

The Buzz

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Capital City Symphony

by Richard Strange

The Capital City Symphony (CCS) will open the Atlas Intersections Festival with a concert called "Interactive Symphony" at 8 p.m. on Friday, February 27. In Part I, the CCS strings will perform Britten's *Les Illuminations* with tenor Gran Wilson and video design by Tim McLoraine. During the performance, an interactive video projection will envelop the soloist as he acts out scenes from the piece. Then brass players will perform in a quintet with composer/trombonist Kirsten Warfield in a piece written specifically for this concert; there will be video design during this selection as well. The second half of the show will feature a series of excerpts chosen by the performers and audience; these may include a piece that made someone fall in love with the violin, or the piece that was played at their wedding, or perhaps a family member used to play it in their home when they were young.

Tickets for are available through AtlasArts.org. The CCS is a full-sized symphony orchestra based as one of the arts partners at the Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H Street NE.

NLPNA Is Moving

For the past two decades, NLPNA has held its monthly meetings at Lane CME, and we are truly grateful for their warm hospitality.

Starting in February, we will meet in the lobby at Maury ES, corner of 13th St. and Constitution Ave. NE.

Rosedale Library

The Friends of the Rosedale Library (FORL) quarterly membership drive is underway. FORL buys materials for and promotes programs at Rosedale Library (1701 Gales St. NE) and advocates for the DC library system. For a membership application, email friendsoftherosedalelibrary@gmail.com or call 571-213-1630.

The Capitol Hill Garden Club presents...

... "The Ins and Outs of Seed Starting" with Mellissa Miller, the farm manager for Common Good City Farm, on Tuesday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northeast Library, 330 7th St. NE. Common Good City Farm is a 501(c)(3) educational charitable organization that operates a half-acre farm in LeDroit Park to grow fresh fruits and vegetables for and with low-income DC residents. It offers hands-on farm education activities to children and adults.

For more information on the Capitol Hill Garden Club, visit www.capitolhillgardenclub.org.

Remove Those Treegators!

The green watering bags that were our trees' best friends this summer are no longer needed. In fact, it's detrimental to the tree to leave them on during the winter months as they inhibit proper bark formation. Please take them off and store them until the weather gets warm in spring.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (Feb. 3), 7:30 p.m., Maury ES, Constitution Ave & 13 St. NE. *New location.* All are welcome!
- **Capitol Hill Garden Club**, Tues. Feb 10, 7:30 p.m., NE Library, 330 7th St. NE. *See article.*
- **ANC 6A meeting**, second Thurs. (Feb. 12), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. For more info, visit www.anc6a.org.
- **Interactive Symphony**, Fri. Feb. 27, 8 p.m., Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St. NE. For more info, visit AtlasArts.org.
- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (Mar. 3), 7:30 p.m. All are welcome!
- *The Buzz* is available at tinyurl.com/TheBuzzNews. Contact us at 543-3512 or elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com.

Buzz Distributors Needed

Volunteer distributors are needed for the 100 block of 11th St., 200 block of 12th St., 200 block of 15th St., and 300 and 400 blocks of 13th St. This is a good opportunity for students to earn community service hours.

Donations are appreciated; checks should be made payable to NLPNA and delivered to 160 Tennessee Ave. NE.

THE BUZZ EDITORIAL TEAM

Elizabeth Nelson
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Hill Center Presents...

