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News

From 'Hard Knock Life' to 'Easy Street'

Har Shalom Players to perform "Annie."

By Peggy McEwan The Almanac

ravel with the always optimistic Annie as she moves from the "Hard Knock Life" with Miss Hannigan to "Easy Street" with Daddy Warbucks when the Har Shalom Players perform the musical Annie this weekend.

"Annie' — a musical tale of the adventures of a street-savvy, spirited orphan — is the Har Shalom Players' 2019 show," according to Barbara Weckstein Kaplowitz, publicist for the theater group. "Set in 1930s New York, the musical follows Little Orphan Annie as she escapes the scheming Miss Hannigan to search for the parents who abandoned her; encounters some slippery tricksters along the way; and finds the true meaning of family with the help of millionaire Daddy Warbucks."

Kaplowitz said the performance includes a cast and crew of 59 — including children and teens from ages 7-17, representing 11 area schools. Together, she wrote, "[They] bring this vibrant story to life."

Annie is played by 11-year old

Ziva Greenblum, a sixth grader at Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School.

"The fun part of this is Ziva came to audition because our musical director is her piano teacher," Kaplowitz said.

Kaplowitz said the ensemble is also a family affair, with four or five parent/children duos in the group.

The production team for "Annie" is led by Shelly Horn, director; Paul Rossen, music director; Deb Schapiro, assistant director and Ken Lechter and Stew Remer, producers.

The show will be staged in Congregation Har Shalom's Burke Sanctuary, 11510 Falls Road, Potomac, with performances scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 26 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 27 at 4 p.m.

General Admission tickets are \$22 for adults and \$18 for children (12 and under). Chai Patron tickets, which include guaranteed front row seating, a voucher for intermission refreshments, reserved parking, and special recognition in the playbill, are \$180

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Together at last: Ziva Greenblum (Annie) and Jeffrey Ashin (Oliver Warbucks).

Rehearsing a dance scene (from left): Scott Kaplowitz, Craig Ginsburg, Ed Hutman, Betsy New-Schneider, Andy Zuckerman, Donald Hurwitz, Barbara Weckstein Kaplowitz, Stacy Silberman Garson, Toby Holtzman, Kayla Pitch, Sarah Eisenberg, and Kandy Hutman.

Hoover Middle School Teacher Dies while Teaching

Principal sends advice on helping students cope.

By Peggy McEwan The Almanac

erbert Hoover Middle School teacher Deanna Perucci, 24, died suddenly Thursday, Jan. 17, while teaching a class at the Potomac school. In a letter to parents that day, Herbert Hoover's principal Dr. Yong-Mi Kim wrote: "Dear Hoover Families,

It is with great sadness that I share with you that Ms. Deanna Perucci, English teacher, passed away, today, January 17, 2019. Her passing was the result of a medical emergency that occurred while teaching students this morning."

This was Perucci's first year teaching for Montgomery County Public Schools. She taught English to sixth and seventh graders at Hoover. It is not clear which class she was in when she suffered the medical emergency that ended her life.

Kim's letter continued with a tribute to Perucci and assurances to parents that Hoover staff and MCPS are available to support students in their grief.

"For those of you who knew Ms. Perucci, we ask that you remember and celebrate her kindness and commitment to others, specifically to children. She was a wonderful teacher that loved teaching at Hoover and cared deeply for our students.

"Each of us will react to Ms. Perucci's death in our own way, and we need to be respectful of and supportive for each other. In regards to the students that were present this morning, we have already begun to provide support that will certainly be needed in the days and weeks to come. School counselors connected with each of these students providing different levels of support as needed. In addition, school administrators and counselors contacted family members of these students.



Deanna Perucci

"A support team of counselors will be joining our staff beginning tomorrow, January 18 to provide counseling and support. I have attached some resources to this message that may be helpful to you in conversations with your child.

"I know you join me in extending your heartfelt sympathy to Ms. Perucci's family and friends."

Along with her letter, Kim sent resources to help parents discuss grief

and loss with their children.

Tips included in "Crisis: Helping Children Cope with Grief and Loss" by Scott Poland, EdD, NCSP, Cypress-Fairbanks (TX) Independent School District; and Katherine C.Cowan and Ted Feinberg, EdD, NCSP, National Association of School Psychologists, were thoughts including letting children know that you really want to understand what they are feeling or what they need, a reminder that children will need long-lasting support and that grief work is "hard and complicated."

Parents were also reminded in the article to be aware of their own need to grieve.

