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Six Performances Scheduled for Free "Fall Concert Series"

The Library's 2005 Fall Concert Series will premiere Sunday, Aug. 21 with a performance by soprano Pamela Arnold, accompanied by Beverly McGahey on piano. The program will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St., in downtown San Diego. They will perform a program entitled "Stories in Song," featuring works by Rodgers and Hart, Mercer and Arlen, and Rodgers and Hammerstein.

The Library began its Chamber Music Series in the mid-1950s. Critical and popular response encouraged the Library to increase the scope of the series to its present status of a Fall Concert Series and a Winter/Spring Concert Series. These musical series are funded by a donation from the Herbert Feurerisen Family and other public donors. The concerts are very important to the musicians as they provide a venue for them to perform locally. The community has responded enthusiastically as shown by steadily growing attendance by musicians, music lovers, music appreciation students and residents.

All concerts will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the Central Library's auditorium and are free and open to the public. The full schedule of the Fall Concert Series is as follows:

- **Aug. 21:** Soprano Pamela Arnold, accompanied by Beverly McGahey, piano, will perform "Stories in Song – Works by Rodgers and Hart, Mercer and Arlen, Rodgers and Hammerstein."
- **Sept. 11:** Jeremy Kurtz, double bass, and Karen Follingstad, piano, will perform works by Rabbath, Misesk, Deak and Kreisler.
- **Sept. 18:** Soprano Mariko Kanamitsu, accompanied by Miho Gary, piano, will perform "A Musical Feast – Delicacies from Handel to Barber."
- **Oct. 9:** The Pomerado Saxophone Quartet, featuring John A. Groot, Laurie Purcell, Mel Davis and Carl Cabaniss, will perform works by Bach, Niehaus, Albeniz, Gershwin and Morton.
- **Oct. 23:** The Kensington Trio, featuring Ronald Morebello, piano; Natalka Kytasty, violin; and Yuri Kytasty, cello; will perform a program



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Open Public Hours for Most City Libraries Reduced

Due to fiscal constraints facing the City of San Diego, public hours of most City libraries were reduced effective July 18. Also, services by telephone on Friday through Sunday will be conducted at the Central Library only. All but two branch libraries are now open to the public as follows:

- Monday and Wednesday: 12:30 to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday and Thursday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Friday: 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Thanks to funds provided by the Council District 4 office, the public hours will remain unchanged for both the Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch and the Oak Park Branch:

- Monday and Wednesday, Noon to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

In addition, 10 branch libraries will be open on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.: Carmel Valley, City Heights/Weingart, La Jolla/Riford, Mission Valley, North Park, Pacific Beach/Taylor, Point Loma/Hervey, Rancho Bernardo, San Carlos, Valencia Park/Malcolm X.

The public hours of the Central Library were reduced last year and will remain the same:

- Monday and Wednesday: Noon to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday: 1 to 5 p.m.

Idiosyncratic World of Local Artist Richard Reyes Revealed in Library Exhibition

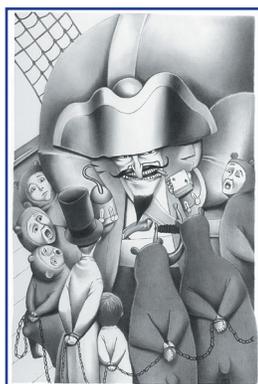
The Library is showing more than 30 graphite-on-paper drawings by San Diego artist Richard Reyes in "In Search of Neverland," from through Aug. 28 at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library. To date this is the most comprehensive exhibition ever organized of the artist's work.

Primarily self-taught, Reyes began drawing at age 5 to compensate for a severe stutter. Over the years his style, largely influenced by mainstays of popular culture such as graphic novels, comic books and black and white movies, has evolved into a unique and effective means of expression which fuses technical, almost slick, virtuosity with a provocative undercurrent of psychological unrest.

The majority of the works showcased in "In Search of Neverland" were inspired by "Peter Pan," J.M. Barrie's dark and classic fantasy published as a children's book. The tale's cast of bizarre characters and references to death and lost youth are ideally suited to Reyes' imagination and resonate with aspects of his psychological makeup, Hispanic heritage, and tragedy in his own life. However, as the humor permeating this exhibition reveals, Reyes is not above skewering cultural icons such as Santa Claus, or subverting major institutions. This irreverence has delighted cynics and, at times,



Richard Reyes' "Three on the Dinghy"

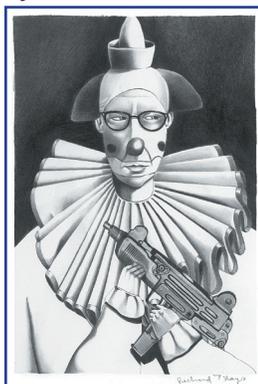


Reyes' "Captain Hook with Boy Prisoners"

enraged traditionalists.

