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October 16 WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN PHILHARMONIC

Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic will collaborate with NOVA Community Chorus and Kathy Harty Gray Dance Theater to perform Bernstein's Candide Overture and Chichester Psalms, De Falla's Three Cornered Hat and a new Kaleidoscope work by Johathan Kolm (world premiere). Bishop Ireton High School, Whaley Auditorium, 201 Cambridge Rd. 3 p.m. \$

October 16

DNE + ONE, TWICE THE FUN, A CONCERT BY VIRGINIA BRONZE Playing duets is so exciting that Virginia Bronze welcomes the Westminster Ringers of Maryland in a program featuring music for two ensembles as well as works for each individual group. Virginia Bronze and Westminster Ringers, auditioned community handbell ensembles, perform original and arranged secular concert music on handbells and handchimes. George Washington Masonic Memorial Auditorium, 101 Callahan Dr. 4 p.m. \$

October 22

THE GREAT MOUSEQUERADE BALL AT GADSBY'S TAVERN MUSEUM Families with kids ages 4-7 can enjoy a reading of Alexander the Old Town Mouse by author Cheryl Barnes followed by a book signing, then create a mask and enjoy a ball. Costumes welcome but not required. 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Reservations recommended. \$





October 22&23 FALL HARVEST FAMILY DAYS AT MOUNT VERNON The entire family enjoys autumn activities including wagon rides, demonstrations, a straw-bale maze, blacksmithing, apple-roasting, games and music. George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. \$

October 23

QUINTANGO'S AUTUMIN CABARET QuinTango's world-renowned musicians bring passion, sizzle to the elegantly cool Carlyle Club. Cabaret show followed by dancing. Wine, hors d'oeuvre, tango lesson included. Intimate seating, space limited. Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St. 4-7 p.m. \$

ART ON THE ROCKS

Art on the Rocks is an art-inspired cocktail competition hosted by The Art League. During this festive event, several local mixologists will each select a work of art from the October juried exhibit as inspiration to whip up a creative cocktail. Ticket holders may sample the cocktails and vote for their favorite. Must be 21 or older to attend. The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. 6:30 - 8 p.m. \$

October 29 DEATH COMES TO CARLYLE HOUSE

Learn about 18th-century mourning practices. The highlight is the reenactment of John Carlyle's 1780 funeral and a ghost tour through Old Town is included. 7-9 p.m. \$

October 30 DIA DE LOS MUERTOS: THE ART OF REMEMBRANCE The Torpedo Factory Art Center presents a Day of the Dead celebration

featuring an art exhibition of altars, a masquerade ball with a prize for best costume, and fantastic musical performances. 7-11 p.m. Free!

October 30 GHOST TOURS AT LEE-FENDALL HOUSE MUSEUM & GARDEN

Join us for this special Halloween event, fresh on the heels of the recent "Ghost Hunters" on SyFy appearance. Visitors will take a candlelight tour of the

museum. Tours will highlight the ghost stories and creepy history of the Lee-Fendall House. 8-10 p.m. Reservations suggested. \$



Nevember 30

Returning for a fifth year, this film festival includes shorts, features, animation, and documentaries. Held at various locations throughout Alexandria. \$



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September 10-11 KING STREET FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS First-class outdoor art gallery with over 200 artists and \$15 million in artwork for sale. King Street between Union and Washington streets. Don't miss the Alexandria Art Experience, a local village of the festival featuring hands-on activities, artist demonstrations, and a sale of artist-made ceramic ice cream bowls, presented by The Art League

September 10&11

10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat.;

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. Free!

CHILDREN IN THE CHURCH YARD Family friendly activities, rest area and Moon Bounce. Christ Church, 118 N. Washington St. 1-4 p.m. Free!

and the Torpedo Factory Art Center.



September 17&18 COLONIAL MARKET & FAIR AT MOUNT VERNON

Colonial-attired artisans demonstrate 18th-century crafts and sell their wares, plus sightseeing cruises along the Potomac! George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. \$

September 25

The EcoVoce Ensemble and Friends of Huntley Meadows Park present "Inspired by Nature," a concert program of music and multimedia on the theme of nature. Soprano Denise Freeland, flutist Susan Hayes, and pianist Narciso Solero take audiences on a musical journey, performing innovative interpretations of songs about butterflies, global warming, birds, and other aspects of nature. Huntley Meadows Park Visitors Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. 3 p.m. \$

September 25 70™ ANNUAL TOUR OF HISTORIC HOMES

Tour six of the city's most beautifully restored and decorated homes in the heart of Old Town. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. \$

September 30 - October 2 MOUNT VERNON'S FALL WINE FESTIVAL & SUNSET TOUR These evenings highlight our Founding Fathers' wine endeavors with samples

Factorers wine endeavors with samples of award-winning wine, live blues, reenactments and wine-cellar tours at George Washington's home. 6-9 p.m. Reservations required. \$



ART ON THE AVENUE The 16th annual festival includes over 325 juried artists stretched along 10 blocks of Del Ray's Mount Vernon Avenue with three stages for music plus American and ethnic food and numerous kids activities. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free!

