

RAAC Newsletter May 2018

Hello friends!

I'm so ready for spring, but another freeze watch appeared today! Yet, as I'm writing this, the "early adopters" are in bloom or ready to pop. So I've adopted a spring attitude and am ready to pair that with some good arts events in the weeks ahead.

First Friday at the Movies (May 4) is screening "Victoria and Abdul," an intriguing 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. Show time is 7pm.

The Second Friday RAAC Talk (May 11) features Al Regnery and Stephen Brooks, who will wrestle with a significant issue facing us today. Al and Stephen have built quite a following to their point-counterpoint classes at RappU. Al, the conservative, and Stephen, the liberal, will dive into an issue from their distinct perspectives and then entertain questions from the audience. Start time is 8pm at the public library, and all are welcome.

RAAC Community Theatre is performing "A Thousand Clowns" May 11-13. With an all-star cast, the play's a classic, quintessential American comedy about an irreverent nonconformist, who avoids the demands of social responsibility but finds that love for his nephew leads to change, compromise, and self awareness. Go online soon to reserve your tickets and enjoy theater at its best!

For those of you who like to plan ahead, RAAC's first Film-Talkback event is scheduled for Saturday, June 23 (details in our upcoming June newsletter). We'll be screening "The Post," followed by special guests who will discuss key issues raised by the movie and engage with movie goers in an extended conversation about the film.

Our annual fundraising drive is officially over. A 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 1. This annual event is a great opportunity to donate to your favorite local nonprofits, including RAAC.

Matthew Black, President, RAAC



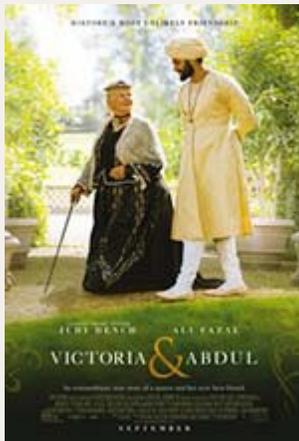
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to play the movie trailer*



First Friday Movie

"Victoria & Abdul"

Friday, May 4, 7pm, \$6, (rescheduled)
(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.](#)



Stephen Brooks, top;
and Al Regnery

Second Friday Talk

Stephen Brooks and Al Regnery: A Conversation from the Left and Right

Friday, May 11, 8pm

Rappahannock County Library
4 Library Lane, Washington, VA 22747

Join us for a conversation between Al Regnery and Stephen Brooks, who will wrestle with a significant issue facing us today. Al and Stephen have built quite a following to their point-counterpoint classes at RappU.

Al, the conservative, and Stephen, the liberal, will dive into an issue from their distinct perspectives and then entertain questions from the audience.

April's Talk will be at Little Washington Theatre at 8pm. The talk is free. All are welcome.

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



RAAC Community Theatre

"A Thousand Clowns"

Friday, May 11, 8pm
Saturday, May 12, 8pm
Sunday, May 13, 3pm

We hope you'll join us for the RAAC Theatre production of Herb Garner's "A Thousand Clowns."

When "A Thousand Clowns" opened on Broadway in 1962, it was nominated for best play; the movie, which came out in 1965 was nominated for best film.

After the play opened, "The New York Daily News" wrote that it "would be a standout comedy in any season. Filled with laughter and warmth and sweetness and inspired daffiness. One of the quintessential New York comedies." It's still true, and just the thing for what ails us: an evening of whole-hearted laughter with a touch of poignancy.

The standout cast includes a group of well-loved RAAC actors and showcases the direction of Petrina Huston in her first directorial role for RAAC.

Bob Hurley *as* Murray Burns

Patty Hardee *as* Dr. Sandra Markowitz

Nicholas Platskin *as* Nick Burns

Mike Mahoney *as* Arnold Burns

Scott McMurtray *as* Leo "Chuckles
the Chipmunk" Herman

Larry Finkel *as* Albert Amundson

RAAC Community Theatre, 301 Gay Street, Washington, VA.

Tickets \$15. Click [HERE](#) to buy your tickets or call 800-695-6075.

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



Artists of Rappahannock 14th Annual Studio & Gallery Tour

Contact deadlines:

Thursday, May 3 for new participating artists

Friday, June 1 for returning artists

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 Thursday, May 3 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 13 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 another record crowd attending last year and hope to continue that trend.

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



Support the community through Give Local Piedmont

Tuesday, May 1, 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 1 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.](#)



Rappahannock.com Events Calendar

Click [HERE](#) to visit the comprehensive local events calendar hosted by Rappahannock.com.

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

Mark Your Calendar!

For all the details, additions, and schedule changes for RAAC events, visit [RAAC's calendar](#). Our website is updated frequently, so please check often.

www.raac.org

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