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## CULTURAL ARTS FORUM

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## CULTURAL ARTS FORUM

### SEMINARS/EVENTS

2017-2018



## CULTURAL ARTS FORUM 2017-2018 SEMINAR/EVENT SERIES

Founded by Dr. Margaret Mary Kearney, a former broadcast personality and friend of Neumann University, the Cultural Arts Forum hosts six lectures each year and an annual high tea and fashion show to foster cultural programming and enrich the educational experiences of the University and the larger community. Proceeds from these events benefit the Dr. Margaret Mary Kearney student scholarship which assists non-traditional students.

Unless noted, all seminars are held at 1:30 p.m. in the state-of-the-art Fred P. Meagher Theatre, located in the Thomas A. Bruder, Jr. Life Center at Neumann University. The Bruder Life Center and Meagher Theatre are handicapped accessible. Admission for seminars is \$10 and is free for Cultural Arts Forum members. Immediately following the seminar, attendees will enjoy an afternoon treat in the Bruder Life Center.

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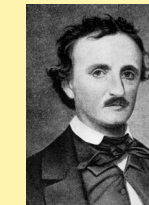
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#### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017**

### Great Songwriters of the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Bill Messenger, performer/lecturer

Before the age of the “singer-songwriter,” professional composers wrote songs that were performed by popular American performers. The best songs are remembered nearly a century later as the “standards.” Bill will explore lasting songs from the 1900s through the late 1940s by composers Irving Berlin, George M. Cohan, George Gershwin and Richard Rodgers. Messenger studied at Peabody Conservatory, holds two master’s degrees from John Hopkins, and taught in colleges and universities throughout the U.S. He founded and taught in the Elderhostel program at Peabody for more than 25 years.

#### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017**



### Edgar Allen Poe: Master of Macabre and Poet Extraordinaire Christopher Davis, performer

Crafted by the renowned master, Edgar A. Poe, but presented as fearsome good fun by Poe’s greatest detractor, Rufus W. Griswold, Chris will perform scenes of horror and mystery from *The Black Cat* to the *Tell-Tale Heart*, *The Cask of Amontillado*, and beyond. Chris is an actor, author and comedian. Shakespeare, Poe, Dickens, Greek mythology and Kipling provide his material for interactive comedies which make history and literature more accessible and enjoyable.

#### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017**

### John F. Kennedy: 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Birth

Roger Arthur, presenter



John F. Kennedy was born on May 19, 1917 in Brookline, Maine. Jack served in the military and in state and national legislatures before serving as 35th President of the U.S. He died on November 22, 1963 from an assassin’s bullet. Despite the Warren Report, many believed there was a possible conspiracy which the U.S.

House Select Committee on Assassinations rejected. He will discuss Kennedy, his death and the many theories that still are held today. Roger has a master's degree in American History from West Chester University and currently teaches at Bishop Shanahan High School.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017**

### Kate & Randy Do The Holidays



Kate Casano & Randy Shupp, Gaslight Productions

Make your holidays brighter while participating in Gaslight Productions' Christmas program. Kate and Randy will present all your favorite Christmas selections and have you singing along in your seats. Ms. Casano plays anything with a keyboard. She started her career in New Orleans as a steamboat calliope player and barroom ragtime pianist. Now based in Philadelphia, Kate is active as a contra dance musician and participant in rock, blues and old-time bands. Mr. Shupp is a bass-baritone and co-founder of Gaslight Productions. He has been performing in the local area for over 30 years.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018**

### Ireland: Tea, Food and Folklore

Judith Krall-Russo, LLC, presenter



The Emerald Isle, Ireland is a sentimental place where folks drink numerous cups of strong black tea day and night, and nibble on scones and tea cakes! People are friendly and hospitable. Come learn about this enchanted land where myths and legends live alongside leprechauns and fairies. Judith is a historian, educator, speaker and restaurant consultant. She enriches her unique food programs with surprising facts and guarantees an unforgettable program for everyone.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018**

