

RAAC Newsletter May 2017



Hello everyone!

I'm still replaying clips in my head from the Film Festival held during the weekend of April 7-9. The quality of films screened this year was especially strong and stimulated lots of animated conversations that opened windows into parts of the world obscure to many. And the Q&A discussions added depth and context to the viewer experience - certainly mine. There were lively meetings with filmmakers, writers, and actors between screenings at Tula's (the festival hangout venue). The Festival owes many thanks to our generous donors, participating artists, and our wonderful team of volunteers led by Theresa Wood and supported by Karen Crow.

Without skipping a beat, First Friday at the Movies is screening "La La Land" on May 5. Winner of seven Golden Globe Awards, this bittersweet romance focuses on two artists who confront and eventually overcome the challenges of following their passions.

Big news! Opening night for Tom Stoppard's "Arcadia" is May 5, and it runs through the weekend. Stoppard is considered one of the best playwrights of the modern era, and the award-winning "Arcadia" is viewed as his best work. The play is essentially a mystery that jumps back and forth between two centuries while exploring multiple themes mixed with comedy, romance, and intellect. Mike Mahoney is directing this ambitious production by the talented RAAC Community Theatre. Act quickly to [reserve tickets online!](#)

Our Second Friday at the Library talk on May 12 will focus on the Shenandoah National Park. Sally Hurlbert, a Park ranger, and local experts will share ideas, secrets, and suggestions for enjoying the Park this summer and beyond.

Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Artists of Rappahannock Studio & Gallery Tour for the first time? If so, please contact Heather Wicke by May 1; details are below.

Our annual membership drive is officially over. Huge thanks to the many supporting members who undergird RAAC! You enable us to produce, encourage, and enable artists and arts programs around the county with the goal of enlivening our community. If you haven't joined or renewed this year, please [click here](#) and become a supporting member of the RAAC family.

Finally, Give Local Piedmont ([click here](#)) takes place on May 2. This annual event is a great opportunity to donate to your favorite local nonprofits, including RAAC.

Matthew Black, President, RAAC



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First Friday at the Movies

"La La Land"

Friday, May 5, 8pm, \$6

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

**Starring Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone,
Rosemarie DeWitt
Writer/Director Damien Chazelle
Awards: 6 Oscars
Biography, comedy, drama, music; 128 minutes
Rated PG-13**

Our final Friday movie night of the season ends with the screening of "La La Land." Written and directed by Damien Chazelle, the movie tells the story of Mia (Emma Stone), an aspiring actress, and Sebastian (Ryan Gosling), a dedicated jazz musician, who are struggling to make ends meet in a city known for crushing hopes and breaking hearts.

Set in modern day Los Angeles, this original musical about everyday life explores the joy and pain of pursuing your dreams. It is the winner of six Academy Awards, including Best Director and Best Actress.

- Adapted from a review on www.lalaland.movie.com

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



Top: Director Mike Mahoney & Andy Platt watch Patty Hardee & Bob Hurley at a recent rehearsal.

Bottom: Some members of the cast on the set.
Photos by Ray Boc.



RAAC Community Theatre

"Arcadia"

Friday, 7:30 pm, May 5
Saturday, 7:30 pm, May 6
Sunday, 2:30 pm, May 7

Mike Mahoney directs "Arcadia" with a cast of talented and well-known local actors. The New York Times calls the play Tom Stoppard's "richest, most ravishing comedy to date, a play of wit, intellect, language, brio and ... emotion."

"Arcadia" moves back and forth between 1809 and the present at the elegant estate owned by the Coverly family. The play 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.

NOTE: The play contains strong language and sexual references.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT: RAAC Theatre is partnering with CCLC for summer acting sessions for kids.

Working with CCLC on its series of summer camps for kids, RAAC Theatre will provide acting instruction. Three of CCLC's ten planned camps include a theater component to be taught by Lucia Hanover. Lucia is a newcomer to RAAC Theatre, but has years of experience acting and stage managing in New York and working with kids in the Warrenton area.

For more information about the camps, [click here](#) or call 540-675-3237.

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



Second Friday at the Library

Sally Hurlbert

Friday, May 12, 8pm

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

Our speaker is Park Ranger Sally Hurlbert from the Shenandoah National Park. Her presentation is devoted to getting the best out of a visit to the Park. We'll get the inside skinny on the best hikes, the best picnics, and so on, from Sally as well as from several Rappahannock residents who know the Park's every nook and cranny.

This talk will be the final Second Friday program of the year. Second Friday will resume in September.

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 at 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.

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



Make a gift to RAAC through Give Local Piedmont

May 2, Tuesday, 12am through 11:59pm

RAAC is participating in the annual 24-hour Give Local Piedmont fundraiser. Every dollar donated from midnight to midnight on Tuesday, May 2 will be increased with "bonus" dollars from sponsors.

This is a great opportunity to support the nonprofits in our community, including RAAC, that make our region a more vibrant place to live.

To contribute to RAAC during this 24-hour fundraiser, go to www.givelocalpiedmont.org, then type in "RAAC." Thanks!

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



Film Festival at Little Washington

It's a wrap!

At RAAC's 2017 Film Festival at Little Washington, moviegoers were once again treated to a lively weekend filled with stimulating documentaries, features, and short films. Filmmakers and visitors alike were treated to Rappahannock's unique beauty and hospitality, and left wanting to return next year.

A standing ovation goes to Festival Director Theresa Wood and all our wonderful volunteers, sponsors, and community partners whose combined efforts in supporting the art of filmmaking have grown the Festival into an exciting annual event. Thank you.

[Click to visit RAAC's Film Festival web pages.](#)



Art Beat Rappahannock, May 2017

Featuring non-RAAC arts events in Rappahannock County

Theatre

- May 21, 4pm, **Castleton Theatre**, Keyboard Charitable Trust, pianist Emanuel Rimoldi. [DETAILS](#)

Music

- May 5, 8pm, **Headmaster's Pub**, Adwela & The Uprising
- May 6, 8pm, James 3 Duo
- May 12, 8pm, Dubious Brothers
- May 13, 8pm, Ronnie Johnson
- May 26, 8pm, The Hazelnuts
- May 27, 8pm, David Gilmore. [DETAILS](#)

- May 5, 8pm, **Griffin Tavern**, Grassfed
- May 12, 8pm, ATriuM3
- May 13, 8:30pm, Robbie Limon Band
- May 19, 8pm, Dubious Trio
- May 20, 8:30pm, Five by Five Band
- May 27, 8:30pm, Andre Fox Band. [DETAILS](#)

- May 7, 1pm, **Rappahannock Cellars**, Ted Seely [DETAILS](#)

- May 13, 2pm, **Gadino Cellars**, Troy & Paula Haag [DETAILS](#)

- May 13, 2pm, **Narmada Winery**, Thom Feucht
- May 14, 2pm, Tim Wright
- May 20, 2pm, Anderson Paulson Project
- May 27, 2pm, Teddy Deal
- May 28, 2pm, Mosby Territory. [DETAILS](#)

- May 13, 2pm, **Gray Ghost Vineyards**, Valerie Von Fange
- May 14, 1pm, Dave Goodrich
- May 27, 1pm, Robbie Limon
- May 28, 2pm, Valerie Von Fange. [DETAILS](#)

Art

- May 13, 5pm, **Haley Fine Art**, Opening for Alex Bay, sculptor. [DETAILS](#)

To submit an event, email artbeat@raac.org.

Please note: For inclusion in Art Beat, event details should be emailed to 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

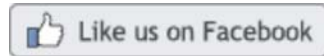
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