

**MONTGOMERY PLACE 2019 SPRING SALON SERIES**

# **MUSIC OF THE GILDED AGE**

Presented by Bard College: The Montgomery Place Campus and Hudson River Heritage  
Produced and Curated by Christopher Brellochs

## **Performance: “The Musical Life of the Livingstons at Montgomery Place”**

**Saxophone and Harp  
Saturday, May 11, 3 pm**

Cora Livingston and her husband, Thomas, captured the Romantic sensibilities of the 1860s; music filled the house. This event will be a unique opportunity to hear these forgotten gems and experience music at Montgomery Place as Cora and Thomas did more than 150 years ago. Admission: \$25, limited to 40 seats.

## **Lecture: “Music of the Gilded Age in the Hudson Valley”**

**Saturday, May 18, 3 pm**

Dutchess Community College Associate Professor Christopher Brellochs will discuss the importance of music during the Gilded Age and present contemporary recordings of period compositions in this authentic historical setting. Admission: \$25, limited to 40 seats.

## **Outdoor Performance: “The Gardener of Montgomery Place and the Composer of Newburgh”**

**Saxophone Quartet  
Sunday, May 26, 4 pm**

In the early 19th century, the gardener at Montgomery Place was Alexander Gilson, an African American slave who, after being freed, stayed on as head gardener; he eventually opened up his own gardening business. The music of Newburgh, New York, composer Ulysses J. Alsdorf, whose grandfather was also a freed slave, was chosen to observe the 1909 Henry Hudson–Robert Fulton Celebration. His work will do the same for our event, 110 years later. Admission: Free; guests must bring their own lawn chairs. (In case of inclement weather, concert will be held in the Montgomery Place Coach House; the first 50 guests will be admitted.)

**For tickets or more information call 845-876-2474**

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