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For Immediate Release

Broadway's Future Stars at Arts on the Green

(Gaithersburg, MD) Catch the stars of tomorrow at the Arts Barn with Wildwood Summer Theatre's production of "Spring Awakening" August 4 – 12. The production has a special connection to Wildwood, since the Tony Award-winning director of the original Broadway production of "Spring Awakening," Michael Mayer, is a former Wildwood cast member. The DC-Area's only all-youth musical theatre company, Wildwood offers the unique opportunity for young adults age 14- 25 to gain practical experience onstage and backstage, with many alumni going on to pursue successful careers in theater.

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ONSTAGE

SPRING AWAKENING

In partnership with Wildwood Summer Theatre

Aug. 4 - 12 · Thu. & Fri. at 8 p.m., Sat. at 2 & 8 p.m., Sun. at 2 p.m. · Arts Barn

Tickets: \$22(General) · \$18 (Students ages 15-22 with I.D.)

Based on Frank Wedekind's play of the same name, *Spring Awakening* depicts a dozen young people making their way through the thrilling, complicated and mysterious time of sexual awakening. This play contains mature themes and language and is recommended for ages 15 & up.

SUMMER CAMPS AT THE ARTS BARN

New for 2017: *Arts Barn After Camp* – Enjoy fun and games after camp!

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Rock Out! Teen Intensive – Create artwork based on rock n' roll imagery. Ages 11 – 15.

WORKSHOPS AT THE ARTS BARN

ART NIGHT OUT: PAINTING THE OCEAN IN WATERCOLOR

Aug. 18 · 7 p.m.

Join us for an art party where you'll learn a bit about working with watercolor, enjoy a glass of wine or beer, and make your own masterpiece. Register with a friend to each receive a \$5 discount. Ages 21 & up (ID required).

PAINTING WORKSHOP: ACRYLIC EMOTIONS – PAINTING INTENSIVE

Aug. 14 - 17 · 1 – 3:30 p.m.

Over four days, learn to work with acrylic paint and use it to express specific emotions. This workshop is perfect for both beginning artists and those not familiar with working with acrylics. Ages 12 & up

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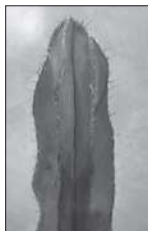
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ARTS ON THE GREEN

Spring has Sprung at Arts on the Green

By Monica Harwood,
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As the weather gets warmer and the flowers start to bloom, Arts on the Green invites you to celebrate the joy of spring. The walls of the Arts Barn and the Kentlands Mansion are adorned with art work depicting the renewal of spring time in the exhibit, *Arte di Primavera*. Children ages 8-13 will celebrate the season with adventure and imagination in the spring break camp, titled *Magical Spring*, April 10-14. Adults will recreate the beauty of spring flowers during our Wine and Art Party on April 21.

Spring is also a time for budding romance. We start off April with the Chiarina Chamber Players, named after the Chiarina movement in Robert Schumann's *Carnaval*, which celebrated his lovely wife, Clara. A creative muse for Robert, Clara Schumann was a German musician and composer and is considered one of the most distinguished pianists of the Romantic era. Just as Schumann was able to capture the essence of his beloved wife within a miniature composition, the compact Chiarina Chamber Players encapsulate an array of emotions and colors with *Intimacy and Brilliance* at the Arts Barn on April 1.

On Stage

Boston Blackie Radio Plays

April 27

1:00 & 8:00 p.m.

Arts Barn

Tickets: \$20 (adults) • \$12 (youth 14 and under)

Return to the glory days of radio when plays were performed live in front of a studio audience! Montgomery Playhouse presents *The Fur Trade* and *The TV Poisoning*, two short mystery plays featuring Boston Blackie, a former jewel thief and safe cracker turned good guy. Boston Blackie spawned 14 feature films between 1941 and 1949 and a radio series (1945-1950) with over 300 broadcast dates. Recommended for ages 12 & up.



In Concert

Chiarina Chamber Players: *Intimacy & Brilliance*

April 1

8:00 p.m.

