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PENTANGLE ARTS

Celebrating 48 Years!

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May Happenings at Pentangle

April was a buzz with activity in the Town Hall theatre. From the screening of the award-winning documentary *Bookkeepers* with a talk back with director, writer and producer, David Wall, to a full house for Woodstock Elementary School's (WES) annual talent show, "Show Your Stuff". It is a WES tradition that pre-dates my kids' (ages 25, 22, and 18) participation.

In between 325 kiddos from area schools bounced in their seats, clapped, and sang along with the cast of *El Orto Oz*, a bilingual musical alive with salsa, merengue, and Mexican folk-infused inspired by *The Wizard of Oz*. Also, in April the Zack's Place thespians joined by community members began rehearsals for *Zilly Zonka and the Chocolate Factory*, which they will perform in the theatre on May 10 at 5:30 pm. Though the show is free and open to the public come early to get a good seat as it will be a full house!

On the Big Screen

Plastic Ocean, Thursday, April 27 at 6:00 pm

Sustainable Woodstock in partnership with Pentangle present (in-person) Plastic Ocean as part of the Climate and Sustainability Film Series. This is the first in-person screening since the pandemic, though it must be said that the virtual screenings have attracted hundreds of viewers from around the world. The screening is free and open to the public with donations to Pentangle Arts gratefully accepted.

The free virtual film screening is April 24-28, 2023. Please register at plasticocean.eventbrite.com

About the Film

This award-winning feature length documentary is brought to you by a group of dedicated scientists, film-makers, social entrepreneurs, scholars, environmentalists and journalists. It explores the fragile state of our oceans and uncovers alarming truths about the consequences of our disposable lifestyle.

It documents the global effects of plastic pollution and highlights workable technologies and innovative solutions that everyone – from governments to individuals – can do, to create a cleaner and greener ocean.

The Film has been selected for screenings at international conferences and festivals around the world including at the Smithsonian Institute and the International

Union for Conservation of Nature, where it was seen by former US President Barack Obama and environmentalists Sylvia Earle and Jane Goodall.

On the Little Theater Stage and On the Big Screen Stand With Ukraine

In May there are two ways to Stand with Ukraine and help raise funds for humanitarian relief efforts.

On May 5 at 7:30 attend Chandler Center for the Arts' presentation of *Balaklava Blues*, a concert fundraiser in partnership with RAZOM (razomofukraine.org) at The Little Theater in Woodstock (next to the Woodstock Recreation Center). To learn more about the concert and to purchase tickets go to <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=177465>

On May 26 at 7:30 pm Pentangle screens *The Guide*. *The Guide* is a dramatic film produced by acclaimed Ukrainian director Oles Sanin, which is set against Soviet efforts to exterminate the Ukrainian people in the 1930s through starvation and other policies. It was selected as the Ukrainian entry for the Best Foreign Language Film at the 87th Academy Awards, and despite the film's historical setting, it feels quite current.

All proceeds from the screening go to The Ukraine Relief Fund established in cooperation with Human & Civil Rights Organizations of America, Inc. (HCROA), which is managing donations and ensuring they reach organizations working in or near Ukraine in support of the Ukrainian people. Tickets are \$5 per person with donations gratefully accepted.

On the Big Screen

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In the film Sonny Vaccaro and Nike pursue basketball rookie Michael Jordan, creating a partnership that revolutionizes the world of sports and contemporary culture.

The film is directed by Ben Affleck and features, Ben Affleck, Phil Knight, Matt Damon, Sonny Vaccaro, Viola Davis, and Deloris Jordan

Showtimes

Friday, April 28 at 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 29 at 7:30 pm

Sunday, April 30 at 7:30 pm

Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at <https://pentanglearts.org/movies/#content>.