



## Chapin Gallery features Eclectic Artwork

Chapin Gallery hosts three local artists who work in a variety of mediums: George Thompson—portrait, landscape and still life oil paintings; Russell Marks—abstract sculptures; and Fay Sciarra—fanciful creations.

Local artist George Thompson's paintings are recognized for their drama and theater. After graduating from Pratt Institute with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree, he went on to study acting and perform music and improv comedy in some of New York's top venues. Both of his parents were circus performers. He brings this sensibility to his paintings.

His portrait and figure work are noted for their lush color and life. He finds interesting subjects with expressive faces and adds colorful costumes, make up and moody lighting.

His landscapes feature rich, tonal values, focusing on the sense of a time of day or the feel of a particular season. He paints his landscapes to convey a mood, concentrating more on how a location feels than how it looks. His still lifes, as well, are about the play of light, and how things look when placed against another object or simply placed alone.

After a successful career as an art director and editorial illustrator and he now paints full time. To see more of George Thompson's art, please visit his website at: [www.georgethompsonsgallery.com](http://www.georgethompsonsgallery.com).

Russell Marks' mixed-media constructions, three-dimensional hard-edge abstractions and mini-monuments, owe much to the ideas and palettes of Latin American art. In his work, Marks creates striking color harmonics and dynamic, clean lines.

He began studying art at the Maryland Institute of Art at six, but spent most of his life in international business. After graduating from Princeton University, he moved to Puerto Rico where, inspired by linoleum cuts and the wood engravings, he developed a lifelong interest in producing and collecting graphic arts. He lived in Peru, Bolivia, and Brazil and traveled extensively throughout Latin America, Asia, and Europe

giving him the opportunity to become immersed in a variety of art cultures.

Fay Sciarra's playful, whimsical style

helped to foster each child's sense of self-worth. Over the next twenty years the school grew to encompass a faculty of six and a student body of forty, all housed in Mrs. Chapin's cramped apartment in "downtown" Princeton.

In 1958, Chapin moved to its present location in northern Lawrence Township, having purchased the five-acre Edgar S. Smith estate, the centerpiece of which was the pre-Revolutionary War Henry D. Phillips House. Property acquisitions and facilities improvements have expanded the campus to its present 13 acres comprising four buildings and three playing fields.

In 1997, the empty atrium outside of Chapin's newly completed gymnasium inspired Sue Cook, a Lawrenceville artist, photographer, and parent at Chapin, to think creatively about that space.

In it, she envisioned an art gallery that would bring together artists and students. It did not take her long to convince others at Chapin to bring that dream into reality resulting in the gallery. Ms. Cook became the Gallery's first curator.

The three exhibits in the Gallery at Chapin are *Portraits, Landscapes and Still Life* paintings by George Thompson, Sept. 5 through Sept. 30, reception Sept. 10 from 5 to 7 p.m.; *Constructions*, Oct. 2 through Oct. 31, reception Oct. 15 from 5 to 7 p.m.; and *In the Now*, paintings by Fay Sciarra, Nov. 8 through Nov. 12, reception on Nov. 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. The Chapin School is located at 4101 Princeton Pike in Princeton. For more information, please call (609) 924-7206 or visit [www.chapinschool.org](http://www.chapinschool.org).



*Il de Re* by Fay Sciarra at Chapin Gallery in November.

celebrates beauty and romance, kindness and healing, as well as the feminine. She infuses her creations with narratives and materials associated with the "womanly": home, love, heart, beauty, and decoration.

Fay works in acrylic on canvas, board or found objects and many of her pieces incorporate mixed media, assemblage and collage. She has a special affinity for reverse painting on salvaged windows and antique frames. The use of pattern and a flattened representation of space and objects suggest a symbolic rather than an actual universe. The intentional naivete of her hand and whimsy of her palette communicate the childlike joy and wonder that she finds in daily life.

As an artist, Fay is self-taught. She worked as a television director where she learned to tell stories visually, compose interesting shots, and edit together pictorial details. This training translates to her art.

To explore Fay's art, please visit [www.faysciarra.com](http://www.faysciarra.com).

Chapin School was founded in Princeton in 1931 by Frances Jordan Chapin. Mrs. Chapin believed that self-esteem is essential to a student's learning process, and she created an environment at her school that

**New Jersey Cultural Festival**  
**Saturday, September 20**  
**11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
South Riverwalk Park  
Route 29 South, Trenton  
adjacent to Waterfront Stadium  
**(609) 777-0881**

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## Internationally Acclaimed Pianist in Recital

The Greater Princeton Steinway Society will host a performance by Jae-Hyuck Cho on October 12 at 3 p.m.

Jae-Hyuck Cho made his New York debut in 1993 at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall. Since then, he has been active as a recitalist, soloist and chamber musician throughout North America, Europe, and Asia. He has performed in Lincoln Center, Korea's Seoul Arts Center Concert Hall and Hoam Art Hall, and the Great Hall of the Moscow Conservatory.

Born in South Korea, Cho began to play the piano at age five. He went on to study at the Manhattan School of Music (MSM), receive Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from The Juilliard School and is a candidate for the DMA degree at MSM.

Since 1989, the Steinway Society has been dedicated to developing the talent of young piano students. The Sunday afternoon musicales feature prominent musicians and support the annual scholarship program.

Musicales are at 3 p.m. in the Jacobs Music Recital Hall at 2540 Brunswick Pike in Lawrence. Jae-Hyuck Cho will play on October 12; Luiz Simas will perform on November 16. Tickets are \$10-\$18. For more information, please call (609) 434-0222 or visit [www.princetonol.com/groups/steinway](http://www.princetonol.com/groups/steinway).

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## Latina Women's Council Hosts Youth Conference

The N.U.E.S.T.R.O. (Nurturing Understanding Exploring Self Truths Resources Opportunities) Youth Conference will be on the campus of Mercer County Community College on October 18. The conference commemorates Hispanic Heritage Month.

High school students, particularly Latinas and Latinos can interact and engage in conversations that contribute to pathways that fosters cultural pride, unity, and a sense of industry and ability through music, art, literature, history, food and theatrical performances.

Latino Reform Youth Council workshops will help students develop a sense of cultural awareness and create an identity based on their culture. Discussions will include cultural history as well as ways to deal with issues and concerns that affect the Latino community.

N.U.E.S.T.R.O. Youth Conference on October 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. will be on the MCCC campus at 1200 Old Trenton Road in West Windsor. For more information, please call (609) 443-4836 or (609) 203-3487.

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## World-Wide Storytelling Event: TELLABRATION

Tellabration! 2008, a storytelling concert and a storytelling workshop featuring accomplished singer-songwriters and storytellers, will come to Hamilton Township Library on Sunday, November 23. Tellabration! is a worldwide benefit evening of storytelling enthusiasts bonded together in spirit on the same weekend.

Tellabration! originator J. G. Pinkerton envisioned this international event as a means of building community support for storytelling. In 1988 the event was launched by the Connecticut Storytelling Center in six locations across the state. A great success, Tellabration! extended to several other states the following year, and then in 1990 expanded nationwide under the umbrella of the National Storytelling Network (NSN), then called NAPPS, and later the National Storytelling Association.

