

'We The People' Champions

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From left - back row:
Ria Singh, Amrit
Gorle, Varshini Babu,
Sophie Halkett. Front
row: Debbie Dong,
Maggie Sparling.
These six Rachel
Carson Middle School
eighth graders were
all part of the Cynthia
Burgett's "We the
People" competition
championship team.



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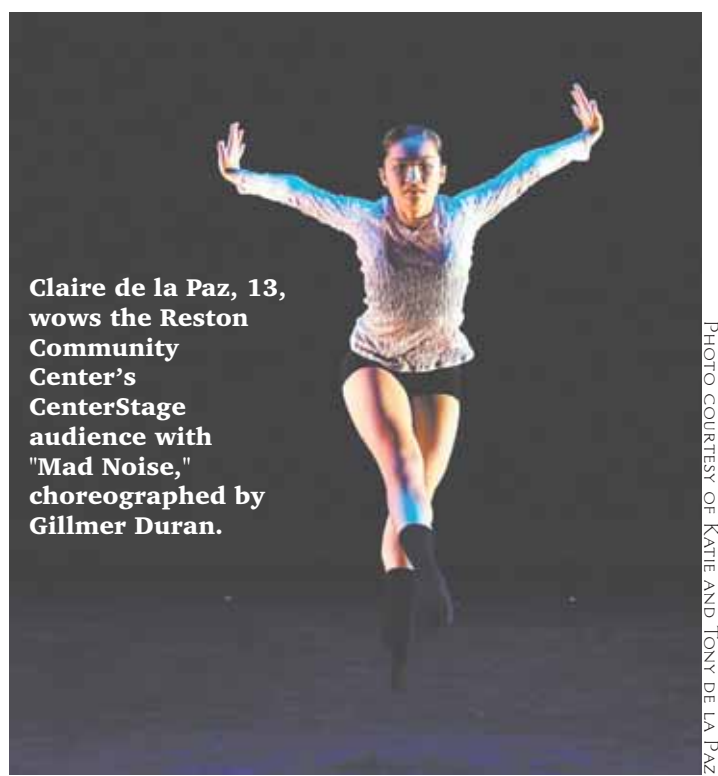
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Claire de la Paz, 13, wows the Reston Community Center's CenterStage audience with "Mad Noise," choreographed by Gillmer Duran.

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Discovering the Arts in Everyday Places

Classical Ballet Theatre will participate in a creative collaboration for this year's edition of the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival. A regional favorite, this event invites art fans of all ages to interact with multiple visual artists and their works in fun, outdoor spaces at Reston Town Center. Attendees will also enjoy unique performances, as four dance companies will be presenting choreography in response to sculptures created by Mary Anne Mears and Patrick Dougherty.

Representing the only pre-professional dance organization invited, the Classical Ballet Theatre (CBT) students and Artistic Director Gillmer Duran are thrilled about this opportunity. With his signature style, Duran is creating a piece titled "Branching Out," with music by

Zoe Keating. Duran said, "I find the words that Ms. Mears and Mr. Dougherty use to describe their sculptures to be inspiring. Both artists created pieces that respond in unique ways to the physical and spatial qualities of the sites that host them. 'Branching Out' is my way of offering a performing arts element that harmonizes with these essential qualities, while also bringing physical energy and exhilaration. It is yet an additional way to celebrate the importance of human interaction with art in everyday life."

Duran thanks the Greater Reston Arts Center for inviting CBT to perform, and he encourages all who enjoy the arts to come to Reston Town Center on Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17. Visit northernvirginiafineartsfestival.org/Artists2015/ArtistList2015.php.

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WEDNESDAY/MAY 13
Reston - League of Women Voters meeting on growth in Fairfax County. 7:30-9 p.m. North County Governmental Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston. Where is the County's growth going to go? What has changed in Fairfax County's land use and where do we go from here? Free, open to the public (men and women), call 703-757-5893. Background papers at www.lwv-fairfax.org.

ONGOING
Food Addicts in Recovery. Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at The Vine Church, 2501 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a free twelve step recovery program for anyone suffering from food obsession, overeating, under-eating or bulimia. For more information or a list of additional meetings throughout the U.S. and the world, call 781-932-6300 or www.foodaddicts.org.
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