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News Update

The College of New Jersey Art Gallery: "Making Innovation: Artists, Engineers, and the Sarnoff Collection"

Opening February 7, 2018, a new exhibition in the TCNJ Art Gallery will bring together contemporary art and the history of 20th century broadcast and digital technology. "Making Innovation: Artists, Engineers, & the Sarnoff Collection," will explore the nature of corporate culture and the culture of invention that revolutionized modern technology. The exhibition will feature highlights from the Sarnoff Collection, and the artwork of contemporary artists Imin Yeh and Sandra Erbacher. Making Innovation traces the impact of technology and labor that transformed the world and continues to influence contemporary life.

The Sarnoff Collection at TCNJ houses a small, but significant group of artifacts connected to the history of communication and electronics in the 20th century.

Making Innovation will feature intriguing historical artifacts - from computer chips to vacuum tubes - as well as artworks from the Sarnoff Collection including works by Clarence Holbrook Carter, Philip J. Cianci, S. Hammer, Pietro Montana, and Vladimir Zworykin.

Pittsburgh-based printmaker and installation artist Imin Yeh served as the Sarnoff's first artist-in-residence. Yeh spent several days exploring the Collection with curator Florencia Pierri, exploring the Collection's holdings of computer games, RCA publications, and electronic prototypes and handmade models. As a printmaker, Yeh is fascinated with the history of technological innovation and the creative implications of invention in the arts and sciences. Yeh was particularly struck by the prototype for the

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Clarence Holbrook Carter, David Sarnoff Research Center, 1967. Oil on canvas. The David Sarnoff Collection.

first blue LED, which led to the creation of an installation for the exhibition that features more than 50 paper replicas of that original LED. Through her painstakingly crafted and detail-oriented paper reproductions, Yeh draws attention to the invisible labor behind objects.

Sandra Erbacher uses objects and materials typically associated with institutional spaces and offices to mount a sly, often humorous critique of corporate bureaucracy. Erbacher transforms familiar aspects of office life - the floor plans, texts, and objects designed to organize human activity and max-

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Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey Celebrates 40 Years!

The Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. The organization has a rich history of cultivating many forms of music making with the talented youth of our surrounding communities. Accomplished YOCJ alumni include Rex Surany, the new Principal Bass of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra in New York City.

The 40th Anniversary Recital and celebration will be held on March 25, 3 pm at the Princeton Meadow Church, 545 Meadow Road in West Windsor. This event, open to the public, will feature alumni, conductors and current students.

Prior to the recital, on March 13 the legendary retired New York Philharmonic former Principal Clarinetist Stanley Drucker will hold a master class for the YOCJ student players, an event which is also free and open

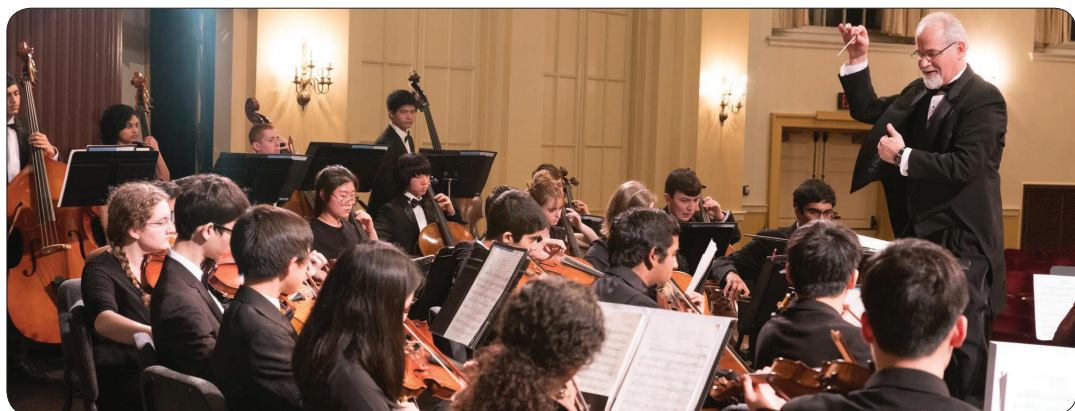
to the public. This event will take place at 7pm and will be hosted by the West Windsor Plainsboro School District (location TBD). Drucker, who retired in 2009, spent 60 years with the New York Philharmonic, and will return to the stage on January 21 to play with YOCJ at their winter concert, which will be held at Kendall Hall at The College of New Jersey, 3 and 7 pm.

