

# Submissions sought for local Real Book of jazz

The Real Book is a compilation of lead sheets for jazz tunes assembled in book form.

It is the bible of every student musician and the canon of works by the national jazz community.

Now, for the first time, the Greater Philadelphia metropolitan

area will have its own Real Book – a collection of original compositions written by the region's jazz and blues musicians and composers, to be called Philadelphia Real Book" – funded in part by nonprofits Jazz Bridge, the Samuel S. Fels Foundations, and

the Philadelphia Jazz Project.

The goal of The Philadelphia Real Book Project is bring original music in lead sheet form to a local, regional, national and international audience, and to help promote the work and the interest of the area's jazz and blues musicians,

singers and composers.

Pianist-composer-arranger David Dzubinski will be the coordinator of the project and will collaborate with those submitting their original work, with the next step being the formation of a committee to select compositions for

the printing, and then to design, produce and publish the Philadelphia Real Book in both printed and digital (app and tablet) formats. For details on how to submit an original work, visit philarealbook.org or call 610-745-3011. Submissions are due by June 1.

## On the Spiritual Side

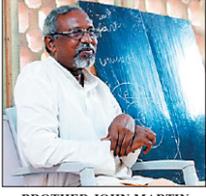
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### Indian monk to speak at St. Philip's in New Hope

Brother John Martin, an Indian monk, will speak at St. Philip's, New Hope at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, on the topic of "Spirituality Beyond Religions."

Brother John Martin Sahajananda, born in 1955, was one of the closest followers of Father Bede Griffith, who strongly influenced him.

He made his theological studies at St. Peter's Seminary of Bangalore, where he discovered the writings of the founders of



BROTHER JOHN MARTIN

Shantivanam – Jules Monchanin and Henry Le Saux. The discovery transformed his vision of Christ and Christianity.

In 1984, he left his diocese and joined the community of Shantivanam to live as a Benedictine monk close to Father Bede Griffith.

Shantivanam belongs to the Congregation of Camaldolese in the Order of St. Benedict. Sahajananda has obtained a Licentiate in Spirituality from the Gregori-

an University, Rome. Today, he is a spiritual director in the ashram.

He is very much interested in the inter-religious dialogue, particularly between Hinduism and Christianity. He teaches "Indian-Christian Spirituality" to the visitors of the ashram.

It is a form of spirituality, which shows the unifying elements among the religions and also the uniqueness of each spiritual tradition. But it also opens

to a spirituality that goes beyond the religious boundaries.

He is frequently invited to Europe to give lectures, retreats and seminars and to share his unique vision of Christianity for the third millennium.

The event is free to everyone. An offering will be taken for the work of Brother John Martin in India.

St. Philip's Episcopal Church is located at 10 Chapel Road, New Hope. Visit stphilipsnewhope.org.

### St. Andrew's Lambertville plans monthly Evensong

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, York and Main streets, Lambertville, N.J., will present its monthly Evensong at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 1.

Saint Andrew's choir will sing music by Philip Stopford, Robert Lehman, Herbert Howells and Charles Villiers Stanford.

The Rev. Richard W. Townley, rector of Saint Andrew's, will officiate.

Organist-choirmaster Michael T. Kevane will direct the

choir and play St. Andrew's 1892 Hook and Hastings tracker pipe organ.

Of special note at this liturgy will be Kevane's setting of the Versicles (Preces) and Responses in a Neo-Renaissance style.

Evensong is the Evening Prayer liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer set to chant tones and other music. It is one of the daily offices (pauses in work and study for communal prayer and reading)

that Anglicanism has compiled from the nine daily offices found in traditional monastic practice.

The next special music at Saint Andrew's will be on Sunday, May 8, at the regularly scheduled 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service when J.S. Bach's Cantata #11, "Himmelfahrts Oratorium," the Ascension Oratorio, will be performed by Saint Andrew's choir, soloists and baroque orchestra.

The last Evensong of this sea-

son will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 5.

For information, call 609-397-

2425, email rector@standrewslambertville.net or visit standrewslambertville.org.

### Tiferes B'nai Israel invites guests to honor departed loved ones

The word yizkor means "to remember" in Hebrew and refers to the traditional memorial prayer service, which honors the memory of departed loved ones ... parents, siblings, children and spouses.

It is a beautiful statement of respect for those who have passed away. Four times a year ... on

Yom Kippur, Shemini Atzeret, the eighth day of Passover, and the second day of Shavuot, it is customary to recite yizkor following the Torah reading.

