

January/February 2019

LiR is for adults who enjoy learning in a stimulating and social environment. Join us at LiR (the annual membership fee of \$20 is all-inclusive through May 2019), and sign up for those presentations of interest to you. New members are welcome throughout the year. Visit our website at www.qvcc.edu/programs/lir/ for newsletters, updates, and items of interest.

The winter courses below are FREE TO PAID MEMBERS. All Winter programs are held in the auditorium.

The films and videos run from January 15 through February 8, 2019.

MUSEUM MASTERPIECES: THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART (4-PART VIDEO SERIES)

This course begins with a brief overview of the history of the Museum. It dives into the individual departments and talks about the influents of Greece, Rome and Egypt and then moves through the 20th century artists and into the museum's works of the 21st century.

- Class 1: The Making of the Museum, The Art of Ancient Greece and Rome, followed by Ancient Egyptian Art
- * Class 2: Asian Art, The Ancient Near East and Islamic Art, followed by European Painting I The Renaissance
- * Class 3: European Painting II 16th through the 19th Centuries
- * Class 4: Drawings and Prints, Photographs, European Decorative Arts and European Sculpture

Presenter: Clare Despathy is a retired teacher and active Program Committee member. Truly a lifelong learner herself, she obtained this series for personal learning goals and liked it so much that she invites her fellow LiR members to enjoy them. "The Great Courses are interesting, educational and enjoyed by most people – come and enjoy them with us" Clare declares!

Dates: Tuesdays, January 15, 22, 29 & February 5 from 10 am—12:00 pm. *Note earlier start time.

My Favorite Universe (4-Part video series)

The Professor Neil deGrasse Tyson Lecture Series examines 12 topics, out of hundreds about which the author has written, and for which the general public harbors a sustained and insatiable interest.

- * Class 1: On Being Round, On Being Rarefied and On Being Dense
- * Class 2: Death by Black Hole, Ends of the World and Coming Attractions
- * Class 3: Onward to the Edge, In Defense of the Big Bang and The Greatest Story Ever Told
- * Class 4: Forged in the Stars, The Search for Planets and The Search for Life in the Universe

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Dates: Tuesdays, January 15, 22, 29 & February 5 from 1 pm—3 pm.

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE (VIDEO-BASED MUSICAL PRESENTATION) (3-PART VIDEO SERIES)

**Note: This course is a continuation of the Fall series, but seeing the Fall videos is not a pre-requirement. **

- * Joseph is a story of dreams and the power of forgiveness. (127 minutes)
- * **Ruth** follows the improbable journey of Ruth and Naomi whose faith in God and in each other ignites a chain of events that changes the course of history. (130 minutes)
- * **Jonah** is a prophet with cold feet who learns that the love of God is always seeking to give someone another chance. (116 minutes) *Repeated, due to bad weather in the fall.*

Presenter: Marilee Morse is a retired elementary band and classroom music teacher. She currently serves as the Director of Music at The Congregational Church of Putnam, sings with the Concert Choir of Northeast CT, and codirects, accompanies, and/or sings with the Plainfield Senior Chorus. And she is an active LiR member! **Dates:** Fridays, January 18, 25, & February 1 from 10 am—12:15 pm. *Note earlier start time.

WINTER FILM SERIES—ENJOYING CHARACTER & SUPPORTING ACTORS/ACTRESSES (3-PART VIDEO SERIES)

The 2019 Winter Film Series will feature some of the least known but most beloved character actors in Hollywood history. This series will include the following movies:

- * **Rear Window** Thelma Ritter has received more Academy Award nominations for Best Supporting Actress than any other actress in Hollywood history. You might not recognize her name but I am sure you will recognize her face (and distinctive voice) when we see her support Jimmy Stewart and Grace Kelly in Alfred Hitchcock's 1954 film.
- * **Ball of Fire** This 1941 screwball comedy stars Gary Cooper and Barbara Stanwyck but its supporting cast is a "who's who" of great character actors including S.Z. Sakall (who would play Carl, the head waiter, a year later in "Casablanca") and Henry Travers (who shows up as the angel Clarence Odbody in 1946's *It's A Wonderful Life*).
- * **12 Angry Men** Henry Fonda received top billing but the character actors who appear as the additional 11 jurors helped make this 1957 film a classic. Supporting actors include Lee J. Cobb, Ed Begley, E.G. Marshall, Jack Warden and John Fielder.

Presenter: Beth Alves is a professor of English and Communications at QVCC (and friend/frequent presenter at LiR!). Among the courses she teaches are "The Movies" and "Intro to Mass Communications." She encourages her students to have an open mind and hopes that they will make use of their critical thinking skills when watching films in her classes.

Dates: Fridays, January 18, 25, & February 1 from 1 pm—3:30 pm.

2019 LiR Open House for the Spring Programs



Friday, March 1, 2019 @ 1 PM



Weather closing backup date: Friday March 8

Mark your calendar; enjoy a fun, social event with like-minded LiR members.

Learn all about the Spring Semester programs and presenters.

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