



# Culture & Heritage

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## News Update

### *Joy In The Everyday, a Hopewell Valley Arts Council Exhibit at Capital Health Medical Center - Hopewell*



Top left, Magic Color Hour, Morris Docktor; top right, Universal Language, Cheryl Bomba; far right, March, Spirha Gupta; bottom, City2, Ken McIndoe.

The Hopewell Valley Arts Council and the Arts and Healing Committee at Capital Health are celebrating Joy in the Everyday, an exhibition of works by members of the Hopewell Valley Arts Council at the Investors Bank Art & Healing Gallery at Capital Health, One Capital Way, Pennington. Located on the 2nd floor, this exhibit captures, in visual and written representation, the colorful relationship between joy and art.

The opening reception is on Thursday, January 10, 2019 from 6 to 7:30 pm and the exhibit is on display until March 25, 2019.

The holidays are a magical time of celebration, light, and wishes for

peace and good fortune in the coming year. Artists get to wield their own brand of magic by transmitting personal feelings of joy and inspiration to those who view their art.

This diverse portfolio of work was created by supporters of the HV Arts Council and includes both amateur and accomplished artists, and those self-taught

and professionally trained.

The Hopewell Valley Arts Council is a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing art awareness and appreciation in the greater Hopewell Valley. We celebrate “art in the everyday” by cultivating all types of creative exploration, artistic expression, and encourage us all to see the beauty inherent in the simple and ordinary parts of day-to-day life. Through community collaborations, events and art-based initiatives, the Arts Council highlights our local talents and enriches the cultural and creative lives of our community. The opening reception will be at the Art & Healing Gallery, on the second floor at Capital Health Medical Cen-

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ter-Hopewell on Thursday, January 10, 2019 from 6 pm-7:30 pm.

Joy in the Everyday – Art is joy! Joy to the world! Celebrating the holiday season, this exhibit will feature art that exudes joy, color, and happiness. Artists have the ability to inspire, encourage, and motivate. Where does your joy come from? Each artist shares how they create art that brings them joy in the everyday or to the world as a whole.

The exhibit will be on display from now until March 25, 2019.

For more information about this exhibit or other events visit [hvartscouncil.org](http://hvartscouncil.org).

## **McCarter Theatre Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

On January 18 at 8 pm, McCarter Theatre will present multi-genre recording artist Damien Sneed and his unique blend of classical, jazz, and gospel music with *We Shall Overcome: A Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* Inspired by the words and action of Dr. King, *We Shall Overcome* features repertoire from across the African-American music traditions that electrified generations of civil rights activists and defenders, interwoven with spoken word from Dr. King's speeches.

For more on Damien Sneed, visit [damiensneed.com](http://damiensneed.com). For information about tickets visit [mccarter.org/\(609\)258-2787](http://mccarter.org/(609)258-2787).

## **Philadelphia Orchestra Concertmaster to headline Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey concert**



Image of David Kim in Kimmel Hall.

Philadelphia Orchestra Concertmaster David Kim will perform Violin Concerto No. 1 in G Minor by Max Bruch with the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey on Sunday, January 20, at 2:30 pm.

Kim's performance is the featured event of the annual YOCJ winter concerts, to be held at Kendall Hall, The College of New Jersey. The

afternoon concert will also include YOCJ's Saxophone Choir, which will perform *Gran Partita*, commissioned by YOCJ and written by noted composer David Noon.

A later concert, at 7:30 pm, will include the String Preparatory Orchestra, Pro Arte Orchestra, and Wind Symphony. All tickets are good for both concerts.

(The snow date for the earlier concert, featuring David Kim, will be 7 pm Tuesday, January 22, 7 pm at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South. The snow date for the later concert will be 3 pm. Sunday, January 27, also at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South.)

Tickets will be available starting on January 4 at [tcnj.edu/boxoffice](http://tcnj.edu/boxoffice) or the Kendall Hall box office on the day of the concert.

Kendall Hall is located behind Park Drive on the TCNJ campus, 2000 Pennington Road in Ewing, NJ.

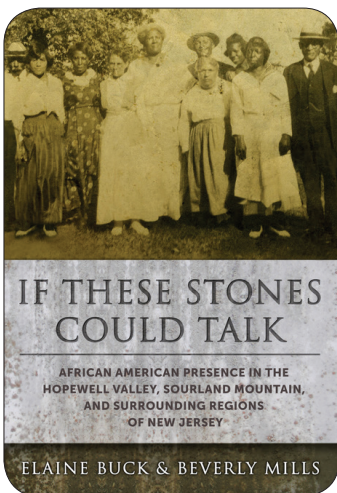
The YOCJ Symphonic Orchestra, conducted by John Enz, will accompany Mr. Kim at the 2:30 pm concert. Mr. Kim has been concertmaster at the Philadelphia Orchestra since 1999, and appears as a soloist each season. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the Juilliard School in New York City.

