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Joyce's Journal

A monthly dispatch from Joyce A. Miller, Writer



MUSIC FOR OCTOBER!

This month, my friend Juliana Soltis will release her third studio album, **American Woman**, on the PARMA Recording Group's Grammy-winning Navona label. Featuring works for cello and piano by women composers Mary Howe, Amy Beach, Margaret Bonds, Helen Crane, Dorothy Rudd Moore, and Florence Price, the album celebrates the lost legacy of America's "other" composers – all of whom were highly-acclaimed during their individual lifetimes, but whose music nevertheless fell into obscurity following their deaths. "I feel that I have been preparing all my life to play this music," Juliana said of her upcoming release, noting that some of these works have been waiting over a century to be heard. "These women deserve their place in the narrative of our shared musical history, and I feel both honored and humbled to tell their stories." Juliana's album page that includes a preview of the album, available for purchase on October 4, 2024, is here:

<https://www.navonarecords.com/catalog/nv6659/>

The **Drinks in the Library** podcast that I recorded in August is available for listening now. The host Gigi Howard and I discussed one of my favorite memoirs **A Three Dog Life** by Abigail Thomas and I compared it to **Look! You're Dancing**.

On October 4th through the 6th, I'll be attending the 22nd Annual James River Writers Conference. Lively panel discussions and lots of networking and socializing are in store for me! I'll be able to celebrate with them that I've finished my first developmental edit of **Mrs. Gari Melchers, The Artist's Wife**, if that's not too boastful!

A GLIMPSE OF
WHAT'S INCLUDED:

**Link to my episode
of Drinks in the
Library podcast!**

On Saturday, October 12th, I'll have a booth at the Fredericksburg Independent Book Festival. We'll be at Riverfront Park in Fredericksburg, VA from 10am till 4pm. Come spend the day in town and see me in Row F, Space 73! Find your next favorite book!

My presentation for the Greyhound Health Initiative titled **The Greyhound as Muse** went well.

One of the attendees sent the following email:

"Just a quick note to let you know how much I enjoyed your presentation. Two of my favorite topics, greyhounds and history. I'm looking forward to your new book."

The Greyhound Coffee Company will be selling the **Look! You're Dancing** coffee and dog treats for the next few weeks. They are available on their website: <https://greyhoundcoffeecompany.com/> \$5.00 from each purchase goes to the Greyhound Health Initiative. Did you know that the Greyhound Health Initiative runs a blood bank that supplies safe, quality blood products to vets across the United States? Greyhounds are universal blood donors!

As the bonus for October's newsletter, I'm attaching the link to the Drinks in the Library podcast: <https://www.drinksinthelibrary.com/episodes/three-dog-life-with-joyce-miller/>

As always, if you enjoy the podcast, please let me know!

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