The multi-layered meanings and narrative content found in Reyes' intimately scaled drawings, coupled with their graphically powerful imagery and impeccable technique, make "In Search of Neverland" a delightful and thought-provoking exhibition.

The Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch is located at 4275 Cass St. All Visual Arts Program events are free of charge and open to the public. For information, visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.



Reyes' "Is Today the Day?"

Free Films at Libraries



The Library presents a variety of free films, many of which are independent or foreign films not widely distributed. Others are classic and family-friendly movies. For more information about films being shown, visit the Calendar of Events section on the Library's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Medical Information on the Web Workshop

Would you like to find more information on a physician, health education, or medical terminology? Do you need additional information on a medical condition or disease? A computer workshop about medical information on the Web will be held Aug. 30 at 2 p.m. in the Central Library Computer Lab. Find out how the Library's directories, databases and selected articles may answer your questions. The class is limited to 15 participants and reservations are required. Sign-up on or after Aug. 1. The Central Library is located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. For information and reservations, call 619-238-6621.

Free Seminars for Small Business Owners

The Library and SCORE will host counseling sessions to discuss various business challenges small business owners face in a competitive business world. Topics to be covered may include business plans, business start-up, finances, marketing or business expansion, etc. Participants will meet with one-on-one with a SCORE executive. The event will take place Aug. 10 and 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the second floor meeting room at the Central Library, 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. To register for the free program, or for more information, contact Business Resources and Technology Link at the Library's Social Sciences Section at 619-238-6630, or email businesslink@sandiego.gov.

Exploring the Life of Jules Verne

Actor and educator Howard Burnham will present a one-man show, "Imagination Extraordinary," that explores the life of science fiction author Jules Verne. The free event will take place Aug. 3, at 7 p.m., at Rancho Bernardo Branch Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive. For more information, call 858-538-8163.

International Dance Festival at City Heights

Dance performances from around the world will be held every Friday in August at the Performance Annex of the City Heights/Weingart Branch Library, 3795 Fairmount Ave. The free, outdoor events begin at 6 p.m. Bring blankets and chairs. Call 619-641-6100 for more information.

College Heights Branch Closes in Preparation for New College-Rolando Branch

The College Heights Branch Library, located at 4710 College Ave., was closed to the public as of Sunday, July 31. The closing of the facility will allow Library staff time to move books and other materials and equipment to the new College-Rolando Branch, which will open in September.

The new College-Rolando Branch, to be located at 6600 Montezuma Road, will be a 15,000-square-foot facility – more than three times larger than the library it replaces.

“The new College-Rolando Branch Library will be a major improvement and provide more and better services to the community,” said City Library Director Anna Tatár.

The library expansion project is part of the City’s Library Building Program that calls for the building of 13 new libraries and expanding 11 existing branches over the next 10 years. The College-Rolando Branch will be the program’s third completed project following a new Point Loma-Hervey Branch and an expanded La Jolla-Riford Branch.

Until the College-Rolando Branch opens, patrons are encouraged to visit the following:

- Oak Park Branch Library, 2802 54th St., 619-527-3406
- City Heights/Weingart Branch Library, 3795 Fairmount Ave., 619-641-6100



The College Heights Branch Library will close in preparation for the opening of the new College-Rolando Branch in September.

- Allied Gardens/Benjamin Branch, 5188 Zion Ave., 619-533-3970.

The public can also use the book drop at the new College-Rolando Branch. Books and other materials reserved at the College Heights Branch can be picked up at the Oak Park Branch. Other library locations can be found by visiting the Library on the City’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Summer Reading Program Continues

The Library’s Summer Reading Program continues through Aug. 15. This year’s Summer Reading Program focuses on adventure and fun. For children up to 12 years old, the theme of the program is “Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds,” and the program’s theme for teens is “Joust Read.” Participants can receive lots of great prizes. The program is available at all City libraries, and also includes many free special events such as magic shows, music performances, storytelling, arts and crafts projects, and other activities. For details about the free program, activities and about how to sign up, contact or visit your local library. More information is also available on the Library’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Children Perform at Scripps Miramar Ranch

Two upcoming shows will feature children performers at the Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive. The Broadway Kids of San Diego will perform “Into the Woods Junior,” on Aug. 3 at 6:30 p.m. Donations are suggested. For information, call 858-792-6917. Also, the Scripps Ranch Performing Arts Centre will present “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” on Aug. 8 at 3 p.m. For information, call 858-538-8158.

Free Community Technology Symposium Aug. 5

The Library and the San Diego Community Technology Coalition will present the third annual Community Technology Symposium on Aug. 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St. The event will be the largest gathering of community technology experts in San Diego. Get up to speed on the latest in wireless connectivity, training and curriculum support, fund raising accessibility, and access to latest and greatest free technology programs. Free breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information, call 619-527-3405.