The YOCJ's spring concert will be held at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North on May 20, at 3 pm

and 7 pm. The 3 pm concert features the String Preparatory Orchestra, the Pro Arte Orchestra, and the Wind Symphony. The 7 pm concert features the Saxophone Choir, the Symphonic Orchestra, as well as a performance from Senior Concerto Competition winner.

YOCJ aims to provide opportunities for talented young musicians in central New Jersey to participate in musical performances at a level beyond that which is traditionally offered by school bands and orchestras. The organization accepts students from upper grade school through high school, through audition. Students

need a desire to play, to be privately taught, and they must remain a member of their school orchestra or band. The next audition will be held in June. The YOCJ is an award-winning, critically acclaimed organization that has performed throughout the eastern United States, Canada, Germany, Austria, and the Czech Republic. Unique to YOCJ are its chamber groups for flute, saxophone, brass, woodwinds and percussion that offer an unparalleled opportunity for small ensembles that feature these instruments in performance. For more information about auditions, concerts, and masterclasses visit YOCJ.org.



Fiesta del Día de Los Reyes Magos: A Three Kings Day Celebration at Arts Council of Princeton



Lisa Botalico Fiesta Flamenca

Join the Arts Council of Princeton for a special, family-friendly cultural event on Saturday, January 6 at 3 pm. Fiesta del Día 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. In many Spanish speaking countries, children leave their shoes out the night before Fiesta del Día de Los Reyes Magos, ready to be filled with presents.

This celebration will be held at the Paul Robeson Center for the Arts, Princeton and will feature a live Flamenco dance performance led by Lisa Botalico and have Rosca de Reyes (Three Kings

Cake). Learn about Spanish culture and end the holiday season in celebration! The suggested donation is \$10.

The Paul Robeson Center for the Arts is located at 102 Witherspoon Street, Princeton. Parking is available in the Spring and Hulfish Street Garages and at metered parking along Witherspoon Street and Paul Robeson Place.

The Arts Council of Princeton, founded in 1967, is a non-profit organization

with a mission of Building Community through the Arts. Housed in the landmark Paul Robeson Center for the Arts, designed by architect Michael Graves, the ACP presents a wide range of programs including exhibitions, performances, free community cultural events, and studio-based classes and workshops in a wide range of media. For more information please call (609) 924-8777 or visit artscouncil-ofprinceton.org

TCNJ Exhibit Sarnoff Collection (continued)

imize efficiency – in ways that threaten to disrupt the institutional order.

On Wednesday, February 7, 2018, there will be an Opening Day Panel Discussion featuring Imin Yeh and Florencia Pierri from 4-5 pm. Immediately following the Discussion will be the Opening Reception in the gallery from 5-7 pm. All events are free and open to the public.

For updates about the exhibition, follow TCNJ Art Gallery on Instagram @tcnjartgallery, Twitter @TCNJ_ArtGallery, like the Facebook page TCNJ Art Gallery, and visit the website tcnjartgallery.tcnj.edu/.

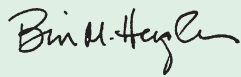
Dear Friends,

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 new exhibition at The College of New Jersey Art Gallery that combines contemporary art and the history of 20th century broadcast and digital technology; a recital celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey; ice sculpture demonstrations at Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton; and a special presentation at the Old Barracks Museum in Trenton that highlights the numerous contributions made by African American soldiers throughout American history.

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

Sincerely,



Brian M. Hughes
County Executive

Don't Miss the Ice Sculpture Demonstrations at the Grounds For Sculpture!