In 1995, Tellabration! was brought to Japan for the first time by Japanese storyteller Masako Sueyoshi, who had been part of Tellabration! when she lived in Connecticut. By 1997, there were Tellabration! events on every continent but Antarctica.

Tellabration! is traditionally held during the weekend before Thanksgiving. Anyone can produce a Tellabration! event. The NSN servers as a facilitator to producers, acts as a clearinghouse for information, and publi-

cizes events worldwide. For more information, please visit [www.telebration.org](http://www.telebration.org)

Telebration! Hamilton is sponsored by the Garden State Storytellers' League, Inc., in association with the National Storytelling Network. All proceeds will be donated to the Patrick S. Biddulph Foundation for Leukemia Research and the Hamilton Township Library Trust Fund.

Charllie Zahm, singer-songwriter of Celtic, Maritime, early American and Civil War music, will be the featured guest artist. The storytelling concert will include four storytellers from the Garden State Storytellers' League. The storytelling workshop is for anyone interested in telling and/or listening to stories. Professional Development Hours will be awarded to NJ educators.

Tellabration! will begin on November 23 with the Storytelling Workshop at 1 p.m. and continue with the Storytelling Concert at 3 p.m. The cost is \$10 for the concert and \$20 for the concert and workshop. Hamilton Township Public Library is located at 1 Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. Way in Hamilton next to the Police Station. There is ample free parking in the library's parking lot. For more information, please call (609) 499-0107 or (609) 890-3378 or visit [garden-statetellersleague.org](http://garden-statetellersleague.org). (wv)

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## TCNJ Hosts International Thornton Wilder Conference

The Thornton Wilder Society and The College of New Jersey Department of English are cosponsoring the first International Thornton Wilder Conference from October 4th through 6th on the TCNJ campus.

Thornton Wilder was a highly regarded playwright and novelist in the first half of the twentieth century. His full-length plays, *Our Town* and *The Skin of Our Teeth*, both won Pulitzer Prizes, as did his novel, *The Bridge of San Luis Rey*. No other writer has won Pulitzer Prizes in both fiction and drama. His farce *The Matchmaker* was adapted into the musical *Hello, Dolly!* and his penultimate novel *The Eighth Day* won the National Book Award.

The Thornton Wilder Society is international in scope, attracting Wilder fans, scholars, critics, educators and theatrical amateurs and professionals from all over the world. Their objective is to promote Wilder's work, and his belief in the importance of art as a sustaining influence in the world.

This is accomplished through support of efforts which expand the literary legacy of Thornton Wilder and encouragement of projects which emphasize the timeless importance of literature and drama to world culture.

The conference is one of those projects designed to fulfill the Society's mission by providing educational and entertaining programs. Panels of scholars presenting papers on Wilder's work, roundtables on teaching Wilder in high school, a discussion by four distinguished playwrights of Wilder as a dramatist, a reading by one or more accomplished actors of excerpts of Wilder's drama and fiction, and a Shakespeare '70 production of Pulitzer Prize-winning play *The Skin of Our Teeth* are all highlights of the conference.

A few of the luminaries participating in the conference are Christopher Bigsby, Scott Donaldson, Tappan Wilder, Lee Blessing, Tina Howe, and Donald Margulies. Edward Albee and Tony Award-winning actress Marian Seldes will be reading from Wilder's works.

*Wilder in the Twenty-first Century* conference will be from October 2nd through 4th on The College of New Jersey campus at 2000 Pennington Avenue in Ewing Township. Registration fee is \$50-\$100. For more information, please call (609) 771-2346 or to download a comprehensive schedule and registration form, please visit [www.tcnj.edu/~wilder/conference](http://www.tcnj.edu/~wilder/conference). (wv)

## Ramadan رمضان

Ramadan, considered the most venerated and blessed month of the Islamic year, is a time for prayers, sawm (fasting), charity, and self-accountability.

Over one billion Muslims throughout the world observe Ramadan during the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. It is widely believed that during this month, in around 610 A.D., Allah revealed the first verses of the Qur'an, the holy book of Islam, to a caravan trader named Muhammad. The word Muslim (Moslem) means "one who gives himself to God" in Arabic. Islam means "submission or obedience to God."

Fasting is the third pillar or religious obligation of Islam. It has benefits of learning self-control, experiencing hunger and developing sympathy for the less fortunate, and learning to be thankful and appreciate all of God's bounties. Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset every day during Ramadan. The usual practice is to have a pre-fast meal (suhour) before dawn and a post-fast meal (iftar) after sunset.

Ramadan is also a time of intensive worship, reading of the Qur'an, giving charity, purifying one's behavior, and doing good deeds.

The end of the month is marked by the three-day celebration of 'Eid-ul-Fitr, which means Festival of Breaking the Fast. It is a time when food is donated to the poor (Zakat al-Fitr), everyone puts on their best, preferably new clothes, and participates in communal prayers held in the early morning, followed by feasting and visiting relatives and friends. A typical greeting would be, "Kullu am wa antum bi-khair" (May you be well throughout the year).

## New Director for Greater Trenton Choral Society

Trenton resident Christopher Loeffler has taken the Director's Baton to lead the Society, having succeeded long-time director Joseph Pucciatti. Mr. Loeffler holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education from Westminster Choir College.

He conducts and sings as the Assistant Choral Director and soloist for the Morrisville United Methodist Church and, as a vocalist, he has performed with the Westminster Symphonic Choir and the Boheme Opera Chorus New Jersey. Mr. Loeffler begins his ninth year as teacher of music and choral music at Toms River North High School.

Greater Trenton Choral Society Monday rehearsals begin on September 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Abiding Presence Lutheran Church at 2220 Pennington Road (Rt. 31) in Ewing. New members are welcome. For more information, please call (609) 448-1775.

Dear Friends,

I hope your summer was safe, healthy, and filled with memories that will keep everyone warm through the winter. As the summertime activities wind down, one can look forward to the many festive cultural activities the autumn season brings to Mercer County.

Our community has become accustomed to seasonal traditions as the air grows cool and the leaves begin to turn. From attending pumpkin harvests and sipping cider at Howell Farm to enjoying your own or others' cultural traditions through special heritage-inspired celebrations held throughout the season, Mercer County residents have many options to choose from.

I encourage residents to peruse the events calendar found in this newsletter and take part in the many cultural activities being offered in the coming months. As our outdoor summer activities come to an end, the many art exhibits, theatre performances, and historical building tours (to name a few), will provide enlightening and enjoyable cultural activities to fill your days. Make the time to enjoy and explore your community and all it has to offer, together with friends and family.

I wish everyone the very best for the coming season.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Hughes  
County Executive



## Mercer County Arts Showcase at GFS

Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes and Grounds For Sculpture are pleased to present the Mercer County Arts Showcase, which will be held on October 25 at Grounds for Sculpture. This event offers art groups the chance to promote their organizations, present performances and informational workshops, network, and connect with educational and community groups that may wish to use their services.

Since this event debuted in May 2004, many exciting partnerships and collaborations among the participating arts organizations have been forged. The showcase is designed to encourage these relationships to continue to grow, and to support the contributions the arts make to the economic development and cultural diversity of our communities.

By presenting forum to other communities in the tri-state area, the showcase also brings Mercer County's rich arts industry to the forefront. It is a wonderful opportunity for colleagues from the art community to meet, educate and enlighten the public, and contact potential clients.

