

Pacifica String Quartet will perform a Chamber Music Concert by on Sun., March 4, at 3 p.m.

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THE RETURN OF BARRINGTON'S TOWN WARMING

Join this re-creation of the forward-thinking, post-World War I happenings known as the **Barrington's Town Warming** to be held on **Saturday, Feb. 3, from 8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.** The \$55 general admission fee includes a full day of lectures, continental breakfast, box lunch, and a reception following the day's discussions.

This year's theme is, "Reality Check: Where We Are Today and Our Vision for the Future," featuring robust discussions from notable business, religious, academic, and civic leaders. Keynote speakers include Barrington residents **Hank Paulson**, former Secretary of the Treasury and former Chairman/CEO of Goldman Sachs, and **Wendy Paulson**, Chair Emerita of Rare, an international conservation organization. This event is generously sponsored by Barrington Bank & Trust and the Barrington Cultural Commission.



Pat McKillen

A PAT MCKILLEN DOUBLEPLAY

Join one of Barrington's most prolific singer-songwriters, **Pat McKillen**, as he shares his unique fusion of folk, pop, and rock on **Friday, Feb. 9 and Sat. Feb. 10, both concerts at 8 p.m.** McKillen will perform songs from his most recent album, *Blood & Bones*, incorporating intricate layering with his powerful, passionate voice. Cash bar. \$20 General Admission. A great night out with friends!



Saul Levmore

Martha Nussbaum

AGING THOUGHTFULLY: CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RETIREMENT, ROMANCE, WRINKLES & REGRET

Join this lively conversation on **Sunday**, **Feb. 25 at 3 p.m.** between Martha Nussbaum, the renowned philosopher and ethicist at U of C, and Saul Levmore, the former dean and a current professor at the university's law school, as they discuss **Aging Thoughtfully** topics from their book that include retirement, cosmetic procedures, philanthropy, and refashioning social security to help the elderly poor. A book signing follows the lecture. Tickets are: VIP \$30 / Adults \$20 / Students \$10.



"OUR TOWN" COMES TO BARRINGTON'S DOWNTOWN

Take a step back in time to Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, in the early 1900s with the heartwarming story of George and Emily's love and how precious everyday life is. On Thursday, Feb. 22 at 7:30 **p.m.**, this Thorton Wilder* classic is recreated as he intended-with very little scenery and few props. Enjoy the TesserAct Theatre Ensemble for this special event. \$10 General Admission. *TesserAct Theatre Ensemble is presented through a special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., New York, NY. TesserAct Theatre Ensemble is a recognized 501(c)3 charitable organization.

3RD THURSDAYS RETURN AS YOUR ART NIGHT OUT!

Each 3rd Thursday event features a free local artist's exhibition with works for sale, with complimentary hors d'oeuvres by Wild Asparagus Catering, and a cash bar. The first featured artist will be **Catherine Chifflot Nealey**, on **Thursday, Feb. 15, from 6–8 p.m**. Her intricate and colorful work pays homage to her French industrial designer father's detailed precision and her Italian mother's harmony and spontaneity.



CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT BY PACIFICA STRING QUARTET

Acclaimed as one of the world's finest chamber ensembles, the **Pacifica Quartet** will perform on **Sunday, March 4 at 3 p.m**. Recognized for its virtuosity, exuberant performance style and often-daring repertory choices, this Grammy- and award-winning quartet will play the following selections: *Mendelssohn: Quartet in A minor, Op. 13; Weinberg: Quartet No 6; and Schumann: Quartet in A minor, Op. 41, No 1.* Complimentary Wine Reception following the performance. Tickets: Adults \$30 / Students \$10.

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Left photo: On Sept. 19, 2017 at Barrington High School, Lord Mayor of London Cllr. Robert Davis (center) is joined by Principal Steve McWilliams (second from left) and BHS Marching Band Director Randy Karon (second from right) and others to celebrate the official invitation to perform at the 2018 London New Year's Day Parade. Right photo: BHS Broncos Marching Band in a hometown parade.

LNYDP: Roll Up, Roll Up to the Greatest Show on Earth

BHS MARCHING BAND PERFORMED IN LONDON'S 2018 NEW YEAR'S DAY PARADE

UST OVER A YEAR AGO, on Sept. 19, the Lord Mayor of London Cllr. Robert Davis and other important officials gathered at Barrington High School to present the formal invitation to Randy Karon and the BHS Broncos Marching Band to play in the 2018 London New Year's Day Parade and Festival (LNYDP). About 90 members of the Barrington High School band rang in the New Year across the pond, as featured performers in the 2018 London New Year's Day Parade. The Broncos first appeared in the 2014 parade, and were invited back for a rare encore performance. This time around they were one of just 16 bands from across the United States marching in the parade.

The London New Year's Day Parade is a long-running tradition that demands high standards of excellence from all participants. City Councillor and former Lord Mayor of Westminster Robert Davis traveled to Barrington over a year ago, to meet with Band Director Randy Karon, District 220 Director of Fine, Visual & Performing Arts Brigid Tileston and BHS Principal Steve McWilliams, to personally invite the band to return for the 2018 parade. In addition to the parade, the BHS Concert and Symphonic Band members performed at a gala in St. John's Smith Square Hall on January 2. "It is an honor to be invited back," BHS Band Director Randy Karon said. "We have played in many great venues, such as the Thanksgiving Parade of Bands at Walt Disney World, and at New York's Carnegie Hall. The parade and the gala provide unique opportunities for these musicians to perform at another level and to a global audience." The band also made a public appearance for local television prior to the parade on New Year's Eve.

The theme of the London New Year's Day Parade this year was, "Roll Up, Roll Up to the Greatest Show on Earth", a circus theme. In addition to their new marching uniforms, the band will be sporting custom T-shirts designed for the occasion by clarinet section leader Grace Hauk.



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Don't be mistaken, music is not the Barrington resident's full-time job. Prchal, 33, works in digital content marketing at Harper College in Palatine. "I'm more creative, because I don't depend on music for my income," he said. Plus, he writes songs with the goal of creating art, not winning a Grammy. "At the end of each day, I just want to be able to lay my head down and feel like I lived my best self, and music is a big part of that," he said.

Growing up in Naperville, immersed in skateboarding culture and the Punk Rock music that was part of it, Prchal started guitar lessons at age 12. Today, he writes songs that are a mix of folk, country, and blues, for the band he sings and plays guitar in, "Kevin Andrew Prchal and the Wheeling Birds." His wife Aly, a librarian, sings and plays percussion alongside him.

By performing at trendy venues throughout the Chicago area, such as City Winery and Schubas downtown, Fitzgerald's in Berwyn, and SPACE in Evanston, the band has attracted a dedicated following.

"There's too much music to discover online," Prchal said. "These days, the best way to connect with an audience is live." Prchal released his third album, "Love & Summer," in August, capturing the joy of his marriage to Aly, and treating listeners to the subtle sounds of birds chirping and active cicadas in 1-minute shorts between tunes. The album that came before it in 2014, "Sorrow Sings," will always be meaningful to Prchal, because it was funded by a Kickstarter campaign, made possible with the help of other people.

Most recently, his music and work lives intersected, when he produced the song "Believe" for Harper College's online campaign to raise money for scholarships. I dare you to listen to it on YouTube and not hum it throughout the day. It's impossible not to. ()

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