Perucci grew up in Montgomery County, attending elementary school at St. Peter's School and Good Counsel High School, both in Olney.

She attended the University of Maryland where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in English Language and Literature and a Master's Degree in Education. In addition to MCPS, Perucci taught English for one year in Anne Arundel County Schools and worked as a substitute teacher at Good Counsel

At the University of Maryland, she was elected into the International English Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta. She advocated an immersive learning approach, which she described as follows:

"Rather than teaching in a purely lecturebased setting, I strive to be a catalyst for higher-level thinking that fosters student-led discussions and enables students to reach their own conclusions," according to her obituary on www.collinsfuneralhome.com.

Perucci is survived by her parents Philip and Marian Perucci of Brookeville and one sister, Suzanne Perucci, according to a death announcement published by Collins Funeral Home.

OPINION

Be Part of the Pet Almanac

he Pet Almanac, a twice-yearly special edition, will publish the last week of February, and photos and stories of your pets with you and your family should be submitted by Friday, Feb. 22.

EDITORIAL

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FY20 Operating Budget Forums. Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich is holding five budget forums to seek input from residents about Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) Operating Budget priorities. The County Executive will announce his recommended FY20 Operating Budget on March 15. FY20 Operating Budget Forums are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, Jan. 23, 7 p.m. at the Mid-County Recreation Center, 2004 Queensguard Road, Silver

 Monday, Feb. 4, 7 p.m. at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, 4301 East West Highway, Bethesda. Visit montgomerycountymd.gov for more.

SATURDAY/JAN. 26

Addiction Family Support. Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Second Chance Addiction Care, 9800 Falls Road, Suite 7, Potomac. Second Chance Addiction Care, a boutique substance abuse facility, offers free support for anyone with a loved one suffering from addiction. Contact Robert Roth at roth@secondchancecare.com or 301-983-5130. Visit www.secondchancecare.com for more. **Summer Camp Fair.** Noon-3 p.m. at the Nancy H.

Dacek North Potomac Community Recreation Center, 13850 Travilah Road, Rockville. Montgomery County Recreation will host a free Summer Camp Fair to assist families looking for summer camp opportunities for their children. Parents will have an opportunity to meet with recreation camp staff and instructors, ask questions, participate in demonstrations and register children for camp. Information on financial aid also will be available. To view a copy of the Summer Camps Guide online, visit the Montgomery County Recreation website. Print copies of the Summer Camps Guide are available at aquatic and community recreation centers. Summer camp registration begins on Tuesday, Jan. 22. Parents can also register for camp online at www.ActiveMONTGOMERY.org. For more information, call 240-777-6840.

SUNDAY/JAN. 27

39th Annual Women's Legislative Briefing.

12:30 p.m. at The Universities at Shady Grove, Building II, 9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville. The Montgomery County Commission for Women will host its 39th annual Women's Legislative Briefing. The theme will be "Women Igniting and Achieving Change." The keynote speaker will be Mónica Ramirez, founder of Justice for Migrant Women and national leader of the #TimesUp movement. Members of the public are welcome. To pre-register and find more information about the WLB, visit 2019wlb.eventbrite.com. Call 240-777-8300 or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw for more.

TUESDAY/JAN. 29

1-1 Business Coaching Sessions. Empowered Women International will hold 1-1 Business Coaching Sessions each Tuesday, until the end of February in their Maryland Office, for Montgomery County residents. Spots are limited. Visit ewint.org for more.



Amelia Fox reads to Seurat.

Reading To Dogs

otomac Library held its Read to a Dog session on Tuesday, Jan. 15. Schoolage children, especially beginners learning to read and those who want to improve their confidence in reading skills, practiced reading aloud in short semi-private sessions with a certified therapy dog.



Jack Jacobs gives Claire a treat.





Michael Jacobs reads to Jack Jacobs, Barbara Perry and Claire.

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Teach, Give, Inspire Fridays

Guterman launches speaker series.

By Susan Belford THE ALMANAC

he first quarterly meeting of T.G.I F – "A Platform for Women to Inform with Passion" will be held on the morning of Friday, Feb. 8. Teach, Give, Inspire Fridays (T.G.I.F) will provide a forum for women to listen to the insights, wisdom and professional stories of successful women. It will feature a parlor-style meeting with 20-minute talks by three speakers. The quarterly meeting schedule will be dependent on speaker availability.

Potomac entrepreneur, consultant and community builder Barbara Guterman is spearheading this speakers' series featuring women speakers who are movers and shakers in their areas of expertise.

