

the REEL SCOOP

AUTHORS COME TO SYLVANIA



Graham Moore

The Oscar-winning screenwriter for *The Imitation Game* and New York Times bestselling author talks about his new book, *The Wealth of Shadows*, at The Franciscan Center on May 30.

“It’s been really exciting to be able to bring nationally recognized authors to Lourdes University for this new author series,” says Starlite’s Ben Malczewski. “The series is poised to raise the bar for arts and culture in Sylvania. “We do a lot to celebrate the arts, and this was really our attempt to include literature and the written word into that mix.”

Our plan is to present authors of new books throughout the year as they become available through the publishers.



Tracy Chevalier

New York Times bestselling author signs a copy of her new book, *The Glassmaker*, at the VIP Reception at Lourdes on June 28.

Event partners are Lourdes University and Finch & Fern Book Co. Anderson/Miller Insurance and the Taylor Automotive Family have graciously sponsored our initial events. They would not be possible without their generous support.

Watch for more information coming soon on our fall lineup. Purchase tickets for Urban/Walker with this QR code or at



www.starlitetheatergroup.org or **Finch & Fern in Sylvania.**

NEXT UP 8/7



MELISSA URBAN is co-founder of *Whole30* and a New York Times bestselling author. She is an authority on helping people create lifelong healthy habits.

DANIELLE WALKER has been a pioneer in advocating for a grain and gluten free lifestyle, having earned a spot on the coveted *Forbes 30 under 30* list in 2015.

7 p.m. | Author presentation
8 p.m. Q&A and book signing
Event Tickets | **\$30** includes a signed *The New Whole30* book
Attendees can pre-order *Make it Easy*
6-6:45 p.m. | VIP Reception | Tickets **\$50**

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TOLEDO REPERTOIRE THEATER

James & the Giant Peach, Jr., 8/15-18

STRANAHAN THEATER

Avatar – The Last Airbender in Concert, 8/27

MAUMEE INDOOR THEATER

The Lifeguards, Mondays at 7pm. thru Sept.
Locally made and filmed in Sylvania, OH
CommUNITY Film Festival, 8/18

ADRIAN, THE CROSSWELL THEATER

Alice in Wonderland Jr. 7/27
Newsies, 8/9-18

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN THEATER special showings

Cat Video Fest, 8/2-4
Spaceballs, 8/2 & 8/8
Blazing Saddles, 8/11 & 8/13
ET, 8/25 & 8/27
Casablanca, 8/30-9/2

STATE THEATER special showings

Eraserhead, 8/6 & 8/22
The Big Lebowski, 8/23 & 8/29

STARLITE WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Jori Jex

graduated with an MA in Arts Administration/Communication from BGSU and a BA in Speech and Theatre from Ohio Dominican University in Columbus. She lives in Sylvania, Ohio, with her husband, David Jex, retired professor of Music at the University of Toledo. They have two sons — Matt and Andrew. Jex has worked in Arts Administration for the past 40 years and retired in September 2023 from the Valentine Theatre where she served as the Executive Director for the past 13 years. Currently she serves on the board of the Ballet Theatre of



Toledo, is a volunteer tutor for Read for Literacy and a member of the newly created, Frogtown Players, an adults performing for students touring theatre program. Jori joined the board of Starlite Theater Group in July 2024 and will assist with grants and fundraising.

Marcus Hansen

has a diverse background in business with experience in operations management, human resources, supply chain, and sales. He has worked at O-I since 2010, where he is currently a Business Development & Account Manager. Marcus was elected to



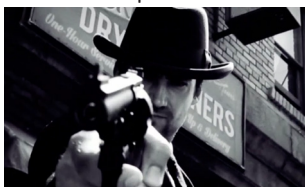
Sylvania City Council in 2021. He is very involved in the community where he serves as a Sylvania Arts Board Member, Sleepy Hollow HOA President, and on the Advisory Council for the Lourdes University College of Business and Leadership. In the past, he served as a Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District Board Member and as Vice Chair of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Marcus has both a BS and an MBA from the University of Toledo.

STARLITE IN THE PARK

We are excited to announce that our local documentary event series at Olander now has an official title — **Starlite in the Park**. Coming events are:

Sept 18 | **Bad Guys, Bootleggers & Bank Robbers** (Admission \$10)

Tickets are available **NOW** on our website. Seating is limited, so get your tickets early! This Nederhouser event will include a cash bar to celebrate the end of the prohibition era and remember an era when gangs terrified our area. Participating with us will be WGTE and Heritage Sylvania. WGTE will present *The Prohibition Chronicles, Toledo's illustrious gang history*. Comments and Q&A with producer, Charissa Graczyk. Samantha Ayres will share the story of the downtown Sylvania bank robbery by an infamous gangster of the era. Do YOU know who it was? Pre-show music of the times and prize giveaways! Stay and enjoy drinks and music afterward on the patio.



October 23 | **A Spirited Evening II** (FREE to the public)

Is the Sylvania area really haunted? Find out at this very popular Halloween Event! Harold St. John will return to share more local lore. Pre-show music and a film to follow Harold's presentation. (to be announced)

Holiday (date TBD) | **Millie Benson's Nancy Drew**

WGTE presents *The Storied Life of Millie Benson* Afternoon kids mystery program and movie presentation: *Nancy Drew & The Hidden Staircase* (1939)
Evening program:
WGTE presents *The Storied Life of Millie Benson* aka, *Carolyn Keene* followed by the *Nancy Drew* film.



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