

NEW ART AND CULTURAL EVENTS!
- See below for the upcoming event calendar -

Enhancing quality of life and preserving self-identity is an essential component of good Alzheimer's disease and dementia care. The Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter seeks to make enriching events accessible to the dementia community. The Arts and Culture event calendar is a way of providing fun and exciting opportunities for individuals to socialize with others, connect with various cultural heritages and traditions, and express themselves through art, music, and dance.

Alzheimer's disease can have a crippling effect on the social lives of people with dementia (PWD) and their caregivers. Often, family and friends tend to distance themselves from a PWD as their need for care intensifies. We hope that these upcoming events can offer PWD and their caregivers an opportunity to network with each other through providing an entertaining and engaging social outlet.

Special experiences like these give meaning to our lives and shape who we are as people. In addition to the benefit of keeping a PWD active, these events are meant to be enriching on a personal level. The programs offer diverse subject matter and cater to various interests, cultures, and heritages. These events will not only keep a PWD busy, but they will help attendees reconnect with their past.

Along with basic physical needs, PWD have emotional needs that they may not be able to be clearly communicate. It is common for individuals to have problems producing and/or understanding spoken language. Art, music, and dance have a language of their own that can communicate emotion when all other traditional methods have failed. The chapter will continue to expand programs, such as Memories in the Making, so that PWD have the chance to express themselves through these alternative forms of communication.

The following events are open to the entire dementia community. Caregivers can come alone, escort their loved one with dementia, or bring a group of other caregivers or family members. Facilities and daycare centers can arrange for groups to be accompanied by staff, family, or both. The best thing about all these events is that they are CHEAP! The cost for each event is \$1 per ticket unless it is listed otherwise. For an updated list of all Arts and Culture events please visit our website at www.alz.org/desjsepa and click on the "Arts and Culture" section on the left-hand side of the page. Looking forward to your group members attending!

Sincerely,
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Wednesday, May 5th, 2010 at 7:30pm – **Please RSVP by 4/21**

The PA Ballet Presents: Program IV

Program Details:

Square Dance

George Balanchine explores the juxtapositions of American folk dances and classical ballet with virtuosic performances and intricate choreographic patterns.

Afternoon of a Faun - COMPANY PREMIERE

Jerome Robbins' is at his lyric best in this Company Premiere of his landmark work featuring a delicate duet of stunning simplicity.

Requiem for a Rose

The stunning World Premiere from last season returns for an encore performance.

In The Middle, Somewhat Elevated - COMPANY PREMIERE

The highly anticipated Company Premiere of William Forsythe's fierce and innovative work that stretches the boundaries of the art form for a new generation.

30 Tickets are Available

Run Time is 2 hours with 2 intermissions

This Event is Appropriate for Ages 5 and Above

Wheelchair Accessible Seating is Available with Advanced Notice

The PA Ballet

The Merriam Theater

250 S. Broad St.

Philadelphia, PA 19102



Thursday, May 6th, 2010 at 7:00pm – **Please RSVP by 4/22**

People's Light and Theatre Company Presents: Gossamer

Newbery Award-winning author Lois Lowry brings us the story of Dream-givers, the mystical creatures who collect memories from meaningful belongings and weave them together to create dreams. In this delicate story that tiptoes between reality and imagination two Dream-givers comfort a lonely old woman and her troubled young foster son. When the boy is haunted by nightmares his Dream-giver, with her gossamer touch, must find the courage to protect him.

20 Tickets are Available

Run Time is Approximately 2 hours with One Intermission

This Event is Appropriate for Ages 14+

Wheelchair Accessible Seating is Available

Assisted Listening Devices are Available

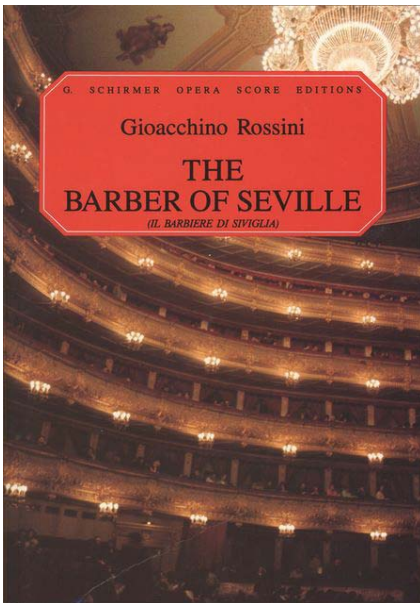
Large Print Programs are Available

People's Light and Theatre Company

Main Stage

39 Conestoga Road

Malvern, PA 19355



Thursday, May 6th, 2010 at 7:30pm – **Please RSVP by 4/22**

Curtis Opera Theater Presents: Il Barbiere di Siviglia

Need a shave—or a secret wedding? Just ask the barber of Seville. Figaro concocts comic schemes to unite Rosina with Count Almaviva while keeping their adversaries at bay. Fully staged production with the Curtis Symphony Orchestra, sung in the original Italian with English supertitles.

