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## **FEBRUARY 8, 2019 OLLI NEWS**

### **Spring Registration**

Spring semester registration remains open and lottery day is quickly approaching! **The lottery is being held on Tuesday, February 12.** You have your best chances of getting the classes you desire by registering **before** lottery day. Be sure to do so by Monday evening, February 11, at the latest. Please note that changes have been made for a few Spring study groups. Visit the catalog updates page on our website under the Study Groups tab, or click [here](#).

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### **Join Us for a Day in Philadelphia!**

We will be hosting a trip to Philadelphia, PA to attend the annual Flower Show on **Saturday, March 9.** As the nation's largest horticultural event, there will be **amazing displays, competitions in floral arranging, gardening presentations, hands-on demonstrations, and a marketplace for shopping.** We will provide bus transportation from a meeting location where you can park your car for the day. **Departure will be at 8:00 AM, and return arrival approximately 6:00 PM.** To get more details and to register, please click [here](#).

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### **Spring Open House**

**We will be hosting an Open House for the Spring semester on Monday, February 18.** This event will go on from **10:00 AM - 11:30 AM in Room A on the first floor** of our location in the Spring Valley building at 4801 Massachusetts Avenue NW. The Open House serves as a welcome to OLLI and an overview of what we're all about. There will be snacks, and we will also have OLLI staff on hand to give new member tours. We hope to see you then, and bring a friend or anyone who may want to join OLLI!

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### **Grand Camp Survey**

OLLI is thinking about offering a late August week-long experience for grandparents and their grandchildren ages 6-12. This concept is still being developed, but we want to get a sense of interest for such a program and ask that **those who might consider taking advantage of such a program this coming summer to complete a brief survey that can be found [here](#)** or as a hard copy in the OLLI office. Many thanks!

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## Special Lecture by The Washington Ballet

**Please join Ballet Master Ruben Martin of The Washington Ballet on Wednesday, February 13, at 2:15 PM in Room A for a discussion on the company's upcoming debut of the full-length classic, *The Sleeping Beauty*.** Mr. Martin will provide a brief history of the timeless fairy tale and its characters and outline the different productions and interpretations of the 1890 choreography by Marius Petipa. He will also explain how The Washington Ballet's Artistic Director Julie Kent and Associate Artistic Director Victor Barbee have tailor-fit their production in size and scale for The Washington Ballet company. Their combined decades of personal experience with *The Sleeping Beauty* have given them a full understanding of the complexity of producing a ballet of this scope. **Dancers from The Washington Ballet's Studio Company will be on hand to demonstrate the technique and mimes associated with the choreography.** The program will close with questions and answers from Mr. Martin and the dancers. This program will enhance your understanding and enjoyment of this beloved story ballet. To register for this lecture, please click [here](#).

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## Coming Soon: Election of Board Members

**The Process.** In late spring, members will elect four Board members. Under OLLI's newly revised Bylaws (December 2018), a five-member Nominations and Elections Committee comprised of both Board and non-Board members will consult with OLLI members, in particular Board members and Committee chairs, and prepare a list of four nominees for Board approval that will be placed on the ballot.

In addition to the Board-approved list, members can self-nominate and run as "at-large" candidates with a petition signed by at least 10 OLLI members. All candidates, whether on the list or at-large, run as individuals, with the top four vote-getters being elected. At-large candidates should contact the Office to obtain the petition form and instructions on how to submit.

**Responsibilities.** In brief, the responsibilities of Board members are: attend Board meetings (usually no more than ten a year), actively participate in other meetings and activities involving OLLI business, support OLLI's development efforts, and, although not required but strongly encouraged, support the OLLI committee system by serving as chairs or as members. Members are elected for three-year terms and are limited to two terms except in exceptional circumstances. For more details, click [here](#).

