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## SWEET & FUNNY

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### Calling All Chocolate Lovers!



The annual **Chocolate Lovers Festival** returns to **Old Town Fairfax, February 6-7**. Events include the *Taste of Chocolate*, featuring chocolate vendors selling their wares; the *Chocolate Challenge*, an arts extravaganza where the medium is chocolate; historic re-enactments; children's activities; open houses at historic buildings; and much more. Some events require a fee; others are free. The *Chocolate Express* provides free shuttle service between event locations, 9:30AM to 5:30PM. For more information, visit [www.chocolatefestival.net](http://www.chocolatefestival.net).

Events scheduled for Saturday, February 6 (subject to change) include:

#### Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

8AM – 1PM, Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive

Enjoy pancakes (regular or chocolate chip), sausage, coffee, juice or milk. Cost is \$6 per adult; \$4 for children ages 4-10. Children age 3 and younger eat for free (with a paying adult).

#### Craft Show, Bake Sale, Friendship Raffle

8AM – 4PM, Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive

#### Scouts and Crafts

10AM – noon, City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street

Girl Scout Troop 1194 will help children of all ages make chocolate-themed crafts. Admission is free.

#### Lunch

10AM – 3PM, Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive

The Auxiliary to the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department will offer lunch items for sale.

#### Child Fingerprinting

10AM – 3PM, Fairfax Court House, 4000 Chain Bridge Road

#### Taste of Chocolate

Items to purchase include cakes, candies, brownies, fudge, ice cream and other delicious concoctions.

## Distinguished Speaker

**Nikki Giovanni, world-renowned poet, writer, commentator, activist, and educator, will speak at The Weinberg Center, February 7 at 2PM.**

Giovanni's writing career launched with her first book of poetry, *Black Feeling Black Talk*, in 1968. Her body of work now includes 27 books for both adults and children, including the *New York Times* best-seller *Rosa* and her autobiography and National Book Award finalist, *Gemini*. Nearly every one of Giovanni's books and recordings has won prestigious awards. Throughout more than three decades of writing and lecturing, she has received countless accolades and the esteemed status of being named both a "National Treasure" and, most recently, one of Oprah Winfrey's 25 "Living Legends." Giovanni currently serves as a University Distinguished Professor at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. For further information, please visit [fcpl.org](http://fcpl.org). This is a free, no-tickets event, so plan to arrive early. The Weinberg Center is located at 20 West Patrick Street in the heart of historic downtown Frederick, Maryland.



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### Mark Russell

**Piano-playing political satirist Mark Russell returns to Ford's Theatre for five performances, February 17-20, with material ripped from today's headlines.** Russell's unique brand of comedy, which equally skewers both sides of the aisle, earned him the Mark Twain Award for political comedy and has made him a popular favorite on PBS. See the man *TV Guide* calls "the funniest man on television" on the historic Ford's Theatre stage. For more information, visit [www.fordstheatre.org](http://www.fordstheatre.org).

## EXHIBITS

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### See a Precious Gemstone of World-Renown

One of the world's most extraordinary gemstones, the Wittelsbach-Graff Diamond, will be on display at the National Museum of Natural History, beginning January 28 through August 1.

tion in the Hall of Geology, Gems and Minerals, where the renowned Hope Diamond is on permanent view. The Wittelsbach-Graff Diamond has long been rumored to have originated from the same diamond mine in India as the Hope Diamond. Smithsonian scientists will explore this mystery while the diamond is in their care.

"The Wittelsbach-Graff Diamond is an object of intrigue and legend, certainly one of the great gemstones of the world," said Jeffrey Post, curator of the National Gem Collection. "We are thrilled to present this icon of history—and gemology—to the public for the first time since it was displayed at the Brussels World's Fair in 1958."

The Wittelsbach-Graff Diamond has an illustrious history, dating back to 1664 when it was given by Philip IV of Spain to his daughter, the Infanta Margarita Teresa, upon her engagement to Emperor Leopold I of Austria. (In 1722, the diamond passed to the Wittelsbachs, members of the ruling House of Bavaria. It was here that the diamond derived its name.) After World War I, Bavaria became a republic and the crown jewels of the House of Wittelsbach were eventually sold at Christie's in 1931 by auction.

In an incident that has never fully been explained, the Wittelsbach-Graff Diamond disappeared before the auction and was replaced by a worthless piece of blue, cut glass. The actual Wittelsbach-Graff Diamond resurfaced in Belgium in 1951 and was eventually displayed at the "World Exhibition" in Brussels in 1958.

The Museum of Natural History is located at 10th Street and Constitution Avenue N.W. in Washington, DC. Admission is free. For more information, call (202) 633-1000 or visit [www.mnh.si.edu](http://www.mnh.si.edu).

This is the first time the famous gemstone has been available to the public in more than 50 years. A

diamond of rare deep-blue color and weighing 31.06 carats, the Wittelsbach-Graff Diamond will be presented in the National Gem Collec-



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### Art from Turkey

*A Dream . . . but Not Yours: Contemporary Art from Turkey* will be on display at the National Museum for Women in the Arts, February 12 – May 16. The exhibit features 11 artists from Turkey who create art in response to outlined gender roles and propose new ways of looking at and imagining the dreams they are supposed to live and those they want to live. The 24 works of photography, video, paintings, textiles and installations challenge the life paths that are packaged for women by local traditions, family and society. In countries with growing economies, women are targeted by advertisements that present "perfect" dream lives. But whose dream is this? For more information, call (202) 783-5000 or visit [www.nmwa.org](http://www.nmwa.org).

## MUSICAL NOTES

FEBRUARY 12

### The Association

The Association takes the stage for a single performance at Ram's Head Tavern at 8PM. From the same genre as the Byrds and Buffalo Springfield, this folk revival ensemble is known for their outstanding vocal harmonies and are sure to remind many of their youth. The tavern is located at 33 West Street in Annapolis, Maryland. Tickets: \$45. For tickets and information, call 410-268-4545 or visit [www.ramsheadonstage.com](http://www.ramsheadonstage.com).

FEBRUARY 23

### The Black Eyed Peas

Three-time Grammy Award winning recording artists, The Black Eyed Peas, will take the stage at the Verizon Center for a 7:30 performance. Described as the ultimate Black Eyed Peas party experience, it is the first time that the group is united for a North American headline tour since their 2006 Monkey Business world tour. Tickets for the Black Eyed Peas are \$92.50, \$72.50 and \$49.50 and are available through Ticketmaster.

FEBRUARY 24

### Cherish The Ladies

Join Ireland's renowned all-female Celtic ensemble for an engaging night of traditional music, beautiful singing, and impressive step-dancing that will leave you tapping along in the aisles at The Barns at Wolf Trap. The *New York Daily News* describes Cherish The Ladies as "one of the foremost traditional Irish music groups in the world." Show time: 8PM. Tickets: \$25. For tickets and information, visit [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).