



# Culture & Heritage

## News Update

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## ***Grantee Spotlight: Who is the Trenton Circus Squad and what do they do?***



2017 Trenton Circus Squad Performance, Roebling Wire Works Factory.

Who is the Trenton Circus Squad and what do they do? The Trenton Circus Squad brings together teenagers from different backgrounds to work shoulder to shoulder, supporting each other in the difficult and exacting process of learning to perform in a circus. In turn, the Squad Members discover their own power, to delight an audience, or to inspire younger children. Families in the community who come to see the Trenton Circus Squad perform leave the show delighted, inspired and itching to participate. The Squad puts on workshops to welcome younger children, and their grownups, into the ring. At heart, circus means family and fun, a safe place to dream big and

take risks, yet feel safe. Trenton Circus Squad brings that feeling wherever they go.

The Squad helps develop self-reliant, empowered, inspirational, community-minded teen and young adult leaders and role models in the City of Trenton and provides engaging, artistic, community-building activities for underserved families. Teens make big leaps in their ability to make positive choices in their own lives and to take actions that benefit others. At the same time, they are helping to challenge assumptions about the relationship between Trenton and its surrounding suburbs.

The Trenton Circus Squad works with many organizations around the city to recruit squad members, provide enrichment for city youth and support community events. Partners include Homefront, Catholic Youth Organization, Boys and Girls Club, Urban Promise, Every Child Valued, Mercer House Youth Shelter and Anchor House Youth Shelter, as well as Water's Edge Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, Greenwood House and the Children's Specialized Hospital.

Trenton Circus Squad after-school and summer programs are free of charge for youth, about half of whom come

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## Registration is Open For Tomato Patch Workshops

Tomato Patch Visual and Performing Arts Workshops, held annually on the West Windsor Campus of Mercer County Community College, is one of the longest-running and most successful multi-disciplinary summer arts programs in central New Jersey. Since 1973, over 7,300 junior and senior high school students have spent several weeks of their summer exploring the visual arts, dance, theater, and vocal music under the guidance of highly qualified professional artists.

Many Tomato Patchers are now professional artists, and have appeared on Broadway, or have decided to teach the arts as they were taught in Tomato Patch.

How does Tomato Patch work? Students select a major concentration in either the theater, dance, vocal music, or visual arts, and spend two morning classes in these areas. After lunch, they are free to choose electives in other areas. Afternoon course offerings for 2018 include children's theatre, "Who's line is it anyhow?", painting, drawing, jazz dance, musical theater, children's theater, a cappella singing, hip hop, vocal ensemble, comedy, music video or web video.

There are two sessions a season. Session I is a 4-week session designed for students entering grades 8-12 in the fall. Classes will meet Mondays through Fridays, June

25 to July 19, from 8:45 am to 4:15 pm. The camp will conclude with a Festival of The Arts on Wednesday, July 18, at 7 pm and Thursday, July 19, at 7 pm.

Session II is a 3-week session designed for students entering grades 4-7 in the fall. Classes will meet Mondays through Fridays, July 23 to August 9, from 8:45 am to 4:15 pm. The camp will conclude with a Festival of The Arts on Wednesday, August 8, at 7 pm and Thursday, August 9, at 7 pm.

A Master Class is also offered for students entering grades 8-12 in the fall who have attended Tomato Patch Session I, TP Session II or had

other formal theater training. This special 3-week Master Class in Theater, offered July 23 to August 10, Monday through Thursday, 9 am-4 pm, will focus on preparing a polished audition piece for each student, as well as scene work. Students will learn all the ins and outs of show business; how to find jobs and how to audition for theater, television, and movies. A final performance will feature their work on Friday, August 10, at 7 pm.

For more information or to receive a registration packet visit [kelseyatmccc.org/tomato\\_patch.shtml](http://kelseyatmccc.org/tomato_patch.shtml), call (609) 570-3566 or email [projects@mccc.edu](mailto:projects@mccc.edu).

## Masayuki Koorida Exhibits at Grounds for Sculpture



Masayuki Koorida, *Light-Twin*, 2014, stainless steel, 11.02 x 18.11 x 11.42 inches, Collection of the Artist

This spring, Grounds For Sculpture (GFS) will feature an extensive survey of the works of Masayuki Koorida, his first major exhibition in the United States. The exhibition, on display in GFS's Museum Building and outdoors, will feature 26 of the artist's sculptures, including four carved granite works each weighing multiple tons.

