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Today at CMC
Noon-1:15 p.m.

BalletMet: Balancing Artistic Acclaim with Financial Success

Gerard Charles, artistic director, BalletMet; Pam Bishop, development director, BalletMet; Sonia Welker, company dancer, BalletMet

Moderated by: Ray Hanley, president, Greater Columbus Arts Council

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Upcoming CMC Forums

Wednesday, September 29

Columbus City Schools: What's on the Schedule?

Sponsored by: SBC and DeVry University

Dr. Gene Harris, superintendent, Columbus Public Schools; Stephanie Hightower, president, Columbus Board of Education
(See article)

Wednesday, October 6

Celebrating 100 Years of Ireland's Abbey Theater

Presented in Partnership with: CAPA

Ben Barnes, artistic director, Abby Theater

Ireland's Abbey Theater, considered "the most famous theatre in the world," celebrates its 100th anniversary with a U. S. tour of J. M. Synge's sparkling comedic masterpiece *Playboy of the Western World*. The Abbey Theater was founded in 1904 for the purpose of putting on plays written and acted by Irish people. CMC, in partnership with CAPA, is pleased to welcome Ben Barnes, artistic director of the Abbey Theatre since 2000. This year, Barnes will direct *The Playboy of the Western World* for Abbeyonehundred in Ireland and throughout the United States. Barnes views 2004 as the beginning of a new chapter for the Abbey. "Change is the friend of progress and that facet of this organization must come under rigorous scrutiny and re-appraisal if the Abbey is to position itself to survive and thrive in a world, which in the words of our founder, W.B. Yeats, is "changed" and "changed utterly."

Friday, October 8

Debating the Marriage Amendment

Alan Melamed, campaign manager, Ohioans

Protecting the Constitution
Ohio Campaign to Protect Marriage invited
Moderated by: Nancy Rogers, dean, Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University

Ohio is among 11 states where voters are expected to face a referendum on gay marriage November 2. The Ohio Campaign to Protect Marriage is leading the drive to get the proposed amendment on the November ballot. Chief among those opposed to amendment is Ohioans Protecting the Constitution. Be sure to join us for an enlightening and exciting debate!

Sponsored by: The Greer Foundation
With support from: Golden Lights Consulting

Thursday, October 14

County Commissioner Debates

Noon - 1:30 p.m. (extended format)

Arlene Shoemaker vs. Paula Brooks
Mary Jo Kilroy vs. David Goodman

On Tuesday, November 2, Franklin County voters will be asked to cast their ballots for two open County Commissioner seats. CMC will extend our traditional format in order to accommodate these two distinct races. We will host two separate debates, all in one forum, each approximately 35 minutes in length.

Wednesday, October 20

Strong Alone. Fearless Together. YWCA and Columbus

JoAnna Williamson, president and CEO, YWCA Columbus

Moderated by: Yvette McGee Brown, chair, YWCA Board of Trustees

The new YWCA national brand is a visual representation of its mission, placing its hallmark initiatives at the forefront. Don't miss an exciting opportunity to hear from JoAnna Williamson, YWCA President and CEO, about this organization's work in the community, and its commitment to improve the lives of thousands of women, children and families in central Ohio. This Forum will be moderated by Yvette

Next Wednesday at CMC • September 29

Columbus Public Schools: What's on the Schedule?

Dr. Gene Harris, superintendent, Columbus Public Schools and Stephanie Hightower, president, Columbus Board of Education

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Columbus Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Gene Harris, is focused on the bottom line. "Academic achievement, increasing skills so that kids who graduate from Columbus Public Schools can go on to college, the military or good jobs." (*This Week Newspapers, August 12, 2004*)

New programs are in place to increase parental involvement, the new Virtual High School has received 72 applications and facilities



Hightower



Harris

are continually being built or renovated. Dr. Harris continues to face challenges; however, as she tries to emerge from state designated "academic watch" in addition to meeting new federal improvement goals. To meet these challenges, the Columbus Board of Education will ask voters to approve a 6.95-mill operating levy on November 2. Board President, Stephanie Hightower, will share with the audience how the district intends to spend the money and maintain accountability.

Make CMC's Website a Favorite!