The Saxophone Choir, a rare group for any youth orchestra, is led by Dr. Jordan Smith.

YOCJ has performed since 1978. New student auditions are planned for Tuesday, January 29. See [YOCJ.org](http://YOCJ.org) for details.

YOCJ is composed of about 230 student players who seek to improve and play at a higher level. Players must be privately taught, and must continue to work with their school orchestras and bands.

## **If These Stones Could Talk: Author Talk and Book Signing**



Join the Hopewell Branch of the Mercer County Library on January 15 at 6 pm and hear local authors Elaine Buck and Beverly Mills, former board members of the Stoutsburg Cemetery Association, speak about their new book "If These Stones Could Talk." Based on decades of research, oral histories, land deeds, church records and preserved plots, Buck and Mills accumulated

stories that consecrate the collected lives of a minority Black community in a predominantly white region of the Sourland Mountains of New Jersey. The book provides a unique window to African-Americans in New Jersey previously missing from the historical record.

Registration is requested for this lecture. Please call the Hopewell Branch at (609) 737-2610 or email [hope-progs@mcl.org](mailto:hope-progs@mcl.org).



# Trenton Artists Workshop Presents the Traveling Exhibition "Persistence"

The Trenton Artists Workshop Association (TAWA) presents the traveling exhibition "Persistence" at the Plainsboro Public Library from January 4 to January 31. A reception and artist talk is set for Sunday, January 20 from 1 to 4 pm.

"Persistence" features work by regional artists who demonstrate persistence despite what are commonly perceived as obstacle: age, illness, and physical and neurological problems.

In addition to providing a venue for artists to come together and share work, "Persistence" is designed to encourage others by showing how these artists use art to enhance their lives and continue their pursuit of art.

Exhibiting artists will be Priscilla Snow Algava, a Princeton-based artist who works mainly in mono-prints and painting and is inspired by nature and the human spirit and figure. She has exhibited in various galleries in New York City, Philadelphia, and New Jersey as well as internationally. Algava has been receiving treatment for cancer over



Mel Leipzig's Michael Austin

the past two years.

Justin Jdrzejczyk is a Trenton area artist and has shown his work locally and in New York City. He mainly does portraits, using friends as models in everyday settings and paints in acrylic on canvas. Over the past several years he has been dealing with a neurological problem that has affected his eyesight.

Ken Alexander is a self-taught Trenton-based painter. His work focuses on the human experience in vari-

ous settings. Despite being visually impaired, he uses vivid colors in his work and tends to use abstraction in representing his figures.

Mark Wilkie is a Hamilton native who uses various detailed shapes and works in pen and pencil and has a neurological classification.

Mel Leipzig is an award-winning artist. He is a painter who dedicates his career to painting people in their own environments. His painting of Michael Austin shows the human spirit and represents how an artist can use art to overcome obstacles to strengthen their lives. The 83-year-old Leipzig shows that age is no obstacle to new work.

Karey Maurice is a Princeton-based artist who works in multiple mediums and works in the style of neo pop and suffers from a spinal cord degeneration. He studied visual arts at Mercer

County Community College with Mel Leipzig and Frank Rivera and mentored under New York based pop artist Keith Haring.

And curator Byron Aubrey is a Trenton-born Hamilton resident who is active in drawing, photography, and painting and who studies visual arts at Mercer County Community College. He studied and was mentored under Priscilla Algava and Mel Leipzig and has a neurological classification. This is the first show he has curated.

The Plainsboro Library is located at 9 Van Doren Street, Plainsboro. Hours are Mondays through Thursdays, 10 am to 8:30 pm, and Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information on the library, call 609-275-2897

For more information on the Trenton Artists Workshop Association, contact [tawaexhibits@aol.com](mailto:tawaexhibits@aol.com).

Dear Friends,

Winter is upon us, and here in Mercer County we have an exciting array of cultural experiences to carry us through the season.

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 this winter. Among them are a Hopewell Valley Arts Council exhibit, "Joy in the Everyday," at Capital Health Medical Center; a musical and spoken-word celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at McCarter Theatre in Princeton; and a performance by the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey at The College of New Jersey in Ewing. Also featured is a story about the Enoch Middleton House in Hamilton, which served as a safe house along the Underground Railroad prior to the Civil War.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and for a winter filled with new experiences.