Other sculptures in carved stone, milled stainless steel, and cast acrylic will round out Koorida's oeuvres on view. A collection of nine of Koorida's new graphite drawings will accompany the gallery installation.

Masayuki Koorida was born in Kyoto, Japan in 1960 and grew up in the post World War II environment that formed his world. Koorida's love of his culture and of art and nature led to his decision to become an artist. He attended Musashino Art University in Tokyo and in 1999 he left Japan on a special residency grant in the Netherlands. In 2006, Koorida moved to Shanghai and became the resident sculptor at the Shang-

hai Sculpture Park. For the past 12 years, his studio and the vast grounds of the sculpture park have provided him with the opportunity to make some of the most stunning stone sculptures the western world has yet to see and experience.

Koorida's sculptures are as much serious works as they are engaging and inviting of viewer interaction. The seductive surfaces and colors of the stone compel viewers to want to experience the tactile surfaces and to feel the compacted mass of the stone and its variant temperatures. Inspired by nature, the works and their titles reflect basic concepts of the natural forms that inspired the artist. Black

Flower, Black Seed, and Tentacle are some examples.

A 150-page exhibition catalogue will be produced featuring brilliant photography and installation shots. It will include an interview with Koorida as well as three essays about Koorida's art and its context in Japanese and world culture as the artist reaches the midpoint of his career.

The exhibition is on view May 6, 2018 to March 17, 2019.

For more information about Grounds For Sculpture, this exhibition or other GFS events, please visit [groundsforsculpture.org](http://groundsforsculpture.org) or call (609) 586-0616.

## Trenton Circus Squad (continued)

from Trenton, and half from surrounding towns like Hopewell, Princeton, Ewing, Hamilton and Lawrenceville. The program runs every day after school, and for three two-week sessions in the summer. Youth aged 12-18 may enroll as Squad members, while younger children may visit for workshops. Dates and show times at the Roebling Wire Works Factory:

- June 5 & June 7 at 6 pm
- July 6, 13, 20, 27 at 12:30 pm
- August 3 & 10 at 12:30 pm

All performances are free and open to the public.

For more information visit [trentoncircussquad.org](http://trentoncircussquad.org)

## Local Arts and History Grant Deadline Approaches

Don't forget the FY19 application deadline to submit either the Local Arts Program (LAP) or History Grant is July 13. For more information about the application process, guidelines or questions visit, [nj.gov/counties/mercercounty/commissions/cultural/grants](http://nj.gov/counties/mercercounty/commissions/cultural/grants). The commission's Program Development Specialist, Tricia Fagan, is also available to assist potential grant applicants with questions or concerns, (609) 989-6418.

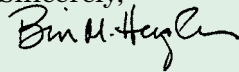
Dear Friends,

With winter behind us, it's time to start looking forward to the wealth of cultural activities the spring season brings to Mercer County.

This edition of our Culture & Heritage newsletter takes a look at some exciting events taking place during the coming months, including the first major exhibition in the United States of the works of Japanese artist Masayuki Koorida, being held at the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton; and the eighth annual Mercer County Cultural Festival, which celebrates our region's diverse cultures through traditional art demonstrations, live cultural music, dance performances and more. Also featured is a story about the Trenton Circus Squad, an organization that helps local youth learn how to cooperate, push themselves and serve their community through circus arts.

Abundant opportunities to enrich our lives through history, arts and culture can be found in this newsletter, from choral concerts to theatrical productions to art exhibits and more. I encourage you to explore all that Mercer County has to offer this season.

Sincerely,



Brian M. Hughes  
County Executive

## Mark Your Calendar: June 16 – The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Mercer County Cultural Festival

Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes and the Board of Chosen Freeholders present the 8th annual Mercer County Cultural Festival, Saturday, June 16, rain or shine, from 11 am to 7 pm at the Mercer County Park Festival Grounds, West Windsor.

This one-day festival will celebrate the many diverse cultures of Mercer County through traditional art demonstrations, live cultural music, dance performances, kids activities and more!

2018 brings back the popular international food trucks featuring amazing dishes from

some of the best ethnic food trucks in the region as well as the popular biergarten! Admission and parking are free.

To learn more about this event, visit [www.mercercounty.org/departments/](http://www.mercercounty.org/departments/)

culture-and-heritage/cultural-festival, find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/mercercountyculturalheritagecommission](https://facebook.com/mercercountyculturalheritagecommission) or call (609) 274-2712.