Arts Barn

Tickets: \$25 (adults) • \$15 (17 and under)

The Chiarina Chamber Players feature some of the most highly-acclaimed musicians in the Washington, area who come together to fulfill their mission of making live chamber music performances accessible to the community. The program



features Rebecca Clarke's Sonata for Viola and Piano and Antonín Dvorák's Piano Quintet No. 2 in A major, Op. 81. Artistic directors and founders, Stute and Hackmey, offer background program information throughout the concert. Meet the renowned musicians following the performance.

Singer Songwriter Concert Series - Martyn Joseph with Michael Kelly

April 8

3:00 p.m. - Workshop

7:30 p.m. - Concert

Arts Barn

Tickets: \$50 workshop & concert/\$30 concert only

Martyn Joseph is a powerful singer and songwriter gifted with the rare ability to speak to the soul with his expressive and poignant lyrics. With a career spanning 30 years, 32 albums, more than half a million record sales and thousands of live performances, the versatility of his music touches genres of folk, rock, soul, folk funk and Americana, yet somehow all these labels cannot define the spirit of his music. Songwriter Michael Kelly draws on a diverse range of influences, including Lyle Lovett, Darryl Scott, Taj Mahal, and Doc Watson to name just a few. His second recording, *Color Factory*, was released on March 31. The Singer/Songwriter Series is presented by O'Hair Salon + Spa.

Danielle Wertz

April 22

8:00 p.m.

Arts Barn

Tickets: \$25 (adults) • \$15 (17 and under)

Jazz vocalist Danielle Wertz has already gained national recognition as one of the next generation's leading voices in jazz. Semi-Finalist in the illustrious Thelonious Monk International Jazz Vocals Competition, she was the inaugural winner of the Washington Women in Jazz Festival Young Artist Contest. Danielle is a recipient of several other accolades including the Outstanding Jazz Performance Award in the DownBeat 38th Annual Student Music Awards.

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Just for Families

Guys and Dolls Junior

April 21- 30

Arts Barn

Fridays 7:30 p.m. • Saturdays & Sundays 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$15 (adult) • \$12 (youth 14 and under)

Bustling with gamblers, gangsters and sassy showgirls, *Guys and Dolls Junior* celebrates Broadway's golden era with one of the greatest scores ever written for the musical stage. Music and Lyrics by Frank Loesser. Book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows. In partnership with Kensington Arts Theatre-Second Stage (KAT2). KAT-2nd Stage features youth performers. Recommended for ages 7 & up.

Classes & Workshops

Register now for visual and performing arts classes starting in April and for one-time workshops taking place year-round. Adult workshops include Glass Fusing for Adults April 15, Wine and Art on April 21, and Wine and Improv on April 28. A small sampling of classes for the youngest through adults includes: Artful Saturdays; Shake, Rattle & Roll; Cartooning for ages 8-14; A Capella School for ages 8- 11; and Watercolor Experience for adults. Explore all the classes at www.gaithersburgmd.gov and in the Go! Gaithersburg Guide.

In the Gallery

Arts Barn

March 3 - May 1

Arte di Primavera - Celebrates spring with maidens, flowers, birds and landscapes portrayed in a variety of media and styles. Features the works of Nighat Ahmed, Natalya Parris, Dena Zhang, Peter Plant, Sandra Davis, April Gratrix, Sheryl Massaro, Roxana Rojas-Luzon, Jaree Donnelly, Freddi Weiner, BD Richardson, Stephen Mockrin, Cyd Goodwin, Richard Weiblinger, Mike Kuchinsky, Karen Peacock, and Susan Delaney.



Kentlands Mansion

January 20 - April 14

4th Annual Art League of Germantown Exhibit - A juried mixed-media exhibit featuring artwork by members of the Art League of Germantown.

April 21 - July 7:

31st Annual Gaithersburg Fine Arts Association Juried Exhibition - A juried mixed-media exhibit featuring artwork by members of the Gaithersburg Fine Arts Association. Free artist reception on Thursday, April 27.

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Fairies and Folklore Take Over at Arts on the Green

(Gaithersburg, MD) A fairy garden has attracted the attention of magical creatures at the Arts Barn, who have taken over classes and programs at Arts on the Green!