Sincerely,

Brian M. Hughes  
County Executive

# Calendar of Events<sup>1</sup>

## Auditions

**January 29, New Student Auditions, Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey.** Students MUST study privately and be enrolled in either their school band or orchestra (if there is a band or orchestra in your school) in order to become and remain a member of the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey. Recommendation by the student's private teacher is required. Homeschoolers are also invited to audition! For more information visit [yocj.org](http://yocj.org)

## Concerts

**January 7-9, Maestro Gustavo Dudamel's residency at Princeton University Concerts.** 68 Nassau St, Princeton., [princetonuniversityconcerts.org](http://princetonuniversityconcerts.org)

**January 11-12, Die Gärtnerin aus Liebe , Princeton University, Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, 7:30pm.** Sung in German with English dialogue, the production offers a modern setting of the comic tale, as directed by Princeton University Performance Faculty member David Kellet. Ruth Ochs conducts the Princeton University Sinfonia, and Sarah Pelletier has provided vocal coaching.

**January 11, Winter Songs XII - Songs of the Season, Capital Singers of Trenton, 7:30pm.** Saint Paul Roman Catholic Church, 16 Nassau Street, Princeton. For more information visit [capitalsingers.org](http://capitalsingers.org)

**January 19, Vivaldi!, Central Jersey Choral Society, 7pm.** Princeton Meadow Event Center, 545 Meadow Rd, Princeton. Antonio Vivaldi was one of the great composers of the Baroque era. He spent his most productive years as the music director of an orphanage in Venice. From there, he would compose music for strings and chorus that would inspire a generation of composers, most notably Johann Sebastian Bach. For more information visit [cjchoralsociety.org](http://cjchoralsociety.org)

**January 20, II Queen Christina Goes to Rome, Dryden Ensemble, 7:30pm.** Located at Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological

Seminary, 64 Mercer St, Princeton. For more information visit [drydenensemble.org](http://drydenensemble.org) / 609-466-8541.

**January 20, Winter 2019 Large Ensemble Concert, Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey, 7:30pm.** Kendall Hall, The College of New Jersey. For more information visit [yocj.org](http://yocj.org)

**January 26, Capital Philharmonic of NJ Youth Orchestra Festival, Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey, 7:30pm.** Located at Patriots' Theatre, 1 Memorial Dr, Trenton. For more information visit [yocj.org](http://yocj.org)

**February 2, 8pm; February 3, 4pm. Beethoven's Fifth - Edward T. Cone Concert, Princeton Symphony Orchestra, 4pm.** Located in Richardson Auditorium in Alexander Hall, Princeton. For more information visit [princetonsymphony.org](http://princetonsymphony.org)

**February 3, Messiaen "Quartet for the End of Time, Princeton University Concerts, 6pm & 9pm.** Richard Auditorium, 68 Nassau St, Princeton, (609) 258-9220, \$30. [princetonuniversityconcerts.org](http://princetonuniversityconcerts.org)

**February 9, Performance with Jubilee Singers, Trenton Children's Chorus.** The Performance takes place at Westminster Choir College, Princeton. For more information visit [trentonchildrenchorus.org](http://trentonchildrenchorus.org)

**February 23, Trenton Children's Chorus Black History Month Celebration, 11am.** For more information visit [trentonchildrenchorus.org](http://trentonchildrenchorus.org)

**March 12, Master Class with David Kim, Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey, 7pm.** Located at West Windsor Plainsboro High School South. For more information visit [yocj.org](http://yocj.org)

**March 23 & 24, 8pm; Dvorak / Liebermann/Mazzoli, Princeton Symphony Orchestra, 8pm.** Located in Richardson Auditorium in Alexander Hall, Princeton. For more information visit [princetonsymphony.org](http://princetonsymphony.org)

**March 24, Spring Into Song, Trenton Children's Chorus 2pm. Central Church, Ewing.** For more information visit [trentonchildrenchorus.org](http://trentonchildrenchorus.org)

**March 31, Requiem For the Living, Capital Singers of Trenton, 4pm.** Sacred Heart Church, 343 S. Broad Street, Trenton. For more information visit [capitalsingers.org](http://capitalsingers.org)

## Dance

**Every Tuesday night, International Folk Dance, Princeton Folk Dance, 7:30pm.** Kristina Johnson Pop-Up Studio, Princeton Shopping Center, (609)921-9340 Lesson followed by dance. \$5. [princetonfolkdance.org](http://princetonfolkdance.org)

**Every Wednesday night, Newcomer Dance, American Ballroom Dance Company, 7pm, \$10.** (609) 931-0149. For more information visit [americanballroomco.com](http://americanballroomco.com)

