

**District Community Events** | Feb. 15-22, 2007

**Thursday | 15**

**ART OF JASPER JOHNS**, Sally Shelburne discusses the work of the American pop art and minimalist painter. 1 p.m., National Gallery of Art, East Building, Fourth and Constitution NW. Free. 202-737-4215.

**CLASSICAL RECITAL**, students from the New England Conservatory perform their compositions and works by Brahms and Bartok. 6 p.m., Kennedy Center Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW. Free. 202-467-4600.

**"BEOWULF,"** Benjamin Bagby, co-founder of the early music ensemble Sequentia, accompanies himself on a lyre and portrays dozens of characters in the original Old English, with subtitles in modern English. 8 p.m., Coolidge Auditorium; Denise Gallo discusses "The Scop's Song," about the role of the Anglo-Saxon poet-historian as entertainer and keeper of tradition. 6:15 p.m., Whittall Pavilion; Library of Congress, Jefferson Building, 10 First St. SE. Free tickets available by phone, with a \$2.75 service charge per ticket. 301-808-6900 or 800-551-7328.

**"LIFE IS A DREAM,"** students of the Catholic University Department of Drama perform the Pedro Calderon de la Barca play about a Spanish son whose father imprisons him to prevent him from becoming a cruel tyrant. 7:30 p.m. today-Friday, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Catholic University of America, Hartke Theatre, 3801 Harewood Rd. NE. \$12; seniors, \$8. 202-319-4000.

**NOVELIST TALK**, Nora Gallagher, author of "Changing Light: A Novel," discusses her work, which speculates what might have happened if one of the physicists working on the Manhattan project had left it and worked against the creation of an atomic bomb. 7:30 p.m., Washington National Cathedral, Wisconsin and Massachusetts avenues NW. \$16; students and seniors, \$9. 202-537-2221.

**Friday | 16**

**KIDS SHAKESPEARE PROGRAM**, the Folger's educational acting ensemble performs in the Elizabethan Theatre. 10 a.m., Folger Shakespeare Library, 201 East Capitol St. SE. \$15. 202-544-7077.

**"MEET MR. LINCOLN,"** a 1959 TV program that documents Abraham Lincoln's life by showing archival photographs, woodcuts, drawings, engravings and posters. Noon, National Archives, Constitution Avenue NW, entrance near Seventh Street. Free. 202-357-5000.

**RARE AND ENDANGERED PLANTS**, conservation horticulturist Ray Mims discusses ways of conserving endangered species, followed by a walk through gardens to view plants. Noon, U.S. Botanic Garden, 100 Maryland Ave. SW. Free; registration required. 202-225-1116.

**ART TALK**, curator Anne Ellegood discusses works in the exhibition "Refract, Reflect, Project: Light Works From the Collection." 12:30 p.m., Hirshhorn Museum, Seventh and Independence SW. Free. 202-633-1000.

**POLICE BIRTHDAY BASH FOR KIDS**, for children 5-12 whose birthdays are in February, includes games and food. 4-6:45 p.m.,

3rd District Metropolitan Police Station, 750 Park Rd. NW. Free; reservations and signed waiver required. 301-674-2114.

**KENNEDY CENTER RECITAL**, students from the Juilliard School of Music perform works by Beethoven, Kodaly and Dohnanyi. 6 p.m., Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW. Free. 202-467-4600.

**LIBRARY RECITAL**, violinists Robert Mann, Geoff Nutall, violist Nicholas Mann and cellist Bonnie Hampton perform works by Mozart and Bartok. 8 p.m.; Denise Gallo discusses "Mozart and the Viola." 6:15 p.m., Library of Congress, Jefferson Building, Coolidge Auditorium, 10 First St. SE. Free tickets available by phone, with a \$2.75 service charge per

ticket. 301-808-6900 or 800-551-7328.

**"STRAY DOGS,"** 2004 film about a brother and a sister who spend a night in jail with their mother, then stage several robberies in an attempt to be arrested and be put back in jail with her, in Persian with English subtitles. 7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Freer Gallery, Meyer Auditorium, Jefferson Drive and 12th Street SW. Free. 202-633-1000.

**THREE MO' TENORS**, a performance of classical opera and other music by Duane A. Moody, Victor Robertson and James N. Berger Jr. 7 p.m., THEARC, 1901 Mississippi Ave. SE. \$25. 202-889-5901.

**ASTROBIOLOGY**, discussed by William I. Newman, a professor of earth and space sciences at the University of California at Los Angeles. 8:15 p.m., Cosmos Club, John Wesley Powell Auditorium, 2170 Florida Ave. NW. Free. 703-370-5282.

