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# Creative Living Series

All Programs Begin at 10:00 a.m. • Coffee and Conversation Offered at 9:00 a.m.



## Judy Collins

**A MODERN-DAY  
RENAISSANCE WOMAN  
October 19, 2017**

Famous worldwide for her sublime vocals and boldly vulnerable songwriting, Judy Collins is also an accomplished painter, filmmaker, and committed social activist, as well as the author of *Sanity & Grace*

and *Sweet Judy Blue Eyes: My Life in Music*. Her latest book, *Cravings*, details her struggle with compulsive overeating and the harrowing journey to wellness. Her personal life triumphs have made her an in-demand keynote speaker. Still performing at age 78—some 125 live concerts a year—she continues to create music of hope and healing that lights up the world and speaks to the heart.

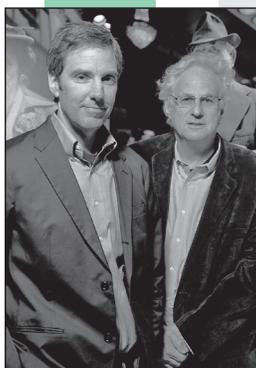


## Annie Polland, PhD

**COMMON GROUND -  
ORCHARD & DELANCEY  
STREETS, NEW YORK CITY  
November 16, 2017**

The tenement buildings on Manhattan's Lower East Side have been home to immigrants since the

1850s. Two of those buildings are now the Lower East Side Tenement Museum. Annie Polland, senior vice-president for programs and education, brings us its newest exhibition, featuring three families that lived at 103 Orchard Street in the 1950s and 1960s: the Epsteins, European refugees of the Holocaust; the Saez-Velezes, migrating from Puerto Rico; the Wongs, immigrants from China. Sharing the stories that inform the exhibition, Dr. Polland gives us a glimpse into the families' fragile existence as they crossed international and cultural borders to become new Americans.



## Richard Cahan & Michael Williams

**RICHARD NICKEL  
DANGEROUS YEARS: WHAT HE  
SAW AND WHAT HE WROTE  
January 18, 2018**

Richard Nickel is an urban legend, of sorts. The photographer and preservationist is remembered for his brave and lonely 20-year crusade to protect Chicago's architectural heritage from the wrecking ball, as well as for his dramatic death, at age 43, in the rubble of the Stock Exchange Building, one of Louis Sullivan's greatest works. Richard Cahan and Michael Williams bring Nickel's remarkable personal story to life through compelling photographs that highlight the structural and decorative details of the buildings he loved and document his relationship with his city and his lifelong effort to preserve its architectural treasures.



## Lindsay Mican Morgan

**THORNE ROOMS:  
TINY GRANDEUR  
February 15, 2018**

In the basement of the Art Institute of Chicago are 68 houses, none bigger than a shoebox. All are scale replicas of home interiors, from the

Middle Ages to the Art Deco era: a Jacobean bedroom, a Shaker living room, a Biedermeier sitting room. Thorne Rooms curator (and housekeeper) Lindsay Morgan gives us a tour of this American art in miniature—revealing the immaculate detail of shelved volumes in a Regency library, faithfully reproduced screens in a Japanese Traditional interior, trompe l'œil diorama backdrops visible through tiny French doors—and explains why it has remained one of AIC's most popular features.



## Mary Skinner

**IRENA SENDLER: IN THE  
NAME OF THEIR MOTHERS  
March 15, 2018**

Filmmaker Mary Skinner, the daughter of a Polish World War II orphan, spent seven years making *Irena Sendler: In the Name of Their Mothers*. The documentary tells the story of Polish social worker

Irena Sendler, who was part of a clandestine network of social workers and nuns. Working together to outwit the Nazis, they were able to save 2,500 Jewish children from the Warsaw Ghetto and almost certain death at Treblinka. Skinner recorded over 70 hours of interviews with Sendler and other eyewitnesses to history, including people who were active in the Polish Resistance. The award-winning film had its National PBS premiere in 2011 on Holocaust Remembrance Day.



## Melissa Hannon

**PEACE AND PAWS DOG  
RESCUE: ACCENT ON  
THE SMILES  
April 19, 2018**

How does a nonprofit run by a skeleton crew stay engaged with tens of thousands of social media fans? Peace and Paws co-founders Melissa and Bo Hannon have had remarkable success using the notion that people would rather laugh than cry. Recurring posts such as "Monday Morning Staff Meeting," "Windowsill Wars" and "Tip of the Day" feature her dogs Giddy, Twinkle and Nugget wearing odd headgear and offering their (often sarcastic) thoughts on signboards created by humans. The resulting smiles and shares have gained the organization a Facebook following of over half a million animal lovers and resulted in the adoption of over 3,000 shelter dogs.

**PAST SPEAKERS:** Mary Badham, Rick Guidotti, Rebecca Eaton, Dr. Temple Grandin, Maya Angelou, Billy Collins, Carol Marin, Charlie Trotter, Phil Ponce, John Bredar, Dr. Michael Roizen, Beverly Sills, Martha Stewart, Dr. Joyce Brothers, Rick Kogan, Wally Phillips, Joan Benny, Rick Steves, Studs Terkel, Joseph Epstein, Amy Dickinson, Ann Patchett, Geoffrey Baer, Rick Bayless, John Callaway, Scott Simon, Robert Wittman, Bill Kurtis, Sarah Paretsky, Gene Siskel, Eddie Ross, Leslie Hindman, Jeffrey Lyons, Beekman 1802 - Josh Kilmer-Purcell & Brent Ridge

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