**Every Thursday night, Viva Tango, 8pm.** Suzanne Patterson Center, Princeton. (609) 948-4448, \$15. For more information visit [vivatango.org](http://vivatango.org)

**Every Friday night, Friday Night Social, American Ballroom Company, 7:30pm.** Located at 1523 Parkway Ave, Ewing. (609) 931-0149. For more information visit [americanballroomco.com](http://americanballroomco.com)

**Every Friday, Friday Dance Social, Jersey Dance, 8:30pm.** West Windsor Arts Center, 952 Alexander Rd, West Windsor. For more information visit [jerseydance.com](http://jerseydance.com)

**Every Saturday, English Country Dance, Princeton Country Dancers, 8pm.** Suzanne Patterson Center, Princeton. \$11. For more information visit [princetoncountrydancers.org](http://princetoncountrydancers.org)

## Exhibitions

**Now -20, Garden State Watercolor Society Juried Show, Trenton City Museum.** For more information visit [ellarslie.org](http://ellarslie.org).

**On View Objects Count: A Decade of Collecting, New Jersey State Museum, 205 West State Street St, Trenton.** People love to collect objects. Some seek items of aesthetic beauty. For others, the motivation is to gather hundreds of examples of one particular type of object. For still others, the need to collect goes hand-in-hand

with scientific categorization and wonder about the natural world. The New Jersey State Museum also collects objects. In this exciting new exhibition, visitors will experience an eclectic selection of artifacts and specimens collected over the past ten years. See a caribou antler from Ice Age New Jersey, a painting by artist Ben Shahn, a 1930s flight suit from a South Jersey female pilot, Native American projectile points and much more. For more information visit [state.nj.us/state/museum](http://state.nj.us/state/museum). (WV)

**Now - February 24, Picturing Place in Japan, Princeton University Art Museum.** The exhibition centers on a set of exceptional loans from the renowned Manyo'an Collection, supplemented by paintings from the Princeton University Art Museum, and features some twenty works of varying scale, medium, and subject that together showcase the distinguished tradition of depicting place in Japanese painting. For more information visit [artmuseum.princeton.edu](http://artmuseum.princeton.edu) (WV)

## Farmers Markets

**January 5 & 19; February 2 & 16; March 2 & 16, West Windsor Farmers' Market, 10am.** Windsor Athletic Club Clarksville Rd, West Windsor. Produce, meats, woven fibers, honey, wine, flowers, baked goods, and prepared foods. For more information visit [westwindsorfarmersmarket.org](http://westwindsorfarmersmarket.org)

## Festivals/Holiday

**January 6, Arts Council of Princeton - Three Kings' Day Event, 2pm.** Join the Arts Council of Princeton in our Solley Theater for a special dance performance! Fiesta del Dia de Los Reyes Magos, or Three Kings Day, is the last day of the Christmas season and is celebrated throughout the world by several different cultures. Enjoy a live Flamenco dance performance by Lisa Botalico's Fiesta Flamenca and rosca de reyes (Three Kings cake). Learn about Spanish culture and end the holiday season in celebration! Paul Robeson Center for the Arts, 102 Witherspoon Street, Princeton. For more information, please visit [artscouncilofprinceton.org](http://artscouncilofprinceton.org) or call 609.924-8777.

**January 21, Dr Martin Luther King Jr Day Event, 9am.**

1. Mercer County Cultural & Heritage Commission cannot be responsible for errors or omissions. Please call ahead to confirm times and prices. Deadline of March 1, 2019 for the April, May and June - Spring 2019 Newsletter.



Join the Arts Council of Princeton as we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a day of live music, interactive workshops, and discussions as they relate to Dr. King's life, teachings and civic engagement. The celebratory day will begin with a Community Breakfast at 9am, followed by hands-on activities for all ages. For more information, please visit [artscouncilofprinceton.org](http://artscouncilofprinceton.org) or call 609.924-8777.

**February 24 - February 26, Oscar Shorts Weekend, Trenton Film Society.** For more information visit [trentonfilmsociety.org](http://trentonfilmsociety.org)

**March 28 - March 31, 2019 Trenton Film Festival, Trenton Film Society.** For more information visit [trentonfilmsociety.org](http://trentonfilmsociety.org)

## Historical Activities

**Every Third Tuesday of each month, Stamp Collecting, Hamilton Philatelic Society, 7:15pm,** Hamilton Library, Justice Samuel Alito Way, Hamilton, (609) 751-4642. For more information [hamiltonphilatelic.org](http://hamiltonphilatelic.org) (WV)

**Every Second Tuesday, Central Jersey Genealogical Club, Hamilton Library, 7 p.m.** For more information visit [cjgenj.com](http://cjgenj.com) (WV)

**January 7, The Mercer & Somerset Railroad Story, Mercer County Library, Ewing Branch, 7pm.** Join us for a presentation on the history and legacy of the Mercer & Somerset Railroad, an obscure, rural, central New Jersey line that became famous not for the trains it ran, but for its fate as a proxy in the 1876 "frog war". Learn the history of the line, its role in the (Hopewell) skirmish, its post war decline and abandonment in 1881. Presented by John Kilbride. Now retired from a 34-year (Amtrak) railroad career, Mr. Kilbride is a frequent speaker in the Tri-State area. He provides programs on a variety of railroad topics. Registration required. For more information visit [mcl.org](http://mcl.org) / 609-882-3148.

