







Artist Alley

September 1, 2015
Volume 15-18

Welcome

Welcome to *Artist Alley*, Washington County Arts Council's electronic newsletter. We hope this publication will engage you with the arts in your community.

WCAC welcomes your ideas and support as it continues to take the lead in bringing together the community's art organizations to strengthen our region's arts culture.

For artist information, arts events, calls for art and more visit WCAC's web page... www.washingtoncountyarts.com

The Jackie Shaw and Heidi Lippman exhibit continues through September 29, 2015.

"Opposites Attract: Clay, Glass & Painting Pyromania!".



"Blue and Gray Together Again: Washington County in the Spanish-American War"

The Washington County Historical Society, in a partnership with Steve Bockmiller and the Washington County Free Library's Western Maryland Room, is pleased to present a new exhibit about the Spanish-American War in Washington County. "Blue and Gray Together Again" will explore the first conflict to reunite veterans of the Union and Confederate armies after the Civil War. Artifacts on display will include photographs, uniforms from local soldiers, and veterans' memorabilia. The exhibit will be on display at the Western Maryland Room, located on the 3rd floor of the Hagerstown branch of the Washington County Free Library from September 1st until January 1st. There will be an opening reception for the exhibit held on Monday, August 31st, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. During the reception, local historian Steve Bockmiller will be giving a short talk on the history of Washington County during the Spanish-American War. Be sure to join the Washington



County Historical Society and Western Maryland Room for a look at a little-known period of local history!

When:7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Monday, August 31st, 2015Where: Western Maryland Room, Hagerstown branch of the Washington County Free Library



December 4, 2015 - December 30, 2015



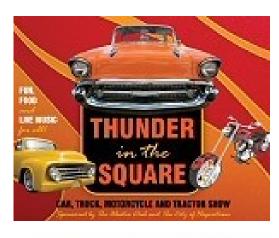
About the Jurors:

R. Benjamin Jones

Maryland artist R. Benjamin Jones is an accomplished painter portraying scenes from his native Maryland, the state's Eastern Shore, the Amish of Lancaster County (PA), New England, and a trip to Florence and Tuscany, Italy. He seeks to portray the gentle beauty of the world in his paintings of delicate flowers, New England streets and harbors, Amish faces, rough Chesapeake Bay watermen and rose-covered cottages along island roads. Born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, Mr. Jones studied at the Maryland Institute of Fine Arts in Baltimore, the University of Maryland and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Mr. Jones' works have been shown in many galleries and museums including the Lockwood Mathews Mansion Museum in Norwalk, Hurlbutt Gallery in Greenwich, Greenwich Art Society, Greenwich Workshop in Southport, McBride Gallery in Annapolis, The Greenbrier, Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, Baltimore Museum of Arts and The Smithsonian.

Benita Keller

Benita Keller grew-up on a farm in Kearneysville, West Virginia, and presently lives in her high school town, Shepherdstown, WV. Ms. Keller teaches private workshop photography classes, is the director of The Jefferson County Photography Project and will soon be extending this to include The Washington County Photography Projects. She is presently working to get 30 years of her archives in order, working on producing photography books of her many years of photographing, and establishing an "out of the house" artist studio because she says; "My art work has out-grown my house." Benita Keller is represented by The Bridge Gallery in Shepherdstown, WV and was the featured artist in April 2015 at the Washington County Arts Council. A 1983 graduate of the University of Maryland, Ms. Keller has taught photography as an adjunct for over 25 years-at Shepherd University, The Art Institute of Washington DC and The Montgomery College School of Art and Design. Today, Ms. Keller is an adjunct professor at Hagerstown Community College where she teaches digital photography and photography for public discourse, which she describes as a photojournalism class, as well as an advanced photography class.



Wind Down Hagerstown Thunder in the Square

Friday, September 25, 2015

Car enthusiasts, this is your night. The Maryland Theatre teams with the City of Hagerstown to put on one of the biggest car shows around, including hot rods, antique and classic vehicles. The Cruisers are back with live music in the Maryland Theatre courtyard!



Just Lookin' Gallery of African American Art

Contours/Contrasts Art Exhibit

August 15, 2015 through September 20, 2015 Click the graphic above for more information!



The Engine Room Art space, a recently opened art gallery in downtown Hagerstown, announces its fourth monthly exhibit. "The Looking Glass" is a collection of photography and portraits taken by Taniesha Harrison, concentration on young women that she finds to be inspiring. Her book has been compiled into a photo book accompanied by a brief interview with each subject.

