies in each plot, which are all written by

different playwrights: a runaway teen and a

woman on a quest meet at a bus depot in *Words*; three is a crowd on Joan and Paul's blind date in *Double Date*; a relationship rides the line between a break-up and a breakthrough during *In the Meantime*; and characters Claire and Will are forced to examine, on a park bench in the city lights of Paris, who they truly are in *Kissing Will*. For more info, visit: axialtheatre.org.



Artists Get to the *Heart of the Matter* at Mamaroneck Artists Guild



Joyful by Benice Horowitz

As Valentine's Day approaches, Mamaroneck Artists Guild invites more than 25 artists to reflect on what truly matters, and what touches their hearts, in *A Heart of the Matter*. Exhibiting artists created works in photography, painting, printmaking, mixed-media, fiber and sculpture to depict their

personal and diverse interpretations of what "heart of the matter" means to them. For instance, artist Dorothy Cancellieri represents the experience of love in her painting, which depicts a couple kissing in the moonlight; artist Alison Nicholls, who lived in Botswana and Zimbabwe, reflects on her heartfelt interest in Africa, wildlife and conversation; sculptor Grace Fraioli will display her clay lizard pots, which are inspired by colors and textures of the earth and sky that have made an impression in her heart; and artist Marion Schneider will share an abstract interpretation of the exhibition theme, featuring a heart literally at the center of her painting. The opening reception will take place on February 11. The exhibition will be on view through February 25. For more info, visit: mamaroneckartistsguild.org.

Arts Alive Grants Support 29 Local Arts Projects in Westchester County



White Plains Cherry Blossom Festival, organized by Arts Alive grantee Niji No Kai, Corp. (photo courtesy of Niji No Kai, Corp.)

A creative writing workshop for children aged 9-18; a three-day festival of West African art; a set of dance workshops for seniors; a series of folk, jazz and blues concerts – ArtsWestchester is helping to bring these cultural programs to life in Westchester County this year.

The organization is awarding 29 “Arts Alive” grants that support projects by local organizations and artists, helping to ensure availability of the arts to residents in all corners of Westchester County. These programs help to hone creative skills during all stages of life, provide entertainment for the whole family, and present cultural opportunities for artists, artistic organizations and residents alike throughout Westchester County.

The grant recipients represent artistic expression of cultures from around the world in an array of genres that include dance, writing, visual art, music, theatre and more. Each of the programs will incorporate community involvement and/or engagement as the basis of their intent, thereby enlivening the cultural landscape of our neighborhoods.

Arts Alive grants were awarded in three categories: **Arts Alive Project Grants**, which provide Westchester-based organizations and artists with financial and technical support for projects at the grassroots level; **Arts Alive Artist Grants**, which support works that relate to the community in a significant way; and **Arts Alive Education Grants**, which provide support for partnerships between individual artists or cultural organizations and Westchester public schools (grades K-12).

Here are just a few examples of some of this year’s Arts Alive recipients:

- **Artist Christine Aaron’s** *The Memory Project* will consist of mixed media sculptures that use community members’ memories for inspiration.
- **The Warner Library** will feature flamenco workshops with Rebecca Thomas as part of a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.
- **Enslaved Africans’ Rain Garden’s** *Breath of My Ancestors* is a collaboration on African heritage that will feature sculpture, photography and performance art by local artists.

2017 Arts Alive Grant Awardees

Arts Alive Project Grantees:

- Arts and Culture Committee, Town of Greenburgh (Greenburgh)
- Asbury Methodist Church of Crestwood (Crestwood)
- Black Marble Duo (Peekskill)
- Cross Cultural Connection (Peekskill)
- EMBARK Peekskill (Peekskill)
- Enslaved Africans’ Rain Garden (Yonkers)
- Greenburgh Public Library (Greenburgh)
- Groundwork Hudson Valley (Yonkers)
- Hamm & Clov Stage Company (Yonkers)
- Little Radical Theatrics, Inc. (Bronxville)
- Mount Vernon Public Library (Mount Vernon)
- Neighborhood House (Tarrytown)
- Niji No Kai, Corp. (Valhalla)
- Nowodvorski Foundation (Purdys)
- OCA -Westchester & Hudson Valley (White Plains)
- Ossining Documentaries & Discussion Series (Ossining)
- Ossining Public Library (Ossining)
- Peekskill Arts Alliance, Inc. (Peekskill)
- PJS Jazz Society, Inc. (Mount Vernon)
- Rebecca Thomas (f/a Warner Library)
- Saint Paul’s UMC (Ardsley, Hartsdale)
- Sidra Bell Dance (White Plains)
- Tribes Hill (Valhalla)
- Tutti Bravi Productions, Inc. (New Rochelle)
- Westchester Public/Private Partnership for Aging Services (Mount Vernon)

Arts Alive Education Grantee:

- Dene Ross (Riverside High School, Yonkers)

Arts Alive Artist Grantees:

- Christine Aaron (Larchmont)
- Evan Bishop (Yonkers)
- Edward Poneman (Tuckahoe)

Arts Alive grantees are chosen through a competitive process that includes a panel of community members and arts professionals. For more info, visit: artsw.org/artsalive.