Congregation Tiferes B'nai Israel invites and welcomes members of the Jewish community to join them for services on Saturday, April 30, the last day of

Passover. Services begin at 9 a.m. and last approximately two hours.

The synagogue is located at 2478 Street Road in Warrington, three quarters of a mile west of Easton Road.

Call 215-343-0155, e-mail info@tbiwarrington.org, or visit online at tbiwarrington.org for information.



Area teens take part in an Earth Day Retreat in New Hope, sponsored by Delaware Valley Interfaith Council (DVIC).

### Teens participate in Interfaith Council Earth Day Retreat

Delaware Valley Interfaith Council (DVIC) sponsored the second annual Earth Day Retreat for teenagers from its local faith communities April 15 to 17.

The retreat was hosted at Deer Park Camp and Retreat Center in Solebury.

On Saturday morning, the teens worked at Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, helping with its mission as a sanctuary for native plants. They removed invasive plants and spread gravel along paths, in preparation for a beautiful year at the preserve.

After lunch, 12-year-old Sonja Michalak and her 9-year-old sister, Charlotte, from Kehilat HaNahar, The Little Shul by the River in New Hope, helped participants learn about water quality in the local watershed.

Following Sonja's presentation, she helped the teens assess

the quality of a stream that runs through Deer Park. Based on the number and type of critters they found, the stream is quite healthy, communities April 15 to 17.

To finish the afternoon, filmmaker Harvey Stein showed segments of his documentary, "A Third Way: Settlers and Palestinians as Neighbors."

Stein and the teens discussed peace and justice issues, using the situation in the West Bank of Israel as an example of how people of different cultures can learn to live together.

The day finished with a campfire, led by Ryan Pitt, a recently installed regional leader of Community of Christ. The retreat closed on Sunday morning with active outdoor worship.

The teens and leaders agreed the retreat was a success and look forward to the third annual retreat next year.



The Wittenberg Gospel Choir performs May 9, at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Perkasio.

### Wittenberg Gospel Choir will sing in Perkasio

The Wittenberg Gospel Choir will perform at 7 p.m. May 9, at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 20 Dill Ave., Perkasio, as part of the group's second American tour.

The choir from the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, under the direction of Thomas Herzer, is more than 45 members

strong. Its performance of Great American Spirituals and Gospel music will be in English.

Tickets are not necessary; a free-will offering will be accepted to defray the choir travel expenses.

The Castle Church was built around the turn of the 16th centu-

ry. It is the site where, in 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 theses, an act that many consider the beginning of the Protestant Reformation.

For information, contact St. Andrew's Lutheran Church at 215-257-6184 or churchoffice@standrewsperkasio.org, or visit standrewsperkasio.org.

## HAPPENINGS

### St. Martin's offers food and fellowship

The St. Martin of Tours' Parish Cafe will serve a free, hearty lunch for its community friends and neighbors, and all are invited to attend.

Join in for food and fellowship from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at 1 Riverstone Circle, New Hope.

The event is sponsored by the St. Martin's Men's Group.

### St. Philip's hosts movie on plight of Iraqi Christians

Join St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 10 Chapel Road, New Hope, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, for a screening of "Where is our place?"

The 30-minute documentary addresses the plight of Iraqi Christians fleeing the Islamic State (ISIS/ Daesh). The Rev. Chris Bishop of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Radnor, journeyed to Iraq in the last fall to film their lives.

The film reveals the dire situation of Catholic, Orthodox and Anglican Christians. The screening will be followed by a question and answer session

by Bishop. A film trailer is available at smartinador.org.

The showing is free and open to the public. Visit stphilipsnewhope.org.

### Meditation retreat offered at Yardley Friends Meeting

Meditation teacher John Orr will lead a lecture and Meditation Retreat from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 13, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at the Yardley Friends Meeting House, 65 N. Main St., Yardley.

Orr received Theravada Buddhist ordination and training for eight years while living in Thailand and India. He has been teaching meditation and leading retreats around the country since 1980. Orr is an interfaith minister, and he teaches at Duke University.

All are welcome to attend all or any of the event. There will be lectures, periods of meditation, instruction and Q&A time.

Donations will be accepted. No reservations are necessary. Bring your own lunch; drinks and snacks will be provided.

For information, visit buddhistsangha.com.

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