Plan your visit to the Grounds for Sculpture for Sunday, January 21 and see the chips fall where they may as master carvers turn huge blocks of ice into art. Using power saws, chisels, brawn, and grit, this talented group of artists will amaze you with what and how they create!

The carving begins at 11 am and is free with park admission. Dress warmly; all demonstrations take place outdoors.

For more information or to get tickets call (609) 586-0616 or visit groundsforsculpture.org.

Last year's Ice Sculpting at the Grounds For Sculpture.

Calendar of Events¹

Auditions

January 10 & 11, Pegasus Theatre, Casting Call for Bakersfield Mist, 7 - 10pm. West Windsor Arts Center, 952 Alexander Rd, Princeton Junction. To schedule your appointment or for more information visit pegasustheatrenj.org/ (609)759-0045. Walk-ins will be seen if time permits. (W,A)

Voices Chorale regularly auditioning new members. Currently seeking altos, tenors, and basses. For more information or to schedule an audition, email richardtangyuk@gmail.com / 609-474-0031.

Concerts

January 5, Trenton Youth Drum Circle, Trenton Children's Chorus, 6pm. Located at Homefront, Ewing. For more information visit trentonchildrenchorus.org

January 14, Bach and Mendelssohn in January, Central Jersey Choral Society, 4:30pm. Princeton Meadow Event Center, 545 Meadow Rd, Princeton. Bach's exquisite fugues set to Psalm 130 and a selection of Psalms by Mendelssohn. Through their settings of the Psalms, we will present together Bach and Mendelssohn, his student displaced through time. For more information visit cjchoralsociety.org

January 14, Chorale at Unitarian Universalist Church of Princeton, Trenton Children's Chorus. For more information visit trentonchildrenchorus.org

January 18, Classical Chamber Music Recital, Westminster Conservatory at Nassau, 12:15pm. Niles Chapel of Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street, Princeton. Free admission. For more information visit rider.edu/conservatory/ (609)921-7104.

January 21, Winter Concerts, Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey, String Preparatory Orchestra, 3pm; Saxophone Choir, 7pm. Kendall Hall, The College of New Jersey. For more information visit yocj.org

February 2, Trenton Youth Drum Circle, Trenton Children's Chorus, 6pm. For more information visit trentonchildrenchorus.org

February 8, Bach & Beyond (Jennifer Koh, violin), 6pm & 9pm. Princeton University Concerts. Richardson Auditorium in Alexander Hall, Princeton University. For tickets or more information visit princetonuniversityconcerts.org

February 9, Revolt: A Cabaret, Westminster Choir College, 7:30pm. Spitz Studio Theater, Rider University, Lawrenceville. Collection of songs from across the ages that speak of empowerment, strength, dissatisfaction, and revolution. Free. For more information visit rider.edu

February 10, Concert at Adath Israel - Chorale Only, Capital Singers of Trenton. Adath Israel Congregation, 1958 Lawrenceville Rd, Lawrenceville. For more information visit capitalsingers.org

February 10, Saturday Evening POPS!, Princeton Symphony Orchestra, 8pm. Located in Richardson Auditorium in Alexander Hall, Princeton. For more information visit princetonsymphony.org

February 11, Bach Cantata Fest II, Dryden Ensemble, 3pm. Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary. Three sacred cantatas and selected arias featuring soprano Teresa Wakim, mezzo-soprano Kristen Dubenion-Smith, tenor Jason McStoots, and baritone William Sharp. For tickets or more information visit drydenensemble.org

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February 15, Brentano String Quartet with special guest Jonathan Biss, 6pm & 9pm. Princeton University Concerts. Richardson Auditorium in Alexander Hall, Princeton University. For tickets or more information visit princetonuniversityconcerts.org

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February 24, Trenton Children's Chorus Black History Month Celebration, 11am. Located at Christ Temple Ministries. For more information visit trentonchildrenchorus.org

February 26, Trenton High/Trenton Children's Choir at Trenton Board of Education Meeting. For more information visit trentonchildrenchorus.org

