

# RidgePointe News

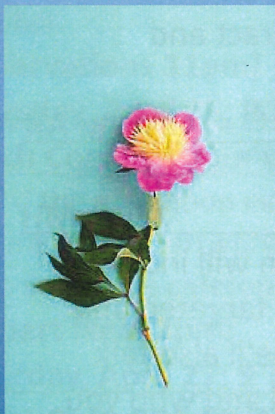
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## *April*

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The roofs are shining from the rain,  
The sparrows twitter as they fly,  
And with a windy April grace  
The little clouds go by.  
Yet the back-yards are bare and brown  
With only one unchanging tree  
I could not be so sure of spring  
Save that it sings in me.



## April Events

**Tuesday, April 2: In Person Speaker- Robin Doroshow** **10am MH**

Robin J. Doroshow is the Executive Director of the Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest. Robin will share two videos: *The Dakotas* and *A Stop Along the Way*. In addition, Robin will discuss her own personal research and the resulting book, *Aberdeen: A Jewish History*.

**Tuesday, April 2: First Tuesday Craft Time- Design a Floral Notecard** **1pm AR**

**Cost: Free.** Sign up and description will be posted in Atrium.

**Tuesday, April 9: In Person Speaker- Doug Ohman** **10am MH**

**Heart of the Farm: Barns of Minnesota.** This rural journey around Minnesota explores the greatest of all rural icons: The Barn. From the early days of statehood through the era of agribusiness, our barns tell a story. This story is told through photographs and history that will bring you back to the farm and explain the importance of our rural roots.

**Tuesday, April 9: Art Class with Terri- Create a Spring Dragonfly Painting** **1pm AR**

**Cost: TBD.** Sign up and description will be posted in Atrium.

**Tuesday, April 16: In Person Speaker- Gary Hansen** **10am MH**

**Pablo Picasso - 20th Century Prodigious Innovator.** Gary will focus his presentation on Pablo Picasso. Picasso is considered one of the greatest artists of the 20th century. He was a great innovator and pioneer in the development of Modern Art by his experimentation as he pushed new boundaries.

**Tuesday, April 16: Birthday Celebration** **3pm EL**

**3:00pm —HAPPY HOUR: Wine and Appetizers**

**3:30pm—Entertainment: Singer –Jordan Michael**

**5:00pm—Birthday Meal—Is your birthday in April? Happy Birthday! If you plan on using your three meals this month, enjoy an additional dinner at half-price on April 16th.**

**Tuesday, April 23: Tech Class Speaker-Abbey Key** **10am MH**

Join Abbey Key's once a month Electronics Club at RidgePointe. Open forum where all levels are welcome. No shaming here, no one knows everything! Come ready to learn, interact and problem solve together. Snacks will be provided!

**Wednesday, April 24: Open Studio Mystery Craft Time** **1-3pm AR**

More Information to follow.

**Tuesday, April 30: In Person Speaker- Marty Fleischhacker** **10am MH**

**Marty Fleischhacker – Senior Financial Fraud Ombudsman.** Marty's presentation will include information about the common types of financial exploitation and scams, who is targeted and why, the scope of the problem and tips about how to avoid becoming a victim. He'll also talk about the tricks that scammers use, signs to watch out for, where to report fraud and who you can contact to get help if you, a family member or a friend are targeted by scammers. Marty Fleischhacker was appointed by the Minnesota Department of Commerce's Commissioner to the Senior Financial Fraud Ombudsman position about 5 years ago. Before that, he served as the Assistant Commissioner for the Enforcement Division for 5 years. He has been with the Commerce Department since 1999.



## APRIL MOVIES

FRIDAYS 7PM MARION HALL



**April 5:** *Seven Days in Utopia*. After a disastrous debut on the pro circuit, a young golfer finds himself unexpectedly stranded in Utopia, Texas and welcomed by an eccentric rancher. Sports drama.

**April 12:** *The Birdcage*. A gay cabaret owner and his drag queen companion agree to put up a false straight front so that their son can introduce them to his fiancée's right-wing moralistic parents. Comedy.

