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April 2014 Newsletter



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TASTES
of the
WORLD

On Thursday, March 27th the International Center of the Capital Region in collaboration with WAMC held its First Annual International Food Tasting Event entitled **TASTES of the World** at the Linda, WAMC's Performing Arts Center.

Area restaurants provided sample-sized world cuisine, with food ranging from French and Indonesian, to Middle Eastern and Mediterranean. Many fine restaurants, area chefs and cultural/affinity groups participated, including: the Century House with Chef Michael Nicolli, the Chocolate Gecko, Flavors of India with Chef Dalip Kapur, La Empanada Llama, Normanside Country Club with Executive Chef Kenneth Ruud, R&G Cheesemakers with Sean O'Connor, Terra with Chef Marvin Flowers, the Turkish Cultural Center, Umana Restaurant and Wine Bar, Yono's with Executive Chef Yono Purnomo and Pastry Chef Joan Dembinski.. Additionally several well-known NYS Vintners including Brotherhood, Dr. Frank and Hudson-Chatham, as well as Chatham Brewery were present sharing samples. Times Union Senior Writer Steve Barnes served as emcee for the evening.

Thank you to everyone who attended and

Upcoming International Center Sponsored Activities



The International Center of the Capital Region cordially invites you to participate in a Day of Poland & Polish-American Heritage in New York City on Friday, April 11, 2014

Leaving early in the morning by chartered motor coach, the group has been invited to visit the historic Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in New York located on Madison and E 37th Street in Manhattan. From this location, the Consulate General of Poland serves the public within eleven north-eastern states, including: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Delaware.



In the afternoon it is onto Greenpoint (Little Poland) in Brooklyn, where the group will given time to shop and eat at one of many wonderful well known Polish

supported this event! Fun was had by all!

Thank you to our generous sponsors:



Cadets from CBA volunteered to setup the Linda, WAMC's performance space, for Tastes of the World. Thanks guys!



Rafi Topalian for the singing of the National Anthem!



eateries. An added feature is a special invitation from the St Stanislaus Kostka Parish in Brooklyn to visit their beautiful church on Humboldt Street.

The cost is \$65/per person includes transportation, snacks on the bus and admission into stated activities. Space is limited. To make a reservation or for additional information, please contact the International Center at (518) 708-7608 or info@iccralbany.org

Tuesday, May 6th

The International Center will be holding two viewings of *Girl Rising* at the Linda During International Education Week, May 5 – 9, 2014, the International Center of the Capital Region was selected by the Global Campaign for Education - US (GCE-US) as a host community to serve as a screening location/community for the movie *Girl Rising*.

The Global Campaign for Education US Chapter (GCE-US) has partnered with *Girl Rising* to bring this groundbreaking film to communities across the country. The film tells the story of nine girls and their individual struggles to get an education, interspersed with facts about the importance of investing in education for girls around the world. There will be a facilitated panel discussion following the film viewing to dig deeper into some of the issues that keep girls out of school around the world. Currently the panelists include *Girl Rising*'s Executive Producer Christine Lowery and Educator Siyate Gaye from Gambi.

The daytime viewing will concentrate on creating an audience made up of high school students from around the Capital Region, urban and suburban, who could truly take away the propose of the movie. This approach follows the theory that educated girls stand up for their rights, marry and have children later, educate their own children, and tend to be more productive in their communities.

The evening viewing will be open to the public, also followed by a panel discussion and reception. Call the International Center at (518) 708-7608 for details and/or reservations.



International WorldQuest Competition
On March 8th, the International Center



held our first-ever regional Academic WorldQuest competition at the Polish Community Center in Albany. International WorldQuest Competition – Congratulations Shenendehowa High School!!



And the winners were Team Shenendehowa: Howan Lee, Joie Kichton, Sead Osborne and Pooja Vittal, all seniors. Congratulations!!!



CBA team with Ms. Kish, team coach



Community Events



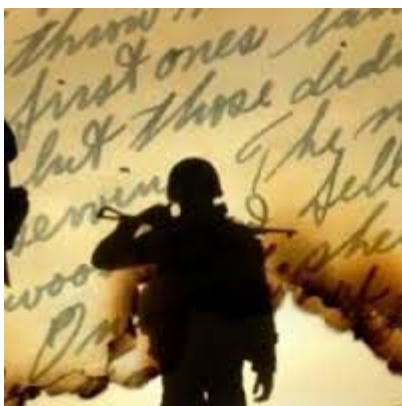
The EGG presents . . .
THE ARMENIAN PIANO CONCERT
 Piano Duet featuring
Marina Abrahamyan and Susanna Kirakosyan

Saturday, April 26 - 4:30 p.m.

