

Community Calendar: February 2006

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ONGOING...

Art

Art exhibit: Joshua Winer
Through Mar 2 Mon, Tues, Thurs 10am-6pm, Wed 10am-8pm, Fri-Sat 10am-5pm Though Boston knows Joshua Winer's work as a local muralist best, he has spent much of the last six years creating artwork in and around Chateau Picomtal, in Embrun, France. The French Library exhibit will focus on this painted decoration with numerous photos showing the ongoing work inside the castle. The French Library and Cultural Center, 53 Marlborough Street, Boston FREE

Document: Contemporary Social Documentary Work from Greater Boston

Through Mar 26 Tue, Wed, Fri 10am-6pm Thu 10am-8pm Sat-Sun 12-5pm The show blends art and activism, spotlighting a new generation of local documentary photographers by considering a diversity of Boston related issues. Photographic Resource Center, 832 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston FREE

Fountain Street Studios—Gallery Reception and Show
Feb 17-Mar 25 9:30am-5pm 15 artists from Fountain Street show a vibrant mixture of work, including paintings, prints, photographs and paper cuts, at The Tower Gallery, Framed In Time (in the Saxonville Mills), 2 Central Street, Framingham FREE

The Locals: III

Through Mar 11 Saturdays 12-5pm Maldonians Kely Bird, Michelle Steve McCauley, Carolina Pachon, John Rodzvilla, and Bartek Walicki are the five artists showing their paintings, drawings, etchings, fabric works, collage works and mixed medium work at the LOCALS: III exhibit. artSpace@16, 16 Princeton Road, Malden FREE

Mosaic Expressions: The Views of Seven Artists

Through Feb 25 on Saturdays 12-5pm Gallery exhibition of seven New England mosaic artists. Washington Street Art Center, 321 Washington Street, Somerville FREE

On the Edge: Chinese Artists Encounter the West and "Any Opinions?"

Opening Feb 15 A groundbreaking exhibition featuring experimental work from the 1980s through 2004 by 12 of China's leading avant-garde artists, and Xu Bing: "Any Opinions?" a site-specific lobby installation. The Davis Museum, Wellesley College, 106 Central Street, Wellesley FREE

"Once upon a time..." Drawings and photographs by Georgia Bellas
Through March 1 Mon-Fri 8am-7:30pm Sat-Sun 9am-6pm "Once upon a time..." The phrase brings to mind princesses and castles, enchantments, curses, and spells cast or broken—a dreamtime. Those four small but powerful words can still transport us to other worlds—times long ago, yet timeless; places far away, yet close at hand. Holyoke Center Exhibition Space, 1350 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge FREE

Past in Reverse: Contemporary Art of East Asia
Through Mar 12 Tues, Thurs-Sat 10am-5pm Wed 10am-9pm Sun 12-5pm This major group exhibition features twenty important established and emerging artists from China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. It provides American museum visitors with a rare and extensive look at work from several vital artistic communities in Asia that are quickly gaining a foothold on the world's cultural stage. Hood Museum of Art, Wheelock Street, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH FREE

The Printed Image: A National Non-Toxic Printmaking Exhibit
Through Mar 3 Mon-Fri 9am-6pm Sat 10am-5pm Artists from all over the nation are participating in this celebration of advances in printmaking. Prints exhibited in this show were made by founders and leaders in new, health-conscious and environmentally minded techniques. Redbrick Art Center, 95 Rantoul St, Beverly FREE

Shintaro Miyake Presents Beaver No Seikatsu

Through Mar 18 Mon-Sat 10am-6pm MassArt features Shintaro Miyake in his first U.S. exhibition and debuting his first "documentary" film. One of Japan's rising contemporary art stars, Miyake is a multi-disciplinary artist who creates graphic, fantastical and enveloping universes inhabited by friendly cuddly beings. Sandra and David Bakalar Gallery, 621 Huntington Avenue, Boston FREE

The Thread Counts Project

Through Mar 11, Public Reception, Feb 24, 2pm-8pm The hub of this project, hosted at GASP Gallery, and a virtual gallery, includes works by artists, designers, and collaborative teams from the U.S. and abroad. 362 Boylston Street, Brookline 617-731-2500 FREE

