

## Arts &amp; Entertainment

## Keene State College/Redfern Arts Center

## KSC Chamber Orchestra Celebrates American Composers

The Keene State College Chamber Orchestra, conducted by KSC artist-in-residence Don Baldini, performs a Celebration of American Composers on Friday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond. Admission is \$10 for the general public and \$5 for senior citizens, and youth ages 17 and younger. Tickets are available through the box office at 358-2168 or online at [www.keene.edu/racbp](http://www.keene.edu/racbp)

In honor of Keene State's Centennial Celebration, Pulitzer Prize winner Aaron Copeland's film score for Our Town, a piece with strong ties to the Monadnock Region, will be performed. Thornton Wilder wrote Our Town about a fictional

town, Grover's Corners, as a result of spending nine summers at Peterborough's MacDowell Colony in the 1920s. The orchestra will also play Fanfare for the Common Man, Copeland's musical tribute honoring those engaged in World War II, as well as two pieces from Rodeo, a beloved ballet that New York's choreographer and dancer Agnes de Mille frequently presented. Also among the favorites being performed are John Philip Sousa's Stars and Stripes, Leroy Anderson's The Syncopated Clock, Richard Rogers' Victory at Sea, Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story, and Stephen Sondheim's Send in the Clowns from the opera A Little Night Music.

## KSC Jazz Ensemble Performs Conductor's Favorites

The Keene State College Jazz Ensemble, conducted by artist-in-residence Don Baldini, presents My Favorite Tunes on Wednesday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond. Admission is \$10 for the general public and \$5 for senior citizens, and youth ages 17 and younger. Tickets are available through the box office at 358-2168 or online at [www.keene.edu/racbp](http://www.keene.edu/racbp)

Among Baldini's favorites on the program are the Gershwins' "Strike

Up the Band," Cole Porter's "Anything Goes," Jimmy Webb's "MacArthur Park," and "La Fiesta" by Chick Corea. Additional great tunes by Fats Waller, Gus Kahn, Chuck Mangione, Neil Hefti, and more will also be performed. Pete Grimaldi of Amherst, Mass., will be a featured soloist on trumpet and flugelhorn. Grimaldi is currently a member of the Amherst Jazz Orchestra in Amherst, Mass., and is a faculty member teaching trumpet at Holyoke Community College.

## Service Members 'Letters Home' Humanizes The War Experience

CONCORD — The deeply moving stories of U.S. service members in Iraq and Afghanistan are the subject of a powerful play coming to the Capitol Center for the Arts Thursday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m.

Griffin Theatre Company's Letters Home puts the wars front and center by bringing to life actual letters written by soldiers serving in the Middle East. The production was inspired by the New York Times Op-Ed Article, The Things They Wrote and the subsequent HBO documentary, Last Letters Home and additionally uses letters and correspondences from Frank Schaeffer's books, Voices From the Front, Letters Home From America's Military Family, Faith of Our Sons, and Keeping Faith.

The play, without politicizing, is designed to give audiences a powerful portrait of the soldier experience in the ongoing wars. The initial production last winter was critically acclaimed and was nominated for a Joseph Jefferson Award for "Outstanding New Play."

Letters Home also includes a small number of correspondences from parents — their words, being no less important. These letters were written under the most difficult of circumstances: the disorien-

tation of training, deployment, separation from family and loved ones and combat, and occupation duties in Afghanistan and Iraq.

At the conclusion of the play, the actors will lead a community discussion, and members of the New Hampshire military community have been invited to participate. Organizations that provide services to military families have been invited to set up displays in the Capitol Center lobby.

Admission for military families is complimentary, courtesy of the Citizens Bank Foundation. "We are extremely pleased to underwrite this compelling production," said Cathleen A. Schmidt, president, Citizens Bank. "At Citizens Bank, we take great pride in supporting colleagues who are called to active duty. This production is a poignant glimpse into the lives of our brave service men and women during the most challenging of times — combat. It is our honor to underwrite complimentary admission to this performance for military families."

Tickets are \$22.50 for adults and \$16.50 for students and seniors. To purchase tickets, contact the box office by phone: 225-1111 or online: [ccanb.com](http://ccanb.com).

## GSSO and Concord Chorale Bring Broadway to Concord

CONCORD - This May, the Granite State Symphony Orchestra is teaming up with the Concord Chorale for an evening of Broadway hits just in time for Mother's day. The concert, Broadway on Prince Street, will be held Saturday, May 9, 2009 at 8 p.m., at the Concord City Auditorium.

Conductors Ryan Turner, of the Chorale, and Robert C. Babb from the Orchestra will "share the podium" for the third collaboration between the two organizations. The Granite State Symphony Orchestra is the only professional orchestra in the capital region. The Concord Chorale is an more than 60 member auditioned vocal ensemble, dedicated to excellence in the performance of choral music for the cultural en-

richment and enjoyment of its audience and its members.

The May concert marks the final concert of the 2008-2009 regular season for both groups. It will feature the Orchestra accompanying the Chorale on many musical theatre favorites from Rodgers & Hammerstein including "Oklahoma," "Climb Every Mountain" and "You'll Never Walk Alone." In deference to the season, a performance of Leonard Bernstein's "Make Our Garden Grow" will conclude the concert.

