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Elegant Americana from Hungrytown

On Friday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m., spend an intimate, acoustic evening with the Vermont duo known as Hungrytown.

After more than a decade of worldwide touring and three album releases, Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson have earned a reputation for the quality and authenticity of their songwriting and for their spellbinding performances.

"It's great to hear an act eschew sentimentality in favor of honesty and to prove that you don't have to go raiding the memory of others to find the stuff that really good songs are made of," writes Jedd Beaudoin of *Popmatters*.

Lyricist Rebecca Hall is credited with compositions "that sound as timeless as any traditional songs" (*Northern Sky*) while producer/multi-instrumentalist/husband Ken Anderson is lauded for his "remarkable affinity for instrumental embellishment" (*No Depression*) and for crafting Hungrytown's "gorgeous vocal harmonies" (*Folk and Roots*).

Hungrytown's introduction to folk music came when a close friend entrusted to them her collection of 1960s folk albums and her guitar. Inspired by the grit and true-to-life experiences she heard in these traditional ballads, Hall was inspired to write the lyrics that became her



first songs, aided by Anderson's flair for musical arrangement. Soon after, Hall released two solo albums, both produced by Anderson.

In 2003, the duo quit their desk jobs, moved to the green hills of Vermont, and decided to pursue a full-time career as touring musicians. They released their self-titled debut album in 2008, *Any Forgotten Thing* in 2011 and *Further West* in 2015.

The couple spend more than half of each year on the road, especially roads in North America, Eu-

rope and New Zealand. Hungrytown's music has received airplay worldwide and has appeared on several TV shows, including *The Daily Show*, *Portlandia* and *Lady Dynamite*.

"Among the fifty best albums of 2015, *Further West* is the most elegantly arranged and arguably best album by poignant Americana songstress Rebecca Hall and multi-instrumentalist Ken Anderson's plaintive folk noir band. Often delicate, often reflective, their music comes from the heart and the soul." —*New York Music Daily*

Holiday hours

We will be closed on Saturday, December 24; Sunday, December 25; Saturday, December 31 and Sunday, January 1. Enjoy the holidays!

Children's Room

Children's Room construction is moving ahead! To see the plans for the new Jackie and Harold Spielman Children's Library, visit www.pwpl.org/anewleaf. The temporary Children's Room is open during construction, downstairs and to the right.

TechTime

A new by-appointment service to help you get the most out of your computers and mobile devices. Staff will meet with you one-on-one and provide a wide range of instruction. See page two for details.

Rokus, iPods, Nooks

These devices have been relocated to the Reading Room, right next to the Information Desk. Grab a Roku for the latest movies and TV shows, an iPod for music in a variety of genres, or a Nook for e-books of all the latest bestsellers. Ask the librarian at the desk for help getting started!

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Homebound service

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Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who donated items for the Veterans Day food drive last month. Your generosity is allowing Long Island Cares to provide meals and supplies to Long Island veterans in need.

Well, in Whoville they say that the Grinch's small heart grew three sizes that day.

—Dr. Seuss

Family holiday fun with *Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings*

On Thursday, December 29 at 7:30 p.m., members of the Play Troupe of Port Washington, led by actor/singer Michael Santora, present a concert-style performance of the Stuart Ross musical revue *Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings*.

This festive, holiday-themed sequel to *Forever Plaid* is filled with the sounds of the season. Featuring standards such as "Jingle Bells," "Let it Snow" and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," as well as a riotous take on *The Ed Sullivan Show*, this deliciously fun revue is chock-full of classic barbershop quartet harmonies and pitch-perfect melodies.

New Orleans native Michael Santora most recently performed in the national tour of *Anything Goes*.



He has performed around the country in Shakespeare plays and musical theatre, with regional credits in *The Music Man*, *Carousel*, *Hamlet* and many more. He won the hearts of Port residents with his portrayal of Sky Masterson in Play Troupe's 2015 production of *Guys and Dolls*.

Santora, who appeared in *Forever Plaid* at the Library earlier this year, says, "I'm delighted to bring the Play Troupe back to the Library for a night of great music and entertainment." Long-time Play Troupe member David Barnett also returns as musical director and pianist.

