





Artist Alley

February 11, 2016 Volume 16-02

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.

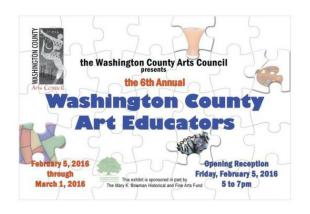
For artist information, arts events, calls for art and more visit WCAC's web page... www.washingtoncountyarts.com



The Washington County Arts Council, Inc. is featuring its 6th Annual "Washington County Art Educators".

The Exhibit runs through March 1, 2016.

2016 Art Educators People's Choice:



Please fill out a ballot and place it in the gold box...

The teacher with the most votes by the end of the exhibit wins \$200!

Washington County Arts Council wishes to thank you for supporting local artists and teachers!

Exhibit sponsored in part by the Mary K. Bowman Historical and Fine Arts Fund.



Thank you to The Art of Cooking 2016 Guest Celebrity Chefs and Co-Emcees

(Pictured left to right-standing)

Dave Hanlin, Corey Green Lou Scally, Chris Motz, Michael Jonnes and Andrew Sargent (Pictured left to right-seated)

Barbara Blackwood, Jessica Green, Donna Hanlin, Tara Sargent, Shelly Motz and Dawn Hoover Miller

Thank you to The Art of Cooking 2016 Wine Expert, Michael Johnston

Thank you to The Art of Cooking 2016 Sponsors:

Innovative, Inc.
Jim and Georgia Pierné
George & Connie Manger
After Five Productions

The Jone L. Bowman Foundation Hamilton Family Foundation

Hershey-Fitzsimmons Group at RBC Wealth Management Emmet and Mary Anne Burke

Hagerstown/Washington County Convention & Visitors Bureau Michael and Beth Johnston

Mercedes-Benz of Hagerstown

Middletown Valley Bank Olde Town Title

David and Donna Hanlin Andrew and Tara Sargent HPB, Inc. Brian Lynch Michael and Rochelle Morrell Peter and Pat Spellar

Joseph and Christine Tischer

Silent Art Auction

Thank you to the following Gallery Shop artists and friends who consigned art or services to the silent auction:

Fountain Head Country Club

T. Jeff Driscoll

Tom Harple

R. Benjamin & Becky Jones

Dr. Ira Lourie

Kathy Maher

Janie Moltrup

Jim & Georgia Pierné

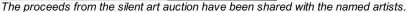
Annamarie Poole

Jackie Shaw

Dianne Wiebe

Mark Youngblood







Washington County Arts Council Award Winners

-Cumberland Valley Exhibits

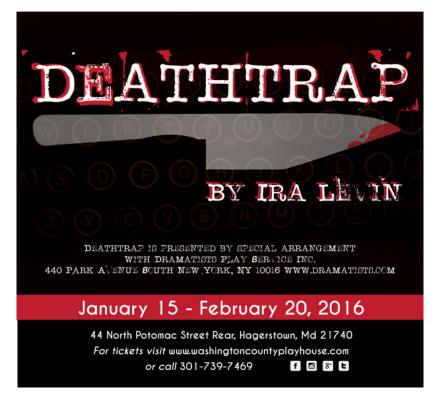
Congratulations to Emileigh Ebersole and Dr. Roberts, who both won awards for their artwork in a show at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts which opened on Sunday, Jan. 31!

Emileigh Ebersole received the WCAC award for Best Photograph by a Washington County, MD Resident and Dr. Roberts received the WCAC award for Best Artwork by a Washington County, MD Resident. (Photo

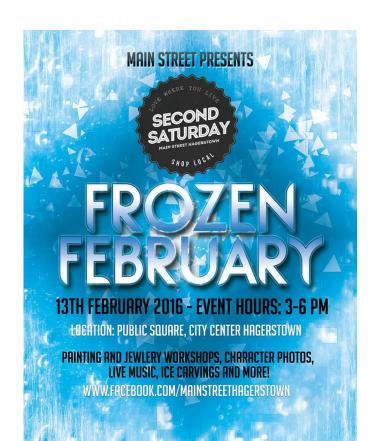
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Dinner Theater & Children's Theater



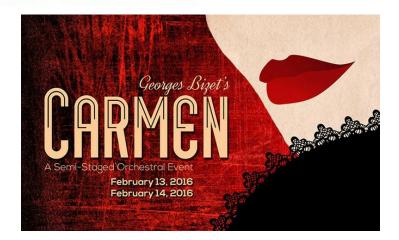
Washington County Playhouse Dinner Theater and Children's Theater. www.washingtoncountyplayhouse.com or 301-739-7469 for tickets. Broadway Style Show, Salad Bar, Hot Buffet, Dessert and Cash Bar.