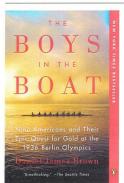


Master Photography Workshop

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts
Saturday, September 12, 2015
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Ages 16 & Up
Members \$75.00 / Non-Members \$82.50
Instructor - Audra Haddock-Martenot
This workshop is offered in association
with the Masters of American Photography
exhibition on view until October 25, 2015.
Organized by the Reading Public Museum

For information call 301-739-5727

Find a free, wandering book. Read it. Review it. Release it!



150+ copies of *The Boys in the Boat*, the 2015 **One Maryland One Book** selection, are wandering Maryland.

If you find one of these books, register it at Bookcrossing.com, read it, review it and release it for the next person to enjoy.

A program of the Maryland Humanities Council, OMOB is an annual statewide event that promotes reading with discussions, programming, and an author tour across Maryland in the fall. Learn more at www.onemarylandonebook.org.

Follow us on Twitter or like us on Facebook for clues about where to find a Wandering Book.

facebook.com/MDCenterfortheBook

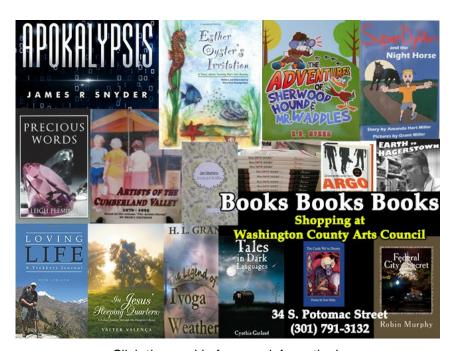
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The Maryland Symphony Orchestra is partnering with Maryland Talent Education Center to provide group violin lessons for beginning students (grades 1-3). The program will be taught in part by Principal Violist, Phyllis Freeman. Parents will be required to attend classes and occasionally participate with their child. Violin rentals will be provided by Potter Violin Company for \$20 per month.

Tuition is \$175 for the Fall semester, which will include 12 weeks of 45 minute classes from September to December. Students in this string program will utilize the ViolinPractice Method to help students with home practicing.

About the Instructor

Phyllis Freeman has been principal viola of the Maryland Symphony since 2000. In addition, she is the director of the Maryland Talent Education Center, which has locations in Frederick and Mt. Airy MD. The school provides violin, viola and cello instruction to 70-80 students annually. You can find more information about the school at www.MarylandTalent.com.

About ViolinPractice.com

ViolinPractice.com is a holistic, web based violin method that integrates the development of technique and musicianship through the use of video and supporting materials. The site was created by Phyllis Freeman and Rebecca Henry and is designed to help students develop effective, mindful, and creative practice habits that will lead to independence and a lifelong love of music.

Scholarships may be available.

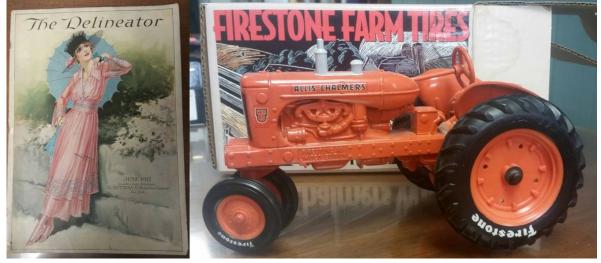
Introductory Meeting: Saturday, September 12th, 9:00am

Where: John Wesley United Methodist Church 129 North Potomac Street Hagerstown, MD 21740

If you are interested in signing up for this program, please contact **Nicole Houghton** at 301-797-4000 ext 103 or **nhougton@marylandsymphony.org**.



The Maryland Symphony Orchestra and the Maryland Talent Education Center are partnering to provide group violin lessons to beginning students in grades 1 through 3. The classes will begin on Saturday, September 12 and continue each Saturday through December 12. The classes, being held at John Wesley United Methodist Church (129 N. Potomac Street, Hagerstown), will be offered at 9, 10, or 11 a.m. Enrollment will be limited to 8 students per class. Parents are required to attend classes and participate with their children. Violin rentals will be provided by Potter Violin Company, Bethesda.



The Delineator was an early fashion magazine. The antique tractor is a limited edition toy replica.