This program is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts.



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ARTS CALENDAR

2/1 WEDNESDAY

Music: Downtown Music at Grace presents *Noonday Getaway Concert: Pianofest!*. A concert featuring the distinguished piano faculty of the Music Conservatory of Westchester. 12:10-1pm at Grace Episcopal Church. DTMusic.org

Reception: Mamaroneck Artists Guild presents *Opening Reception: Artists on the Rise 2017*. An exhibition of artwork by local high school students. 5-7pm. mamaroneckartistsguild.org

Theater: The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents *From Campfire to Cabaret*. Tony Award-winning actress Joanna Gleason leads students from Purchase College as they perform personal narratives. 8-10pm. artscenter.org

Film: Emelin Theatre presents *Winter 2017 Film Club*. Members will preview, and discuss with industry experts, new independent films from around the world. Also 2/8. 7:30-9pm. emelin.org

2/2 THURSDAY

Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents *National Theatre Live: Amadeus*. A highly fictionalized account of the lives of composers Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Antonio Salieri. Also 2/13 at 6:30pm. 2-5:30pm. burnsfilmcenter.org

Theater: The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents *Into The Woods*. The acclaimed Fiasco Theater performs the Tony Award-winning musical classic by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine. Also 2/3. 8-11pm. artscenter.org

2/3 FRIDAY

Theater: Arc Stages presents *Sylvia*. A middle-aged, upper-middle class married couple experiences their newly empty nest in very different ways. On weekends through 2/18. 8-10pm. arcstages.org



Russian String Orchestra: Around the World in 18 Stops, Smart Arts, 2/5 (photo source: kremlinontour.com)

Community: Westchester Legislative Delegation presents *A Budget Forum on the Governor's Proposed Executive Budget*. Community members, local elected officials and school district leaders are invited to voice their views on the state budget. 10:30am-2pm at the Greenburgh Public Library. 914-939-7028

2/4 SATURDAY

Music: Irvington Town Hall Theater presents *Joe Crookston: Imagine Nation*. The songwriter and painter presents a multimedia performance with acrolette yoga handstands, fiddle music and more. 6:30-10:30pm. irvingtontheater.com

Family & Kids: Pelham Art Center presents *A Chinese New Year Celebration*. Guests will commemorate the beginning of the Year of the Rooster with family-friendly activities, including a paper-craft workshop and a traditional Lion Dance performance. 2-4pm. pelhamartcenter.org

2/5 SUNDAY

Music: Smart Arts presents *Russian String Orchestra: Around the World in 18 Stops*. The ensemble is comprised by some of Russia's finest young string musicians. 3-5pm. sunywcc.edu/smartarts

Music: The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents *Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, with Vadim Gluzman*. The musicians will perform compositions from Mendelssohn, Hersch and Tchaikovsky. 3-6pm. artscenter.org

2/6 MONDAY

Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents *In the Shadow of the Hill*. In the lead-up to the 2014 World Cup and 2016 Olympics, the Brazilian government initiated a series of programs aimed at retaking areas controlled by drug traffickers. In November 2011, they seized Rio's largest slum, Rocinha. 7:30-9:15pm. burnsfilmcenter.org

2/7 TUESDAY

Reception: Westchester Community College's Center for the Digital Arts, Peekskill presents *Opening Reception:*

Student Show 2017. Students will share their works in Digital Imaging, Digital Illustration and Digital Video, as well as 2D and 3D Animation. There will be a screening of student multimedia works at 4pm. 3:30pm. sunywcc.edu/peekskill

2/8 WEDNESDAY

Music: Downtown Music at Grace presents *Noonday Getaway Concert-Bright and Shiny Things*. Mezzo-soprano Blythe Gaissert and double bassist Louis Levitt will collaborate on an intimate program of works for voice and bass. 12:10-1pm at Grace Episcopal Church. DTMusic.org

Music: Neuberger Museum of Art presents *Jazz Improv*. Pianist Pete Malinverni explores the various elements of music and how each can be used to reflect and express human reaction. 12:30-1:30pm. neuberger.org