In the class, “Go Green! Characters Galore!,” young artists are inspired to create their own magical characters. Families will sculpt miniature houses for magical creatures during the two-day workshop, “Family Art: Fairy Houses in Clay” on March 31 and April 7. Children ages 7-11 will create their own worlds during our Spring Break Art Camp, “Magical Spring,” April 10-14, with projects that include building tiny doors for ‘wee folk’ that live around the garden and the Arts Barn. Adults will enjoy the celebrating the folklore of Ireland during our St. Patrick’s Day, “Beer & Art Party.” Registration for spring classes, workshops and camp is now open.



seamlessly with Sheila Carabine’s velvety alto, creating the lush harmonies that have become their trademark. The sheer joy with which they perform is infectious, turning first-time listeners into instant fans. Dala are equally entertaining between songs, telling funny and down to earth stories that make every show unique.

GET IN THE ACT

Young Artist Award Concert

March 31 • 7:30pm • Arts Barn • Tickets: \$12

The talented and accomplished winners of the 2017 Young Artist Award Competition will perform in a public concert at the Arts Barn on March 31, 2017, at 7:30pm.

CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Register today for visual and performing arts classes starting in March and for one-time workshops taking place year-round. March workshops for kids: Kid’s Adventure in Glass Fusing 3/4, Family Arts: Fairy Houses in Clay 3/31. Adult workshops: St. Patrick’s Day Beer & Art Party 3/17, Portraiture Group 3/2. A small sampling for the youngest through adults: Makin’ Art Mondays for ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver; Shake, Rattle & Roll for ages 2 months–5 years; Cartooning for ages 8-14; A Capella School for ages 8-11; Drawing with Fire for ages 14 to adult and Painting with Pixels for ages 8-18. There are many more classes, and details are at www.gaithersburg.gov and in the Go! Gaithersburg Guide.

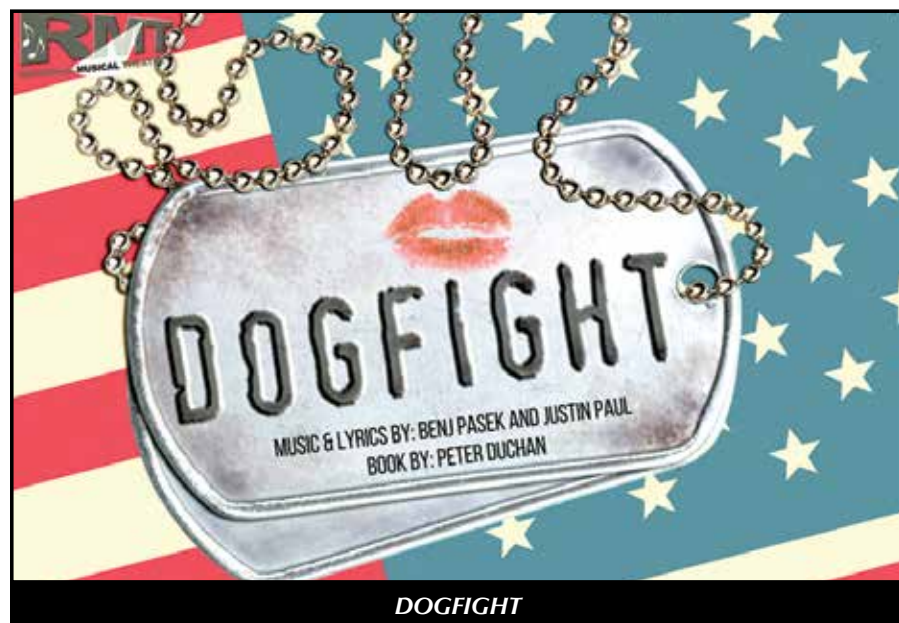
IN THE GALLERY

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March 3 through May 1: Arte di Primavera. Artwork depicting the beauty and renewal of springtime. Free artist reception on Thursday, March 16.

Kentlands Mansion

Art League of Germantown Exhibit (multimedia). A juried mixed-media exhibit featuring artwork by members of the Art League of Germantown.



