

DA Hayden announces \$400,000 funding for Mass & Cass

For alternative-to-prosecution program

SUBMITTED BY SUFFOLK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY KEVIN HAYDEN'S OFFICE

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced on May

1 the allocation of \$400,000 from his office's Asset Forfeiture Fund to expand an innovative alternative-to-prosecution program with the goal of aiding individuals who reside in and frequent the Mass and Cass section of Boston.

Hayden called the extraordinary

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NEWS FROM...

Friends of the South End Library

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Note: Due to flooding, the South End Branch Library located at 685 Tremont Street is closed until further notice.

at the South End Library branch, 685 Tremont St. Donations welcome until Saturday, June 11. And don't forget to come shop for deeply discounted books on June 18th!

Book Sale Returns

Saturday June 18, 10am-1:30pm (rain or shine)

In partnership with the BPL, we are delighted to announce the return of the FOSEL Book Sale... If you're a regular spring cleaner or just looking to clear out some space at home, consider donating books and DVDs in good condition

Free Concerts in the Park

- Pat Loomis and Friends (jazz and blues): July 26, Aug 2, Aug 9, Aug 16

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All concerts 6:30-8:00pm

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Neighborhood Organizations

East Berkeley Neighborhood Association

Join EBNA on the patio of Braserie, 560 Harrison Ave., Monday, June 13, 6-8 pm. Cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres.

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United South End Settlements

The Neighborhood Gala, Thursday, May 12, 6:30 pm, 365 Albany Street, an outdoor event.

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The Ritz-Carlton, Boston Appoints South Ender Michael Rostafin as Chef de Cuisine

SUBMITTED BY THE RITZ-CARLTON, BOSTON

The Ritz-Carlton, Boston, a AAA Five Diamond hotel located in the heart of downtown and overlooking the historic Boston Common, is pleased to announce that industry veteran Michael Rostafin has been appointed new Chef de Cuisine. In this role, Chef Rostafin will oversee all menu creation and execution for the hotel's popular and award-winning food and beverage outlets including Artisan Bistro and Avery Bar.

The news about Chef Rostafin's appointment was shared by William Bunce, General Manager,

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Michael Rostafin. Courtesy of The Ritz-Carlton, Boston.

A Fine Cast Can't Lift Our Daughters

Our Daughters, Like Pillars, Huntington Theatre at Calderwood Pavilion, Boston Center for the Arts, through May 8. huntingtontheatre.org, 617-933-8600 or 617-266-0800

BY JULES BECKER
Contributing Writer

Kirsten Greenidge is clearly intrigued by family dynamics and their connection to home. The local African-American playwright focused on the challenges confronting a Black family about the deed to their house in an absorbing 2012 drama "The Luck of the Irish"—sharply staged by the Huntington Theatre. Now Greenidge has returned to the Huntington to explore inter-generational family dynamics in the world premiere of



Lyndsay Allyn Cox, Arie Thompson and Nikkole Salter in the Huntington Theatre production of "Our Daughters, Like Pillars" by Kirsten Greenidge. (Courtesy T Charles Erickson)

"Our Daughters, Like Pillars" at the Calderwood Pavilion. While a solid cast does its best—under the earnest direction of Kimberly Senior—to

make that exploration dramatically powerful, this very overlong three-act

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Bay Village /Chinatown

Thursday, June 2, 9:30AM - 10:30AM Elliot Norton Park, 285 Tremont Street.

South End

Friday, June 10, 9:30AM - 10:30AM Peters Park, 230 Shawmut Avenue.

SOUTH END HONOR ROLL

Sharon Berman Inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Sharon Berman of Boston, Massachusetts, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Berman was initiated at University of Maryland, Baltimore Campuses.

Berman is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

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Mass & Cass

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expenditure “a fitting use of assets seized from drug dealers to directly address the most visible and problematic drug-related geographic area in Massachusetts today.”

“It’s clear that traditional court involvement is not the answer for many of the vulnerable individuals in the center or fringes of Mass and Cass. We need to present alternative solutions that identify and address the issues that brought them there in the first place. I’m confident this program does that, and I think money seized from drug-related convictions is a fitting method to fund it,” Hayden said.

The funds will expand Services Over Sentences (SOS), a program begun in Suffolk County district and municipal courts by the Suffolk DA’s office last year in partnership with North Suffolk Mental Health Association. Under SOS, non-violent offenders with mental health or substance use disorders can volunteer to work with clinicians and recovery coaches on an intensive recovery program. The program’s motto is “modify the behavior, treat the disease.”

Program participants are assessed based on their level of risk – referring to their likelihood of participating in criminal or otherwise dangerous behavior – and their level of need for services. Current SOS programming is available to those who present as low risk, low need. The program expansion will create a new, more intensive track of services and

programming available to individuals up to the highest risk and need categories.