Fall Concert Series

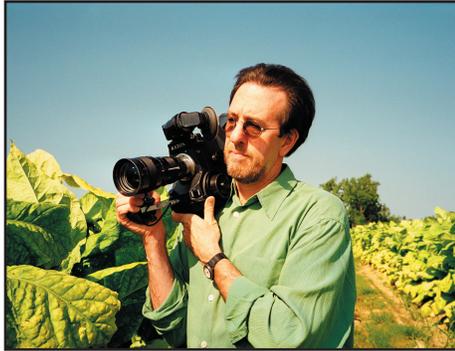
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- entitled “Mainly Rachmaninoff.”
 - **Nov. 6:** Soprano MaryLou Rector, accompanied by Laura Green, clarinet; Haroldine Liggot, cello; and Ilana Mysior, piano; will perform works by Strauss and a musical setting of Kafka by Robert Furstenthal.
- For more information, call the Central Library’s Art, Music and Recreation Section at 619-236-5810 or visit the Library on the City’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Library to Show Three Free Documentary Films in August

The Library will screen three documentary films, produced by POV, in August including programs about the tobacco industry, a Jewish family’s emotional trip to Poland, and a former Harlem Globetrotter faced with family and racism of his past.

The Library will show “**Bright Leaves**” on Sunday, Aug. 7 at 2 p.m. What legacy is passed down to generations when a family is a giant tobacco producer? Filmmaker Ross McElwee, whose great-grandfather created the famous Bull Durham brand in his native North Carolina, takes viewers on an autobiographical journey across that state’s social, economic and psychological tobacco terrain. Wise and wry, this meditation on the allure of cigarettes looks



Filmmaker Ross McElwee on location in the film “Bright Leaves.”

at loss and preservation, addiction and denial. “Bright Leaves” also examines filmmaking itself, as McElwee grapples with home movies, a vintage Hollywood melodrama and his own efforts to document North Carolina and his family.

The Library and the Lipinsky Institute for Judaic Studies at San Diego State University will host a screening of “**Hiding and Seeking: Faith and Tolerance After the Holocaust**” on Monday, Aug. 8, at 6:30 p.m. Is it possible to heal wounds and bitterness passed down through generations? An Orthodox Jewish father tries to alert his adult sons to the dangers of creating impenetrable barriers between themselves and those outside their faith. He takes them on an emotional journey to Poland to track down the family who risked their lives to hide their grandfather for more than two

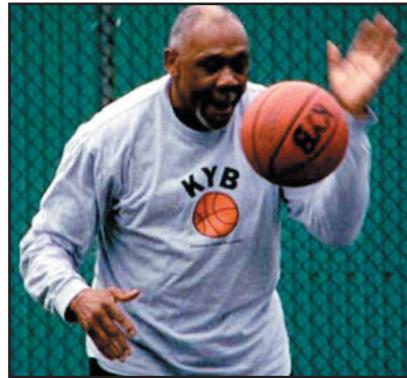


Moshe Yosef Daum holds his great-grandchild in “Hiding and Seeking.”

years during World War II. Like many children of survivors, the sons feel that Poland is a country that is incurably anti-Semitic, but it is precisely here that they meet people who personify the highest levels of compassion. “Hiding and Seeking” explores the Holocaust’s effect on faith in God as well as faith in our fellow human beings.

A post-screening discussion will be facilitated by Lawrence Baron, Ph.D., who specializes in modern European Jewish History, particularly the history of the Holocaust and representations of modern Jewish history in feature film.

The Library will show “**Hardwood**” on Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 6:30 p.m. The Academy Award-nominated film is a deeply personal journey by director Hubert Davis, the son of former Harlem Globetrotter Mel Davis. Mel, now



Mel Davis in “Hardwood.”

a coach for young basketball players in Vancouver, Canada, recalls falling in love at first sight with Hubert’s mother, a white woman, at a time when racism seemed to make their union impossible. Despite their emotional bond – still resonating more than 20 years

later – Mel chose to marry a black woman, with whom he also had a son. The filmmaker unites both sides of his family, speaking movingly about the complex web of love, betrayal and family ties that bind them all. Through personal interviews, archival footage and home movies, Davis delves into his father’s past in the hope of finding his own future.

Following the screening of “Hardwood,” the Library will show “**The House We Live In**,” an episode of PBS’ series “Race: The Power of an Illusion.” It’s the first film about race to focus not on individual attitudes and behavior, but on the ways our institutions and policies advantage some groups at the expense of others.

All film screenings are free and will be shown in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Since 1988, POV has brought the best of independent point-of-view documentaries to a national audience, featuring the work of America’s most innovative documentary filmmakers to build new communities in conversation about today’s most pressing social issues. For national premieres of these films on PBS, check local listings.

Even More Great Events and Programs!

For the very latest information about Library events, exhibits, activities and other programs, visit your local library or check out the Library on the City’s web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