October 8

ALEXAMDRIA ARTS SAFARI AT THE TORPEDO FACTORY ART CENTER An annual festival of hands-on arts and crafts activities for kids and their families. Including an open house at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum. 105 N. Union St. Noon-4 p.m. Free!

October 8&9

TURTLE ISLAND STRING QUARTET WORLD PREMIERE For its season opening concert, the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra welcomes two members of the renowned and innovative Turtle Island String Quartet, David Balakrishnan on violin and Mark Summer on cello. Each will perform two of Mr. Balakrishnan's original compositions, Little Mouse Jumps and the world premiere of Force of Nature. Led by Maestro Kim Allen Kluge, the concert will conclude with a performance of Berlioz's dramatic Symphonie Fantistique. Schlesinger Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Oct. 8 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 9 at 3 p.m. \$

October 9&10 WEST END ART

This new festival will transform Cameron Station and Ben Brenman Park into a spectacular destination event featuring more than 90 juried artists and crafters; 25 crafters; culinary delights from 15 ethnic restaurants; a wine garden starring award-winning DelFosse Vineyards and Winery; local entertainment; children's activities, and more. Cameron Station Blvd., Sat. 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free! Wine Garden \$





September - October

Kaleidoscope quilts by the finest national and regional quilters who embrace this art form. These quilts were originally hung at Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg, VA. Donations will be accepted for the benefit of the Virginia Quilt Museum. Alexandria City Hall, Vola Lawson Lobby, 301 King St. Free!



September 1

FIRST THURSDAY IN DEL RAY Enjoy live music and family-friendly activities that make this festival reminiscent of small-town USA. Mount Vernon Avenue. 6-9 p.m. Free!

September 2 - October 2

RETAKES AND TRANSFORMATIONS: ART FROM EVERYDAY LIFE An art exhibition presented by Del Ray Artisans members taking a close look at everyday life - delving into habits, routines, favorite things and surroundings - giving familiar items new life throughart. Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Thurs-Sun, 7-10 p.m. Free!

KALEID BCOPE

Look for Kaleidoscope events an initiative of the Alexandria Arts Forum and Access Through the Arts, focusing on visual and performing arts in Alexandria from Labor Day to Hallowsen. Visit us online for complete event listings and details!

KEY TO FALL EVENTS:

Kaleidoscope Events

Series Fail Arts Jubilee Events

September 8 & October 13 SECOND THURSDAY ART NIGHT

The Torpedo Factory Art Center stays open until 9 p.m. with gallery receptions, activities and refreshments. 105 N. Union St. Free!

September 10-30

14TH ANNUAL KALEIDOSCOPE SHOW The Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area's best source (year round) for quality kaleidoscopes. Special kaleidoscopes available during the show only, Arts Afire Glass Gallery, 1117 King St. Free!

September 10 - October 1 "RABBIT HOLE"

Mourning a deceased child is unbearably sad, but not mourning that child is even worse. The Little Theatre of Alexandria continues its long tradition of powerful dramas with this challenging Pulitzer-prize winning play about the different ways a couple overcomes the accidental death of their child. This delicate and poignant exploration of blame and grief will captivate you. 600 Wolfe St. 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. \$

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September 10 "AUTUMN SERENADE" BY THE ALEXANDRIA SINGERS

"Autumn Serenade," presented by the Alexandria Singers, the Washington area's "Premier Pops Chorus," features exciting selections of American popular music, including Broadway, film, jazz and pop; from Sinatra's "Come Fly With Me" to Toto's "Africa!" Engaging choreography and great accompanying instrumentalists are hallmarks of the Singers. The Singers welcome featured guests including ensembles from the Alexandria Harmonizers and DC's Singing Capital Chorus, two of the area's top a cappella organizations and Karen Reedy Dance. Market Square, 301 King St. 5-7 p.m. Free!

September 10

The Washington Balalaika Society orchestra performs the rich musical heritage of Russia on traditional instruments and in costume. An ensemble of orchestra musicians performing on Russian folk instruments, balalaikas and domras, will present a program replicating the "shimmering" sound found in the communes and cities of Russia. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. 7:30 p.m. \$

September 10 ART ACTIVATED AT THE **TORPEDO FACTORY ART CENTER**

Visual art comes alive at the Torpedo Factory during the King Street Festival of the Arts. Cool off from the street fair and rejuvenate with refreshments at the Art Lounge, then shop for local artwork and meet the artists in open studios and galleries. Let your creative side play with hands-on projects and demonstrations, and win big with a Q-ART Code Scavenger Hunt. Noon - 4 p.m. Free!



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