Prosecutors will retain discretion to determine whether diversion through the SOS program is appropriate based on the assessment of the individual and their criminal case. Depending on the case, an eligible individual may voluntarily participate in the SOS program on a pre-arraignment or post-arraignment basis. If pre-arraignment, a completed program can prevent an individual from acquiring a court record. If post-arraignment, a completed program can mitigate or replace a conviction or traditional sentencing.

The appropriation from Hayden’s office will fund a program coordinator, two recovery coaches, a clinician, computers and other equipment. The expansion increases the program’s capacity to absorb the anticipated influx of cases arising in the Mass and Cass area during the spring and summer months. Program workers would be present in court and on site.

Audrey Clairmont, Director of Addiction Services at NSMHA, said the SOS program will help identify and treat the factors involved in bringing individuals into the Mass and Cass area with the goal of providing them the support to leave it. SOS personnel will work with program participants on establishing a source of income, ensuring safe and stable housing, developing skills and educational training, ensuring access to healthy food and access to healthcare, detox and sobriety services, she said.

“The individuals at Mass and Cass are complex, high risk and high need. The SOS

program brings the worlds of treatment, recovery and criminal justice together for a full system of care approach to empower these individuals to lead healthy, fulfilling and productive lives in their communities,” Clairmont said. Hayden said the money from his office’s Asset Forfeiture Fund is designated to fund the first year of the program. His office helped draft a state budget amendment that would help fund the program’s second and subsequent years and is exploring private funding and other options as well.

“We’ll be looking at every possible funding source because the needs of community members and vulnerable individuals at Mass and Cass demand it. Our hope is that the success of the program will be its greatest advertisement for additional funding,” Hayden said.

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden’s office serves the communities of Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop, Mass. The office handles over 20,000 cases a year. More than 160 attorneys in the office practice in nine district and municipal courts, Suffolk Superior Court, the Massachusetts Appeals Court, the Supreme Judicial Court, and the Boston Juvenile Courts. The office employs some 300 people and offers a wide range of services and programs to serve anyone who comes in contact with the criminal justice system. This office is committed to educating the public about the services we provide, our commitment to crime prevention, and our dedication to keeping the residents of Suffolk County safe.



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Our Daughters

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play—three and a half hours including two intermissions—needs considerable trimming, and much more insight about its characters and strong buttressing of its shaky plotting.

“Our Daughters, Like Pillars” begins promisingly enough with the title Black siblings—Zelda Shaw, Octavia Shaw-Curtis and Lavinia Shaw-Williams—and their widowed mother Yvonne beginning a present day summer rental in North Conway, New Hampshire. Designer Marion Williams’ well-detailed woods-ensconced set features a handsome stage left grill which organizing Lavinia includes with antiquing plans in what she sees as a no-cellphone quiet vacation. If Lavinia has her way, there will be no talk about religion or politics at family meals. Joining the Shaw women are Lavinia’s genial husband Morris and Zelda’s quirky ‘partner’ Paul—who arrives with her and a tiny portable house that encamps stage right.

As in other sibling trio plays—Chekhov’s iconic “Three Sisters” and Beth Henley’s “Crimes of the Heart,” among others, the title daughters are very different. Zelda is very outspoken, Octavia relatively understated and Lavinia unabashedly domineering if well-intentioned. In fact, Lavinia envisions “every-

one together” in a shared home and getting the family “in shape.” Zelda, who believes that everyone should have a say in one’s own life but seems to order Paul both in and out of the mobile house, quickly comes into conflict with Lavinia. At the same time, she gripes that their late acclaimed writer father Lemuel “left us nothing.” Octavia, apparently estranged from (unseen) husband Tim—in Brussels on business, has brought her laptop with her to work on her writing. Even so, she yearns to travel and mentions Tanzania.

Complicating matters still further is the unexpected arrival of Missy Shaw, Lemuel’s flashy second wife. Very different from generally reserved Yvonne, Missy speaks with over-the-top cheerfulness and dresses flamboyantly (kudos to costume designer Sarita Fellows). Alerted to the New Hampshire family get-together by the sisters’ (unseen) lawyer brother Birdie, she calls the siblings “my gals” and “my babies” and announces “I have come home.”

Clearly there are possibilities here for real drama and character development, but surprisingly Greenidge does not deliver here on both counts the way she impressively did in “The Luck of the Irish.” Lavinia may overwhelm Zelda and Octavia with her expectations about sisterly bonding and the family living together, but their conversations and reactions ultimately yield no satisfying dramatics. Just

as problematic, the male characters seem more buffoonish than essential—especially during Morris’ unproductive exchanges with Lavinia and Paul’s strange conversation with Octavia about trips and freedom. Additionally, repeated references to Tim and Birdie contribute little to the play. Even the fiery face-off between Yvonne and Missy at the end of the second act does not end up in a satisfying third act rematch.