- Intro to American Sign Language, Tuesdays, Feb. 3 – Apr. 7, 6:30-8 p.m. \$265 for 10-week course. Code: 2191. This course will introduce the basics of American Sign Language (ASL) to help people who have little to no experience. Students will focus on mastering the basics of ASL finger-spelling, numbers, colors, facial grammar or non-manual markers, and sentence structure while learning cultural behaviors necessary to hold a beginning-level conversation in ASL with a deaf/hard-of-hearing native.
- Teens & Tech: What to do When Devices Rule with Joshua Wayne, Thurs. Feb. 5, 7-8 p.m. Free. Code: 2129. Will cover the right amount of “screen time” for children; how to set proper limits without creating power struggles; helping kids create healthy lifestyle habits so they aren’t sitting in front of a screen all day; keeping kids safe and sane in a world where everything is in the public eye.
- Hill Center Concert Series: Debra Tidwell, Sat., Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m. \$15. Code: 2001. Jazz vocalist and cabaret artist presents one-woman Valentine’s Day show.
- Belated Valentine’s Brunch with Chef Wendi, Sat. Feb. 15, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. \$45. Code: 2177. Prepare a delicious brunch and then enjoy the fruits of your labor with berries & bubbles.
- Introduction to Video Production: Full Day Workshop with Scott Sowers, Sat. Feb. 28, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. \$199. Code: 2029.
- The Life of a Poet: Conversations with Ron Charles: Poet Frank Bidart, Thurs. Feb. 19, 7 p.m. Free. Code: 2164.

Hill Center at Old Naval Hospital is located at 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE. To register for a program, call 549-4172 or visit www.hillcenterdc.org/home/programs using the registration code.

Capital Cats

by Charlotte Fox

Capital Cats is a Hill-based cat adoption/rescue organization. We do street rescue of abandoned cats and kittens as well as trap-neuter-return for “community cats” or feral cats. Capital Cats has been operating for over 11 years! Many of us have lived and worked with the cats on the Hill for 20+ years. If there are few cats in your backyard, chances are it’s because of us!

This year has seen an unusual number of cats with kittens in the close-in Hill area. Many of these are from cats abandoned the previous year who are now old enough to start producing kittens. Most calls regarding cats occur when the caller sees kittens, not before for an occasional “cat in my yard.” So, right now is the time to start calling in cat reports. We are starting to see female cats going into heat already. That screaming and fighting cat noise you hear – that means there is a cat in heat, and the “boys” are fighting for the territory.

Tax-deductible cash contributions are welcome, as are donations of food, litter, toys, etc. We have a cat adoption event every Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. at Howl To The Chief.

Contact Charlotte Fox, cfox@igc.org, or Julie Walker, jnycewalker@aol.com, or visit www.capitalcats.petfinder.com.

Support Our Schools

- Every Tuesday is Miner ES night starting at 5 p.m. at Star & Shamrock, 1341 H St. NE. Ten percent of your receipt will be donated to the Miner ES PTO.
- The annual fundraising party for Maury ES at Eastern Market is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 7-10 p.m. To become a sponsor or donate to the silent auction, contact becky.mcgeehan@gmail.com or 202-203-8894.

Capitol Hill Arts Workshop Presents...

- Taffety Punk Theatre Company Presents Riot Grrrls Shakespeare: The Tempest. Opening/pay-what-you-can-preview Thurs. Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m. Continues through Feb. 28. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.taffetypunk.com.
- Working From the Figure, Fri. Feb. 6 and 20, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Work on drawings or paintings in front of a live model, without an instructor. Bring your own materials. Easels are available. Session is \$20 for drop-in students, \$76 for four-class pass.
- Art & Innovation Dar Workshop – Sumi-E Inspired Ink Aliens, Sat. Feb. 7, 1:30-3 p.m. Free. Students will use straws instead of the traditional Japanese bamboo reed to experiment with form and line, creating undersea creatures, aliens, and insects. The workshop will include an installation component and will illustrate how projects like this may be adapted based on resources they may find around the house. At the Southeast Branch Library, 403 7th St. SE.
- Belly Dancing, Thurs., Feb. 12 – March 5, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Four-week crash course with Saffron Dance. Introduction to the basics of belly dance in a structured, fun, and easy-to-follow format; no prior dance experience necessary. \$39 with promo code “CHAW4.”
- Sip & Paint, Fri. Feb. 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$30. Receive step-by-step instruction from teaching artists Ellen Cornett and Sheppard Bear while enjoying snacks and wine. All materials included.
- Painting Clay & Sipping Cabernet with Clay Hollenkamp, Fri. Feb. 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$40 includes refreshments and wine.

CHAW is located at 545 7th St. SE. For more information or to register for any CHAW event, call 547-6839 or visit www.chaw.org.