

RAAC



Rappahannock Association for Arts and Community

February 2020

Hello friends!

I hope you like our redesigned RAAC newsletter, thanks to great work by Lynn Dolnick and technical help from Tod Morgan. Notice that we now have three major sections: Events, Updates, Plan Ahead.

We're resuming our RAAC movie series and have taken to heart comments and suggestions from our recent survey. Specifically, our next movie is "Judy" and it's scheduled for a Feb 8 screening at 7pm on Saturday—not Friday night. You'll also notice that we're trying to give advance notice of movies under Plan Ahead. And we heard your strong support for Film-Talkback events and you'll find that one is planned for March 28. Stay tuned.

Thanks!

Matthew Black, President, RAAC

Events

Feb 2, 2-4pm
Feb 3, 6:30-8:30



Calling All Actors!

Auditions for spring play
for *The Good Doctor* by Neil Simon

Auditions will be reading from the script. Roles for man and women from late teens to adults of all ages.

The play consists of 12 comedy sketches based on Chekhov short stories. If you've wanted to try acting, this might be your chance - you could be cast in one short piece without committing to a full play.

Performance dates aren't set yet but will be at the end of April or in early May.

For more information contact Patty Hardee at (540) 675-2506 or pahardee@gmail.com.

Feb 8
7 pm



**Little Washington
Theatre**
Tickets \$5

RAAC Movies

Judy! Judy! Judy!

Legendary performer Judy Garland, played by Renee Zellweger (Golden Globe winner and Oscar nominee for Best Actress), arrives in London in the winter of 1968 to perform a series of sold-out concerts as she struggles to stay afloat in Los Angeles and London. Although she gives her everything on stage, behind-the-scenes, she's broke and in desperate need of another break. She leaves her two younger children, Lorna and Joe, in the care of their father Sidney and embarks on yet another redemption tour in England that would help revitalize both her reputation and her fortunes.

Zellweger offers an all-singing, all-dancing, all-collapsing performance of the star at her lowest physical and psychological ebb: It's gutsy, can't-look-away work. With the help of some expert makeup, hair-styling and costuming, her portrayal of Garland is persuasive. "Zellweger brings off a bravura performance that even the notoriously sharp-witted Garland would have applauded." (Hollywood Reporter).

"What is it about the magical career and tragic ending of Judy Garland that rivets us half a century after her death?" (NY Times). Join us at the screening of *Judy* to explore this question for yourself. Zellweger IS Judy Garland - 50 years later!

Feb 14
8 pm



Rappahannock

RAAC Library Talk

Jim Reston will talk about his new book, *The Impeachment Diary: Eyewitness to the Removal of a President*, his first-hand account of the impeachment of Richard Nixon. Reston will discuss the Nixon impeachment and the Trump impeachment, and what lessons we can draw from those two sagas.

Richard Nixon was perhaps "the most fascinating politician of the twentieth century," in Reston's judgment, and he watched his career in close-up. His account of the Nixon impeachment is "impossible to put down," in the words of the constitutional scholar Laurence Tribe, and the Christian Science Monitor called Reston's book "an edge-of-your-seat account."

Reston, who has deep local roots, is one of America's most versatile and most acclaimed writers. He is a novelist, a historian, and a playwright; his "Galileo's Torch" and "Sherman The Peacemaker" were both performed in Rappahannock, with a cast that included several Rappahannock notables.

Copies of *The Impeachment Diary* will be available for sale.

March 7



Workshop 10-4pm

Cost: \$25 Performance

7:30 - 9 pm

Cost: \$5

Improv Workshop and Performance

Two members of Charlottesville's Playback Theatre improv troupe will lead a day-long improv workshop. Larry Goldstein directs Playback, and Boomie Pedersen performs with the troupe. They will use the techniques developed by Playback Theatre--an improvisational theatre genre, where actors and musicians bring to the stage true stories and story fragments that come from the audience.

"Playback is a beautiful intersection between theatre, storytelling, and improv," says Boomie. "The technique is easy to learn and appropriate for both new and experienced actors." And come back that evening for an improv performance by Boomie and other members of the troupe, led by Larry. "We will leave space for workshop attendees to participate in the performance if they want," says Boomie.

The workshop is for teens and adults. Be prepared to laugh, be moved, and to hear and share common stories and experiences.

Wear comfortable clothing and bring your own snacks, water, and lunch.

To register for the workshop or get more information, contact RAAC Theatre Artistic Director Patty Hardee at improv@raac.org or 540-675-2506

Updates

March 15 Deadline

The deadline is approaching for the 2020 **Mitchell Arts Fund grants**. Get your applications in, and spread the word!



The Mitchell Fund gives grants to emerging and established artists of all ages as well as arts organizations, art programs within community-based organizations, collaborative projects, and especially to programs with a community focus.

Check our [guidelines](#) and [list of past grantees](#) to see if you're eligible.



Soup and Soul

All booked, but put your name on the wait list.

RAAC's Soup and Soul evenings continue to be a huge hit. Tickets sold out in less than 24 hours. (These are pot-luck dinners in a host home, along with a presentation by a local artist about their work and creative process). If you're interested, please [get on the wait list](#).

**Feb. 15 Kat Habib, ceramics & Jen Cable,
floral arts**

Mar. 21 Davette Leonard, painter

Now let's all hope for no snow!

As in the past, one privilege of RAAC membership is early notification when Soup and Soul tickets go on sale. If you'd like to get early notice next year, [join RAAC](#).

Plan Ahead

SAT
7
MAR

IMPROV WORKSHOP

RAAC THEATRE

🕒 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

SAT
7
MAR

IMPROV WORKSHOP PERFORMANCE

RAAC THEATRE

🕒 7:30 pm

FRI
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MAR

CREATIVE TO CREATIVE

2ND FRIDAY RAAC TALK

🕒 8:00 pm

SUN
15
MAR

MITCHELL FUND GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE

🕒 12:00 am

SAT
21
MAR

SOUP AND SOUL - STILL-LIFE PAINTER DAVETTE LEONARD

🕒 6:30 pm

SAT
28
MAR

DARK MONEY

FILM TALK-BACK EVENT

🕒 7:00 pm

SAT
25
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COMMUNITY SQUARE DANCE

SPONSORED BY RAAC AND RAPP AT HOME

🕒 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm



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