

# *Spring 2023 Performances*

## *Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum*

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## April – May 2023

Programs are subject to change. For up-to-date information, please contact the presenter(s).

### April

- 13      Lecture, *Biomedical Secrets of Ancient Egyptian Mummies*, sponsored by the American Research Center in Egypt, presented by Professor Frank Rühli. Registration is required. The Swiss Mummy Project is a transdisciplinary research project which aims to examine biomedical and cultural aspects of especially Ancient Egyptian mummies. It is based at the Institute of Evolutionary Medicine (IEM), University of Zurich. State-of-the-art technologies such as in-situ X-ray, CT scanning or physico-chemical methods allow to analyse human remains more in depth than ever. Based on our interdisciplinary work e.g., in the Valley of The Kings or on Pharaoh Tutankhamun information about e.g., life conditions, pathologies, death or mummification procedures can be assessed. Also, related ethical aspects and future research possibilities will be addressed during this talk. This presentation shall finally emphasize the enormous scientific and societal impact of biomedical research on ancient Egyptian mummies in general. Frank Rühli is Founding Chair (Full Professor) and Director of the Institute of Evolutionary Medicine, as well as Dean of the Medical Faculty, University of Zurich, Switzerland. Registration is required, here: <https://arce.org/event/biomedical-secrets-of-ancient-egyptian-mummies/>.
- 14      The Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee and St. Paul's Episcopal Church present *An Evening of French Classical Music*. 7 p.m. Come enjoy an evening of French Classical Music presented by French-Italian pianist and organist Adriano Spampinato in one of Alexandria's most beautiful settings. The concert will feature a live performance of musical selections from France's most notable classical composers. Attendees are also invited to attend an outdoor wine reception on the church grounds following the concert. The concert will take place in the sanctuary of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 228 South Pitt Street in Alexandria.

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For information about parking in Old Town Alexandria, please visit [AlexandriaVA.gov/parking/parking-in-old-town-alexandria](http://AlexandriaVA.gov/parking/parking-in-old-town-alexandria). Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at [AlexandriaVA.gov/Shop](http://AlexandriaVA.gov/Shop).

- 15 *Sax-o-Tax Concert*, featuring Anders Lundegård, saxophone and Maria José Parker, piano, 7 p.m. Eatemized reception to follow. \$25 at [swedishsaxophonist.com](http://swedishsaxophonist.com), \$30 at the door.
- 17 Alexandria Association lecture: *Restoration of the 18th Century Murray-Dick-Fawcett House in Alexandria* by Al Cox and Hank Handler. Light refreshments at 7:00 pm in the lecture hall, lecture at 7:30 p.m. Free for Alexandria Association members. Please register guests with [karen.d.paul1948@gmail.com](mailto:karen.d.paul1948@gmail.com). Lecture details are available at [alexandriaassociation.org](http://alexandriaassociation.org).
- 22 *Can't Help Singing*, concert by Nancy Peery Marriott, Soprano and David Chapman, Pianist, 1:30 p.m. The program will include "Song of the Blackbird," (Roger Quilter); "Come Ready and See Me," (Ricard Hundley); "Love's Philosophy," (Roger Quilter); "When I have sung my song to you," (Ernest Charles); "Spring Morning," (Henry Carey); "Loveliest of Trees," (John Duke); "I Can't Be Talking of Love," (John Duke); "Steal Me," from *The Old Maid and the Thief*, (G.C. Menotti); "Can't Help Singing" from *Can't Help Singing*, (Jerome Kern); "If I Loved You," from *Carousel*, (Rogers & Hammerstein); "My Ship" from *The Lady in the Dark*, (Kurt Weill); "It's a Grand Night for Singing," from *State Fair*, (Richard Rogers); Medley: "S'Wonderful," from *Funny Face*; "Someone to Watch Over Me," from *Oh, Kay!*; "I've Got Rhythm," from *Girl Crazy*; and "By Strauss," from *An American in Paris*, (George Gershwin); "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," (Harold Arlen). The concert is free.
- 23 DC Chamber Musicians concert, 3:00 p.m. The program will include Ludwig van Beethoven Violin Sonata No. 1, Op. 12; Robert Schumann Piano Quartet in E-flat major, Op. 47; and Carl Frühling Clarinet Trio, Op. 40. The DC Concert Orchestra Society brings classical music to the metropolitan region while providing performance opportunities and continuing education for non-professional adult musicians to enjoy a lifetime of music-making. Through the DC Concert Orchestra, DC Chamber Musicians, and the Classical Musicians of Metro DC, the Society seeks to provide playing opportunities and quality performances for diverse audiences and communities, enriching the cultural life of greater Washington. Tickets are \$10 (Adults), \$5 (seniors 65 and over), \$5 (students 25 and under with a student ID), and free for children 12 and under. Tickets are available at [dccos.org/performances/](http://dccos.org/performances/).
- 25 The Traditional Music Series at The Lyceum is pleased to host amazing fiddler Gerry O'Connor. Gerry will be joined by guitarist, Kevin McElroy. Tickets are \$22 in advance, \$25 at the door, and \$10 for ages 12-18 at [ticketstripe.com/GerryOConnor](http://ticketstripe.com/GerryOConnor). Doors open 7 p.m. Concert at 7:30 p.m. Gerry O'Connor is from Dundalk, Co. Louth, where he grew up in a family of musicians, dancers and singers, all taught at home by his mother, Rose. His father Peter was himself a singer whose seven uncles all played music. From an early age Gerry was involved Irish music, winning numerous All Ireland awards in a range of duets, trios and céilí band titles.

