Oct. 7, 2022

LOCAL LITERARY HOLIDAY EVENT ENCOURAGES LOVE FOR JANE AUSTEN

WHAT: The Jane Austen Summer Program, a Chapel Hill nonprofit, will host a day of events before a live theatre performance, Dec. 3, of Jane Austen’s book “Emma,” by PlayMakers Repertory Theater. Pre-show events include lectures from fellow Jane Austen enthusiasts, tea, shopping, crafts and more. Tickets are $150. For $125, participants can attend the pre-show lectures and activities only (no play), and a $25 ticket option allows remote participants limited-time access to videos of some lectures.

The event supports the Jane Austen Summer Program, an annual, four-day event hosted in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, that explores the writings of Jane Austen through lectures, workshops and group discussions. The 2023 theme is Jane Austen’s early teenage writings and her book “Lady Susan.”

WHO: Peter Graham, author of “Jane Austen and Charles Darwin: Naturalists and Novelists”
Virginia-Claire Tharrington, Austen enthusiast and former intern at Jane Austen Centre in Bath, England
The cast and crew of “Emma” production
Jane Austen, English literary fiction writer of the 18th and 19th century

WHEN: Dec. 3, 2022

Scheduled activities:
Noon Shopping
1 p.m. Peter Graham Talk
2 p.m. Tea Break
2:45 p.m. Q&A with a member of “Emma” cast and/or crew
3:30 p.m. Crafting Studio
5 p.m. Refreshments
6 p.m. Virginia-Claire Tharrington Talk
7:30 p.m. “Emma,” the live performance of Jane Austen’s book

Playmakers Repertory Company
120 Country Club Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

NOTE: Weekend parking is free.