

WILLIAMS CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

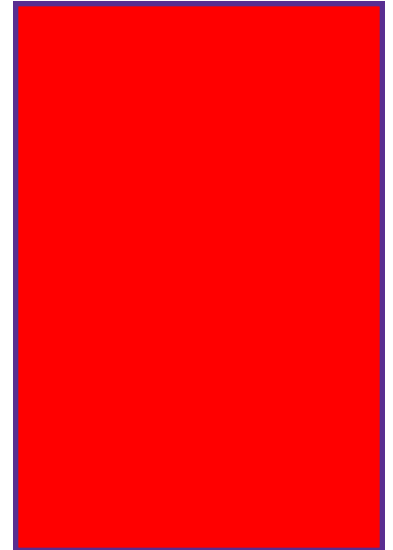
Itzhak Perlman at Lincoln Center

Wednesday, November 3rd

Dinner at 6:00 PM, Concert at 8:00 PM

Price is (51 for tkts plus) per person, which includes dinner, ticket and transportation to Lincoln Center

One of the greatest violinists of our era, Itzhak Perlman, will captivate you with his gorgeous tone as he gives a recital in celebration of the coming millennium. This special program is an exclusive New York concerto performance and is not to be missed. Your night will start with a fine dinner at the Club and will continue on to the outstanding Israeli violinist that the New York Times has lauded, "Listening to him play produced joy on every level – technical, musical and above all human...[he] has that extra quality that raises music above technicalities and that is heart." This is evidenced by Mr. Perlman's tireless involvement in many wonderful causes right here in New York, including the Museum of Jewish Heritage and the Perlman Music Program, a summer school for gifted young musicians. On the stage, Mr. Perlman promises to inspire even the most fastidious musical tastes and will show you why he has been an internationally acclaimed virtuoso of the first rank for the last thirty-five years. We hope you'll join us for this exciting evening.



Central Park Opera Night

Tuesday, November 16th

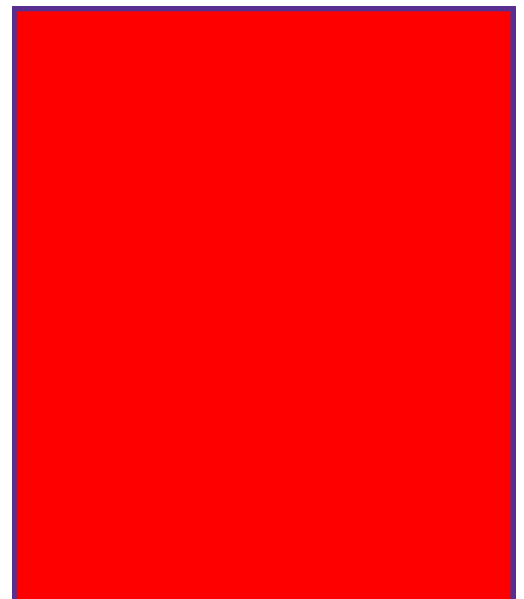
Dinner at 5:30 PM, Opera begins 7:30 PM

Price is \$100 per person; includes tickets, dinner and transportation to Lincoln Center

New York City Opera, Glimmerglass Opera and Thirteen/WNET's "Great Performances" have jointly commissioned three one-act operas, each with its own exciting young composer and accomplished playwright, to be presented as a triple bill entitled Central Park. The opera, which opened in July at Glimmerglass to outstanding reviews, sheds light on the park at the center of our city and reveals its hidden truths.

Central Park's first and third acts feature works by well-known playwrights Wendy Wasserstein (The Heidi Chronicles, The Sisters Rosensweig) and Terrence McNally (Ragtime, Love! Valour! Compassion!) and composers Deborah Drattell and Richard Beaser. The second act is written by esteemed Williams alumnus A.R. Gurney '52 (The Cocktail Hour, Sylvia) and composer Michael Torke. Together they depict an elderly woman in Strawberry Fields who, slipping into dementia, mistakes her park bench for her opera box as she watches the "operas" performed by passers-by.

Central Park is one of the most anticipated and hotly debated productions of the fall season. Tonight is the second of four scheduled performances, so we hope



Steve Gerrard "Blinding Knowledge: The Humanities Reconsidered"

To know the truth, our tradition teaches, is the basis for freedom; and freedom is intrinsically a good, desirable thing. The benefits of knowledge seem obvious, yet the religious, philosophical, and political traditions of the West have been deeply preoccupied with its costs. The light of truth may blind the eyes.

