

# RAAC Newsletter November 2017

## Hello friends!

Start November with RAAC's premier event - our 13th annual Art Tour on November 4-5! Here's your chance to visit studios and galleries scattered around our scenic county featuring over 100 Rappahannock artists and their guest artists. Begin the Tour at the historic Washington School where you can pick up tickets and Tour maps and see samples of art from participating artists. Invite friends to join you on the Art Tour.

Not to be missed is "The Big Sick" at First Friday at the Movies, 7pm on Nov 3 - right after the Art Tour reception for sponsors and artists. "The NY Times" calls the movie a "joyous, generous-hearted romantic comedy ... that tells a great story with waves of deep feeling and questions of identity ... a story of love, death, and the everyday comedy of being a 21st-Century American."

Need another antidote from politics? Come to the the Second Friday at the Library talk on Nov 10. Our neighbor Ira Chaleff will be discussing his newest book on leadership and a newer field of "followership." Ira has been hailed as one of the top 100 "Best Minds on Leadership." Participate in a lively discussion triggered by Ira's insights! We'll meet again at the Rappahannock County Library at 8pm.

For information about other arts events happening in Rappahannock, check out Art Beat in this newsletter.

Hope to see you at one of our community events. All are welcome - old friends and new!

**Matthew Black, President, RAAC**



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*Click on the photo below to play the movie trailer*



## First Friday at the Movies

### "The Big Sick"

**Friday, Nov 3, 7pm, \$6**

*(Popcorn, candy, and water available for purchase)*

**Little Washington Theatre**

**291 Gay Street, Washington, VA 22747**

**Starring Kumail Nanjiani, Zoe Kazan,  
Holly Hunter, Ray Romano,  
Adeel Akhtar, Anupam Kher**

**Director: Michael Showalter**

**Awards: 5 wins and 2 nominations**

**Comedy, drama, romance; 120 minutes**

**Rated R for language**

The film follows an interracial couple that has to deal with their cultural differences and is loosely based on the real-life courtship between Kumail Nanjiani and Emily V. Gordon.

The film had its world premiere at the Sundance Film Festival in January 2017, began a limited theatrical release in June, and went worldwide in July. It's received great reviews, becoming one of the most critically acclaimed films of the year.

*Tula's will be open at 5pm for pre-movie dining!*

*[Click to visit RAAC's First Friday at the Movies webpage.](#)*



## **Artists of Rappahannock Studio & Gallery Tour**

**Join us at the Art Tour!**

**Saturday-Sunday, Nov 4 & 5**

The 13th annual Artists of Rappahannock Studio & Gallery Tour will have more artists and fine art of all types than ever to enjoy and new studios and galleries to explore. Over 100 artists will be showing in 31 studios and 8 galleries throughout Rappahannock County.

The excitement begins at Art Tour Headquarters at The Washington School, 567 Mt Salem Ave., Washington, VA. There you will see a visual feast of representative art on display at the Main Gallery. For a \$10 per person admission fee, you will receive a guide and map to direct you to the artists you most want to visit on your self-guided tour through the gorgeous scenery.

The Tour is truly a unique experience for art enthusiasts and countryside adventurers from near and far. Don't miss the wonder of this extraordinary community event!

*[Click to visit RAAC's 2017 Art Tour webpages.](#)*



## **Second Friday at the Library**

### **Ira Chaleff**

**Friday, Nov 10, 8pm**

**Rappahannock County Library  
4 Library Lane, Washington, VA 22747**

RAAC's speaker for November is Ira Chaleff, a Rappahannock resident acclaimed for his work on leadership and for highlighting the vital role of followership as well. The title of his talk is "What is Intelligent Disobedience and How Does it Apply to Your Life and Times?"

As an executive coach, Chaleff has conducted seminars around the world and to such audiences as NASA and the US Navy. He also gave a much-admired "No Ordinary Person" talk in 2014 about his first-hand experience 35 years ago with Scientology. He won broad notice with a 1995 book titled "The Courageous Follower," which argued that the countless volumes on "leadership" tended to neglect the importance of supportive, independent-minded followers.

Chaleff's newest book, "Intelligent Disobedience: Doing Right When What You're Told to Do is Wrong," looks closely at the real-world moral dilemmas we all confront. At times following orders is the right thing to do; but at times one of the most damning sentences imaginable is "I was only following orders." Chaleff will discuss how we can find the wisdom and courage to navigate these murky waters. The book was just published in China, despite initial misgivings of the Chinese authorities.

