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Preview of Kirkwood Performing Arts Center, STAGES St. Louis new home - Barb Goldman

Date/Time: 5/4/2021 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (Tuesday), Cost: Free

Barb Goldman, Group Sales Coordinator for STAGES St. Louis, provides a virtual tour of the new state-of-the art Kirkwood Performing Arts Center, the history of STAGES St. Louis organization and the upcoming season. This program is provided in conjunction with FEL (Friends Enjoying Life), an organization supported by the Mirowitz Center.

Cookie Frosting with a Pro! - Rachel Katzman

Date/Time: 5/5/2021 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (Wednesday), Cost: Free

If you have ever looked admiringly at a beautifully frosted cookie and felt a momentary tinge of guilt as you took your first bite into the work of culinary art, this program is for you! Join Rachel Katzman, founder of *Sweetly in St. Louis*, as she talks about the art and science behind cookie frosting and shares her tricks and techniques to help you create your own beautiful confections! Too bad this is a Zoom presentation and we can't get to sample Rachel's cookies after the program!

The Girl with the Silver Star - Rachel Zolotov

Date/Time: 5/6/2021 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM (Thursday), Cost: Free

Rachel Zolotov was born and raised in St. Louis, as a first generation American born into a Belarussian family. Her family came to St. Louis through the Russian Resettlement Program of the Jewish Federation in 1979. Ten years later Rachel's parents were able to sponsor the resettlement of the remainder of their family still living in Belarus to St. Louis.

Among these family members was Rachel's great-grandmother Raisa, who inspired her as an adult to research her family's experiences during World War II. This research, inspired by her great-grandmother's story in the war-torn Soviet Union, is the basis of Rachel's historical fiction novel, *The Girl With The Silver Star*. On May 6, in acknowledgment of Russian Victory Day and in celebration of the human spirit in the face of adversity and challenge, join author Rachel Zolotov as she talks about her book and the story that inspired it. This program is provided in conjunction with the Saul Brodsky Library.

AFib: A Common Heart Rhythm Disorder in Older Adults - Dr. Michael Rich

Date/Time: 5/10/2021 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (Monday), Cost: Free

On May 10, join international expert in geriatric cardiology, Dr. Michael Rich, Director of the Cardiac Rapid Evaluation Unit at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Professor of Medicine, Washington University School of Medicine, for a talk on atrial fibrillation and older adults. Dr. Rich will be joined by one of his patients, who will share her experiences living with the condition and its treatment. Take advantage of this important and potentially life-saving program!

Carl Lutz: Forgotten Holocaust Rescuer - Amy Lutz

Date/Time: 5/13/2021 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM (Thursday), Cost: Free

On May 13, Amy Lutz, Manager of Communications and Social Media for the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum, will share the little-known story of Carl Lutz, one of the Righteous Among the Nations. Carl Lutz was a Swiss diplomat who served in the Swiss Legation in Budapest, Hungary between 1942-1945. There, he issued tens of thousands of Swiss protective papers to Hungarian Jews in danger from the Nazis and their collaborators. Because of his efforts, Lutz is recognized as organizing the largest civilian rescue mission of the entire Holocaust. Sadly, his story has mostly been lost to history. Before his heroic rescue efforts began, Lutz lived in the United States. In 1913, at the age of 18, he moved to Granite City, Illinois for five years. He then enrolled at Central Wesleyan College in Warrenton, Missouri for two years before transferring to George Washington University. For several years, he worked in various diplomatic roles throughout the United States. His final diplomatic appointment in America was in St. Louis, in the early 1930s.

The Fabulous Fox! - Aleece Vogt

Date/Time: 5/20/2021 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM (Thursday), Cost: Free

More than 15 million people have passed through the doors of *The Fabulous Fox* to see Broadway shows – you are probably one of those people! An iconic landmark of St. Louis, its story has mirrored the changing fortunes of its neighborhood.

Construction of the Fox movie palace began in 1927, and it opened in 1929 with the showing of the film *Street Angel*. Closed in 1978, restoration began in 1981, and the *Fabulous Fox* reopened in 1982 and has since been expanded and lovingly restored and maintained. Join Aleece Vogt, Director of Guest Services at The Fabulous Fox Theatre St. Louis, to learn more about the Fox and share your own stories and memories!

The Miraculous 2011 World Series St. Louis Cardinals Victory - Benjamin Hochman

Date/Time: 5/21/2021 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (Friday), Cost: Free

The St. Louis Cardinals 2011's World Series victory stands out as something magical. It was the work of a team that seemingly had no business even playing in October, yet refused to back down until the trophy was theirs. In his new book, *11 in '11: A Hometown Hero, La Russa's Last Ride in Red, and a Miracle World Series for the St. Louis Cardinals*, St. Louis Post-Dispatch columnist Benjamin Hochman offers on-the-ground perspective on Albert Pujols, in his final year as a Card, team ace Chris Carpenter, Yadier Molina showing his might both behind and at the plate, and the unlikely hero David Freese.

Join Benjamin to hear about his book, hot off the press! Go with him inside the front office to see how this roster was constructed, relive the blistering final stretch of the regular season and experience the palpable energy of Busch Stadium during Game 6, where Hochman watched enthralled as a fan. And if you can't wait to hear the author on May 21, you can go to his website www.11in11book.com to get a copy of the book now.

Money and Art – Dale Sharon

Date/Time: 5/24/2021 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (Monday), Cost: Free

The art market today is a multi-billion enterprise, estimated to be in excess of seventy billion dollars! The combination of art and money is as relevant today as it was centuries ago. Join Dale Sharon, a 25-year docent at the St. Louis Art Museum, a member of the SLAM Board of Trustees and an exhibited artist, as she looks at the history of money through the lens of related paintings and objects in the permanent collection of the St. Louis Art Museum. Dale's talk will focus on objects that were considered valuable and emblems of wealth in their time and will also examine some of the beautiful and priceless works in our Art Museum.

Paging Through Our Past: Hidden Gems in Rare Books & Manuscripts at St. Louis Public Library - Renee Jones

Date/Time: 5/25/2021 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (Tuesday), Cost: Free

Join Renee Jones, Research Manager of Rare Books and Manuscripts, St. Louis Public Library, who will provide an exciting discussion and a general overview of the history of the written word from around the world. Among the topics covered are Sumerian cuneiform clay tablets, papyrus scrolls, illuminated manuscripts, and the advent of the printing press. Special attention is given to beautiful book bindings. The items featured are held in the Rare Books & Manuscripts Department at the St. Louis Public Library. They are accessible to the public for viewing and study. *This program is provided in conjunction with FEL (Friends Enjoying Life), an organization supported by the Mirowitz Center.*

Climate Change: Humankind's Influence on the Changing Environment - Dr. Jack Fishman

Date/Time: 5/26/2021 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (Wednesday), Cost: Free

Increasing extremes in weather conditions world-wide have made climate a focus of universal discussion and debate. Join Jack Fishman Ph.D., Professor of Meteorology & Atmospheric Sciences and Director of the Center for Environmental Sciences at Saint Louis University to learn about climate and our influence on it and have your climate-related questions answered. This program is provided in conjunction with the Jewish Relations Council of St. Louis.