

500,000 patrons later; Be a part of the film industry



Kellie Lambert McGuire Observing The Arts

Geraldine Ganezer of Southington got a huge surprise when she stepped up to the box office at Waterbury's Palace Theater recently.

Ganezer was greeted with tambourine music and a celebration announcing her as the winner of the venue's 500,000th patron contest. Ganezer, who was purchasing tickets to an April show featuring Itzhak Perlman, took home a few prizes with her lucky tickets: an overnight stay for four at the Holiday Inn/Coco Key Water Resort in Waterbury, two subscriptions to the Palace's 2010-2011 Broadway Series, gourmet dinner for two in the theater's exclusive Poli

Club, a \$100 gift certificate to one of the "G.R.E.A.T. (Gimme a Reason to Eat Around Town) restaurants, ten Palace Theater drink chits and a Palace Theater goodie bag.

For more information on the Palace and its schedule of performances, call (203) 346-2000 or online at www.palacetheaterct.org.

WANT TO BE IN PICTURES? Gov. M. Jodi Rell recently announced that the state will again offer its Connecticut Film Industry Training Program for residents seeking skills to work in the state's rapidly growing film industry.

This is the third time the state has offered the program, which is the first of its kind in the nation. The program trains people for entry-level work in the industry, with classes taught by motion picture professionals with experience and who are active members of the motion picture trade unions.

The 2010 program will be offered at Quinnipiac University in Hamden. Areas of specialization include assistant directing, location management, production office coordination, script supervision, lighting and grip, camera, sound, props and set dressing, set construction and wardrobe.



The French impressionist Edgar Degas will be the subject of a lecture at the Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington Sunday. Seen here is 'Dancers in Pink,' one of the artist's pieces in the Hill-Stead's collection.

At the end of the fourth week, graduating trainees will receive a certificate from the Office of Film, Television and Digital Media.

Upon completion of the program, certified trainees may receive up to five weeks of internship, working alongside producers and crew members on a project shooting in-state.

For more information, visit www.ctfilmworkforce.com.

SUNDAY TALKS: The Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington will host two

talks this weekend.

The "First Sunday" gallery talk, at 1 p.m. Sunday, will be titled "Dancers, Bathers & Race Horses: Degas' Favorite Subjects" and will discuss the techniques of French Impressionist Edgar Degas. The lecture is free with museum admission.

A garden lecture, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, will focus on "Lessons from the Master: Beatrix Farrand at Dumbarton Oaks." Gail Colmann Griffin, director of Gardens and Grounds at Dumbarton Oaks in

Washington, D.C., will share some lessons that modern-day gardeners can learn from Beatrix Farrand, one of the most influential designers of the early 20th century. The lecture and reception is \$8 for members and students, \$12 for non-members. A 12:30 p.m. lunch with a speaker and VIP seating at the lecture is \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members.

The Hill-Stead Museum is located at 35 Mountain Road in Farmington. Call (860)677-4787 ext. 120 or visit www.hillstead.org.

LOCAL BAND WINS BIG: Plantsville rock/blues band Tinted Blue recently won the Battle for New England competition. The group's scores also landed them in the No. 2 slot in the "Battle for America" standings. The winners were featured in a Direct TV program earlier this month.

The band features the talents of Michael Manware on guitar; Chris O'Connor on sax and vocals, Dennis La Duke on vocals and percussion; Steve Woods on drums and Harry John Masterbone on bass and vocals.

SUNSHINE IN WIN-TER: Seven Angels Theatre in Waterbury presents the Neil Simon classic "The

Sunshine Boys" through March 21. The comedy features an elderly pair of retired vaudevillians who were once popular on-stage, but off-stage fights led to their end. The pair agree to reunite for a television special, but it turns out they can't stand each other.

For tickets or more information, call the box office at (203) 757-4676 or visit www.sevenangelstheatre.org.

SOLVE A PROBLEM: The Children's Museum in West Hartford encourages children and their parents to take the "Hard Hat Challenge" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 12. The hands-on, family-friendly event will challenge guests to solve a number of engineering problems, using common materials to build everything from bridges to bobsleds.

Cost is \$8 for members, \$9 for non-members. The museum is located at 950 Trout Brook Dr. in West Hartford. Visit www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org or call (860) 231-2824.

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Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with some brass

By ELIO GUGLIOTTI
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The Bristol Brass and Wind Ensemble will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a concert.

The 45-member ensemble is scheduled to perform "Luck of the Irish" Sunday, March 14. The performance will be the ensemble's first ever concert to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

"I thought it would just be a good time of the year, especially going into to spring, to have a concert like this," said Rich Theriault,

musical director and conductor for the ensemble.

The show will have an Irish theme, including dancers from West Hartford's Coogan School of Irish Dance and bagpipers from the Manchester Regional Police and Fire Pipers. The ensemble will be performing several pieces of music from American composer Leroy Anderson, and tenor soloist Ken Ferris will lead the audience in a sing along as assistant ensemble conductor David Jackman conducts "Danny Boy."

"It's going to be everything but the green beer," Theriault said about the show.

The show, which is anticipated to last about an hour, is free and the ensemble will be accepting goodwill donations.

The Bristol Brass and Wind Ensemble's "Luck of the Irish" is scheduled for 7 p.m., Sunday, March 14 at the Prospect United Methodist Church at 99 Summer St.

Meetings

**THURSDAY, MARCH 11
OTHER**

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, Katherine Gaylor Chapter of Bristol. 7 to 9 p.m. Program will be the Revolutionary War-era. The speaker is Ken Jones. Hostess Nicole Granados. At the home of Marcia Eveland, 66 Greer Rd., Burlington. (860) 589-6922.

Get listed. E-mail or fax notices — with dates, time, address, cost and phone number — to mchaiken@BristolObserver.com or (860)621-1841. Or mail them to Calendar, The Observer/Step Saver, 213 Spring St., Southington CT 06489. Please submit listings at least two weeks prior to the event.

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