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Wake Up Call

Through Feb 28 10am-5pm Relentless and vibrant color, revealing the Real and the Surreal. Romina Diaz Brarda, Jeff Grassie, Marjorie Kaye, and Dan Perez present paintings and drawings. Gallery 181, 181 Canal Street, Lawrence FREE

Festivals

The 18th Annual 2006 Newport Winter Festival

Feb 17-26 With over one hundred and fifty individual events, this Festival has become "New England's largest winter extravaganza." Horse-drawn hayrides, sand sculptures, a Chili Cook-Off, city-wide Scavenger Hunt, an Ice Sculpting Competition, a Children's Fair, a Pizza Cook-Off and Concerts are among the exciting events that will captivate you. www.newportevents.com/winterfest/ for button information



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Winter Kids Fest

Feb 17-26 9:30am-4pm On Presidents' Day, celebrate the nation's first president the way early New Englanders would have—with toasting and dancing. Take a horse-drawn sleigh or wagon ride. Bring skates and take a spin on the ice skating area (daily conditions posted online). Spend some time in Kidstory, the museum's learning gallery for children. Warm up by the fire with some mulled cider and hear tales of early New England. Old Sturbridge Village, Route 20, Sturbridge, MA Free-\$10

Music/dance

Boston Conservatory Dance Theatre

Feb 16-18 8pm The award-winning Boston Conservatory Dance Theatre, Yasuko Tokunaga Artistic Director, presents a winter program of Mikhail Fokine's Les Sylphides, and two world premieres by Luis Fuente and Sean Curran. Performances take place at The Boston Conservatory Theater, 31 Hemenway Street, Boston. Box Office: 617-912-9222 \$5-16

Dave Holland Jazz Masterclasses

Feb 14-15 1pm Botolph Hall. This year Dave Holland was named a New England Conservatory Visiting Artist-in-Residence, and offers these masterclasses as part of a weeklong residency that includes a concert of his works on Feb 16 in Brown Hall. New England Conservatory, Boston FREE

Emerson Dance

Feb 17 8pm Feb 18 2pm Celebrate the final Emerson Dance concert in the Cutler Majestic Theatre at Emerson College with Guest Artist David Dorfman. 219 Tremont Street, Boston \$9-21

Slaughter on Tenth Avenue

Feb 16-18 8pm The Wheaton College Dance Company performs under the direction of Assistant Professor of Theatre Cheryl Mrozowski. Weber Theatre, Watson Fine Arts, Wheaton College, East Main Street, Norton \$5

Science

Hibernation Celebration

Feb 20-24 11am-3pm Head to the zoo during February school vacation week to escape cabin fever and have a wild time. Find out how different animals deal with the cold winter months through interactive displays, craft activities and live "animal interviews." Free with zoo admission. For more information, visit www.rogerwilliamsarkzoo.org or call 401-785-3510. Roger Williams Park Zoo, Providence, RI

Winter Break Scavenger Hunt

Feb 20-24 9am-5pm Search for clues to our secret message while you learn about the many ways people and animals survive in the snowy weather. For more information, call 617-495-2341. Harvard Museum of Natural History, 26 Oxford Street, Cambridge

Theatre/Film

Brattle Theatre Film Features

Repertory Series: Feb 12-16 Great Romances. For more information go to www.brattlefilm.org \$7.50-9

A Night of One Acts

Feb 17-18 8pm Washington Street Players presents two One Act comedies: Central Park West by Woody Allen, and The Butleress by Nick Stoller. Holliston Upper Town Hall, 703 Washington Street, Holliston \$10-15

The Orphan Train

Feb 16-18 7:30pm Feb 19 3pm This dramatic and poignant story told by one of America's premiere family playwrights, Aurand Harris, recounts the historic but little known Orphan train movement that was an attempt to solve the problems of child homelessness and abandonment that took place at the turn of the century. Fire House Center for the Arts, One Market Square, Newburyport. \$8-10 available at www.firehousecenter.com

