

# Laatsch

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Just three weeks since starting the job, he has already worked with Maine Discovery Museum director Niles Parker to interweave some of their respective programming, aiming to offer a one-admission price for both the museum and the planetarium. He's eyeing a series of science lectures later in the year, and wants to offer up the dome — the curved planetarium screen onto which things are projected — to local doctors as an educational tool to demonstrate new surgical techniques, and to local artists who wish to experiment with the dome's ultra high-definition projecting capabilities.

"We can do a lot of things here that are geared towards a general audience of all ages... I would love to see more generalized outreach to the Bangor region," said Laatsch. "We also have this incredible resource in the dome itself. It can do a lot of things other than just astronomy. There are so many possibilities here."

Laatsch has a history of collaborating with organizations in the areas of planetariums where he has worked. When he was director at the Rauch Planetarium in Louisville, Kentucky, he worked with the Speed Art Museum and Churchill Downs to offer a program called "Horses, Art and Stars" which started as a school program but grew into a highly popular public program.

"Things like that are very important for the community, because it gives everyone a chance to support

each other and to collaborate and to broaden their audiences," said Laatsch. "One of my big things is making sure we work with a broad diversity of folks. People can have a lot of different experiences here."

He will also oversee the moving of the historic Clark Telescope, built in 1901 and located since then just outside the Memorial Union, to the Emera Astronomy Center. Though plans for moving that telescope have been in the works for several years, Laatsch said that particular project is a challenging one, due to the delicacy of the instrument and the unique challenges in building an up to date, ADA-approved facility to house it.

Though it has been in its new home since October 2014, area residents that have not yet visited the new planetarium since it moved from Wingate Hall to Rangleley Road on campus will likely be in for a surprise. The facility is light years ahead technologically, boasting a comfortable auditorium and a dome that's more than 50 percent larger than the 1950s era dome in the old building. The lobby is appropriately space-themed, with a soundtrack of whooshing stellar sounds that greets visitors at the door, and a large classroom can host lectures, workshops, youth camps and private rentals.

Furthermore, it's set back from the bright lights of the rest of campus, meaning there's more of the thing that any stargazer, professional or amateur, craves: darkness.

"I've been very impressed by the skies here [in Maine]," said Laatsch. "When you're in a bigger city, the light pollution is just too high. Here, we can really see."

## New geriatrician joins PCHC staff

Penobscot Community Health Care is pleased to announce that Laurie Yntema, MD, has joined the medical staff of PCHC's Community Care & Geriatrics, whose multi provider team serves patients in area nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities, or in-home visits. Dr. Yntema's practice centers on all aspects of high-quality geriatric care.

Dr. Yntema received her undergraduate degree from Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, and both her Master of Science and Doctor of Medicine degrees from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. Dr. Yntema completed an Internal Medicine Residency at Maine Medical Center, Portland, ME. Prior to joining

Penobscot Community Health Care, Dr. Yntema served as primary care internal medicine physician at Ellsworth Internal Medicine.

"Dr. Yntema has more than 17 years of experience in primary care, as well as hospital and nursing home care. We are so pleased to have a provider as caring and compassionate as Dr. Yntema join PCHC's Community Care and Geriatrics," said Noah Nesin, MD, FAAFP, PCHC's Chief Medical Officer.

Dr. Yntema is Board Certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and a member of the American Medical Association, American College of Physicians, and the Maine Medical Association. For more information on PCHC's Community Care & Geriatrics, please call 992-2601, extension 1598.

# 'Titanic' concert set for next BSO performance

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It's big. It's very, very big. When the Bangor Symphony Orchestra performs Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 1, known as the "Titan," it'll be among the largest ensembles the BSO has hosted on the Collins Center for the Arts stage in some time. Around 75 musicians will perform this huge — yes, Titanic — work the afternoon of this Sunday, Jan. 24.

