

## **Mister Chris and Friends Come to Pentangle**

This past weekend the Town Hall foyer was transformed into a hands-on activity center featuring a wind tower, castle blocks, and various crafts thanks to VPBS, Let's Grow Kids and the Eco Leahy Center.

Families with young children poured into the building eager to meet Mister Chris (Mister Chris and Friends is the popular VPBS children's television show.) Mister Chris did not disappoint! He met his fans on bended knee in the foyer, posed for photos and performed some of his most beloved songs backed by a fabulous band. Kids were dancing in front of the stage, bouncing in their seats and of course racing up and down the aisles!

Many thanks to the folks from the three organizations and to VPBS Executive Director, Holly Groschner and her staff for working with us to make it a very special family-friendly event.

Next weekend families are invited to attend the magical show **Snowmaiden** presented by No Strings Marionettes. The show features dozens of hand-crafted marionettes in a classic fairytale that continues after the show with a live interactive exchange between the audience and the puppeteers. Doors open at 1:00 for Valentine Sweets and Treats. The one-hour performance begins at 2:00 and is appropriate for all ages. Tickets are free for kids under 12 and \$10 for adults. They can be purchased in advance at [pentanglearts.org/event/snowmaiden](http://pentanglearts.org/event/snowmaiden) or in person the day of the show.

### **On the Free Screen:**

#### **The Messenger, Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6:00 pm**

*The Messenger* is part of Sustainable Woodstock and Pentangle's Climate Change and Sustainability Film Series.

For thousands of years, humankind regarded songbirds as messengers from gods. Under threat from climate change, pesticides and more, populations of hundreds of species have dipped dramatically. As scientists, activists and bird enthusiasts investigate this phenomenon, amazing secrets of the bird world come to light for the first time. The film is free with a suggested \$10 donation graciously accepted.

### **On the Big Screen:**

#### **WBCN and The American Revolution, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**

The American Revolution is a feature-length documentary film that chronicles progressive rock radio station WBCN-FM in Boston, during the years 1968 to 1974, through the original sights, sounds and stories, and examines the station's role in both covering and promoting the dramatic social, political and cultural changes that took place during that era. In order to produce the film, tens of thousands of individual archival items, including photographs, audio recordings, film, video and memorabilia, were shared with the producers by members of the public. A collection of these items has been established at University of Massachusetts Amherst.

There will be pre-screening reception at 6:30 pm to meet the Peabody Award winning Director, Bill Lichtenstein and Producer Robert Sennott. Tickets can be purchased in advance at [pentanglearts.org/event/wbcn](http://pentanglearts.org/event/wbcn).

I hope folks had a chance to see the Academy Award winning film *Parasite* at the theatre this past weekend. It is the first time in 92 years that the Best Foreign Language Film has won best picture. I was so drawn into the film I forgot I was reading subtitles. It is a gripping look at class and the yawning gap between the haves and the have's nots, with a completely unpredictable ending.

### **Up this Weekend**

#### **Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker (PG-13)**

Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker is the third installment of the Star Wars sequel trilogy, following *The Force Awakens* (2015) and *The Last Jedi* (2017), and the final episode of the nine-part Skywalker saga.

When it's discovered that the evil Emperor Palpatine did not die at the hands of Darth Vader, the rebels must race against the clock to find out his whereabouts. Finn and Poe lead the Resistance to put a stop to the First Order's plans to form a new Empire, while Rey anticipates her inevitable confrontation with Kylo Ren.

Show Times:

**Friday, February 14 at 7:30 pm**

**Saturday, February 15 at 7:30 pm**

**Sunday, February 16 at 3:00 pm**

**Monday, February 17 at 7:30 pm**

Up Next: **1917**