

# REPRIORMENT PROGRAMS

*Every day at The Mather offers an array of stimulating social, cultural, and educational programs targeted to the unique styles, tastes, and moods of residents.*

*Below is a sample of the types of offerings that residents can choose from.*

## **Maxwell Street Klezmer Band**

The most popular Klezmer band in the Midwest. They're known for their high-energy performances that glow with warmth and humor. Be sure to wear your dancing shoes!

## **Ria Honda on Violin**

Classical violinist Ria Honda performs a variety of works including Bach, Beethoven, Grieg, and Ernst, with pianist Milana Pavchinskaya.

## **Lakeside Flutes**

Chicago's premiere flute orchestra plays music from the British Isles.

## **Brain Fitness**

You will engage in a variety of exercises that stimulate and challenge the mind, encouraging you to pull from your long- and short-term memory through several different fun and engaging verbal activities.

## **The Monarch and Its Migration**

The monarch is the best-known butterfly species in the world. Its life cycle is closely tied to its amazing migration. We will explore both the life cycle and the migration as well as discussing the butterfly's behavior on its wintering grounds in Mexico, efforts in both Mexico and Illinois to track population fluctuations, and conservation issues surrounding the monarch. Learn what you can do from your own home to aid in conserving this iconic insect.

## **Kitchen Tours**

Join Chef Joel on a tour of The Mather's kitchens. Must R.S.V.P. with the concierge.

## **Beading with Carol**

Create a new treasure—necklace or bracelet—repair that broken strand of beads, make over that necklace that is not quite right. Also, simple repairs can be done

in class (changing that difficult clasp to a magnetic clasp, replacing ear wires/ear clips, etc.).

## **Youth & Opportunity United**

Project REACH is a group of 32 dedicated and outstanding elementary students who research the past, present, and future of Evanston and Skokie. As part of this project, youth travel to different organizations in Evanston/Skokie and interview important community members. Come help support their project. At the end of the semester, Project REACH youth will present their findings to the community at the Project REACH Showcase. The Mather will provide transportation to the event.

## **Science vs. Religion Today**

The issues are not at all what they used to be. This will be a four-week series brought to us by Rabbi Bronstein.

## **Duplicate Bridge**

Duplicate Bridge will be held on the second Saturday of each month from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. New participants are welcome and should register with the concierge.

## **Scripture Study**

Join Rabbi Bronstein and Sharon Rader for a study of parables.

## **Myra Loris Presents: A New World/A New Kind of War**

In this presentation Myra will look at the escalation of the Cold War, focusing on such issues as the Berlin Airlift, and also at the goals and consequences of the creation of the United Nations and of the Marshall Plan.

## **David Cole Presents**

Georgetown University Law Professor David Cole discusses his latest book, *Engines of Liberty: The Power of Citizens Activists to Make Constitutional Law*.



## REPRIORMENT PROGRAMS *Continued*

### **Coffee Klatch**

Drop by for coffee and doughnuts, casual conversation and a chance to socialize with community residents and staff.

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### **Art Excursion Presents: Costumes of *Downton Abbey***

The Driehaus Museum hosts an exhibition of costumes used in the wildly popular PBS/BBC series *Downton Abbey*. Art historian Jeff Mishur discusses costumes on exhibit that are original to the period as well as garments that were newly constructed to imitate vintage dress. Most importantly, Mishur places each costume into a historic context and relates each to the narrative of the series.

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### **Roycemore Students**

Roycemore High School Choir performs a variety of tunes such as “Budapest”, “I Love My Love”, and much more.

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### **Steven Cooper Orchestra**

Back by popular demand! Steven Cooper Orchestra will help us dance our way into spring. Don't miss out!

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### **Paul Goldman on Piano**

Paul will be performing a variety of favorites from the early twentieth century. Paul plays a combination of swing, blues, Broadway, klezmer, and Latin music.

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### **News & Views**

Lynn Samuels presents local, national, and worldwide news and views.