# Calendar of Events<sup>1</sup>

## Art Happenings

**June 16 - 17, Art All Night, Historic Roebling Machine Shop**, 675 South Clinton Ave, Trenton, 609-635-6736. Free. For more information visit [artallnighttrenton.org](http://artallnighttrenton.org).

## Auditions

**June 12, Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey**. New Student Auditions for YOCJ at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North. Visit [YOCJ.org](http://YOCJ.org) for requirements and to register.

## Concerts

**April 15, Spring Small Ensemble Concerts, Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey**, 3pm, Plainsboro Recreation and Cultural Center, 641 Plainsboro Rd, Plainsboro. For more information visit [YOCJ.org](http://YOCJ.org).

**April 15, Spring into Song Concert, The Hopewell Valley Chorus**, 2pm, Central Church, 2015 Pennington Rd, Pennington. Free. For more information visit [hopewellvalleychorus.org](http://hopewellvalleychorus.org).

**April 15, Spring Into Song, Trenton Children's Chorus**, 2pm. Central Church, Ewing. For more information call 609.278.0822 or [trentonchildrenschorus.org](http://trentonchildrenschorus.org).

**April 8, Organic Bach, Dryden Ensemble**. Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary. For tickets or more information visit [drydenensemble.org](http://drydenensemble.org)

**April 21, The Great Rachmaninoff - Clipper Erickson, piano, Capital Philharmonic of New Jersey**, 7:30pm. Located at the War Memorial, Trenton. For tickets visit [capitalphilharmonic.org/ticketphiladelphia.org/](http://capitalphilharmonic.org/ticketphiladelphia.org/) (215) 893-1999. For more information call (609) 558-2292.

**April 22, Bach & Beyond, Dryden Ensemble**, 3pm. Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary. For tickets or more information visit [drydenensemble.org](http://drydenensemble.org)

**April 29, Haydn: The Creation, VOICES Chorale**, 4pm. They will perform at Princeton Meadow Church, 545 Meadow Road, Princeton. For more information visit [voiceschorale.org](http://voiceschorale.org).

**May 18, Spring Concert, Trenton Children's Chorus**, 7pm. Covenant Presbyterian Church, 471 Parkway Ave, Trenton. The concert is free and open to the public. Ample parking is available. For more information call 609.278.0822 or [trentonchildrenschorus.org](http://trentonchildrenschorus.org).

**May 20, Spring Large Ensemble Concert, Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey**, 3pm & 7pm, West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North. For more information visit [YOCJ.org](http://YOCJ.org).

**June 2, Princeton Festival Lecture: Puccini's Madama Butterfly**, Mercer County Library, West Windsor Branch, 2pm. Professor Timothy Urban will examine Puccini's heartfelt music as it relates to this intensely moving drama, which is an exquisite masterpiece and a crowd-pleaser. Timothy P. Urban, PhD, is adjunct associate professor in the Department of Music Composition, History and Theory at Westminster Choir College in Princeton.

**June 3, Let All The World In Every Corner SING!**, Capital Singers of Trenton, 4pm. They will perform at Sacred Heart Church, 343 S. Broad Street, Trenton. For more information visit [thecapitalsingers.org](http://thecapitalsingers.org).

## Dance

**Every Tuesday night, International Folk Dance, Princeton Folk Dance**, 7:30pm. Kristina Johnson Pop-Up Studio, Princeton Shopping Center, (609)921-9340 Lesson followed by dance. \$5. [princetonfolkdance.org](http://princetonfolkdance.org)

**Every Wednesday night, Newcomer Dance, American Ballroom Dance Company**, 7pm, \$10. (609) 931-0149. For more information visit [americanballroomco.com](http://americanballroomco.com)

**Every Thursday night, Viva Tango**, 8pm. Suzanne Patterson Center, (609) 948-4448, \$15. For more information visit [vivatango.org](http://vivatango.org)

**Every Friday night, Friday Night Social, American Ballroom Company**, 7:30pm. Located at 1523 Parkway Ave, Ewing.(609) 931-0149. For more

information visit [americanballroomco.com](http://americanballroomco.com)

**Every Friday, Friday Dance Social, Jersey Dance**, 8:30pm. West Windsor Arts Center, 952 Alexander Rd, West Windsor. For more information visit [jerseydance.com](http://jerseydance.com)

**Every Saturday, English Dance, Princeton Country Dancers**, 8pm. Suzanne Patterson Center. For more information visit [princetoncountrydancers.org](http://princetoncountrydancers.org)

**April 19, Classical Indian Dance Demonstration, Lawrence Branch, Mercer County Library**, 7pm. 2751 US Highway 1, Lawrenceville. Students from The Shishya School of Performing Arts, Lawrenceville, will perform classical Indian dances. Registration is suggested. Email [lawprogs@mcl.org](mailto:lawprogs@mcl.org) or call 609-989-6920 to register.