**Timeline.** Following is a list of key dates and deadlines in the election process.

- *Mid-January.* The Nominations and Elections Committee begins consultations with members

to develop a list for candidates for Board approval. Interested members are also invited to recommend names directly to the Committee along with a brief paragraph on the candidate's background and qualifications and your reasons for supporting them. Send recommendations to [olli@american.edu](mailto:olli@american.edu). **COMPLETED**

- *February 4.* Deadline for interested members to submit recommendations to the Committee. **COMPLETED**
- *March 15.* The Board's approved list of candidates is sent to members.
- *April 8.* Deadline for at-large candidate to submit self-nomination petitions, complete with 10 supporting signatures, to the Office.
- *April 26.* OLLI annual meeting. Each candidate will be allowed 2-3 minutes to address the group.
- *April 26 - May 10.* Online voting takes place.
- *May 13.* Results of the election are announced.

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## **Kick-Off For Online Discussion: World Survival And Optimization**

**REMINDER:** FEBRUARY 11 BRIEFING BY ED ELMENDORF ON THE 17 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS OF THE UN.

This briefing will take place on Monday, February 11 at 11:00 AM in Room A of 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW. Please click [here](#) to register for the event. Mr. Elmendorf is the President Emeritus of the United Nations Association of the US. His presentation will be followed by a preview of our online discussion of the *17 Sustainable Development Goals* of the UN, and a light (and complimentary) lunch with discussion leaders at 12:30 PM.

The online discussion will take place from February 9 to March 3 as described here: [ONLINE DISCUSSION](#). All OLLI members are invited to participate.

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## **Upcoming Events at American University**

**NOTE:** For any AU-specific event, **please contact the sponsoring department directly.**

### **AU SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS**

***Reporter: A Conversation with Seymour Hersh***

**Wednesday, February 20, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

**AU McKinley Building - Doyle/Forman Theater**

Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative journalist and best-selling author Seymour Hersh joins Investigative Reporting Workshop Executive Editor Charles Lewis to talk about his 50-year career uncovering some of the U.S. government's biggest secrets — from the Vietnam War My Lai massacre to Watergate abuses of power to the Abu Ghraib torture and prisoner abuse scandal. The free program includes a reception and book-signing by the author of *Reporter: A Memoir*. Reservations recommended, to RSVP click [here](#). First come, first seated.

## **AU COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

***North American Premiere: Saltzman - A Choral Symphony: Halevi***

**Sunday, February 24, 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM**

**The National Presbyterian Church, 4101 Nebraska Avenue NW**

**\$5-\$15**

The combined forces of the AU Symphony Orchestra, Chorus, and Chamber Singers are joined by the Strathmore Children's Chorus and guest soloists Janice Meyerson and Rob McGinness to perform the North American premiere of Arnold Saltzman's *A Choral Symphony: Halevi*. For tickets, click [here](#).

## **THE AU MUSEUM AT THE KATZEN ARTS CENTER**

**Open Tuesday-Sunday, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

202-885-1300 | [museum@american.edu](mailto:museum@american.edu)

<https://www.american.edu/cas/museum/>

### ***Yoga in the Galleries***

**January 30 - March 13, April 10 - May 22, Wednesdays at 10:00 AM**

**\$10 per class, \$5 for museum members, free for associate level members**

A peaceful Kripalu yoga class. All practice levels welcome. To register, click [here](#).

### ***The Gifts of Tony Podesta***

**Curated by Klaus Ottmann and Jennifer Sakai**

**January 26 - March 17, 2019**

### ***Nancy at Ninety: A Retrospective of Form and Color***

**Curated by Claudia Rousseau**

**January 26 - March 17, 2019**

### ***Jiří Kolář (1914-2002): Forms of Visual Poetry***

**From the Collection of Museum Kampa, Prague**

**Curated by Aneta Georgievska-Shine**

**January 26 - March 17, 2019**

### ***Michael B. Platt + Carol A. Beane: Influences and Connections***

**Presented by the Alper Initiative for Washington Art**

**January 26 - March 17, 2019**

## **OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY**

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