2/10 FRIDAY

Reception: Bott Shoppe presents *The Art Lovers Market 2017*. A trunk show event for vendors to sell

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their love-themed or other related gift items. 5pm. 917-912-7042

Theater: Clocktower Players presents *Xanadu*. This Tony Award-nominated production features the original hit score composed by pop-rock legends Jeff Lynne and John Farrar. 7:30-9:30pm at Irvington Town Hall Theater. clocktowerplayers.com

Theater: Axial Theatre presents *Twisted Valentines*. A collection of eight one-act plays that share an offbeat and unsentimental take on the Feb. 14 paean to love. Also 2/11-12 & 2/17-19 at varying times. 8-10pm. axialtheatre.org

Theater: Hudson Stage Company presents *Staged Reading of Two Henrys*. A humor-laced drama about guilt, grief, prejudices and the urge to find family during a time between the worst days of the AIDS crisis and the dawn of marriage equality. 7:30pm at Whipoorwill Hall Theatre. hudsonstage.com

2/11 SATURDAY

Music: Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse presents *Magpie*. For more than forty years, this group has traveled the globe performing a variety of music from traditional songs to vintage blues and country. 7:30-10pm. walkaboutclearwater.org

Music: ArtsWestchester presents *Brian Conway and Friends' Irish House Party*. A celebration of traditional Irish music and dance. Fiddler Brian Conway will perform with special guests, Mary Courtney and Brendan Dolan. 7-9pm. artswestchester.org

Music: The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents *Venice Baroque Orchestra*. The orchestra will be joined by international violin sensation Nicola Benedetti in a program of English and Italian Baroque composers. 8-11pm. artscenter.org



The Friends & Family Concert, Westchester Philharmonic, 2/12 (photo credit: Christian Steiner)

Reception: Blue Door Gallery presents *Opening Reception: The Alternate Self*. The exhibition features the work of 36 artists, who explore and express their "thousand selves." 2-5pm. bluedoorartcenter.org

Reception: Mamaroneck Artists Guild presents *Opening Reception: Heart of the Matter*. Works in photography, oils, acrylics, printmaking, mixed media, fiber and sculpture depict the artists' personal interpretations of what the "heart of the matter" means to them. 3-5pm. mamaroneckartistsguild.org

Theater: Smart Arts presents *Walnut Street Theatre in Last of the Red Hot Lovers*. In this production of Neil Simon's classic play, a modern man in the hip 1960s looks for something new and different, but ends up finding himself in the same situation. 8-10pm. sunywcc.edu/smartarts

Family & Kids: Emelin Theatre presents *The Berenstain Bears Live!*. This musical, adapted from the classic children's book series by Stan and Jan Berenstain, teaches family values (ages 4+). 11:30am-12:30pm. emelin.org

2/12 SUNDAY

Lectures: Clay Art Center presents *Clay Artists & Legacy*. Artists Lala and Jim Howard, Rene Murray and Jeff Schlanger

will discuss their experiences at the Center and its importance on their practice today. 2-4pm at Port Chester Senior Community Center. clayartcenter.org

Music: New Rochelle Public Library presents *That's Amore! Valentine's Concert*. Singing couple Vincent and Emily Ricciardi will perform famous love duets and ballads of the 21st Century. 3-4pm. nrpl.org

Music: The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents *Kronos Quartet*. The Quartet presents its "Fifty for the Future" project, designed to guide young amateur and early-career professional string quartets. 3-5:30pm. artscenter.org

Music: The Symphony of Westchester presents *Family Concert*. Leonard Hindell, who was a bassoonist with the New York Philharmonic for 33 years, will join young artists and student musicians for a concert. 3-4:30pm at Christopher Murphy Auditorium. thesymphonyofwestchester.org

Music: Westchester Philharmonic presents *The Friends & Family Concert*. Featuring conductor Ted Sperling and soprano Julia Bullock. There will be a pre-concert "instrument petting zoo" at 2pm. 3-5pm at Performing Arts Center at Purchase College. westchesterphil.org

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Music: New Choral Society presents *Organ Concert*. Hitchcock Presbyterian Church will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of its organ installation with a concert that features students of Grammy Award-winning organist Paul Jacobs at The Juilliard School. 4-5:30pm. newchoralsociety.org

Music: PJS Jazz Society, Inc. presents *Antonio Hart*. The alto saxophonist has performed and recorded with many jazz greats and has appeared as a guest on more than 100 recordings. 5:15-9pm at First Presbyterian Church. pjsjazz.org

Music: Hoff-Barthelson Music School presents *Soprano Jenny Hayden*. The singer will perform a program of German lieder, French chansons and operatic arias. 5-6:30pm at Greenville Community Church. hbms.org