The Williams Club welcomes Professor Steven Gerrard tonight, to discuss "Blinding Knowledge: The Humanities Reconsidered" a course that he currently co-teaches with Professor and Dean of the Faculty D. L. Smith. The course examines how the problem of knowledge has been addressed in some of the great works in the Western tradition. Students confront the classics of Sophocles, Plato, Hegel, Twain, Nietzsche and others, as well as films, works of art and music. Professor Gerrard will also examine different models of a core curriculum, and the possibility of a Williams College core.

Steven Gerrard, Associate Professor of Philosophy, arrived at Williams College in 1992, having previously taught at The University of Chicago, Boston University, and Harvard University. He has been Associate Dean of the Faculty since 1997. He has published articles on subjects ranging from codes of honor to the philosophy of mathematics.

Discount Movie Tickets!

If you are like most New Yorkers, you like movies. Now the Williams Club has discounted ticket vouchers which can be used at any Loews, Cineplex



Odeon, Sony, Magic Johnson, Star, Sony Imax and Loews Imax Theater throughout the country!

The tickets are good anytime, including holidays, weekends, and even opening night. In New York City, the average movie ticket price is now up to \$9.50. These Loews Galaxy Ticket vouchers are only \$7.00! To take advantage just call the Williams Club Program Manager, Richard von Bargen at (212) 697-5300 x204. We'll send you the vouchers (or leave them for you to pick up) and charge it to your Club account. A great deal!

CANCELLATION POLICY

In order to ensure equitable service for all Club members, the Williams Club adheres to the following policy regarding cancellations. Event reservations may be canceled, free of charge by 5:00 PM, two working days prior to the event. Members cancelling after this time, as well as no-shows, will be charged the full cost of the event. Out of house ticketed events are non-cancelable. Advanced cancellations for free events are also appreciated. See individual event descriptions for

Thanksgiving at the Williams Club

November 25, 1999

1:00 PM Seating

Appetizers

Traditional Shrimp Cocktail

Grilled Fall Vegetables with Buffalo Mozzarella, Roast Pepper Coulis, Basil Oil

Smoked Seafood Sampler with Sauce

Roast Quail with Wild Rice Farci, Herb Demi-Glace

Chef's Ravioli

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Crab and Corn Chowder with Saffron

Williams Club Mesclun Salad with Montrachet Cheese, Herb Crouton

Entrees

Organic Roasted Turkey with Spinach and Chestnut Dressing, Whipped Sweet Potato, Sautéed Baby Vegetables

Charbroiled Sirloin Steak Au Poivre with Twice Baked Potato

Grilled Atlantic Salmon, Basil Dijonnaise, Red Bliss Potato, Poached Asparagus

Chef's Vegetable Plate, White Truffle Oil

Pasta Primavera

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Desserts

Apple, Pecan or Pumpkin Pie

Chocolate Truffle Cake, Carmel Sauce

Carrot Cake

Fresh Fruit Plate

Price is 40\$ per person, half price for children under 12.

Tax and service not included.

Please call the Front Desk for reservations.

Cancellations will not be accepted after nov 19th.

All-Club Fall Mixer At Yale

Thursday, October 7th from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Price is \$30 by Oct. 5th,
\$35 at the door (cash only, space permitting).
The Yale Club (50 Vanderbilt Ave.)

It's that time of the year again!!! Mix and mingle with fellow Ivy Leaguers at the Yale Club's All-Ivy Mixer this evening and kick off the advent of autumn amongst friends. Complimentary Beer, Wine & Soda and Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Cash bar will also be available.

Halloween Costume Ball

Friday, October 29th from 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM
Price is \$35 by Oct. 25,
\$40 at the door (cash only, space permitting).
The Yale Club (50 Vanderbilt Ave.)

Come in costume or black tie and mask, and join fellow Ivy Leaguers at the Thirteenth Annual Halloween Ball in the Main Lounge of the Yale Club. Enjoy an evening filled with dancing... champagne...Halloween punch...hors d'oeuvre...henna tattoos...fortune tellers...candy...costume prizes...tricks and treats and other ghostly surprises! Cash bar also available.

SOCIAL

Oktoberfest Happy Hour

Thursday, October 21st
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Price is gratis

Come down to the Williams Club Grill Room to celebrate the most Bavarian of all our Happy Hours – Oktoberfest! The invitation is extended to all Club members and their guests so come early for your best selection of fine German beers and delicacies. This will be our final happy hour of 1999 so be sure to save the date if you wish to mix and mingle with other alumni in a light-hearted and informal setting. As always, you can look forward to our \$1 draft beer and other cash bar specials. Hope to see you there. Cheers!

NEW YEAR'S EVE 1999

Y2K OR BUST PARTY

Friday, December 31st from 9PM to 2AM

Price is \$100 plus surcharge and tax.

