

Travis Tritt

The country superstar will perform an acoustic show at the Ridgefield Playhouse this evening, Thursday, Jan. 14, at 8. Tritt will play some of his biggest hits, like It's A Great Day to Be A Live and Best of Intentions and will also share stories about his life and the many musicians who have influenced him.

Tickets are \$75; for reservations and information, visit ridgefieldplayhouse.org or call 203-438-5795.

Spiritual Shabbat

The Serendipity Chorale, led by Gigi Van Dyke, will join the Adult Choir at Congregation Shir Shalom (the combination of Temple Shearith Israel and the Jewish Family Congregation) in Ridgefield for a service of spirituals and prayer with Cantor Deborah Katchko-Gray on Friday, Jan. 15, at 7 p.m. The sharing of spirituals began with a healing service in Norwalk and will be the 13th at the Ridgefield temple at 46 Peaceable Street.

The community is invited; a reception will follow the service. For more information, call 203-438-6589 or visit tsiridgefield.com.

Without Passports

A new exhibit at the Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk, Animals Without Passports, traces the migration of humpback whales along the East Coast, which last summer included at least three whales in western Long Island Sound. The exhibit, installed in the lobby of the aquarium's IMAX Theater, ties into the movie Humpback Whales, being screened there through May 26.

The lobby exhibit focuses on a female humpback, Salt, who's been studied for 40 years. For Celebrate Whales week, Jan. 16-24, the aquarium will have a 45-foot inflatable whale on display in Newman's Own Hall so that visitors can get a real sense of the size of Salt and even go inside the whale to see the sizes of its lungs, heart and stomachs (most baleen whales have three stomach compartments). Bonus education stations will let guests touch real baleen, experience how blubber keeps whales warm, and more.

Activities and the exhibit are free with museum admission. For more information, visit maritimeaquarium.org or call 203-852-0700.

Jungle Book

The Downtown Cabaret Children's Company is presenting The Jungle Book, a rock and roll version of the children's classic, weekends Jan. 16-Feb. 14, Saturdays and Sundays at noon and 2:30.

The theater is at 263 Golden Hill Street in Bridgeport and tickets are \$23 for adults and \$19 for children. For reservations, visit mycabaret.org or call 203-576-1636, option 0.

First since 1916

The Met Live in HD will feature Les Pecheurs de Perles (The Pearl Fishers) by Georges Bizet and directed by Penny Woolcock on Saturday, Jan. 16, at 1 p.m. (live)



Pequot concert

The chamber trio The Furuya Sisters will perform at the Pequot Library on Sunday, Jan. 17, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Doors open at 2:30 for general seating; tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. The library is at 720 Pequot Avenue in Southport; for reservations, visit pequotlibrary.org or call 203-259-0346 x15.

and 6 p.m. (encore) at Fairfield University's Quick Center for the Arts. This is the first time since Enrico Caruso starred in the opera in 1916 that the Metropolitan Opera has performed Les Pecheurs. Tickets are \$25, \$20 for seniors and \$5 for children; for reservations, visit quickcenter.com or call 1-877-ARTS-396.

The Ridgefield Playhouse will offer an encore performance of Les Pecheurs by The Met Live in HD on Sunday, Jan. 17, at 6. For tickets, visit ridgefieldplayhouse.org or call 203-438-5795.

Cut-Up

Franklin Street Works at 41 Franklin Street in downtown Stamford will open a new exhibition, Cut-Up: Contemporary Collage and Cut-Up Histories Through a Feminist Lens, curated by Katie Vida, Jan. 15-April 3. The opening reception is Saturday, Jan. 16, from 5 to 8 p.m. The multi-generational show includes works from 1967 to the present.

Franklin Street Works, the art space and cafe, are open to the public on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from noon to 5 and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit franklinstreetworks.org or call 203-253-0404.

