



Happy spring! This month, Mrs. Garrett becomes Mrs. Jacobs, Baltimore Concert Opera in the ballroom, the upcoming Heritage Dinner, and Taste & Tour.

### Upcoming Events at the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion

**April 5 (Friday):** Baltimore Concert Opera/Artists in Residence. *Scalia/Ginsburg & Trial by Jury* (7:30 pm). Tickets available through Baltimore Concert Opera.

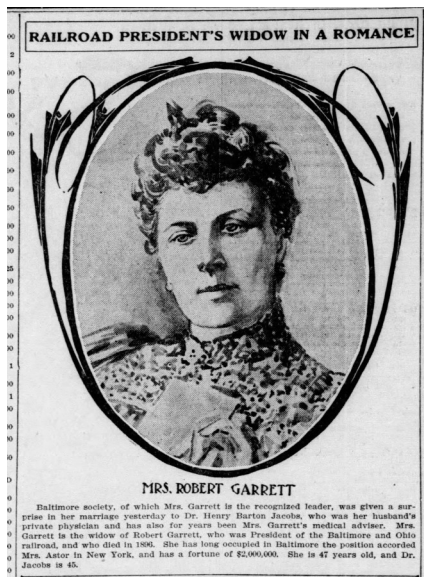
**April 7 (Sunday):** Baltimore Concert Opera/Artists in Residence. *Scalia/Ginsburg & Trial by Jury* (3:00 pm). Tickets available through Baltimore Concert Opera.

**April 9 (Tuesday):** Taste & Tour (6:00 pm to 7:00 pm).

**May 14 (Tuesday):** Taste & Tour (6:00 pm to 7:00 pm)

**May 17 (Friday):** Heritage Dinner (6:00 pm cocktails, 7:00 pm dinner)

**May 23 (Thursday):** Arias & Ales: Baltimore Concert Opera's popular Thirsty Thursday concert series returns! (7:30 pm) Tickets available through Baltimore Concert Opera.



### Mrs. Garrett Weds

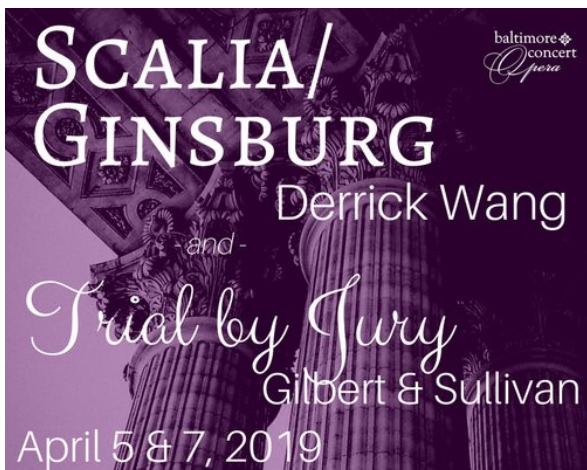
In April of 1902, Baltimore society was caught off guard when Mrs. Mary Frick Garrett, the widow of B&O Railroad President Robert Garrett, quietly married her family physician, Dr. Henry Barton Jacobs. While the event came as a surprise, the city's upper crust had noted their friendship. One suspicious acquaintance even boldly asked if an engagement between the two would be announced. Mrs. Garrett responded that no announcement would be made. True to her word, there was no announcement. Instead, Mrs. Garrett donned a pink silk dress and rode her carriage to Grace Protestant Episcopal Church (now Grace & St. Peters), where she and Dr. Jacobs were wed with little fanfare.

The two had met years before, when Dr. Jacobs moved from Boston to Baltimore in the 1880s to serve as the ailing Robert Garrett's private physician (Mr. Garrett died in 1896). In light of chatter about their relationship, Baltimore newspapers were quick to point out Dr. Jacobs' "distinguished" ancestry (he was descended from at least seven Mayflower passengers). Reporters also stressed the agreement signed by both parties that separated their respective assets—Dr. Jacobs was not marrying one of America's richest women for her money.

The marriage was reported in newspapers across the country, and even luminaries like J.P. Morgan had something to say. "My my," he reportedly told friends. "What do you think? Mrs. Garrett has married." But it was her own household that was the most taken aback. Before leaving for the ceremony, Mary Frick informed her longtime secretary, A.B. Crane, of her nuptials and directed him to tell the staff. According to the *Baltimore Sun*, the news "reduced the household to an utter state of collapse," with Mary Frick's head housekeeper opining that she was "too dazed to even congratulate or wish her happiness or even suggest her having lunch."

## Heritage Dinner Set for May 17

Did you know the first Heritage Dinner took place in 1967 with the intention of raising funds to restore and update the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion? Help continue this tradition and support the efforts of the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund at this black-tie event. Tickets start at \$105 and include a cocktail hour and passed hors d'oeuvres, a five-course dinner with wine pairings, and an after-dinner whiskies and cordials. Visit [esb.org](http://esb.org) to register and learn more.



## BCO Presents Two Legally Minded Operas

Order in the court! Baltimore Concert Opera presents a judicial two-parter. Derrick Wang's *Scalia/Ginsburg* is a witty glimpse into the unlikely friendship between U.S. Supreme Court Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Antonin Scalia. Meanwhile, Gilbert and Sullivan's 1875 operetta *Trial by Jury* is a laugh-out-loud farce about a court case in which the defendant is accused of breaching his promise to marry the plaintiff.

Go to Baltimore Concert Opera at [baltimoreconcertopera.com](http://baltimoreconcertopera.com) for reservations, menu, and other details (dining options are available). Engineers Club members receive 10% off (contact [J@esb.org](mailto:J@esb.org) for the discount code).

## Enjoy a Cocktail and Some History with "Taste & Tour"

Indulge in some Baltimore history and a tasty cocktail at our monthly "Taste & Tour." Learn about mansion architects Stanford White and John Russell Pope, the Garrett family and their ties with the B&O Railroad, the prized book collection of Dr. Henry Barton Jacobs, and the woman who ties it all together, Mary Frick Garrett Jacobs. Join us Tuesday, March 12, at 6:00 pm for a historical stroll, drink in hand. Purchase your tickets at [EventBrite.com](http://EventBrite.com) (search "Garrett Jacobs").



## Arias & Ales:

### Thirsty Thursdays at the Opera

The popular Baltimore Concert Opera series, Thirsty Thursdays at the Opera, returns Thursday, May 23. Topflight professional singers will perform operatic highlights paired with energetic and informative commentary and fun facts about themselves. Each performance features beer, wine, or whiskey tastings

interspersed throughout the evening, specially planned to go with the music. Enjoy a casual, relaxed evening in the mansion's Grand Ballroom. Admission is \$29 and includes tasting and music. Tickets are available at [baltimoreconcertopera.com](http://baltimoreconcertopera.com) or call (443) 445-0226.

**The Friends of the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion** is the membership, cultural, and educational arm of the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund. Programming offered by the Friends includes tours, lectures, and interpretive and educational activities. Join us as we explore the range and diversity of Baltimore's late 19th and early 20th century history. Visit [esb.org](http://esb.org) and select "Garrett-Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund" for more information.

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