"Artifacts from the Attic" Rummage Sale

Slated in Miller House Garden

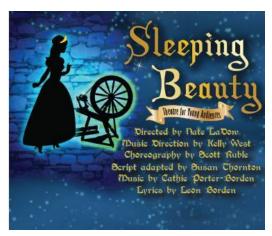
Donated items from the attics of friends and family will be offered for sale on Saturday, September 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the rear garden of the Miller House Museum, 135 W. Washington St. This "first annual" rummage sale includes decorative glass dishes and vases, furniture, books and magazines, vinyl records, home décor, antique post cards, old cameras and limited edition pieces.

Totally unique items meet the claim that "one man's junk is another man's treasure." Proceeds go to support the programs of the Washington County Historical Society. See www.washcomdhistoricalsociety.org.

For rear parking, turn in from W. Antietam St., between the Wright-Gardner and Verizon Buildings. In the case of inclement weather, the sale will operate from the garage.







Click the graphic for more information!

Community Book Drive September 1-30

Collecting books for children ages O-11
Books can be new or gently used



Why Donate?

Collected books will used for the Hagerstown Rotary Literacy Initiative, a community effort to improve early childhood literacy in Washington County. Books will be distributed throughout the community where they will have the greatest impact on at-risk children. Your book will help a child learn to read. Your book could be the first book a child has ever owned!

Need Ideas?

For a list of recommended books, full list of collection sites with addresses and public hours, and for more info go to www.harccoalition.org or www.unitedwaywashcounty.org

More Info?

For more information about early childhood literacy in Washington County, visit www.hagerstownrotaryliteracyinitiative.org

The Community Book Drive is a partnership of the United Way of Washington County, MD; Hagerstown Rotary Club; Hagerstown Area Religious Council (HARC), FedEX, and Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC)

COMMUNITY BOOK Drive

Top 10 Reasons to Collect Books for the Community Book Drive

- 1. Collecting books is FUN and easy!
- Only 43% of children in Washington County entered school "fully ready to learn" last fall according to the new Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA).
- 3. Owning books is a critical feature of every child's intellectual development.
- 4. Providing books to children is a simple, effective, and inexpensive way to promote language and literacy growth.
- 5. Research shows that reading aloud to kids is THE single most important act that you can do to help a child prepare for learning and reading.
- 6. The number of words that a child knows upon entering Kindergarten is a key predictor of his/her future success.
- A child not reading on grade level by third grade is at high risk of not graduating and creating a
 productive life in their future.
- 8. Lack of basic literacy skills is linked with academic failure, substance abuse, teen pregnancy, delinquency, unemployment, low productivity, and welfare dependence.
- 9. Your books will go into the hands of at-risk children in Washington County.
- 10. Books from last year's book drive were distributed to children all over Washington County by way of more than 30 schools and organizations. Yet even with 10,000 books we did not have enough!

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The Laramie Project

by Moisés Kaufman

and the members of Tectonic Theater Project



September 14 & 15, 2015

7-9pm @ The Washington County Arts Council 34 S. Potomac St., Hagerstown, MD 21740

"The Laramie Project" is a contemporary ensemble theater project which will explore the depths of societal guilt when manifested in the social injustice toward the LGBT community.

Director Chas. Rittenhouse will be casting men and women who are willing to work in a company of artists that will be creative and perform with freedom of expression and dramatic flair.

Minimum 4 males & 4 females, age 18 and older, for non-traditional production. There is no maximum number of performers needed.

Actor's preference: prepared reading or cold reading from the script.

Contact the Director with questions at (301) 491-9099.

For more information, go to www.potomacplaymakers.org or call 301-491-9099.



AUDITIONS

SEPTEMBER 14 & 15, 2015

7-9PM @ THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL 34 S. POTOMAC ST., HAGERSTOWN, MD 21740

The Potomac Playmakers is holding auditions for roles in an interactive, improvisational murder mystery/comedy, 'A Reptile Dysfunction'. This original work requires 2 women and 3 men and an additional role that could be male or female.

There is also the opportunity for minor characters to be added to the company for the benefit of actors who have not previously done interactive theater but want to give this genre a try. One female and one male actor in the 20 to 35 year old age range are needed with the remaining roles 30 to 60 plus years of age.

Auditions wil consist of improvisational skits based on scena and characters provided to those auditioning.