TICKET INFORMATION

Adults: \$25 per ticket
 The following discounts are available:
 50% off for students; 20% off for seniors; 50%
 off for groups of 20 or more.
 Tickets are available through
 The EGG box office
 at (518) 473-1845 or online at www.theegg.org.
 For more information, visit
www.theegg.org/event/armenian-piano-concert.
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MAINSTAGE SEMINAR PRODUCTION



Directed by Lary Opitz
Thursday, April 10th through Saturday, April 12th at 8:00pm
Sunday, April 13th at 2:00pm
Thursday, April 17th and Friday, April 18th at 8:00pm
Saturday, April 19th at 2:00pm



Emrys Fitzgerald, ICCR in center with winning team



Congressman Tonko's, ICCR President Mike Gulotty, wife Donna and daughter Olivia helping out with WorldQuest at the Polish Community Center on March 8th

The competition consisted of students answering 100 questions over ten rounds. All the teams did a great job! Hats off to the teams from Bethlehem High School and Christian Brothers Academy as well!!

Thank you to Barton & Loguidice, P.C. for serving as our event sponsor, to graduate intern Emrys Fitzgerald for coordinating our local competition, to Manoj Ajmera for serving as the event's Emcee, to Congressman Paul Tonko, Joe LaCivita and Mike Gultotty for serving as category presenters, and to Kim Andersen and Mary Berry for serving as event judges.

Our winners, who will be representing our region, will be traveling to Washington, DC with their Academic Coach Kristina Sallemire for the National Competition on April 26th. This past year's National Competition hosted over 40 teams from across the country from Hawaii and Alaska to Florida.

Thank you to our gracious event sponsor!

In every American war from the Revolutionary War to Iraq and Afghanistan, people have captured the horror, pathos and intensity of warfare in their letters. Tens of thousands of these letters have been handed down from generation to generation. Best selling author Andrew Carroll established the Legacy Project through which he has collected thousands of war letters. He created this piece of verbatim theater play based upon many of these letters. IF ALL THE SKY WERE PAPER tells the story of war from the viewpoint of the men and women in the front lines, affected civilians, and loved ones on the home front

TICKET PRICES: \$12 General Admission / \$8 Students & Seniors
Box Office: 518-580-5439 or email:
boxoffice@skidmore.edu

Irish American Heritage Museum



Friday, April 4, 2014 @ 7:30PM : "From Galway to Broadway" Concert
Broadway's Phantom Ciarán Sheehan (vocals), Gabriel Donohue (guitar), Heather Bixler (violin), Betsy Maxwell (piano), Steve Bartosik (percussion). Reserve your tickets now for one of the most exciting concerts in the Capital Region this year when Dublin-born Ciarán Sheehan, star of Phantom of the Opera, appears at The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall on Friday evening April 4 in a fundraiser for the Museum.

For more information:
370 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207
(518) 427-1916
<http://irish-us.org/>
Wednesday - Friday: 11am - 4pm
Saturday - Sunday: 12pm - 4pm
Monday - Tuesday: CLOSED

American Italian Heritage Museum

Italian Language Class
Wednesday, April 2nd 1pm (The first class!)
We will offer an Italian language class with emphasis in teaching the fundamental grammatical rules, such as conjugation of verbs



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Global Cuisine



Led by Chef Yono with the assistance of many of the top chefs from around the Capital Region, our internationally themed classes will provide students with a world class educational experience in a fun, hands-on, participatory environment.



Teaching Great BBQ Techniques
Thursday, April 10th
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Instructed by
Chef Yono Purnamo
Teaching Great BBQ Techniques
Venue: Celtic Hall, 430 New Karner Road,
Colonie
Cost: \$50

and orthography, and the syntactical principles involved in sentence structure.

Class meetings: First and third Wednesdays of the month at 1:00 PM

Cost for the twelve classes is only \$30

Make a reservation! The instructor is Egidio Currenti, a native of Italy and a scholar in Italian culture.