Puppet Showplace Theatre

Feb 15-16 10:30am The Singing Turtle Feb 18-19 1pm 3pm The Magic Trunk Feb 20 1pm 3pm Sing-A-Long With Nappy's Puppets 32 Station Street, Brookline \$9.50

14th Tuesday

Valentine's Day

9am or 12:45pm Have an old-fashioned Valentine's Day at the Museum. Bring in a shoe or cereal box to decorate and make special cards for your favorite Valentines. Enjoy sweet Valentine treats! Wenham Museum, 132 Main Street, Wenham \$6/members, \$12/non-members. One adult free with child. For more information, call 978-468-2377

Collage of Love

10am Roses are reds and violets are blue, join us today to make a collage or two. At the Children's Discovery Museum, The Discovery Museums, 177 Main Street, Acton \$8

Carmen Konzem

3pm Carmen Konzem, distinguished alumna from the Berklee School of Music, will perform "La Vie en Rose," a special collection of songs penned by the legendary Edith Piaf. Boylston Place at Chestnut Hill, 615 Heath Street, Chestnut Hill, MA FREE

Chocolate Chemistry

3 to 4:30 p.m. Melt it, pour it, dip it, mold it, taste it! Explore the chemical and physical properties of different chocolates as you make your own box of chocolate creations to take home. Learn the fascinating history of chocolate - from the royal drink of the Mayans to popular Valentine's Day gift around the world. Children's Discovery Museum. 177 Main Street, Acton \$12/members; \$15/non-members. Please pre-register by Feb. 7 at 978-264-4200 x10



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Valentine's Day Seniors' Singalong

3pm David Polansky's Senior Singalong Cabaret uses his keyboard, trumpet, and voice, to perform the music of George M. Cohan, Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Hoagy Carmichael and a host of others, getting the audience involved in singing, clapping, answering questions and, occasionally dancing. Parker Hill Branch Library, 1497 Tremont Street, Roxbury FREE

Homage to Schoenberg

8pm John Heiss leads the New England Conservatory Contemporary Ensemble in works by Arnold Schoenberg, including Transfigured Night with the Parker String Quartet and guests, and Ode to Napoleon, Op. 41 with baritone Adam Menninga, narrator. Jordan Hall, Gainsborough Street, Boston FREE

15th Wednesday

Preschool Story Hour:

Who Lives in the Snow?

10-11am If you are between the ages of three and five, bring your favorite adult for a thematic hour of a story, an activity, and a naturalist-led walk. \$7/members, \$10/non-members. Fee covers adult/child pair; \$2 per additional child. Broad Meadow Brook Conservation Center and Wildlife Sanctuary. 414 Massasoit Road, Worcester

Black History Month Program:

Brother Rumas

10:30am Master storyteller and musician Brother Rumas will teach children about Black History Month. Lower Mills Branch Library, 27 Richmond Street, Dorchester FREE

ArtBreak: Gallery Talk

12-1pm Renowned artist Samuel Bak discusses his work on view in the current exhibition, The Art of Samuel Bak: Memory and Metaphor in The Art Gallery, Paul Creative Arts Center, University of New Hampshire, 30 College Road, Durham, NH FREE

Senior Singalong Cabaret with

David Polansky

2pm David Polansky's Senior Singalong performs the music of George M. Cohan, Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Hoagy Carmichael, and others, getting the audience singing, clapping and dancing. David will also try to stump the audience and they will try to stump him with requests for obscure songs. West Roxbury Branch Library, 1961 Centre Street FREE

Meet the Author:

Christopher Castellani

7:30-9pm Massachusetts Book Award winner, Christopher Castellani, discusses his new book, "The Patron of Lost Things," which is said to "skillfully capture the Italian immigrant experience at mid-20th century." Book-signing to follow presentation. Refreshments. Dover Public Library, 56 Dedham Street, Dover FREE

New England Conservatory

Sinfonietta

8pm The NEC Sinfonietta is conducted this evening by John Page. Celebrate Mozart at NEC in 2006. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Symphony. No. 34 in C Major, K.338 (with minuet K. 409)

Leonard Bernstein Overture to Candide
Dmitri Shostakovich Symphony No. 9
Paul Dukas The Sorcerer's Apprentice
Jordan Hall, Gainsborough Street, Boston FREE

