

RAAC Newsletter March 2018

Hello friends!

We're edging toward spring, and RAAC has planned a number of arts events to lead the way.

First Friday at the Movies on March 2 is screening "Victoria and Abdul," a story of unintended consequences as a young clerk from India finds himself in the service of the Queen. The unlikely friendship changes the Queen and ultimately threatens the inner court. Come see why Judy Dench earned Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild nominations for her royal performance. 7pm show time.

The Second Friday RAAC Talk on March 9 features Rich Chefetz, a psychiatrist specializing in trauma. He'll talk about what goes on behind therapists' closed doors. We'll learn how he works with those who've endured childhood abuse, wartime hardships, and violent attacks at home. Chefetz was president of the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation and has recently published a book on his techniques.

On March 17, Soup & Soul will delight us with a performance by acclaimed jazz pianist Bill Harris. What could be better than listening to great jazz in the intimacy of a beautiful home in the company of friends? Go ahead and put your name on the wait list for this sold out event - we're usually able to accommodate most everyone.

RAAC Community Theatre is performing "Good People" on March 24, 30, 31. This tough but gentle play won Tony and Drama Desk awards. Spiced with humor, it focuses on life in a poor Boston neighborhood and wrestles with the question of who really are the good people?

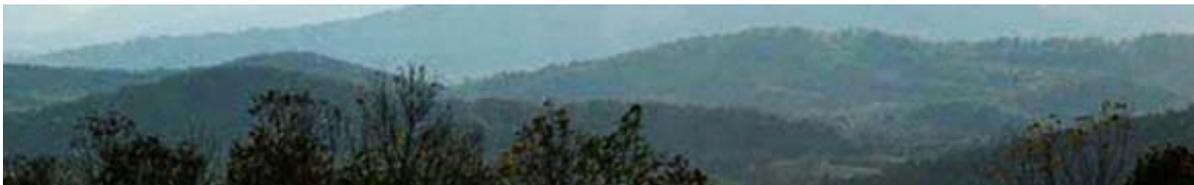
For artists and organizations planning to **submit grant proposals** to RAAC's Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund, please remember that March 15 is the final day that we'll accept applications.

By now you should have received our annual membership letter inviting you to **support RAAC**. We are a volunteer organization, and all funds are channelled into Rappahannock to inspire art and build community. You can help make this happen by contributing financially, by participating or volunteering, and by attending arts events in the county. Please join us!

Finally, in the Art Beat below, you'll find information on other arts events in the county.

Hope to see you at an upcoming event!

Matthew Black, President, RAAC



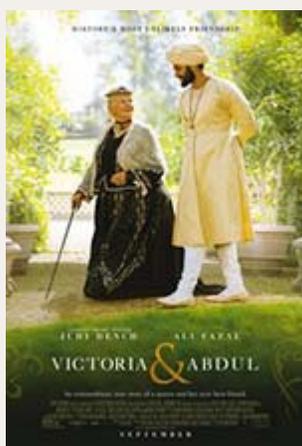
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Click on the photo below to play the movie trailer



First Friday Movie

"Victoria & Abdul"

Friday, Mar 2, 7pm, \$6
(Popcorn, candy, and water available for purchase)

Little Washington Theatre
291 Gay Street, Washington, VA 22747

Starring: Judi Dench, Ali Fazal, Tim Pigott-Smith
Director: Stephen Frears
Writers: Lee Hall; based on book by Shrabani Basu
Awards: Nominated for 2 Oscars
Genre: Biography, drama, history;
111 minutes; Rated PG

Abdul Karim arrives from India to participate in Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. The young clerk is surprised to find favor with the Queen herself. As she questions the constrictions of her long-held position, the two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance that her household and inner circle try to destroy. As their friendship deepens, the Queen begins to see a changing world through new eyes, joyfully reclaiming her humanity.

-From the Internet Movie Database

Click to visit RAAC's First Friday Movie webpage.



Second Friday Talks

Richard Chefetz

Friday, Mar 9, 8pm

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

We will hear from Richard Chefetz, an internationally known psychiatrist whose specialty is the treatment of trauma. He is renowned for his talent at describing to laymen what goes on behind therapists' closed doors. Chefetz works daily with adults who endured childhood abuse or neglect, or who survived battlefield or wartime hardships or violent attacks at work, school, or home.

Chefetz was president of the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation and has recently published a book on his therapeutic techniques.

*March's talk will take place at at the
Rappahannock County Library.*

The talk is free. All are welcome.

[Click to visit RAAC's Second Friday Talks webpage.](#)



Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund

Deadline for 2018 grant applications

Thursday, Mar 15

The 2018 deadline for grant applications is March 15!

Proposals are welcomed from organizations and emerging and established artists living, working, or located in Rappahannock County. All ages are eligible, as are arts organizations, arts programs within community-based organizations, collaborative projects, and especially programs with a community focus.

The Mitchell Arts Fund was established with a bequest from the estate of Claudia Mitchell, RAAC's president for many years and a dedicated supporter of the arts and the community. The Fund has grown with proceeds from our annual Art Tour and individual donations.

Since 2012, RAAC has awarded \$160,000 to artists and organizations in visual arts, literature, theater, dance, film/video, and mixed media. Projects have included performances, classes, scholarships, residencies, workshops, and continuing education.

The guidelines, application form, and details are available on our website by clicking [HERE](#).

Click to visit RAAC's Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund webpages.



