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BBC NEWS AND VIEWS OCTOBER 2018

There will be no meeting in October. The next BBC Meeting is Wednesday, November 7 at BBC Literary Soiree!

This will be our fourth BBC Literary Soiree! Featuring the talents of our very own BBC poets, novelists, playwrights and nonfiction writers . . .

The BBC invites YOU to read from your work, published or unpublished, at the November 7 BBC Meeting, at 7:00 PM, at the Greenwich House Music School (46 Barrow St.).



Please come and share your poems, your Great American Novel, your short story, your memoir, your narrative nonfiction, or your play. Open

to all BBCers of ALL ages. Kids are very welcome to share their writing too!

We ask any interested writer to register, via email (KathrynDonaldson@aol.com), if you would like to read. PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE LIMITING THE READERS TO TEN, WHO EACH WILL READ FOR SEVEN MINUTES, MAXIMUM.

If we have more than ten writers who want to participate, we will schedule another reading event. But please be aware, we are limited by time constraints. If you are interesting in participating, please register, and at the same time, include a brief bio (several lines) which will be read to the audience when you are introduced at the BBC Literary Soiree. We look forward to seeing you and hearing your work at this exciting

premier event. And bring your fans, friends and family!

Updates: This summer the bulletin board was completely refurbished and all the lampposts were touched up. We plan to finish painting all of the bumpers (the Bedford Street bumper guards have been completed) this year.



2018 Holiday Party

This year's BBC Holiday Party (it's never too early to mark your calendars to make sure you're in town for the best holiday party for kids and grown-ups, not just in the Village, but in all of New York City!) is set for Saturday, December 8 at Greenwich House Music School (46 Barrow St.) 6:00-9:00PM. So save that date!



The Bedford Downing Block Association will carry on their unique tradition—a Fall sidewalk sale—on October 13, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Proceeds go to neighborhood improvement and beautification. This year the sale, which is open to the public, will be held on the sidewalk of Sixth Avenue between Downing Street and Houston Street. No rain date. Whether buying or selling, BBCers are always welcome! If you live in the “catchment area” of the Bedford Downing Block Association, the space costs \$30. (In other words if you live on Bedford or Downing Streets between Sixth and Seventh Avenues or in 10

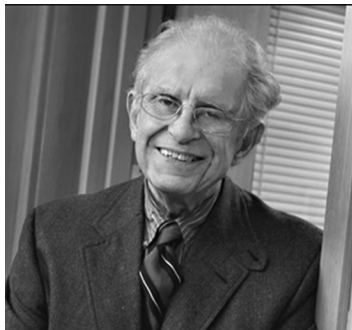


Downing or on that bit of West Houston that is like part of Bedford it's \$30.) If you live anyplace else the space costs \$60. Payment must be received up front, by October 6 and is non-refundable. NO payments on the day of the sale. Please make checks payable to Bedford Downing Block Association and mail to: **Mary Ann Pizza**, 19 Bedford Street, Apt. # 1, NYC, 10014. Please include your email and address with the check, emails will be sent to acknowledge receipt of check. Any questions, please email Mary Ann, pizzapizza41@yahoo.com

Save the dates of October 22-24 for the 4th annual Greenwich Village Film Festival to be held at The IFC Film Center on Sixth Ave. BBC member and Grove St. Block Association President, **Richard Eric Weigle**, and his husband, **Michael Anastasio**, are two of the organizers of the festival. So rather than complain about The Village not being what it used to be, support this festival that is trying to preserve The Village as a center for creativity and individuality. The program of short films from around the world will screen each night from 7:00-9:30PM. Tickets will go on sale as of September 27 on www.greenwichvillagefilmfestival.com



The BBC Block Association is very saddened to note the passing of **Stan Simbonis**, longtime and original BBC member, and a beloved, familiar fixture forever in our neighborhood. Dr. Stanley Simbonis was an accomplished physician, a graduate of Yale College and Yale Medical School, and served on the Board of Directors of Yale's acclaimed Medical Library. But to us, in the nabe, he was Dr. Stan, a true character—a dashing figure, wearing, even in summer, his trademark scarf, and in winter, his corduroy jacket, never an overcoat. Stan was always there to lend a hand in BBC activities, which he enjoyed immensely, and was there for every neighborhood event. He especially loved the Holiday Party (oh that buffet!), where he was so pleased to see, as he put it, "young and old coming together to celebrate the season and our neighborhood."



He was generous with his medical expertise, keeping an eye on **Larry Selman**, the "collector of Bedford Street" and neighborhood icon, taking his blood pressure and monitoring his health in general--and fielding calls from Larry at all hours with great patience. He loved Greece, his ancestral country, but always returned to his charming house on Commerce Street, which he said was his own true home. Stan was just a nice guy in the truest sense of the word. His ready smile lit up his face when he greeted you and he never failed to have a warm and welcoming word for all. The BBC and the entire neighborhood extends its sincerest condolences to Stan's family on his passing, and thanks Dr. Stan, over and over, for his generosity, community spirit, and great good natured-ness, which graced our corner of Greenwich Village for years.