A silent auction to benefit the Orchestra will be held before the concert and during intermission.

Tickets are available for purchase online at [www.gssso.org](http://www.gssso.org), by phone at 603-226-4776 and at Pompanoous Mills in downtown Concord.

## CURRIER MUSEUM OF ART May Schedule of Events

MANCHESTER — The art of best-selling author and illustrator David Macaulay comes to the Currier in the new exhibition Building Books: The Art of David Macaulay, on view through June 14. The exhibition includes over 100 original works of art, including illustrations from his highly acclaimed 2008 book The Way We Work, studies, sketchbook, models, manuscripts, and a video documentary about the artist. Also on view through May 10 are A Passionate Collector: Highlights from the Robert Cross Vergobbi Bequest and Function and Sculpture: Building a Ceramics Collection.

The museum's entrance is located at 150 Ash Street and parking is available in the new parking lot. Museum hours are Sunday, Monday, Wednesday - Friday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., open the first Thursday of each month 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., and closed Tuesday. To find more information and to register for programs, visit [www.currier.org](http://www.currier.org) or call 669-6144, x108.

## Public Guided Tours

Tours are offered daily, and highlight either the museum's collection or the current special exhibition. Public tours are free with museum admission. Building Books: The Art of David Macaulay tour times through June 14: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 12:30 pm. Welcome to the Currier: Highlights of the Collection tour times: Through June 14 - Every weekend: Saturdays at 11:30 am, and Sundays at 1 pm. After June 14 - Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 12:30 pm.

## Zimmerman House ticketed tours

Take a tour of the Zimmerman House and learn more about this Frank Lloyd Wright treasure! A Zimmerman House Tour provides visitors with a 90 minute tour of the house with information about the Zimmermans, life in the 1950s and 60s, and the architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright. Beginning Friday, April 3, these tours are offered Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 2 pm, Saturdays at 10:30 am and 12:30 pm; and Sundays at 11:30 am and 1:30 pm. Zimmerman House public tours are free for museum members.

Private Group Tours Full-length tours, or 1-hour, introductory "Highlights" tours of the house can also be scheduled throughout the week and on weekends.

## Spring School Vacation Week: Family Performance - Mike Morris

Friday May 1 at 1 pm  
Join guitarist, singer, and songwriter Mike Morris for this unique family performance! During school vacation week, all visitors can enjoy the museum, its collections and programs for free (the museum is closed on Tuesdays).

## ARTalk - The Way Painting Works

Sunday, May 3 at 2 pm  
This season's ARTalks are inspired by David Macaulay's book The Way Things Work. Today, get two inside perspectives on painting. Professional painter and Art Center Director Bruce McColl and Associate Curator Kurt Sundstrom will discuss both the physical and visual phenomena of this medium. Free with museum admission. No reservations required.

## Family Studio

Wednesday, May 6 from 2:30-4:30 pm  
Adults and children can drop by one of the museum studios to participate in an art-related activity and brief gallery talk about the "Artwork of the Day" May's Family Studio theme is "The Art of Architecture." This program is free with museum admission (children under 18 are always free).

## "The Four Seasons" at the Zimmerman House

Thursday, May 7 from 5-8 pm  
Music was a passion and great influence on Frank Lloyd Wright and his clients, Lucille and Isadore Zimmerman. "The Four Seasons" evenings at the Zimmerman House allow visitors

to share in this interest.

## First Thursday - The Way Beer Works

Thursday, May 7 from 5:30-7:30 pm  
David Macaulay forgot one thing in his book The Way Things Work—beer. Learn the basics of the way beer is commercially brewed from an expert from New Hampshire's leading craft brewery — Smuttynose Brewing Co. Take a museum tour titled "The Way Things Work: The Art of David Macaulay" at 5:30 pm, and then sample a variety of Smuttynose's distinctive beers from 6-7 pm. \$12 members, \$22 non-members. Reservations required, and this is a 21+ event.

## Focus Tour - Celebrating Mother's Day: Women in Art at the Currier

Friday, May 8 at noon  
Focus Tours offer visitors the opportunity to join docents and staff members in the galleries for an in-depth discussion of a particular theme, work of art, or artist.

## Family Saturday: Mother's Day Flowers

Saturday, May 9 from 11 am-2 pm  
Spend some quality family time at the Currier every second Saturday of the month. Participate in hands-on art activities, go on a guided family gallery walk (11:30 am), visit the Discovery Gallery, or use a family gallery guide. Museum admission is free from 10 am to 12 pm.

## Focus Tour - Celebrating Mother's Day: Women in Art at the Currier

Sunday, May 10 at 3 pm  
Focus Tours offer visitors the opportunity to join docents and staff members in the galleries for an in-depth discussion of a particular theme, work of art, or artist. These tours are scheduled periodically and are free with museum admission.