*This month the talk will be at the library.*

***The talk is free. All are welcome.***

*[Click to visit RAAC's Second Friday at the Library webpage.](#)*



## RAAC Community Theatre

### "Saint George and the Dragon At Christmastide"

Friday, Dec 1, 8pm

Saturday, Dec 2, 3pm

Sunday, Dec 3, 3pm

Friday, Dec 8, 8pm

Saturday, Dec 9, 3pm

This play has medieval roots and was performed by traveling troupes of actors. Directing a cast of nearly 30 actors ranging in age from 6 to 70s, Patty Hardee adds a contemporary flair to the traditional fable of the triumph of good over evil.

*At left: In a rehearsal scene, Beelzebub (Maeve Ciuba) and the Dragon (Camilla Gaudio) torment the Fool (Webb Furbush).*

*All performances will be held at the RAAC Community Theatre, 310 Gay St., Washington, VA. Tickets will be available soon.*

#### **Upcoming Theatre performances:**

- "Good People," Mar 2018
- "A Thousand Clowns," May 2018

[Click to visit RAAC's Community Theatre webpages.](#)

# Claudia Mitchell ARTS FUND

## Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund

### Updates on 2017 grantees

Supported by grants from RAAC's Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund, four more 2017 grantees pursued their art, inspired their audiences, shared their gifts, and built community this summer and fall.



### Rappahannock Writers' Retreat

KC Bosch's second annual Rappahannock Writers' Retreat at Michael Dennis's Bookworks Studio was a great success.

Ten writers came together for three days of learning, writing, and sharing poetry and flash fiction under the tutelage of Victoria Bosch Murray.



The writers came from different backgrounds and skill levels - everything from hobby writers to a full-time author working on his third book. They were mostly local, although two came from North Carolina and South Dakota.

Second-year participant Nol Putnam remarked "I particularly enjoy the breadth of knowledge that Vicky brings to her teaching ... to say nothing of her sense of humor!"



### 1000 Faces

On a hot, late-September evening on the grounds of the Castleton Festival, Peggy Schadler and her troupe of 34 masked players, musicians, and crew presented Peggy's latest play, "The Half Hour News Hour from Planet Earth: Featuring Liberty and Justice Go Looking for America." The show opened with Miranda Hope's local band "Them Thar Hills," while the audience of 200 gathered with picnics on blankets and lawn chairs. The event was described as "magical," "a real coming together of community," and "amazing!"

*Photo by Rob Hillard*



### Sheila Lamb

RCHS English teacher Sheila Lamb completed a final draft of her novel, "Moonshine Poet," during a two-week summer residency at The Porches in Nelson County. In the quiet and solitude of the writer's retreat, Sheila streamlined her manuscript timeline and made substantial revisions to the text, received positive feedback from an editor, and was able to send the project out to draft readers for their final feedback. With the manuscript now complete, Sheila will be sending it to agents in the coming months.



### CCLC

Award-winning children's book illustrator and artist David Hyde Costello returned to CCLC in October, delighting and inspiring the children, staff, and visitors with his latest book "Little Pig Saves the Ship." In addition to reading, playing his ukulele, and singing, David guided the children in making wooden and paper boats of their own. He was at the Inn at Little Washington's Sunday Market on Oct 22, selling books, prints, and original art.

*[Click to visit RAAC's Mitchell Fund webpages.](#)*



## Art Beat Rappahannock, November 2017

*Featuring non-RAAC arts events in Rappahannock County*

### **Theatre**

- Nov 4, 8pm, **Little Washington Theatre**,  
"Circa Blue" bluegrass band  
\$25 adults; \$10 under 18.  
[DETAILS & RESERVATIONS](#)
- Nov 5, 4pm, **Castleton Theatre**,  
"Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks:  
Ella Fitzgerald Centennial,"  
Tickets \$20 to \$40  
[DETAILS & RESERVATIONS](#)

### **Music**

*These venues host live music in October:*

- **Gadino Cellars**     [DETAILS](#)
- **Griffin Tavern**     [DETAILS](#)
- **Headmasters Pub**     [DETAILS](#)
- **Narmada Winery**     [DETAILS](#)

*To submit an event, email [artbeat@raac.org](mailto:artbeat@raac.org).*

**Please note:** For inclusion in Art Beat, event details should be emailed to [artbeat@raac.org](mailto:artbeat@raac.org) by the 15th of the month preceding publication.

## Mark Your Calendar!

For all the details, additions, and schedule changes, visit [RAAC's calendar](#).  
New events are added frequently, so please check often.

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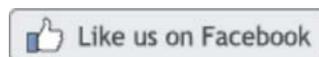
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