**Saturday | 17**

**AVALON KIDS EVENT**, Now This Improv ensemble takes audience ideas and turns them into music, comic sketches and fairy tales. 10 a.m., Avalon Theatre, 5612 Connecticut Ave. NW. \$7. 202-966-6000.

**KIDS ENGINEERING FESTIVAL**, for ages 5-13, engineers discuss how they design bridges, helicopters and more; plus robot demonstrations, meeting cast members from PBS's "Design Squad" and making slime. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., National Building Museum, Fourth and F NW. Suggested donation, \$5. 202-272-2448.

**USED-BOOK SALE**, books available for 50 cents to \$3, plus tote bags and T-shirts. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., West End Neighborhood Library, 1101 24th St. NW. Free. 202-724-8707.

**"YOUNG MR. LINCOLN,"** 1939 John Ford film about the 10-year period before Abraham Lincoln became president, starring Henry Fonda. Noon, National Archives, Constitution Avenue NW, entrance near Seventh Street. Free. 202-357-5000.

**AMERICAN EEL TALK**, for ages 5 and older, a National Park Service ranger discusses the role of the eel in the Rock Creek ecosystem. Noon, Rock Creek Park Nature Center, 5200 Glover Rd. NW. Free. 202-895-6070.

**PRESIDENTS' DAY PROGRAM**, music, dance, storytelling, art activities and a presidential portrait scavenger hunt. Noon-5 p.m., National Portrait Gallery, Eighth and F NW. Free. 202-275-2617.

**ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR THE BLIND**,

demonstration of new technologies and information on how to use them. 1 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, Room A9, 901 G St. NW. Free. 202-727-2142.

**SMOKING EXHIBIT TOUR**, Alan Blum, curator of "Cartoonists Take Up Smoking," a collection of advertisements and vintage TV commercials, discusses "When More Doctors Smoked Camels: A Century of Health Claims in Cigarette Advertising." 1 p.m., National Museum of Health and Medicine, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Building 54, 6900 Georgia Avenue NW. Free. 202-782-2200.

**KNITTING WORKSHOP**, for beginners, led by a library volunteer. 3 p.m., Francis A. Gregory Neighborhood Library, 3660 Alabama Ave. SE. Free. 202-645-4297.

**TV TEEN DANCE SHOWS**, documentary, "Dance Party: The Teenarama Story," about the phenomenon of dance shows in the 1950s and 1960s, and "The Teenarama Dance Party," which aired from 1963 to 1970. 3 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, Room A9, 901 G St. NW. Free. 202-727-1245.

**KENNEDY CENTER RECITAL**, students from the Cleveland Institute of Music perform works by Mozart, Schubert, Wolf, Debussy and Stravinsky. 6 p.m., Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW. Free. 202-467-4600.

**HIP-HOP FESTIVAL**, New York City's Full Circle Dance Company and local hip-hop artists

perform. 8 p.m. Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dance Place, 3225 Eighth St. NE. \$20; seniors and students, \$15; 17 and younger, \$7. 202-269-1600.

**Sunday | 18**

**JUDAISM CONFERENCE**, author Cynthia Ozick and others discuss "Transcending Boundaries: A Conference on Jewish Languages, Identities and Cultures." 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday, Georgetown University, Riggs Library, Healy Hall, 37th and O streets NW. Free; reservations required. 202-687-4245.

**"AFFIRMING THE SOUL,"** discussion by Lisa C. Moore, co-editor of the book "Spiritured: Affirming the Soul and Black Gay/Lesbian Identity," and contributors Tony Farmer, Tracee Ford, Monique Meadows, Tonya Parker and H.L. Sudler. 1 p.m., All Souls Unitarian Church, 1500 Harvard St. NW. Free. 202-332-5266.

**ART IMAGERY OF SLAVERY**, James Walvin, a history professor at the University of York in England, discusses "Remembering and Forgetting: Imagery and Its Role in the Slave Trade and Its Abolition." 2 p.m., National Gallery of Art, East Building, Fourth and Constitution NW. 202-737-4215.

**AIR FORCE BAND CONCERT**, with pianist Abbey Simon. 3 p.m., DAR Constitution Hall, 18th and C streets NW. Free. 202-767-5658.

**VOCAL RECITAL**, mezzo-soprano Kay Granger and pianist Everett P. Williams Jr. 3 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church, Eighth and N streets NW. \$15. 202-232-6913.