Here is the lineup for THIS weekend's Second Saturday "Frozen February" Event - February 13th from 3-6pm!

- · Live Ice Sculpting by Danny Kissel of Kissel Studios
- Frozen/Valentine inspired painting workshop by Outback Primitives
- Frozen/Valentine inspired jewelry making workshops at Potomac Bead Company Hagerstown
- Live music by Wayne Snow of Ocean Dream
- Character Photos
- M&J Candies will have one-of-a-kind handmade Valentine Chocolate treats
- Furniture Painting workshops & 10% off Moveda Jewelry at Kendall Taylor Home
- Frozen Bubbles with Discovery Station at Hagerstown, Inc.
- Frozen/Valentines inspired Face-painting with Two sisters Face Painting
- Free Movie, Popcorn and Drinks at Bridge of Life starting at 5:30 pm
- Beautiful Jewelry by one of your Pop-Up favorites Silver Kat to spoil your Valentine
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The Maryland Symphony Orchestra presents
Georges Bizet's Carmen
at The Maryland Theatre
February 13, 2016 | 8:00 pm and February 14, 2016 | 8:00 pm
Featuring the vocal talents of Hub Opera Ensemble

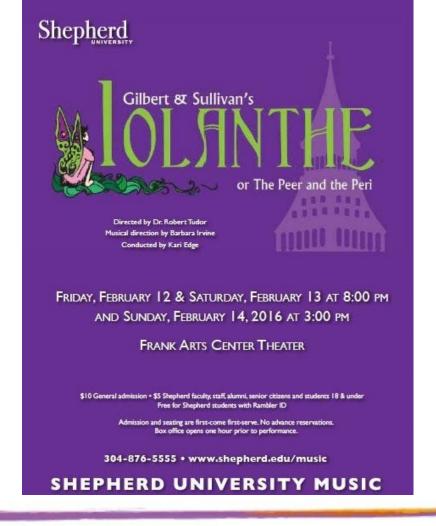
Carmen, the fiery gypsy cigarette girl, gets any man she wants - and then gets rid of him when a better one comes along. When she sets her sights on Corporal Don José, he doesn't have a chance. He's smitten and gives up everything - his career, his mother, even the girl he's going to marry-to be with the sultry siren. For a while, they revel in passion. But then Carmen meets a famous matador, Escamillo, and she dumps Don José in a heartbeat. This time, though, Carmen has finally pushed a man too far-and she pays for it with her life.

The famous Toreador Song, the seductive Seguidilla, the rousing Habanera - no opera boasts more famous tunes than this one! Ensure your seats by purchasing your tickets today!





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Valentine's Art Project

at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

FREE For Youth in Grades K-6, Sat., Feb, 13 1:00 - 3:00 p.m Register educ.marketing@wcmfa.org

Sponsored by the Mary K. Bowman Historical and Fine Arts Fund



Registration closes FRIDAY, February 12, 2016 Register now!!

Governor Hogan has proposed a record \$20.3 million for the Arts for FY 2017.

Together, we must work to secure passage of this proposal in the General Assembly.

Join us, and your colleagues from across Maryland, for this very important day.

We need your voice!

Wednesday, February 17, 2016 9 AM to 1 PM St. John's College, Mellon Hall Francis Scott Key Auditorium Annapolis, MD



Please note the change in venue this year!