## Mother's Day with the Manchester Choral Society

Sunday, May 10, Concert at 2 pm, Tour at 3 pm  
Take mom to the Currier on Mother's Day for an afternoon of lunch, music, and art! At 2 pm the Manchester Choral Society will perform. The café will feature a special brunch menu with omelets, waffles, and mimosas. All moms will be treated to a free cup of coffee! \$10 members, \$20 non-members. Price includes the concert, museum admission, and the tour.

## Currier Museum Art Center Spring Classes

May 11 - June 15  
The Spring program at the Currier Museum Art Center offers art classes for students of all ages and abilities. The Art Center's Art Foundations for Children provides classroom art experiences for children from ages 2 to 10 through a largely multimedia approach, while ArtVentures for Preteens and Art School for Teens and Adults concentrate on the needs of older students through an emphasis on specific disciplines and materials.

## Family Studio

Wednesday, May 13 from 2:30-4:30 pm  
Adults and children can drop by one of the museum studios to participate in an art-related activity and brief gallery talk about the "Artwork of the Day" May's Family Studio theme is "The Art of Architecture." This program is free with museum admission.

## ARTalk - The Way the Zimmerman House Works

Saturday, May 16  
ARTalk at 1 pm, Zimmerman House Tours at 2:30 and 3:30 pm  
Join Hetty Startup, former Zimmerman House Site Administrator, as she discusses the nitty-gritty of the way the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed home works—aesthetically and physically.

## Currier Museum Art Center Child and Parent Workshop: A Day to Play in Clay - Picasso Pitchers

## Saturday, May 16 from 1-3 pm

Drawing in the Galleries  
Sunday, May 17 from 1-3 pm  
Enjoy drawing? Come to the Currier and sketch amongst the works of art on view. Art educators will be available to offer advice and encouragement. Pencils and paper will be provided, or bring your own. Free with museum admission. Children under 18 are free.

## Walking Tours with the Manchester Historic Association - The Way Manchester's Original City Plan Worked

Sunday, May 17 from 1:30-3:30 pm  
The Currier and the Manchester Historic Association present two walking tours of Manchester related to concepts in Building Books: The Art of David Macaulay.

## Family Studio

Wednesday, May 20 from 2:30-4:30 pm  
Adults and children can drop by one of the museum studios to participate in an art-related activity and brief gallery talk about the "Artwork of the Day" May's Family Studio theme is "The Art of Architecture." This program is free with museum admission

## New Parent Gallery Talk: May Flowers

Thursday, May 21 from 11 am-noon  
Has your new baby reduced your vocabulary to coos and other nonsensical words? These gallery talks are design for new parents (with baby in tow) to get a personalized tour of the museum. So pack up the baby stroller and stop by for some much needed adult conversation. Free with museum admission.

## Zimmerman House Focus Tour - Frank Lloyd Wright, the Zimmerman House, and the French Connection

Sunday, May 24 at 3 pm  
Focus Tours are designed for guests who have already visited the Zimmerman House and would like to examine specific, changing topics connected to the house, the Zimmermans, or the architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright.

## Storytime in the Gallery

Monday, May 25 at 11:30 am  
Looking for a way to introduce your preschooler to art? Come to the Currier for an art-related story read by Manchester City Library children's librarian Karyn Isleb followed by a gallery talk about the "Artwork of the Day". Recommended for ages 3 to 5, but all are welcome.

## Family Studio


Wednesday, May 27 from 2:30-4:30 pm  
Adults and children can drop by one of the museum studios to participate in an art-related activity and brief gallery talk about the "Artwork of the Day" May's Family Studio theme is "The Art of Architecture." This program is free with museum admission

## Currier Art Center Family Day to Play!

Saturday, May 30 from 1-5 pm  
Join us for a campus-wide day of family fun! Participate in hands-on art-making in the Art Center and Museum, reserve your seats early to view award-winning artist David Macaulay while he demonstrates his craft in the auditorium, walk through the galleries and view the Macaulay exhibition, dance with your kids to the sound of the Art Center's unofficial band the "Toe Jam Puppet Band," view and bid on special silent auction items, and more! All ticket proceeds fund the programs of the Currier Art Center. \$15 for all adults; \$5 children (under 18).

## ARTalk - The Way David Macaulay Works

Sunday, May 31 at 2 pm  
This season's ARTalks are inspired by David Macaulay's book The Way Things Work. Today, meet award-winning author illustrator David Macaulay as he discusses his techniques for explaining complex concepts through illustration. Book signing to follow.



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## Matchbook Cover Collection

Steve Weiner will be exhibiting a portion of his extensive matchbook cover collection at the Jaffrey Civic Center in the first floor Display Cases from April 17 through May 21.

The collection of matchbook covers numbers over 250,000 and are collected by category. Some of the categories are lobsters, Chinese and Mexican restaurants, pigs, horses, etc... The display in the Civic Center is a mere sampling of my collection. It will try to explain the history and development of matchbook covers in the US as well as the joy of collecting them. The covers themselves teach history — fashion, foods, hotel accommodations, transportation.

For more directions to or more information about the Center, call 532-6527 or [www.jaffreyciviccenter.com](http://www.jaffreyciviccenter.com).