2/13 MONDAY

Film: The Picture House Regional Film Center presents *Life, Animated*. Owen Suskind, a young man with autism, was unable to speak as a child until he and his family discovered a unique way to communicate by immersing themselves in the world of classic Disney-animated films. 7:30-9:30pm. thepicturehouse.org

2/14 TUESDAY

Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents *Only Angels Have Wings*. The film stars Jean Arthur as a traveling nightclub pianist who gets more than

she bargained for when she meets a handsome, daring pilot (Cary Grant) during a stopover in a South American port town. 7:15-9:45pm. burnsfilmcenter.org

2/15 WEDNESDAY

Music: Downtown Music at Grace presents *Noonday Getaway: Pictures at an Exhibition*. Organist Ruairadh Sutherland will perform Modest Mussorgsky's work, as transcribed by Jean Guillou. 12:10-1pm at Grace Episcopal Church. DTMusic.org

2/16 THURSDAY

Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents *National Theatre Live: Saint Joan*. A recorded performance of George Bernard Shaw's classic play about the life and trial of a young country girl who declares a bloody mission to drive the English from France. 2-5:30pm. Also 2/28 at 6:30pm. burnsfilmcenter.org

Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents *A Gesture and a Word & a Live Performance by Marshall Crenshaw*. This event is a tribute to acclaimed musician Rob Morsberger, who was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. Filmmaker Dave Davidson will share his film about Morsberger's last few months and Crenshaw will perform. 7:30-10pm. burnsfilmcenter.org

Music: The Rye Arts Center presents *RAC LIVE! Coffeeshouse*. A



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series of live performances at Le Pain Quotidien. 7-10pm. ryeartscenter.org

2/18 SATURDAY

Dance: The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents *Spectrum Dance Theatre & Donald Byrd*. The modern dance company, committed to pushing the boundaries of movement and message, presents contemporary dance of a global caliber. 8-10:30pm. artscenter.org

Family & Kids: Neuberger Museum of Art presents *Winter Family Day*. A creative afternoon of printmaking activities that are inspired by the artists in the museum's current exhibition, *Pop! Prints from the Permanent Collection*. 1-4pm. neuberger.org

Reception: Irvington Public Library presents *Meet the Artist: Photographer Susan Richman*. Guests will meet Richman, who creates images that

confront the malleability of memory. 2-5pm at the Martucci Gallery. irvingtonlibrary.org

Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents *The Naked Spur*. James Stewart plays Howard Kemp, a bounty hunter who is tracking down killer Ben Vandergroat (Robert Ryan) with some dubious help from a couple of strangers. 12-1:30pm. burnsfilmcenter.org

Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents *Landfill Harmonic*. Based in a slum outside the Paraguayan capital, this story follows the Recycled Orchestra, a music group that performs on instruments made of tin cans, scrap metal, old tubes, and other bits of "junk." Also 2/19 & 2/23. 12-2:30pm. burnsfilmcenter.org

Theater: Harrison Public Library presents *Much Ado About Nothing*. M&M Productions and the Red Monkey Theater Group present a production of Shakespeare's comedy



Queen of Katwe, Harrison Public Library, 2/22 (photo source: wired.com)

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of love, wit, deception, revenge and redemption. 2-3:30pm. harrisonpl.org

2/19 SUNDAY

Film: The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents *National Theatre Live: Amadeus*. A recorded broadcast of the play by Peter Shaffer that gives a highly fictionalized account of the lives of the composers Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Antonio Salieri. 3-6pm. artscenter.org

Music: The Sanctuary Series presents "Time Traveler." Twenty-year-old pianist Alice Burla will perform an array of compositions throughout the history of classical music, Baroque to Impressionism. 4-6pm at South Salem Presbyterian Church. thesanctuaryseries.org

2/22 WEDNESDAY

Film: Harrison Public Library presents *The Queen of Katwe*. A biopic film about Ugandan chess prodigy Phiona Mutesi that traces her journey from the Kampala slum of Katwe to the upper echelons of the chess world. 1-3:15pm. harrisonpl.org

Film: New Rochelle Public Library presents *February School Vacation Week Family Film: Jungle Book*. A Disney film about Mowgli, a man-cub who was raised in the jungle by a family of wolves. 2-3:30pm. nrpl.org

Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents *Oscar Talk*. Host Janet Maslin will talk with Mark Harris, author of *Pictures at a Revolution*, who will trace the epic story of the five

films nominated for the 1967 Academy Awards. 7:30-9pm. burnsfilmcenter.org

Music: Downtown Music at Grace presents *Noonday Getaway Concert: Tableau Vivant*. Featuring Karen Marie Marmer (baroque violin) and Dongsok Shin (fortepiano). 12:10-1pm at Grace Episcopal Church. DTMusic.org

