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BBC NEWS AND VIEWS **March 2026**

BBC Membership

Thanks to all who have re-upped. Those of you who have not rejoined will find another membership letter.

What makes our neighborhood the beautiful place it is, and such a desirable place to live, is the efforts of your BBC. We have not reached our goal of ensuring that our community continues to thrive. Our operating budget is \$20,000 so please consider making an additional contribution as we rely on individual donors. We install tree guards when needed, do both spring and fall plantings and water throughout the summer months.

Be sure to make your checks payable to BBC Block Association, 81 Bedford Street #5F. You can go to www.bbcblockassociation.org and scroll down the front page and click on PayPal or on the Venmo app look for @BBC_Block_Association.

Remember it's \$25 to join!

St. Luke's in the Fields
487 Hudson Street, NY, NY 10014
<https://stlukeinthefields.org/>

Johann Sebastian Bach's Motets
Thursday, March 12th, 7:30pm
Lecture by Dr. George B. Stauffer at 6:30pm



Dr. George B. Stauffer

Amber Evans, Melissa Fogarty, Adrienne Lotto, Ava Pine Donna Breitzer, Elizabeth Merrill, Chris Carter, Christopher Preston Thompson, Will Berman, Phillip Cheah. David Shuler, music director.

"Bach's Motets: New Wine in an Old Bottle" lecture by Dr. George B. Stauffer, author of *J.S. Bach: The Mass in B Minor* and *The World of Baroque Music*.



Greenwich Village Chamber Singers
Church of St. Ignatius Loyola
980 Park Avenue

St. Matthew Passion, BWV 244

Sunday, March 29th, 3:00pm

Our March program will engage members of other arts organizations in a rare performance of the “Mount Everest” of Baroque repertoire, the St. Matthew Passion by Johann Sebastian Bach.

[March concert details + tickets](#)
info@gvcsnyc.org

West Village Chorale

www.westvillagechorale.org



All Aboard: Conductor's Choice

Sunday, March 15th, 5:00 PM

\$30 General Admission | \$20 Student

This season is Artistic Director Colin Britt's tenth at our helm...that's two dozen concerts and counting! We're excited to celebrate the occasion with a program featuring some of his favorite pieces—from staples of the choral canon by giants such as Brahms, Durufle, Fauré and Vaughn-Williams to contemporary works by award-winning composers Abbie Betinis, Shara Nova and Caroline Shaw, among others. Get on board and join us!

Advance purchase is strongly recommended!

Greenwich House Music School

Uncharted Concert Series and Elebash Artist Residency

Announcing the 2026 cohort for the Elebash Uncharted Artists-in-Residence program. Following the most competitive open call in the last three years, six New York City-based artists were selected for the esteemed cohort:



Jacqueline Acevedo, Audry Funk, DoYeon Kim, Erika Ji, Miriam Elhajli, and Firas Zreik.

Culminating residency performances will be held at Greenwich House Music School's 90-seat recital hall. Tickets go on sale March 9 at 10 am. Seating is limited; advance purchase is strongly encouraged.

Village Preservation

www.villagepreservation.org

City Council District 3 Candidates Forum

Tuesday, March 10th, 6:00 pm

Zoom Webinar | Pre-registration required | Free

Join us for a forum with candidates for the 3rd City Council District, formerly represented by City Councilmember Erik Bottcher, who recently vacated the position after winning a seat in the state Senate. This district includes all of Greenwich Village west of 6th Avenue south to Canal Street, and north to 55th Street. A special non-partisan election will be held this spring (date TBD) to fill the vacancy. This will be a unique opportunity to hear from candidates about preservation, development, and planning issues in our neighborhood, and how they will deal with them as City Councilmember. All candidates have been invited. Candidates so far confirmed are Lindsey Boylan, Layla Law-Gisiko, and Carl Wilson.

There will be an opportunity for questions from the public moderated by the host, and the forum will be recorded and shared after. The City Council plays an enormously important role in land use, development, and preservation issues, particularly at the local

level. They are local neighborhoods' advocates and representatives to our city government.

Other events with Village Preservation this month:

From Service to Social Change: A Conversation on the Settlement House *A panel with Brad Hoylman-Sigal, Darren Bloch, Betty Boyd Caroli, Roderick Jones, Susan Stamler, and Rosemonde Pierre-Louis*

Tuesday, March 10th, 6:00pm

In-person | Free | Reservations required

The Unseen Revelers: A Brief History of Female Nightlife Activists in the Village

Thursday, March 12th, 6:00pm

Virtual | Free | Reservations required

In the Footsteps of Bridget Murphy: The Life of an Irish Servant *co-sponsored by Merchant's House Museum*

Sunday, March 15th & Saturday, March 21st, 3:00pm

In-person | Ticketed, free for VP members | Reservations required

Women's History Walking Tour of Greenwich Village *co-sponsored by Merchant's House Museum*