## Exhibitions

**Now - April 18, Sidewalk Sightings: People without Homes, Bernstein Gallery, Robertson Hall, Princeton**, 9am. Exhibition in which Fanny Allie tears apart and re-assemble pieces of found fabric, mixed media and newsprint images to create characters of the street she observes on New York City sidewalks. For more information visit [princeton.edu](http://princeton.edu).

**Now-April 29, The Bigger Picture, Trenton City Museum**. For more information visit [ellarslie.org](http://ellarslie.org).

**Now - April 29, Second Life, Tulpehaking Nature Center**, 11am. This art exhibit will display conversations of color and texture expressed through re purposed objects. For more information visit [natureprograms@mercercounty.org](mailto:natureprograms@mercercounty.org). (WV)

**Now - April 29, The Artist Sees Differently: Modern Still Lifes from the Phillips Collection, Princeton University Art Museum**. This exhibition of forty paintings from The Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C., offers an analysis of the modernist still life, including rarely seen works by European and American masters such as Paul Cézanne, Georges Braque, Pablo Picasso, Marsden Hart-

ley, Milton Avery, and Georgia O'Keeffe. For more information visit [artmuseum.princeton.edu](http://artmuseum.princeton.edu) (WV)

**Now - April 30, Trashed Art, Mercer County Library, Lawrence Branch**. The exhibit will be on display throughout the month of April, featuring artwork made from recycled materials by Mercer County artists who contributed to the Eighth Annual Trashed Art Contest (2018). A reception will be held to honor the winners and the participants of the contest on April 21, 2pm. The public is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. Call 609-989-6920 or email [lawprogs@mcl.org](mailto:lawprogs@mcl.org) for more information.

**May 5 - July 1, Ellarslie Open 35, Trenton City Museum**. Gallery talk about exhibition Sunday, May 20, 2pm. For more information visit [ellarslie.org](http://ellarslie.org).

**Now-August 19, Shifting Views: Artists who experienced World War I, NJ State Museum**, 205 West State St, Trenton. Peaceful landscapes, busy city streets, linear abstractions, portraits of friends and family - these paintings, drawings, and prints were created by twenty-three artists who experienced the front-lines of WWI. For more information visit [state.nj.us/state/museum](http://state.nj.us/state/museum)

**Now - September 29, Hearth & Home, NJ State Museum**, 205 West State St, Trenton. This exhibition features a reflection of ourselves and the environment in which we live. In this fascinating exhibit visitors will learn about the homes and home life of Native Americans in the Eastern Woodlands of North America. For more information visit [state.nj.us/state/museum](http://state.nj.us/state/museum) (WV)

## Farmers Markets

**Capital City Farmers' Market, Every Thursday, 11am, beginning May through October**; Mill Hill Park, 165 E. Front St, Trenton. The market features Jersey Fresh farm produce, artisanal food, specialty produce, baked goods, handmade crafts, jewelry, all natural body and face care products, entertainment and much more. For more information visit [destinationtrenton.com](http://destinationtrenton.com)

1. Mercer County Cultural & Heritage Commission cannot be responsible for errors or omissions. Please call ahead to confirm times and prices. Deadline of June 1, 2018, for the July, August and September - Summer 2018 Newsletter.

**West Windsor Community Farmers' Market, Every Saturday, 9am, beginning May through the Saturday before Thanksgiving.** Windsor Athletic Club Clarksville Rd, West Windsor. Produce, meats, woven fibers, honey, wine, flowers, baked goods, and prepared foods. For more information visit westwindsorfarmersmarket.org

## Festivals

**April 7 - 8, Punk Rock Flea Market, Roebling Machine Shop, 10am.** 675 S. Clinton Ave, Trenton. For more information visit trentonpunkrockfleamarket.com

**April 28, 10th Annual One Act Playfest, Mercer County Library, Lawrence Headquarter Branch, 7pm.** Local actors will perform staged readings of six one-act plays by Delaware Valley playwrights. Registration is required. For more information visit mcl.org / email lawprogs@mcl.org / (609) 989-6920.