ONSTAGE

DOGFIGHT

Presented by Rockville Musical Theatre

March 10 – 26 • Arts Barn • Tickets: \$22

Dogfight is the product of the musical theatre composing team of Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, who were recently awarded a Golden Globe for Best Original Song in the hit movie La La Land. On the eve of their deployment, three young Marines set out for one final boys’ night of partying and maybe a little trouble. But when Corporal Eddie Birdlace meets Rose, an awkward and idealistic waitress he enlists to win a cruel bet with his fellow recruits, she rewrites the rules of the game and teaches him the power of love and compassion. Recommended for ages 16 & up.

IN CONCERT

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HOME LIFESTYLE RECIPES REVIEWS

Poll reveals American public backs doubling food stamp benefits when used at farmers markets

Posted at 5/25/2012 12:14:00 PM by [Monica Harwood](#)



A recent poll conducted by the W.K. Kellogg foundation reveals that the American public appears to be in full support of healthier options for recipients of SNAP benefits (formerly food stamps.)

Over 90 percent of those polled indicated that it is either "very important" or "somewhat important" that "all Americans have equal access to fresh produce."

More than 80 percent asserted that government officials "need to do more to increase access to locally produced fresh food."

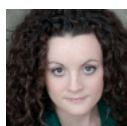
Seventy-five percent of those polled would support doubling the value of SNAP benefits at local farmers markets.

Doubling the value of food stamps at farmers markets could provide lower income families with a tremendous amount of healthier options. When we consider how the costs of nutritious meals are in comparison to processed, commercialized foods, it is easy to see how lower-income families struggle to make healthy food choices. In addition, fresh vegetables available from the store are essentially out of the question when it comes to budgeting a family's meals for an entire month; with only about \$1.48 to spend per meal. (Even acclaimed food expert [Chef Mario Batali](#) had some trouble.)

The doubling of SNAP benefits at farmers markets would encourage users to consume more fresh produce, and hopefully cut down on health care costs down the road. It would help to sustain local farms and promote a healthier environment.

The American public is on board with addressing our nation's hunger and health epidemic. With about [45 million Americans eligible for SNAP benefits](#), the rapid increase of [childhood obesity](#), and recurring [nutrition-related diseases](#) that are swallowing our nation's population, the government's implementation of this program on a national level could benefit us in numerous ways.

Issues involving funding for SNAP benefits will continue to be deliberated over the next several months, as the government will be [reauthorizing the Farm Bill](#) later this year.



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Rockville, MD Monica has always been a passionate animal lover. She blogs for No Credentials Podcast Network ([nocredentialspn.com](#)), where she is also a personality on the show *The Vegan and the Cannibal*. Monica is an opera singer, accompanist and music teacher, and would one day like to travel the world as a performer, while promoting the cause of animal welfare. Outside of music and animals, she enjoys all types of yoga, tending to her organic garden, and cooking. She currently resides just outside of Washington, D.C. with her boston terrier, Luke.

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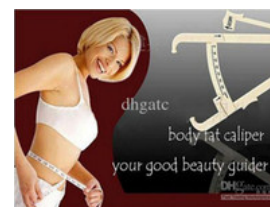
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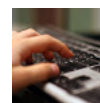


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Defeat the Mid-Winter Slump with Arts on the Green!

Allow Arts on the Green to energize your spirit and awaken your creativity with vibrant performing and visual arts programs.

On Sunday, February 5th, virtuoso clarinetist Jeremy Eig will take the stage at the Arts Barn, accompanied by D.C.'s dynamic Sage Chamber Players. The dramatic collaboration will include Mozart's Quintet in A Major, K. 581 and Carl Maria von Weber's Quintet in B-flat Major, Op. 34. Both compositions defy expected limitations of small chamber ensembles by exhibiting the emotional range of opera and the virtuosity of a concerto.

