

ARTS & CULTURE

FRIDAY from 5 - 7 PM • September 4th
New Exhibit: Photographic Journeys

Join us as we celebrate the opening night of our inaugural photography exhibition, celebrating the work of photographers Chris Fondulas, Alex Hybel, Shelley Lawrence Kirkwood, George Savic, and Barry Watrous. This exhibit will run through the end of October.



LA GRUA CENTER

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Lecture Series: *Broken Cup: Traveling the Way of Alzheimer's Through Poetry with Margaret Gibson*

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Lecture Series: *Under the Tuscan Sun: Late Medieval Italian Art at The Cloisters with Curator Griff Mann*

SUNDAY THE 27TH AT 3PM

Music Matters Series: *Stephen Porter: The World of Claude Debussy*



Classes at La Grua Center

Visit our website www.LaGruaCenter.org for class description and fees.

Gestures for Health: Qigong with Suzanne Capizzano (Mondays 3:30-4:30 pm)

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

Irish Step Dancing - Novice through Champion (ages 6 to 12) (Tuesdays 4:30 - 6:45pm)

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

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

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

LECTURES

SUNDAY at 5 PM • September 20th
Broken Cup: Traveling the Way of Alzheimer's Through Poetry with Margaret Gibson



Margaret Gibson will read from her latest collection of poems, *Broken Cup*, a book which has been described by poet Stephen Dunn as "a great love story." Several of the poems have been read by Garrison Keillor for *The Poet's Almanac*, and the book has been reviewed in *Booklist* and *Library Journal*. An essay on the connection between Buddhism and care giving was published on *Salon.com* in September of 2014. The poems are about memory loss and care giving; about the poems, poet Jane Hirshfield has written: "With this book, Alzheimer's has found its voice." *Suggested donation: \$5.*

SATURDAY at 5 PM • September 26th
Under the Tuscan Sun: Late Medieval Italian Art at The Cloisters with Curator Griff Mann

The Cloisters museum and gardens, the branch of The Metropolitan Museum of Art devoted to the art and architecture of medieval Europe, was assembled from architectural elements, both domestic and religious, that largely date from the twelfth through the fifteenth century. The museum was created to bring the Middle Ages to life by transporting visitors to a setting far removed from the surrounding city. This talk with Griff Mann, head of the Department of Medieval Art & Chief Curator of The Cloisters, offers a glimpse into the history of the collections, illuminates some of the behind-the-scenes workings of the museum, and considers a special group of objects with close ties to Italy. *Suggested donation: \$5.*

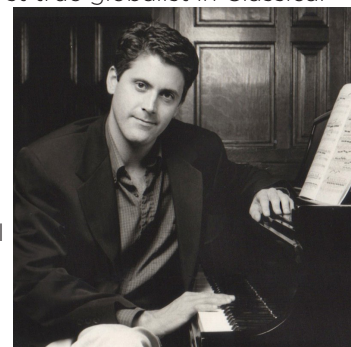


MUSIC

SUNDAY at 3 PM • September 27th
Stephen Porter: The World of Claude Debussy

Returning for an encore presentation at La Grua Center, acclaimed piano soloist Stephen Porter will play Claude Debussy, *Images*, *Estampes*, *Children's Corner*, *L'Isle joyeuse*, *Preludes* from Bks 1 & 2, and more!

Claude Debussy, France's greatest composer and in the estimation of many people the father of modernism, was perhaps the first true globalist in Classical music. Acclaimed Debussy interpreter Stephen Porter will take the audience on a far-ranging journey to corners of the world from which the composer received the inspiration to write some of his greatest pieces. Artifacts from China, Japan, Indonesia, India, Egypt, Greece, Spain, England and America are all filtered through Debussy's refined sensibility. The press has called Mr. Porter's performances "simply spellbinding" (*Boston Musical Intelligencer*) and "a powerful revelation...as if the voice of the composer were speaking to us" (*New York Arts*). Open to the public. *Suggested donation: \$10.*



Designated parking is in the main lot of Stonington Commons.

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