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The Vanderbilt Woman's Club is proud to join in the suffrage celebrations.

**TN State Museum Book Discussion:
You need to register with link below!!**

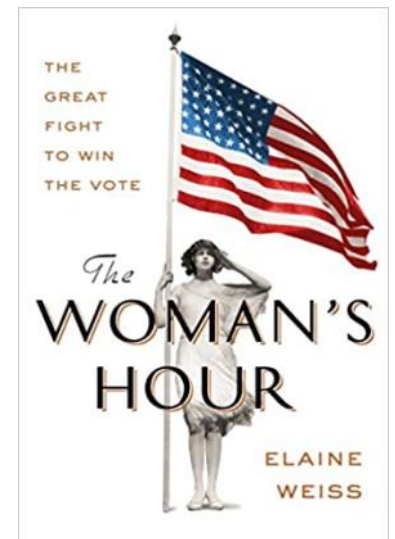
The Woman's Hour by Elaine Weiss
Thursday, August 13, 2020,
6 - 7:30 p.m.

After the discussion,
join us for a tour of the exhibition,
Ratified! Tennessee Women and the Right to Vote
Here is the link below for you to register for the event.
Once you register, a link will get sent out the day of the
event that you can click and join the discussion! From
Mamie Hassell/ Community Engagement

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-event-tennessees-book-club-the-womans-hour-by-elaine-weiss-tickets-103133208202?aff=ebdssbeac>

TN State Museum: online link to suffrage special exhibit

<https://tnmuseum.org/temporary-exhibits/temporary%20exhibits/ratified>



A PODCAST **"SheVotes"** done by **Ellen Goodman.**

An 8 session PodCast, already underway,
done by Ellen Goodman,
a Pulitzer Prize winning syndicated columnist for the Boston Globe.

<https://www.chebeague.org/2020/ellengoodmanshevotes.html>

The Vanderbilt Woman's Club acknowledges the late Margaret Branscomb, wife of Chancellor Harvie Branscomb, for the major plantings of the magnolia trees on campus and honors her in the naming of the newsletter.

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PBS ONE VOTE

Join us **Tuesday, August 18, 2020** for our [virtual Suffrage 100 event](https://ovee.itvs.org/screenings/jyxmh):

<https://ovee.itvs.org/screenings/jyxmh>

- hosted by the Tennessee State Museum and Nashville Public Library.

We'll screen our *By One Vote: Woman Suffrage in the South* documentary followed by a panel discussion.

RSVP link: <https://t.e2ma.net/click/2ngemd/aea1q8/uh20mp>

100 Year Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote

Dedication of the Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument presented by:

Metro Nashville, Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument Board, Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission

Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument in Centennial Park

Posted on [July 26, 2020](#)

JOIN THE LIVE FEED FOR THE MONUMENT DEDICATION WITH SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY FEMALE SKYDIVING TEAM

The ceremony is *not open to the public* because of the limitation placed on public gatherings due to Covid-19; however, a live news feed will be on site.

Also, the event will be filmed and made available on TV stations, YouTube and other social media outlets.

You can view the dedication virtually beginning at 10:15 a.m. CDT at

<https://vodayo.com/womansuffragemonument/>.

What: Dedication of the TN Woman Suffrage Monument

When: **Tuesday, August 18, 2020 - 10:30 a.m. CDT to noon**



Where: Centennial Park, 2500 West End Avenue,
Nashville, Tennessee

Future virtual meetings in September

Hermitage Hotel Suffragette tour and history <https://www.thehermitagehotel.com/special-events.htm>

The Artist LeQuire Sculpture in Centennial Park <https://alanlequire.com/sculpture/>

Details in the next newsletter

This link to PBS, NPT has a lot of history to read online,
and shows related to the VOTE.