Performance dates and venues are still TBD but all will be in the Hagerstown area during mid-October through mid-November. There will be a 4 to 5 week rehearsal schedule of two evenings a week with the specific days set to accommodate the needs of the cast. For more information or a copy of the script contact the Director, Greg Berezuk, at g.berezuk@verizon.net

For more information, email g.berezuk@verizon.net or go to www.potomacplaymakers.org

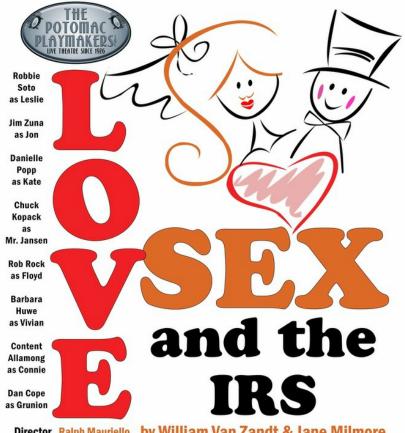


Caravan of Thieve

Eclectic Jazz Swing Band
Hagerstown Community Concert at the Maryland Theatre
Thursday, September 17, 2015 * 7:30 pm

If Django Reinhardt, the cast of Stomp and the Beatles all had a party at Tim Burton's house, this would be the band. This gypsy driven duo, backed by fiery fiddle and double-bass, creates lovely melodies and harmonious vocals. 30s jazz style to hits from greats like Duke Ellington, Queen,

Gershwin and Bing Crosby.



Director Ralph Mauriello Assistant Director Jim Zuna

by William Van Zandt & Jane Milmore

Love, Sex and the IRS is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., New York, NY

September 18, 19 & 20, 2015

Friday & Saturday @ 8pm, Sunday @ 3pm

Tickets: \$10 pre-purchase online or \$12 at the door

The Women's Club 31 South Prospect Street Hagerstown, MD 21740

www.potomacplaymakers.org or (240) 382-7269

For more information, go to www.potomacplaymakers.org; email potomacplaymakers@gmail.com; or call 240-382-7269.



Maryland Symphony Orchestra Classical Mystery Tour: Tribute to the Beatles The Maryland Theatre

Saturday, September 19, 2015 -- 8:00 pm

Classical Mystery Tour performs live in concert with the MSO. Relive the magic of the Fab Four with a thrilling retrospective that features a performance of such favorites as "She Loves You," "Yesterday," "Eleanor Rigby," "All You Need is Love," and "I Saw Her Standing There." From early favorites through the solo years, Classical Mystery Tour is an authentic Beatles concert experience.



Fall Fest in City Park

September 19, 11am-3pm at City Park, Hagerstown

Celebrate the changing of the seasons with fun family-friendly activities at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, the Jonathan Hager House & Museum, Hagerstown Railroad Museum & Engine 202 and the Mansion House - plenty of music, arts & crafts, food vendors and more! Please visit www.hagerstownmd.org for more detailed information.

Artists Wanted to Exhibit at Fall Fest
Sat., September 19 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Download application or call 301-739-5727 for more information to apply!



Discovery Station-Hangerfest

Rider Jet Center, September 19, 2015

Live music by The Reagan Years! Tip jars, 50-50, Cash Bar and Dancing! Tickets are \$20 and are available at Discovery Station. Call 301-790-0076 for more information.

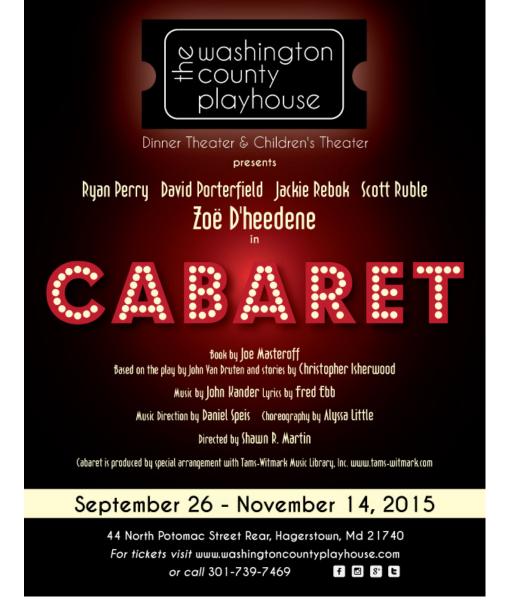


L: Donald Judd (American, 1928 - 1994), *Untitled*C: Alex Katz (American, born 1927), *Grey Dress*R: Robert Rauschenberg (American, 1925 - 2008), *Two Reasons Birds Sing*

The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts is pleased to present *Modern Masters: Twentieth Century Prints*, an exhibition of exceptional prints on loan from the collection of the Reading Public Museum in Reading, PA. This engaging exhibition features thirty prints by modern artists from the 1920s through the early twenty-first century and is drawn from the Reading Public Museum's collection.