The public is invited spend the day enjoying the organizational displays at the beautiful Seward Johnson Center for the Arts at Grounds For Sculpture on October 25 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please use the coupon below for free park admission. Representatives of municipalities, community groups and art organizations will receive free park admission by presenting a business card or notice of affiliation on their organization letterhead. For more information, please call (609) 586-0616 ext. 20 or visit [www.groundsforsculpture.com](http://www.groundsforsculpture.com). (wv)

MERCER COUNTY  
ARTS showcase

Good for one FREE admission to Grounds For Sculpture

October 25, 2008 • 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. only.



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with any other offers.



GROUNDS FOR SCULPTURE



# Calendar of EVENTS

The Mercer County Culture and Heritage Commission cannot be responsible for errors or omissions. Call ahead to confirm times and prices. For an expanded listing, visit [www.mercercounty.org/CH/nl.htm](http://www.mercercounty.org/CH/nl.htm). Deadline for winter issue, which covers December, January and February is October 8, 2008.

## Art Exhibits

**Highlights Tour**, Sat-Sun, Sept.-Nov., 2 p.m., Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton campus. (609) 258-3788; [www.princetonartmuseum.org](http://www.princetonartmuseum.org). (wv)

**Knitting & Crochet Club**, Sat. 2-4 p.m., Classics Bookstore, 117 South Warren Street, Trenton, (609) 394-8400.

**Portraits, Landscapes & Still Lifes by George Thompson**, Sept. 5-30, Gallery, Chapin School, 4101 Princeton Pike, Princeton. Reception Sept. 10, 5-7 p.m. (609) 924-7206; [www.chapinschool.org](http://www.chapinschool.org). (wv)

**Latino Art Exhibit**, thru Sept. 6, Gallery 125, 125 South Warren Street Trenton. (609) 989-9119; [www.gallery125.com](http://www.gallery125.com).

**Mercer County Teen Arts Festival Visual Arts Exhibit**, thru Sept. 6, Erdman Gallery, Princeton Theological Seminary, 20 Library Place. (609) 497-7990; [www.ptsem.edu/CE/erdmanartgallery.php](http://www.ptsem.edu/CE/erdmanartgallery.php). (wv)

**Princeton Photography Club Meeting**, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m., Johnson Education Center, D&R Greenway Land Trust, 1 Preservation Place, Princeton. (732) 422-3676; [www.princetonphotoclub.org](http://www.princetonphotoclub.org). (wv)

**Jennifer Mazza, oil paintings**, Mariboe Gallery, CAPPs, Peddie, Ward Avenue, Hightstown. Reception Sept. 12, 6:30-8 p.m. (609) 490-7550; [www.peddie.org/capps](http://www.peddie.org/capps) (wv)

**TAWA Salon Show**, thru Sept. 14, Ellarslie Mansion, Cadwalader Park, Parkside Avenue, Trenton. (609) 989-3632; [www.ellarslie.org](http://www.ellarslie.org). (wv)

**Inside/Out featuring TAWA artists**, thru Sept. 16, Ellarslie Mansion, Cadwalader Park, Parkside Avenue, Trenton. Gallery talk Sept. 6, 1-4 p.m. (609) 989-3632; [www.ellarslie.org](http://www.ellarslie.org). (wv)

**The Artist's Eye by Princeton Artists Alliance**, Sept. 25-Nov. 26, Taplin Gallery, Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street. (609) 924-8777; [www.artscouncilofprinceton.org](http://www.artscouncilofprinceton.org). (wv)

**Masters of Clay**, thru Sept. 28, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. (609) 586-0616; [www.groundsforsculpture.org](http://www.groundsforsculpture.org). (wv)

**Constructions by Russell Marks**, Oct. 2-31, Gallery, Chapin School, 4101 Princeton Pike, Princeton. Reception, Oct. 15, 5-7 p.m. (609) 924-7206; [www.chapinschool.org](http://www.chapinschool.org). (wv)

**Faculty Exhibit**, Mariboe Gallery, CAPPs, Peddie, Ward Avenue, Hightstown. Reception Oct. 10, 6:30-8

p.m. (609) 490-7550; [www.peddie.org/capps](http://www.peddie.org/capps) (wv)

**NJ Arts & Crafts**, Oct. 18-March 15, NJ State Museum, 205 West State Street, Trenton. (609) 292-5421; [www.state.nj.us/state/museum](http://www.state.nj.us/state/museum). (wv)

**Mercer County Arts Showcase**, Oct. 25, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. (609) 586-0616; [www.groundsforsculpture.org](http://www.groundsforsculpture.org). (wv)

**In the Now, paintings by Fay Sciarra**, Nov. 8-Dec. 12, Gallery, Chapin School, 4101 Princeton Pike, Princeton. Reception Nov. 11, 5-7 p.m. (609) 924-7206; [www.chapinschool.org](http://www.chapinschool.org). (wv)

**Student Exhibit**, CAPPs, Peddie, Ward Avenue, Hightstown. Reception Nov. 12, 6:30-8 p.m. (609) 490-7550; [www.peddie.org/capps](http://www.peddie.org/capps) (wv)

**Culture in Context: A Tapestry of Expression**, thru Dec. 31, New Jersey State Museum, 205 West State Street, Trenton. (609) 292-6464; [www.newjerseystatemuseum.org](http://www.newjerseystatemuseum.org). (wv)

## Princeton Art Museum

**Chinese Art From the Imperial Palaces**, Sept. 27-Dec. 14.

**Frank Gehry: On Line**, Oct. 4-Jan. 4.

**Jasper Johns: Light Bulb**, Oct. 4-Jan. 4.

**Felix Candela: Engineer, Builder, Structural Artist**, Oct. 10-Feb. 22.

*Princeton University Art Museum, McCormick Hall, Princeton University Campus. Tue-Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun 1-5 p.m. (609) 258-3788; [www.princetonartmuseum.org](http://www.princetonartmuseum.org). (wv)*

## Firestone Library

**Three Centuries of Political Cartoons**, thru Jan. 18, Milberg Gallery.

**The Greek Book from Papyrus to Print**, thru Dec. 7, Milberg Gallery.

*Princeton University Firestone Library, One Washington Road. (609) 258-3000; [www.princeton.edu/~rbsc](http://www.princeton.edu/~rbsc).*

## Benefits

**Antiques & Fine Arts Show**, Sept. 27, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sept. 28, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Princeton Airport, Rt. 206. Benefits Princeton Historical Society. \$12. Preview Gala Sept. 26, 7-10 p.m. (reservations required). (609) 921-6748; [www.princetonhistory.org](http://www.princetonhistory.org).

**Family Festival**, Sept. 27-28, 12-5 p.m., Hopewell Valley Vineyards, 46 Yard Road, Pennington. Benefits autism. (609) 737-4465; [www.hopewellvalleyvineyards.com](http://www.hopewellvalleyvineyards.com).

**Broadway Showstoppers featuring Peter Nero & the Philly Pops**, Oct. 4, 8 p.m., Patriot Theater, War Memorial, Memorial Drive, Trenton. Benefits Morris Hall/St. Lawrence. \$30-\$75. (609) 984-8400. (wv)

**White Elephant Sale**, Oct. 11, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Oct. 12, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Princeton University Medical Center Auxiliary, parking garage, Witherspoon Street. (609) 497-4069.

