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Director's Message - HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

OLLI's Fall Semester is almost over, and the Winter Session commences on January 19th. For those of you staying in the Chicago area, I hope you see you over the next few months. Those going away to warmer climates, let me know if there's room in your suitcase for a small one. I pack light.

Whatever you do, be safe and enjoy the holidays with the most precious gifts you have - family and friends.

Warmest regards
Kirsty Montgomery
Director, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Northwestern University

THIS WEEK at OLLI

Monday, December 7

Tuesday, December 8
- 12:15 - 1:15pm - Outside OLLI: Handel's Messiah Noontime Lecture with Stephen Alltop (CH)
- 6:30 - 9:30pm - Evanston HOLLIday party at the Hilton Orrington

Wednesday, December 9
- 12:15 - 1:15pm - Let's Talk About The Movies (CH)
- 3:15 - 4:30pm - Coordinator Development Meeting (EV)

Thursday, December 10
- 11:40am - 12:40pm - Let's Talk About The Movies (EV)
- 12:15 - 1:15pm - Previews and Reviews (CH)
- 6:00 - 9:00pm - Chicago HOLLIday party at Cliff Dwellers

Friday, December 11
- 10:00am - 12:00pm - Joint Advisory Council Meeting (CH)
- 12:00 - 1:00pm - Strategic Planning Committee Meeting (CH)

FILMING OLLI STUDY GROUPS: Dec 1 - Dec 14
OLLI members have been filming all week on both campuses, and we need your help again this week! The idea is to capture a few minutes that demonstrate the 'essence' of the study group: intellectual stimulation, camaraderie, and fun. The film will be used at information sessions to show potential members who we are, and what makes us tick. Study group members might like to hold up a banner with the name of the group, or write it on the white board. Participation in this video is optional.

REMINDER - FALL STUDY GROUP SURVEYS!

If you have not filled out your Fall Study Group surveys CLICK HERE!

Study Group surveys are treated with the strictest confidence. The results are being analyzed with the purpose of strengthening the peer-led program, not as a way to critique the performance of individual coordinators. It is important for OLLI to identify strengths and weaknesses of the peer-led program as a whole - what works and what doesn’t. Thanks for your support!

THE LONG WINTER NIGHTS JUST FLY BY...USE THEM WISELY

Lynda.com has 4,113 video courses with over 50,000 video lessons free to OLLI members. Some of the most commonly viewed include:

582 photography courses
Learn how to use the controls and features on your camera
Learn how to use post production software

100s of courses on computer skills and the Web
Increase your computer literacy with lessons on:
Getting productivity from your Windows/Mac computer or tablet.
Instructions on how to use numerous software programs.
CLICK HERE to log on to Lynda.com using your Net-ID and Password.
Handel's Messiah holds a special place in musical history, and in musical life. Dr. Stephen Alltop will explore the genesis of this work and the many fascinating people who surrounded the first performance in 1742. Two different lectures will take place on December 8 & 15: attend one or both. Class members will also be extended the opportunity to observe Dr. Alltop rehearsing this music with the Apollo Chorus of Chicago on December 17 (7pm) and the performance at Harris Theater on either December 19 or 20.

12:15 - 1:15 pm,
Tuesday, December 8 & 15
Chicago (Wieboldt 147)

20% discount rate tickets to the performance of Apollo Chorus' Handel's Messiah are available to OLLI members. Click on the link HERE and enter the promo code APOLLO20

* Future OUTSIDE OLLI events include Too Hot to Handel, and Siamsa Na nGael
IT'S TIME TO PARTY!
Attend one or both campuses

REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN!

EVANSTON HOLIDAY PARTY
Tuesday, December 8
6:30-9:30pm
Hilton Orrington, 1710 Orrington Avenue,
 Evanston, IL 60201

CHICAGO HOLIDAY PARTY
Thursday, December 10
6:00-9:00pm
Cliff Dwellers, 200 S. Michigan Ave,
 Chicago, IL 60201

NEXT WEEK at OLLI:

Monday, December 14

- Fall Semester ends
- Winter Catalog released
- 11:45am - 12:45pm - Evanston Study Group Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 15

- 9:30 - 11:30am - Chicago Study Group Committee Meeting
- 12:15 - 1:15pm - Outside OLLI: Handel's Messiah Noontime Lecture with Stephen Alltop (CH)

Wednesday, December 16
● 7:00 - 9:00pm - Handel's *Messiah/Apollo Chorus open rehearsal - open to OLLI members

Thursday, December 17

Friday, December 18

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**SAVE THE DATE - EVENTS IN January 2016!**

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**Outside OLLI***

NOW IT'S TIME FOR THE HIGH OCTANE VERSION OF HANDEL'S *MESSIAH!*

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Northwestern University and the Center for Life and Learning at Fourth Presbyterian Church Chicago are partnering with the Auditorium Theatre to celebrate CHICAGO'S COMMUNITY. Join us for two unique learning opportunities in connection with the theatre's 11th annual presentation of Too Hot to Handel: The Jazz-Gospel
Messiah. This amazing musical tour de force celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. and his vision for "beloved community."

**Event 1:**
**Too Hot to Handel? The Music and Message of the Jazz-Gospel Messiah**
**Thursday, January 7, 2016**
**10:00 - 12:00 p.m. (doors open at 9:30 a.m.). Coffee and biscuits provided.**
**Buchanan Chapel of Fourth Presbyterian Church; 126 E. Chestnut St., Chicago**

Want to know what makes the music of *Too Hot to Handel* so "hot?" Join *Too Hot* star soloists, Rodrick Dixon and Alfreda Burke, for a comparative lecture demonstration of *Too Hot to Handel: the Jazz-Gospel Messiah* and Handel's original *Messiah*. We will take an in-depth look at the music and message of *Too Hot to Handel* and why it is such a fitting tribute for the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration.

**Register**

![I HAVE A DREAM](image)

**Event 2:**
**"The Beloved Community: Restoring A Dream Deferred - panel discussion**
**Tuesday, January 12, 2016**
**2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (doors open at 1:30 p.m.)**
**Roosevelt University; 430 S. Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL; Green-Murray Library (10th floor)**

As part of the Auditorium Theatre's annual production of *Too Hot to Handel* honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we invite you to join us for a panel discussion entitled "The Beloved Community: Restoring A Dream Deferred." As the city of Chicago, and the world, reels from the violence, racism, and intolerance plaguing urban and rural areas alike, our panelists of academic, social, and religious leaders will engage in a candid discussion about the issues afflicting our communities and how Dr. King's vision of the "beloved community" can still be achieved.
Performance
Sunday, January 17
1:30 p.m. special pre-show reception for OLLI and CLL members in the Congress Lounge at Roosevelt University 430 S. Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL
3:00 p.m. Performance
$40 for ticket and pre-show reception [CLICK HERE]

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OLLI ART
poetry - creative writing - painting - photography

Congratulations to OLLI member James Paradiso for his recently published work. James is a recovering academic in the process of refreshing himself as a
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