**April 29, Communiversity, Arts Council of Princeton, 1pm.** Nassau St, downtown Princeton. For more information visit artscouncilofprinceton.org.

**June 16, Mercer County Cultural Festival, Mercer County Park, West Windsor, 11am to 7pm.** Rain or Shine. Free admission & parking. For more information visit us on facebook at Mercer County Cultural & Heritage Commission or call 609-278-2712.

**June 30, Mercer County Freedom Fest, Mercer County Park, West Windsor, 3pm.** This festival features a wide range of activities for the entire family. Fireworks at 9:30pm. For More info mercercountyparks.org

## Historical Activities

**Every Third Tuesday of each month, Stamp Collecting, Hamilton Philatelic Society, 7:15pm,** Hamilton Library, Justice Samuel Alito Way, Hamilton, (609) 751-4642. For more information hamiltonphilatelic.org (wv)

**Every Second Tuesday, Central Jersey Genealogical Club, Hamilton Library, 7 p.m.** For more information visit cjcncj.com (wv)

**April 9, History of the Trenton - Mercer Airport, Mercer County Library, Ewing Branch, 7pm.** Presented by Howard Bueschel, long time Ewing resident and former associate professor of aviation history and law at MCCC. Trenton-Mercer Airport (TTN) opened in 1929

in order to better connect Mercer County to the rest of the nation and transported many fliers, including notable aviation and political leaders. Learn all about the fascinating history behind our growing local airport. Registration required. For more information visit mcl.org / (609) 882-3148.

**April 12, CookTalks: Revolutionary Tea: An 18th Century Tea Experience, Mercer County Library, Hightstown Branch, 11am.** Why was tea so important in the lives of 18th-century people? Did Great Britain lose her American Colonies over "the cup that cheers?" Through a discussion and demonstration led by costumed scholar Stacy Roth, participants can find out more about tea lore, history, songs, and poetry in this unique session. This program is funded by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities and co-sponsored by the Friends of the Lawrence Library. Registration is suggested. Call 609-989-6920 or email lawprogs@mcl.org.

**April 17, AT&T's Pole Farm and the Transformation of Mercer Meadows, Mercer County Library, Ewing Branch, 7pm.** Presented by historian Dennis P. Waters. In 1928 AT&T purchased more than 800 acres of productive farmland in Lawrence and Hopewell Townships to build what would become the world's largest radiotelephone transmitting station. At its peak in the early 1960s it carried millions of phone calls across the Atlantic Ocean to Europe, Africa, South America, and the Middle East. Join us to learn more about this site and its important history. Registration required. For more information visit mcl.org / (609) 882-3148.

**April 21, The Magic and History of Marquand Park, 11am.** Join Bob Wells, Associate Director of Arboriculture at Morris Arboretum, and Roland Machold, former Marquand Park Foundation board member, as they share the history of the property and highlight the native and exotic trees in the collection. For more information visit princetonhistory.org

**April 25, Princeton in the American Revolution, Mercer County Library, Hickory Corner Branch, 7pm.** Learn about Princeton's role in the American Revolution from Christmas 1771 to January 3rd, 1777. Hear the story of the sacrifice, bravery and

perseverance of the Continental soldiers through unimaginable difficulties, leading to victory and freedom. Presented by Barry Singer of the Historical Society of Princeton. Sponsored by Friends of the Hickory Corner Library. Call 609 448-0957 or email hcprogs@mcl.org to register.

**April 29, Around the World in 1909!, Mercer County Library, Ewing Branch, 2pm.** In the summer of 1909, Ewing/Trenton resident and industrialist Harriet White Fisher embarked on a remarkable journey in her motorcar with her driver, maid, butler and dog. Lisa Begin-Kruysman tells Mrs. Fisher's journey in her book *Around the World in 1909: Harriet White Fisher and Her Locomobile*. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration required. Call (609) 882-3148.

