

March 2021-Special Events

- 1 Monday 1:00** The Cincinnati Opera has been hosting a Winter Festival of digital performances. Today we will broadcast *Opera from a Sistah's Point of View*. For the first time online, international opera superstar Angela Brown adapts her popular show using humor, storytelling, and song to dispel common opera myths. With her signature wit and larger-than-life personality, Brown demystifies classic opera plotlines and celebrates the diversity of opera's characters while tracing the beauty of its music through the stories and voices of Black singers. Performing a mix of show-stopping arias, poignant art songs, and moving spirituals, Brown is joined for this program by Cincinnati Opera artists mezzo-soprano Briana Hunter, tenor Jamez McCorkle, soprano Victoria Okafor, and baritone Reginald Smith Jr., with Marie-France Lefebvre as pianist. This is the perfect introduction for those who think opera's not for them, as well as a decidedly original perspective for opera's biggest fans. This show is co-produced by Opera Birmingham and Cincinnati Opera and is a creation of Morning Brown, Inc.
- 2 Tuesday 2:00** Blossom will join us for a virtual book talk today. You can join us in the Event Center or on Zoom. Today she will share her review of *Enlightenment Now: The Case for Reason, Science, Humanism, and Progress* by Steven Pinker. This title will be available after the meeting on the bookshelf to the left of the fireplace near the Event Center. There is a sign with books next to it for "Blossom's Picks."
- 3 Wednesday 5:00** Tonight you will have the opportunity to order Carry out dinner from Pepp & Delores. Located on Vine Street this casual Italian restaurant pays homage to the Sunday suppers the owners experienced at their grandparent's

house. Menus will be available in the Victoria Lobby and orders are due back by **Monday, March 1st**.

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| 4 | Thursday | 1:00 | Card Making Class will be held in the Event Center. You will have the opportunity to make homemade cards to send to family and friends. Please RSVP by calling 533-5044 to reserve your spot. |
| | | 6:30 | We will have a game of card bingo this evening in the Event Center. Please RSVP by calling 533-5044 to reserve your spot. |
| 5 | Friday | 3:00 | Residents Meeting will be held virtually on Zoom and broadcast on Channel 1851. |
| 8 | Monday | 1:00 | The Cincinnati Opera has been hosting a Winter Festival of digital performances. Today we will broadcast <i>After Aida</i> . Following the triumphant reception of Aida, Italian composer Giuseppe Verdi retired to his country estate at the height of his fame and popularity. Yet his wife and friends remained convinced Verdi should write another new work and spent the next decade coaxing him into partnership with a talented young librettist. The result: the composer's late-career masterpiece Otello, now considered one of the great Shakespearean-based operas. Inspired by this touching true story, Julian Mitchell's acclaimed play is presented in collaboration with Ensemble Theatre Cincinnati in a reading featuring several popular Cincinnati actors, led by Bruce Cromer as Verdi. The gripping, humorous, and loving tale integrates musical excerpts, providing a compelling peek behind opera's curtain and a humanizing portrait of one of its great artists. |
| 9 | Tuesday | 2:00 | The Cincinnati Heritage Program is hosting Virtual Programs. Today the topic is "Grand Old Theaters" and we will broadcast it on Channel 1851. |
| 10 | Wednesday | 2:30 | Diane Shields will be presenting a lecture today on the life of Peter the Great. This will be available on Zoom or Channel 1851. |