AIHA Thrift Shop

Saturday, April 12th

We will open our doors to our very own Thrift Shop. Our shop will be located on the first floor of our Business building. More information to be announced soon...

For more information:

**American Italian Heritage Museum
1227 Central Ave, Albany, NY 12205
(518) 435-1979**

<http://www.americanitalianmuseum.org>

New Russian Cultural Center



For more information:

<http://www.newrussiacycenter.org/>

Turkish Cultural Center

For more information:

<http://www.turkishculturalcenter.org/category/tcc-albany/>

Turkish Cultural Center Albany
291 Broadway, Menands, NY 12204

**Updates On The
Future Leaders Exchange
Program**

(FLEX)

**FLEX students attended a session on
Environmental Awareness at the Albany
Pine Bush Preserve on Saturday, March 15.**

**Turkish Cuisine and Culture
(in collaboration with the Turkish
Cultural Center-Albany)**

Saturday, April 26th

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Instructed by

Chef Yono Purnamo

Venue: Celtic Hall, 430 New Karner Road,
Colonie

Cost: \$50

**Growing and Utilizing an Herb Garden
(in collaboration with Cornell
Cooperative Extension)**

Thursday, May 8th

6:00 – 7:30 PM

Venue: Albany Visitor Center, 25
Quackenbush Square, Albany

Cost: \$10

Space is limited.

Call (518) 708-7608 for reservations.



University at Albany Events

**PRESENTED BY
THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC**

Meet Soprano Amanda Boyd

When: Saturday, April 26, 2014

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Where: Performing Arts Center (Recital
Hall) Main Campus

Cost: Free admission

See: [www.albany.edu/pac/music_dept.shtml?
tab=tab4](http://www.albany.edu/pac/music_dept.shtml?tab=tab4)

Description: The soprano offers a master
class and participates in a meet-the-artist
session.

Soprano Amanda Boyd in Recital

When: Sunday, April 27, 2014 7:00 PM

Where: Performing Arts Center (Recital
Hall) Main Campus

Cost: \$10 general public / \$5 students,
seniors & UAlbany faculty-staff

See:
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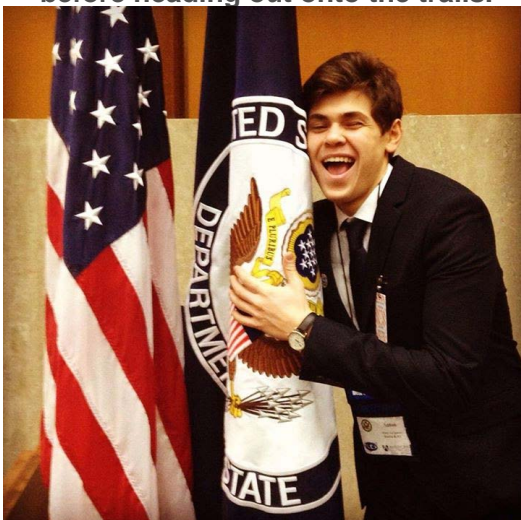
Description: Hailed by critics as one of
Britain's "rising stars" with a voice described
as "resplendent," "sweet-toned," "brilliant,"
"impressive," "glorious and outstanding,"
this soprano, accompanied by Michael
Clement, presents selections from her
repertoire of art song and arias.

Victoria von Arx, piano

When: Monday, April 28, 2014 7:00 PM



Here Anton and Yuliya are pictured with Environmental Educator Amanda Dillon before heading out onto the trails.



Heatly High School FLEX student Anton Asylgareyev from Russia was honored to have been selected to participate in a week long Civic Education Workshop in Washington, DC run by the American Councils on International Education. He was one of 100 attendees out of 520 applicants. Congratulations, Anton! Here he is at the U.S. Department of State



If you are interested and available to provide a meal in your home to an international visitor(s), we would appreciate hearing from you. You

Where: Performing Arts Center (Recital Hall) Main Campus

Cost: \$8 general public / \$4 students, seniors & UAlbany faculty-staff

See:

www.albany.edu/pac/music_dept.shtml?tab=tab4

Description: The pianist performs solo works by Beethoven, Chopin and Debussy.