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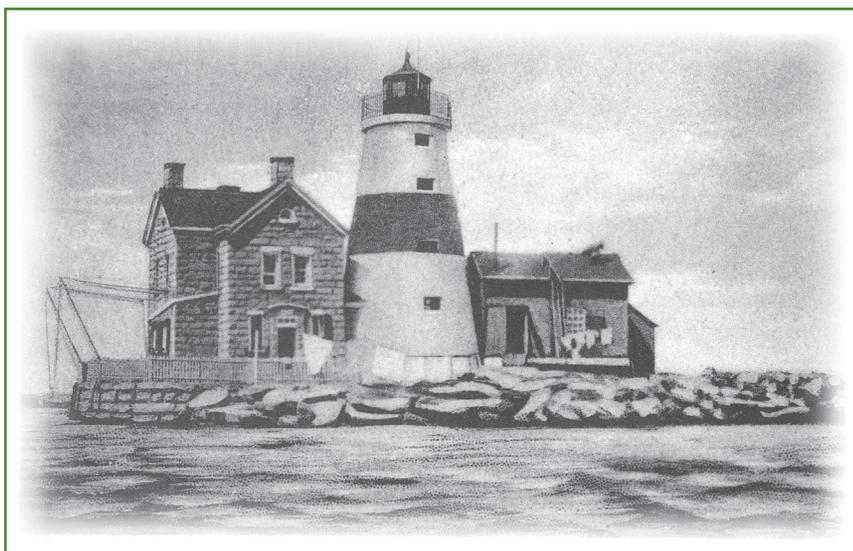


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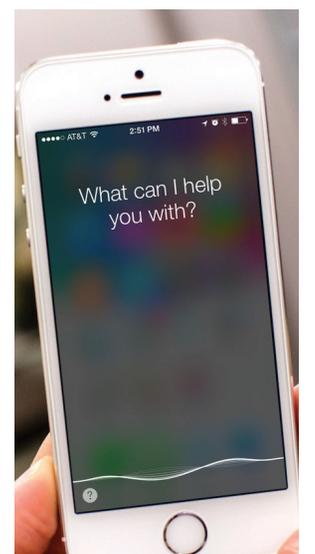
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BY APPOINTMENT

PWPL presents a new on-demand service to help you get the most out of your computers and mobile devices. Staff from the Computer Services department will meet with you one-on-one and provide a wide range of instruction, including:

- * Computer basics for beginners
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- * Getting started with 3D printing

In order to best match you with the appropriate staff member, we ask that you email James Hutter (hutterj@pwpl.org) with a brief description of your needs. You may also call 516-883-4400, ext. 162. If you just have a quick question, don't hesitate to drop by the Computer Services desk on the 2nd floor at any time.



The artistic quilting of Timna Tarr



From December 1 through January 2, enjoy Timna Tarr's new exhibit *In the Midst of Winter*, on display in the Karen and Ed Adler Gallery.

Tarr comes from a long line of quilters but did not begin quilting until after studying art history in college. She bought her first industrial longarm quilting machine in 2001. Since then she has custom designed and quilted thousands of quilts. Tarr's nationally award-winning work has been seen in numerous exhibits, magazines and books. She is an in-demand speaker and teacher throughout the northeastern United States.

"My work is about color and small compositions. Each block



in a quilt is made as its own element, independent of the other blocks. After all of the blocks are constructed, my goal is to arrange the small compositions to play off each other and work together to create a larger whole. What keeps me engaged is watching how the project changes and transforms with the addition of each color and texture.

"The resulting quilts are contemporary works, set in this time and place, which reference a rich tradition of quilt making."

Made possible by the PWPL Art Advisory Council.

Travelers with Cameras

On Friday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m., experience the unique travel films of Ann Deborah Levy and Chris Lynn.

The works of these "travelers with cameras" are not typical travel films that feature only famous tourist destinations, but instead capture what is often not shown: bits of daily life; poetics of light and weather changing the landscape or cityscape; and historic structures, as tourists interact with them and as sounds of modern life intrude. Their films and videos are shot close to their homes in New York and Maryland or farther afield in Europe or China.

Levy carefully edits footage shot in the field to assemble her visually rich works. She combines

location sounds with additional voices recorded in the studio. Lynn, who is also a sound artist, is sensitive to both the visual and aural spaces of his locations and the rhythms of existence. He often edits "in-camera." Both artists have keen eyes for making visible what we often overlook.

The program will include: *Rain Painting* (6 min.), *Chance/Deal Passage #5* (3 min.), *Watercolors* (12 min.), *Late Autumn Early Winter* (4 min.), *On the Train to Kutna Hora... and Back* (8 min.), *Ships Passing on the Huangpu River* (8 min.), *Three Harmonies from Suzhou* (9 min.), *Afternoon in Jiming Temple* (8 min.) and *Spectator(s)* (12 min.).