Music: Purchase College Conservatory of Music presents *Soul Voices: Black History Month Celebration*. This group is made up of, and celebrates, the diverse and talented student body of Purchase College. 7-8:30pm. purchase.edu

2/23 THURSDAY

Film: Harrison Public Library presents *Amelia*. A look at the life of legendary American pilot Amelia Earhart, who disappeared while flying over the Pacific Ocean in 1937 in an attempt to make a flight around the world. 1-3pm. harrisonpl.org

Reception: ArtsWestchester presents *Opening Reception: The Photographer's Journey*. A retrospective show and tribute to Lawrence (Larry) Salley, an active civic leader with a passion for photography. 6-8pm. artswestchester.org

2/24 FRIDAY

Family & Kids: New Rochelle Public Library presents *February School Vacation Week: Singer, Songwriter & Entertainer Zev Haber*. The "Live Performance for the Younger Set"

performance returns for another upbeat performance of funny stories, silly songs and interactive activities (ages 3-7). 10:30-11:15am. nrpl.org

Lectures: Harrison Public Library presents *Amelia Earhart: Life & Times in Harrison, NY*. Local author Paul Hicks talks about the life of Amelia Earhart while she lived in Harrison and Rye in the 1930s. 2-3pm. harrisonpl.org

Music: Purchase College Conservatory of Music presents *Purchase Symphony Orchestra*. A concert program of Beethoven's epic *3rd Symphony Eroica*. 7-8:30pm. purchase.edu

Theater: YCP TheaterWorks presents *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*. The play revolves around the relationships of three middle-aged siblings. Weekends through 3/12. 8-10:30pm at Shrub Oak United Methodist Church Parish Hall. ycptw.org

2/25 SATURDAY

Dance: New Rochelle Public Library presents *Bokandeye African Dance and Drum Performance*. Traditional movements and rhythms of African village life will reverberate throughout the Ossie Davis Theater. 2pm. nrpl.org

Dance: Ballet des Amériques School & Company, Inc. presents *Evenings of Dance in Port Chester*. Enjoy an evening of art, cuisine and dance performances at Ballet des Amériques. 7-8pm. balletdesameriques.company

Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents *The Ox-Bow Incident*. A posse of citizens from a western town suspects a group of three men of murdering a local farmer and stealing his cattle. When they catch up with the men, they waste no time in trying to see justice achieved. 12-1:30pm. burnsfilmcenter.org

Music: The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents *Jazz at The Center: Ann Hampton Callaway*. The Tony Award-nominee and songwriter will pay tribute to the great Ella Fitzgerald in a centennial celebration of Ella's life, backed by the College's Jazz Orchestra. 8-11pm. artscenter.org

Spoken Word: Blue Door Gallery presents *Knock, Knock. Who's There?* A multimedia exploration of shape-shifting artists, mostly female. Created and presented by Marcy B. Freedman. 12-4pm. bluedoorartcenter.org

2/26 SUNDAY

Music: New Rochelle Public Library presents *"Milestone Negro Spirituals Until The Civil War: When Folk Songs Bring Freedom"*. Renowned bassist Hilliard Greene will perform a concert that traces the role of spirituals and folk songs in the struggle for freedom from slavery. 3-4pm. nrpl.org

Music: The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents *Matt Haimovitz*. In advance of releasing his recording of *Bach Suites for Unaccompanied Cello*, the musician offers a recital of selected Suites. 3-5pm. artscenter.org

2/27 MONDAY

Music: Hudson Valley Music Club presents *February Mostly Morning Concert*. Camarata Quartet will perform music with a Hungarian influence, in honor of the memory of violinist Gabriel Banat. 1-2pm at Dobbs Ferry Woman's Club. 914-478-0417

2/28 TUESDAY

Lectures: Westchester Community College's Center for the Digital Arts, Peekskill presents *Strategy Game Design and Development*. Game designer Keith Burgun will talk about the discipline of strategy game design and his philosophy for developing interactive entertainment. 7-9pm. sunywcc.edu/peekskill

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- *The Photographer's Journey.* A retrospective show in honor of the memory of Lawrence (Larry) Salley, a former Westchester County transportation chief and civic leader. 2/23-3/17. Tues-Fri: 12-5pm, Sat: 12-6pm.

Blue Door Art Gallery | bluedoorartcenter.org

- *9th BDAC Artist-Member Juried Show.* Juror and Clay Art Center's Executive Director Leigh Taylor Mickelson leads the gallery's 9th artist-member juried exhibition. Now through 2/4, 3-8pm.
- *The Alternate Self.* An exhibition featuring 36 artists who explore their "thousand selves," an idea created by author Hermann Hesse that people contain multiple selves. 2/11-3/11, 12-5pm.

