

## LECTURES

SATURDAY at 5 PM • February 21st  
**Marc Zimmer: Illuminating Disease**

Originally hailing from South Africa, Connecticut College Professor Marc Zimmer will join us to discuss his latest book, *Illuminating Disease*. Green fluorescent proteins have been floating in the ocean for more than 160 million years, but it took a curious scientist, fascinated by pinpricks of green light, to begin unlocking their potential. Now these jellyfish proteins have become one of the most important tools available to researchers in modern medicine and biology. Green fluorescent proteins are used in over three million experiments a year and have proved invaluable for tasks such as tracking HIV, breeding bird flu-resistant chickens, and confirming the existence of cancerous stem cells. Marc will also be bringing his GFP-axolotl for the audience to meet!



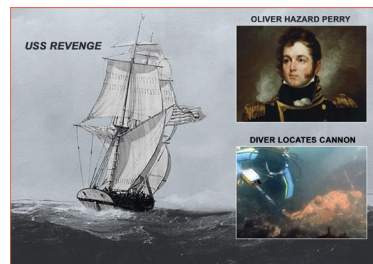
MONDAY at 7 PM • February 23rd  
**RESCHEDULED: Lecture with Ambassador Fareed Yasseen, Iraqi ambassador to France**

Educated in Iraq, Switzerland and the United States; Fareed Yasseen trained as a physicist and initially carried out research in Europe and the United States before getting involved in political activism and human rights advocacy. He has worked and consulted for various UN agencies and think-tanks. Formerly the Head of Policy Planning, Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Diplomatic Adviser to Deputy President Adil Abd al-Mahdi, since May 2010, he has held the position of Iraqi Ambassador to France. Mr. Yasseen will discuss the present state of Iraq, Syria and the ever present threat of ISIS.



SATURDAY at 5 PM • February 28th  
**The Wreck of the USS Revenge**

Charlie Buffum will discuss his work on the discovery of the wreckage of the USS Revenge off the coast of Watch Hill. The six year project brought to light the plight of the Revenge, captained by U.S. Navy Lieutenant Oliver Hazard Perry, when it hit a reef on a foggy winter night in 1811. Don't miss this compelling piece of our local history!



*This program is made possible by The GVSH Group at Merrill Lynch in Mystic, CT.*

## MUSIC MATTERS

SATURDAY at 5 PM • February 7th

**Abigail Karr** *violin*  
**Yi-heng Yang** *piano*

**Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy**  
(1809-1847)

**His Life through his three Violin Sonatas**  
*- Childhood, Adolescence, Adulthood -*

No more promising musical genius than the young Felix Mendelssohn ever made it into the history books. Throughout his tragically brief life, he wrote music that has survived the changes in taste and style since then. His three very beautiful violin sonatas, each with its own strikingly individualistic character, encapsulate much of the charm, irresistible verve, and sheer lyricism of this justifiably beloved composer.



Join us to share in the rare insights offered by two performers with a special Mendelssohn touch. Though Abigail Karr and Yi-heng Yang will, in this case, be playing modern instruments, they draw on their profound familiarity with mid-19th-century instruments and performance practice.



Monthly Music Matters concerts are open to the public, with a suggested donation of \$10.

## LA GRUA CENTER

### February 2015

SATURDAY THE 7TH AT 5PM  
Music Matters Series: *Abigail Karr & Yi-heng Yang*

SUNDAY THE 8TH AT 5PM  
Stonington Free Library presents:  
*Why Every Asian City Wants To Be a Smart City with Tony Pellegrini*

SATURDAY THE 14TH AT 7:30PM  
Calvary Music School Benefit

SATURDAY THE 21ST AT 5PM  
Lecture Series: *Marc Zimmer: Illuminating Disease*

MONDAY THE 23RD AT 7PM  
Lecture Series: *Lecture with Ambassador Fareed Yasseen, Iraqi ambassador to France*

THURSDAY THE 26TH AT 7PM  
Stonington Historical Society presents: *The 38th Voyage of the Morgan with Steve White*

SATURDAY THE 28TH AT 5PM  
Lecture Series: *The Wreck of the USS Revenge*



### Classes at La Grua Center

Visit our website [www.LaGruaCenter.org](http://www.LaGruaCenter.org) for class description and fees.

Stretch and Strengthen: Independent Today and Tomorrow: Maintaining Mobility and Stability - Improving Your Balance, Posture and Gait. (Mondays 5:00 - 6:00 pm)

Juan O'Callahan's Total Wellness Class for 65s/Up (Monday/Wednesday/Fridays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm)

Traditional West African Dance w/Ashley Jones (Tuesdays 7:30 - 9:00 pm)

Beginner's Mind Yoga with Alice Despard (Thursdays 9:00 - 10:30 am)

NEW: Yoga Basics with Lindsay Meiklem (Thursdays 11:00 am - 12 pm)

Kripalu Yoga with Priscilla Humphrey (Thursdays 4:00 - 5:15 pm)

**EVENTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. SUGGESTED DONATION \$5**  
Designated parking is in the main lot of Stonington Commons.

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