March 4, Bach's Goldberg Variations, Dryden Ensemble. Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary. Featuring Adam Pearl, an award-winning early keyboard specialist, in Bach's monumental work for solo harpsichord. For tickets or more information visit drydenensemble.org

March 4, Masters of the Renaissance, Voices Chorale, 4pm. Princeton Abbey, 75 Mapleton Rd, Princeton. For tickets or more information visit voiceschorale.org/ (609)474-0031

March 7, Jazz Vespers, Princeton University Chapel, 8pm. A service of poetry, music, and meditation with saxophonist Audrey Welber, pianist Logan Roth, and members of the Chapel Choir. Free., princeton.edu/music

March 10, The Jazz Age: Music of Stravinsky, Milhaud, Weill, and Antheil, Capital Philharmonic of New Jersey, 7:30pm. Located at George Washington Ballroom at the War Memorial, Trenton. For tickets visit capitalphilharmonic.org/ ticketphiladelphia.org/ (215) 893-1999. For more information call (609) 558-2292.

March 15, Classical Chamber Music Recital, Westminster Conservatory at Nassau, 12:15pm. Niles Chapel of Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street, Princeton. Free admission. For more information visit rider.edu/conservatory/ (609)921-7104.

January 26, Music & Movement, Mercer County Library, West Windsor Branch, 7pm. Sing-along songs with move-

ments to match. Sing old favorites and learn new ones. No registration is required. For more information visit mcl.org or call (609) 989-6922.

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

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

Every Thursday night, Viva Tango, 8pm. Suzanne Patterson Center, (609) 948-4448, \$15. For more information visit vivatango.org

Every Friday night, Friday Night Social, American Ballroom Company, 7:30pm. Located at 1523 Parkway Ave, Ewing. (609)931-0149, \$15.00. For more information visit 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

Every Saturday, English Dance, Princeton Country Dancers, 8pm. Suzanne Patterson Center. For more information visit princetoncountrydancers.org

January 20 - March 13, Capoeira, West Windsor Arts Council. Come move and groove the Brazilian way! For more information visit westwindsorarts.org

Exhibitions

Now - February 9, Feather & Flight: Juried Exhibit, D&R Greenway. One Preservation Place, Princeton. For more information visit drgreenway.org/ (609) 924-4646. (W,V)

Now - August 19, Shifting Views: Artists who experienced World War I, NJ State Museum, 205 West State St, Trenton. Peaceful landscapes,

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busy city streets, linear abstractions, portraits of friends and family - these paintings, drawings, and prints were created by twenty-three artists who experienced the front-lines of WWI. For more information visit state.nj.us/state/museum (WW)

Now - September 29, *Hearth & Home, NJ State Museum*, 205 West State St, Trenton. This exhibition features a reflection of ourselves and the environment in which we live. In this fascinating exhibit visitors will learn about the homes and home life of Native Americans in the Eastern Woodlands of North America. For more information visit state.nj.us/state/museum (WW)

Now - February 28, *Bob Sullivan Solo Exhibition, Nassau Club, Princeton*. Long Island painter and commercial fishing and sailing captain Bob Sullivan exhibits still life and plein air oil paintings. For more information visit bobsullivanart.com

January 5 - April 29, *Second Life, Tulpehaking Nature Center, 11am*. This art exhibit will display conversations of color and texture expressed through re purposed objects. For more information visit natureprograms@mercercounty.org. (WW)

January 8 - February 1, *Past Looking Forward: Charles Bryan, Diana Weymar*. Princeton Day School, 650 Great Road, Princeton. Opening reception January 12, 12:30 pm. For more information visit pds.org

January 27 - April 29, *The Artist Sees Differently: Modern Still Lifes from the Phillips Collection, Princeton University Art Museum*. This exhibition of forty paintings from The Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C., offers an analysis of the modernist still life, including rarely seen works by European and American masters such as Paul Cézanne, Georges Braque, Pablo Picasso, Marsden Hartley, Milton Avery, and Georgia O'Keeffe. For more information visit artmuseum.princeton.edu (WW)

February 16 - April 18, *Sidewalk Sightings: People without Homes, Bernstein Gallery, Robertson Hall, Princeton, 9am*. Exhibition in which Fanny Allie tears apart and re-assemble pieces of found fabric, mixed media and newsprint images to create characters of the street she observes on New York City sidewalks. For more informa-

tion visit princeton.edu.