The exhibition includes art works created in a variety of print-making techniques, from etchings and aquatints to lithographs and screen prints; each work is a hand-made originale from a limited edition of multiple prints. Early modernists such as Henri Matisse and Pablo Picasso, join Surrealists Roberto Matta, Salvador Dali, and Pop artist Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein and Keith Haring in this fascinating look at works on paper from the twentieth century. Other artists featured in the show include Sam Francis, Donald Judd, Robert Rauschenberg, Mel Ramos, Raphael Soyer, Sonia Delaunay, François Gilot, Alex Katz, and Jim Dine.

Opening Weekend Program: "Printmaking: The Impression of the Mark" walking tour of the exhibition with Rhonda J. Smith, Chair, Department of Contemporary Art and Theater, Shepherd University: Sunday, September 27, at 1:30 pm "100 Years of Collecting at the Reading Public Museum" lecture by John Graydon Smith, Director and CEO, Reading Public Museum: Sunday, October 25, at 2:30 pm.



Click the graphic for more information!

The Tony Award winning musical CABARET closes the 2015 season at The Washington County Playhouse Dinner Theater and Children's Theater.

The Maryland Theatre

Home Free: Don't It Feel Good Tour Tuesday, September 29, 2015 * 7:30pm

When country vocal band Home Free was crowned champion of NBC's The Sing-Off, their victory was by no means the beginnings of a career for the five country stars from



Minnesota... rather it was a satisfying culmination of nearly a decade of hard work and commitment to a vocal craft growing in popularity. They have become known for their high-energy performances, peppered with quick-witted humor that meshes Nashville standards with pop hits dipped in country flavor. Since their Sing-Off win, Home Free has released two albums (Crazy Life and Full Of Cheer), selling more than 150,000 copies; they've embarked on two major national tours, selling more than 100,000 tickets in North America; they've released more than 20 music videos,

amassing more than 35-million YouTube views. They continue to build a national audience as they bring their Don't It Feel Good Tour to town in support of their third major release on Columbia Records out in Fall 2015.

VIP package:

- Pre-show Q&A, photograph, and autograph sessions with the band (begins 2.5 hours prior to show time)
- Pre-show crowd-free merchandise shopping
- A signed copy of the new Home Free album
- Exclusive show laminate
- Exclusive show poster

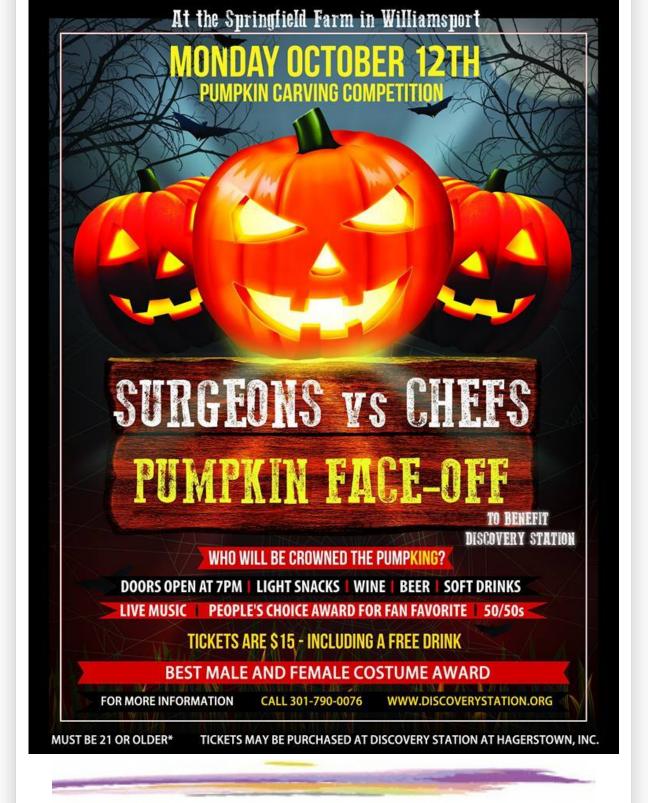


HWC's 35th Anniversary Celebration: Call for Art

DEADLINE EXTENDED: September 15, 2015 @ NOON

Washington County Arts Council Contact: Chris Brewer 34 S. Potomac Street Hagerstown, Maryland 21740 (301) 791-3132