The Columbus Metropolitan Club's brand new website makes its debut today. Go to www.columbusmetroclub.org to find out all the latest information on forums and membership. The new website also offers another option to register for forums at an easy to use and secure location.

CMC thanks AEP for creating our innovative and exciting new website!



AEP website design team: Front row: David Azusenis, Allen Glass, Josh Polk, Joshua McClurg-Genevise
Back row: Don DeHoff, Jared Utley.

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September 15 at CMC...

Governor Taft Seeks to Control Medicaid Spending



Forum sponsor, Bank One, representatives Jeff Lyttle and Melissa Ingwersen with Governor Bob Taft

"The current nursing home occupancy rate is 83%. That translates into about 10,000 empty beds, yet the [current] formula reimburses owners for many of these empty beds."

— Governor Bob Taft

"If [the budget cap] is removed in the next budget, and that current formula remains unchanged, the consequences would be catastrophic for all other state programs. The additional costs of that Medicaid component alone would be \$1.1 billion over the next two years."

— Governor Bob Taft



Jeff Polesovsky, Pieter Wykoff and Jason Dominguez after the forum

Check the forums YOU will be attending in the circle.
Write the NUMBER OF GUESTS attending in the square.

☐ Thursday, Sept. 23

CMC Member Reception
5:30-8 p.m. at OSU Stadium
Dr. Gene Harris and Stephanie Hightower

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YWCA and Columbus

Member Name: _____

Name of Guest(s): _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Member's E-mail: _____

Add all member, guest and public fees selected.
Leave blank if you prefer CMC to calculate the cost.

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Forums begin at noon on Wednesdays and are held at the Athletic Club, 136 E. Broad St. (unless otherwise noted). Doors open at 11:30 a.m. for those who would like to network with other members and guests. Forums times, locations and costs may vary depending on the speaker. Always check the schedule for changes.

Member Forum Registration Fee: \$14 if registered by the Friday before the forum; \$17 thereafter. **Guest of a Member:** \$19 if registered by the Friday before the forum; \$22 thereafter. **General Public:** \$22 if registered by the Friday before the forum; \$25 thereafter.

Pre-Paid Reservations: All (members, guests, public) reservations must be pre-paid. American Express, Mastercard, VISA, checks and

cash are accepted. CMC has a long-standing member service of keeping credit card numbers on file for use only when authorized by the cardholder. To initiate this automatic billing service, contact the CMC office at (614) 464-3220. Reservations must be paid before the forum.

Cancellations: Cancellations must be made no later than the Monday before the forum for a full refund. You will be called if space is not available.

Guest Policy: CMC welcomes guests of members with a special fee. Our policy remains the same: a non-member may attend two forums per year as a guest of a member at \$19 per forum; thereafter that guest will be charged the general public fee of \$22 per forum. All guests' names are needed in advance.

Reservations are Easy!
Questions? Call (614) 464-3220

CMC forums are held at the
Athletic Club of Columbus,
136 E. Broad St.

**ALL CMC FORUMS ARE
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

FAX this form to (614) 464-9767, **CALL** our automated reservation line at (614) 545-3220 or **SEND** this form to CMC, 100 E. Broad St., Suite 2350, Columbus, OH 43215.

Forum Fees: Enter the number of attendees next to each forum title listed above. Early discount of \$3 applies if registered by the Friday before the forum.

	Member	Guest	Public
Early	\$14	\$19	\$22
Regular	\$17	\$22	\$25

Table Reservations: Select the number of seats needed at your table and circle the appropriate rate.

	Member	Guest	Public
8 Seats	\$135	N/A	\$180
10 Seats	\$170	N/A	\$225

Name on table: _____

Tickets: As a registered attendee, you will receive a ticket at the registration table for your meal. A server will collect your ticket.

Special Meals: CMC is on a rotating menu. If you would like information on the meal for a specific forum, please contact the CMC office at (614) 464-3220. CMC offers vegetarian meals and fruit plates as alternative entrees. Alternative entrees must be pre-ordered.

Walk-Ins: CMC makes every effort to accommodate walk-in guests at forums. CMC cannot guarantee a seat and/or meal to walk-in guests. In order to determine seating/meal availability, walk-in guests may be asked to wait until just the beginning of the forum to register.

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