

A special “Secret” on Sunday follows opening on Saturday

The Bethlehem Gadfly Arts, the, H.D. (Hilda Doolittle), Touchstone Theater October 4, 2019

(32nd in a series of posts on H.D.)

Bethlehem-born writer Hilda Doolittle — H. D. — (1886-1961) is

the “Lehigh Valley’s most important literary figure.”

Gadfly calls your attention especially to the Sunday showing of the play — see bottom of page for all showings — because of the panel that will follow. A panel that includes our Councilwoman Van Wirt, my Lehigh colleague Mary Foltz, and a Gadfly former student, the wonderful Emily Santana.

“The Secret: A New Play About Hilda Doolittle”

part of [Festival UnBound](#)

The premiere of a new play by [Mock Turtle Marionette Theater](#) on the Lehigh Valley’s most influential artist, the celebrated feminist writer and LGBTQ icon Hilda Doolittle, featuring narrative, song, and puppetry.

Post-Show Panel Discussion, Sun., Oct. 6, 2019, Play 1:00-2:30, Panel Discussion 2:30-3:30

“Who will follow the music?” WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP: Inspirations and Obstacles

Festival UnBound at Touchstone Theatre, 321 East 4th Street,
Bethlehem, PA, 18015

Panelists' Biographies:

Phyllis Alexander has been a champion for social justice for several decades, and civil rights professional for over twenty years working for both corporate America and city government. Phyllis is an experienced coalition builder and trainer and credits her skills to her 28-year affiliation as senior trainer and board president with the National Coalition Building Institute, an international social justice/ social change organization. Currently, Phyllis is a consultant with the Promise Neighborhood of the Lehigh Valley, and is the Project Director for the Leadership Without Limits Leadership Institute. Phyllis retired as the City of Allentown's Neighborhood Coordinator. Prior to this role, Phyllis worked as the city's Director of the Bureau of Human Relations & Equal Opportunity.

Yalitza Corcino-Davis is a Learning Specialist and Assistant Professor at Lehigh Carbon Community College. As a young child, she moved with her family from Puerto Rico to New Jersey. As one of the first women in her family to go to college, she understands the barriers some people experience to achieve their goals. Yalitza is now in her second year of a doctoral program in education at Lehigh University. Her passion is helping students, traditional and returning adults, achieve their academic goals so they can achieve their life goals. Yalitza is especially committed to the empowerment of underserved and marginalized populations.

Abriana Ferrari is 15 years old and in the 10th grade. She's been homeschooled for 10 years and hopes to become an environmental lawyer when she is older. She loves the sciences (especially physics!) and aims to assist in the battle to conserve our environment. As for

performance experience, she has been among the cast of many theatrical productions (including three Wizard of Oz's, two Lion King's, and two Beauty and the Beast's in the span of three years). One of her favorite experiences was singing in Canterbury Cathedral in England. Outside of performing, she loves to write, compose, and play Dungeons and Dragons in the basement with her nerdy theatre friends. Abriana is a cast member and composer for "The Secret."

Mary C. Foltz is an Associate Professor of English at Lehigh University; she also offers classes in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies as well as American Studies. For the past years, she has served as the Director of the South Side Initiative, a program at Lehigh that brings community members and Lehigh faculty and students to engage in research that benefits our communities and inspires increased civic engagement. With South Side Initiative, Mary has developed an LGBT oral history project, LGBT community reading group, and an online newspaper to highlight issues of import for residents of South Bethlehem as well as participating in a variety of public arts and humanities projects.

Nancy Matos Gonzalez, Magisterial District Judge, was elected to office in 1991, when at the age of 25 she became the first Hispanic Magisterial District Judge in the State of Pennsylvania. She has since continued to preside in South Bethlehem, attaining commendable audit compliance standard reports at both the State and County level. She has also served as President of her County Judge's Association. Judge Gonzalez and her husband support varying youth athletic organizations in South Bethlehem. She also partners with multiple schools in and around her district to encourage the educational and personal advancement of youth.

Margaret Kavanagh, head custodian at Freemansburg Elementary is married and lives in Bethlehem with her three dogs. In her 20's, she worked enough to travel to every state (all but Alaska). In her 30s, she

was a massage therapist and house painter. In her 60's, she and her wife will retire to South Carolina and travel in their RV, transporting rescue dogs to their adopted homes. Kavanagh has been working for the Bethlehem Area School District for 11 yrs. When not working, she volunteers with local animal rescues, plays djembe and recently joined the volunteer committee for Celtic Classic! Kavanagh founded an advocacy group for pitbulls, Mispits. She is passionate about truth, kindness and recycling!

Emily Santana is your friendly neighborhood waitress having worked at Jenny's Kual, in South Side Bethlehem, for over 6 years. She always knew she wanted to work for and with under-served families and worked in that capacity as a community resource coordinator for the Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley for three years. She has now embarked on a new journey as an ER Tech in St. Luke's Sacred Heart campus located in the heart of Allentown. She believes she is one step closer to melding her dream of working in the medical field, being a social justice advocate, and teacher, in her community.

Dr. Paige Van Wirt is a physician who co-founded a mobile medical practice that cares for Lehigh Valley seniors in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. She is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Care; her practice cares for over 2500 elders and now employs 23 people. She is a former urban planner with the City of New York, and is currently on Bethlehem City Council. She lives in Bethlehem with her husband Tim and 15 year old twins. She believes passionately in the power of local government and in an activist city council which truly represents the people.

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DATES & TIMES:

Saturday, October 5 – 5:00-6:30p | Talkback 6:30-7:00p

Sunday, October 6 – 1:00-2:30p (*Audio Description*) | Panel 2:30-3:30p

Monday, October 7 – 7:30-9:00p

Tuesday, October 8 – 7:30-9:00p

VENUE: Touchstone Theatre | 321 E. Fourth Street, Bethlehem, PA

PRICE: \$25 adult & \$15 student/senior; limited amount of **Pay What You Will** tickets for purchase; please call 610-867-1689 to order.

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