Farmers Markets & Fundraisers

January 6 & 20; February 3 & 17; March 3 & 17, *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

March 24, *Empty Bowls, Hightstown Cultural Arts Commission, 6pm*. Empty Bowls is an effort to raise both money and awareness in the fight to end hunger, personalized by artists. For more information visit @HightstownCultraArtsCommission on facebook.

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 (WW)

Every Second Tuesday, *Central Jersey Genealogical Club, Hamilton Library, 7 p.m.* For more information visit cgcnj.com (WW)

January 4, *Crossroads of the Revolution, Updike Farm, 7pm*. Author Larry Kidder discusses his book "Crossroads of the Revolution: Trenton 1774-1783." Free. Registration required. For more information visit princetonhistory.org

January 30, *Princeton & the American Revolution, Mercer County Library, Robbinsville Branch, 7pm*. The turning point of the Revolutionary War took place in our own backyard. Learn about the remarkable events of the "Ten Crucial Days" from Christmas 1776 to January 3, 1777, and hear the story of how the Continental soldiers' bravery and perseverance led to victory and freedom. For more information visit [mcl.org/\(609\)259-2150](http://mcl.org/(609)259-2150).

February 3, *The Greatest Love Letters from the Last 300 Years, Mercer County Library, Robbinsville Branch, 2pm*. From Napoleon's letters to Josephine, to the letters of Taylor and Burton, love letters reveal the tenderness in fire-and-ice relationships. Learn how history has been affected through the expression of deep feelings in letters. . For more information visit [mcl.org/\(609\)259-2150](http://mcl.org/(609)259-2150) (WW)

February 15, *The Logistics of the Underground Railroad, 7pm; February 22, *Black Lives Matter - The John Woolman Effect, Mercer County Library, Lawrence Branch, 7pm**. Register Required. For more information visit mcl.org

February 24 & 25, *America...We Served! Three Centuries of African American Soldiers, Old Barracks Museum, 10am*. For more information barracks.org

Literary Events

January 8 & 22, *Off the Page, Mercer County Library, Lawrence Branch, 7pm*. Play one of the great characters from dramatic literature or contemporary comedy at a table reading. Register required. For more information visit mcl.org

January 18, *Open Mic with US Poet Laureate Tracy K. Smith, Trenton Free Public Library, 5pm*. Read your poetry, rap, short narratives, and any other artistic expressions. For more information visit trentonlib.org

January 23, *Open Mic Night, Mercer County Library, Ewing Branch, 7pm*. All poets, musicians, and performers are welcome. Bring something to share, or just come and watch. For more information visit mcl.org

January 29, February 26 & March 20, *Poets at the Library, Mercer County Library, Lawrence Branch, 2751 Brunswick Pike, 7pm*. Co-sponsored by the Princeton Public Library, US 1 Poets' Cooperative, and Delaware Valley Poets. Please bring 7-10 copies of your poem. The contact for the workshop is Pat Hardigree, (609) 372-8783. For more information please visit delawarevalleypoets.org/mcl.org (WW)

Photography

January 7, *Exploring In and Around the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Princeton Photo Workshop, 11am*. For more information visit princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com

January 13, *Using Photoshop Layers & Photomatrix in HDR & Beyond, Princeton Photo Workshop, 10am*. For more information visit princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com

February 10, *Portrait Photography From Start to Finish, Princeton Photo Workshop, 10am*. For more information visit princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com

February 24, *Portrait Photography From Start to Finish, Princeton Photo Workshop, 10am*. For more information visit princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com