Romantic travails and quirky comedy are sure to relieve you of your mid-winter slump, as Damascus Theatre Company presents the modern-day musical love story, *I Love You Because* February 10th–26th at the Arts Barn. In this retelling of Jane Austin's classic novel, *Pride and Prejudice*, a young, uptight greeting card writer living in New York City is forced to reconsider his life plans when he stumbles upon a well-timed encounter with an unconventional new romance. A perfect way to celebrate the Valentine's season, *I Love You Because* reflects on love and relationships through the eyes of a group of eccentric young friends and siblings who are making a living in the big city. Recommended for ages 15 & up.

For those seeking the thrill of mystery, heated suspicion and flaming suspense during this frosty February, A Taste for Murder Productions brings *Murder at the Mansion: With a Deadly Finish* to the Kentlands Mansion February 10th–12th. An interactive murder mystery-comedy performance for ages 16+, *With a Deadly Finish* prompts members of the audience to help solve a murder as a seemingly innocent winery tour goes awry. Guests are invited to a pre-show wine tasting, but are reminded that "even the smoothest wine can end with a deadly finish..." Indulge in a buffet of scandalous sweet treats while enjoying this evening riddled with ominous, yet enticing clues.

Looking for a stimulating activity to engage the kids on their day off from school? The Metropolitan Ballet Ensemble will feature a special President's Day matinee performance of *Stories of Dr. Seuss* (Monday, February 20th at 11am). The whimsical and wonderful Dr. Seuss stories, "The Cat in the Hat," "Green Eggs and Ham" and "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" come to life through dance in this captivating performance! Guests are invited to interact with and meet the dancers after the show, while celebrating Dr. Seuss' upcoming birthday (it's March 2) with a creative craft activity and a snack provided by Zoe's Kitchen. Recommended for ages 4 & up.

Add some color and creative exploration to your chilly winter days by signing up for an art class or workshop! Read on for more details on February workshops and new classes starting this month. Arts on the Green is located at 311/320 Kent Square Rd. in Gaithersburg. More information at www.gaithersburgmd.gov. 301.258.6394.

On Stage

I LOVE YOU BECAUSE

Music by Joshua Salzman. Book and Lyrics by Ryan Cunningham.

Presented by Damascus Theatre Company

February 10–26 • Arts Barn • Tickets: \$22

In a modern retelling of Jane Austin's *Pride and Prejudice*, a young, uptight greeting card writer's life is changed when he meets a flighty photographer. Along with their eccentric friends and siblings, they learn to love each other not in spite of their faults, but because of them. Recommended for ages 15+.



MURDER AT THE MANSION Dessert Theatre

Presented by A Taste for Murder Productions

**February 10–12 • Kentlands Mansion
 Tickets: \$35 individual/\$60 for two**

In Dean Fiala's *With a Deadly Finish*, mysteries abound when a winery tour goes awry and the group discover

ers that even the smoothest wine can end with a deadly finish. Enjoy an out-ing riddled with clues and a buffet of scandalous sweet treats. Join us for a pre-show wine tasting.

IN CONCERT

Jeremy Eig: Virtuoso Clarinet Quintets

February 5 • 3pm • Arts Barn • Tickets: \$25/\$15

Brilliant clarinetist Jeremy Eig and acclaimed D.C. area string players bring two dazzling clarinet quintets to the Arts Barn stage. Jeremy Eig Quintet plays Mozart's Quintet in A Major, K. 581 and Weber's Quintet in B-flat Major, Op. 34. Meet and greet the artists after the performance.



Jeremy Eig

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SINGER SONGWRITER CONCERT SERIES

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Woman-writing and performing duo Dala bring their fresh brand of acoustic pop to the Arts Barn. Drawing on influences like The Beatles, Joni Mitchell, Neil Young and Bob Dylan, Dala write songs that are both catchy and insightful! Their songs are performed with lush harmonies and with sheer, infectious joy!

JUST FOR FAMILIES

STORIES OF DR. SEUSS DANCE

February 20 • 11am • Arts Barn • Tickets: \$12

Dr. Seuss stories, "The Cat in the Hat," "Green Eggs and Ham" and "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish," come to life through dance! Meet the dancers and celebrate Dr. Seuss's upcoming birthday after the show. Recommended for ages 4+.

CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

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Weiss-Waldhorn, Mary.
Meandering White. "Winter White"
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Yost, Homer. Silent and Still Maria.
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