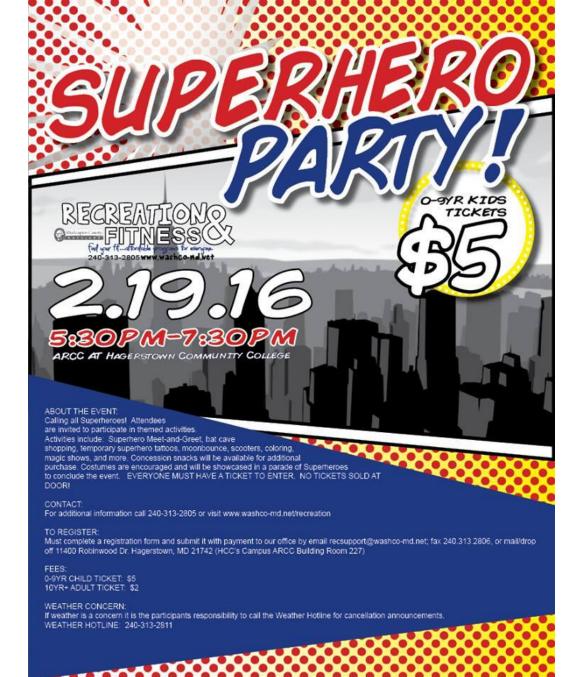
The Beach Boys

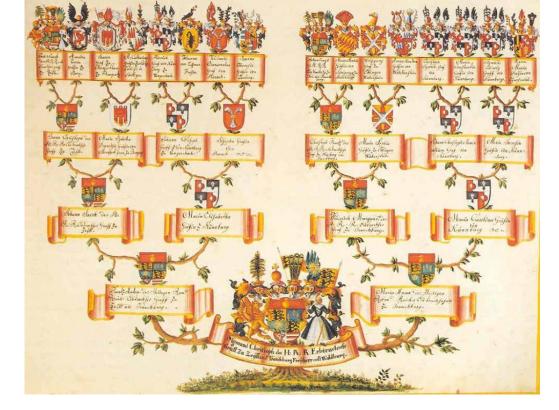
at the Maryland Theatre

Thursday, February 18th at 7pm

An Evening with The Beach Boys.







Washington County Historical Society Geneological Library

Participants will be introduced to the current holdings of the genealogical library located at WCHS at 135 West Washington Street, Hagerstown, MD, and receive training on the society's new computer databases, Ancestry Library Edition and Newspaper Archives. Current trends in family history research and methodology will also be discussed. WCHS is now taking reservations for both dates, either morning or afternoon sessions. Information on each session can be found below:

 Saturday, February 20th: Genealogy Workshops with Carol Miller-Schultz, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Interested in learning more about your family history? Genealogist Carol Miller-Schultz will be on site in our library to introduce users to the historical society's new genealogical databases. Carol will be sharing tips that both new and experienced researchers are sure to find helpful.

• Saturday, April 2nd: Genealogy Workshops, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

In April, genealogist Carol Miller-Schultz will be joined by staff genealogist Jean Conte in our library to introduce users to the databases listed above.

In each session, researchers will learn about the resources held in the genealogical research center, new additions to the library and will receive basic instruction on using the library's new databases. Please call (301)-797-8782 or email info@washcomdhistoricalsociety.org for reservations, as space is limited. Tickets are \$20/person.

Due to space limitations, each session will be capped at 25 participants. Please specify which session you will be attending when you make your reservations.



USA National Miss State

Scholarship Pageant
(MD, DC and VA)

The Maryland Theatre
Sunday, February 21, 2016 * 2:00pm



5th Annual Children's T-Shirt Contest Deadline: March 25, 2016

Here is your chance to become a part of the Western Maryland Blues Fest, held each year in Hagerstown, MD.

We are searching for one talented student to design this year's kids t-shirt to be sold at the festival. This student must be in Kindergarten thru 8th grade.

30 finalists will have their artwork matted and displayed at the Washington County Arts Council during the Blues Fest Poster Artist Exhibit opening Thursday, June 2, 2016 with a reception from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The show will remain on display through Tuesday, June 28, 2016.

One lucky winner, in addition to having their design placed on the children's t-shirt, will receive complimentary passes to the weekend festivities and will be introduced during the opening ceremonies on Friday, June 3rd.

To download an application click here.
Washington County Arts Council
34 S. Potomac St., Suite 100
Hagertown, MD 21740
(301) 791-3132

www.washingtoncountyarts.com gallerymanager@washingtoncountyarts.com



Cabin Fever Blues Bash presents Hamilton Loomis

at The Maryland Theatre Friday, March 4, 2016 * 7pm

Guitar Player magazine recently said, "If blues, soul, and rock can be said to form a triangle, you'll find Hamilton Loomis right in the center of it."

An apt description for Hamilton Loomis as one of the many exciting emerging young artists at the epicenter of bringing blues-based American music into the 21st century - keeping the history and tradition, while simultaneously redefining it for a contemporary audience.

All Music Guide calls what Hamilton does, ".... a mixed bag of modern blues, modern funk, and slick soul." We like even better what the legendary Bo Diddley said after befriending and mentoring Hamilton, "You got to put some seasonin' in what you're doin', and thism boy's got the whole salt shaker!" Right on, Mr. Diddley, because Hamilton Loomis and his band collectively generate incredible personality and energy that audiences just love.

