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SUMMER PROGRAMS 2010

“Chester Theatre Productions,” a talk by Artistic Director Byam Stevens
Friday, May 21 (2:00–4:00 p.m.); Mt. Tom Room, Easthampton Lathrop

Montague Plains Wildlife Management Area Walk
Wednesday, June 2 (9:00–11:00 a.m.)
Rain date: Friday, June 4

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Thursday, July 8 (2:00 p.m.)

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Saturday, July 10 (7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

New Century Theatre Production of *Intimate Apparel*
Sunday, July 18 (2:00 p.m.)

Smith College Museum of Art Tour
Tuesday, July 20 (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon)

Connecticut River Cruise
Friday, August 6 (10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.), Northfield Recreation Center

Wistariahurst Afternoon
Thursday, August 19 (2:00–3:00 p.m.), 38 Cabot Street, Holyoke

All-LIR Get-Re-acquainted Potluck Lunch
Wednesday, September 14 (12:00 noon–2:00 p.m.), chez Gaustad, Northampton
Rain date, September 15

Please register on the sign-up form at the back of this booklet.

Return the registration form to the office with your check by May 15

“CHESTER THEATRE PRODUCTIONS”
by ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, BYAM STEVENS
Friday, May 21, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Mt. Tom Room, Easthampton Lathrop

Byam Stevens, the Artistic Director of Chester Theatre, will speak about this summer’s productions, with special emphasis on the play *Molly Sweeney*, by Brian Friel, which we will be seeing on Thursday, July 8.

See page 6 for July 8th Chester Theatre performance details.

Directions to the Chester Theatre Company Performances:

Performances at Chester Town Hall, 15 Middlefield Road, Chester, MA 01011

The theatre is located at the Chester Town Hall, on Middlefield Road in
Chester MA, just off of Route 20.

Parking is free in the school lot just across the street.

Handicap parking is on the street, in front of the town hall.

From Interstate 91 North or South and Points East:

Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90) West

Take Exit 3 to Westfield, MA

Take a right onto Main Street (or Elm Street)

Follow Main Street down hill, under RR tracks, and over bridge through
Westfield

You will see a gas station to your left – take a right onto Route 20 West –
18 miles to Chester, MA

You will see the post office (small white house) on your left and then a gas
station to your left. After the bend in the road (at the gas station) take
your second right onto Middlefield Road.

Chester Theatre Company performs in the Chester Town Hall and parking is
available across the street.

Please remember that Chester is in a relatively remote area, so fill up with gas
in Westfield!

If you have questions, please call the main office at 413-354-7770. Visit the
website: www.chesterttheatre.org

WILDLIFE, FORESTS AND FORESTRY
Wednesday, June 2
9:00–11:00 a.m.

Raindate: Friday, June 4, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Montague Plains Wildlife Management Area

See, hear and learn about the wildlife living in this nearby area protected and managed by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. Brian Hawthorne, Wildlife Forester with DFW, will guide us on a walk through the area, pointing out the plants that make it a great habitat for wildlife. He will also discuss how and why DFW manages this area, and others, to provide habitat for birds, mammals and other animals that are declining in numbers due to the lack of suitable places to live.

We will be walking short distances on uneven ground, then standing to look, listen, and talk. There are no steep hills. Wear sturdy footwear, and bring sunscreen, bug spray, and water to drink.

Directions from Amherst

Take Route 63 north about 10 miles towards Montague. Turn left after Sirum's Equipment and just before the power lines on to Lake Pleasant Road. Stay on Lake Pleasant Road for 1½ miles, then turn left at the Wildlife Management Area sign onto a dirt road (shown as Bartlett Road on some maps). Drive a couple of hundred yards along the dirt road and park on the grass on the left, before you get to the Rambler's Club.

Please carpool if possible.

Contact person: Elisa Campbell

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TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS

**Tuesday, June 8
Room 212, Seelye Hall, Smith College
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

The 5CLIR Tech Committee will cover email topics, including sending and receiving attachments, sending to groups, and organizing emails and blind copies, among others.

Contact Person: Jim Harvey

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**Wednesday, June 9
Room 212, Seelye Hall, Smith College
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

This workshop will deal with using the Internet to improve 5CLIR presentations. Included in the topics covered will be finding images and text on the internet and using advanced features of Google and copying that material into a Word or PowerPoint page.

Contact Person: Jim Harvey

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Bus Trip to Berkshire Art Museums
Wednesday, June 23
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Explore the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown and MassMOCA in North Adams via charter bus. The Clark – in addition to its permanent exhibits focusing on 19th-century European and American painting and early photography – will have two special exhibits: **Picasso Looks at Degas**, and Spanish sculptor **Juan Muñoz**. The Picasso show will feature dramatic pairings and groupings never before seen together; the Clark will be its only North American venue. The Muñoz sculptures will be displayed in the museum's new Stone Hill Center. Our trip will be on the final day of a Clark special exhibit of **Constable's** paintings.