 $\underline{www.washingtoncountyarts.com} \ ^*\underline{gallerymanager@washingtoncountyarts.com}$





FY2017 Grants For Organizations Deadlines and Informational Sessions

The Maryland State Arts Council's FY2017 Grants for Organizations (GFO) program provides unrestricted operating support to arts organizations and arts programs through grant

awards. Join GFO program staff for **Info Sessions** and a **Q&A Session** to learn more about the program. Please watch our **INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO** on

YouTube: https://youtu.be/RV10wBEu10o

GFO INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS are scheduled across Maryland and provide a description of the GFO program and assistance in preparing applications. Take note of these deadlines for activities taking place in FY2017 (July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017) and join the GFO Program Staff at an **Info Session** near you.

Register below or call (410) 767-6555 or TTY (410) 333-4519 for additional information.

INFO SESSION - Wednesday, September 2, 2015, 4pm-5:30pm

Frostburg State University, Lyric Building, 20 E Main Street, Frostburg, MD 21532 <u>REGISTER NOW</u> and email your questions to <u>msac.dbed@maryland.gov</u> so we are sure to address your needs.

INFO SESSION - Friday, September 11, 2015, 11am-12:30pm

TELEPHONE/INTERNET Q&A SESSION

Friday, October 2, 2015, 2pm-3:30pm

After you view the **Instruction Video**, join GFO Program Directors for a Q&A Session where you can ask questions via telephone or Internet chat. Instructions to follow registration. REGISTER NOW

GFO DEADLINES: Go to <u>msac.egrant.net</u> to apply.

- Intent to Apply Deadline: September 16, 2015. Mandatory for those new to MSAC and those who did not receive funding for FY2016.
- **FULL Application Deadline**: October 22, 2015. eGrant application opens September 6, 2015.
- RFF for current grantees on a multi-year cycle deadline: December 3, 2015. eGrant application opens October 28, 2015.

About the Maryland State Arts Council

An agency of the Maryland Department of Business & Economic Development, Division of Tourism, Film and the Arts, the Maryland State Arts Council is dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive. Maryland State Arts Council grantees generate \$1 billion in economic activity and support more than 12,000 jobs and \$45 million in state and local tax revenue. Source: Economic Impact of the Arts in Maryland: FY2013. For information call (410) 767-6555 or TTY (410) 333-4519.



Wind Down Hagerstown Freaky Friday

October 16, 2015

Wind Down is celebrating all things fun and fall! Show up in your best and scariest for the costume contest...for both kids and adults! Plus, we'll have a little entertainment with some jack-o-lanterns! There's plenty for kids to do, too. Don't miss The Tone

Hounds, performing live in the courtyard!





Now open for submissions!!

Welcome fans and followers of the Maryland International Film Festival-Hagerstown. This is the 5th year for the festival which will be held April 1-3, 2016 in the same locations as last year in the heart of the Arts & Entertainment District. For 5 years, the festival has been bringing the people of this city and county the finest films from around the world. The film festival became a 501(c) 3 and launched in 2009! It has been growing ever since. MDIFF has since added a Creative Director, Hollywood Director Joe Carnahan, who has produced such films as "The Grey;" "The A-Team" with Liam Neeson; Bad Boys 3 now in production; and directed some of television shows like "The Blacklist" and "State of Affairs".



A combined exhibit opens at the Washington County Arts Council on October 2, 2015 and will run through October 27, 2015.

"Ben & Ira Lourie
Two Brothers:
Converging Vision - Diverging Views."

The Washington County Arts Council will host an opening reception at the Gallery at 34 South Potomac Street, in downtown Hagerstown on Saturday, October 3,

2015 from 2 pm until 4 pm

January 2016 Save the Date!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27			
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

The Washington County Arts Council is pleased to announce the Guest Celebrity Chefs for The Art of Cooking 2016:

Corey and Jessica Green
David and Donna Hanlin
Michael Jonnes and Barbara Blackwood

Chris and Shelly Motz Andrew and Tara Sargent Michael Johnston-Wine Expert It's easy to join our mailing list!

Just send your email address by text message:

Text

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to 22828 to get started.

Message and data rates may apply.



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You may text **WCAC** to **22828** on your mobile device to join our mailing list or click the button below - Thank you!



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