Magnificently Mozart

Violinist Benjamin Beilman will be featured in the Stamford Symphony Orchestra's "Magnificently Mozart" concerts on Saturday, Jan. 16, at 8 and Sunday, Jan. 17, at 3 at the Palace Theatre, 61 Atlantic Street,

Stamford. Also on the program are Mozart Symphony No. 37 in G Major and Symphony No. 34 in C Major and Ciupinski's Street Prayer.

There is a free Behind the Baton lecture one hour before concerts with conductor Eckart Preu and on Sundays, a Just for Kids free interactive program at 2 p.m.

Tickets start at \$22; children under 18 years attend free on Sundays. For reservations, visit stamfordsymphony.org or call 203-325-4466.

Special screening

AAA Northeast at the Playhouse: Live in HD will bring the classic film Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid to the Ridgefield Playhouse on Sunday, Jan. 17, at 2. The event includes bonus content — a specially produced commentary by Turner Classic Movies host Ben Mankiewicz, who'll discuss film's origins and its stars, Paul Newman and Robert Redford.

For tickets, \$10, visit ridgefieldplayhouse.org or call 203-438-5795.

Furuya Trio

The chamber trio The Furuya Sisters, all graduates of Juilliard, will perform a program for Music at the Pequot Library on Sunday, Jan. 17, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Doors open at 2:30 for general seating; tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door.

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Madera Winds

The Wilton Library's Connecticut's

Own Concert Series will present the Madera Winds in a concert entitled Winter Winds on Sunday, Jan. 17, at 4 at the library, 137 Old Ridgefield Road. The program will include woodwind trios and quartets by composers ranging from Jacques Ibert to Scott Joplin. Registration is strongly suggested; those who have signed up are asked to arrive by 3:50 for guaranteed seating. Wait-listed and walk-in registrants will be admitted after 3:50 if space is available. For information, directions and registration, visit wiltonlibrary.org or call 203-762-3950 x213.

Musicians from Marlboro

The Friends Cole Concert Series at the Greenwich Library, 101 West Putnam Avenue, will present Musicians from Marlboro performing Penderecki's Quartet for Clarinet and String Trio as well as Beethoven's String Trio in C Minor and Brahms' Clarinet Quintet in B Minor on Sunday at 4. The free concert will take place in the library's Cole auditorium; doors will open at 3:30.

For more information, call 203-622-7938.

And coming up...

The Bridgeport Art League of Huntington will present artist James Grabowski demonstrating a seascape in oil on Monday, Jan. 18, at 11:45 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Parish Center, 25 Church Street, Huntington. There will be a \$5 fee, which may be applied to membership. For information, visit bridgeportartleague.org.

Life Magazine photojournalist

Bill Eppridge's chronicle of the Beatles' historic 1964 visit to the United States will be featured in the Western Connecticut State University Art Gallery at the Visual and Performing Arts Center on the Westside Campus, 43 Lake Avenue Extension, Danbury. The show opens Tuesday, Jan. 19, and runs through Saturday, March 13; a reception will take place on Saturday, Jan. 23, from 4 to 7 p.m. To attend, make a free reservation at wcsupac.eventbrite.com.

The Greenwich Historical Society will screen Mary Silliman's War, a film about the American Revolution, on Thursday, Jan. 21, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Vanderbilt Education Center, 39 Strickland Road, Cos Cob. Cost is \$15; popcorn and light refreshments will be served. Required reservations may be made at greenwichhistory.org or by calling 203-869-6899.

The Friends of John Jay Homestead will launch their 2016 John Jay Scholars Lecture Series, Telling Stories of War, on Thursday, Jan. 21, in the ballroom of the John Jay Homestead State Historic Site, 400 Jay Street, Katonah, N.Y. The first speakers will be Darden Smith and Mary Judd, presenting Songwriting with Soldiers, The Civil War Diaries of Our Times. Registration will take place at 6:15, with the lecture beginning at 7; a book signing will follow. Tickets are \$25 and reservations are recommended. Call 914-232-8119 or email friends@johnjay-homestead.org. Other lectures will take place Feb. 18 and March 15.

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