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The English-Speaking Union

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presents

Carly Collier

Royal Collection Trust, London

Victoria and Albert as Art Collectors

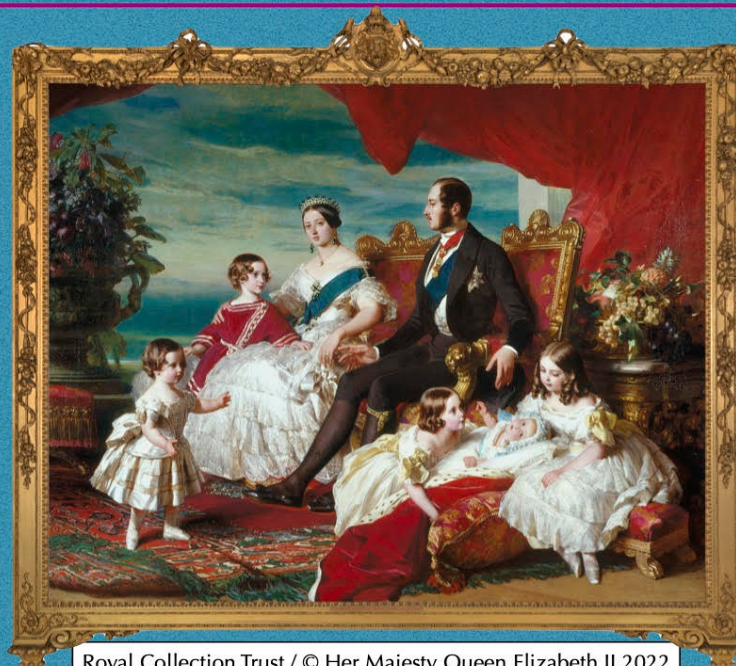
Monday
March
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Refreshments
3:30 pm

Program
4:00 pm

The
University Club
of Winter Park

Program Leader
Barbara Hughes



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Carly Collier is Assistant Curator of Photographs at Royal Collection Trust. Her research interests lay in nineteenth-century British art, collecting and taste.

Carly's illustrated talk will explore Victoria and Albert's shared love for the arts, providing a broad overview of their collecting across a variety of disciplines – from works on paper to paintings, architecture and sculpture, decorative arts and the new and exciting technology of photography. Carly's talk will illuminate the very personal nature of the royal couple's enjoyment of the arts and reveal how – in the presents they regularly made to one another of works of art of all different types – they expressed their mutual love and devotion.

Shakespeare Competition 2022 Results



On February 21, sixteen students from the tri-county area arrived at Orlando Shakes to participate in The English-Speaking Union's annual Shakespeare competition. Contestants were vying for the opportunity to win \$1,000.00, and a chance to represent the Central Florida Branch of the ESU in this year's National hybrid format. The semi-finals, as in 2020 and 2021, will remain virtual via a recorded performance from our branch champion. However, the national finals will be held during a live competition in New York City on the weekend of April 23-26, 2022. Only the top 10 finalists will travel to New York City for an exclusive and fun-filled weekend. On the panel of judges this year, deciding who would represent our branch, were Anne Hering: Director of Education at Orlando Shakes, Donna Miller: former Program Coordinator for Orange County's Language Arts, and Dr. Maurice "Socky" O'Sullivan: Professor Emeritus at Rollins College.



Left to right: Raina Grabowski, Kaylin Aguirre,
and Laila Mahler

The Winners

Raina Grabowski from University High School took First Place in the Shakespeare competition with her portrayal of Juliet from Romeo and Juliet and Sonnet 46 under the direction of her teacher, Mr. Keith Traver. Second Place went to Kaylin Aguirre from Freedom High School. Kaylin was coached by her teacher, Mrs. Angela Kahn, on her depiction of Julia from The Two Gentlemen of Verona and Sonnet 12. In Third Place was Laila Mahler who was trained by her teacher, Ms. Susan Lilley, at Trinity Preparatory School.

Other Honors

Ms. Susan Lilley was also the recipient of the Richard Burbage Award. Named after one of the most famous actors at The Globe Theatre, this award celebrates the work and dedication of teacher sponsors who have managed year after year to keep their students engaged, their involvement in our competition ongoing, and our audiences enriched. The final award of the day was The Love of the Bard Award. This award requires a teacher nomination and is an award given annually to one student who, "Exhibits determination, grit, fortitude, and a true passion for Shakespeare's works." Kaylin Aguirre from Freedom High School was the recipient of this \$100.00 award.

We wish Raina Grabowski the best of luck as she advances to perform in the national competition this March.

Congratulations



Left to right: Raina Grabowski's Parents, Raina Grabowski, and Keith Traver, Raina's teacher

ESU NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Nominating Committee would like to invite any of the Central Florida membership interested who wish to participate more in-depth by serving in any capacity to let us know.

You will find it a rewarding and enjoyable experience!

If you are interested in contributing your time and talents by serving as an officer on the board, please contact Nominating Committee Chair Elaine Laegeler at laegelere@gmail.com. If you would like to serve on one of the committees, please notify President Barbara Hughes at barbarahughes954@gmail.com or Socky O'Sullivan, Executive Vice President, at mosullivan@rollins.edu.



If you missed the February 23 ESU National Happy Hour
"Victorian Thriller: Lawless and the Devil of Euston Square"
by William Sutton, please visit the following link

<https://www.esuus.org/esu/activities/happy-hour/previous-events/>

You can also check out any past National Happy Hours talks.

Our own Dr. Gerald Schiffhorst will be the next speaker for the
Happy Hour Talks on March 16 at 4 p.m.

"Art and Power the Royal Collection from Charles I to Elizabeth II"

Also, you can view any of our recorded Central Florida Branch Programs at
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHSbTEUXk8z13quMw34MHSQ>

Program Schedule 2021-2022

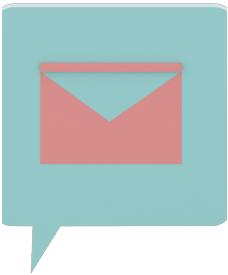
All programs are on Mondays at the University Club of Winter Park unless otherwise indicated.

Monday, March 7, 2022, 3:30-5:00 p.m. — Carly Collier, Royal Collection Trust, London
"Victoria and Albert as Art Collectors"

Monday, April 4, 2022, 3:30-5:00 p.m. — Jana Mathews, Rollins College - "Guy Fawkes Day"

Monday, May 9, 2022, 3:30-5:30 p.m. — Professor Elizabeth Cobbs, author - *The Hamilton Affair* - Our Annual General Meeting will precede our guest speaker, Professor Elizabeth Cobbs.

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