<https://www.wnpt.org/suffrage-100/>

PBS to air The American Experience "The Vote" on the following dates:

The Vote: American Experience

Hour One

Tuesday, September 8, 07:00 pm on NPT-HD - [READ MORE](#)

Thursday, September 10, 04:00 am on NPT-HD - [READ MORE](#)

Hour Two

Tuesday, September 15, 07:00 pm on NPT-HD - [READ MORE](#)

Thursday, September 17, 04:00 am on NPT-HD - [READ MORE](#)

Hour Three

Tuesday, September 22, 07:00 pm on NPT-HD - [READ MORE](#)

Thursday, September 24, 04:00 am on NPT-HD - [READ MORE](#)

Hour Four

Tuesday, September 29, 07:00 pm on NPT-HD - [READ MORE](#)

From the first episode description:

"Explore how the challenges facing the women's suffrage movement, including internal debates over radical tactics and the place of African American women in the movement, shaped the battle in the crucial period from 1906-1915."

From the last episode description:

"Meet the unsung women whose tireless work would finally ban discrimination at U.S. polls on the basis of sex. Alice Paul and Carrie Chapman Catt advocated different strategies, but their combined efforts led to the amendment's passage in 1920."



[Click here to see what's new in the picture gallery on our website](#)

Music from the Jazz Workshop



nashvillejazz.org/events/streaming-schedule/

August 2020 is the **Centennial of Women's Suffrage in the United States**, achieved in 1920 through the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. In commemoration, the NJW is devoting its August streaming offerings to the work of women artists.

All Wednesday streams take place at **7pm CDT on YouTube**.

August 12 Jazz From Home Kelli Cox, Bryan Cumming, and Alison Brazil

August 19 From The Archives The Sofia Goodman Group

August 26 Jazz From Home The Mechem Family Band, tribute to women composers

JAZZ ON THE MOVE REDUX

Sunday, **August 23 at 3pm Jazz on the Move Redux**
The Life and Music of Nina Simone with Dara Tucker
presented in partnership with The Frist Art Museum.



Song Suffragettes to celebrate women's suffrage centennial with Ashley McBryde, Maddie & Tae Matthew Leimkuehler

Nashville Tennessean from August 3, 2020

<https://www.tennessean.com/story/entertainment/music/2020/08/03/song-suffragettes-ashley-mcbryde-lindsay-ell-womens-suffrage-centennial-celebration/5556573002/>

Suffragettes showcases include:

August 10: Maddie & Tae

August 17: Ashley McBryde

August 24: Runaway June

Each week, the guest joins a cast of rotating **Song Suffragettes** players.

Viewers can watch online **Mondays at 6 p.m. CST** via [YouTube.com/SongSuffragettes](https://www.youtube.com/SongSuffragettes).





Nashville Ballet releases the digital 72 Steps on Aug. 18. Photo by Karyn Photography

Nashville Ballet Celebrates 100 Years of a Woman's Right to Vote

by Michael W. Aldrich

72 Steps ...

That's not only the name of a new Nashville Ballet production available online beginning August 18. It also dramatizes the number of steps climbed 100 years ago by women suffragettes at the Tennessee State Capitol to await news of a pivotal legislative vote.

That vote by lawmakers in Nashville forever changed the face of American elections.

Choreographed by Gina Patterson and commissioned by the League of Women Voters of Nashville, *72 Steps* was inspired by the historic Tennessee vote that gave women across the nation the right to vote.

On August 18, 1920, Tennessee became the 36th and final state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Certified eight days later by the Secretary of State, the vote was the last hurdle of getting approval by three-fourths of the nation's states.

Tennessee's vote was filled with suspense, making the centennial ballet production all the more dramatic. The outcome hinged on a decision by a single legislator, Harry T. Burn of McMinn County, who changed his mind at the last minute to side with the suffrage movement.

"It's said that he was swayed by a letter from his mother convincing him to change

his vote," says Patterson.

The ballet explores themes of human rights, civic responsibility and the ongoing battle for a more equitable society through the lens of the women's suffrage movement.