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- 26 Alexandria Historical Society Annual Awards featuring Rob Nieweg, Senior Vice President for the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Preservation Services & Outreach Department as the Keynote Speaker. He is a leader of the National Trust's efforts to strengthen and diversify the historic preservation movement in the United States. 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.). AHS Lectures: Free for Members / \$5 for Non-members. [Become a Member or Renew Here](#) or at the door.



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- 9 **Lecture: *Murray-Dick-Fawcett House Restoration First Phase: Keeping the Rain Out*, by Al Cox. Construction of the Murray-Dick-Fawcett house began in 1772, with additions in 1784, 1797 and 1854 and has changed very little since. It is one of the oldest, least altered wood-frame buildings in Northern Virginia and was acquired by the City of Alexandria in 2017 for use as a historic site and vest pocket park. This lecture will explain some of the physical and archival research that preceded the recent restoration of the exterior building envelope, show discoveries made during this phase of construction, and discuss the next steps for documentation and interpretation. The lecture is free, but please register in advance at [Alexandriava.gov/Shop](http://Alexandriava.gov/Shop).**
- 14 *Eclipse Chamber Orchestra Recital Series* featuring Eclipse String Ensemble. Eclipse cellist Eugena Chang will be joined by fellow string players. Program details TBA. For tickets and more information please visit [eclipseco.org](http://eclipseco.org).
- 15 Alexandria Association lecture: *The Art in Charles Wilson Peale's Philadelphia Museum* by Carol Soltis. Light refreshments at 7:00 pm in the lecture hall, lecture at 7:30 p.m. Free for Alexandria Association members. Please register guests with [karen.d.paul1948@gmail.com](mailto:karen.d.paul1948@gmail.com). Lecture details are available at [alexandriaassociation.org](http://alexandriaassociation.org).
- 24 Alexandria Historical Society "The Jewish Community of Northern Virginia," by Susan Dilles. The first Jews arrived in Virginia during colonial times and have lived in Northern Virginia for over 175 years. One of the first footholds was Alexandria where Beth El Hebrew Congregation was established. Over time immigrants came from Germany and Eastern Europe and took up residence as far east as Arlington, south as Fredericksburg, and northwest along Route 7 as far as Winchester, with livelihoods in retail trade and selling scrap. Today the area is home to over 120,000 Jews, surpassing the number in the older D.C. and Maryland communities. Susan Dilles will talk about her book, *The Jewish Community of North-ern Virginia*, which uses rarely seen photographs selected from historical archives, Jewish institutions, and residents with deep family roots in the area. The book chronicles the rich narratives and history of this lively, diverse, and growing community, from the late 19th Century to the present, shedding light on the variety of

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ways that Virginia Jews ex-press their heritage and culture. 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)  
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