Born and raised in Galveston, Texas, Hamilton got hooked on music through his parents' extensive collection of blues, rock, and soul records, and was already a multi-instrumentalist (drums, piano, guitar, bass and harmonica) by his early teens. A fateful backstage meeting with Bo Diddley proved Hamilton's ultimate inspiration. After inviting then-youngster Hamilton onstage to play, by mid-show, Bo crowned Hamilton with his iconic hat, as if figuratively passing on the torch, and beginning a friendship

and mentorship that would last for years. In early 2010, Blues Revue magazine recognized Hamilton as one of five very special "new faces" in the blues.

A gifted vocalist and superb guitarist, fronting an exceptionally talented new band complete with his Grammy-winning saxophonist/keyboardist Fabian Hernandez, Hamilton Loomis' set at the 20th annual Western Maryland Blues Fest in 2015 was memorable. His appearance at the 2016 Cabin Fever Blues Bash (the mid-winter promotional kick-off and "preview of coming attractions" for Blues Fest's upcoming late Spring offerings) is one you shouldn't miss!



Comedy & Magic Show Benefitting Safe Place Washington County Advocacy Center

at The Maryland Theatre Sunday, March 6, 2016 * 3:00pm

Each and every year, our loyal family audiences ask us, "How do you do it? A great show for all ages every year. We LOVE it!" Our show producer, Russell "RG" Smith spends hours upon hours of time reviewing acts and has another excellent show planned for 2016. We have a blend of new and returning acts, so, get ready for another great year. Oh, and please bring a few new families to the show this year so they, too, can experience the best-family-night-out they can imagine.



POTOMAC PLAYMAKERS ANNOUNCES PERFORMANCES OF NEIL SIMON'S "RUMORS"!

The Potomac Playmakers proudly present the classic Neil Simon farce, "Rumors"! Four couples are at the home of the deputy mayor of New York and his wife to celebrate their ten-year anniversary. The party never begins because the host has shot himself in the head (it's only a flesh wound) and his wife is missing! His lawyer's cover-up get progressively more difficult to sustain as the other guests arrive, and nobody can remember who has been told about what by whom. Doors slam and hilarity abounds as the couples get more and more crazed!

Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. and directed by Greg Berezuk and Jim Zuna, "Rumors" stars Miranda Simonne, Nic Sigman, Danielle Popp, Andrew King, ...Jeff Marcum, Bex Etter, Tod Williams, Christine Miller-Grable, Wanda Dittman, and Maggie Stone! "Rumors" runs March 11-13, 2016 at The Women's Club, located at 31 S. Prospect Street, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740. The Friday and Saturday shows start at 8:00 pm, while the Sunday matinee starts at 3:00 pm!

Ten dollar advance tickets are available ONLINE ONLY at www.potomacplaymakers.org, and twelve dollar tickets will be available at the door.

WARNING - Adult language. Not recommended for younger audience members.



The Irish Comedy Tour at The Maryland Theatre

Friday, March 11, 2016 * 7:00pm

Recognized as one of the world's top ten ventriloquists Kevin is mostly known for his appearance on NBC's America's Got Talent. Kevin started at San Diego's Legoland California where he has performed over 9,000 shows in 10 years. He has twice been honored as the "Best Male Performer" at ANY amusement park in the world. Kevin has always been known for his "clean comedy" and is loved and hilariously appreciated by audiences of all ages! Bring the kids and the young at heart!



HCC announces seminars for annual Flower & Garden Show

The Hagerstown Community College Alumni Association will hold its 22nd Annual Flower & Garden Show on Saturday, March 12, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, March 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the ARCC.

Admission is \$5 and the Show will include wonderful floral vendors and the following educational Seminars and Demonstrations presented throughout the event, so mark your calendars and plan now to be part of the fun.

A variety of vendors will take part in the show, named as one of the area's premier events. Show participants include experts in nurseries, lawn and garden equipment, pottery and statuary, landscaping, tree services, stone products, pools, spas, outdoor furniture, flowers, wild bird products, and natural gourmet gifts from the garden.

Seminars and demonstrations on a variety of gardening topics will be held continuously throughout both days of the event.

