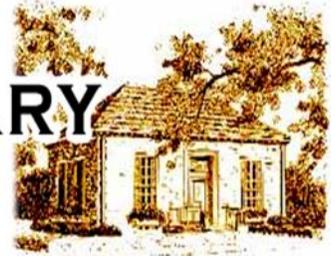


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## KICKING OFF OUR 90th SUMMER SEASON IN A BIG WAY

May 27, 2017

Dear Hyde Park Library Member,

As we've mentioned in our last few newsletters, 2017 marks the Hyde Park Library's 90th anniversary, and we have a number of special events planned to celebrate the occasion. This weekend marks the traditional--if unofficial start of the summer season--so we're feeling doubly celebratory and gearing up to pull out all the stops for a big bash.

We've planned two major music events for this weekend. Aside from our monthly open mic, we'll be welcoming back one of our all-time favorite acts, internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter Rod MacDonald on Saturday, May 27th at 8:00 pm in the Library Annex. (Suggested minimum donation for this event is \$10.00) And we'll follow up on Sunday, May 28th with our open mic with featured act, Denise Jordan Finley and John Martucci.

A brief bio from AllMusic.com: "Singer/songwriter Rod MacDonald was a big part of the 1980s folk revival in Greenwich Village clubs. After graduating from Columbia Law School and joining the staff of Newsweek, MacDonald elected to become a folksinger in the 1970s. Via the Fast Folk Music Cooperative, MacDonald and others like Richard Meyer, Christine Lavin, and Michael Jerling were an important part of the rebirth of the folk scene in New York in the 1980s. While MacDonald wasn't exactly a new face to New York folk music fans, he began to gain national stature in the early '90s, performing at folk festivals and coffeehouses around the U.S., Canada, and Europe. MacDonald's songwriting influences include Phil Ochs, Richard Fariña, and Bob Dylan. True to the folk tradition, MacDonald is not afraid to get political, take chances, and perhaps shock some people. Songs like "American Jerusalem," "White Buffalo," and "Every Living Thing" have been covered by his peers and his elders, including musicians Garnet Rogers, Jean Redpath, Gordon Bok, Happy Traum, and Shawn Colvin. MacDonald's place in the folk hall of fame is assured by his "A Sailor's Prayer," a hymn-styled tune that many people have mistaken for a traditional song.

Celebrating the Hyde Park Library's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

# Festival Weekend



**Rod MacDonald with Mark Dann In Concert**  
**Sat., May 27<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**

**Open Mic: With Featured Act**  
**Denise Jordan Finley and John Martucci**  
**Sun., May 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm**



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## **OPEN MIC SUNDAY: FEATURED ACT: TWO AREA FAVORITES** **DENISE JORDAN FINLEY and JOHN MARTUCCI**

Following up Rod MacDonald's Saturday show is our monthly open mic, which is always an interesting and varied array of local talent. It's not just a folk or singer-songwriter event--although those genres are certainly well represented--but samplings of all musical genres, poetry, storytelling and almost any other performance. Sign-up for open mic acts will be at 1:30 pm on Sunday, May 28th, with performances beginning at 2:00.

We also host a featured act each month, and in May we'll be hosting two of the region's most gifted singer-songwriters. Denise Jordan Finley and John Martucci are artists whom we've hosted separately on previous occasions. We're delighted now to welcome these two talented performers--who have been collaborating in performance and as songwriters--in making their debut here as a musical team.

A native of Hyde Park Denise Jordan Finley is an accomplished and multi-award winning singer-songwriter whose annual performances here are always a highlight. John Martucci, who has performed here as a solo artist, as a duo with his equally gifted singer-songwriter wife Lu Anne, and in a variety of other ensembles. His is a distinctive voice and songwriting style, and his collaboration with Denise promises to be something special indeed.

(Suggested donation for the open mic is \$5.00 with proceeds going to the featured performers.)

Call 229-7791 for more information or to reserve a spot for either event. And make note in advance of our June Open Mic (on June 25th) which will feature Vince Sauter as our special guest.