- 11 Thursday 12:00** Today you will have the opportunity to have carryout lunch from Arthurs located on Hyde Park Square. Menus will be available on Friday, March 5th in the Victoria Lobby. Please return menus with your orders by Tuesday, March 9th to the Victoria Lobby Reception Desk.
- 2:00** Angela Bolan will be performing “Celtic Favorites” on the Cello this afternoon. This performance will be broadcast on Channel 1851.
- 13** **Before retiring to bed this evening set your clocks forward 1 hour. Daylight Savings time begins and it is time to Spring Forward!**
- 15 Monday 1:00** The Cincinnati Opera has been hosting a Winter Festival of digital performances. Today we will broadcast *Wanderlust. One of the many wonderful things about music is the way it allows us to travel without leaving the comfort of our homes. This special remote concert combines the talents of Grammy-nominated soprano Talise Trevigne (Porgy and Bess, 2019), rising star conductor William R. Langley, and the provocative chamber ensemble concert: nova in order to create an enchanting musical travelogue. Highlights of this globe-spanning program include Debussy’s popular Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun, three stunning songs by Debussy featuring Trevigne as vocalist and Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra’s Louis Langrée as pianist, and the Cincinnati Premiere of a small ensemble orchestration of Ravel’s Eastern-flavored Shéhérazade.*
- 3:00** The Writing Our Memoirs Group will meet today in the Victoria Courtyard Lounge.
- 16 Tuesday 1:45** Join Debbie in the Event Center for some fun Spring creations in the kitchen. Please call 533-5044 to reserve your spot.
- 18 Thursday 5:00** You have the opportunity to order carryout dinner from Branch this evening. Menus will be available Friday, March 12th in the Victoria Lobby. Please return your

orders to the Victoria Lobby Reception Desk by Tuesday, March 16th.

6:30 We will have a game of card bingo this evening in the Event Center. Please RSVP by calling 533-5044 to reserve your spot.

22 Monday 3:00 Book Discussion Group will be held in the Event Center. Today we will be discussing *The Splendid and the Vile* by Erik Larson. Book Summary: In *The Splendid and the Vile*, Erik Larson shows, in cinematic detail, how Churchill taught the British people “the art of being fearless.” It is a story of political brinkmanship, but it’s also an intimate domestic drama, set against the backdrop of Churchill’s prime-ministerial country home, Chequers; his wartime retreat, Ditchley, where he and his entourage go when the moon is brightest and the bombing threat is highest; and of course 10 Downing Street in London. Drawing on diaries, original archival documents, and once-secret intelligence reports—some released only recently—Larson provides a new lens on London’s darkest year through the day-to-day experience of Churchill and his family: his wife, Clementine; their youngest daughter, Mary, who chafes against her parents’ wartime protectiveness; their son, Randolph, and his beautiful, unhappy wife, Pamela; Pamela’s illicit lover, a dashing American emissary; and the advisers in Churchill’s “Secret Circle,” to whom he turns in the hardest moments. *The Splendid and the Vile* takes readers out of today’s political dysfunction and back to a time of true leadership, when, in the face of unrelenting horror, Churchill’s eloquence, courage, and perseverance bound a country, and a family, together. Copies of this book are available in the Victoria Lobby. Please call 533-5044 to Reserve your spot for this meeting.

23 Tuesday 2:00 The Cincinnati Heritage Program is hosting Virtual Programs. Today the topic is “Cincinnati Chili” and we will broadcast it on Channel 1851.

- 24 Wednesday 12:00** You will have the opportunity to have a carryout lunch from Skyline Chili located in Oakley. Please pick up your menus on Friday, March 19th and return your completed order form to the Victoria Lobby Reception desk by Monday, March 22nd.
- 2:30** Diane Shields will be presenting a lecture on the War of 1812 this afternoon on Zoom and Channel 1851.
- 25 Thursday 2:00** Angela Bolan will be performing music on the cello this afternoon on Channel 1851.
- 26 Friday 1:00** Join in a community service project by helping assemble goodie bags for children of staff members, and local school groups that would normally join us for our Easter Egg Hunt. We will be assembling bags in the Event Center this afternoon, please call 533-5044 to reserve your spot.
- 31 Wednesday 5:00** You have the opportunity to order a carryout dinner from the National Exemplar located in Mariemont. Menus will be available on Friday, March 26th. Please return completed orders to the Victoria Lobby Reception Desk by Monday, March 29th.