Saturday seminars include:

- 10 a.m. "Create a Garden of Whimsy Miniature Gardening," with Marie Bikle, Linda Burns, and Lind Hollar, Washington County master gardeners.
- 11 a.m. "Day Lillies," with Wilma Myers, master gardener, Berkeley-Jefferson extension office.
- 12 p.m. "Native Plants," with Annette Cormany, University of Maryland extension office.
- 1 p.m. "Bee Pollination in the Flower Garden," with Fred and Daniel Smith, F & D Apiaries.
- 2 p.m. "Making your Garden a Paradise," with Frank Fink, Living Artscapes.
- 3 p.m. "Yoga In and Out of the Garden," with Simone Henrich, yoga instructor.
- Sunday seminars include:
- 11 a.m. "Building a Bat House," with Peggy Hardinge and Carol Ingram, Washington County master gardeners.
- 12 p.m. "Fauna and Flora of the C&O Canal," with Kelly Fox, ranger at C&O Canal National Historic Park.
- 1 p.m. "Life Cycle & Migration of the Monarch Butterfly," with Sandy Sagalkin, Monarch

Butterfly Alliance.

 2 p.m. - "A Walk through the Woods Flower Arranging," with Denny Warrenfeltz, Roostervane Gardens.

Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children under 12. Proceeds benefit the HCC Alumni Association.

Lunch and snacks will be available for purchase at the Garden Café.

For information about the Flower and Garden Show, contact Lisa Stewart at 240-500-2346, or email

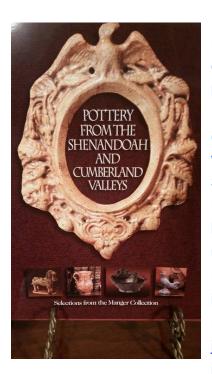
lsstewart@hagerstowncc.edu.



Hagerstown Community Concert presents **Kevin Johnson--Award-Winning Ventriloquist** at The Maryland Theatre

Saturday, March 12, 2016 * 7:30pm

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Local collectors and authors **Dr. George and Connie Manger** will be giving a lecture on their book, "*Pottery from the Shenandoah and Cumberland Valleys*" at the Washington

County, MD Historical Society, 135 W

Washington Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740 **Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 2PM**Dr. and Mrs. Manger will be signing copies of the book following the lecture, and signed and unsigned copies will be available for purchase.

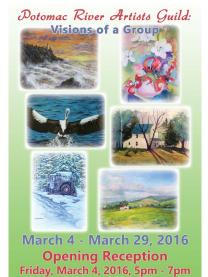
Light refreshments will be served and admission is free to members, but \$5 for non-members.

Please call (301)-797-8782 or email info@washcomdhistoricalsociety.org for more information.



Maryland Symphony Orchestra - Beethoven's Pastoral

The Maryland Theatre
Saturday, March 19, 2016 * 8:00 pm
Sunday, March 20, 2016 * 3:00 pm

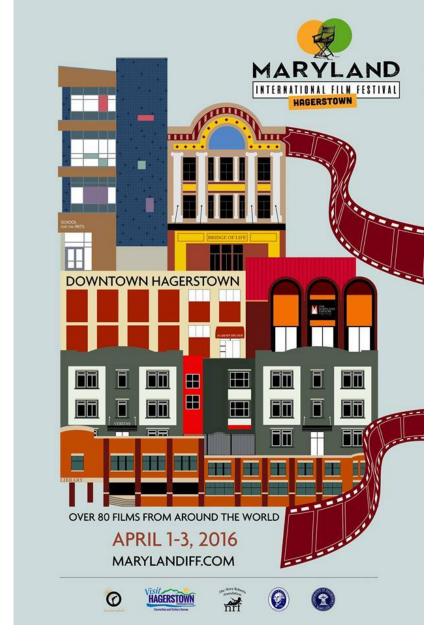


The Washington County Arts Council is featuring The Potomac River Artists Guild in March 2016: "Visions of a Group".

Exhibits runs March 4, 2016 through March 29, 2016 at the Gallery, 34 S Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD.

An Opening Reception will be held on Friday, March 4, 2016 from 5pm to 7pm.

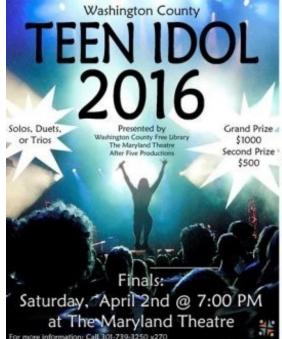
For information contact 301-791-3132.