**Afternoon Delight featuring Barbara Trent & friends**, Oct. 26, 2-5 p.m., St. Gregory the Great, Nottingham Way, Hamilton Square. Benefits Interfaith Caregivers. \$20-\$25. (609) 393-9922; [www.ICTrenton.org](http://www.ICTrenton.org).

**All-You-Can-Eat Dinner**, Oct. 30, 5 p.m., Italian American Heritage Center, 2421 Liberty Street, Hamilton. Benefits Italian American Festival Assn. \$12. Register (609) 631-7544.

**Gala**, Nov. 15, 6:30 p.m., Westin, Forrester Village, Plainsboro. Benefits Princeton University Medical Center Auxiliary. Black tie. \$275. (609) 497-4069.

**Crafters' Marketplace**, Nov. 22-23, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., YWCA Princeton, John Witherspoon School, 217 Walnut Lane. Benefits Pearl Bates Scholarship. \$6. (609) 497-2100. (wv)

## Dance

**Herringbone**, Sept. 5-Oct. 12, Fri-Sat 8 p.m., Tues-Thurs 7:30 p.m.; Sat 3 p.m., Sun 2 p.m., McCarter Theatre, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$37-\$49. (609) 258-2787; [www.mccarter.org](http://www.mccarter.org). (wv)

**Savion Glover**, Oct. 2, 8 p.m., McCarter Theatre, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$47-\$58. (609) 258-2787; [www.mccarter.org](http://www.mccarter.org). (wv)

**Aspen Santa Fe Ballet**, Nov. 18, 8 p.m., McCarter Theatre, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$35-\$48. (609) 258-2787; [www.mccarter.org](http://www.mccarter.org).

**Graham Lustig's The Nutcracker**, Nov. 22-30, McCarter Theatre, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$33-\$43. (609) 258-2787; [www.mccarter.org](http://www.mccarter.org).

**Pennington Dance Holiday Performance**, Nov. 30, 6:45 p.m., Main Street, Pennington. (609) 737-7596 [www.penningtondance.org](http://www.penningtondance.org). (wv)

## Dancing

**Scottish Dancing**, Mon, 7:30 p.m., Meadow Lakes, Etra Road, Hightstown. \$3. (609) 584-9764; [www.rscds-nj.org](http://www.rscds-nj.org).

**Country Line Dancing**, Tues, 7 p.m., Hillbilly Hall Tavern, 203 Hopewell-Wertsville Road, Hopewell. (609) 466-

9856; [www.hillbillyhall.com](http://www.hillbillyhall.com).

**English Country Dance**, second Sat; 8 p.m.; **Contra Dance** Wed & fourth Sat, Suzanne Patterson Center, Monument Drive. \$4. (609) 924-6763; [www.princetoncountrydancers.org](http://www.princetoncountrydancers.org).

## Film

**Adult Film Group**, Sundays 2 p.m., Ewing Branch Library, 61 Scotch Road. (609) 882-3130; [www.mcl.org](http://www.mcl.org). (wv)

**Independent Films**, second Thu, 7 p.m., Lawrence Branch Library, 2751 Brunswick Pike. (609) 882-9246; [www.mcl.org](http://www.mcl.org). (wv)

## Holiday/Heritage

**International Wedding Expo**, Sept. 14, 1 p.m., Sovereign Bank Arena, Hamilton Avenue at Route 129, Trenton. \$15. (609) 656-3222; [www.sovereignbankarena.com](http://www.sovereignbankarena.com). (wv)

**Nancy McQ Trio Irish Music**, Sept. 27, Nov. 29, 8 p.m., Hibernian, 2419 Kuser Road, Hamilton. (609) 586-5982; [www.trentonaoh.com](http://www.trentonaoh.com). (wv)

**Irish Festival**, Oct 4, 6-10 p.m.; Oct. 5, 1-7 p.m., Hibernians, 2419 Kuser Road, Hamilton. \$5-\$8. (609) 586-5982; [www.trentonaoh.com](http://www.trentonaoh.com). (wv)

**N.U.E.S.T.R.O. Youth Conference**, Oct 18, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. (609) 443-4836, (609) 203-3487.

**Scarecrow Day**, Oct. 19, 10 a.m.-noon, Weeden Park, Main Street, Lawrenceville. (609) 219-9300; [www.lawrencevillemainstreet.com](http://www.lawrencevillemainstreet.com).

**Halloween Parade**, Oct. 26, 1 p.m., Train Station, Hopewell.

**Halloween Parade**, Oct. 27, 5 p.m., Palmer Square, Princeton. Arts Council of Princeton. (609) 924-8777; [www.artscouncilofprinceton.org](http://www.artscouncilofprinceton.org).

**Fall Festival**, Oct. 29, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Princeton Shopping Center, 301 North Harrison Street. (609) 921-6234.

**Tree Lighting Celebration**, Nov. 28, 4:45-6 p.m., The Green, Palmer Square, Princeton. (609) 921-0434.

**Holiday Weekend**, Nov. 29-30, 2 p.m., Palmer Square, Princeton. (609) 921-2333; [www.palmersquare.com](http://www.palmersquare.com).

**Holiday Open House**, Nov. 30, 1-4 p.m., William Trent House, 15 Market Street, Trenton. (609) 989-3027; [www.williamtrenthouse.org](http://www.williamtrenthouse.org).

## History Activities

**John Abbott House**, weekends noon-5 p.m., 2200 Kuser Road, Hamilton. (609) 585-1686.

**Brearley House Tour**, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, 10 a.m.-noon, Lawrence Historical Society, Meadow Lane, Lawrenceville. (609) 895-1728; www.thelhs.org. (wv)

**Drumthwacket Tours**, Wednesdays, noon, 354 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$5. Reservations (609) 683-0057; www.drumthwacket.org.

**Hopewell Museum**, 28 East Broad Street. Mon, Wed, Sat 2-5 p.m. (609) 466-0103.

**Militia Museum**, Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 151 Eggert Crossing Road, Lawrenceville. (609) 530-6802; www.nj.gov/military/museum.

**Plainsboro Museum Tour**, first & third Sunday, 2-4:30 p.m., Plainsboro Historical Society, Wicoff House, 641 Plainsboro Road. (609) 799-9040; www.plainsborohistory.org.

**David Sarnoff Library & Museum**, 201 Washington Road, Princeton. (609) 734-2636; www.davidsarnoff.org.

**State House Tours**, Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sat noon-3 p.m., 125 West State Street, Trenton. (609) 633-2709; www.njleg.state.nj.us. (wv)

**Historic House Tour**, Nov. 8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 158 Nassau Street, Princeton, \$30-\$35. (609) 921-6748; www.princetonhistory.org.

**Antique Power & Equipment Show**, Sept. 12-14, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Washington Crossing State Park, Route 546, Titusville. \$1-\$5. (609) 737-1925; www.daysofthepast.com.

**Kristallnacht Remembrance**, Nov. 13, 7 p.m., Office of Governor, Assembly Chambers, State House, 125 West State Street, Trenton. (609) 292-9274.

