

Program Listing for 2015-2016

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October 3: Renaissance Theaterworks—Gender Balance in the Arts in Milwaukee

The reality of gender inequality in the performing arts is startling. Across the country, women are underrepresented as directors, producers, designers, playwrights, and more. Renaissance Theaterworks aims to raise awareness, educate and offer steps everyone can take to be change agents. In 1993, five women founded Renaissance Theaterworks with a mission to create opportunities for women in professional theater.

November 7: Urban Autism Committee in Milwaukee – Presentation by Barb Kilp, branch member

Barb Kilp, a MPS veteran in Special Education focusing on children with autism, will address a brief review of what autism is and is not from the latest scientific research. She will further elaborate on what is the Urban Autism Committee and how it is addressing the disparity in knowledge, identification, education and services in our diverse urban community. Loucricia Carson will be a co-presenter

December 5: Holiday Celebration - Chris Hansen and Robin Pluer will perform

Chris Hansen on guitar (carrying on the Les Paul styling) and jazz, pop and R&B vocalist Robin Pluer will perform at the Holiday Celebration. If you've ever watched TV, you've heard Chris' music. Chris has been a Producer/Composer for TV and Film for the past 20 years. She has been named Best Female Vocalist by the Shepard Express, and performs each year at Bastille Days.

January 9: Alma Lopez (branch student affiliate) and Stacy Stolzman, 2014-15 National AAUW American Fellowship Award Recipient, Marquette U, Ph.D. candidate

Alma Lopez, a Milwaukee branch student affiliate and state scholarship recipient will talk about her time at the National Conference of College Women Leaders (NCCWL) last spring at the University of Maryland. Stacy Stolzman is a recipient of the national American Fellowship Award to continue her pursuit of a Ph.D. at Marquette University. She will share some of her research regarding obesity in children.

February 6: Girls on the Run organization and IOU Sports --Milwaukee Aces

The first weekend in February is National Women and Girls in Sports Day. Both Girls on the Run representative Tina Jones and Bernell Hooker of IOU Sport or Images of Us Sports and the Milwaukee Aces Women's professional basketball - will talk about women and girls in sports the benefits of it and the opportunities as well as sharing information on their organizations.

March 5: Road Trip!! Off-site at the UWM Planetarium: Dr. Jean Creighton, Speaker

Adventure In The Stratosphere And Beyond

Dr. Jean Creighton will share her expedition aboard SOFIA, the largest airborne observatory in the world, capable of making observations that are impossible for even the largest and highest ground-based telescopes. She is also eager to share with you her adventures in the stratosphere as a NASA Airborne Astronomy Ambassador. In addition, Jean will share her excitement about space exploration and our understanding of the cosmos. Finally, we will look at stars and constellations to get ready for spring nights.

April 2 : Jessica Michna – The Women of Charles Dickens

Jessica Michna has become widely known for her riveting portrayals of First Ladies Abigail Adams, Mary Todd Lincoln and Eleanor Roosevelt. Her unique program relates little known aspects of history through imagined "conversations" with women in history. Jessica has entertained groups throughout America including guests from as far away as New Zealand, Japan and Brazil. Audiences ranging from young children to senior citizens have been equally enthralled.

May 7: Annual Scholarship Award Brunch

Thanks to Lyn Hildenbrand and Kathe Bogdan for their contributions to this year's line-up.