**CATHEDRAL ORGAN RECITAL**, Andrew Risinger. 5 p.m., Washington National Cathedral, Wisconsin and Massachusetts ave-

nues NW. Free. 202-537-6200.

**ORCHESTRA CONCERT**, the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic performs works by Beethoven, Adolphus Hailstork and Steven Gerber. 5 p.m., Church of the Epiphany, 1317 G St. NW. \$15; students, free. 703-799-8229.

**KENNEDY CENTER RECITAL**, students from the Curtis Institute of Music perform works by Mozart, Rachmaninoff, Mussorgsky, Fauré and Strauss. 6 p.m., Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW. Free. 202-467-4600.

**MUSEUM VIOLIN RECITAL**, Mark Kaplan and pianist Yael Weiss perform works by Carter and Feigin in conjunction with the exhibition "Jasper Johns: An Allegory of Painting, 1955-1965." 6:30 p.m., National Gallery of Art, East Building, Fourth and Constitution NW. 202-842-6941.

**ORGAN CONCERT**, Catholic University faculty organists Edward Alan Moore, Robert Grogan and Keith Reas, the university's Chamber Choir and Players and the Women's Chorus perform works to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the death of organist Dietrich Buxtehude. 7 p.m., National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Michigan Avenue and Fourth Street NE. Free. 202-319-5414.

**Monday | 19**

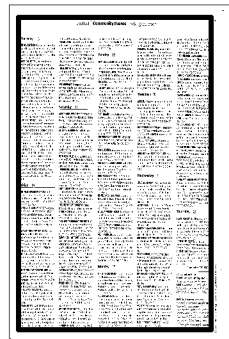
**CAREER TRANSITIONS**, Presbyterian pastor Rick Thomas discusses the biological and psychological dynamics of stress, and coping techniques, sponsored by 40Plus of Greater Washington. 9:45 a.m., 40Plus of Greater Washington, 1718 P St. NW. Suite T-2. Free. 202-387-1582.

**TUDOR PLACE FEST**, an interactive tour of the 1816 mansion; children's craft program, including an art workshop with artist-in-resident Peter Waddell; viewing George Washington's 1795 letter to his wife Martha and listening to a Martha reenactor read it at noon; plus a traditional tea ceremony with pound cake. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 1644 31st St. NW. \$15; 17 and younger, free; reservations required. 202-965-0400, Ext. 109.

**ICE-SKATING**, for all ages. Noon-2 p.m.,

Fort Dupont Ice Arena, 3779 Ely Pl. SE. \$4; seniors and 12 and younger, \$3; skate rental, \$2. 202-584-5007.

**PRESIDENTIAL FAMILIES**, author Edith P. Mayo discusses her book "Smithsonian Q & A: Presidential Families" and leads a tour of presidential family memorabilia in the exhibition "Treasures of American History." 1-3 p.m., Air and Space Museum, Seventh Street and Independence Avenue SW. Free. 202-



633-1000.

**KENNEDY CENTER CONCERT**, multi-instrumentalist Bruce Molsky performs a varied program, including Appalachian music, Delta blues and Irish music. 6 p.m., Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW. Free. 202-467-4600.

## Tuesday | 20

**ART TALK**, Vasif Kortun, founder of the Platform Granti Contemporary Art Center in Istanbul, discusses how international art events bring together emerging artists and establish trends in contemporary art. Noon, Hirshhorn Museum, Marion and Gustave Ring Auditorium, Seventh and Independence SW. 202-633-1000.

**JAZZ RECITAL**, Mike Flaherty's Dixieland Direct. 12:10 p.m., Church of the Epiphany, 1317 G St. NW. Donations requested. 202-347-2635, Ext. 18.

**"BLUE DIARY" NOVEL**, a librarian leads a discussion of Alice Hoffman's work. 7 p.m., Takoma Park Neighborhood Library, 416 Cedar St. NW. Free. 202-576-7252.

**ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE**, class, all skill levels, an instructor engages students in conversation and helps them write a résumé. 7 p.m., Southeast Neighborhood Library, 403 Seventh St. SE. Free. 202-698-3377.

## Wednesday | 21

**LINCOLN'S RETREAT**, Matthew Pinsker discusses his book "Lincoln's Sanctuary: Abraham Lincoln and the Soldiers' Home." Noon, National Archives, Research Center Room G24, Constitution Avenue NW, entrance near Seventh Street. Free; reservations required. 202-357-5000.