March 17, *Digital Photography: Taking Better Pictures, Princeton Photo Workshop, 1pm*. For more information visit princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com

Theatre

Kelsey Theatre

January 5, 12 & 19, 8pm; January 6, 13 & 20, 8pm; January 7, 14 & 21, 2pm. *West Side Story*, Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. A timeless love story set in the racially charged streets of 1950's. \$20. For more information visit kelseytheatre.net (WW)

January 26 & February 2, 8pm; January 27 & February 3, 8pm; January 28 & February 4, 2pm. *Ken Ludwig's Twentieth Century*. Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. Get away with Theater and go back to the 1930's. The fun begins when an egomaniacal Broadway producer boards the Twentieth Century Limited with the intent of winning back his leading lady, now a temperamental Hollywood star, who is just as determined to ignore his advances, both professional and personal. This hilarious adaptation of the classic movie is truly a riot on rails! \$18 adults, \$16 seniors, \$14 students / children. For more information visit kelseytheatre.net (WW)

February 9 & 16, 8pm; February 10 & 17, 8pm; February 11 & 18, 2pm. *HONK! A Musical*, Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. The Yardley Players is hatching up something special with this fun musical. An adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen story The Ugly Duckling. \$20 adults, \$18 seniors, \$16 students. For more information visit kelseytheatre.net (WW)

February 23 & March 2, 8pm; February 24 & March 3, 8pm; February 25 & March 4, 2pm. *Moon Over Buffalo*. Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. In this hilari-

ous comedy two fading stars of the 1950's are playing a comedy and a drama in rotation in Buffalo, New York. On the brink of a disastrous split-up, they receive word that they might have one last shot at regaining their stardom. One perfect performance is all they need. Unfortunately, everything that could go wrong does go wrong and no one on stage knows if they're in the drama or the comedy! \$18 adults, \$16 seniors, \$14 students / children. For more information visit kelseytheatre.net (W,V)

March 10, 8pm; March 11, 2pm. Reock & Roll Revue No Angel - The Life and Music for Gregg Allman. Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. The recent passing of a Giant of the 1970's music scene, The Reock and Roll Revue will be paying tribute to this legend with the show NO ANGEL: The Life & Music of Gregg Allman. Known mostly as a founding member of the legendary Allman Brothers Band, he also had a great solo career that spanned over 40 years. This show will feature music from the many solo albums as well as some favorite Allman Brothers Band songs. \$25. For more information visit kelseytheatre.net (W,V)

March 16, 8pm; March 17 & 24, 2pm & 8pm; March 18 & 25, 2pm. Fiddler On The Roof. Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. No other musical has so successfully woven music, dance, poignancy, and laughter into such a truly unforgettable show. As Tevye, a poor dairyman, tries to hold onto his religion, his Russian-Jewish traditions, and his five daughters while eluding the difficult future that looms ever nearer, he learns that life is "as shaky as a fiddler on the roof." Join Maurer Productions Onstage to dream with "Matchmaker, Matchmaker;" laugh out loud with "If I Were a Rich Man," and tear up with "Sunrise, Sunset" and "Anatevka." This is a story that will last forever in your heart. Let's celebrate life together. L'Chaim! \$20 adults, \$18 seniors, \$16 students/children. For more information visit kelseytheatre.net (W,V)

March 3, 2pm & 4pm. Goldilocks & The 3 Bears. Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Com-

munity College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. This fun-filled production tells the familiar story of the little girl with the golden curls who encounters three furry friends in the woods. With the helpful participation of the audience, they teach her important lessons in kindness. This original musical by Kaleidoscope Theatre is one show you just can't... "bear" to miss. \$12adults, \$10 seniors, students/children. For more information visit kelseytheatre.net (W,V)

