

## 2017 LECTURE & MUSIC SERIES

Please note that the Music Series is one (1) night only. We have new, exciting, and varied programs for both the Lecture and Music Series, and suggest you buy your tickets early to insure a seat is available for you.

This is the TWENTY-FIRST (21<sup>st</sup>) year of our Cultural Series, and the Town looks forward to seeing you. Without your support, there would be no Series, which is a source of pride for the Town of South Palm Beach. We need your continued participation, so please send in your application and check today. It would be appreciated if you would help us spread the word to new residents, those who rent during season, and your friends who may want to attend.

We work hard to keep our programs top quality while keeping costs down without tapping into our Town's Budget. We strive for local, national, and international topics that are informational and add a bit of program diversity. The Town appreciates your involvement in the question and answer sessions. We encourage different points of view expressed with respect and civility.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Town of South Palm Beach

The Town of South Palm Beach and  
CAAB Presents the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual

# CULTURAL SERIES

# SPOTLIGHT

# 2017



## TOWN OF SOUTH PALM BEACH

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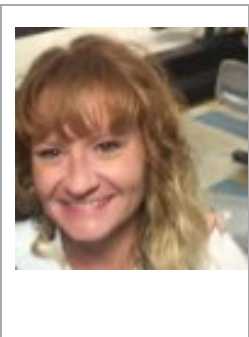
**Dr. Kevin Wagner - January 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**



**“Election 2016 Revisited: Looking Forward, Looking Back”**

**Kevin Wagner, Ph.D.** received his J.D. from the University of Florida and worked as an attorney and member of the FL Bar in Palm Beach Gardens. He has been featured on CBS 12 and NBC’s Today Show. His research and teaching interests include American politics, campaigns and elections, media and politics, and American Political thoughts.

**Dr. Angela D. Nichols - January 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**



**“Protecting the Most Vulnerable: Refugees and Victims of Human Trafficking”**

**Angela Nichols, Ph.D.** is a faculty member in the Department of Political Science at Florida Atlantic University. She earned her Ph.D. at the University of North Texas and her BA at Penn State University. Professor Nichols’ research focuses broadly on issues of human rights and post-conflict processes. She has published such work in the Journal of Conflict Resolution, International Studies Perspectives, and Civil Wars.

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**Dr. Burton Atkins - February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>**



**“Musical Films as Political History: 1776”**

**Dr. Burton Atkins, Ph.D.** received his Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky, and is Professor of Political Science at Florida Atlantic University. Prior to joining the faculty at FAU, Dr. Atkins served as Chair of the Political Science Department at FSU, was director of the FSU London Study Centre from 1992-1997, and from 1997 until 2006, served as Director of the FSU International Affairs Program. His teaching focuses on American politics and the role of courts and law in political systems.

**Dr. Andrew Kahn - February 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**



**“Changing American Foreign Policy in the Middle East: Iran, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Israel”**

**Dr. Kahn, Ph.D.** has studied Political and Social Science on the undergraduate level at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, and on the graduate level at the University of Pittsburgh. Professor Kahn helped found AEGIS, the Association for Education in Global/International Studies at Stanford University.

# 2017 LECTURE SERIES

Ms. Beryl Blecher – March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>



## **“A Life in Diplomatic Service: From Tokyo to Moscow to the European Union”**

Ms. Beryl Blecher retired from the Senior Foreign Service, as a Commercial Service Officer, and Officer and Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs at the US Mission, at the EU in Brussels. She directed commercial outreach to the institutions of the European Union and coordinated efforts with the US Embassies in the 28 Member States of the EU.

Dr. Robert Watson – March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>



## **“The Nazi Titanic ...The Final Days of WWII”**

Robert P. Watson, Ph.D. is a Historian, Author, Professor and Coordinator of American Studies at Lynn University, the Political Analyst for WPTV 5 and Senior Fellow for the Florida Joint Center for Citizenship. He has published over 36 books in American Politics and History. He has won numerous awards, including the Distinguished Professor of the Year Awards at both FAU and Lynn (twice) and FAU’s Faculty Service Award (twice).

# 2017 MUSIC SERIES

## The CY Schonberg Concert



Dr. Robert Sharon  
Artistic Director



Ms. Karen Braunstein  
Soprano

## WEDNESDAYS at 7:30 P.M.

JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> - ANYTHING GOES! (GERSHWIN & PORTER)  
Ms. Karen Braunstein

FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> - PIANO RECITAL AND VOCAL FIREWORKS  
Dr. Robert Sharon  
Blagica Pop Tomoza - Soprano

FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> - EVENING OF SONGS FOR VALENTINE’S DAY  
Dr. Mark Aliapoulis - Baritone  
Mandy Henrichsen - Soprano

MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> - “THE BEAUTY OF CHORALE SINGING”  
The Robert Sharon Chorale

MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> - “FROM THE MET TO BROADWAY”  
Alicia Branch - Soprano  
William Stafford - Baritone

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**WEDNESDAY, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M.**

**Yoko Sata Kothari**, born in Tokyo, began her performing career by winning the Northern Japan Classical Piano Competition at the age of eight. She continued to collect top prizes in Japan, such as in the Machida Piano Competition and the Japan Young Pianist Award. Since moving to the United States, she has continued to earn awards for her performances, including 2nd place in the Bartok Kabalevsky Prokofiev International Competition, the Kathleen McGowan Piano Scholarship Award, a prize for her outstanding Bartok Performance In The Ibla Grand Prize International Competition in Italy, and was chosen as a finalist in the Simone Belsky International Piano Competition. Most recently, she received an award in the Bradshaw & Buono International Piano Competition in New York. Ms. Kothari has inspired and captivated audiences on three continents. She has given numerous concert performances in Asia, which include televised broadcasts in China. Her series of performances in Italy was received with high recognition. Ms Kothari also has been a frequent guest on WXEL 90.7 -FM (now Classical South FL)

# APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Please print the letter of the series you are ordering **A (Wednesdays), B (Thursdays), C (Music Series)** in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope. Make all checks payable to the Town of South Palm Beach. Send your check and application to Town of South Palm Beach Cultural Series, 3577 S. Ocean Boulevard, South Palm Beach, FL 33480.

You may send in your check and application as early as today. There is no need to wait. Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis. **Tickets will NOT be mailed to you.** Please pick them up at the Town Hall prior to the Series beginning or at the Will Call desk on the first night of the series.

Guests of series ticket holders may purchase tickets for a single program at a charge of \$15.00 per ticket. All other single program ticket purchases may be made for a charge of \$25.00 per ticket. All guest and single tickets are sold only if space is available.

Please keep the Spotlight handy to check on dates and presentations. All performances begin at 7:30 P.M. with doors opening at 7:00 P.M. Volunteers would appreciate it if you would sign your name on your ticket prior to checking in with them and then keep your ticket out until you have entered the main room. If you have any questions, please call the Town at **561-588-8889** or visit our website [www.southpalmbeach.com](http://www.southpalmbeach.com).

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