Wednesday, March 18th & Tuesday, March 24th, 12:00pm

In-person | Free | Reservations required

Plentiful Country: The Great Potato Famine and the Making of Irish New York *a book talk with Tyler Anbinder, co-sponsored by Merchant's House Museum*

Wednesday, March 25th, 6:00pm

Virtual | Free | Reservations required

The Tourist's Guide to Lost Yiddish New York City *a book talk with Henry H. Sapoznik*

Thursday, March 26th, 7:00pm

In-person | Free | Reservations required

Surprising Survivors: 18th-century Structures Still Standing in Manhattan *a lecture by Anthony Bellov, co-sponsored by Salmagundi Club and Merchant's House Museum*

Tuesday, March 31st, 6:00pm

In-person | Free | Reservations required

Municipal Arts Society

For all tours, there are no refunds, cancellations, or exchanges unless we cancel a tour. Online registration closes one hour prior to the tour start time.

www.mas.org

Grand Central Terminal

Sunday, March 15th, 11:00am - 12:30pm



The Municipal Art Society (MAS) has been leading tours of New York's famous Grand Central Terminal longer than any other tour

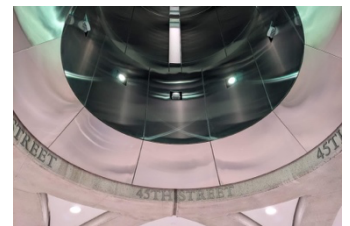
operator. In fact, MAS saved Grand Central back in the 1970s with the legendary help of our board member Jacqueline Onassis. Join us for a 75-to-90 minute exploration of one of New York's most beautiful and beloved buildings. Our licensed tour leaders will fill you in on the history and the architecture and take you to some special places that many New Yorkers don't even know about.

\$15 members, \$25 non-members

Terminal City Revisited

Sunday, March 15th, 11:00am – 1:00pm

Track the history of this vibrant and always changing Manhattan transit hub, from the 1830s Murray Hill tunnel to Pershing Square and One Vanderbilt (Avenue). Architectural historian Matt Postal leads a walking tour that visits the recently-opened Long Island Railroad concourse (aka Grand Central Madison), as well as the evolving network of passageways that connect Warren & Wetmore's always-grand Beaux Art terminal to the historic Yale Club, Chrysler and Pan Am Buildings, as well as 270 Park Avenue, a towering new headquarters for J. P. Morgan Chase.



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Meet Your Neighbor

Each month the BBC will feature one of our special neighbors. This month we are introducing our treasurer, Alice Elliott.



Alice Elliott is an Academy Award-nominated documentary director of *The Collector of Bedford Street*, a short documentary that made its debut on



Alice and Larry Selman at the Oscars

Cinemax/HBO. She feels, in some ways, she owes her career to the Bedford, Barrow, Commerce Block Association and the unique group of neighbors that came together during the making of *The Collector of Bedford Street*. The film tells the story of her neighbor, Larry Selman who had an intellectual disability that gave him a low IQ. Larry committed his life to raising money for others, even though he lived at the poverty level. His passion for community involvement and philanthropy was a model of service leadership. The International Kiwanis continues to use The Collector of Bedford Street to train young Key Leaders all around the world in service leadership.



She directed the PBS Award-winning documentary *Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy*, which is one of her short films that, through compelling stories, change

our perceptions of ability. The film is now being made into a musical.

A Guggenheim Fellow award recipient, Ms. Elliott also makes training films and branded content that use high quality visuals and people with disabilities to tell their own stories. As a media diversity and accessibility consultant, she develops programs for corporations, governments agencies and non-profits. Her monthly newsletter, Trusted Source, features outstanding media made by and about people with disabilities and highlights, articles, and innovations in the disability sphere.

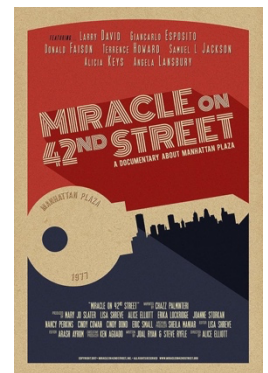


She and Emmy Award-winner Jason DaSilva are co-directing a feature film,

The Dismantled,

about an unlikely smuggler who learns it's better to lose your eyesight than your friends. Funded by Canadian Media Fund and Telefilm, all roles featuring people with disabilities will be played by people with disabilities.

She directed *Miracle on 42nd Street*, a documentary about affordable housing for artists that won a 2020 NY Emmy Award for Best Documentary. The film had its world premiere at DOCNYC and received a National Endowment for the Arts Grant.



Currently she is directing a documentary about the intersection of Down syndrome and Alzheimer's disease called *Carrie's Blueprint*. Formerly, head of the Documentary Studies Area, she taught documentary and television production at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts.

Sign up for her monthly review of inclusive media, Trusted Source, at www.welcomechange.org If you would like to know more about *Carrie's Blueprint*, please go to the Welcome Change website to read more or make a tax-deductible donation.