"My goal is to provide an opportunity for women to engage with one another and to build meaningful connections. Too often we say 'hello' and we don't really have a connection," she said. "With our compelling speakers encouraging meaningful conversations, I believe everyone who attends will have a chance to make a connection."



Barbara Guterman

Guterman continued, "Our first speaker will be Michelle Cooper who is the T (Teach) Speaker, a principal at XMLW, and the author of a new book just launched called 'I Am Still Me.' The book chronicles the sharp turn her life took after the tragic suicide of her husband 15 years ago. As a JD/MBA and a practicing estate lawyer, Michelle's book teaches us what women need to know about their financial health and lives in order to be empowered to carry on when life does not go as planned. Our second speaker will be our G (Give) speaker, award winning news anchor, Shawn Yancy. Shawn works year-round through her charitable foundation called GNO, Girls Night Out to support lo-cal women's and children's charities throughout DC. Eva Scheer will be our I (In

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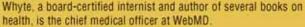
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Worried About What Awaits



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not that there's anything wrong with me - other than having cancer that is - but I've been going to see doctors - other than my oncologist - fairly regularly in the past few months: internal medicine, three times; otolaryngologist, two times.

The reason/symptoms vary, but in general, nearly 10 years into my "13 month to two-year" prognosis, I am finally erring on the side of taking a precaution and scheduling appointments with doctors as often as I see fit. Apparently, waiting isn't the hardest part after all, it's the dumbest part - if you have cancer.

So far, in all five instances, the various symptoms were not cancer-related, they were life-related. Meaning, they had nothing to do at all with my have cancer and/or its progression, and everything to do with living life outside of the bubble.

However, surviving life inside the cancer world for as long as I have has now made me a bit trigger happy, so to speak. At the drop of a hat or for most any other reason, I am scheduling an appointment with my primary care physician to confirm or debunk any medical suspicions that I might have.

Henceforth, I am going to let the professionals tell me what I need to know and what I need not worry about. It has become time for me to no longer fool around with my health presuming that whatever ails me is merely a blip when in fact it could be a sign of things potentially to follow.

Sort of like the oil warning light illuminating on your car's dashboard - it likely means the damage has already occurred. And the next steps you take might even be too little, too late.

As concerns my health, there is no warning light as such. Knowing there's only so much I can do to preempt (some of which I've been doing) what trouble possibly awaits, at the very least I shouldn't be stupid or stubborn anymore. Instead I have to be vigilant and proactive.

Since my life is at stake here, I can't worry too much about what the doctor might say when I show up at my appointment with less-than-life altering/ cancer-connected symptoms. Until they tell me otherwise, which they haven't yet, I will continue to overreact to any symptoms I experience because for all I know about such matters, it just might matter.

And lately, when my exams have indicated there was nothing to matter, I've often felt the need to apologize for taking up the doctor's time. Time which I realize is very valuable. But they would hear none of it. Instead, they have encouraged me not to hesitate making future appointments should

And I suppose that's the issue: 'should the need

But how will I know when the need arises? How will I know if the need is genuine? How will I know if the need is cancer-related or merely life-related, and should I act differently depending on the answer? Or should I not care about any of these questions and simply schedule appointments as soon as possible because, as I was advised years ago when I was first diagnosed: "It's all about you now, Kenny.'

In thinking about where all this anxiety is coming from, I believe it has something to do with my switching to an immunotherapy drug - which we've been discussing for a few months, and being aware of the many possible side effects. Side effects which, should they manifest, I am to contact my oncologist immediately.

My concern is however, will I know and will I be too early or too late. Or maybe it won't matter. and that's what scares me. Moreover, I'm afraid we might not be able to stop what we've already

Granted, it's all speculation, and it's all prema-

Either the side effects prevent me from infusing the drug or it doesn't. And if I am able to be infused, the tumors, especially the "Adam's Apple" tumor, shrink in the process. And if I have to see multiple doctors during my treatment, so be it.

This is no time to wait and see. It's time to be seen without waiting

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Orphans at play in "Annie." Front row (from left): Ella Arking, Lucy Ginsburg; middle row: Meital Siegel, Mia New-Schneider, Jenna Rosenblatt, Eliana Strauch, Sylvia Fine; back row: Isabelle Stein, Alexis Rosenblatt, Dalia Lechter, and Lila Segal.



Har Shalom Players' 'Annie'

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each. Patron tickets, which include reserved/preferential seating, reserved parking, and special recognition in the playbill, are \$100 for adults and \$36 for children (12 and under).