**January 23, New Jersey Origins, Mercer County Library, Robbinsville Branch, 7pm.** Discover what makes our state so special. Author Linda Barth will discuss New Jersey's technological marvels, odd inventions, trailblazing characters, and more! For more information visit [mcl.org](http://mcl.org) / (609) 259-2150.

**January 23, Crossroads of the Revolution, Mercer County Li-**

**brary, Ewing Branch, 7pm.** This talk concerns how the events of the Revolution affected the people of what was then Trenton Township, today's Ewing Township and the city of Trenton north of the Assunpink Creek. Presented by Larry Kidder, a retired high school history teacher who taught for seven years in Ewing and 32 years at The Hun School of Princeton. For many years he has been a volunteer historian for Howell Living History Farm and Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area. Registration is required. Call 609-882-3148. For more information visit [mcl.org](http://mcl.org)

**January 24, Abraham Lincoln Visits Philadelphia, Mercer County Library, Lawrence Branch, 7:30pm.** Register required. Lincoln first saw Independence Hall during his 1848 visit to Philadelphia. He visited Philadelphia four times and was moved spiritually and emotionally by each visit. Join historical lecturer and tour guide Michael Jesberger for a lecture on the president's time in Philadelphia. Registration is suggested. Call 609-883-8294 or e-mail [lawprogs@mcl.org](mailto:lawprogs@mcl.org). For more information visit [mcl.org](http://mcl.org)

**January 31, The Life of Albert Einstein, Mercer County Library, Robbinsville Branch, 7pm.** Come learn about the life of the man whose name has become synonymous with "genius." Discover how childhood fascination with a compass played a role in the development of the Nobel prize-winning scientist, how he accepted a job in Princeton to escape Nazi Germany and more. Presented by the Historical Society of Princeton. Registration is required. For more information visit [mcl.org](http://mcl.org) / (609) 259-2150.

**February 7, American First World War and Post War Memories in France 1917-1929, Mercer County Library, Lawrence Branch, 7pm.** Paris-based travel writer and a native of Mercer County, NJ, travel writer Gary Lee-Kraut will talk about the American war sights of the Paris region and of northeast France, and the role America played in France during the post-war reconstruction. Registration is suggested. Call 609-883-8294 or e-mail [lawprogs@mcl.org](mailto:lawprogs@mcl.org). For more information visit [mcl.org](http://mcl.org)

**February 20, Three Centuries of African-American History**

**in Trenton: Significant People and Places, Mercer County Library, Ewing Branch, 7pm.** Learn about the people and places associated with Trenton's African-American community from its founding to the mid-twentieth century. Presented by Jennifer B. Leynes, author of *Three Centuries of African-American History in Trenton: Significant People and Places*, which was published by the Trenton Historical Society with support from the New Jersey Historical Commission. She serves on the Trenton Landmarks Commission and is employed as a Historic Preservation Specialist by the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office. Registration is required. Call 882-3148. For more info visit [mcl.org](http://mcl.org) / 609-882-3148.

**February 21, Jack Sherrod Lives! The Life and Legacy of Jack Sherrod, Mercer County Library, Lawrence Headquarter Branch, 2751 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville 7pm** Registration is suggested. Call 609-989-6920 or email [lawprogs@mcl.org](mailto:lawprogs@mcl.org). For more information visit [mcl.org](http://mcl.org).

**March 4, The Empire Strikes Back! The Philadelphia Campaign of 1777, Mercer County Library, Ewing Branch, 61 Scotch Road, 7pm.** Learn how Washington's army was overwhelmed in a series of battles and skirmishes, including Brandywine Creek and Germantown, leading to the evacuation of the Continental Congress, the British capture of Philadelphia, and ultimately driving the Continental Army into the hills for a bitter winter encampment at Valley Forge. Presented by Roger S. Williams, a public historian, a member of the Society of Military History, the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic and the Organization of American History. He is a founding member of TenCrucialDays.org and a trustee at the Princeton Battlefield Society. Registration is required. Call 609-882-3148.