Soup & Soul

Bill Harris

Saturday, Mar 17

Michael Dennis

Saturday, Apr 21

RAAC's annual Soup & Soul series events offer an opportunity to hear from local artists about their work and their creative process. The events are held in host homes in the county and include a potluck dinner along with soup provided by the hosts.

The March Soup & Soul event features **Bill Harris**. Bill is well known to local music audiences as a jazz pianist and singer. He is also admired well beyond our borders and is listed in "Washingtonian Magazine's" Best of Jazz in DC, having won the Hennessy Cognac Best of DC Jazz Competition. Bill has performed at the Smithsonian, Blues Alley, the Kennedy Center, and best of all, at Little Washington Theatre.

The February Soup & Soul with **Michael Dennis** is postponed until April 21 - same time, same place. Ticket holders will receive an email reminder.

Tickets are sold out; however, the RAAC website allows you to place your name on the **WAIT LIST**. We are often able to accommodate additional folks as we get closer to the event.

[Click to visit RAAC's Soup & Soul webpages.](#)



***Bingo night in
"Good People"***

*Left to right:
Maureen Day,
Erin Platt,
& Stephanie Mastri.*

Photo by Ray Boc.

RAAC Community Theatre

"Good People"

Saturday, March 24, 8pm

Friday, March 30, 8pm

Saturday, March 31, 8pm

Some wonderful plays really need elaborate staging, props, and costumes, but this is not always true. A case in point is the upcoming RAAC Community Theatre production of "Good People."

Director Peter Hornbostel comments, " 'Good People' is a study of fairly complicated relationships among a small number of people, some rich, some poor... It requires topnotch acting, and we are fortunate in having a superb cast. To keep the focus on the interplay between characters and to allow all of the audience's attention to be on the actors, we decided to use a modified Black Box stage for this play."

"There is also a technical reason for us to use a Black Box," continues Hornbostel. "With our small stage and even smaller backstage space, managing the play's five scenes and five set changes would really be unworkable for us. By selectively lighting parts of the stage, the black background makes it possible to have the setup for two scenes on stage at the same time with only one of them really visible."

Hornbostel points out that this is not the classic, absolutely minimal Black Box where walls, ceiling, and floor are all painted black and there is nothing on stage except the actors. "We wanted enough on stage to support the action and nothing more. Determining what this would be was an ongoing negotiation between me, the stage manager, other backstage staff, and the actors."

"The audience will see that in one scene we vary the unrelenting black background with some white panels and some very stylish furniture. We also step up the lighting. All of this helps underline the contrast between the wealthy lives portrayed in this scene and those of the less fortunate characters in the rest of the play."

"We are having a great time rehearsing this play, and we are sure audiences will have a great time watching it," Hornbostel concludes. "Now all they have to do is reserve a seat and come see it."

***Tickets \$15; performances March 24, 30, 31 at 8pm.
Click [HERE](#) to buy your tickets, or call 800-695-6075.***

Upcoming Theatre performances:

- "A Thousand Clowns," May 11, 12, 13

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



RAAC Community Theatre

Theatre actors featured in new magazine

Two veteran RAAC Theatre actors, Stephanie Mastri and Larry Finkel, and newcomer Peggy Emmling were featured in "BOOM," a new magazine published by Piedmont Media in Warrenton. "BOOM," edited by Mara Seaforest, is targeted to the Baby Boom generation. Pick up the free magazine in outlets around Fauquier and Rappahannock.

The story, written by RAAC Theatre artistic director Patty Hardee, highlights the ways some boomers turn to creative activities to balance and enhance their work lives.

PHOTO: Stephanie Mastri (right) in a scene from "The Good Doctor" with Andy Platt (left) and Gary Grossman.

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



RAAC's annual fundraising drive

Now in progress!

Recently you may have received our yearly letter inviting you to join RAAC or renew your support. If not, click [HERE](#) for information.

We are an all-volunteer organization, and all donations are channeled back into Rappahannock to inspire art and build community. You can help make this happen by contributing financially, participating as a volunteer, and attending arts events in the county.

A big thanks to those who have already contributed, and a big welcome to the new members of the RAAC community!

We look forward to your membership in the RAAC community - **thank you!**

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



Art Beat Rappahannock, March 2018

Featuring non-RAAC arts events in Rappahannock County

Theatre

- Mar 3, 7pm **Castleton Theatre**,
The Vanderbilt Chorale,
classical, bluegrass, jazz, soul
Tickets \$10.
[DETAILS & RESERVATIONS](#)
- Mar 3, 8pm **Little Washington Theatre**,
"Magic Duel," A magic/comedy
show (recommended for those
over 15), \$25 adults,
\$10 under 18.
[DETAILS & RESERVATIONS](#)
- Mar 10, 7pm **Castleton Theatre**,
Rainer Maria Rilke &
The Shadow of Auguste Rodin:
Songs from Vienna and Paris.
Tickets \$15-\$35.
[DETAILS & RESERVATIONS](#)
- Mar 31, 8pm **Little Washington Theatre**,
The Anderson Trio,
jazz and pop classics.
\$25 adults; \$10 under 18.
[DETAILS & RESERVATIONS](#)

Art

- Mar 2, 3-5pm **Middle Street Gallery**,
Opening Reception,
Members & Friends exhibition.
[DETAILS](#)

Music

These venues host live music in March:

- **Griffin Tavern** [DETAILS](#)
- **Narmada Winery** [DETAILS](#)
- **Central Coffee Roasters** [DETAILS](#)

Additional arts venues

- **Rappahannock County Artisan Trail** [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

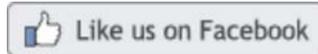
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