**April 19:** *Children of a Lesser God*. A new speech teacher at a school for the deaf falls in love with the janitor, a deaf woman speechless by choice. Romantic comedy.

**April 26:** *Philomena*. A world-weary political journalist picks up the story of a woman's search for her son, who was taken away from her decades ago after she became pregnant and was forced to live in a convent. Drama.

# PLAYBILL

THE RITZ THEATER

## The Color Purple

Thursday, April 11



In the heart of Northeast  
Minneapolis since 1926.

Theater Latté Da  
purchased  
the historic  
Ritz Theater  
in northeast  
Minneapolis on  
August 29, 2016.

## TED Talks Wednesdays at 1pm on Channel 991

**Wednesday, April 3: *6 Tips on Being a Successful Entrepreneur | John Mullins | TED.* Sometimes, you need to break the rules to innovate — but which ones? Entrepreneurship professor John Mullins shares six counter-conventional mindsets for entrepreneurs looking to think strategically, navigate challenges and change the world. *How to Design for Dignity During Times of War | Slava Balbek | TED.* Through the Russian invasion of Ukraine, architect and humanitarian Slava Balbek, who volunteers part-time on the front lines, highlights the importance of designing for dignity when building temporary housing for the people of Ukraine who have lost their homes. *The Billion-Dollar Problem in Education | Tanishia Lavette Williams | TED.* Standardized testing is deeply woven into the fabric of US education, but does it foster genuine learning?**

**Wednesday, April 10: *How AI and Democracy Can Fix Each Other | Divya Siddarth | TED.* Divya Siddarth shares how a group of people helped retrain one of the world's most powerful AI models on a constitution they wrote — and offers a vision of technology that aligns with the principles of democracy, rather than conflicting with them. *How Business Can Improve the World, Not Just the Bottom Line | Esha Chhabra | TED.* "Sustainability has become more marketing than action," says environmental business journalist Esha Chhabra. Challenging conventional business models solely focused on profit, she shares how regenerative companies that embed purpose into every facet of their operations can drive real change — and make things better for people and the planet. *How to lead with radical candor | Kim Scott | TEDxPortland.* NYT bestselling author, Kim Scott, has cracked the code on giving valuable feedback in a way that builds genuine relationships, drives results, and creates positive workplaces .**

**Wednesday, April 17: *What the World Can Learn From Ukraine's Fight for Democracy | Olesya Khromeychuk | TED.* "A flourishing democracy next door is a scary thing for an autocrat," says Ukrainian historian Olesya Khromeychuk. Detailing the history of Ukraine's long struggle for sovereignty and freedom — against Russian tsars, communist dictators and now the Kremlin's army — she shares three lessons anybody can use to join the global fight for democracy. *How Poop Turns Into Forests | Ludmila Rattis | TED.* Did you know the world's largest tropical forest is partly formed by seeds emerging from poop? Ecologist Ludmila Rattis reveals the surprisingly fruitful benefits of letting nature take care of its own business, sharing how the digestive habits of tapirs — pig-like creatures that roam Amazonia — spread seeds that help regenerate the forest and promote climate resilience worldwide. (Even nature's waste is put to good use!) *True Love — and the Myth of "Happily Ever After" | Francesca Hogi | TED.* Francesca Hogi, having spent years talking to thousands of people about their romantic hopes and dreams, she introduces a new possibility for our collective romantic future, one that recognizes that each of us holds the keys to true love within ourselves.**

**Wednesday, April 24: *A Meditation on Rumi and the Power of Poetry | Leili Anvar | TED.* In an ode to the Persian language, author Leili Anvar unfurls the work of 13th-century mystic poet Rumi and reflects on how poetry gives meaning to our lives . *An Israeli and a Palestinian Talk Peace, Dignity and Safety | Ali Abu Awwad and Ami Dar | TED* Israel and Palestine have grappled with enduring territorial disputes and complex geopolitical tensions across generations. In this profound TED Membership conversation, Palestinian peace activist Ali Abu Awwad and Israeli founder of I dealist.org Ami Dar envision a future built on mutual respect, recognition and nonviolent activism, where both identities coexist harmoniously.**