## 1783 Celebration

**Walking Tours**, Sept. 6 & 20, Oct. 4 & 18, 2 p.m., Bainbridge House, 158 Nassau Street. \$7. (609) 921-6748; www.princetonhistory.org.

**Martha Washington speaks**, Sept. 7, 3 p.m., Rocky Hill Reformed Church, 89 Washington Street. \$5. (wv)

**Rev. John Witherspoon speaks**, Sept. 20, 2 p.m., Kingston Presbyterian Church, 4565 Route 27. \$5. (wv)

**Music for the Washingtons by Practitioners of Musick**, Oct. 18, 2 p.m., Rocky Hill Reformed Church. \$5. (wv)

**Von Heer's Provost Dragoons Encampment**, Nov. 8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Nov. 9; 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Rockingham Historic Site, 84 Laurel Avenue, Kingston. \$5. (609) 683-7132; rockingham1783@yahoo.com. (wv)

**General Washington Departs**, Nov. 9; 1:30 p.m., Rockingham. \$5.

**1783 Teas**, Wednesdays thru Dec., 1 p.m., Morven. \$15. Register.

**Art Exhibit**, thru Jan. 11, Morven, 55 Stockton Street, Princeton. Wed-Fri 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sat-Sun 12-4 p.m. \$4-\$5. (609) 924-8144, ext. 106.

## Howell Living History Farm

**Corn Maze**, Sept.-Nov.

**Potato Harvest**, Sept. 6

**Church History**, Sept. 7, noon-4 p.m.

**Back to School**, Sept. 13

**Picture History of Pleasant Valley**, Sept. 19, 7-9 p.m.

**Canning**, Sept. 20

**Popcorn & Pumpkin Harvest**, Sept. 27

**Fall Festival**, Oct. 4-5

**Quilting**, Oct. 11

**Fall Foliage Hayrides**, Oct. 18

**Wooden's Poultry Farm Tour**, Oct. 19, noon-4 p.m.

**Blacksmith & Horseshoeing**, Oct. 25

**Bacon, Sausage & Scrapple**, Nov. 1

**Corn Harvest for Wildlife Ctr.**, Nov. 8

**Open Hearth Cooking**, Nov. 9, 12-4 p.m.

**Harvest Moon Dance**, Nov. 14, 7-9 p.m.

**Cider Making**, Nov. 15

*Howell Farm is a Mercer County Park System facility, Valley Road, off Route 29, Titusville. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \*Wheelchair accessible hayride available by calling (609) 737-3299; www.howell-farm.org. (wv)*

## Kuser Farm Mansion

**Back To School with Tom & Bud Glover**, Sept. 10, 7 p.m.

**Grammar School Memories with Tom & Bud Glover**, Sept. 17, 7 p.m.

**High School Memories with Tom & Bud Glover**, Sept. 23, 7 p.m.

**Lenox China by Kim Daly**, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.

**Teddy Bears Video**, Sept. 25, 10 a.m.

**Antique Dolls Video**, Sept. 26, 10 a.m.

**Spring Forward, Fall Back with Tom Glover**, Sept. 30, 7 p.m.

**Stangl China & Pottery with Kim Daly**, Oct. 1, 7 p.m.

**Fostoria Glass Video**, Oct. 2, 10 a.m.

**Heisey Glass Video**, Oct. 3, 10 a.m.

**Tom Glover's Scrapbook Presentation & Music**, Oct. 7, 7 p.m.

**Wade Whimsies Treasures In Your Tea Box by Kim Daly**, Oct. 8, 7 p.m.

**Shandele Bisque Dolls**, Oct. 9, 10 a.m.

**1890s Parlor Music to Wurlitzer Era by Tom Glover**, Oct. 9, 7 p.m.

**Dolls With Wardrobes Video**, Oct. 10, 10 a.m.

**Children's Ghost Stories**, Oct. 15, 6 p.m.

**Victorian Ghost Stories**, Oct. 23, 7 p.m. Adults Only. Register.

**Halloween History & Activities with Kim Daly**, Oct. 29, 7 p.m. Adults Only.

**Victorian Family Pictures**, Nov. 1-2, 8 a.m.-Noon. Register.

**Thanksgiving with Kim Daly**, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.

**1890s Parlor Music to Wurlitzer Era with Tom Glover**, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.

**Let's Remember Pearl Harbor with Tom & Bud Glover**, Nov. 11, 7 p.m.

**Holidays! with Tom Glover**, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.

**Santa Claus Video**, Nov. 13, 10 a.m.

**A Christmas In Cape May Video**, Nov. 14, 10 a.m., 11 a.m.

*Kuser Farm Mansion is a Hamilton Township facility located at 290 Newkirk Avenue, inside Kuser Farm Park. Reservations (609) 890-3630; www.hamiltonnj.com.*

## Old Barracks Museum

**Raising Days**, Sept 20-21, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$6-\$8.

**Raising Day Supper**, Sept. 20, 6 p.m.

**Baylor Massacre lecture by Wayne Daniels**, Sept. 28, 2 p.m.

*Old Barracks Museum, 101 Barracks Street, Trenton. Reservations (609) 396-1776; www.barracks.org. (wv)*

## William Trent House

**Fresh From the Garden Fridays**, Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Colonial Kids**, Sept-Nov. weekends, 1-3 p.m.

**18th Century Imported Coffee, Chocolate, Tea, Spices**, Sept. 20, 2 p.m.

**The Harvest Season**, Oct. 25, 2 p.m. *1719 William Trent House Museum, William Trent Place at Market Street, Trenton. (609) 989-3027; williamtrent-house.org. (wv)*

## German-American Club

**Sun Country Dance with DJ Joann Lawrence**, Sept. 14, 6-10 p.m. \$7. Food available 4-6 p.m.

**Harvest Dance featuring The Windjammers**, Sept. 20, 8 p.m.-12 a.m. \$9. Food available 6:30-9 p.m.

**Schnitzel Fest**, Sept. 21, 1-5 p.m. \$14. All You Can Eat, \$7/under 5 free.

**Fall Picnic**, Oct. 5, Games & Music.

**American Oldies Dance featuring DJ Brett Gash**, Oct. 11, 8 p.m.-12 a.m. \$7. Food available 6-8:30 p.m.

**Halloween Dance with Bud & Linda Gramer**, Oct. 25, 8 p.m. \$9. Food available 6-8:30 p.m. Costume Contest

**Schlachtfest**, Nov. 2, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30 seatings. \$7-\$14/under 5 free.

**Grand Ball featuring Heimatklaenge Orchestra**, Nov.15, 8 p.m., Black tie. \$9 Food available 6-8:30 p.m.

*German-American Club, 215 Uncle Pete's Road, Yardville. (609) 585-5200; www.gak.org.*

## Literary Events

**Kids Book Club**, noon-2 p.m., Classics Books, 117 South Warren, downtown Trenton. (609) 394-8400.

**New Jersey Writers Society**, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, 6:30 p.m., West Windsor Library, 333 North Post Road, West Windsor, (908) 578-9281; www.njwriters.org. (wv)

**Cultural Arts Open Mic**, Mondays, 7 p.m., Simply Natural Living, 1400 Parkway Avenue, Ewing. (609) 406-

0818; www.cookappeal.com.