**March 6, The Working Women of World War II: Rosie and Beyond, Mercer County Library, Ewing Branch, 61 Scotch Road, 7pm.** Join storyteller Madge Powis as she tells the story of women's occupations during World War II, including her Aunt Helen's experience as a welder. Hear tales of the challenges faced by women in the military as well as on the home front. Madge Powis is a member of the Gar-

den State Storytellers, Torch Clubs International and volunteers at Urban Promise in Trenton. Registration is required. Call 609-882-3148. For more information visit [mcl.org](http://mcl.org)

**March 13, The Flyboys of Princeton, Mercer County Library, Lawrence Branch, 6:30pm.** Join historian and photographer Erik L. Bruno in this presentation on the role of the Princeton University military flying school during World War I, supplemented with information on the Doughboys memorial exhibit featured in the library during the month of March. This program is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Lawrence Library and the Lawrence Historical Society. Registration is suggested. Call 609-883-8294 or e-mail [lawprogs@mcl.org](mailto:lawprogs@mcl.org). Register required. For more information visit [mcl.org](http://mcl.org)

**March 28, The Delaware Bridges of Mercer County: A History, Mercer County Library, Lawrence Branch, 7pm.** Speaker Joe Donnelly, of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission, will discuss the history of the county's Delaware River bridges, illustrated with historic photographs, news items, documents, and maps. Registration is suggested. Call 609-883-8294 or e-mail [lawprogs@mcl.org](mailto:lawprogs@mcl.org). For more information visit [mcl.org](http://mcl.org)

## Literary Events

**February 5; March 5, Poets at the Library, Mercer County Library, Lawrence Branch, 2751 Brunswick Pike, room #5, 7pm.** Please bring 7-10 copies of your poem. For more information please visit [delawarevalleypoets.org](http://delawarevalleypoets.org) / [mcl.org](http://mcl.org) (WV)

## Photography

**January 13, Getting To Know Your Digital Camera, Princeton Photo Workshop, 11am.** For more information visit [princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com](http://princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com)

**January 26, Taking Better Pictures with Your Digital Camera, Princeton Photo Workshop, 1pm.** For more information visit [princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com](http://princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com)

**January 27, The Fine Art of Photographing People, with Professional Model, Princeton Photo Workshop, 10am.** For more information visit [princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com](http://princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com)

## Theatre

### Kelsey Theatre

**January 11 & 18 at 8pm; January 12 & 19, 8pm; January 13 & 20 at 2pm. *Noises Off*, Kelsey Theater,** Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. \$18 adults, \$16 seniors, \$14 students/children. For more information visit [kelseytheatre.net](http://kelseytheatre.net) (W,V)

**January 25 & February 1, 8pm; January 26 & February 2, 8pm; January 27 & February 3 at 2pm. *Zorro, The Musical*, Kelsey Theater,** Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. \$20 all. For more information visit [kelseytheatre.net](http://kelseytheatre.net) (W,V)

**February 8, 8pm; February 9, 8pm; February 10, 2pm. *Love Letters*, Kelsey Theater,** Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. \$18 adults, \$16 seniors, \$14 students/children. For more information visit [kelseytheatre.net](http://kelseytheatre.net) (W,V)

**February 15 & 22, pm; February 16 & 23, 8pm; February 17 & 24, 2pm. *Four Weddings & An Elvis*, Kelsey Theater,** Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. \$18 adults, \$16 seniors, \$14 students/children. For more info visit [kelseytheatre.net](http://kelseytheatre.net) (W,V)

**March 2, at 8pm; March 3 at 2pm. *Chicago II - Reock & Roll Revue*, Kelsey Theater,** Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. \$30 all. For more information visit [kelseytheatre.net](http://kelseytheatre.net) (W,V)

**March 8 & 15, 8pm; March 9 & 16, 8pm; March 10, 2pm. *Peter & The Starcatcher*, Kelsey Theater,** Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. For more information visit [mercerband.org](http://mercerband.org) (W,V)

**March 22 & 29, 8pm; March 23 & 30, 2pm and 8pm; March 24 & 31, 2pm. *The Sound of Music*, Kelsey Theater,** Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. For more information visit [mercerband.org](http://mercerband.org) (W,V)

### McCarter

**January 11 - February 10, *The Niceties*, McCarter Theater.** In this riveting two-person drama, a polite clash between black student and

white professor explodes into an urgent and dangerous contemporary debate. For more information visit [mccarter.org](http://mccarter.org) (W,A,S,B,V)

**January 19, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, McCarter Theater.** A triple bill of Eric Carle favorites. A Black Light Production with puppetry and original music from the Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia. For more information visit [mccarter.org](http://mccarter.org) (W,A,S,B,V)