Maryland International Film Festival 2016 Coming to Hagerstown April 1-3, 2016!



Maryland International Film Festival Opening night, Friday, April 1st, 2016 hosted by The Maryland Theatre



YOU could be the next TEEN IDOL!

Open Auditions: Wednesday, March 2nd 6:30 pm-8:00 pm @the Fletcher Library

Thursday, March 3rd from 6:30pm-8:00 pm at the Valley Mall ** FOOD COURT **

Teen Idol 2016 The Maryland Theatre Saturday, April 2, 2016 * 7:00 pm



Performance dates are March 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, and April 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23.

Production Staff:

Director Laura J. Martin; Asst. Director, Scott Ruble; Choreographer, Ray C. Shaw; and Music Director, Jonas Dawson

KISS ME KATE is produced by Mack's Theatricals, LLC. Shawn R. Martin Producing Artistic Director and Laura J. Martin, Managing Director.

The Washington County Playhouse Dinner Theatre and Children's Theater, 44 North Potomac Street, Rear, Hagerstown MD 21740



Washington County Free Library's Annual Poetry & Short Story Writing Contest has returned!

Entries accepted at all library branches now through March 15th*.

The contest is open to Children in grades 2-12 and Adults!

*Mailed entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2016

Call Mr. Jeff @ 301.739.3250 x 255 for details and full contest rules.

You're Invited 14th Annual





Art III

April 8 - 10, 2016

Preview Party & Reception Friday, April 8, 2016 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. \$50.00 per person

Catered by LJ's & the Kat Lounge

Reservations are required by March 25, 2016 Register Online www.wcmfa.org or Call 301-739-5727



Sponsorship Opportunities

\$1,500	Black-Eyed Susan
	Rose
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Register Online www.wcmfa.org

For More Information Contact development@wcmfa.org

Arrangements on View

Saturday, April 9 - 9am to 4pm Saturday Only (Members FREE - Non-Members \$5.00)

Sunday, April 10 - 1pm to 5pm



All proceeds benefit the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

Joyful *G*rts Studio

Presents

Kathy George Workshop



It's a three day, step by step wax and watercolor class led by Kathy George, an internationally known award winning artist. These are two of the three pictures that will be done and more information can be found on the Joyful Arts Studio website.

http://www.joyfulartstudio.com

April 15, 16 & 17, 9 am -4 pm Workshop Tuition: \$275

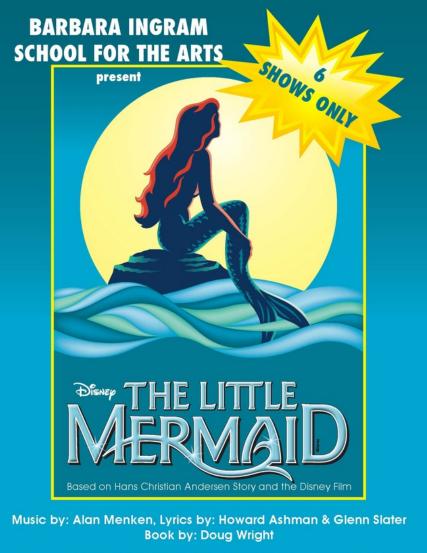
Sponsored by Joyful Firts Studio

Great watercolor skills are not needed for this technique. What builds a great batik is SHAPE and VALUE.





Joyful Arts Studio 21 E Baltimore St Greencastle PA, 17225 717-658-2177 Joyful Art Studio.com



April 15-17, 22-24, 2016

MARYLAND THEATRE

Tickets on Sale Soon (www.mdtheatre.org)

Barbara Ingram School for the Arts presents Disney's The Little Mermaid (The Musical)

The Maryland Theatre
Friday, April 15, 2016 * 7:30pm
Saturday, April 16, 2016 * 7:30pm
Sunday, April 17, 2016 * 2:30pm
Friday, April 22, 2016 * 7:30pm
Saturday, April 23, 2016 * 7:30pm
Sunday, April 24, 2016 * 2:30pm





Hagerstown Community Concert -The Young Irelanders

The Maryland Theatre
Thursday, April 28, 2016 * 7:30pm

Chris MacDonald's -Memories of Elvis in Concert

The Maryland Theatre Saturday, April 30, 2016 7:30PM





Tickets go on sale at 11 AM on Friday, February 19, 2016



Barbara Ingram 2016 Summer Arts Academy



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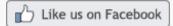
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