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JAZZ CLUB'S SUNDAY SALON SERIES



JAMMIN' WITH FRANK & EVA:
A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra & Eva Cassidy
Sunday, November 1 / 3:00 p.m. / *Auditorium*
Sponsored by the Charlestown Jazz Club

Charlestown Jazz Club's Sunday Salon series continues with a special performance featuring guest vocalist Don Mayhew with a C'Town resident combo.

Settle into your comfy chair as if in a friend's living room, listening to musicians play old favorites—and maybe a few great tunes you've never heard before. Singer Don Mayhew, at age 95, will have you smilin' one minute, dancin' in your seat the next, and maybe sheddin' a sweet tear or two. Joining Don are C'Town musicians George Alderson, violin; Glenn Caluda, electric micro bass; Phyllis Cole-Dai, piano; Joe Gagliardi, snare; and Erick Figueroa Viñas, guitar and cajon.

Donations are welcome at the door in support of the Charlestown Jazz Club. Call 410-314-1835 for details. *This performance is open to Charlestown residents and their invited guests.*

LITTLE THEATRE COMPANY

Last Ticket Sale for Neil Simon's *Rumors*

Monday, November 2 / 1:30-3:00 p.m. /
Cross Creek Lobby

Sometimes you need something that is just crazy fun, be it a film, a book, a TV show, but we have the crazy fun of Charlestown's Little Theatre fall production of Neil Simon's *Rumors*. A reviewer has called it a charming farce with lots of gags, twists, zingers, and zanies, but it also borrows from Simon's life experience to depict the challenges, as well as the comforts, of married life. Our ensemble cast is having fun with the smart, sassy dialogue that takes place in the cosmopolitan setting of this play.

***Rumors* PERFORMANCES**

November 10 / 2:00 p.m. / Auditorium
November 12 / 7:00 p.m. / Auditorium
November 17 / 2:00 p.m. / Auditorium
November 19 / 7:00 p.m. / Auditorium

These performances are open to Charlestown residents and their invited guests.

STUDIO 7-1-5 Presents a Readers Theatre Performance of

Crazy Quilt Blues
A New Play by Rosemary Frisinio Toohey
November 5, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
Auditorium

The play centers on four long-time friends who have bonded around their passion for quilting. Their camaraderie is as colorful and whimsical as the quilts they create. What will happen when their sewing circle is disrupted by a wayward youth who's cutting his teeth as a criminal?

Join the fun with readers Mimi O'Donnell, Elizabeth McWilliams, Heidi Toll, Eugenia High, Pat Keller, Bob Fletcher, and Debby Vickerman as Evan – the wannabe hoodlum who stumbles into the wrong escape room. The admission is free, and so are the laughs!

Crazy Quilt also goes on the road to Caton Woods on November 4 at 1:00 p.m. with a cast of Jackie Johnson, Barbara Castellano, Millie Alexander, Susan Ryder, Len Eiswert, Cindy Mc Manus, and Larry Powell. *This performance is open to Charlestown residents and their invited guests.*

What's Coming for Readers Theatre

What is in the works in the New Year for Studio 7-1-5? Rights have been obtained for our Readers Theatre to perform A.R. Gurney's much beloved play, ***Love Letters,*** in February.

Studio 7-1-5 is a subsidiary of the Little Theatre Company.
For more information, contact Craig Ellis at 717-870-3469 or Pat Fagan at faganprf@yahoo.com.

THE HARMONIZERS



The Harmonizers are well along in rehearsals for their exciting holiday concert coming up on 2 through 4 December. Performances include a **2:00 p.m. matinee** on **Wednesday, December 2** and **7:00 p.m.** evening performances on **Thursday and Friday, December 3 and 4** with doors opening 30 minutes before. All presentations are in the **Auditorium**. The concert will also be recorded and available later on Channel 972 or MyErickson videos. The live concerts are always much more exciting than the videos, so come to the concert if you can!

Tickets go on sale **Monday, November 16** at **Cross Creek Lobby** from **10:00-11:00 a.m.** and in the **Fireside Lounge** from **12:00-1:00 P.M.** Any remaining tickets will be sold at the **Auditorium** door on **Monday, November 23rd** from **10:00-11:00 a.m.** If you have questions or cannot come to the ticket sales for any reason, call the ticket hotline at extension 601-8178 on or after November 13.

The Harmonizers are superbly directed by Linda Burgard, assisted by Elizabeth Caluda. They are accompanied by pianist Celeste Blase and selected instrumentalists. The music is varied with selections from different holiday times and traditions. It makes a great kickoff to the joy of the holiday season. There is always a chance for the audience to sing along with several familiar seasonal songs, too. Don't miss it! *These performances are open to Charlestown residents and their invited guests.*

COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES



STARVATION ARMY BAND
Friday / November 6 / 7:00 p.m.
Conference Center

The Starvation Army Band was founded in 1989 as an offshoot of the Columbia Concert Band specializing in Dixieland jazz. Since then, the Band has broadened its repertoire to include Klezmer and Swing as well as Dixieland. The Band has performed at numerous venues throughout the Baltimore-Washington area. Come experience a toe-tapping good time! Please note: The location of this performance is in the Conference Center.

Tickets are $8 and will be sold on **Monday, November 2** at the following locations and times: **11:00-12:00 p.m. in the Cross Creek Lobby** and **12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge**.