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- *French-American Art Showcase.* Local and immigrant artists showcase their French-inspired artworks. Now through 2/10. Tues-Thurs: 11:30am-7pm, Fri: 11:30am-8pm, Sat-Sun: 12-5pm.

Bullseye Glass Resource Center | bullseyeglass.com

- *In Residence: New York.* The exhibition gathers the varied work of three recent residents of the Center – Nisha Bansil, Nancy Bowen and Mitchell Visoky. Now through 3/18. Tues-Fri: 10am-6pm, Sat: 10am-5pm, Sun: 12-5pm.

Center for the Digital Arts, Peekskill | sunywcc.edu/peekskill

- *Student Show 2017.* This exhibition features students from the Center and their works in the digital arts. Animation and Video will play during the exhibition. Now through 2/18, 10am-5pm.

Clay Art Center | clayartcenter.org

- *Rewind: Celebrating 60 Years at CAC.* A comprehensive exhibit that chronicles Clay Art Center's history, from 1957 to the present. Now through 3/26, 10am-5pm.

Color Camera Club of Westchester | colorcameraclub.org

- *Beyond Gelatin Silver: Mixed Media.* Documentary photographer Alfred Fayemi, who has photographed 20 African countries, will share his mixed-media collages which represent the drama of contemporary life in Africa. 2/13, 7:30-9:30pm.

Hudson River Museum | hrm.org

- *Tom Burckhardt: Full Stop.* A full-scale replica of the artist's studio, grounded between the 1940s and '60s, this installation captures the moment an artist has run out of ideas. Now through 2/12, Wed-Sun: 12-5pm.
- *Lincoln on the Hudson.* The sculpto-pictorama by artist Red Grooms is inspired by Abraham Lincoln's sojourn in Peekskill. Now through 4/14, Wed-Sun: 12-5pm.
- *Red Grooms: The Blue and the Gray.* This artist tells the American story of the Civil War through paintings, sculptures and more. Now through 4/7. Wed-Sun: 12-5pm.
- *Wyeth Wonderland.* Featuring French photographer Joséphine Douet, who is inspired by the same Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania landscapes and people that also inspired American painter Andrew Wyeth (1917-2009). 2/25-5/14, 12-5pm.

Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art | hvcca.org

- *Between I & Thou.* This exhibition features artists from around the globe and explores interconnections between the personal, cultural, religious and national. Through 12/17. 12-6pm.

Irvington Public Library | irvingtonlibrary.org

- *Transient.* A series of photographs by Susan Richman that pays homage to faded memory. 2/2-27. Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat: 10am-5pm, Tues & Thurs: 10am-9pm at the Martucci Gallery.

Mamaroneck Artists Guild | mamaroneckartistsguild.org

- *Heart of the Matter.* Works in photography, paint, printmaking, mixed media, fiber and sculpture depict the artists' personal interpretations of what "the heart of the matter" means to them. 2/8-25, Tues-Sat 12-5pm.
- *Artists on the Rise 2017.* A selection of exceptional artwork created by local high school students. Now through 2/4, Tues-Sat: 12-5pm.

Neuberger Museum of Art | neuberger.org

- *POP! Prints from the Permanent Collection.* This exhibition features significant Pop Art prints from the museum's permanent collection. Now through 2/19, Tues-Sun: 12-5pm, Wed: 12-8pm.
- *Leandro Erlich: Port of Reflections.* The artist creates an illusion of reflection for his installation that depicts a nighttime harbor in which five rowboats appear to float on water. 2/5-7/30. Tues-Sun: 12-5pm, Wed: 12-8pm.

New Rochelle Public Library | nrpl.org

- *Notable African Americans of New Rochelle.* This exhibition celebrates the remarkable lives of 16 New Rochelle residents. 2/1-26. Times vary at the Lumen Winer Gallery.

Pelham Art Center | pelhamartcenter.org

- *OP-ED Art: Image in the Service of Ideas.* The exhibiting artists create powerful graphic images in newspapers and magazines to reveal a nugget of the political, personal or cultural stories they illustrate. Now through 3/25, 10am-5pm



Who Am I? by Phyllis Famiglietti, Blue Door Art Gallery, The Alternate Self, 2/11-3/11

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ArtsWestchester | artswestchester.org

- **Fashion Pattern Making 1-4.** Instructor Karren Rippey will teach students pattern making terminology, and how to measure and create a basic skirt. 2/1-26, 5:30-7:30pm.
- **Fashion Illustration: Irina Simeonova.** This workshop teaches the basics in fashion illustration, utilizing black and white sketching techniques. Students are given an introduction to proportion, balance and composition. Through 2/25, 1-3pm.