**Poetry Readings**, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, noon-2 p.m., Classics Books, 117 South Warren Street, Trenton. (609) 394-8400.

**Delaware Valley Poets Workshops**, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m., Lawrence Library, Darrah Lane. Bring 15 copies of your poem. (609) 882-9246; www.delawarevalleypoets.com. (wv)

**Socrates Cafe**, Sept. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. 25, 7 p.m., Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. (609)924-8822; www.princeton.lib.nj.us. (wv)

**Book Sale**, Sept. 27-28, Oct. 18-19, Nov. 29-30, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Plainsboro Library, 641 Plainsboro Road. (609) 275-2897; www.lmxac.org/plainsboro.

**Literary Group**, Sept. 29, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, 6:30 p.m., Plainsboro Library, 641 Plainsboro Road. (609) 275-2897; www.lmxac.org/plainsboro.

**Nat'l Poetry Day Workshop: Journaling with Therese Halscheid**, Oct. 18, 2-4 p.m., Lawrence Library, 2751 Brunswick Pike. New Jersey Poetry Society. Professional Ed. hours (2). Register (609) 989-6920; www.mcl.

**Tellabration!** Nov. 23, 1-3 p.m., Hamilton Public Library, 1 Justice Sam A. Alioto, Jr. Way. \$10-\$20. (609) 499-0107 or (609) 890-3378; gardenstatestorytellersleague.org. (wv)

## Barnes & Noble

**Shobhan Bantwal: The Forbidden Daughter**, author discussion/signing, Sept. 4, 7 p.m.

**Delaware Valley Poets Open Mic**, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, 8 p.m.,

**From England! Benjamin Mee: We Bought a Zoo**, author discussion/signing, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m.

**Knitting Group**, Sept. 16, 7 p.m.

*Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, 3535 Route 1 South, Princeton. (609) 716-1570; www.B&N.com. (wv)*

## MCCC Continuing Studies

**Acrylic Painting**, Sept. \$172.

**Ibsen's Plays**, Sept. \$135.

**Instant Chord Piano**, Sept. \$185.

**Comic Book Art**, Sept. \$120.

**Plein Air Painting**, Sept. \$135.

**Make Documentary Video**, Oct. \$150.

**21st Century Quilting** Oct. \$50.

**Oil Painting**, Oct. \$135.

**Digital Camera Basics**, Nov. \$105.

**Glass Bead Making**, Nov. \$90.

*MCCC's Center for Continuing Studies, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. (609) 570-3311; ComEd@mccc.edu. (wv)*

## Musical Performances

**Carillon Concert**, Sept. 7, 1 p.m., Princeton University, Cleveland Tower, Graduate College, 88 College Road West. (609) 258-3654; www.princeton.edu.

**Princeton Recorder Society Rehearsal**, Sept. 9, Oct. 13, Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m., Kingston Presbyterian Church, Main Street. (609) 393-3762; [www.princetonol.com/groups/princetonrecorder](http://www.princetonol.com/groups/princetonrecorder).

**Jason Graae**, Sept. 21, 2 p.m., CAPPS, Peddie, Ward Avenue, Hightstown. Light Sundays Series. \$25. (609) 490-7550; [www.peddie.org/capps](http://www.peddie.org/capps) (wv)

**Berlioz, Barber & Brahms with Princeton Symphony Orchestra**, Sept. 28, 4 p.m., Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton University campus. \$16-\$64. (609) 497-0020; [www.princetonorchestra.org](http://www.princetonorchestra.org). (wvl)

**Jimmy Heath Quartet**, Oct. 3, 8 p.m., CAPPS, Peddie, Ward Avenue, Hightstown. Jazz Fridays Series. \$25. (609) 490-7550; [www.peddie.org/capps](http://www.peddie.org/capps) (wv)

**Jae-Hyuck Cho**, pianist, Oct. 12, 3 p.m., Jacobs Music, 2540 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville. \$10-\$18. (609) 434-0222.

**Early Music Festival**, Oct. 19, 12-5:30 p.m., Grounds for Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. (609) 689-1089; [www.groundsfor Sculpture.org](http://www.groundsfor Sculpture.org). (wv)

**Haydn's Creation featuring Princeton Pro Musica**, Oct. 26, 3 p.m., Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton University Campus. \$25-\$45. (609) 683-5122; [www.princetonpromusica.org](http://www.princetonpromusica.org). (wv)

**Greater Trenton Symphony Orchestra's Autumn Serenade**, Oct. 26, 3 p.m., Patriots Theatre, War Memorial, Trenton. \$10-\$30. (609) 396-5522. [www.trentonsymphony.org](http://www.trentonsymphony.org). (wv)

**Verdi, Haydn & Shostakovich featuring Princeton Symphony Orchestra**, Nov. 9, 4 p.m., Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton University campus. \$16-\$64. (609) 497-0020; [www.princetonorchestra.org](http://www.princetonorchestra.org). (wvl)

**Music Department Concert**, Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m., CAPPS, Peddie, Ward Avenue, Hightstown. (609) 490-7550; [www.peddie.org/capps](http://www.peddie.org/capps) (wv)

**Luiz Simas, pianist**, Nov. 16, 3 p.m., Jacobs Music, 2540 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville. \$10-\$18. (609) 434 0222.

**Soweto Gospel Choir**, Nov. 17, 8 p.m., McCarter Theatre, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$38-\$48. (609) 258-2787; [www.mccarter.org](http://www.mccarter.org). (wv)

## Folk / Jazz / Blues

**JazzFeast**, Sept. 20, noon-6 p.m., Palmer Square, Nassau Street, Princeton. (609) 921-2333; [www.palmersquare.com](http://www.palmersquare.com).

**Trenton Jazz Festival**, Sept. 20, 2 p.m., State House Complex, War Memorial. (609) 984-8400; [www.trentonnj.org](http://www.trentonnj.org).

**Wynton Marsalis**, Oct. 12, 7 p.m., Patriots Theatre at War Memorial, Memorial Drive, Trenton. \$35-\$100. (609) 984-8400; [www.thewarmemorial.com](http://www.thewarmemorial.com).

**Lyle Lovett & John Hiatt**, Oct. 20, 8 p.m., McCarter Theatre, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$50-\$70. (609) 258-2787; [www.mccarter.org](http://www.mccarter.org). (wv)

## Pop Music

**Jersey Harmony Chorus Rehearsals**, Mondays, 7:15 p.m., Boy Scouts of America, Route 1, Monmouth Junction. (732) 469-3983; [www.harmonize.com/jerseyharmony](http://www.harmonize.com/jerseyharmony).

**Lawrence Community Band**, Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Senior Center, Darrah Lane. (609) 890-8168. (wv)

**College of New Jersey Hindusthani Concert**, Oct. 2, 8 p.m., Mayo Concert Hall, Music Building.

**James M. Day, classical guitar, Judith Bettina, soprano**, Oct. 11, 8 p.m., Mayo Hall, Music Building.

**Lyric Theatre**, Oct. 30-31, Nov. 1, 6-8, 8 p.m.; Nov. 2, 9, 3 p.m., Don Evans Theatre, Kendall Hall.

**Jazz Ensemble**, Nov. 14, 8 p.m., Kendall Hall.

**Give Great Audition Workshop**, Nov. 15, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Music Building. High school grades 10-12. Register.