Tickets can be purchased online at www.harshalom.org/play or by calling 301-299-7087. For information on group sales, email play@harshalom.org or call 301-299-7087. Ticket pick up and check-in begins one hour prior to the show.

"Annie" is the 14th annual production from the Har Shalom Players. Past shows include: "Bye Bye Birdie," "Damn Yankees," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Hello, Dolly!," "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" (original HSP show, 2004, revival 2017), "The Music Man," "Oliver!," "Once Upon A Mattress," "The Secret Garden," "Seussical the Musical," "Shrek The Musical," and "The Wizard of Oz." The HS Players' performance of "Annie" is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International.

Teach, Give, Inspire Fridays

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spire) speaker. She will discuss her personal journey with her youngest son, now 18, who has autism. She will delight us with her inspirational story of building a powerful local community through a website called 'Side Hustle."

Guterman has launched companies and managed businesses in a multitude of industry segments including telecommunications, retail, franchising, manufacturing, fine jewelry and internet-based start-ups. She is a wife and the mother of three grown sons. Her philanthropic work includes serving on the board of K.E.E.N and staying actively involved with Autism Speaks and Special Olympics. She is currently a business consultant and involved in entrepreneurial mentoring and public speaking.

The first T.G.I. F will be held at 12615 Tribunal Lane in Potomac and will be limited to the first 100 women who enroll. The TEACH FridayS

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cost to attend is \$35 and a portion of the proceeds will go to a featured charity as well as cover the event-related expenses. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and will wrap up around noon. Valet parking will be provided. Tickets are available on the Eventbrite page.

For more information and to sign up, see the following social media websites:

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/ TeachGiveInspireFridays/

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Help Available During Shutdown

Montgomery County established a new web portal where federal employees and contractors who live in the county, and who are impacted by the partial federal government shutdown, can go to find assistance provided by various organizations throughout the county. The web address is montgomerycountymd.gov/shutdown.

By accessing the web portal visitors will be able to find information about various programs and opportunities that may ease some of the financial strain including such as the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's decision to suspend all water

service shutoffs to ensure safe, clean water continues to flow to customer's homes. Additionally, WSSC, serving 1.8 million residents in Montgomery and Prince George's counties will waive late fees and work oneon-one with customers impacted by the shutdown to establish convenient payment plans.

Any federal employee or contractor in Maryland, who has been furloughed as a result of the federal shutdown, may file a claim online using the Federal Civilian Employee Application for Benefits or by calling 410-853-1700 or contact an unemployment insurance claim center.

News



Day of Service

Ann and Damian Kreske and son Miles take a break to warm up while volunteering at Locust **Grove Nature Center on Democ**racy Boulevard. About a dozen people showed up to help at the nature center for the Martin Luther King Day of Service.

> Рното ву PEGGY McEWAN/ The Almanac



Home Is Where the Art Is. 10828 Lockland Road, Potomac, currently on the market for \$1,900,000, is serving as the backdrop for a Pop Up Art Gallery that includes works by Mexican photographer Dulce Pinzon from her "The Real Story of the Superheroes" series, glass by Tim Tate, a faculty member at the Washington Glass School and leader of the Glass Secessionism movement; work by Dutch artist Erwin Timmers who uses recycled materials, plus works by Michael Janis , Laura Beth Konopinski and F. Lennox Campello. Entry is by appointment only and all works are a available for sale. The exhibition is provided by Alida Anderson Art **Projects For more information, contact Carol Nerenberg** (202-957-5559) or Ellen Cohen (240-462-6000) at Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage (301-718-0010).

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Art Exhibit: "Destroy the Picture."
Through Feb. 2, Wedneday-Saturday, noon-6 p.m. at Gallery B, 7700
Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda.
Beverly Ryan has been a resident artist at the Torpedo Factory Art
Center since 2001 and has taught at
The Art League School in Alexandria,
Va., for 15 years. Visit bethesda.org/bethesda/gallery-b.

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Teen Writers' Club. Tuesdays
through May 28, 6:30-8 p.m. at
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critique other works with author Neal
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SATURDAY/JAN. 26

The Young Pianists of Bethesda.

10:30 a.m. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Hear the Young Pianists of Bethesda as they present The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf. A story told in Music and Words illustrated with musical examples. No registration is needed. Call 240-777-0690.