**January 26, *Potted Potter*, McCarter Theater.** This gloriously goofy parody takes on the ultimate challenge of condensing (or "potting") all seven Harry Potter books, and a real-life game of Quidditch involving the audience, into 70 hilarious minutes. For more information visit [mccarter.org](http://mccarter.org) (W,A,S,B,V)

**February 9, *Pirates of Penzance*, McCarter Theater.** The New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players and Orchestra return to our stage with an all-time favorite. For more info visit [mccarter.org](http://mccarter.org) (W,A,S,B,V)

**February 15 - 17, *Elevator Repair Service: Gatz*, McCarter Theater.** atz is Elevator Repair Service's most ambitious and critically-admired theatrical endeavor: an entertaining dramatization of F. Scott Fitzgerald's masterpiece—word for word. For more information visit [mccarter.org](http://mccarter.org) (W,A,S,B,V)

### Passage Theatre

**February 8 - 10. *To My Unborn Child: A Love Letter From Fred Hampton*.** Passage Theater, Mill Hill Playhouse, 205 East Front Street, Trenton, 609-392-0766. Murdered by Chicago Police at 21 as he lay by his pregnant lover, visionary Black Panther Fred Hampton preached a humane, compassionate revolution against racist brutality, child hunger, poverty, and capitalism. His critical voice for justice comes alive again in Rich Bradford's play about change, love, and legacy. For more information visit [passagetheatre.org](http://passagetheatre.org)

**February 15 - 17. *Bicycle Face*.** Passage Theater, Mill Hill Playhouse, 205 East Front Street, Trenton, 609-392-0766. Set in Philadelphia and framed by a feminist theory class taught one hundred and fifty years in the future, *Bicycle Face* is a multidisciplinary, multimedia theatrical joyride through the feminist movement and its unlikely relationship with the bicycle. The show employs live mu-

sic, projections, and puppetry as it navigates the ever-changing landscape of feminism, censorship, and cycling. For more information visit [passagetheatre.org](http://passagetheatre.org)

## Workshops

**January 12, *Frost and Flames, Grounds For Sculpture*, 11:00am.** Get up close and watch as master carvers turn huge blocks of ice into art using power saws, chisels, and grit, in locations throughout the park. For more information visit [groundsfor Sculpture.org](http://groundsfor Sculpture.org). (W,A,S,P,B,V)

**January 15 - February 12, *Experimenting in Comic Arts*, 9pm.** Struggling with backgrounds? Can't make your city or village or deserted wasteland look believable? Come on down and get some tips and tricks to help make your comic pages have lived-in worlds that feel real. For more info visit [westwindsorarts.org](http://westwindsorarts.org). (W,A,S,P,B,V)

**February 16, *Abstraction with Acrylic and Ink*, Grounds For Sculpture, 10:00am.** Venture into a world of shape, form, and repetition, and learn how to use nonrepresentational techniques to render interpretive studies using acrylic and ink in this three-part painting workshop. Instructor: Megan Uhaze. For more information visit [groundsfor Sculpture.org](http://groundsfor Sculpture.org). (W,A,S,P,B,V)

**February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 12:30pm. *Visual Poetry Workshop*, Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street Princeton.** For more information visit [artscouncilofprinceton.org](http://artscouncilofprinceton.org) (W,A,S,P,B,V)

**March 16, *Studio Intense Workshop: Soft Stone*, Grounds For Sculpture, 11:00am.** Learning techniques for shaping and refining soft stone. No prior experience is necessary, and all required tools and materials will be provided. For more information visit [groundsfor Sculpture.org](http://groundsfor Sculpture.org). (W,A,S,P,B,V)

**March 20 & 21, *Handmade Fabric Books Workshop*, West Windsor Arts Council, 10am.** This two-day intensive workshop will introduce the process, the materials, the tools, and the bookbinding structure to create a hardcover fabric book with fabric pages. In-class discussions will briefly cover the history of textile books and the selection of proper materials and

## Opportunities

### Artist Opportunities

#### • Mercer Co. Artists: 2019

##### Eligibility

Mercer County Artists is a juried exhibition open to visual artists ages eighteen or older, who live, work, or attend school in Mercer County, NJ. They are entitled to submit up to two (2) original works in any media except photography. Works must have been executed in the past two years. The Entry fee of ten dollars (\$10) for one piece (\$15 for two) — cash or check payable to Mercer County Community College or MCCC — must accompany entries. Visit the site below to download a prospectus.