**Chorale & Collegium Musicum**, Nov. 15, 8 p.m., Mayo Hall, Music Building.

**Percussion Ensemble**, Nov. 21, 8 p.m., Mayo Hall, Music Building.

**Orchestra**, Nov. 22, 8 p.m., Mayo Hall, Music Bldg.

**Choir & Women's Ensemble**, Nov. 23, 8 p.m., Mayo Hall, Music Bldg.

*The College of New Jersey, 2000 Pennington Avenue, Ewing. (609) 771-2552; [www.tcnj.edu/~music](http://www.tcnj.edu/~music).*

## Outdoor Activities

**Capital City Market**, Thursdays, Sept., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Trenton Downtown Association, State Street Commons, East State between Warren and Broad streets. (609) 393-8998; [www.trenton-downtown.com](http://www.trenton-downtown.com).

**Lawrenceville Main Street Farmers Market**, Sundays, Sept.-Oct., 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 16 Gordon Avenue. (609) 219-9300; [www.lawrenceville-mainstreet.com](http://www.lawrenceville-mainstreet.com).

**West Windsor Farm Market**, Saturdays, Sept.-Oct., 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Vaughn Drive Lot, Princeton Junction Train Station. (609) 577-5113; [www.westwindsorfarmersmarket.org](http://www.westwindsorfarmersmarket.org).

**Trenton 2 Nite**, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, 5-9 p.m., Trenton Downtown Association, South Warren & West Lafayette streets, Trenton. (609) 393-8998; [www.trenton-downtown.com](http://www.trenton-downtown.com).

**Insect Festival**, Sept. 13, 1 p.m., Master Gardeners of Mercer County, 431A Federal City Road, Pennington. (609) 989-6830; [www.mgofmc.org](http://www.mgofmc.org).

**Capital Rainbowfest**, Sept. 14, 1-6 p.m., Mill Hill Park, South Broad and Front streets, Trenton. \$5. (609) 396-9788; [www.capitalrainbowfest.org](http://www.capitalrainbowfest.org). (wv)

**Central Jersey Orchid Society meeting**, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m., Princeton Airport, Route 206. [info@centraljerseyorchids.org](mailto:info@centraljerseyorchids.org).

**Apple Days**, Sept. 20, 21, 10 a.m.-5

p.m., Terhune Orchards, 330 Cold Soil Road, Lawrence. \$5. (609) 924-2310; [www.terhuneorchards.com](http://www.terhuneorchards.com).

**Music Nights**, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 29, 7-10 p.m., Hopewell Valley Vineyards, 46 Yard Road, Pennington. \$10. (609) 737-4465; [www.hopewellvalleyvineyards.com](http://www.hopewellvalleyvineyards.com).

**Fall Family Fun**, Sept.-Oct., Sat-Sun, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Terhune Orchards, 330 Cold Soil Road, Lawrence. (609) 924-2310; [www.terhuneorchards.com](http://www.terhuneorchards.com).

**Italian American Festival**, Sept. 26-28, noon-10 p.m., Mercer County Park, Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. \$2. No pets. (609) 631-7544; [www.italianamericanfestival.com](http://www.italianamericanfestival.com).

**Hopewell Harvest Fair**, Oct. 4, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Hopewell Elementary School, 35 Princeton Avenue. [www.blog.hopewellharvestfair.org](http://www.blog.hopewellharvestfair.org).

**Lawrenceville Community Day**, Oct. 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Main Street, Lawrenceville. (609) 219-9300; [www.lawrencevillemainstreet.com](http://www.lawrencevillemainstreet.com).

**About Birds**, Oct. 18, 11 a.m., Master Gardeners of Mercer County, 431A Federal City Road, Pennington. \$3. Register (609) 989-6830; [www.mgofmc.org](http://www.mgofmc.org).

**Ewing/TCNJ Community Fest**, Oct. 25, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., TCNJ campus, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing. 771-3262; [www.tcnj.edu/~comfest](http://www.tcnj.edu/~comfest).

**House Plants & Winter Bloomers**, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m., Master Gardeners of Mercer County, 930 Spruce Street, Trenton. Register \$3. (609) 989-6830; [www.mgofmc.org](http://www.mgofmc.org).

## Theatre

**Aurelia's Oratorio, Leading Ladies**, Sept. 5-Oct. 11, Fri-Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2:30 p.m., Off-Broadstreet Theatre, 5 South Greenwood Avenue, Hopewell. \$28-\$30. (609) 466-2766; [www.off-broadstreet.com](http://www.off-broadstreet.com). (wv)

**Laurie Anderson**, Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m., McCarter Theatre, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$37-\$48. (609) 258-2787; [www.mccarter.org](http://www.mccarter.org). (wv)

**David Sedaris**, Oct. 1, 8 p.m., McCarter Theatre, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$35-\$48. (609) 258-2787; [www.mccarter.org](http://www.mccarter.org). (wv)

**Talley's Folly**, Oct. 12-Nov. 2, Fri-Sat 8 p.m., Tues-Thurs 7:30 p.m.; Sat 3 p.m., Sun 2 p.m., McCarter Theatre, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$13-\$55. (609) 258-2787; [www.mccarter.org](http://www.mccarter.org). (wv)

**Colin Mochrie & Brad Sherwood**, Oct. 18, 8 p.m., Patriots Theatre at War Memorial, Memorial Drive, Trenton. (609) 984-8400; [www.thewarmemorial.com](http://www.thewarmemorial.com).

**Summer House**, Oct. 30-Nov. 23, Thur-Sat 8 p.m.; Sat 2 p.m.; Sun 3 p.m., Passage Theater, Mill Hill Playhouse, Front and Montgomery streets, Trenton. \$25. (609) 392-0766; [www.passagetheatre.org](http://www.passagetheatre.org). (wv)

**House of Blue Leaves**, Oct. 30-31, Nov. 1, 8 p.m., CAPPS, Peddie, Ward Avenue, Hightstown. Peddie Theater Department. \$10. (609) 490-7550; [www.peddie.org/capps](http://www.peddie.org/capps) (wv)

**Sinbad**, Nov. 1, 8 p.m., Patriots Theatre at War Memorial, Memorial Drive, Trenton. \$25-\$50. (609) 984-8400; [www.thewarmemorial.com](http://www.thewarmemorial.com).

