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German Literature Lecture (in English)

Wednesday, January 27, 6:45 pm
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**ETA Hoffmann (1776 - 1822):
Author of *The Tales***

Illustrated Lecture by **Dr. Francien Markx**,
Assistant Professor of German at the Depart-
ment of Modern and Classical Languages,
George Mason University

German writer, composer and painter ETA Hoffmann is known for stories in which supernatural and sinister characters move in and out of people's lives. Selecting two tales, Dr. Markx will illustrate how ETA Hoffmann's works and many talents inspired generations of authors and artists.

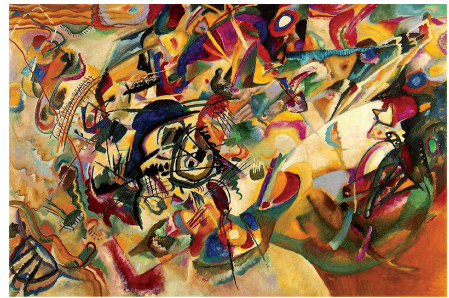
Art Lecture (in English)

Wednesday, March 24, 6:45 pm
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**Wassily Kandinsky (1866 - 1944)
and the Rise of Modernism,
1890 - 1930**

Illustrated lecture by **Dr. Christopher With**,
Senior Lecturer at the National Gallery of Art,
Washington

Russian-born Wassily Kandinsky, originally trained in the law, founded the influential Munich group *Der Blaue Reiter* (*The Blue Rider*) with Franz Marc. He returned to Moscow during World War I before accepting a professorship in Weimar at the famous Bauhaus school



of architecture, a position he held until the Gestapo closed the Bauhaus in 1933. Dr. With will follow the artist's development from early roots in 19th century Realism and Impressionism to being the creator of the first pure abstraction in modern painting.

No charge. Refreshments to follow the lectures.

For information and to RSVP: Erika Joyce at e3rj@aol.com or 703-237-0858.

In addition to its annual Classical Oktoberfest, the American Goethe Society presents four lectures on Music, Literature, Art and Philosophy throughout the year.

Poetry luncheons (Lunch mit Lyrik) at several DC restaurants are held regularly, as well as monthly dramatic readings of classic German plays at an area public library.

AGS sponsors the Goethe Prize for outstanding students of German, and sends out a quarterly newsletter.

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