Pianist Daniel Hsu performs Beethoven, Chopin and Scriabin

On Sunday, December 4 at 3 p.m., we welcome the young pianist characterized by *The Philadelphia Inquirer* as a "poet... with an expressive edge to his playing that charms, questions, and coaxes."

Daniel Hsu, a 2016 Gilmore Young Artist, was recently named the First Prize winner at the Concert Artists Guild Competition. The eighteen-year-old has earned top prizes in numerous other competitions, most recently the Bronze medal at the 9th Hamamatsu International Piano Competition in Japan, and first prize at the San Jose International Piano Competition, the Pacific Musical Society Piano Competition and the San Francisco Chopin Competition.

Made possible by the PWPL Music Advisory Council.



Celebrate the work of Bob Dylan



The songwriter and performer may now be known as "Nobel Laureate," but you cannot put labels on the hundreds of unique, poignant songs that he has written and recorded since being signed to Columbia Records in 1962.

PWPL celebrates the amazing work of Bob Dylan with two events this month. On Wednesday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m., George Walsh, host of WCWP Radio's *Knockin' on Dylan's Door*, joins Tony Traguado to present an evening of rare Dylan clips spanning the length of his career. The event will focus on rarely seen footage of

performances of some of Dylan's most treasured songs, along with obscure classics from his vast catalog.

On Thursday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m., our popular Hootenanny series returns, and will include a set of Bob Dylan's music performed by local musicians. The evening will feature performances by solo artists, duos, trios, and a large band. And, as is the Hootenanny tradition, some musicians will appear in combinations that have played together before, while others will come together exclusively for this evening's event.

Holiday health and wellness

The holiday season is full of joy—and stress. Take a break from the crowds at a meditation class, try some therapeutic coloring, or grab one of the wellness books listed below. When stress levels go down, holiday enjoyment goes up!

Meditation Classes

(Registration in progress, call 516-883-4400, ext. 136 to check availability)

Adult Coloring (December 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 7 p.m.)

On our shelves:

8 Keys to Practicing Mindfulness: Practical Strategies for Emotional Health and Well-Being (2015) by Manuela Mischke Reeds

Growing Up Mindful: Essential Practices to Help Children, Teens and Families Find Balance, Calm and Resilience (2016) by Christopher Willard, PsyD

Joy on Demand: The Art of Discovering the Happiness Within (2016) by Chade-Meng Tan

Llewellyn's Complete Book of Mindful Living: Awareness and Meditation Practices for Living in the Present Moment (2016) by Robert Butera, PhD and Eric Byron, MA

The Miracle Morning: The Not-So-Obvious Secret Guaranteed to Transform Your Life Before 8AM (2014) by Hal Elrod

Perfectly Imperfect: The Art and Soul of Yoga Practice (2016) by Baron Baptiste

Spark Joy: An Illustrated Master Class on the Art of Organizing and Tidying Up (2016) by Marie Kondo

Two visits from jazz guitar great Joshua Breakstone



Since the 1980s, Joshua Breakstone has recorded elegant jazz anchored by his smooth, inventive guitar work. In December, he joins us twice—first for a film screening, then for a performance with his latest group, The Cello-Quartet.

On Friday, December 2 at 12:10 p.m., we screen a new documentary about Breakstone, *Joshua Breakstone, Soft Hands: Jazz Ethereal*. Produced by Colorado Public Television, it focuses on his life, his special relationship with Japan, and his recent work with The Cello-Quartet. The artist will join us to discuss the film.

Then on Sunday, December 11 at 3 p.m., Breakstone returns with The Cello-Quartet, also featuring Mike Richmond on cello, Lisle Atkinson on bass and drummer Andy Watson.

John S. Wilson of *The New York Times* says of Breakstone, “[He] produces guitar lines that flow through smooth, mellow-toned, bop-based phrasing... there is depth and thoughtfulness in his playing, a sense of graceful development even when he is swirling along with jumping intensity.”

Made possible by the Friends of the Library.

Keeping the Library strong: the Friends, the Foundation and you

In December, fundraising appeals are underway by both the Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation. Each of these support groups has a distinct mission, and both rely on your generosity.