McCarter January 12-February 11, Stones in His Pocket, McCarter Theater, times vary. When small town Irishmen Charlie and Jake are hired as extras in an epic American movie that invades their scenic County Kerry village, chaos ensues as they begin to discover that their romanticized Hollywood dream isn't quite what it seems. Marie Jones' Olivier Award-winning comedy is a rollicking, poignant tale brought to life by two actors portraying a colorful cast of dozens. Acclaimed British director Lindsay Posner helms this hilarious story that pits harsh reality against Hollywood endings. For more information visit mccarter.org (W,A,S,B,V)

March 13 - April 1, Crowns, McCarter Theater, 8pm. When a Chicago teenager is sent to live with her grandmother in South Carolina, she finds herself on a powerful journey toward discovering her place in this world and in her family. Adapted from the best-selling book, Crowns weaves faith and fashion together into an inspirational, joyous coming-of-age musical celebration of resilient, triumphant African American women, and their church hats. For more information visit mccarter.org (W,A,S,B,V)

Passage Theatre March 9 - 18, I of the Storm, Passage Theatre. 205 E Front Street, Trenton. An unlikely success story about losing it all, and finding that peace of mind is an inside job. For more information visit passagetheatre.org

Tulpehaking January 5 - April 29, Second Life, Tulpehaking Nature Center, 11am. This art exhibit will display conversations of color and texture expressed through re purposed objects. For more information visit natureprograms@mercercounty.org. (W,V)

January 25, Your Wild Yard Series: Build Your Own Bluebird Box, Tulpehaking Nature Center, 6:30pm. Located at 157 Westcott Ave, Hamilton. For more information visit natureprograms@mercercounty.org / (609) 888-3218.

Workshops January 16 - February 13, Indian Traditional Painting, West Windsor Arts Council. In this class you will learn an art form dating back to the 16th century. For more information visit westwindsorarts.org

January 20 - March 17, Adult Beginning Watercolor, West Windsor Arts Council. Beginners and more experienced students alike will increase their skill and enjoyment of this exciting medium. For more information visit westwindsorarts.org (W,A,S,P,B,V)

January 22 - March 5, Still Life in Pastel, West Windsor Arts Council. Use soft pastels to create artwork emphasizing color, texture, value, and composition. For more information visit westwindsorarts.org (W,A,S,P,B,V)

January 23 - February 27, Poetry Writing, West Windsor Arts Council, 5:30pm. For more information visit westwindsorarts.org (W,A,S,P,B,V)

February 3, Bead Weaving Pendant Workshop, Grounds For Sculpture, 12:30pm. Learn basic bead weaving techniques. Using tools and materials provided, complete a pendant with a geometric design. For more information visit groundsforsculpture.org. (W,A,S,P,B,V)

February 5 - March 5, Guide Studio for Oil Painters, West Windsor Arts Council, 10am. Intermediate and advanced students of oil painting will experiment and explore more complex challenges based on their interests and experiences in this guided studio. For more information visit westwindsorarts.org (W,A,S,P,B,V)

February 5 - March 5, Digital Photography, West Windsor Arts Council, 7pm. Have a great camera, but you don't know how to use it? Dust it off and bring it to this class!. For more information visit westwindsorarts.org (W,A,S,P,B,V)

February 13 - February 27, Handmade Books, Arts Council of Princeton, 6pm. Learn the ins and outs of quick contemporary book binding by

Opportunities

Call for Artist Submissions

Mercer County

• **Mercer County Courthouse Public Art Project**
Submission - January 10, The County of Mercer County/New Jersey seeks to identify a pool of qualified artists or artist teams who may be invited to develop proposals to design, fabricate and install permanent site-specific public art for the new Mercer County Courthouse (Trenton, NJ). Letters of interest and qualifications from artists are sought in this RFQ.

