

# ARTS, CULTURE & SOCIETY EVENTS

By Rose Marie Riley

## Opening Night of the Opera

The Opera Company of Philadelphia is presenting Opening Night of the Opera Season, **October 10, 2008**, in Three Acts. Act One begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Park Hyatt at the Bellevue for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner in the Rose Garden Ballroom. Act Two starts at 8 p.m. with the Red carpet entrance into the Academy of Music for the Opening Night Performance of "Fidelio." Act Three is at 11 p.m., at Sotto Varalli, for a Post-Performance Celebration with the cast, featuring wine and Champagne bar and late night appetizers and desserts. Robert Driver is General and Artistic Director, Opera Company of Philadelphia. Proceeds of the Opening Night Celebration will benefit the Opera Company of Philadelphia. For information call 215-893-3600, ext. 219.

## Annual Benefit

The 14th annual benefit for Pals for Life will be held **October 10, 2008**, at Appleford, Mt. Moro Road, Villanova, from 7 to 10 p.m. Its theme is "It's Raining Cats and Dogs." The event will feature live and silent auctions, food and a display of Pals for Life Pet Photos Contest entries and winners. The pets will also attend. Pals is in its 24th year of providing pet visits to those in nursing homes, rehab facilities, mental health centers and other places where folks are no longer able to have their own pets. For information call 610-687-1101.

## Concert to Celebrate Life

Members of The Hospice and Home Care Foundation are presenting a Concert to Celebrate Life, **October 10, 2008**, at Centennial Hall at The Haverford School, 450 Lancaster Avenue, Haverford, at 7:30 p.m. The Philadelphia Boys Choir, under the direction of Jeffrey R. Smith, will present "A Festival of Favorites," celebrating their 40 years entertaining audiences locally and throughout the world. The evening benefits the Hospice and Home Care Programs of the Home Care Network, Jefferson Health System, to raise awareness for health care in the home. For info call 610-254-1410.

## Philadelphia Shell Show

The Academy of Natural Sciences, 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, will be the site for the Philadelphia Shell Show, **October 10 & 11, 2008**, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Philadelphia Shell Show features thousands of the world's most beautiful and exotic shells on display and for sale. For information call 215-299-1043.

## 2008 Pink Tie Ball

The Philadelphia Affiliate of Susan G. Komen For the Cure is presenting its 7th Annual Komen Philadelphia Pink Tie Ball, **October 11, 2008**, at the Ritz-Carlton Philadelphia Hotel, 10 Avenue of the Arts, Philadelphia, at 6 p.m. An elegant jewelry showcase will be on view; silent and live auctions will be held; along with dinner and dancing. Proceeds of the evening will benefit the Philadelphia Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the

will be a special children's concert by The Cat's Pajamas. Activities are best suited for families with children age 10 and under. Proceeds from the event will benefit Reach Out and Read Greater Philadelphia. For information all 215-590-5989.

## The Society of the Holy Child Jesus Celebration

The Society of the Holy Child Jesus is taking an international approach to honoring its foundress, Cornelia Connelly's Bicentennial. Beginning on **October 12** with a 2 p.m. Opening Liturgy – which will feature a mariachi band, and a dance performed by a Sister of the Holy Child from Nigeria – the Society of the Holy Child Jesus will be kicking off a year-long celebration to commemorate the anniversary of Cornelia's January 15 birthday. The Opening Mass will be held at St. Agatha-St. James Church at 38th and Chestnuts streets in Philadelphia. A reception for more than 500 guests will follow at the University of Pennsylvania in the Hall of Flags, Houston Hall, Perelman Quadrangle, at 3417 Spruce Street in Philadelphia. A Proclamation from the City of Philadelphia declaring **October 12, 2008**, "Cornelia Connelly Day," will also be on display. For information call 610-626-1400.

## Meeting

The Jephtha Abbott Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet **October 14, 2008** at the Ashbridge House, Montgomery Avenue and Airdale Road, Rosemont. At 1:30 p.m. a presentation will be made by Ann Wagner and Don Fennimore, Curators of the Winterthur Museum, on "Silversmiths to the Nation: Thomas Fletcher and Sidney Gardiner, 1801-1842." For information call 610-525-6040.

## Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show

The 2008 Ladies Committee of The Union League of Philadelphia is presenting the 42nd Annual Luncheon and Ladies Fashion Show on **October 16, 2008**, at The Union League of Philadelphia. A Reception will begin the event at 11:30 a.m. that features a Walk-A-Round Jewelry Show provided by Craig Drake Jewelry, followed by the Luncheon, at 12:30 p.m. Fashions will be presented by Sophy Curson – the oldest family owned women's shop in Philadelphia. Proceeds of the event will benefit The Union League's Scholarship Foundation. For info call 215-587-6454.

## Lansdowne Friends School Book Fair

Looking for really good books in time for the holidays? Lansdowne Friends School presents Jaberwocky Books for Kids as provider for its annual Book Fair, **Thursday, October 16** from 3 - 6:30 p.m.; **Friday, October 17** from 3 - 8:30 p.m.; and **Saturday, October 18** from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., benefiting the school library. Available for immediate purchase will be a full array of tasteful and interesting children's books. To help fund a class trip, grades 5 and 6 will prepare a delicious pancake breakfast available to the public from 9 to 10 on Saturday morning. Seating is limited, call 610-623-2548 to make a reservation. Lansdowne Friends School is located at 110 N. Lansdowne Avenue, Lansdowne.

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