MassMOCA – the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art – is a masterpiece of creative restoration, having turned an abandoned mill complex into a campus for exciting new art. It features the incredible installation **Sol LeWitt: A Wall Drawing Retrospective**, displaying over 100 of LeWitt's large-scale drawings on interior walls built to the artist's specifications shortly before his death. In addition, the museum will be hosting the group exhibition **InVisible: Art at the Edge of Perception** and Dutch textile artist Fransje Killars's **Installation: Colors, No Figures**.

We'll leave the Sheldon Field Park-n-Ride lot promptly at 8:30. After 2 hours at the Clark, we'll have lunch in the visitor's picnic tent outside the museum [bring a brown bag or pre-reserve a bag lunch for an additional fee]. Then we'll head to MassMOCA and spend 2 hours exploring its many possibilities. The bus will depart at 3:30, returning us to Sheldon Field by 5:00 p.m.

COST: \$45 per person for bus trip and admission to both museums.

LUNCH: A bag lunch is an additional \$10.50. Please indicate on the reservation form whether you will want lunch reserved, so we can send you the menu options.

Contact: Carol Jolly

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Chester Theatre Performance
Thursday Matinee, July 8 at 2:00 p.m.
Chester, MA

(Directions to Chester Theatre on page 2)

Molly Sweeney

By Brian Friel

Brian Friel, widely recognized as Ireland's greatest living playwright, brings his unique brand of eloquence and warmth to the journey of three characters in search of a clear vision. There's Molly, blind since early infancy, who undergoes an operation to restore her sight. There's Frank, her husband, a dreamer and crusader who encourages her to take the risk. And finally, there's Dr. Rice, trying to recapture the brilliance that once made him an internationally famous eye surgeon. As their stories interweave, a poignant, engaging and deeply human tapestry is created that is both compelling and touching.

"Mr. Friel still writes like a dream." –*New York Times*; "Beautiful and dazzling." –*New York Post*

Date and Time: Thursday, July 8, at 2:00 p.m.

Contact Person: Marybeth Bridegam

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New Century Theatre Performance
Sunday Matinee, July 18 at 2:00 p.m.
Theater 14 at Smith College, Green Street, Northampton

Intimate Apparel

By Lynn Nottage; directed by 5CLIR member Ed Golden

An award-winning drama by the author of *Crumbs from the Table of Joy*, which was produced in their 2004 season. In the early 1900s, a gifted African-American seamstress creates intimate apparel for New York society ladies and prostitutes alike. Her life becomes romantically intertwined with her clientele, challenging the sexual taboos of the age.

Date and Time: Sunday, July 18, at 2:00 p.m.

Contact Person: Marybeth Bridegam

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Bus Trip to Tanglewood

Saturday, July 10, 7:45 a.m.

Enjoy an open rehearsal at Tanglewood featuring the Boston Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Rafael Fruhbeck de Burgos with violinist Pinchus Zukerman. The program includes Mozart's Serenade No. 6 in D, *Serenata Notturna*, Mozart's Violin concerto No. 5 in A and Strauss' *Ein Heldenleben*. The pre-rehearsal talk begins at 9:30 a.m. and the open rehearsal will start at 10:30 a.m. We will have seats in the shed or you may prefer to bring a folding chair and sit on the lawn.

Date: Saturday, July 10

Time: The bus will depart at 7:45 a.m. SHARP from the Commuter Lot at Sheldon Field (Bridge St./Rt.9), Northampton, and will return to Northampton about 3:45 p.m.

Cost: \$40 per person includes transportation, driver's gratuity and admission.

Lunch: You may bring a brown bag lunch or purchase a sandwich and beverage at the outdoor lunchroom. Some may want to picnic on the lawn after the rehearsal. In case of rain, shelter may be found in the cafeteria tent.

Contact person: Mary Franks

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***Note:** Open to LIR membership plus one guest per member on a "first come, first served" basis.

Smith College Museum of Art
Tuesday, July 20
10:00 a.m.

The Smith College Museum of Art has close to 20,000 objects in its collection, including paintings and sculptures, prints, drawings, photographs, decorative arts, ancient art, Asian art, and the art of traditional cultures. Please join us in a guided “highlights” tour on July 20 at 10:00 and, if you wish, a delicious group lunch at Sam’s in the atrium afterward.

Date and Time: Tuesday, July 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Place: Entrance to Smith College Museum of Art

Cost: \$5 per person for the tour.