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### **Nepal Earthquake Talk**

When Ayal set out to Nepal for a year of youth volunteer work and travel, the last thing he expected was to be caught in the devastating April 2015 earthquake. Come hear from this Chicago native about his dramatic experiences during the Nepal earthquake and as a part of relief efforts, and learn about the ongoing recovery work in Nepal today.

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### **Men's Club Guest Speakers: Lawyers James Faught and Francis Wolfe**

Lawyers James Faught and Francis Wolfe (a resident of The Mather) present A Look at the Inns of Court: An English Tradition. Join us for this view of legal/history/travel in England because the HISTORY portion is important for our own legal history. Guest speaker starts at 10:30 am. Program open to all residents.

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### **The Resident Performance Hour Presents: A Theatrical Double-Header Today!**

A play-reading sampler, complete with conflict-aging-laughter. R.S.V.P. required—sign up in either mail room. Please note: the running time for this production is close to 60 minutes, so please make dinner plans accordingly if you wish to attend the 4:15 performance.

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### **Greg Athnos, Emeritus Professor of Music, North Park University**

Join Greg Athnos as he presents Beethoven's 5th Symphony: Is it Autobiographical?

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### ***Letter from Iwo Jima***

The story of the battle of Iwo Jima between the United States and Imperial Japan during World War II, as told from the perspective of the Japanese who fought it. Watch this award-winning film and stick around for a discussion after with Phyllis Lyons, Associate Professor of Japanese Literature at Northwestern University.

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### **Julie Strauss, PhD, Political Scientist**

Join Julie Strauss as she presents Voter Suppression and Voter Fraud.

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### **Earth Day Film: Call Of Life... Facing the Mass Extinction**

This film is the first feature documentary to investigate the growing threat to Earth's life support systems from this unprecedented loss of biodiversity. We will be showing and discussing this film in honor of Earth Day.

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### **Masha Lakasova on Violin**

Masha Lakisova, 13, began her musical journey on the piano at age four. Shortly thereafter, she began taking violin lessons with Larisa Zhizhin at the age of 9, continued her studies with Drew Lecher, and is presently a student of internationally renowned violin teacher and Starling Professor of Indiana University, Grigory Kalinovsky. Come hear this talented young lady play some tunes!

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### **Still Acting Up Presents: Hi Tech**

Our favorite singing older adults take on the information age!

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### **Hoopla Talk**

In this talk, you will learn how to download and stream free videos, music, audiobooks, comics, and eBooks on your mobile device or computer.

# OUT & ABOUT TRIPS

## CSO B— Sheherazade & Bartok Violin Concert No. 2 \*Subscription Series\*



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Finnish conductor Susanna Mälkki conjures Rimsky-Korsakov's hauntingly melodious and stunningly orchestrated evocation of several tales told by the legendary heroine Sheherazade, represented by a dazzling solo violin. The violin takes center stage again as Gil Shaham plays Bartók's folksy Violin Concerto No. 2. Debussy's quirky Gigue, based on the well-known English sailor's chorus "The Keel Row," rounds out this colorful program.

## Branford Marsalis, Victor Goines, and Northwestern University Jazz



A performance of Victor Goines's *Crescent City* featuring Grammy-winning saxophonist Branford Marsalis, accompanied by students and alumni of the jazz studies program. The work

was commissioned by Jazz at Lincoln Center in 2013 and premiered in New York in January 2014. The concert will also feature Goines as clarinetist in his 2009 ASCAP commission *Benny: Then, Now, Forever*.

## Metropolitan Opera—*Madame Butterfly*, Evanston

Anthony Minghella's breathtaking production has thrilled audiences ever since its premiere in 2006. Kristine Opolais reprises her acclaimed portrayal of the title role, opposite Roberto Alagna as Pinkerton, the naval officer who breaks Butterfly's heart. Ana María Martínez, Latonia Moore, Roberto De Biasio, and Gwyn Hughes Jones star in a second set of performances. Karel Mark Chichon conducts.

## Sunday Dinner: Pinstripes, Northbrook



Italian-American fare, bowling and bocce in a sprawling space with indoor and outdoor seating and a bar. You can participate in the fun activities or just join for a Sunday dinner.