**May 3, Princeton & the American Revolution, Mercer County Library, West Windsor Branch, 7pm.** Learn about Princeton's role in the American Revolution from Christmas 1771 to January 3rd, 1777. Hear the story of the sacrifice, bravery and perseverance of the Continental soldiers through unimaginable difficulties, leading to victory and freedom. Presented by Barry Singer of the Historical Society of Princeton. Call 609 448-0957 or email hcprogs@mcl.org to register.

**May 8, Uncovering Trenton's Unique Colonial Steelworks: Archaeological Excavations at Pettys Run, Mercer County Library, Ewing Branch, 7pm.** Before the battles for Independence, Trenton saw another revolution: one of the first steelworks in North America. Large-scale archaeological excavations and historical research have located the remains of the steel furnace and other features at Petty's Run, next to the New Jersey Statehouse. Dr. Ian Burrow, who directed the archaeological project, will explain what was found and the important story it tells. Registration required. Call 882-3148.

**May 15, The Legend of the Jersey Devil, Mercer County Library, Ewing Branch, 7pm.** This presentation will cover the reporting on the accounts of the Jersey Devil. Dr. Angus Kress Gillespie is a professor of American Studies at Rutgers University. This program is a Public Scholar Project program funded by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. Sponsored by the Friends of the

Library. Registration required. Call 882-3148.

## Literary Events

**April 28, Poetry in your Pocket, Mercer County Library, Hopewell Branch, 3pm.** Local, renowned poets, Eloise Bruce, Judy Michaels, Gretna Wilkinson, and Lois Marie Harrod lead a "Poetry in your Pocket" workshop for teen and adult poets. Registration required. For more information visit mcl.org

**April 30, Poets at the Library, Mercer County Library, Lawrence Branch, 2751 Brunswick Pike, room #5, 7pm.** Co-sponsored by the Princeton Public Library, US 1 Poets' Cooperative, and Delaware Valley Poets. Please bring 7-10 copies of your poem. For more information please visit delawarevalleypoets.org / mcl.org (wv)

## Photography

**April 7, In The Studio: The Fine Art Nude, Princeton Photo Workshop, 10am.** For more information visit princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com

**April 28, Night Photography: Philadelphia After Dark, Princeton Photo Workshop, 6pm.** For more information visit princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com

**May 5, Beyond The Magic Hour: How to Use Available Light, Princeton Photo Workshop, 1pm.** For more information visit princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com

**May 12, Composition-on-Location Grounds for Sculpture, Princeton Photo Workshop, 10am.** For more information visit princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com

**June 16, Private Access: Eastern State Penitentiary with "Hands On History" Areas, Princeton Photo Workshop, 9am at ESP.** For more information visit princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com

## Theatre

**Kelsey Theatre April 6 & 13, 8pm; April 7 & 14, 8pm; April 8 & 15, 2pm. Spring Awakening,** Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. a coming-of-age musical that gives voices to the frustration of a group of adolescents as they seek to escape sexual repression in late 19th century

Germany. This hauntingly beautiful musical examines the journey from adolescence to adulthood with poignancy and passion wrapped in an electrifying fusion of morality, sexuality and rock and roll. \$20 adults, \$18 seniors, 16 students. For more information visit [kelseytheatre.net](http://kelseytheatre.net) (WV)

**April 20, 21 & 27, 28 8pm; April 22 & 29, 2pm. Titanic.** Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. Set on the ocean liner RMS Titanic, which sank on its maiden voyage on April 15, 1912, the haunting story of the great ship Titanic is transformed into a riveting musical that examines the lives of its passengers in the nights leading up to the ship's fateful encounter with an iceberg. Not to be confused with the blockbuster film, this epic musical follows characters named for actual cast and crew members (unconnected with the tale of Jack and Rose of movie fame.) \$20 all. For more information visit [kelseytheatre.net](http://kelseytheatre.net) (WV)

**May 5, 8pm; May 6, 2pm. Mercer Dance Ensemble - Escapades,** Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. Featuring a group of Mercer County Community College's most talented students, faculty and alumni, plus guest choreographers and dancers, this modern dance concert uses music and movement to sway your emotions, and tell myriad tales. \$18 adults, \$16 seniors, \$14 students. For more information visit [kelseytheatre.net](http://kelseytheatre.net) (WV)