40 Tickets are Available

Run Time is Approximately 3 hours with One Intermission

This Event is Appropriate for Ages 12+

Wheelchair Accessible Seating is Available

Large Print Programs are Available

Curtis Institute of Music

The Prince Music Theater

1412 Chestnut Street

Philadelphia, PA 19102



Saturday, May 8th, 2010 at 8:00pm – Please RSVP by 4/24

Narberth Community Theatre Presents: The Dining Room

Gurney's "Dining Room" is a touching and funny elegy about the decline of formal dining in America. It makes a case that people need time and space together to truly connect - a time and place where generations learn from each other. "The Dining Room" where we learn to become a family.

25 Tickets are Available

Run Time is Approximately 2 hours 30 Minutes with 1 Intermission

This Event is Appropriate for All Ages

Wheelchair Accessible Seating is Available with Advanced Notice

Narberth Community Theatre

Narberth Community Theatre

206 Price Avenue

Narberth, PA 19072



Sunday, May 16th, 2010 at 7:00pm – Please RSVP by 5/2

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20 Tickets are Available

Run Time is Approximately 2 hours with One Intermission

This Event is Appropriate for Ages 14+

Wheelchair Accessible Seating is Available

Assisted Listening Devices are Available

Large Print Programs are Available

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Main Stage

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Malvern, PA 19355



Wednesday, May 19th, 2010 at 10:15am – Please RSVP by 5/5

The Keswick Theatre Presents: Stone Soup and Other Stories

The newly-updated perennial favorite – folk tales from around the world, richly laced with music, humor & visual charm – classic story theater at its best!

Presented by the Pushcart Players.

20 Tickets are Available

Run Time: TBD

This Event is Appropriate for Ages TBD
Wheelchair Accessible Seating is Available

The Keswick Theatre
291 N. Keswick Avenue
Glenside, PA 19015



Thursday, May 20th, 2010 at 2:00pm – **Please RSVP by 5/6**
The Bristol Riverside Theatre Presents: Closer Than Ever

Each song in Closer Than Ever is a story; an intimate, insightful tale about love, security and happiness – and holding onto them in a world that pulls you in a hundred different directions at once. Maltby and Shire bring their celebrated craft and contemporary sensibility to songs about aging, mid-life crisis, second marriages, and role reversals with parents, wicked satirical jabs at Muzak, working couples and unrequited love.

15 Tickets are Available

Run Time is Approximately 2 hours 15 Minutes with One Intermission

This Event is Appropriate for 12+

Wheelchair Accessible Seating is Available

Assisted Listening Devices are Available

Bristol Riverside Theatre

120 Radcliffe St.
Bristol, PA 19007



Friday, May 21st, 2010 at 7:30pm – **Please RSVP by 5/7**

The Ambler Symphony Orchestra Presents: Program II

This year's third series concert is Opera Night. We'll be joined by artists from Philadelphia's Academy of Vocal Arts for an evening of operatic favorites!

20 Tickets are Available

Run Time is Approximately 2 hours 30 minutes with One Intermission

This Event is Appropriate for 10+

Wheelchair Accessible Seating is Available

Ambler Symphony Orchestra

Wissahickon High School

521 Houston Road

Ambler, PA 19002-3599



Saturday, May 22nd, 2010 at 3:00pm – Please RSVP by 5/8

Lyric Fest Presents: Unplug!

Imagine what can happen when a dad gets a son to actually unplug his iPod for a walk! Lyric Fest takes kids on a sound journey through Philadelphia... Broadway on Broad, the Classics on the Avenue, Jazz in Old City and Opera at the Academy! Our concert winds up with Richard Wargo's "The Music Shop", a hilarious mini-opera about trip to a music store to find a tune so familiar, that no one can remember it... Join us for a concert winning enough to entertain the toughest iPod-plugged critic in your kitchen!