Developing an eBay Business

6pm The workshop will cover basic concepts of eBay selling. It focuses on ideas for starting an eBay business or adding eBay to your current business. Preregistration is required. Mezzanine Conference Rm. (617-523-0860 or 617-287-7750). Boston Public Library, Copley Square, Boston FREE

16th Thursday

Story & Paint Time

10am We will be reading "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" and paint a polka-dotted bowl. For more information, call 978-538-0800. Fired To Perfection, Northshore Mall (foodcourt entrance, lower level) Rt. 114 & 128, Peabody \$10

Thursday Afternoon Films

1pm The Greatest Show on Earth, starring Betty Hutton, Cornel Wilde, Charlton Heston, and James Stewart (1952). West Roxbury Branch Library, 1961 Centre Street FREE

Being Julia

2pm 7pm Based on a novella by W. Somerset Maugham, this intoxicating combination of wicked comedy and smart drama stars Annette Bening in an Oscar-nominated performance as Julia Lambert, a beautiful and beguiling but also capricious and spoiled stage actress in 1930s London. Ellis White Lecture Hall, Fitchburg State College, 160 Pearl Street, Fitchburg \$5-7

Never Too Late Group

2pm Volare-Italian Passion. The Suave Ensemble performs Baroque masterpieces of song, cello, and harpsichord. Rabb Lecture Hall, Boston Public Library, Copley Square FREE

Black History Month Extravaganza

6pm A showcase of African fashions, African American dance and music. Authentic African clothing will be modeled. Parker Hill Branch Library, 1497 Tremont Street, Roxbury FREE

A Surreal Soiree

6-8pm Hosted by Maine College of Art students, circulate and immerse yourself in Surrealist poetry, music, and film. The Great Hall, Portland Museum of Art, 7 Congress Square, Portland, Maine \$15

Short Films by Independent Filmmakers of Color

6:30pm Glory (122 min. color. 1989). Rabb Lecture Hall, Boston Public Library, Copley Square, Boston FREE

Frances Moore Lappé Discusses Democracy's Edge

Local author and activist Frances Moore Lappé, author of bestselling "Diet for a Small Planet," will read from and discuss her latest work, "Democracy's Edge: Choosing to Save Our Country by Bringing Democracy to Life." Brookline Booksmith, 279 Harvard Street, Brookline FREE

3rd Thursday at the New Art Center

7pm Join us at the New Art Center for an evening of arts entertainment. We will host the film, "Basquiat," starring Jeffrey Wright, Benicio del Toro, David Bowie, & others. Refreshments will be available for your enjoyment. New Art Center, in Newton, 61 Washington Park, Newtonville FREE

New England Conservatory Wind Ensemble

8pm NEC's Wind ensembles perform music of five centuries. This season Charles Peltz leads NEC Wind Ensemble concerts featuring music and composers vital to Boston: works that have been embraced by Boston musicians, and works by Boston composers. Jordan Hall, New England Conservatory, Gainsborough Street, Boston FREE

17th Friday

For the Birds

10am Learn about the winter birds of Massachusetts. Create a natural bird-feeder to hang outside a window at home and enjoy bird-watching throughout the winter. At the Children's Discovery Museum. The Children's Museum, 177 Main Street, Acton \$8

MOBIUS Performance Night at The Distillery Gallery

8pm Featuring Performances by Dirk Adams, Milan Kohout, and Mary Novotny-Jones in The Distillery, a vibrant community of artists, artisans, and small businesses located in a beautiful mid 19th century converted rum distillery building which has been in operation for more than twenty years. 516 East Second Street, South Boston FREE

18th Saturday

Meet Clifford the Big Red Dog

10:30am Take a picture with everyone's favorite big red dog. For more information, call 508-966-1933. Barnes & Noble Bookstore, 270 Hartford Avenue, Bellingham FREE

The Bullock Brothers

2pm A performance by this group, formed in

1950, features powerful singing of the gospel songs passed on through three generations. Hyde Branch Library, 35 Harvard Street, Hyde Park FREE