For the full detailed listing visit <https://www.callforentry.org/festivals/unique/info.php?ID=4325>

hand. Artists can anticipate creating books using high-quality materials and easy-to-learn techniques than can easily translate to their work. Experience new art-forms, explore new techniques and create a haul of books in three evening sessions. For more information visit artscouncilofprinceton.org (W,A,S,P,B,V)

February 14 - March 7, Fabric Arts, West Windsor Arts Council, 3pm. Discover the rich potential of creating designs on fabric using a variety of hand-dyeing techniques. For more information visit westwindsorarts.org (W,A,S,P,B,V)

February 17, Bead Weaving Earrings Workshop, Grounds For Sculpture, 12:30pm. Learn basic bead weaving techniques. Using tools and materials provided, complete a pair of earrings featuring a peacock motif. For more information visit groundsforsculpture.org. (W,A,S,P,B,V)

March 10, Sculptural Textiles (Presented in partnership with the Arts Council of Princeton), Grounds For Sculpture, 10am. In this two-day workshop, create free-standing sculptural forms using fibers and heat tools. Recycled materials and man-made fibers are cut and distressed surfaces. For more information visit groundsforsculpture.org. (W,A,S,P,B,V)

"America, We Served! Three Centuries of African American Soldiers" presented by the Old Barracks Museum



For over 300 years, African Americans have made incredible contributions to the United States military. On Saturday, February 24 and Sunday, February 25 from 10 am until 5 pm, learn about the impact made on war efforts by black soldiers throughout American history at the Old Barracks Museum. African American historians, reenactors, and veterans will present artifacts, information, and insight highlighting the integral role African Americans had in our nation's history.

The Revolutionary War will be represented by the predominately African American Rhode Island Regiment. The Civil War will

be represented by The 6th Regiment United States Colored Troops. World War II will be represented by The 5th Platoon. Other authentically kitted out reenactors will represent the War of 1812, the Buffalo Soldiers of the American West, and the Harlem Hellfighters of World War I fame.

Special admission rates apply for this weekend: \$4 adults; \$2 seniors/students; free, children six and under/Active Duty Military.

The Old Barracks Museum is located at 101 Barrack Street, Trenton, right next to the State House.

For more information call 609-396-1776 or visit bar-racks.org.

A Place In Time: Mill Hill Park – Second Battle of Trenton Site

Following the First Battle of Trenton on December 26, 1776, Washington's army returned to their camp on the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware River. After some discussion concerning what to do next, the plan was made to follow up their victory with another battle. They would return to Trenton and wait to be attacked by British and Hessian forces that would be converging on the town.

On December 29 and 30, Washington and his army again re-crossed the Delaware River into New Jersey to take up defensive positions in Trenton. This time they would be in the role of defending, rather than attacking, the city. However, unlike the Hessians at the First Battle of Trenton, the Americans would not be surprised by their attackers; they were waiting and planning for the attack that they knew would come.

On the 30th, Washington made his headquarters on Queen Street (now Broad), and troops took up defensive positions on the high ground south of Assunpink Creek. From here, they would be in position to defend the

bridge over Assunpink Creek that the British would be attacking over.

On the morning of January 2nd, British and Hessian troops under General Cornwallis marched to attack the American troops in Trenton from Princeton along the post road, which is now the path of Rt. 206. An important delay in their movements occurred



S. Broad St and Assunpink Dr., Mill Hill Park

because of skirmishes in Lawrenceville. These skirmishes delayed the British attack until late in the afternoon. Because the Battle took place in early January, the sun would set early at 4:46 pm. This meant there was little daylight left for the British to press their attack when they arrived in Trenton, which

would greatly affect the outcome of the battle.

The American troops successfully defended the bridge over the Assunpink Creek which stood near what is now the southwest corner of Mill Hill Park. A historic sign at the entrance to the park describes the events: "On this site, late in the afternoon of January 2, 1777, General Washington's 'Little Band' of determined men and boys won the second Battle of Trenton." Having a great concentration of artillery and small-arms power, the Americans withstood three powerful charges by the enemy. This stand enabled the Americans to outflank the enemy during the night and march on to another victory at Princeton, thus completing the ten days that kept a dying Revolution alive.

Today Mill Hill Park is a gathering place not only to remember the 2nd Battle of Trenton but also home to such events as The Capital City Farmers Market and also the Levitt Amp Trenton Music Series. For more information about things to do at the park visit destinationtrenton.com.



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