**May 11 & 18, 8pm; May 12 & 19, 8pm; May 13 & 20, 2pm. Moon Over Buffalo.** Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. Unleash your laughter when Forte Dramatic Productions, brings us A.R. Gurney's romantic comedy about marriage... and a dog. Empty nesters Greg and Kate have moved back to Manhattan after years in the suburbs. As Kate tells Greg: "The dog phase of my life is definitely over." But life has a way of giving you what you think you don't want. Greg finds Sylvia, a street-smart Labradoodle, and brings her home. She promptly becomes a bone of contention between Greg and Kate, testing their marriage in hilarious and touching ways. \$18 adults, \$16 seniors, \$14 students / children. For more information

visit [kelseytheatre.net](http://kelseytheatre.net) (WV)

**May 25, & June 1, 8pm; May 26 & June 2, 8pm; May 27 & June 3, 2pm. Glengarry Glen Ross.** Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. Enter the cut-throat world of real estate where it's all about closing the big deal as The Pennington Players bring us David Mamet's modern classic. In a time of doubt about financial security, and government upheaval, this stage play has never been more relevant. Get caught up in the action as a group of ruthless salesmen lie, cheat, and connive to move up in the world of sales. The non-stop rhythm and sizzling language of this play provides an up-close and personal lesson in the struggle to survive in a business world where the only goal is the top prize. \$18 adults, \$16 seniors, \$14 students / children. For more information visit [kelseytheatre.net](http://kelseytheatre.net) (WV)

**June 8 & 15, 8pm; June 9 & 16, 8pm ; June 10 & 17, 2pm. Disaster! A Musical,** Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. Run away to the wildest decade ever, as Pierrot Productions presents this parody of 1970's movies that delivers earthquakes, tidal waves, infernos and unforgettable '70s hits like "Knock On Wood," "Hooked On A Feeling," "Sky High," "I Am Woman" and "Hot Stuff. Don't just take our word for it, come and enjoy for yourself this hilarious homage to the era of bell-bottoms, platform shoes, and The Hustle. From the moment the glitter ball starts spinning you'll be dancing in your seat... and rolling in the aisles. \$20 adults, \$18 seniors, \$16 students/children. For more information visit [kelseytheatre.net](http://kelseytheatre.net) (WV)

**June 22 & 29, 8pm; June 23 & 30, 8pm; June 24 & July 1, 2pm. The Merry Wives of Windsor.** Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. This year Shakespeare '70 will present William Shakespeare's only true farce. In this classic comedy, the rotund and rambunctious Falstaff decides to seduce both Mistress Page and Mistress Ford, respectable married women of Windsor, in the hopes that he can improve not only his love life, but his wallet. But the ladies see right

through his plots, and form a few plots of their own. Mischief and hysteria follow, with lovers and lechers chasing after what they truly desire. \$18 adults, \$16 seniors, \$14 students/children. For more information visit [kelseytheatre.net](http://kelseytheatre.net) (WV)

**McCarter May 4 - June 3, Turning Off the Morning News, McCarter Theater; times vary.** The smash hit Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike had audiences rolling with laughter and won the Tony Award for Best Play on Broadway. Christopher Durang returns to McCarter with his latest cast of eccentric characters, who take us on a wild ride. The play follows the plight of two sets of neighbors—Cliff and Salena have just moved in; and the family across the street is at best peculiar, and at worst, stark raving mad. Turning Off the Morning News is a black comedy exposing today's absurd and dangerous world. For more information visit [mccarter.org](http://mccarter.org) (WAS,8V)

**Passage Theatre May 3 - 20, "Caged" by the New Jersey Prison Cooperative, Passage Theatre.** 205 E Front Street, Trenton. Caged follows a Black family's struggle to survive the generational cycle of mass incarceration. Combining stories, interviews, and writing by current and former inmates, this poignant community-devised play uses gripping truths and soulful dialogue to reveal the human cost of America's for-profit justice system. For more information visit [passagetheatre.org](http://passagetheatre.org)

**Pegasus Theatre April 13 - 22, Bakersfield Mist, Fridays & Saturdays 8pm, Sundays 2pm.** 952 Alexander Rd. Princeton Junction. Maude, a fifty-something unemployed bartender living in a trailer park, has bought a painting for a few bucks from a thrift store. Despite almost trashing it, she's now convinced it's a lost masterpiece by Jackson Pollock worth millions. But when world-class art expert Lionel Percy flies over from New York and arrives at her trailer home in Bakersfield to authenticate the painting, he has no idea what he is about to discover. Inspired by true events, this hilarious and thought-provoking new comedy-drama asks vital questions about what makes art and people truly authentic. For more information visit [pegasustheatrenj.org](http://pegasustheatrenj.org) or call (609) 759-0045