**SLAVERY TALK**, author Susan Eva O'Donovan discusses her book "Becoming Free in the

Cotton South," about the end of slavery in the United States. Noon, National Archives, Constitution Avenue NW, entrance near Seventh Street. Free; reservations required. 202-357-5000.

**CORCORAN JAZZ PERFORMANCE**, the John Jensen Trio. 12:30 p.m., Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th St. NW. Free. 202-639-1774.

**BOLSHOI BALLET OPEN REHEARSAL**, ballet scholars discuss the behind-the-scenes preparation. 1:30 p.m., Kennedy Center, Opera House, 2700 F St. NW. \$12. 202-467-4600.

**"COOLEY HIGH,"** (1975). Glynn Turman, Lawrence Hilton-Jacobs and Garrett Morris in a film about teens growing up in a poor Chicago neighborhood in 1964. 6 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, Room A9, 901 G St. NW. Free. 202-727-1265.

**KENNEDY CENTER JAZZ CONCERT**, vocalist and pianist Ginny Carr performs. 6 p.m., Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW. Free. 202-467-4600.

**"IRAQ IN FRAGMENTS,"** James Longley's 2006 film about daily life in Iraq after the U.S. invasion. 6:30 p.m., National Archives, Research Center, Room G24, Constitution Avenue NW, entrance near Seventh Street. Free. 202-357-5000.

**"SAFE,"** 1995 film starring Julianne Moore and Peter Friedman, about a woman who is trapped in a suburban home whose environment has made her ill. Bring dinner, a beverage and a lawn chair. 6:30 p.m., National Building Museum, Fourth and F NW. \$10; students, \$5. 202-272-2448.

**HISTORY OF GINSENG**, David A. Taylor discusses his book "Ginseng, the Divine Root: The Curious History of the Plant That Captivated the World." 6:30-8 p.m., U.S. Botanic Garden, 100 Maryland Ave. SW. Free; registration required. 202-225-1116.

**BLACK HISTORY DISCUSSION**, Frankie Hutton leads a discussion of "Their Lives on the Line: Tubman and Wells in the Struggle From Slavery to Freedom." 6:30 p.m., Mary McLeod Bethune Council House, 1318 Vermont Ave. NW. Free. 202-673-2402.

**"CHANGING FACES OF SHAKESPEARE,"** Folger Shakespeare Library curator Erin C. Blake discusses how the playwright has been depicted throughout history. 7 p.m., Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th St. NW. \$20. 202-639-1774.

**"STOIC WARRIORS,"** Georgetown University philosophy professor Nancy Sherman discusses her book "Stoic Warriors: The Ancient Philosophy Behind the Military Mind," sponsored by the Society for the Preservation of the Greek Heritage. 7 p.m., Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 1779 Massachusetts Ave. NW. \$15; students, free. 202-363-4337.

**"THE GREAT JASPER,"** 1933 romantic film starring Richard Dix and Edna May Oliver, about an Irish "Don Juan" whose affinity for women causes him to lose his job and move to Atlantic City; a short film precedes the feature. 7 p.m., Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, 545 Seventh St. SE. \$5. 202-547-6839.

**"SHAKESPEARE'S DOG,"** George Washington University students and faculty perform the play about Shakespeare's marriage to Anne Hathaway as told by his dog. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Feb. 23, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 24 and 2 p.m. Feb. 25, George Washington University, Betts Marvin Theatre, 800 21st St. NW. \$9; students and seniors, \$7; Wednesday evening and Sunday matinee, \$7. 202-994-6178.

**"SWIMMY" AND OTHER STORIES**, Natsu Onoda's adaptation of stories from Leo Lionni's children's books, performed by Georgetown University students and a band, with

animals. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Feb. 23, 2 and 8 p.m. Feb. 24 and 2 p.m. Feb. 25, Georgetown University, Davis Performing Arts Center, 37th and O streets NW. \$12; students, \$7. 202-687-6933.

## Thursday | 22

**BLACK HISTORY LECTURE**, biographer Denton L. Watson discusses "The 101st Senator and His Legacy of Civil Rights Laws," about Clarence Mitchell Jr. Noon, Veterans of Foreign Wars Building, Ketchum Hall, 200 Maryland Ave. NW. Free; reservations required. 202-543-8919, Ext. 28.

**"DELIVER US FROM EVIL,"** for adults, film producer Werner Schumann introduces Amy Berg and Frank Donner's documentary about a Catholic priest accused of child molestation. 7 p.m., National Archives, Research Center, Room G24, Constitution Avenue NW, entrance near Seventh Street. Free. 202-357-5000.

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### To Submit an Item

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