

Goddard College

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Goddard College Celebrates Five Years in Port Townsend

College Welcomes Visiting Artists Lily Yeh, and Neil Marcus and Petra Kuppers of The Olimpias

Goddard College is proud to celebrate its 5th anniversary in Port Townsend, Washington with the MFA in Interdisciplinary Arts Visiting Artists Series.

Guest Artist Lily Yeh will present the *Rwanda Healing Project: Building Community through Art and Creative Action* Saturday, August 21 from 7:30–9:30 pm at the USO Hall, Fort Worden State Park. This event is free and open to the public.

Lily Yeh is an internationally celebrated artist whose work has taken her to communities throughout the world. As founder, executive director and lead artist of the Village of Arts and Humanities in North Philadelphia from 1968 to 2004, she helped create a national model of community building through the arts. In 2004, Yeh founded Barefoot Artists, Inc., to bring the transformative power of art to impoverished communities around the globe.

In collaboration with the Madrona MindBody Institute, Goddard College presents *The Olimpias with Neil Marcus and Petra Kuppers in Journey to the Holocaust Memorial in Berlin: A Participatory Performance Score*. There will be two performances on Thursday, August 26: 4:30–6:00 pm or 7:30–9:00 pm at the Madrona MindBody Institute, Fort Worden State Park. Donations accepted. Registration required at www.madronamindbody.com or 360-344-4475.

In this session, Olimpias artists and participants co-create a ritual experience based on a score, drawing upon embodied memory, experimental community art, personal investment, nourishment and comfort, and practice-as-research. Olimpias artist Neil Marcus is an icon in US disability culture. He performed his stage show "Storm Reading" over 300 times across North America. Olimpias Artistic Director, Petra Kuppers, is a disability culture activist, community artist, award-winning writer and a member of Goddard's MFAIA faculty.

Goddard College, with nine programs in Plainfield, Vermont, currently has two programs in Port Townsend, Washington: the MFA in Interdisciplinary Arts and the MFA in Creative Writing. The MFA in Interdisciplinary Arts reaches across the conceptual, visual, and time-based arts, informed by diverse traditions and fueled by a broad range of intentions that include the social, the aesthetic, the political, the spiritual, and the deeply personal. The Goddard MFA in Creative Writing offers studies in poetry, fiction, screenwriting, playwriting, memoir, and creative nonfiction. For more information, visit www.goddard.edu.