The play’s shortcomings are all the more regrettable given the cast’s fine performances. Nikkole Salter has the right overbearing authority as Lavinia, especially when she contends that “I am the pillar.” Lyndsay Allyn Cox captures Zelda’s feistiness and Arie Thompson catches Octavia’s vulnerability. Lizan Mitchell does her best with underwritten Yvonne. Cheryl D. Singleton, a standout as Caribbean accent-sporting Missy, adds dimension to Greenidge’s play with her vocally and visually vivid performance. Postell Pringle demonstrates singing talent in Morris’ light-hearted moments. Julian Parker is properly enigmatic as Paul.

Greenidge is a writer of consequence, as “The Luck of the Irish” and her coming of age play “Milk Like Sugar” (2011) demonstrate. Unfortunately, “Our Daughters, Like Pillars” comes across as a work without the right blueprints.

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Rostafin

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The Ritz-Carlton, Boston. “We are thrilled to welcome Chef Michael to The Ritz-Carlton, Boston as our new Chef de Cuisine, and look forward to sharing his market-driven, locally inspired style of cooking with our guests in both Artisan Bistro and Avery Bar,” said Bunce. “His passion and unique culinary background with some of the top chefs in the world including Bobby Flay and Todd English, will bring an exciting, new level of creative cuisine to the hotel and our restaurant outlets.”

Rostafin has a very interesting, if not “noteworthy,” foray into the culinary world. He was initially studying Music Education at Ithaca College but opted to put his education career on hold to explore a lifelong passion to cook professionally. Starting at

a well-known Connecticut catering company in lower Fairfield County, Rostafin jumped into his first professional kitchen joining Bobby Flay’s Bar Americain at Mohegan Sun.

Upon departing Flay’s establishment, Rostafin spent three years working under Chef Leia Gaccione, where he met his future wife at a Laurent Gras James Beard dinner in New York City. In pursuit of love and furthering his culinary aspirations, he moved to Manhattan and worked alongside Todd English as Sous Chef and, shortly thereafter, as Chef de Cuisine for four years at English’s Ca Va Brasserie at the InterContinental Hotel in Times Square.

Rostafin’s next move brought him to Boston, where he served as Chef de Cuisine at Daniel Bruce’s Meritage Restaurant and Wine Bar at the Forbes Five Star Boston Harbor Hotel. Rostafin returned to the

InterContinental Hotel & Resorts family where he worked at the Boston property as Chef de Cuisine for four years. When COVID-19 shattered Boston’s hospitality industry, Rostafin headed to Cape Cod to assume the role as Executive Chef at the 102-guestroom Provincetown Inn. This job, as Rostafin describes it, “was a dream come true as it brought me to Cape Cod and literally put me at ocean’s edge where an incredible seafood bounty greeted me every day in the kitchen.”

Rostafin is often found frequenting local farmer’s markets for inspiration and strives to source ingredients primarily from the abundant New England region whenever possible. He plans to amplify this farm-to-table approach at Artisan Bistro where he can further elevate his focus on simple, clean flavors, local ingredients and seasonal authenticity. “Working with local farmers,

butchers, fishermen and cheesemongers to procure the freshest, quality ingredients at the height of their season is truly one of the best things about being a chef,” says Rostafin. “These invaluable relationships will be essential to our thoughtfully prepared yet effortlessly accessible and authentic dishes at Artisan Bistro and Avery Bar.”

A native of Newtown, Connecticut, Rostafin currently resides in Boston’s South End with his wife and two cats. He is a member of Mass [Massachusetts] Audubon, International Trumpet Guild, United States Golf Association and Montauk Surfcasters Association. In his spare time, Rostafin enjoys traveling, hiking, gardening, golfing and fishing. If he’s not in the kitchen at The Ritz-Carlton, Boston, it’s a safe bet Rostafin is most likely on Cape Cod enjoying the National Seashore and all of its breathtaking beauty.

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SOWA Artist, Katherine Downey Miller.

Local Focus

This exhibit is in the window facing Tremont St. Katherine Downey Miller was raised in the Boston area, with a BS in painting from Skidmore College and an MFA from the The School of Visual Arts. She describes herself as a painter of nature as opposed to landscapes, and as an observer of the effect of weather patterns and of light traveling through the surface of water as seen from below. Her art highlights environmental themes, as reflected in a 2019 solo exhibit

of smaller works about the ocean, “Liquid and Luminosity.” Her paintings hover between distinguishable forms and textured abstractions.

South End Writes

We expect our author series to pick up again in the near future. The presentations will be hybrid, viewable on zoom or Facebook live, but will also be in-person in the Marleen Nienhuis meeting room. Stay tuned, more info to come!

The Anne Smart Fund

About \$3500 has been raised to date, to acknowledge former Head Librarian Anne for her many years of devoted service to the SE community, and because local history is a special interest of hers, this new Fund will be used to support related activities at the South End Branch.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
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PBNA All Member Meeting, Thursday, May 5, 7:30PM (Zoom)

Agenda will include:

More details about upcoming PBNA events in this newsletter

Update from the Boston Department of Transportation on Connect Downtown project

introducing the new BPD community service officer

Help Protect Our Trees: May 6th Deadline to Buy Fences

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