### Civil War Medicine: North and South

Nancy Webster, presenter

Nancy Webster speaks on many topics, including 17th to 19th century American history. A graduate of Radcliffe College of Harvard University, she has done extensive studies at William and Mary College, Colonial Williamsburg, and Drexel and Temple Universities. She has served on many historical and planning commissions and boards, has taught in several colleges throughout the U.S., and has won numerous awards for her outstanding accomplishments. She will share her knowledge of Civil War medicine and present her collection of medical implements and artifacts.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### AUTHOR'S CORNER

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017 • 1:30 P.M.**

#### The Winter Soldiers

Featuring Andrew Miller, author

Cost: Free will donation

This historical fiction novel tells of a desperate Confederate plot to kidnap Abraham Lincoln from the streets of Washington, D.C. in 1865. Author Andrew Miller spent several years researching Civil War Washington, as well as Lincoln's habits and personal security. The story is told through the eyes and experiences of two main characters: one a damaged Union officer and the other a ruthless but reluctant Confederate spy. Andrew is a native of Delaware County and a Villanova graduate. He is a full-time instructor at Neumann University.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017 • 11:30 A.M.**

#### Fashion Show & Luncheon

Penn Oaks Golf Club, West Chester, PA

Cost: \$40

Relax and enjoy the view of the latest styles as you enjoy a tasty luncheon prepared by the chefs of Penn Oaks Golf Club (West Chester, PA). Try your luck on a variety of theme baskets and a cash raffle. All proceeds benefit the Dr. Margaret Mary Kearney Scholarship. Fashions provided by local boutiques, ladies apparel shops and children's clothing establishments.



**MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018 • 8:30 A.M.**

#### A Day of Spiritual Renewal

Cost: \$35

As Easter approaches, come to a day reserved for quiet communion and contemplation. This short retreat will be conducted in an atmosphere of silence to foster personal prayer life. Held at the Franciscan Spiritual Center at Our Lady of Angels Convent, the day promises to be spiritually refreshing and a perfect way to come together with others in peace and harmony. The day includes presentations by Reverend Stephen D. Thorne '15, reflection time, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, and lunch. Reservations are required. Call 610-558-5626 for details.

### AUTHOR'S CORNER

**FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2018 • 1:30 P.M.**

#### Marie Curie: A Nobel Life

Featuring Ann Atkins, author

Cost: Free will donation

Marie Curie endured a childhood in Poland wracked with Russian oppression and harsh lessons as a young governess. Setting course to study science at the Sorbonne, she upsets the status quo of a male dominated world. Rising from ashes more than once, Marie's life surpasses scientific discoveries and world fame. Her story inspires the audience who believe, like her, that they are "gifted for something." Ann's books have reached international shores and her presentations include: The National Press Club, International Women's Day in Washington, D.C., civic groups and universities. Author Ann Atkins' writing and presentations bridge history to her audience while providing encouragement and enlightened ideas to inspire their own lives.



**SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018 • 2:00 P.M.**

#### High Tea with Queen Victoria

The Austin Room • Lia's Catering

Chichester Avenue, Upper Chichester, PA

Cost: \$40

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon with family and friends and delight in scones, tea sandwiches, and special desserts while enjoying a presentation by Alisa Dupuy as Queen Victoria (The Ladies of History, Historical Productions). Don't be afraid to wear your favorite hat!



For additional information

or to purchase tickets

for individual seminars, call

610-558-5626.



## CULTURAL ARTS FORUM MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Admission for Cultural Arts Forum events is \$10 per person/per seminar or become a member this year for \$40 by completing the form.

Detach and mail today. Please print.

- I would like to be a member of the Cultural Arts Forum. Enclosed is my check (payable to Neumann University) for \$40. Membership entitles you to FREE seminar admittance.
- Please add me to your mailing list to receive additional information about other performing arts events at Neumann University.
- I would like to make a donation to the Dr. Margaret Mary Kearney Scholarship.

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