Contact: Performing Arts Center Box Office (518) 442-3997 www.albany.edu/pac

School of Public Health International Night

When: Thursday, April 3, 2014 4:00 PM

Where: East Campus George Education Center

Cost: Free

Description: The School of Public Health's annual international night features international food, and cultural performances. A charitable raffle will benefit "Stomp Out Malaria" projects being carried out by current SPH students serving in the US Peace Corps.

Contact: School of Public Health (518) 402-0283 <http://www.albany.edu/sph/>

Film Screening Events:

The Docks of New York (Silent Film Screening with Live Musical Accompaniment)

When: Friday, April 4, 2014

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Description: Directed by Josef von Sternberg (United States, 1928, 76 minutes, b/w) Silent with live musical accompaniment by Mike Schiffer Starring George Bancroft, Betty Compson, Olga Baclanova In this 1928 masterpiece directed by Josef von Sternberg, a steamboat stoker working on the New York City waterfront saves a woman who has jumped off a pier into the briny water below attempting to commit suicide. The selfless act changes his life forever.

Honey (Miele) screenwriter Francesca Marciano

When: Friday, April 11, 2014

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Description: Directed by Valeria Golino (Italy, 2013, 96 minutes, color, in Italian with English subtitles)

An official selection at Cannes, HONEY is the story of Irene, an "assisted suicide activist" who performs illegal services to assist the terminally ill. She faces a painful

could invite a neighbor or friend to assist both for conversation and to help provide food and/or transportation. The usual arrangement is to have the host pick the guests up in the lobby of the Hampton Inn in downtown Albany at 6 pm and return them there later that evening. The dinner need not be fancy, just a typical weeknight supper in an American home for casual conversation and a more relaxed atmosphere for cross-cultural exchange over food and drink.

Specifically, we are looking for volunteers willing to host two or three men from Iraq on Wednesday, April 23rd. They are part of a group of ten Iraqi government officials who will be here on the topic of Transparency in State Government. Also, it is possible that we will need dinner hosts for our three other delegations in April.

In addition, we have been given a wonderful opportunity to host a group from Kosovo for a week, June 20 to 28, on urban planning and economic development. We need to find overnight accommodations for them that week in American homes. Could you house one or more of these guests for part or all of that week?

Please call the office (518) 708-7608.

**Many International
Visitors Expected in the
Capital Region during
April with groups from:**

- Project Topic/Country**
- Effective Anti-Smoking Measures/Russia**
- Transparency in
Federal State and Local Gov./Iraq**
- Promoting Transparency, Accountability and
Ethics/Armenia**
- Women and Justice/Multi-Regional**



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www.worldaffairscouncils.org

dilemma when a healthy man requests her help in ending his life. Oscar-nominated screenwriter Francesca Marciano will provide commentary and answer questions immediately following the screening.

Sweet Dream

When: Friday, April 25, 2014
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Description: (Rwanda/United States, 2012, 89 minutes)

This moving documentary follows a group of Rwandan women who, in the aftermath of the 1994 genocide, form the country's first all-female drumming troupe, and open the country's first ice cream parlor, with the help of the Brooklyn-based Blue Marble Ice Cream Company. Award-winning director Rob Fruchtmann, who co-directed with his sister Lisa, will speak after the screening.

For all the film screening events:

Where: Page Hall Downtown Campus

Cost: Free

Contact: New York State Writers Institute
(518) 442-5620 www.albany.edu/writers-inst/

Novelist Robert H. Patton Reading

When: Tuesday, April 29, 2014
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Where: Campus Center Assembly Hall

Cost: Free

See: www.albany.edu/writers-inst

Description: Robert H. Patton, novelist, historian, grandson of legendary World War II General George S. Patton, is the author most recently of Hell Before Breakfast (2014), a history of American war journalism in the 19th century, from the Civil War and Spanish American War to conflicts in Europe and Asia. He is also the author of the acclaimed, bestselling memoir, The Pattons: A Personal History of an American Family (1994), a revealing account of the quirky personality of his famous grandfather.

Contact: New York State Writers Institute
(518) 442-5620 www.albany.edu/writers-inst/



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Glenn Cunningham

Organization:

Dan Stone
Jagat Patel

Well-wisher:

Hon. Katherine Sheehan
James P. Walsh

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Membership offers you a discount on many of the events we sponsor and an opportunity to support global education and exchange in our local area.

The annual fee is

\$35 Individual/Household

\$50 Friends

\$100 Organization

\$200 and up Benefactors

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