

CARPE DIEM ARTS!

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CARPE DIEM ARTS

**in partnership with Brookletts Place Talbot County Senior Center
and the Talbot County Free Library**

presents

THE VIRTUAL HERITAGE CONCERT SERIES

February 26, March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25

Zoom Room: 4th Fridays @ 4 pm

Kicking off with a celebration of Black History Month & Valentines Day

featuring

KAREN SOMERVILLE

and

KATHY BULLOCK & PHILLIP BULLOCK

Friday, February 26, 4 pm

Carpe Diem Arts has joined forces again with Brookletts Place Talbot County Senior Center in presenting the popular monthly concert series---this time in the virtual mode and in partnership with the Talbot County Free Library. The performances are scheduled on the fourth Fridays of the month, February through June of 2021 and will be presented via Zoom and Facebook Live. Mark your calendars for a stellar winter-spring line-up. For more information and links, please visit www.carpediemarts.org/brookletts-place

Kicking off the 2021 series on Friday, February 26 will be Karen Somerville, one of the Eastern Shore's most acclaimed performers, delighting audiences with a "contemporary soulful sound and surprising jazz licks and blues blends." Karen will also be the host of the winter/spring 2021 Heritage Concert Series.

Joining Karen Somerville on February 26 will be Kathy Bullock, another legendary singer and musical force and long-time professor at Berea College in Kentucky. Sharing the bill with Kathy will be her accomplished son Phillip whose rich baritone voice is reminiscent of the great Paul Robeson.

The March 26 concert will feature the duo “Rakish” with violinist Maura Shawn Scanlin and guitarist Connor Hearn in celebration of Irish American Heritage Month and renowned jazz, blues and gospel singer Lea Gilmore with an offering of songs to honor Women’s History Month.

On April 23, Egyptian singer Maggie Yacoub will share her diverse musical palette to celebrate Arab-American Heritage Month, and Shore chanteuse Chris Noyes will serenade us with a marvelous medley of songs in celebration of Earth Day.

The May 28 concert will feature the award-winning recording artist Patricia Shih with a Chinese song in honor of Asian-American Heritage Month, along with a sing-along selection of American favorites. Caron Dale will then lead us on a memorable musical journey in celebration of Jewish American Heritage Month, and no doubt there will be a nod to Mother’s Day as well!

The grand finale of the series will be on June 25 in celebration of Caribbean-American Heritage, with Grammy Award winners Dan and Claudia Zanes. We will also be honoring Juneteenth (June 19) with Revels’ Jubilee Voices, featuring director Andrea Blackford and her husband Harold, along with James Harkless, sharing songs and stories from the African-American experience of struggle and perseverance, trials and triumphs.

The Heritage concert series is made possible by the generous support of the Brookletts Place / Upper Shore Aging Fund of the Mid-Shore Community Foundation, Talbot County Free Library, Talbot County Arts Council with revenues provided by the Maryland State Arts Council, and by individual contributors to Carpe Diem Arts, Brookletts Place and TCFL.

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CARPE DIEM! HERITAGE CONCERT SERIES

February to June 2021---Fourth Fridays @ 4:00pm

Hosted by Karen Somerville. Welcoming audiences of all ages!

February 26 --- Black History Month and Valentine's Day

- **Karen Somerville:** One of the Eastern Shore's most acclaimed performers, described as a Jazz and Blues chanteuse extraordinaire. Karen's roots are firmly planted in the African-American Legacy and Heritage of Gospel. Karen has graciously accepted our invitation to host the Carpe Diem Heritage Series.
- **Kathy Bullock and Phillip Bullock:** Join Kathy and Phillip Bullock as mom and son share songs of longing, hope and joy by African American composers. From art songs to spirituals and gospel music, Kathy and Phillip will celebrate with us the powerful legacy of this music and culture. Dr. Bullock is a professor, musician and workshop clinician specializing in African American Music. Phillip Bullock is an opera singer and vocal coach who enjoys a wide range of musical genres. www.kathybullock.com / www.phillipbullock.com

March 26 --- Irish American Heritage Month and Women's History Month

- **Rakish:** Violinist Maura Shawn Scanlin and guitarist Connor Hearn will perform a marvelous mix of traditional Irish and original instrumental tunes and songs from their forthcoming album. www.RakishMusic.com
- **Lea Gilmore:** Renowned jazz, blues, folk and gospel vocalist, Lea Gilmore has performed, lectured and inspired around the world, from Europe to Russia to Africa, heading sold out concerts and workshops for all ages, often focused on the intersection of the arts and social justice/activism, www.LeaGilmore.net

April 23 --- Arab-American Heritage Month and Earth Day/Environmental Awareness Month

- **Maggie Fekry Yacoub:** Maggie Yacoub is an Egyptian singer based in the D.C. area. Her diverse musical palette has been inspired by her passion for both Western and Eastern music, including Pop, Jazz, Soul and Arabic Jazz fusion. Maggie is currently working on a recording that will feature sounds and voices from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Egypt, India, the Balkan region, and Brooklyn.
- **Chris Noyes:** Known far and wide for her angelic voice and superb accompaniment on guitar and ukulele, Chris will serenade us with a marvelous medley of songs and hauntingly beautiful melodies in celebration of our planet Earth. For those who enjoy singing, there will be plenty of opportunity to join in on a round and chorus or two.

May 28 --- Asian-American Heritage Month & Jewish American Heritage Month & Mother's Day

- **Patricia Shih:** A multiple national award-winning singer/songwriter (over 250 songs and 4 albums for adults and 5 for families/children), Shih is also an award-winning painter, glass artist, and filmmaker! Bring your shakers, percussion, and singing voices to join in this fun show! www.PatriciaShih.com
- **Caron Dale:** Caron Dale will lead us in a journey of Jewish Soul Music from Eastern Europe to today's USA. Caron is an award winning songwriter, the leader of the band Lox & Vodka and founder of Chords of Courage, a non-profit that encourages youth to write powerful songs about people of unusual courage. www.loxvodka.com / www.daleentertainment.com / www.ChordsofCourage.org

June 25 – Caribbean-American Heritage Month and Juneteenth

- **Dan & Claudia Zanes:** Grammy award-winning performer Dan Zanes and his Haitian-American music therapist/jazz vocalist wife Claudia have been making music together since the day they met in the fall of 2016, and they continue to adapt and reinvent and sing their way to new beginnings. Come join in the fun! www.danandclaudia.com
- **Andrea & Harold Blackford with James Harkless of the Jubilee Voices from Washington Revels:** Join in this special honoring of Juneteenth (June 19), celebrating African-American history and traditions through songs and stories of struggle and perseverance, trials and triumphs. www.revelsdc.org/jubilee-voices

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