Finding H.D.

is a 12-month long public exploration of the life and work of poet Hilda Doolittle (H.D.), culminating in the premiere of a new play by Mock Turtle Marionette Theater in October of 2019 at Touchstone Theatre. A partnership between the Lehigh University English Department, the Bethlehem Area Public Library (BAPL), Mock Turtle Marionette Theater, and Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center.

Bethlehem native HILDA DOOLITTLE (1886-1961), known as H.D., drew on experiences of her hometown throughout her long writing life. H.D.’s innovative and experimental poetry and prose established her as a leading Modernist in the early twentieth century, and she is widely recognized today as a queer, feminist visionary. She remains the most influential literary figure born in the Lehigh Valley.

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Panel Discussion: “H.D. and the Natural World”
April 16, 2019. 6:30-8:00 pm
Led by Christine Roysdon with panelists Louise Schaefer, Horticulturist, Edge of the Woods Native Plant Nursery; Gary DeLeo, Professor of Physics, Lehigh University; and Marilyn Hazleton, Poet.

Lecture: “H.D. and Emily Dickinson: Bisexual Women Poets Who Made History”
April 29, 2019. 6-8 pm
Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center
522 West Maple Street, Allentown
Part of the Art History from a Queer Perspective series. Given by Liz Bradbury, Director of the Training Institute of the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center.

Film: Borderline (1930)
June 2019 pending confirmation
SouthSide Film Festival, Bethlehem
Directed by Kenneth Macpherson, produced by the Pool Group, featuring Paul Robeson, Bryer, and H.D. Discussion following viewing.

H.D.’s Bethlehem: A Walking Tour
September 2019, dates TBA
Bethlehem
Led by Seth Moglen, Professor of English, Lehigh University.

Exhibit: Community H.D. Portraits, and Unveiling of Commissioned H.D. Portrait
September 2019, dates TBA
Bethlehem Area Public Library
11 West Church Street, Bethlehem

Forest Bathing with H.D.
September 2019, dates TBA
Little Pond Arts Retreat
92 South Penn Dixie Road, Nazareth
A meditative Shinrin Yoku practice with readings of H.D.’s work. Limited to 10 participants. Given by Anisa George.

H.D. Projection Mapping Project
September-October 2019, dates TBA
Bethlehem Area Public Library
11 West Church Street, Bethlehem

World Premiere!
A New Mixed-Media Play about H.D. by Mock Turtle Marionette Theatre
October 10, 11, 12, 13, 2019.
Touchstone Theatre Festival UnBound
321 East 4th Street, Bethlehem
From artistic director of Mock Turtle Marionette Theatre and chief writer Doug Roysdon, featuring narrative, song, and puppetry. Directed by Jennie Gilrain.

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