## Hyde Park Library Presents:

### May Open Mic With Featured Artists:



**Denise Jordan Finley  
and John Martucci  
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## NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Mrs. B. is preparing a great variety of activities and events--including regular story times, activity hours, book clubs and "Battle of the Books" sessions, game days and Legos sessions--for the upcoming Summer Reading program (July 3rd-August 4th). The season will kick off with a celebration (featuring the fantastic Flo Circus!) on Monday, June 26th at 7:00 pm at the Taconic Regional Center in Staatsburg. (This will be a jointly sponsored event with the Staatsburg Library and has proven in the past to be great fun for parents and children).

At the Kick-Off, children will be able to sign up for the reading program and for any and all special events in the summer. Anyone who can't make it can stop by the library at any time throughout the week of the 26th to register. We look forward to seeing you then.

## Early Music Concert: With St. John's Recorder Ensemble: June 4th at 3:00 PM

We're looking forward to once again hosting a Concert of Early Music featuring the St. John's Recorder Ensemble on Sunday June 4th at 3 PM. The ensemble is under the direction of Maris Kristapsons, director, and features Kathy Maxcy and Bruce Beard as recorder soloists and Susan Guse harpsichord. A freewill offering will be taken.

**Hyde Park Library Presents:**

### **A Concert of Early Music St. John's Recorder Ensemble**



**Mary Kristapsons, director**  
**Kathy Maxcy & Bruce Beard, recorder soloists**  
**Susan Guse, harpsichord**

**Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> @ 3 PM**

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## French Film Series (And Other Movie News)

Foreign film buffs take note, we'll be running a French film series this summer that should be both provocative and challenging and will spotlight film rarely seen in this country. Most films will be screened on Friday evenings (with an occasional series entry on Sunday afternoon). June's selections are as follows:

Friday, June 2nd. 7:00 PM: *Incendies* (2011). Dir: D. Villeneuve. Multi-Award Winning French Canadian film. AA Nominee. [R]

Sunday, June 11th 2:00 PM: *Persepolis* (2007) Animated w/ Chiara Mastroianni, Catherine Deneuve (voices). Dir: M. Satrapi, V. Paranaud. AA Nominee: Best Animated Film. [PG-13].

Friday, June 16th. 7:00 PM *Coco Chanel and Igor Stravinsky* (2009) W/ A. Mougalis & M. Madsen. Dir: J. Kounen. [R].

Friday, June 23rd *Ma Vie En Rose* (1997), w/ M. Laroque, J.-P. Ecoffey. Dir: Alain Berliner. [R].

Friday, June 30th, 7:00 PM. *Va Savoir* (2001). Comedy-Drama, w/ M. Basier, J. Balibar. Dir: J. Rivette. [PG-13].

Also being screened this month, in conjunction with our book club selection, is the acclaimed, multi-award winning 1993 Bille August adaptation of Isabel Allende's *The House of the Spirits*. The film features a stellar cast, including Glenn Close, Meryl Streep, Jeremy Irons, Wynona Ryder, Vanessa Redgrave, Antonio Banderas and Armin Mueller-Stahl. As a German-Danish-Portuguese co-production (set in Chile), it certainly qualifies as an international film (if not French), but we are actually including it in our "Book-To-Film" series, films that may be of special interest to book club members but are certainly open to all.

## MORE LIBRARY NEWS

Our YA Book Club meets on Thursday, June 8 at 7:00 pm. This month's book is *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt.

Our mystery book club meets on June 9th at 12:00 pm. Our selection for this month is *King of Lies* by John Hart.

Our general interest book club will be discussing Isabel Allende's *The House of the Spirits* (as noted above) and will have two meeting options, Monday, June 19th at 6:30 pm and again of Friday, June 23rd at 12:00 pm. Also as noted, book club members and the general public will be invited to attend the screening of the film version on Sunday, June 18th at 2:00 pm.

The Hyde Park Writers' Group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:30. This month we'll be meeting on June 13th and June 27th. All writers are welcome, but special emphasis is placed on poetry and shorter prose.

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