"We said a lot in rehearsals, 'Yes, 72 steps, but there's maybe 72,000 more to go,'" Patterson says. "We take one step at a time; and small steps of progress are good," she adds.

The digital presentation aligns with and complements state curriculum for middle school history classes.

Project co-chairs Cindee Gold and Debby Gould explain why they chose the medium of dance to mark the 100th anniversary.

"For many of us as young girls, ballet was one of the few acceptable outlets we had to express our athleticism and creativity," they explain. "Dancers are beautiful, but it is their strength that is crucial to their success, as so it is with all women."

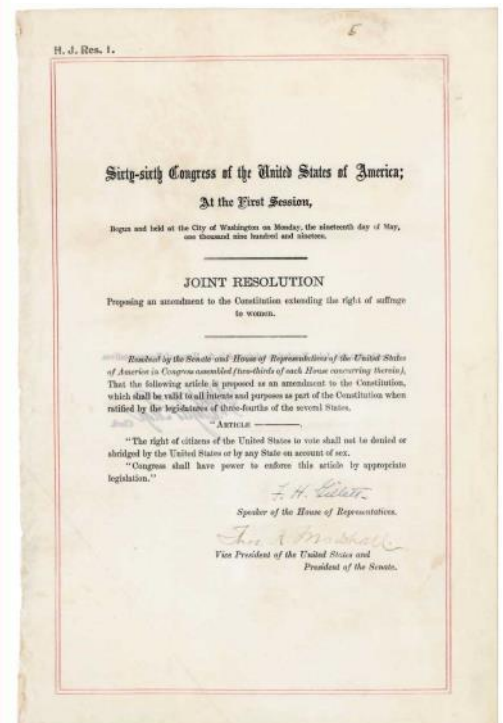
For Patterson, it all comes back to inspiring the next generation.

"I think it's really important for young people especially to know that one vote can make a difference — and to not take for granted the right to vote because their voices really do matter."

The performance is free, thanks to generous sponsor support provided by the League of Women Voters of Nashville. To receive a link to watch, sign up at nashvilleballet.com.

19TH AMENDMENT Women's Right to Vote Passed by Congress June 4, 1919. Ratified August 18, 1920

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."



Tennessee became the Perfect 36. That is, it became the final state needed to ratify the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote in America.

Tea and Justice Virtual Tea Party

Register now for Tea and Justice

Prepare a cup of tea in your favorite cup and come enjoy conversation and community with a panel discussion and small breakout tea parties with women across the country.

THE 19TH AMENDMENT WAS AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE FOR WOMEN'S EQUALITY

...But the 19th Amendment was not the finish line!

Voting rights trailed for years for many minorities.
Though African American women were included in the 19th Amendment,
many could not freely exercise the right until the Voting Rights Act of 1965
banned racially discriminatory voting practices.

This disparity is echoed today with the ongoing movements
for justice and equality nationally and globally.

Join as we reflect on progress since the suffrage movement to the justice movements of today.

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Thistle Farms 5122 Charlotte Pike Nashville, TN 37209



Tennessee Performing Arts Center Her Flag: A Suffrage Celebration

Tuesday, August 18
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Join TPAC for a live look-in via Zoom as artist and activist **Marilyn Artus** sews the final stripe of her nationwide *Her Flag* art project to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment and voting rights for women in the United States. As Artus completes the project in War Memorial Auditorium, near the State Capitol where a historic tie-breaking vote made Tennessee the final and deciding state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, TPAC's **Kristin Horsley** will lead a discussion about the long fight for women's voting rights and where it stands 100 years later. Horsley will be joined by **Debbie Gould** (League of Women's Voters of Nashville), **Andrea Blackman** (Special Collections, Nashville Public Library), **Rebecca Price** (Chick History), and Tennessee artist **Higgins Bond** to celebrate the completion and final reveal of Artus' project.

A link to the discussion will be emailed to you after you make a reservation.



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