A non-refundable \$50 deposit is due upon reserving.

The remaining balance will be due October 1st.

Reservations are required and non-cancelable after balance is

paid.

you for the evening with an open bar on each floor. Just up the main staircase, on the second floor swing and sashet across our dance floor where pianoman John Halsey '59 (of the Williams Reunion Jazz Band) will lead his New York jazz quartet into the dizzying heights of the highest registers along the Manhattan skyline. For a downtown flavor, the Grill Room will feature the multi-talented DJ Todd Craig '97 who will spin your favorite vinyl on two turntables and keep the music flowing all night long.

In the Library, Oakley, and Whittlesey Rooms rest your dancing feet and mingle over drinks and hors d'oeuvre. Throughout the clubhouse you'll find an array of buffet stations and hors d'oeuvre platters to keep you satisfied and satiated throughout the night. At midnight we'll hold a champagne toast to celebrate the big climax. And don't worry about any Y2K bug! The Williams Club's generator will keep our lights lit and our music thumping even if every other building on 39th Street goes dark. After the stroke of midnight, we'll open up danish and coffee bars as the night continues on to a close.

For two lucky winners the new year will be even sweeter! Everyone attending the party will be eligible for a fabulous London vacation package for two at the opulent Saint James Club for 5 days and 4 nights including round-trip airfare! Just buy a ticket and you're automatically entered to win.

SAVE THE DATES FOR FALL

November 3

Itzhak Perlman @ Lincoln Center

November 16

Central Park @ NYC Opera

November 25

Thanksgiving Dinner

December 1

Members' Holiday Cocktail Party

December 12

Holiday Brunch

PRE-PARTY GOURMET DINNER

Friday, December 31st at 7:00 PM

\$100 plus surcharge and tax for dinner alone,

\$75 with party ticket.

Space is limited to 40.

Cocktails with Williams Club

Hors d'oeuvre Presentation

Lobster with Seafood Sausage,

Vegetable Chowder and Russian Caviar Crepe

Puligny Montrachet, Chartron & Trebuchet 1996

Organic Bouquet of Baby Greens with White

Truffle Oil, Wild Mushroom

Ragout En Crouete

Meursault, Chartron & Trebuchet 1994

Loin of Lamb Wellington au Poivre,

Potato Crème Brulee, Basket of

Baby Vegetables

Gevrey Chambertin, Domaine Philippe Rossignol

1994

Chef's Presentation of Chocolate and Fruit

Domaine Chandon Brut, Napa Valley

Executive Chef, Christopher James

A chamber trio will play

New and Improved Reciprocal Club listing Online!

Now you can write and read reviews by other club members. Log on today and add a description of your recent reciprocal club experience!

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Winter Sweater Drive

This winter, the Williams Club will participate in an winter sweater drive among private clubs in New York. This is the perfect opportunity to clean out those closets and cedar chests for sweaters that you no longer need. We are asking all of our members to consider bringing second-hand sweaters (in good condition) to the Club between now and Christmas. They will be distributed to persons in need by the Grand Central Social Services Center, which serves persons from all around the City. Many of our less fortunate neighbors must make it through the winter without adequate heat, and many often do not have adequately warm clothing to brave the harsh elements of winter (whether inside or outside their homes). Please help us share the warmth this year. We are working together with other clubs to see if we can each contribute 1,000 sweaters this winter. Drop off any un-needed sweaters to the Club Front Desk before December 24th. Thank you for your generosity.

Editor's Note

I would officially like to apologize for the state of last month's Williams Club Newsletter to both you, our membership, and to our Staff here at the Club. Not only did the newsletter arrive late, but there were a number of errors that even the casual reader will have noticed--those blank pages were not for taking notes. Both members and staff are rather proud of the Club and expect more from the publication that represents it.

We are determined to continually improve our services at the Williams Club and this newsletter is no exception. I appreciate your patience and continued support of the Club, and hope that future newsletters make an impression on you with their content rather than with what's missing.

Sincerely,

Frank Vigorito
Director of Marketing

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FAX BACK RESERVATION FORM

To make reservations, simply fill out this form by marking the number of tickets you want at the left of each event title, and then send it via FAX to the number listed at the bottom. Your reservations will be confirmed by phone in the order in which they are received. Questions or comments may be directed to Rich von Bargaen at (212) 697-5300 ext. 204.

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PLEASE NOTE: There are no cancellations for ticketed events outside the Club such as theater and opera outings.

**FAX TO RICH VON BARGEN AT THE WILLIAMS CLUB:
(212) 697-2008. No cover sheet necessary.**

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