

# RAAC Newsletter April 2017



**Hello everyone!**

Now that Spring is finally here, it's time to get out and savor Rappahannock's many opportunities to enjoy the arts and community.

One of RAAC's premier events, the Film Festival at Little Washington, is right around the corner on April 7 through 9. The Film Festival committee has done a terrific job of screening over 175 entries to bring you the best films from an exciting mix of filmmakers. Be sure to join us for this wonderful event.

And let's not neglect live drama. Mark your calendars for the RAAC Theatre's presentation of "Arcadia" by Tom Stoppard on May 5, 6, and 7. Vincent Canby of The New York Times described the play as "Tom Stoppard's richest, most ravishing comedy ..." In addition to its comedic aspects, "Arcadia" explores complex themes involving the nature of evidence and truth in the context of modern scientific concepts. To help community members appreciate the rich tapestry of ideas presented by the play, director Mike Mahoney will discuss "Arcadia" at April's Second Friday at the Library presentation.

Despite the lure of the Spring weather, our Mitchell Fund Grant Committee remains focused on its task of evaluating the numerous applications that RAAC received by last month's deadline. There is no better way to contribute to our vibrant community than to support the many creative people who reside here.

On a final note, thank you to the many community members who have contributed to RAAC during our current fundraising drive. It is only because of supporters like you that RAAC can offer its many cultural and community activities. If you haven't had a chance to contribute yet, there's still time. Just [click here](#). **THANK YOU!**

**Nancy Raines, Vice President, RAAC**



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## Film Festival at Little Washington

### Almost here!

**Friday through Sunday, Apr 7-9**  
**5pm Friday through 6pm Sunday**

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

The countdown begins! According to Festival Director Theresa Wood, the screening committee has finished reviewing over 175 features, documentaries, shorts, animations, and web videos from filmmakers in Rappahannock County and around the world. The consensus is that this year's program is sure to entertain, challenge, and inspire one and all!

Highlights of the weekend include a special program featuring films by professional, student, and up-and-coming filmmakers from Virginia, as well as selections from nationally and internationally recognized filmmakers. Once again, movies will be followed by Q & As, and there will be opportunities throughout the weekend for moviegoers to mingle with filmmakers beginning with the opening night reception at Tula's Restaurant on April 7. The Festival will end with a special presentation for young, aspiring filmmakers on Sunday, April 9.

Tickets for the films and the opening night reception can be purchased in advance on Eventbrite.com by clicking [TheFilmFestivalAtLittleWashington.com](http://TheFilmFestivalAtLittleWashington.com), on RAAC's website by [clicking here](#), or at the Little Washington Theatre's box office during the Festival weekend.

**Interested in supporting the Festival and the arts in Rappahannock County?** Become a supporter and see your name on the big screen!

Visit <http://raac.org/raacwp/film-festival-at-little-washington/>  
Contact Theresa Wood at 817-403-0496  
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*[Click to visit RAAC's Film Festival webpage.](#)*



## Second Friday at the Library

### Mike Mahoney

Friday, Apr 14, 8pm

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

April's speaker is Mike Mahoney, who will discuss Tom Stoppard's play "Arcadia." In early May, the RAAC Community Theatre will mount its production of the play under Mike's direction.

During the talk, Mike and several cast members will introduce the play, discuss the themes and characters, and perform a short scene. Stoppard is regarded as one of the most notable playwrights of the modern era with a long list of successful shows.

"The Library talk is intended to both entertain and educate," says Mike. "You needn't attend the talk to appreciate the play and you needn't attend the play to appreciate the talk. But you will enjoy both more if you attend both."

For more information about "Arcadia," read the RAAC Community Theatre article below in this newsletter.

*The talk is free. All are welcome.*

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



## Artists of Rappahannock Studio & Gallery Tour

### Application deadline for new artists!

May 1

If you are a Rappahannock artist interested in joining RAAC's annual Art Tour for the first time, please email Heather Wicke, Chair, Art Tour Planning Committee, by Saturday, May 1 at [hwicke2@gmail.com](mailto:hwicke2@gmail.com), or call 540-675-3368.