After all, Mahler — judged by contemporary ears as the bridge between 19th century classical music and 20th century modernism — is known for the often huge number of musicians used in his symphonies, as well as their length and denseness. It will serve as a rich counterpoint to the rest of the programming conductor and music director Lucas Richman has planned for the concert, including Wagner's Prelude to Act III of Lohengrin, Hummel's Concerto for Trumpet in E major, and a world premiere of a new work by Richman himself.

Hummel's Concerto for Trumpet in E minor will feature soloist George Vosburgh, principal trum-

pet for the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. Vosburgh is a celebrated soloist and lecturer, internationally acclaimed for his virtuosity on the trumpet in recordings, concerts and recitals, and teaches at Duquesne University and Carnegie Mellon University.

Finally, Richman's latest world premiere composition will be performed Sunday. It is titled "Until the Circle is Unbroken," and as in previous years, it was created by Richman for a long time Symphony patron — in this instance, it was commissioned by former BSO board president Joyce Clark Sarnacki, to honor the six children of Pete and Diane Clark, her parents. Richman's premiere was created with the intent to musically capture the bond and celebrate the love between siblings. The concept for creating this new symphonic work follows the evolution of a simple five-note motive ("DIANE" translated to the musical pitches D-B-A-G-E) into the classical format of theme and variations. The theme represents the matriarch, with the subsequent six varia-



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**George Vosburgh is the soloist for the Bangor Symphony upcoming performance of Hummel's Concerto for Trumpet in E minor, set for Jan. 24.**

tions capturing certain qualities of each of the six children, resulting in a final celebratory coda.

Tickets for the Jan. 24 concert, which is set for 3 p.m. at the Collins Center

for the Arts, are available by calling 581-1755, or visiting collinscenterforthearts.com, as well as at the CCA box office. For more information, visit bangorsymphony.org.

## Bucksport community celebration set for Feb. 3

Residents of Bucksport are invited to a Community Celebration 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Northeast Historic Film's Alamo Theatre. The event is part of the Making Headway in Your Community engagement process, a follow-up to the movie night held at the same location in the fall of 2014, featuring "Reviving the Freedom Mill. Community members have selected several projects to highlight, including Wednesday's on Main and Main Street, Wilson Hall, Bucksport Arts Festival and Heart and Soul. The public is invited to the celebration. Admission is free. A light dinner will be served and a cash bar will be available.

As part of the evening's celebration, residents will have the opportunity to discuss how they might contin-

ue to build on these successful projects to continue to create a strong future for Bucksport.

Making Headway in Your Community is a community engagement process in which community members identify what they value most in their towns. Inexpensive, fast and relatively simple projects are funded with local match to Making Headway grants in order to draw attention to good work and improve connections within the community and across Maine, and increase the information and inspiration available to the local community members.

Making Headway in Your Community is a collaboration between the Maine Downtown Center at the Maine Development Foundation and GrowSmart Maine and is funded by the Elmina B. Sewall Foundation and Maine Community Foundation. Special

thanks go to the Alamo Theatre/Northeast Historic Film and the Town of Bucksport.

## Hampden Kindergarten, Pre-K registration slated

Hampden and Newburgh kindergarten and prekindergarten registration for children who will enter school for the 2016-2017 school year will be held 4-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2; and 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at McGraw School, 20 Main Road North.

Parents who are unable to complete the registration packet during those hours must return the completed packet to McGraw School 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11. Parents not able to do so may call McGraw School at 862-3830.

Children must be 5 years old on or before Oct. 15 to

register for kindergarten. Along with the completed registration packet, parents must provide the child's state issued birth certificate (not hospital issued), current immunization records, proof of residency and a small photograph.

Screening for kindergarten registrants will be scheduled on Friday, May 6, or Friday, May 13, when the completed registration is returned to McGraw School.

The RSU 22 prekindergarten program provides free, inclusive education for children who will be 4 years old on or before Oct. 15. Some openings are available for 3-year-olds. Applications for the prekindergarten program will be available at kindergarten registration or by calling 973-3567. While this program is free, there may be a small fee for meals, depending upon eligibility.

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