NABE NOTES

Cherry Lane Theatre has announced the line-up for its third annual week long program of master classes, Cherry Lane School. The program covers everything from audition prep with a casting director, playwriting and screenwriting workshops, and a conversation with Broadway designers. The initiative will feature panel discussions and workshop sessions with leading members of the theatre community.

Cherry Lane School will begin on October 16 this year and run October 23 to 27. Admission to the individual events are \$30 for the first session, with additional classes priced at \$20. The panel discussions are free. More details to come, keep an eye on CherryLaneTheatre.org for updates!

Greenwich House Music School

There will be an Open House on October 3 from 3:00-5:00PM when parents and kids can get an overview of the Music School's programs and also enjoy activities in our backyard like games, a drum circle, arts and crafts, face painting, and a special performance by Mozart for Munchkins

October 5: A Sound It Out performance with **Sean Moran's** Sun Tiger and **Vinnie Sperrazza** from 7:30-10:00PM (\$20 or \$18 for students and seniors, at the door)

October 6: **A Mozart for Munchkins** events, this time with the theme of "Concert of 100 Strings" from 4:00-5:00PM

October 25: Sound It Out



Sean Moran

with **Michael Formanek's Very Practical Trio** from 8:00-10:00PM (\$20 or \$15 for students and seniors, at the door)

October 26: **A German Diez Recital Series with Bennett Lerner** at 7:00PM (\$25-75)

October 27: Sound It Out with **Amanda Manaco and Friends** from 8:00-10:00PM (\$15 or \$12 for students and seniors, at the door)

Greenwich House Pottery

Artist talk on October 10 from 3:00-4:00PM with **Julia Haft Candell** as part of Global Day of Clay, and their big fundraising event Oktoberfest is on October 12. Also, while the opening is September, there is an ongoing exhibition, "Millennium Mambo" by **Cristina Tufiño**, at the Jane Hartsook Gallery throughout the month that closes on October 26.



Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation
The LGBTQ Village: Christopher Street Walking Tour Celebrating LGBTQ History Month Thursday, October 4, 5:30PM RSVP for Meetup Location

Join us for a fun and informative LGBTQ History Walking Tour! On this tour around Greenwich Village, we will visit historic sites where revolutions began, riots were sparked, and history was made. We will see common threads within the LGBTQ generations who have lived life in New York City, sharing the stories of queer activists and the major political and social movements that have shaped the LGBTQ community over time.

Sites include the historic Stonewall Inn, Christopher Park, the NYC AIDS Memorial, and the LGBT Community Center. Our guide **Michael Venturiello's** interest in reading queer literature and research about the Stonewall Riots blossomed into his founding Christopher Street Tours, to make LGBTQ history accessible to all. This event is outdoors and sidewalk accessible.



Book and Art Talk: One Track Mind: Drawing the Village Subways, Tuesday, October 9, 6:30PM The New School's Auditorium, Room A106, Alvin Johnson/J.M. Kaplan Hall 66 West 12th Street

Join **Philip Ashforth Coppola**, **Ezra Bookstein**,

and **Jeremy Workman** for an illustrated talk about Philip Ashforth Coppola's extraordinary, meticulous pen-and-ink drawings detailing the typography, terracotta mosaics, faiences, and tile patterns that millions of riders see every day but rarely notice.

Ezra Bookstein and Jeremy Workman have drawn from those sketches to create *One-Track Mind: Drawing the New York Subway*, giving readers what Hyperallergic has called "the most encyclopedic history of the art and architecture of the New York City subway system." *One-Track Mind* was written to serve Coppola's original goal of "bringing attention to the subway's long forgotten craftspeople. Hopefully, it can also remind New Yorker and visitor alike that there is beauty all around us." Co-Sponsored by The New School's Adult Bachelor's Program. This event is fully accessible.

Caffé Cino - Off-Off Broadway and On the National Register, Celebrating LGBTQ History Month Tuesday, October 23, 6:30PM, Judson Memorial Church. Enter at 239 Thompson Street

Ahead of the first anniversary of Caffé Cino's listing on the National Register of Historic Places, join Caffé Cino historian and veteran **Magie Dominic**, as well as **Amanda Davis**, Project Manager at the NYC LGBT Historic Sites Project and author of the National Register nomination, to celebrate and learn about this groundbreaking, pre-Stonewall café theater.