##### Exhibition Dates

• May 20 - July 8, 2019

##### Submission, Judging, and Installation

• May 6 - May 19, 2019

##### MCA Reception

• May 22, 2019

[www.mccc.edu/gallery](http://www.mccc.edu/gallery)

#### • Playfest 2019

The Lawrence Headquarters Branch Library is hosting PlayFest, its annual one-act play festival, on Saturday, April 27, 2019. The Festival directors are seeking actors to fill a variety of roles in the staged readings from the selected works of local playwrights. The audition consists of a cold reading from selected scripts and will be held at the Lawrence Headquarters Branch Library located at 2751 Brunswick Pike Route One, Lawrenceville, New Jersey on Wednesday, February 27, 6-8 pm, Saturday, March 2, 1-4 pm, and Monday, March 4, 6-8 pm.

To schedule an audition, interested actors should contact Branch Manager James Damron at 609-883-8291 or [jdarnon@mcl.org](mailto:jdarnon@mcl.org).

tools. Participants should be at least 15 years old, and should have some experience with sewing. For more info visit [westwindsorarts.org](http://westwindsorarts.org). (W,A,S,P,B,V)



## ***The Paleo and Archaic Indians of New Jersey at Washington Crossing State Park***

On Sunday, February 3, at 1:30 pm, join the Nature Center at Washington Crossing State Park in Titusville. Jim Wade, former archivist and researcher with the New Jersey State Museum, will take participants on a journey back to the time of the last ice age, when the earliest Native American peoples entered what is now New Jersey. Discover how these Paleo-Indians lived and survived in an arctic landscape filled with strange, prehistoric fur-covered animals, like the

wooly mammoth, great elk, and musk oxen - Learn how these earliest people adapted to their harsh environment and hunted with specialized Clovis spear points - See how these prehistoric hunters opened the way for new bands of Archaic peoples who followed, with new innovative stone tools and lifestyles. The program will include a slide presentation and Native American artifacts will be on display.

For more information about other programs at the Washington Crossing State Park Nature Center visit [state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/washington\\_crossing\\_calendar.htm](http://state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/washington_crossing_calendar.htm).

## ***Princeton Public Library to Host Chinese New Year Celebration***

Join the Princeton High School Mandarin classes and the school's Chinese Club on February 2, 2 pm to 4 pm at the Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street, Princeton as they

## ***Three Centuries of African-American History in Trenton: Significant People and Places***

Learn about the people and places associated with Trenton's African-American community from its founding to the mid-twentieth century on February 20, 7 pm at the Ewing Branch of the Mercer County Library, 61 Scotch Road, Ewing. Presented by Jennifer B. Leynes, author of *Three Centuries of African-American History in Trenton: Significant People*

and Places, which was published by the Trenton Historical Society with support from the New Jersey Historical Commission. She serves on the Trenton Landmarks Commission and is employed as a Historic Preservation Specialist by the New Jersey Historical Preservation Office. Registration is required. Call 882-3148. For more information visit [mcl.org](http://mcl.org).

host a celebration of Chinese New Year for all ages featuring traditional music and instruments, martial arts, calligraphy, painting, dance, origami, games, crafts and more.

Co-sponsored by the Princeton Public Library and the Princeton High School Chinese Club. For more information or to register call 609-924-9529 or visit [princetonlibrary.org](http://princetonlibrary.org)

## ***A Place In Time: Enoch Middleton House***

Prior to the Civil War, a sprawling network of individuals, secret routes, and safe houses began to emerge throughout the northern United States.

This network, better known as the Underground Railroad, helped fugitive slaves from the South escape to northern states and Canada, where slavery had already been abolished. Beginning in the early 19th Century and reaching its peak between 1850 and 1860, estimates of fugitives led to safety range from 30,000 to upwards of 100,000.

In the North Crosswicks section of Hamilton Township, New Jersey on the corner of Church Street and Old York Road sits one such safe house. Named the Enoch



Enoch Middleton House, 2 Old York Road, Hamilton

Middleton House, the home was built in 1836 by Middleton, a retired Quaker merchant and abolitionist from Philadelphia. According to the New Jersey Historical Commission's *A Guide to the Underground Railroad in New Jersey*, the house was initially intended as the Middleton family summer home.

Upon his retirement, Middleton chose to move his permanent residence to Mercer County and shortly after began a life as an Underground Railroad stationmaster and conductor. A 1956 issue of the *Trenton Sunday Times-Advertiser* suggests that Middleton acquired anti-slavery ideas through contacts with leading abolitionists and the Quaker Society of Friends.

Despite the documentation that does exist surrounding Middleton and the property, there are many parts of the story that are still unknown.

For more information or to research the Enoch Middletown house please visit the New Jersey State Archives, 225 West State Street.

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