50 Tickets are Available

Run Time is Approximately 2 hours with One Intermission

This Event is Appropriate for All Ages

Wheelchair Accessible Seating is Available

Lyric Fest

The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill

8855 Germantown Avenue,

Philadelphia, PA 19118



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Run Time is Approximately 2 hours with One Intermission

This Event is Appropriate for All Ages

Wheelchair Accessible Seating is Available

Lyric Fest

The First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia,
21st and Walnut Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19103



Monday, May 24th, 2010 at 10:15am – Please RSVP by 5/10

The Keswick Theatre Presents: Beauty and the Beast

Excitement that only live musical theater can provide: a timeless classic comes to life on stage, bursting with magic, energy and wonder – a superb extension of classroom adventures in reading. “This is quality for young audiences at its very best.” – American Society of Educators . Presented by American Family Theater

20 Tickets are Available

Run Time: TBD

This Event is Appropriate for Ages TBD

Wheelchair Accessible Seating is Available

The Keswick Theatre

291 N. Keswick Avenue

Glenside, PA 19015



Wednesday, May 26th, 2010 at 10:15am – Please RSVP by 5/12

The Keswick Theatre Presents: Teaching Peace

Parents Choice Award-winner/Grammy Award nominee, Red Grammar, and his engaging, affirming music lifts young audiences to a place where hearts are filled with love and everything is possible – featured on *The Today Show*, *The Disney Channel*, *CBS This Morning*, *PBS* & more!

20 Tickets are Available

Run Time: TBD

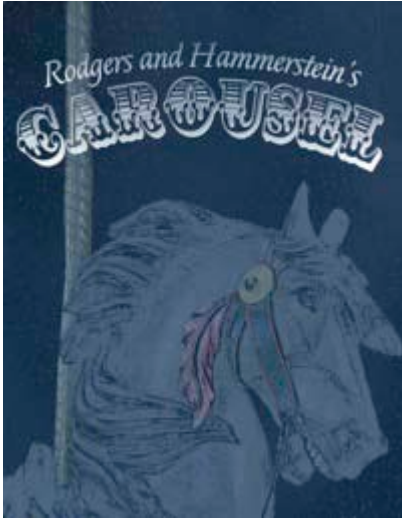
This Event is Appropriate for Ages TBD

Wheelchair Accessible Seating is Available

The Keswick Theatre

291 N. Keswick Avenue

Glenside, PA 19015



Thursday, May 27th, 2010 at 8:00pm – **Please RSVP by 5/13**

Plays and Players Theater Presents: Carousel

In this revival of the groundbreaking Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, a mill girl in a small New England fishing village, Julie Jordan, marries a handsome carousel barker, Billy Bigelow, things soon turn sour for the couple. Desperate for money after learning that he is soon to become a father, Billy is killed during an attempted robbery. Several years later, when he is allowed to return to earth for a short time, he seeks out the daughter of his union with Julie. Enter a world of love lost and love regained, and stunning classic musical numbers such as If I Loved You, June Is Bustin' Out All Over, and You'll Never Walk Alone.

15 Tickets are Available

Run Time is 2 Hours 30 Minutes with 1 Intermission

This Event is Appropriate for Ages 12+

Wheelchair Accessible Seating is Available

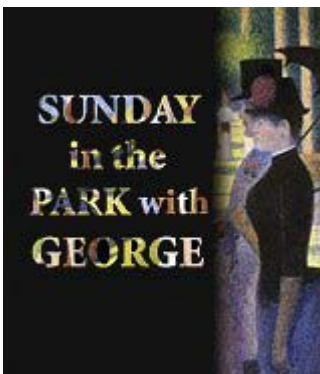
Please note that the venue does not have accessible bathrooms.

Plays and Players Theater

Plays and Players Theater

1714 Delancey Place

Philadelphia , PA 19103



Friday, May 28th, 2010 at 8:00pm – **Please RSVP by 5/14**

Sondheim's Pulitzer Prize-winning musical was inspired by Georges Seurat's stunning masterpiece, *Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte*. Brimming with beauty and light, *Sunday in the Park* celebrates the power of creation. Jeffrey Coon (Seurat) and Kristine Fraelich (Dot) star in this passionate production featuring Sondheim's full orchestrations and a commanding ensemble of 15. Hold on to your hat!

12 Tickets are Available

Run Time is TBD

This Event is Recommended for Ages 14+

1 Wheelchair Accessible Seat and 1 Companion Seat are Available

This performance will be Open Captioned

This performance will be Audio Described

Assisted Listening Devices are Available

Large Print Programs are Available with Advanced Notice

Braille Print Programs are Available with Advanced Notice

The Arden Theatre

40 N. 2nd St.

Philadelphia, PA 19146