Friends of the Library (FOL)

“Linking the Community with the Library for 50 Years”



FOL is the Library's longest-serving volunteer organization, now celebrating its 50th anniversary. You see the Friends bolstering the vibrant daily life of our Library in many ways. The FOL's mission is to strengthen the ties between the Library and community, and to advance the Library's mission as a center for lifelong learning, information and culture through fundraising, advocacy, programming and volunteerism.

Each year, the FOL provides key funding to all Library departments, covering the difference between the publicly-funded budget and the realities of program and materials costs. Among the many initiatives supported by FOL funds are the Museum Pass Program (now featuring 25 cultural institutions), tutor.com, Great Library Card Adventure, ESOL classes, author lectures, SoundSwap concerts, Ride and Read, and Teen Read Week. The FOL recently purchased a 3D printer for public use, as well as two telescopes and additional Nooks and Kindles to lend.

The Friends own distinctive programs include the Annual Book & Author Luncheon, FOL University lectures, Paperback Swaps and memorial events. The FOL is an independent 501(c)(3) that raises funds through an annual appeal mailing and Luncheon sponsorships.

To contribute, send your check made payable to “FOL” to: FOL, One Library Drive, Port Washington, NY, 11050, or donate online at www.pwpl.org/fol/support. For more information email fol@pwpl.org.

Port Washington Library Foundation

“Funding the Future of the Library”



The Port Washington Library Foundation was established in 1989 by the library trustees as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, the mission of which is to raise, receive and manage funds, bequests and endowments to support the needs of the Library not covered by taxes and maintain its viability for future generations. Under the Foundation's bylaws, the Library is the sole beneficiary of any fundraising activity by the Foundation.

The Foundation has board members with financial, fundraising, legal and marketing skills who together donate their time and expertise to operate as the fundraising arm of the library. The Foundation raises funds to fulfill needs identified by the library trustees, rather than its own initiatives. Money is raised through the Annual Fund appeal, special events such as the annual Inspiration Gala and programs for the 1892 Society, major gift solicitation and planned giving.

The Foundation supports many long- and short-term projects and services, including annual funding for the Library Advisory Councils, Books for Dessert, Career Counseling, Local History Center projects and the Parent-Child Home Program. In addition to its annual support, the Foundation has been raising the capital needed to renovate the Children's Library. View the plans at www.pwpl.org/aneuleaf.

To contribute, visit www.pwpl.org/foundation and click on “Donate.”

REGISTRATION POLICY

Due to high demand, we ask that you arrive at least 5 minutes before the event for which you are registered to claim your spot. If you have not arrived 5 minutes before the event, we may transfer your spot to someone on the waiting list. See event listings for registration requirements. Priority for all events is given to Port Washington residents.

Early Childhood

Register online at pwpl.org/childrensroom/early-childhood-programs

Baby Rhyme Time: Session II

Thursdays, December 1, 8, 15 at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.

Songs, music and rhymes introduce babies to the magic of books. It's a great way to meet other new parents! For ages birth to 17 months with an adult. *Online registration began October 24—check for availability.* Please note: Priority given to first time registrants.

Sing and Swing Story Time

Fridays, December 2, 9, 16 at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.

Join Miss Lesley for stories, rhymes and songs. For ages 18 to 36 months with an adult. *Admittance is on a first-come, first-served basis for 50 participants in each time slot. Numbered tickets will be available ½ hour before each start time.*

A Time For Kids: Pete the Cat

Monday, December 5 at 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Join Miss Karen for movement, music and a craft. For ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. *Online registration began November 21—check for availability.*

Preschool Story Time: Session II

Tuesdays, December 6, 13, 20 at 10:30 a.m.

You and your child will enjoy great stories, songs, and fingerplays. For ages 2 1/2 to 5 years with an adult. *Online registration began November 1—check for availability.* Please note: Priority given to first time registrants.

Ready Set Story Time

Monday, December 12 at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.

Join Miss Susie for stories, songs, fingerplays and rhymes. For all ages with an adult. *Admittance is on a first come first served basis for 50 participants for each time slot. Numbered tickets will be available ½ hour before each start time.*

1-2-3 Play with Me

Wednesdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25, and February 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Spend time with your child and meet new people in an educational environment. Each week a different professional will be on hand to discuss behavior, dental hygiene, movement, speech, language and hearing. For ages 18 to 36 months with an adult. *Online registration begins December 19.*

Tummy Time

Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19, 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Songs, rhymes, toys and simple stories. For parents/caregivers with babies aged 3 months to pre-crawlers. *Online registration begins December 19.*

The Children's Room is open!