Contact person: Dorothy Gorra

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*Also, please indicate your interest in having lunch at Sam’s.

Connecticut River Cruise
Friday, August 6
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Northfield Mountain Recreation Center

On August 6th, we will cruise the Connecticut River from 11:00a.m. to 12:30 p.m., have our brown bag picnic lunch under a roofed pavilion. The cruise will cost \$15.00. The exhibits and film at the Northfield Center are free. Those who have paid for the cruise must arrive at 10:30 because the boat will leave promptly at 11:00. Please, feel free to bring a guest; there are 60 seats on the cruise, and we must have 30 reservations to charter the boat for our specific use.

Place: Northfield Mountain Recreation Center

Cost: \$15.00; Lunch: Bring a brown bag lunch and something to drink

Contact: Sara Wright



Welcome Aboard Northfield Mountain's Riverboat! **We have chartered the Quinnetukut II Riverboat for an Interpretive Cruise on August 6th @ 11:00 AM (please be there by 10:30)**

We will step aboard the Quinnetukut II and experience the enchanting French King Gorge and historic Barton Cove, home to nesting bald eagles and the site of a former dinosaur track quarry. This narrated, 1½-hour cruise travels 12 miles round trip, along the most beautiful stretch of the Connecticut River in the Bay State. Our interpreter will acquaint you with the fascinating natural and geological history of the river as you cruise through a landscape that had its beginnings over half a billion years ago. You'll learn of nesting bald eagles, migratory fish, log drivers, ice harvesters, mysterious "deep holes", and river barges— everything from prehistoric river-users, to the generation of electricity on the river. An on-board interpreter narrates each cruise, offering information on the culture, habitats, and natural history of this spectacular stretch of river.

The Northfield Mountain Recreation and Environmental Center also features exhibits on Connecticut River history in the area, and a film documenting the creation of Northfield Mountain Station that you might wish to see.

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Wistariahurst Welcomes You to Their Carriage House
Thursday, August 19
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

After months of restoration work, the installation of new exhibits, and the relocation of the Museum's archives, the Carriage House at Wistariahurst is delighted to open its doors to the public. Enjoy a private visit on Thursday, August 19, from 2:00–3:00 p.m., when you can view exhibits and learn about Holyoke history. The exhibit area provides documentation of the history of Holyoke, her people and cultures. View three films about the Holyoke Range, Mountain Park, and Polish History in an air-conditioned space. Suggested donation: \$3. Limited to 15 visitors. Directions will be supplied to registrants.

Contact person: Honoré David

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All-LIR Get-Re-acquainted Potluck Picnic Lunch
Tuesday, September 14
12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Rain date, September 15

At the Gaustads, 20 Ward Avenue, Northampton

At the end of the summer it's time to catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

Potluck: A – L bring main dish, bread, salad, vegetable, or hors d'oeuvres
M – Z bring dessert or fruit

Utensils and beverages will be provided.

Bringing your own cup or mug will cut down on paper waste.

Date and Time: Tuesday, September 14, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Rain date, September 15

Place: The back yard of John and Gail Gaustad's house
20 Ward Avenue, Northampton

Contact Persons: Gail Gaustad
Anne Lombard

If in doubt about the weather, call Gail or Anne or check your email.

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Summer Programs Registration Form

Return this form by May 15

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email _____

CHESTER THEATRE TALK by ARTISTIC DIRECTOR (Friday, May 21)
_____ people coming

MONTAGUE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (Wednesday, June 2)
_____ people coming

TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS

_____ people coming (Tuesday, June 8: email)

_____ people coming (Wednesday, June 9: using the internet)

BUS TRIP to BERKSHIRE ART MUSEUMS (Wednesday, June 23)

_____ people coming at \$45 each

\$ _____

_____ box lunch at \$10.50

\$ _____

CHESTER THEATRE PRODUCTION: *Molly Sweeney* (Thurs, July 8)

_____ tickets at \$22.50 each

\$ _____

BUS TRIP to TANGLEWOOD (Saturday, July 10)

_____ people coming at \$40 each

\$ _____

NCT Production of *Intimate Apparel* (Sunday, July 18)

_____ tickets at \$ 21 each

\$ _____

SMITH COLLEGE MUSEUM of ART TOUR (Tuesday, July 20)

(Entrance fee of \$5 payable to the SC Art Museum **on arrival**)

_____ people coming

_____ I am interested in having lunch at Sam's café

CONNECTICUT RIVER CRUISE (Friday, August 6)

_____ tickets at \$15 each

\$ _____

WISTARIAHURST AFTERNOON (Thursday, August 19)

_____ people coming at \$3 each

\$ _____

LIR POTLUCK LUNCH (Wednesday, September 14)

_____ people coming

Grand Total

\$ _____

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