The first step in joining the Art Tour is to schedule an informational visit by several committee members to your studio or gallery. After this meeting, you will receive an application to be returned to the Art Tour committee by May 31, along with the \$200 registration fee.

Over the past 12 years, the Art Tour has been one of the highlights of RAAC's activities celebrating Rappahannock's vibrant arts community and scenic beauty. We had a record crowd attending last year and hope to continue that trend.

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*"Arcadia" in rehearsal;  
Sam Clifton, left,  
and Petrina Huston.  
Photo by Patty Hardee.*

## RAAC Community Theatre

### "Arcadia"

**Friday, 7:30 pm, May 5**  
**Saturday, 7:30 pm, May 6**  
**Sunday, 7:30 pm, May 7**

Mike Mahoney directs a production of the Tom Stoppard play The New York Times called Stoppard's "richest, most ravishing comedy to date, a play of wit, intellect, language, brio and ... emotion." The cast includes well-known local actors Andy Platt, Lakota Coon, Stephanie Mastri, Sam Clifton, Petrina Huston, and others.

"Arcadia" is considered by some critics as Stoppard's best work and also one of, if not the, best plays of the latter half of the 20th Century. It premiered in London in 1993 and won the Olivier Award for best new play. Its New York City premier gained it the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award for best play.

The play moves back and forth between the early 1800s and the present at the elegant estate owned by the Coverly family. It explores the relationship between past and present, order and disorder, certainty and uncertainty, intellect and romance, truth and time, tempered by the disruptive influence of sex.

*Tickets are now on sale on RAAC's website by [clicking here](#).*

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



## RAAC's annual fundraising drive

### Support the arts in Rappahannock County!

Last month you may have received our annual letter inviting you to join RAAC or renew your support! If not, [click here](#) for information.

We are a volunteer organization, and all funds are channeled back into the community to support the arts in Rappahannock. Your help is critical to making this happen through your donations, volunteer participation, and attendance at arts events.

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has already contributed, and a big welcome to the new members of the RAAC community.

*[Click to visit RAAC's website.](#)*



## Art Beat Rappahannock, April 2017

*Featuring non-RAAC arts events in Rappahannock County*

### **Theater**

- Apr 2, 3pm, **Little Washington Theatre**, Smithsonian at Little Washington all-Bach performance. [DETAILS](#)
- Apr 23, 3pm, "An Afternoon with Mark Twain" benefit for Rappahannock Food Pantry & Unitarian Universalists of the Blue Ridge. [DETAILS](#)
- Apr 29, 8pm, Ocean Quartet. [DETAILS](#)

### **Music**

- Apr 1, 8:30pm, **Griffin Tavern**, Vinyl Tracks
- Apr 8, 8:30pm, The Rogue Farmers
- Apr 15, 8:30pm, Robbie Limon Band
- Apr 21, 8pm, Casey Klien
- Apr 22, 8:30pm, Elizabeth Lawrence Band
- Apr 28, 8pm, Madonnas in a Field
- Apr 29, 8:30pm, SAUCE. [DETAILS](#)
  
- Apr 1, 8pm, **Headmaster's Pub**, Dubious Brothers
- Apr 7, 8pm, Half Full
- Apr 8, 8pm, Madonnas in a Field
- Apr 14, 8pm, The Good, the Bad, and The Blues
- Apr 15, 8pm, Davis Bradley Trio
- Apr 21, 8pm, Shotgun Shiver
- Apr 22, 8pm, Sixling Twin
- Apr 28, 8pm, Robbie Limon
- Apr 29, 8pm, Bobby G & Friends. [DETAILS](#)
  
- Apr 2, 2pm, **Rappahannock Cellars**, Marie Miller. [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.

[www.raac.org](http://www.raac.org)

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