The Children's Room is in its temporary home, down the hall from our usual location. From the lobby, go down one level and make a right.

When construction is completed, we'll move back down the hall, into the brand-new Jackie and Harold Spielman Children's Library!



Vacation Week Events



Tickets are required and will be available in the Children's Room beginning December 12 on a first-come, first-served basis. Made possible by the PWPL Children's Advisory Council.

Casey Carle's Bubblemania

Tuesday, December 27 at 2:30 p.m.

A unique soapy spectacular combining artistic skills, visual comedy, big band music and intricate bubble designs. Comic bubble artist Casey Carle creates square bubbles, bouncing bubbles, beautiful iridescent bubbles, bubble sculptures and much more! For elementary school kids in grades K and up with an adult.



Improv4Kids

Thursday, December 29 at 2:30 p.m.

Improv4Kids is a nationwide theater program dedicated to educating and entertaining through creative comedy. Audience members will have fun suggesting new ideas for the actors to perform as skits, songs and dances on stage. For elementary school kids in grades 1 and up with an adult.

School-Age Kids

Register online at pwpl.org/childrensroom/school-age-programs

Tweens' Friday Night Out

Friday, December 9 from 7 to 8:15 p.m.

Kids in grades 5 and 6 are invited to join Elise Tepper to learn the art of gift wrapping. Bring your gifts to wrap! *Online registration begins December 1.*

Third and Fourth Grade Book Discussion

Thursday, December 15 from 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Online registration – check for availability.

Fifth and Sixth Grade Book Discussion

Tuesday, December 27 from 7:15 to 8 p.m.

Online registration – check for availability.

Read and Reach

Fridays, January 6, 13, 20, 27 from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m.

Stories, movement and exercise. For grades K to 2. *Online registration begins December 23.*

Creative Readers

Kids in kindergarten through grade 5 will use drama, games, art, movement and music to get hooked on reading. Session dates are January 7, 14, 21 and 28 and February 4 and 11. Facilitated by Elise May and presented by Port SEPTA and PWPL. To register, please email creativereadersinport@yahoo.com.

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December is Read a New Book Month!

Great new reads are easy to come by in TeenSpace! Here are some favorites:

Lucy and Linh by Alice Pung

In Australia, Lucy tries to balance her home life with her Chinese immigrant family and her life at a pretentious private school.

The Odds of Lightning by Jocelyn Davies

The night before their SATs, four former friends get struck by a magical bolt of lightning that gives them special powers and sends them on an all-night adventure through New York City.

Three Dark Crowns by Kendare Blake

On the island of Fennbirn, triplet sisters each wield a coveted magic skill and claim an equal right to the throne. When they turn 16, they must fight to the death for the title of Queen Crowned.

The Bad Decisions Playlist by Michael Rubens

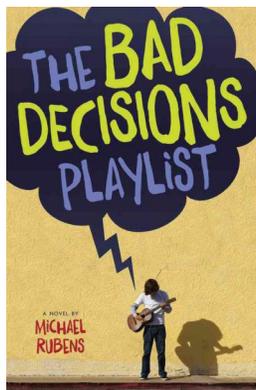
Austin, a talented musician, finds out that his allegedly dead father is a famous (and alive) rock star. He is soon sucked into his father's alluring world, pulling his true love Josephine along with him.

The Memory Book by Lara Avery

When a rare genetic disorder steals her memories and then her health, Sammie records notes in a journal to her future self, documenting moments great and small.

A World Without You by Beth Revis

After the unexpected loss of his girlfriend, Bo, who suffers from delusions, is convinced that he can travel through time to save her.



Math Tutoring

Mondays, December 5, 12 and 19 from 4 to 5 p.m.

Students who need assistance, including SAT/ACT prep, are invited to work with Steven and Leona Handelman, who have extensive teaching and tutoring experience in intermediate and high school math (sorry, no calculus). No registration required but students must bring their own textbooks and materials.

Study Skills Workshop

December 10 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Develop active study strategies, organize essays, plan for long-term assignments and get the most out of textbooks. Corlyn Nedwick of Long Island Study Skills Clinic will lead the workshop. Registration begins Thursday, December 1. Register in TeenSpace, at pwpl.org/teenspace, or by calling 516-883-4400, ext. 148.

Wii U Wednesdays

December 7, 14 and 21 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

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