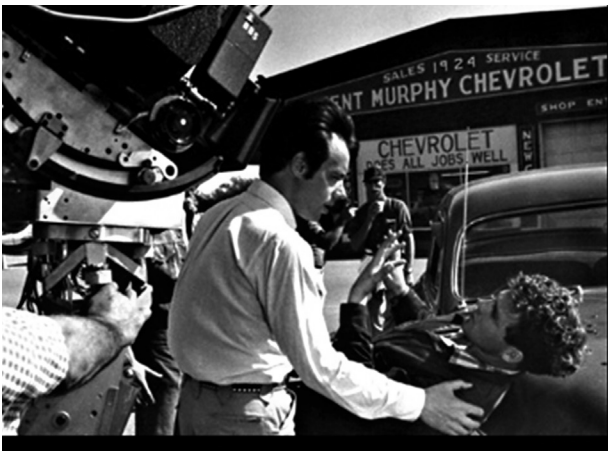
Caffé Cino, located at 31 Cornelia Street from 1958 to 1968, was the creation of **Joe Cino**, an openly gay Italian-American producer who is credited with starting the "Off-Off-Broadway" theater movement. Caffé Cino was the first important venue to regularly stage Off-Off-Broadway productions, was critical in the development of gay theater, and served as a place of support for gay playwrights during a time when depicting LGBT experiences on stage was illegal. Co-sponsored by the NYC LGBT Historic Sites Project



Resources & Information

The Nonprofit Power 50 Reception will be held on October 11, 2018 at Battery Gardens Restaurant. The October 7 Nonprofit Power 50 issue will debut at a special reception gathering the most influential people in the nonprofit sector. Our special issue will also recognize Nonprofit ten "Watch List" who have been selected from nonprofits who are on the rise and are considered ones to watch for future power lists in New York City and state.

The Quad Cinema will feature *Movie Love: Pictures by Peter Bogdanovich*, September 28-October 5—with **Peter Bogdanovich** in person at select screenings. Peter Bogdanovich has excelled and endured as both film historian and filmmaker. By the time he was a teenager, Bogdanovich was a beyond-avid moviegoer who could expertly assess and critique what he was seeing and processing. Soon he was writing professionally about the contemporary cinema, but also adventurously programming film series and retrospectives in New York. He then went West, resettling in Los Angeles to break into the movie industry; within five years, he was in the top rank of the New American Cinema. All the while he never stopped learning from, and in turn playing a major role in boosting the reputations of his idols such as **Allan Dwan, John Ford, Howard Hawks, Leo McCarey, Raoul Walsh, and Orson Welles**. On the occasion of his new documentary about another of his idols, *The Great Buster: A Celebration*, the Quad's retrospective invites a fresh look at Bogdanovich's movie love and lovely movies.



CONFERENCE EVENT. DATE, October 2, 2018
TIME 9:00AM – 3:30PM
LOCATION National Geographic Encounter, 226 West 44th Street. New York, NY 10036
City & State presents a full-day conference to explore

how public officials, corporations, advocacy groups, academia and the media can work to create effective policies to address overall health, physical activity and wellness and the impact on its communities. Hear from some of New York's leading experts and connect with top decision-makers from both the public and private sectors. Keynote Remarks by Dr. Oxiris Barbot, Acting Commissioner, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene



A new annual festival celebrating the history and heritage of Greenwich Village, organized by the Village Alliance, took place in Washington Square Park and other locations around Greenwich Village beginning this year on September 27. Some of the events included;

Eugene O'Neill and the Village, a tour of Village sites associated with the famous playwright,

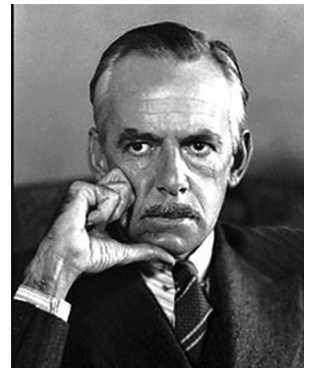
Jazz in the Village: Celebration, an evening of live music and discussion with Grammy-winners, jazz legends and contemporary music superstars on the celebrated jazz faculty at the New School,

Village Voices: A celebration of Edna St Vincent Millay and Jack Kerouac.

Alive concert in the shadow of the Arch in celebration of the legendary and influential music heritage of Greenwich Village,

The Beat Scene in New York and San Francisco

An evening of live music with **Happy Traum, Tom Chapin and the Chapin Sisters, David Massengill, Diana Jones** and others at the historic Bitter End on Bleecker Street.



Diana Tandia is the owner, chef, counter-worker, server, busser, and occasional tea-pourer at her delightful new cafe in the West Village, *Berber Street Food* on Carmine Street. Tandia, who hails from Mauritania, offers an impressively lengthy menu of snacks, sandwiches, bowls, and entrees, all redolent with the foods and flavors of her upbringing. Berber Street Food is a small, counter-service restaurant with proper tables for about six to eight people (including a prized window booth) and some stools before a cluttered counter facing the wall.