## Marilyn Horne, Vocal Master Class— Northwestern University



*Opera News* declares, "Marilyn Horne—whose face and song have been the light—in so many places, in so many styles, through so many media, for so many years—may be the most influential singer in American history." The mezzo-soprano's numerous honors and awards include multiple Grammys, a National Medal of the Arts, and induction into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and as a Commander of the Order of Arts and Letters by France's Ministry of Culture.

## The Art of Dr. Seuss Gallery, Chicago



The Art of Dr. Seuss Gallery is dedicated entirely to the life and work of Dr. Seuss!

## ESO—Heroic Beethoven \*Subscription Series\*



Our all-Beethoven concert is devoted to works composed between 1803 and 1810, his middle or "Heroic"

period. Inna Faliks, frequently heard on radio station WFMT, will take on the demanding solo role in the Third Piano Concerto. The conclusion of the Egmont Overture is titled "Victory Symphony," which is an equally appropriate description for the complete Fifth Symphony, the most famous symphony ever composed.

## 2016 Phillip M. & Ethel Klutznick Lecture on Jewish Civilization

FREE TRIP

Northwestern  
University

This lecture will be given by David Nirenber, who is Deborah R. and Edgar D. Jannotta Professor of Medieval History and Committee on Social Thought at the University of Chicago. The lecture subject is "Neighboring Faiths: Judaism, Christianity and Islam."

## OUT & ABOUT TRIPS *Continued*

### Dinner at Prost and *Hillary & Clinton*, Victory Gardens Theater, Chicago



Enjoy some German cuisine at Prost followed by a show. *Hillary and Clinton* is a fast-paced, no-holds-barred glimpse into a political storm of another world. Chay Yew directs Lucas Hnath's 2008 primary election fantasy, exploring the extraordinary sacrifices one is willing to make in order to gain ultimate power.

### Garfield Park Conservatory Spring Show, Chicago



On this trip you will see azaleas, spring bulbs, and perennials that fill the room with botanical symbols of the season to come.

### Metropolitan Opera— *Roberto Devereux*, Evanston



Soprano Sondra Radvanovsky takes on the extraordinary challenge of singing all three of Donizetti's Tudor queen operas in the course of a single season,

a rare feat made famous by Beverly Sills—and not attempted on a New York stage since. In this climactic opera of the trilogy, she plays Queen Elizabeth I, forced to sign the death warrant of the nobleman she loves, Robert Devereux.

### CSO A— Muti Conducts Tchaikovsky & Mahler



Riccardo Muti conducts two of Tchaikovsky's most romantic and vividly dramatic overtures

inspired by two of Shakespeare's greatest dramas: *Romeo and Juliet* and *The Tempest*. Completing the concert is one of Mahler's most charming and best-loved works, the enchanting Fourth Symphony, featuring sparkling soprano Rosa Feola.

### Miami City Ballet, Harris Theater, Chicago



"One of America's most beloved dance companies," Miami City Ballet is led by Artistic Director Lourdes Lopez. The dancers of MCB are known for their distinct musicality, interpretive artistry, great speed and attack, technical clarity, and ability to move seamlessly between diverse dance genres including classical, contemporary, and modern.

### Metropolitan Opera—*Elektra*



The genius director Patrice Chéreau (*From the House of the Dead*) didn't live to see his great *Elektra* production, previously presented in Aix and Milan, make it to the stage of the Met. But his overpowering vision lives on with soprano Nina Stemme—unmatched today in the heroic female roles of Strauss and Wagner—who portrays Elektra's primal quest for vengeance for the murder of her father, Agamemnon.

### Matthew Polenzani Recital, Evanston



Steve Winn of the *San Francisco Classical Voice* praises tenor Matthew Polenzani's "torrent of magnificent sound...from the

sonorous, deep pedal points of his low notes to the glittering, high shine at the upper reaches." He is the recipient of the 2004 Richard Tucker Award and the Metropolitan Opera's 2008 Beverly Sills Artist Award.

In addition to transportation for scheduled trips, The Mather offers residents free shuttle service for Evanston errands, including grocery shopping, entertainment, and more.