Blues

8pm Paul Garemia has built a reputation as a first rate bluesman and songwriter, and is one of the best country blues fingerpickers, ever. Appearing with Paul as his special guest, the gutsy voice and blues harp of Diane Blue. The Center for Arts in Natick, 14 Summer Street, Natick \$16

Shostakovich and Bernstein

8pm Concerto Competition Winner Andrew Wolinsky, cello, is featured with the Tufts Symphony Orchestra as they perform Shostakovich's "Cello Concerto in E-flat." The Tufts Chorale joins the TSO to present Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms." Tufts University Aidekman Arts Center, Cohen Auditorium, 15 South Campus Road, Bedford \$2-10

19th Sunday

Jazz Breakfast: Marlene Daley

10:30am-12:30pm Enjoy breakfast from the Café while listening to jazz in the Great Hall. Portland Museum of Art, 7 Congress Street, Portland, Maine \$8

MIT Chantey Sing

1-4pm OPEN CHANTEY SING — bring your voice and join in! Come sing sea music and chantey with a room full of maritime enthusiasts, professional and amateur. MIT Museum, 265 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge FREE

Wonder Walk for Families—Hot Chocolate Hike

1-2:30pm Come explore nature and learn how to identify tracks in the snow and use your detective skills to observe nibbled twigs, nuts, and scat. On returning, enjoy a delicious cup of hot chocolate to warm up. For families with children 3 years and older. Advance registration is required. \$9/adults, \$7/children. For more information, call 978-887-9264. Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary, 87 Perkins Row, Topsfield

Sunday Concert Series

1:30pm The Great Vivaldi Concertos: F Major for 2 oboes, bassoon, 2 horns, violin and orchestra, A minor for 2 violins and orchestra, D minor for oboe and orchestra, A Major for flute and orchestra, F Major for 2 oboes, bassoon, 2 horns, violin and orchestra. Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 280 The Fenway, Boston \$5-20

Free Artists' Panel Discussion at the Brookline Arts Center

3pm Brookline-based painter Manika Srivastava, artist Clara Wainwright, and video filmmaker Ann Carol Grossman ("Keep 'Em Flying," "Heading for Shore") will take part in a panel discussion at the Brookline Arts Center. 86 Monmouth Street, Brookline FREE

27th Annual Thomas A. Dorsey Gospel Jubilee

4pm Every winter at NEC, choir the stage of NEC's Jordan Hall in what The Boston Globe calls "a rousing tribute to the vitality of modern gospel." Come join us as we bring together music of spirit, praise, and worship within a context of learning and celebrate the diversity of gospel's spiritual, cultural, and musical traditions. Jordan Hall, Gainsborough Street, Boston 617-585-1260 \$15

20th Monday

Build It Up! — Block Party

9:30am-12:30pm Explore height, gravity, stability, and symmetry with both wooden and cardboard boxes. Create your own scene by adding our toy figurines and other props to your structure. At the Children's Discovery Museum. The Children's Museums, 177 Main Street, Acton. Free with museum admission \$8

National Engineers' Week Challenge

10am-2pm Celebrate National Engineers Week! Build a dome and discover the excitement of engineering. Try challenges and create and test your own designs. Take home ideas for additional engineering activities that you can do with simple materials. At the Science Discovery Museum, The Discovery Museums, 177 Main Street, Acton. Free with museum admission \$8

Presidential Pets: Animals in the White House

11am-3pm This President's Day learn all about the many varied, and sometimes plain wacky, animals that have made their homes at the most famous address in the U.S.—1600 Pennsylvania Ave.! Activities include crafts and a special election to vote one of Franklin Park Zoo's most beloved animals "President of the Zoo." For more info., call 617-541-LION Franklin Park Zoo, One Franklin Park Road, Boston

Stanley Kubrick's 2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY

7pm Partnering with The Museum of Science, Coolidge Corner Theatre presents Stanley Kubrick's masterpiece as part of their Science on Screen Series. Professor Marvin Minsky of MIT was an on-set advisor for the film and is the guest lecturer for the evening. Tickets may be purchased at the Box Office in advance or at www.coolidge.org \$7.50-9.50