# NOW PLAYING: OLLI ONSTAGE!

## An Extraordinary FREE Theatre Series Offered Exclusively for Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Tufts

Discover the joy of live theatre through *OLLI Onstage!*, our annual spring performing arts series. As was the case in previous years, all of these wonderful performances are absolutely **FREE**, but are open only to current OLLI members—our way of thanking them for their participation in our program. Not a member yet? Join today and find out what you're missing!

#### "The Scarlet Letter"



Presented by the Classic Repertory
Company of New Rep Theatre
Directed by Clay Hopper

Set in Puritan 17<sup>th</sup> century Boston, *The Scarlet Letter* is Nathaniel Hawthorne's masterwork, a novel in which themes of sin, legalism, and guilt are explored in equal measure. In 1850, the year it was published, *The Scarlet Letter* was one of the first mass-produced books in America, and was discussed to an extent not experienced before in our young country. Now, 167 years later, get a fresh take on the novel through an intense and moving stage adaptation that brings the story to life with minimal sets, a handful of props, and powerful performances by an ensemble of remarkably talented young actors.

Tue., March 14 at 7:30 PM Balch Arena Theatre (Aidekman Arts Center) 40 Talbot Ave., Medford, MA

## "From Obscurity to Eminence"



Presented by Steven Hancoff, Artistic Ambassador, U.S.A.

As recently as 150 years ago, the compositions of J.S. Bach languished in obscurity, virtually unknown to all but a handful of music cognoscenti. Then, thanks to some astonishing coincidences involving the crossed paths of the Bach and Mendelssohn families, Felix Mendelssohn rescued Bach's music and reputation from near oblivion, revealing his genius to the world. Discover the remarkable story for yourself as you enjoy images, storytelling, and virtuosic guitar playing, all woven into a brilliant and moving multimedia presentation by an extraordinary musical artist!

Tue., March 28 at 7:30 PM Auditorium, Brookhaven at Lexington 1010 Waltham St., Lexington, MA

### "Historic Showstoppers"



Presented by Opera on Tap of Boston

This talented and enthusiastic group of local singers can often be found in area bars, restaurants, parks, and art galleries, where they let down their hair, open their hearts, and obliterate the stereotype that opera is stuffy and elitist. Last year, they enchanted us with a wonderful mix of operatic arias, Broadway show tunes, and standards from the Great American Songbook. They'll do the same this year, but with a different assortment of musical numbers—each and every one a showstopper! You'll leave feeling as if you just spent the evening at a backstage party.

Fri., April 21 at 7:30 PM Balch Arena Theatre (Aidekman Arts Center) 40 Talbot Ave., Medford, MA

Free parking available for all three shows. Admission limited to OLLI members only, and advance registration is required.

Reservations accepted starting three weeks before each event. To reserve a seat, call 617-627-5699 or email OsherLLI@tufts.edu.