## April Excursions

**Thursday, April 4: Tour of JHSUM and Lunch @ Tea House**

**Depart: 10:35am**

**Tour Cost: Free**

**Lunch: On Your Own**

Join our guided tour with Kate Dietrick, an Archivist at the Nathan and Theresa Berman Upper Midwest Jewish Archives. The Upper Midwest Jewish Archives is located at the Elmer L. Andersen Library. This special collection documents the lives of Upper Midwest Jewish communities from the mid-19th century to the present. This tour is a walking tour, though it is fine for those with walkers or limited mobility. Please note, the tour will include standing for around 20-30 minutes. Enjoy lunch at the Tea House an authentic Szechuan Chinese restaurant.

**(Reservations 11am) (Tour 1pm)**

**Thursday, April 11: The Color Purple and Lunch @ Francis Burger Joint**

**Depart: 11am**

**Ticket Cost: \$34.50 ( Checks made out to RidgePointe)**

**Lunch Cost: On Your Own**

Enjoy a matinee performance of The Color Purple at the Ritz Theater in Northeast Minneapolis. This historic theatre is owned by Theater Latte Da. Have lunch at Francis Burger Joint a community focused plant-based burger joint and bar. The menu is unique. All **vegan** burgers, chicken sandwiches and salads. If you have never tried a vegan burger, now is your chance, you will sure to be pleasantly surprised. The restaurant is opening early just for us!

**Thursday, April 18: Minnesota Orchestra**

**Depart: 9:50am**

**Ticket Cost: On Your Own (Must Purchase Tickets On Your Own)**

Estonian conductor Kristiina Poska makes a long-awaited debut with the Minnesota Orchestra. Joining her for this program is American cellist Sterling Elliott, a fast-rising star who has been winning concerto competitions since he was just 7 years old. Together, Poska, Elliott and the Minnesota Orchestra share bright, sunny music—including crowd favorites by Aaron Copland, Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky and Ludwig van Beethoven. This program invites the energy of spring into Orchestra Hall.

**Saturday, April 20: Ladies Luncheon @ EaTo**

**Depart: 10:30am**

**Lunch Cost: On Your Own**

EaTo is an upscale Italian restaurant is located on Washington Avenue in Downtown Minneapolis. The lunch menu includes pastas, salads, soups and delectable pizza options. A 20% tip will be included in the final bill.

**(Reservations 11am)**

**Thursday, April 25: IKEA**

**Depart: 11am**

**Lunch Cost: On Your Own**

Spend the afternoon exploring and shopping at Ikea. Shop for kitchen goods, vases, pillows, curtains, fabric, picture frames, artwork, lighting, dishes, kitchen utensils, rugs and more. Ikea has two dining areas: the main self-serve cafeteria-style restaurant and a deli bistro.

**(Depart Ikea: 2pm)**

**Saturday, April 27: 9 To 5: The Musical and Lunch @ Red Lobster**

**Depart: 11am**

**Ticket Cost: \$34.00 (Checks Made Out to RidgePointe)**

**Lunch Cost: On Your Own**

**9 TO 5** production at **Lyrics Arts Street Stage** which is Located in the heart of historic downtown Anoka. **9 TO 5** is a high-energy musical comedy. Set in the 1970s, this show follows Violet, Doralee, and Judy as they navigate workplace politics, personal struggles, and their own unlikely friendship. We will have a lunch at Red Lobster before traveling to Anoka.

**(Reservations 11:15am) (Production Start Time 2pm)**



*Spring*

IS A LOVELY REMINDER OF HOW

*beautiful*

CHANGE CAN BE



**RIDGEPOINTE'S GORGEOUS  
LANDSCAPE, FLOWER  
GARDENS, AND MATURE  
WOODS MAKE A PERFECT  
BACKGROUND FOR YOU TO  
ENJOY SOME TIME  
OUTSIDE THIS SPRING.**

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