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Give the Gift of OLLI

This holiday season you can give the gift of OLLI! Purchase a gift certificate for an upcoming academic session by emailing the OLLI office at olli@american.edu or calling us at 202-895-4860. Please note we can only process certificates for full session payment amounts.

Nominating and Elections Committee for OLLI's Board of Directors

In April, OLLI members will elect four members to the OLLI Board of Directors. The current Board of Directors has approved the following members for this year's Nominating and Elections Committee: Penny Hansen, Mark Nadel, Diana Jamieson, Lisa Leinberger, and Victor Rezmovic. The committee will begin its work in January to prepare a slate of four nominees for Board approval that will be placed on the ballot.

Last Day: Fall Feedback and SGL Gifts

Fall Feedback

Please take a few minutes to complete the anonymous [feedback form](#) about each of your fall study groups. The form is available on the [OLLI website](#) (go to Classes > Semesters/Minis > Feedback Form). You can also fill out a paper form located in each classroom (ask your SGR for one) and outside the OLLI office. Your feedback is an important part of being a member of a learning community. Whether the feedback praises an SGL for a job well done and/or offers constructive suggestions that might help the SGL, it is a demonstration of your support for our SGLs and OLLI program and is greatly appreciated. ***As always, if you have suggestions for improvement, please be mindful of stating them in a constructive and respectful manner.***

SGL Gifts

All of OLLI's Study Group Leaders are volunteers. Each academic session, we invite members to give them a gift in honor of all of the work they do to prepare and deliver their courses. This is completely voluntary. Members may give to their fall SGL(s) through today, December 9. Gifts can be made [online after logging on to your account on the OLLI website](#), or by mailing a check made payable to **OLLI at AU** with the course number(s) listed in the memo field. Members can give gifts to all of their Study Group Leaders in a single form and with a single credit card transaction. The OLLI office will collect all gifts, write a check to each SGL, and mail the check with any notes from members to the SGL(s).

Please note that SGL gifts are different than donations to OLLI. SGL gifts should not be submitted through the regular "Give" page. If you have questions, please contact the OLLI office.

Feedback and SGL Gifts will be accepted through close of business TODAY.

Volunteer to be a DJ for the Day

Three of OLLI's Music Study Group Leaders (Dan Moskowitz, Mark Stevens, and Larry Gondelman) are putting together a class for the spring semester and are seeking aspiring "DJs" to help out. Each week, a different person will present on four or five artists who have distinguished themselves due to their recognition by the Grammys. For example, Mark will cover four or five jazz musicians who, while not as well known as the big names in jazz, have nonetheless won a Lifetime Achievement Grammy. Larry will do the same for rock musicians.

This is also a great way for you to see if you would like to become an SGL on your own at some point. Or to simply play DJ for the day. You don't need to be an expert. All you need is a love for the artists and their music.

Below are the links to two listings of Grammy winners. Check them out and see if there are artists that you love, would like to learn more about, and would then like to share with other OLLI members. All genres are welcome.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grammy_Lifetime_Achievement_Award

<https://www.grammy.com/awards/hall-of-fame>

Any interested members should contact Larry Gondelman at larrygondelman@gmail.com.

AU Events

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY MUSEUM

Fall Schedule:

Saturday, September 10–Sunday, December 11

Friday–Sunday only

11:00 AM–4:00 PM

Fall exhibitions feature a contemporary ceramic group exhibition, portraits from the Corcoran Legacy Collection, work by local artists, and more. [View more information here.](#)

AU COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Sense and Sensibility

By Kate Hamill, based on the novel by Jane Austen

Directed by Karl Kippola

Studio Theatre, Katzen Arts Center, 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW

Thursday, December 8 and Friday, December 9

8:00 PM

Saturday, December 10

2:00 PM and 8:00 PM

Tickets: Free for AU students with ID, \$10 for alumni, staff, faculty, and senior citizens (55 and older), \$15 general admission.

This breezy and fun adaptation of Jane Austen's 1811 novel follows the Dashwood sisters on their journey toward love and happiness. Contrasting the good judgment and self-control of Elinor's "sense" with the impulsive, uncontrollable emotions of Marianne's "sensibility," this fast and fun theatrical experience embraces the comedy and romance of Austen's brilliant, complex women.

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