Seed Exchange. 12:30-4 p.m. at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton. These seed swaps are in-person and face-to-face. Bring extra seeds and swap them with other gardeners. Everyone will leave with a bag full of seeds, new garden friends, and planting advice. \$20 per person. Registration is now open at WGSeedExchange-BG.brownpapertickets.com

Opening Reception: "Place and Displacement." 5-7 p.m. at Photoworks in Glen Echo Park at 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo. Featuring photos by Andrew Currie and Patricia Howard and curated by Fabian Goncalves Borrega. The show intertwines the series House to House and Suburbs by Pat Howard and Andy Currie. In both series, images of inhabited and desolated towns and suburbs share similar sense of alienation produced by powerless and meaningless life. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JAN. 26-27 National Philharmonic. Saturday at

8 p.m.; Sunday at 3 p.m. At The Music Center at Strathmore's Concert Hall, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. International pianist Haochen Zhang, who won the gold medal for the 2009 Van Cliburn Competition at the age of 19, will join Philharmonic Music Director and Conductor Piotr Gajewski in performing Johannes Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 1 in D minor and Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 in E minor. Pre-concert lecture on Saturday, 6:45-7:15 p.m., and Sunday, 1:45-2:15 p.m. Ticket prices are \$34-\$88 and are free for young people age 7-17. Call 301-581-5100 or visit nationalphilharmonic.org.

JAN. 26-MARCH 3 Photography Exhibit: "Place and



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Displacement." Gallery hours at Photoworks in Glen Echo Park at 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo. Featuring photos by Andrew Currie and Patricia Howard and curated by Fabian Goncalves Borrega. The show intertwines the series House to House and Suburbs by Pat Howard and Andy Currie. In both series, images of inhabited and desolated towns and suburbs share similar sense of alienation produced by powerless and meaningless life. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

SUNDAY/JAN. 27

Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Washington Monthly

Meeting. 1:30 p.m. at B'nai Israel Congregation, 6301 Montrose Road, Rockville. The Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Washington presents "Write and Publish Your Family History with Online Print-on-Demand" presented by Beth Galleto. The Society is open to all those interested in Jewish genealogy. \$5 for guests. Call 301-452-2979.

MONDAY/JAN. 28

Off the Hook Stitching. 4:30 p.m. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Free. Crocheting and knitting are both great ways to relax and spend time. Join other stitchers and share ideas while working on needle crafts brought from home. For ages 8 and up. All skill levels welcome. Meets once a month. No registration required. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library-Potomac Chapter. Call 240-777-0690.

SATURDAY/FEB. 2

18th Annual All-star Tribute. 7:30 p.m. at Rock Creek Mansion, 5417 West Cedar Lane, Bethesda. Tribute on the 60th Anniversary of the fateful Winter Dance Party plane crash, featuring the music of rock n' roll legend Buddy Holly and fellow tour stars Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper. General admission seating, large dance floor and cash bar and kitchen will be open. \$25-\$30. Tickets at brownpapertickets.com/event/4031795.

Pressenda Chamber Players. 8 p.m.

at Westmoreland Congregational UCC, 1 Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda. Featuring the Pressenda Chamber Players: French Masterworks for string quartet and piano quintet as part of the 2018-19 Washington Conservatory Concert Series. Free, donations welcome. Visit www.westmorelanducc.org.

SUNDAY/FEB. 3

Waltz Dance. 3:30-6 p.m. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Introductory Waltz Workshop from 2:45-3:30 p.m. Featuring the ensemble Rhapsody. This versatile band will provide a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. Admission is \$13, \$5 for fulltime students with student ID. No partner required. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org or e-mail info@WaltzTimeDances.org.

SUNDAY/FEB. 10

Symphony of the Potomac. 3 p.m.

at the Cultural Arts Center, Montgomery College, 7995 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. The second program of the Symphony of the Potomac's 2018-2019 season, From the Gilded Age to the Jazz Age and Beyond, features the music of George Whitefield Chadwick, George Gershwin, Florence Price, and George Walker. Advance tickets to the performance, \$15 (adults), \$5 (student/youth under 18), and \$10 (groups of 10 or more) are available from BoxOfficeTickets.com until Feb. 9. Tickets purchased at the door are \$20 (adults), \$17 (adults over 65), and \$5 (students with ID/youth under 18). Visit www.symphonypotomac.org.

Concert: The Thirteen. 5 p.m. at Bradley Hills Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. The all-star professional choir, The Thirteen, will perform an intimate concert titled "a word too small: love." Inspired by the art song tradition, The Thirteen sings music of the heart in this intimate concert. \$10-\$30. Purchase tickets at www.TheThirteenChoir.org.

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