**Shakespeare's Comedy of Errors**, Nov. 15, 8 p.m., Mount-Burke Theatre, CAPPS, Peddie, Ward Avenue, Hightstown. Aquila Theater Company. \$25. (609) 490-7550; [www.peddie.org/capps](http://www.peddie.org/capps) (wv)

## Kelsey Theater

**Through Our Eyes**, Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m. \$50-\$35.

**Mark Robinson**, Sept. 13, 2 p.m. \$20.

**AbracaFundfest**, Sept. 13, 8 p.m. \$50.

**Moon Over Buffalo**, Sept. 19-20 & 26-27; Sept. 21 & 28, 2 p.m., 8 p.m. \$10-\$14.

**Brighton Beach Memoirs**, Oct. 3-4 & 10-11 8 p.m.; Oct. 5 & 12, 2 p.m. \$10-\$14.

**Dames at Sea**, Oct. 17-18 & 24-25, 8 p.m.; Oct. 19 & 26, 2 p.m. \$12-\$16.

**The Rocky Horror Show**, Oct. 31 & Nov. 8, 12 a.m.; Oct. 31 & Nov. 1 & 7-8, 8 p.m.; Nov. 2 & 9, 2 p.m. \$16.

**The King and I**, Nov. 14-16 & 23, 2 p.m.; Nov. 15 & 20-22, 8 p.m. \$12-\$16.

## Kelsey Kids

**Plant That Ate Dirty Socks**, Oct. 11

**Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters**, Oct. 25

**Nate The Great**, Nov. 22

**Hansel and Gretel**, Nov. 29-30

*Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. Performances 2 & 4 p.m., \$8-\$10. (609) 570-3333; [www.kelseyatmccc.org](http://www.kelseyatmccc.org). (wvvp)*

## Tryouts/Opportunities

**Princeton Pro Musica Auditions**, Sept. 2-5, 6-10 p.m., (609) 683-5122; [info@princetonpromusica.org](mailto:info@princetonpromusica.org); [www.princetonpromusica.org](http://www.princetonpromusica.org).

**Readers**, NJ Library for Blind, 2300 Stuyvesant Avenue, Trenton. One hour per week. (609) 530-3258.

**Auditions**, Greater Trenton Choral Society, Abiding Presence Church, 2220 Route 31, Ewing. Mondays 7:30 p.m. (609) 448-1775.

**Black Maria Film & Video Festival**, deadline to submit up to 60-minute shorts, Nov. 20. Guidelines, entry form: (201) 200-2043; [www.blackmariafilmfestival.org](http://www.blackmariafilmfestival.org).

**Princeton Garden Statesmen rehearsals**, Tuesdays 7:30-10 p.m., Pavilions at Forrester, 5000 Windrow Drive, Princeton. (609) 252-1515; [www.menwhosing.org](http://www.menwhosing.org). (wv)

**Auditions** for Sharim V'Sharot Chamber Choir, Aug. 26, Sept. 2, (609) 371-9036; [www.sharimvsharot.org](http://www.sharimvsharot.org).

## Princeton Symphony Joins the Revolution

On November 9, the Princeton Symphony Orchestra (PSO) joins the 225th anniversary celebration of the year 1783, when Princeton was the Nation's capital.

In 1980, Portia Sonnenfeld founded PSO as The Little Orchestra of New Jersey which originally presented two or three informal concerts a year. The orchestra was restructured in 1983 and Mark Laycock was selected as Music Director. After a long tenure, Mark Laycock concluded his directorship last fall setting off an extensive search for a new director. PSO has invited guest conductors to lead the performances until the appointment of the new music director is announced.

On November 9, guest conductor Tito Muñoz will lead the PSO through a dramatic program charged with themes of revolution and triumph. The program will open with the overture to Verdi's opera *La Forza Del Destino*, then feature internationally renowned cellist Steven Isserlis performing Haydn's *Cello Concerto in D Major*, which was composed in 1783, and close with Shostakovich's *Tenth Symphony*. The audience is invited to tour the historic Morven mansion and gardens after the concert.

Princeton Symphony Orchestra will perform on November 9 at 4 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium in Alexander Hall on the Princeton University campus. Tickets are \$16-\$64. For more information, please call (609) 497-0020 or visit [www.princeton-symphony.org](http://www.princeton-symphony.org). (wv)

## Wrapping Up the Revolution with George, Martha and some Dragoons

Following his arrival on August 23, 1783, General George Washington spent two-and-a-half months at Rockingham, the Berrien farm estate near Rocky Hill. It became his final wartime headquarters. While he was there, the Treaty of Paris was signed to formally end the War and confirm American independence from Great Britain.

Congress, meeting in Princeton, made a proclamation in mid-October recognizing and thanking the American soldiers for their great service and setting a timetable for their formal discharge. Later that month, Washington put this into writing in his "Farewell Orders to the Armies of the United States," which was sent to the standing army at West Point (a military fort at the time) to be read on November 2, 1783.

At the end of these "Orders," Washington declared his intention to resign from military service and return to private life. At the time, it was an astonishing statement, to give up so much power. But Washington felt it was the best way to start a new nation, without the threat of military dictatorship.

Greg Fisher of Virginia will portray General Washington in a re-enactment of this momentous occasion on November 9 and 10. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet the General, hear his thoughts on the events of his tenure in the area and his hopes for the future of the new nation. He will then take his leave, on horseback.

Dragoons, von Heers' Marechausee,

part of the guard that accompanied Washington, will be encamped on the grounds.

As the Provost Corps for the Continental Army and escort for General Washington, von Heer's represented one of the finest German-American units during the War. Recruited mainly from Pennsylvania Germans, von Heer's is a testament to the contribution made by those of German heritage to the founding of our nation. Demonstrations and programs on Provost duties and officers' activities will be presented on both days.

The grounds will be open on November 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and November 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with Washington's departure ceremony at 1:30 p.m. and von Heer's departure later in the afternoon.

Related programs include a speaking engagement with Martha Washington portrayed by Pat Jordan on September 7 at 3 p.m. in the Rocky Hill First Reformed Church at 91 Washington Street; a recitation and talk by Rev. John Witherspoon, portrayed by George Luck, September 20, 2 p.m. in Kingston Presbyterian Church at 4565 Route 27; and Music for the Washingtons performed by Practitioners of Musick, on October 18 at 2 p.m. in Rocky Hill First Reformed Church.

Rockingham is located at 84 Laurel Avenue (Route 603), one mile between routes 518 in Rocky Hill and 27 in Kingston. A donation of \$5 is requested. For more information, please call (609) 683-7132 or visit [www.rockingham.net](http://www.rockingham.net).

## *A Place in Time* New Jersey State Police Museum

New Jersey State Police have a long and storied history beginning in 1921 when the first 81 troopers began their assignments to protect and serve the citizens of New Jersey.

The New Jersey State Police Museum & Learning Center tells the distinguished history of the nation's most diversified state law enforcement agency. Displays follow the historic development of the State Police beginning with the State Grange era, through periods of population growth and economic changes. There is an historical account of how the "outfit" came into existence and the day-to-day duties of the pioneer troopers in what was a predominantly rural state. Visitors can trace troopers' progress from motorcycles and horses to high-speed motor vehicles and helicopters; from tracking chicken and cattle thieves to pursuing organized crime; from crank up telephones to so-

phisticated electronic devices.

One of the Division's oldest and most historic structures, the log cabin was constructed in 1934 as a CWA (Civilian Works Administration) Project, Originally used as a dormitory and classroom for new recruits stationed in West Trenton, the recently restored cabin houses examples of State Police vehicles from 1921 to the present.

There is an extensive collection chronicling the Lindburgh Kidnapping investigation. Other displays include over 100 confiscated weapons, uniforms worn over time, materials for criminal investigation and crime prevention process.



The Museum & Learning Center is located at New Jersey State Police Headquarters in West Trenton on River Road (Route 175) between Interstate 95 and West Upper Ferry Road. Hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, please call (609) 882-2000, ext. 6401 or visit [www.njspmuseum.org](http://www.njspmuseum.org).



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