Please note: There is an initial purchase limit of 2 tickets at the advance sale. Any tickets remaining after the advance sale will be available by reservation at **Ext. 601-8178** or at the door on the night of the show. In the event of a sellout, Waitlist Seating will be available at the door. Questions? Please call Jennifer Tillett at Ext. 601-8577. *The public may purchase tickets at the door only; please call ahead for availability.*

BAKED GOOD DONATIONS NEEDED… The Community Concert Series will host a **Bake Sale** during the **Residents' Holiday Arts and Crafts Sale on November 13th**.



Please consider donating homemade or bakery-bought baked items to be sold during this event. All proceeds will support future Community Concert Series activity.

Items may be delivered to the Brookside Community Resources offices between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Friday, November 13th. For more information or to schedule an alternate drop-off time, call Ext. 601-8577. Thank you! - *Community Concert Series Committee*

CHAPEL CONCERT SERIES



AMERICAN YOUTH HARP ENSEMBLE
Sunday / November 8 / 3:00 p.m.
Chapel

The U.S. State Department's Cultural Arts Director once called GreenSpring American Youth Harp Ensemble (AYHE) a "national cultural treasure." Its founder, Lynnelle Ediger, who has overseen over a thousand performances at home and abroad, directed

the young harpists for over 25 years. They have been featured on CNN, ABC, NBC, PBS, and NPR affiliate stations and performed in prestigious concert houses around the world.

With over 4,000 alumni, GreenSpring graduates have won prestigious competitions, conservatory spots, college scholarships, and coveted orchestral positions. In 2021, Trey Nunnally**,** a talented and experienced alumnus, became the Director of the GreenSpring American Youth Harp Ensemble.

Admission to any Chapel Concert Series performance is free; donations at the door are welcome. Call 443-701-6179 for details. *This performance is open to the public.*

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS CONCERT SERIES







ENSEMBLE MOSAIC
Sunday / November 15 / 3:00 p.m.
OLOA Chapel

The ensemble has performed regularly at major concert halls in Seoul, establishing a presence in South Korea's vibrant classical music scene. Inspired by the art of mosaic, it embraces a wide range of musical collaborations, from duos, trios, and quartets to chamber orchestras, vocalists, and traditional Korean instrumentalists.

Ensemble Mosaic seeks to make classical music more accessible and meaningful to the community through creative programming and cross-cultural collaborations.

This performance is free; no tickets or reservations are required. Donations at the door are welcome. For further information, please contact Mary Slomba at 410-737-8838, Ext. 601-8298. *This performance is open to the public.*

JAZZ CLUB NEWS

Charlestown Jazz Club News and Previews
Submitted by Sebastian Petix, President

October saw the return of the **UMBC jazz studies students** to our **Shortline Cafe** series. We welcomed back three young musicians who had been with us in previous years and two who are new to the program at the college. They formed a very tight quintette, working remarkably well together this early in the semester. Our residents once again greeted them with great enthusiasm and appreciation for the talent, hard work and dedication these young people have for this music that requires abilities of improvisation and originality. Jazz is unique, featuring solo performance along with ensemble work. These students, under the direction of Professor Matt Belzer, are obviously learning their lessons well. We look forward to their return to the Shortline on **November 11** at **7:00 p.m**.

Meanwhile on October 18 we had the opportunity to see the students perform on the UMBC campus with the entire 18-piece Jazz Ensemble. The concert, entitled Electric Miles, was a tribute to Miles Davis. The next opportunity to hear the ensemble and also small groups is on November 22 at 3:00 p.m. in Linehan Concert Hall on the campus. These concerts are free, open to the public with no reservations required.

The **Shortline Cafe** series on **December 9** will not feature the students since they will be on winter break. This is when we bring in professional musicians, and for this date it will be **The No Rehearsal Trio**, Nadira France vocals, James Ramsey piano, and Raimondo Johnson on drums. No Rehearsal is a Baltimore-based music group known for bringing live music to life with spontaneity and a whole lot of heart. For this special performance you'll enjoy their program of jazz favorites, soulful classics, and beloved holiday songs. Look for more information in the December Sunburst but meanwhile mark your calendar because you will not want to miss this concert.

Over the last two months a group of resident musicians have been working very hard to present a benefit concert on November 1 for the jazz club. Since this will not have occurred yet while this article is being written I just want to thank them in advance for their dedication and generosity. I will have a complete review of the concert in the next edition.

For information about the club and our activities please contact me at spetix85@gmail.com or 410-314-1835. All residents are welcome to join us at our meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Brookside Classroom #1.

CHARLESTOWN RECORDER POPS





Get ready for the annual **Christmas Charlestown Recorder Pops concert**! Mark your calendars for **Friday, December 18** at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Auditorium** and sing along with some of your favorite songs for the season.

Ticket distribution is scheduled for **December 14**, **11:00 AM-12:00 p.m.** in the **Cross Creek Lobby** and **1:00 P.M. - 2:00 p.m.** in the **Fireside Lounge**. Join us on December 18 and start your Christmas/Holiday week with song. *This performance is open to Charlestown residents and their invited guests.*

All performances at Charlestown are open to the public unless otherwise indicated.

Outside guests attending events in the Auditorium are asked to park at Cross Creek Station or Charlestown Square and walk or take the shuttle to the Auditorium.

Guests attending weekend/evening events in the Chapel may park in the Carriage House parking lot. (If the Carriage House lot is not available, please park at Charlestown Square and take the shuttle to the Chapel.)

Guests attending events in the Conference Center may utilize the Cross Creek parking lot.

Please refrain from parking in reserved spaces while on campus. To request a campus map, please e-mail your request to Jennifer.Tillett@erickson.com.

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