## Opportunities

### Call for Artist Submissions

• **Folk Arts Apprenticeships**  
Deadline: April 5, 2018

Grants to individuals to encourage cultural communities to continue passing on their valued art forms in traditional settings by providing stipends to master folk artists and craftspersons that can help apprentices develop greater skills. Since 1995 these modest grants have supported more than 100 apprenticeships in dozens of different cultural communities and scores of different art forms, reflecting the rich array of traditional arts in our state. Applications are available in the winter with a deadline for submission in the spring and awards announced in July. For guidelines and an application visit <http://www.state.nj.us/state/njsca/pdf/fy19-folk-arts-apprenticeship-sage.pdf>

### Mercer County

• **Senior Citizen Art Show,**  
Deadline - July 16  
Exhibit: July 18-August 3  
For more information contact Mercer County Culture & Heritage: [chreed@mercercounty.org](mailto:chreed@mercercounty.org) / 609.989.6899

## Tulpehaking

**Now - April 29, Second Life, Tulpehaking Nature Center, 11am.** This art exhibit will display conversations of color and texture expressed through re purposed objects. For more information visit [natureprograms@mercercounty.org](mailto:natureprograms@mercercounty.org) (WV) **January 25, Your Wild Yard Series: Build Your Own Bluebird Box, Tulpehaking Nature Center; 6:30pm.** Located at 157 Westcott Ave, Hamilton. For more information visit [natureprograms@mercercounty.org](mailto:natureprograms@mercercounty.org) / (609) 888-3218.

**May 12, Your Wild Yard Series: Attracting Pollinators to Your Backyard Workshop, Tulpehaking Nature Center, 9am.** Come learn the art of attracting pollinators and beneficial insects to your own wild yard. pre-registration required call (609) 888-3218 / [natureprograms@mercercounty.org](mailto:natureprograms@mercercounty.org)

## ***"Pop," Sam and the Chief, Memories of Pennington at Mid Twentieth Century – Local Author Set to Lecture June 3 at Pennington Public Library***



Visit the Pennington Library on Sunday, June 3 at 3 pm and hear local author Mike Thomsen share his story. Mike grew up at 25 East Welling Avenue, Pennington, arriving with his family in 1944, at the age of 4. He has written a book filled with photos and reminiscences about his experiences growing up in Pennington during the 1940s and 1950s". This event is co-sponsored by the Hopewell Valley Historical Society and the Pennington Public Library. For more information about this event, please visit the library website at <https://www.pennington-library.org/> or call (609) 737-0404. To learn more about the Hopewell Valley Historical Society, visit [hopewellvalleyhistory.org/](http://hopewellvalleyhistory.org/)

### ***A Place In Time: The Hopewell Museum***

The Hopewell Museum was incorporated in 1922 as the Hopewell Free Public Library and Museum Funding and Building Association. It was formed to raise funds for a building to house a collection of antiques offered to the community by Miss Sarah D. Stout. This collection became the nucleus of the present museum, which bears the much simpler name of The Hopewell Museum.

Originally the museum and public library were housed in a large, brownstone structure that was built by Randolph Stout in 1877. In 1965 the Library moved to its present location and in 1967 a two-story addition was made to the museum building through the generosity of Dr. David H. Hill. The additional space enabled the museum to display its many fine collections to greater advantage as well as house Dr. Hill's superb collection of

Southwestern Native American crafts.

The aim of the museum is to display and preserve what is most typical and interesting of American village life from colonial days to the present. Most of its treasures have been given



Front View of the Hopewell Museum

by residents of the community and surrounding area with many of the items having been used by ancestors of the donors. In 1998, more than 500 children from area schools visited the museum on

class trips while studying their town and region. Visitors will often see people engaged in research, quietly poring over the many books in the Museum's genealogical collection.

Photographs, maps, quilts, furniture, costumes, tools, utensils, toys, signs, weapons, deeds, charters and many other items relating to the history of this quiet, industrious community and its people are presented in the collection.

The museum is governed by a Board of Trustees and staffed by two curators who are present during the time the Museum is open on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 2 to 5 pm. Admission is free and rotating exhibits make repeat visits worthwhile.

The Hopewell Museum is located at 28 East Broad Street in Hopewell Borough. For more information, please call (609) 466-0103.

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