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- **Fashion Illustration.** Participants will learn the basics of fashion illustration and the ratios of shapes, color, and lines. Sundays through 12/10. 1-4pm.
- **Crafting your Brand Story.** Participants will learn how to find their brand's voice and how to use low-cost tools to create quality branding elements. 2/28, 6:30pm.

Bullseye Resource Center | bullseyeglass.com

- **Design, Blast & Fire.** Students will learn the basics of sandblasting while designing and making a plate. 2/1, 6-8:30pm.
- **Painting With Glass.** In this class, students will work with colored glass sheets, powders, frits and stringers to build a palette of techniques that allow a wide range of painterly effects. 2/23-26, 10am-6pm.

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Center for the Digital Arts, Peekskill | sunywcc.edu/locations/peekskill

- **Quick Start to Adobe Photoshop CC in 24 Hours.** Participants will learn to use the latest version of Photoshop with time management features and enhancements for web and video designers. 2/4-25, 9am-3pm.

Clay Art Center | clayartcenter.org

- **Spin It! Youth Classes.** A series of classes that encourage students to work with clay to develop creative problem-solving skills and building confidence. Now through 3/26, times vary.

Color Camera Club of Westchester | colorcameraclub.org

- **Learn to Improve Your Photography Skills.** Informative photography programs for anyone interested in photography. 2/6-2/27, 7:30-9:30pm.
- **An Evening of Portrait Photography with Matt Hill.** Students will learn how to take portraits of people at night and in low light with visual impact. 2/6, 7:30-9:30pm.

Harrison Public Library | harrisonpl.org

- **Paint Night: Valentine's Edition.** A night of painting led by art instructor Doreen Grozinger. 2/6, 6:30-8:30pm.
- **Afro-Vegan Flavors: Celebrating Black History.** A cooking demonstration and tasting that features flavors and recipes from Bryant Terry's cookbook, *Afro-Vegan*. 2/21, 2-3:30pm.

Hoff-Barthelson Music School | hbms.org

- **Master Class Series: Pianist Byron Janis.** This internationally renowned pianist will coach young piano students in eight classes during the 2016-2017 season. 2/5, 2-4pm.

Hudson River Museum | hrm.org

- **Sunday Stories: A Civil War Series.** Performances by expert storytellers Vienna Carroll and Keith Johnston will focus on Harriet Tubman and her contributions during the Civil War. 2/12, 1-3pm.

- **Saturday Stories.** Junior Docents will read stories of the Civil War and will guide families on an interactive tour through the Museum's current exhibitions. Through 2/11, 1-4pm. hrm.org

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- **Exploring African-American Traditions and Experiences Through Picture Books.** Families will discover the beauty and messages gained from children's books with African-American themes (Grades Pre-K-5). 2/2-25. 6:15-7:30pm.
- **African Dance and Drums.** Anthony Wooden, Director of Bokandeye African Dance and Drum Troupe, leads a series of free African dance workshops (ages 7+). The culminating performance takes place on 2/25 at 2pm. Through 2/25, 11am-12pm.

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The Chappaqua Orchestra | chappaquaorchestra.org

- **Master Class.** Broadway stars of the *Phantom of the Opera*, Erin Stewart and David DeWitt, will conduct a class for aspiring performers. 2/11, 2-5pm at Music Conservatory of Westchester.

The Rye Arts Center | ryeartscenter.org

- **Loosen up and Paint: A BYOB Night Out.** An evening of self-expression through paint. Participants will be encouraged to work at their own pace, and in their own style. 2/2, 6-9pm.
- **Valentine's Day LED Light-up Fashion.** Participants will create a funky pin or hair barrette that lights up with LED lights (ages 9-12). 2/11, 10am.

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A Message About the Importance of National Arts Funding

During World War II, Winston Churchill was asked to cut funding for the arts. He replied, "Then what are we fighting for?"

Many of us in the arts and humanities are reeling with the current visibility of recommendations regarding the elimination of National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), National Endowment for the Humanities and the privatization of Public Broadcasting. Is it rumor, or is it news? Have all the diverse partners weighed in? Should we rise to protest...or should we wait and see...or something in between? How can we be strategic in once again proving that the arts matter? These are the questions that we at ArtsWestchester are asking ourselves, and asking you. According to Robert Lynch, CEO of Americans for the Arts, in a recent letter to arts supporters:

"When President-Elect Trump was interviewed about the arts last spring, he said: '...supporting and advocating for appreciation of the arts is important to an informed and aware society. As President, I would take on that role.'"

Lynch detailed some statistics that clearly demonstrate the impact of the arts on the national economy:

- The arts are a \$704 billion industry.

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- The arts equal jobs, employing 4.7 million workers.
- The very small NEA budget serves as a significant leveraging tool that has helped create an entire industry of locally based small business and jobs that cannot be outsourced.

During World War II, Winston Churchill was asked to cut funding for the arts. He replied, "Then what are we fighting for?" **Tell us why the arts are important to you.** ArtsWestchester's CEO, Janet Langsam, welcomes your input regarding this recent news. Email her your thoughts and opinions at jlansam@artswestchester.org.

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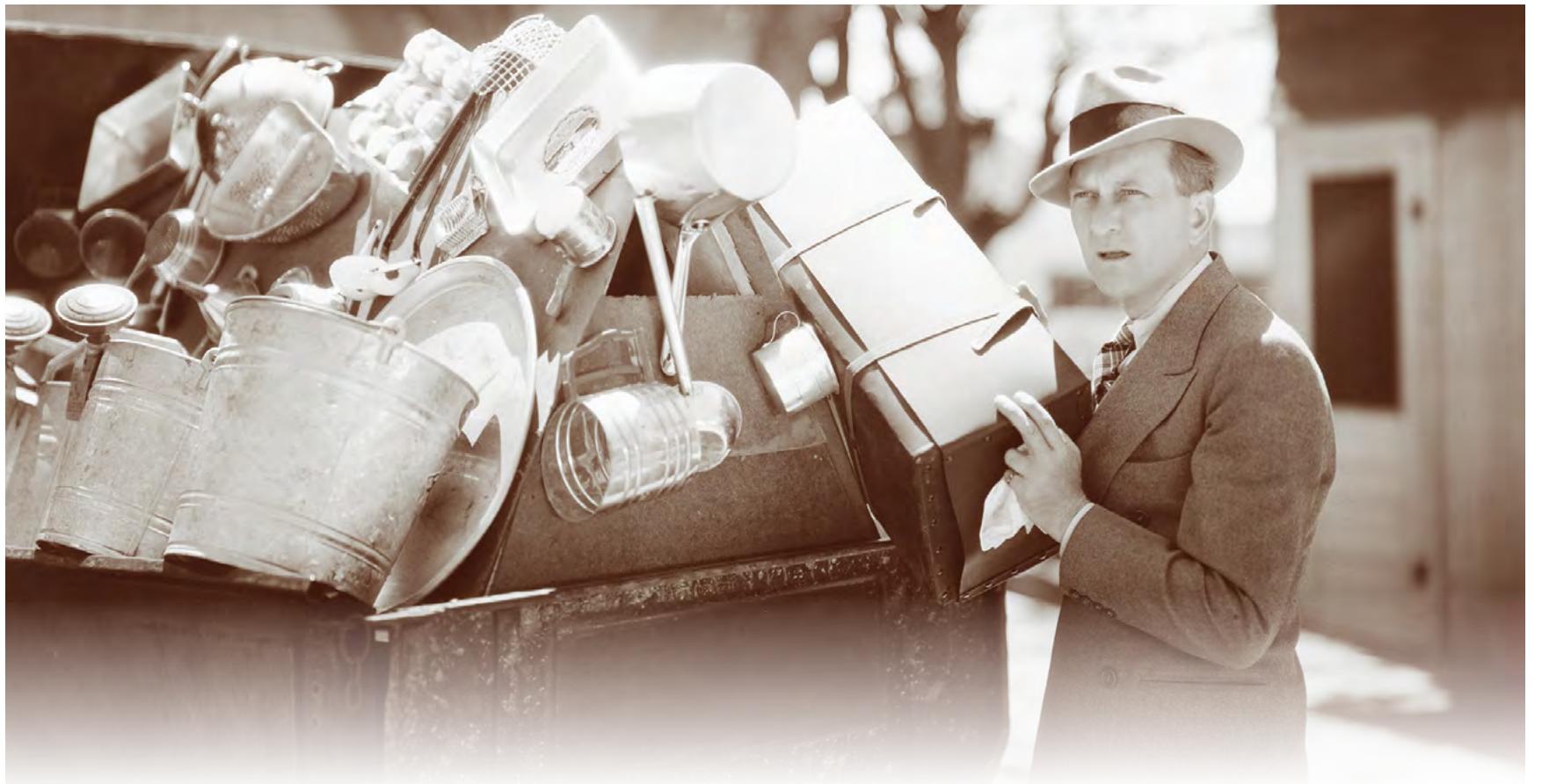
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