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2023-2024

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SEASON 38

Ofrenda: A Día de los Muertos Celebration  
October 27, 2023

## Dear Patrons,

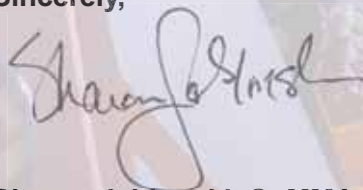
What a great year for CoMMA! Just over 23,000 people walked through the doors to see a variety of great shows. Hundreds of citizens participated in a Masterplan and Visioning process resulting in a Council-adopted plan for investments in CoMMA. Phases 1 and 2 of the 3-phase plan include larger seats, improved handicapped accessible seating mid-auditorium, new audio and video systems and back of house improvements including a new loading dock, offices, storage space, dressing room upgrades and more! Phase 3 will come later and will address all front of house needs, including restrooms, improved handicap accessibility, fixture upgrades and a new multi-use performance space.

Please enjoy our new Season Brochure, complete with a pull out calendar. As you thumb through the booklet, note there are three different colors and event types at the bottom of each page. Red denotes MainStage shows for Season Ticket Holders. ONLY the shows in RED denoted as Main Stage make up the Season Package, which secures the same seat for each show. Those marked as MainStage shows are also the ONLY ones you can use the Pick-Your-Own and save. Blue denotes the Cabaret Series, a more intimate evening that places both the audience and the show on stage. Purple denotes Special Events that CoMMA is hosting. The Cabaret Series and Special Events are sold as single ticket purchases only.

For newcomers, we have added a Frequently Asked Questions page to help guide you and make you feel comfortable upon arrival at the Performing Arts Center. At all shows over 600 tickets, A-Frame Parking signs will direct you to overflow parking sites. Check your emails for updates on performance nights so you know before you go what to expect with parking.

As always, I thank you and the sponsors in this brochure for your support and look forward to seeing everyone at CoMMA for the upcoming Season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon Jablonski". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue rectangular background.

Sharon Jablonski, CoMMA Director



## MainStage

SEASON  
PACKAGE

**Returning Season Package Subscribers: On Sale July 31, 2023**  
**New Season Package Subscribers: On Sale August 7, 2023**  
**\$425 (savings of 35% over Tier 1 Single Tickets)**  
**Sales begin at 8am in person/by phone**



## Pick-Your-Own\*

SEASON  
PACKAGE

**Purchase 3+ MainStage Shows - Enjoy 10% off Regular Price Ticket**  
**Purchase 5+ MainStage Shows - Enjoy 15% off Regular Price Ticket**  
**Purchase 7+ MainStage Shows - Enjoy 20% off Regular Price Ticket**  
**On Sale August 14, 2023**  
**Sales begin at 8am in person/by phone**



SINGLE  
TICKETS

**On Sale August 14, 2023 at 8am**



**\* Pick-Your-Own discounts do not apply to Cabaret Series, Special Events, Rental Events, or Youth/Group Tickets. Discount applies only to base cost of ticket (not facility fee). Please call or visit the Box Office to purchase. Pick-Your-Own Discounts are not available online.**

## HOW TO ORDER

- In Person - Tickets may be purchased at the CoMMA Box Office  
401 South College Street, Morganton, NC 28655  
Hours are Mon.-Fri., 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Online – [www.commaonline.org](http://www.commaonline.org)
- By Phone - Call the CoMMA Box Office at 828-433-7469  
Or 800-939-7469 \*TDD: NCRELAY-711
- Service/Mailing - Facility Fee: \$1.50 - \$3.00 per ticket  
(included in advertised brochure prices)
- Mailing Fee - \$1.00 per order  
All tickets are subject to 6.75% NC sales tax.

# BLOGS

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## CONCESSIONS

Light snacks and beverages are available for you to enjoy while viewing our performances.



### Beer- \$5

Stella  
Modelo  
Austin Eastciders  
Blood Orange Cider



### Non-Alcoholic Beverages - \$3

Pepsi/Diet Pepsi  
Mtn Dew Diet Mtn Dew  
Dr Pepper/ Diet Dr Pepper  
Starry  
Bottled Water



### Wine - Single Serve - \$6

Santa Julia Chardonnay  
Santa Julia Malbec  
Underwood Pinot Gris  
Underwood Pinot Noir  
Prosecco



### Wine - 1/2 Bottle - \$20

Brands Vary



### Snacks - \$2

Snickers Bar  
Goldfish Crackers  
Lays Potato Chips  
Tic Tacs Mints

### Merrill Mischief Candies (Variety) - \$3

Please note that inventory and pricing is subject to change

## SUMMER THEATRE CAMP



### 3rd Annual Summer Theatre Camp

July 17-21, & July 24-28, 2023

Call the box office for details

Camp Instructors and Camp Assistants:  
(Standing, Left to right) – Marny Pritchard,  
Georgia Wood, Taylor Van Harken,  
Keshia Nichols, Gracie Mode, Abby Koon,  
Marcia Potts, Donnie Banks  
(Front row) –Meredith Potter,  
Susan Cato-Chapman, Derek Long





# Georgia Players Guild

## The Sounds of Georgia A Revue of Georgia's Musical History

Thursday | September 28, 2023 | 7:30pm

[georgiaplayersguild.com](http://georgiaplayersguild.com)

In one night of music, experience the best Macon-based soul artists such as Little Richard, Ray Charles, James Brown and Otis Redding. Take a ride on the Chattahoochee by enjoying hits from Alan Jackson, Travis Tritt and the Zach Brown Band. Get lost in the powerful musical moments of the Allman Brothers and Atlanta Rhythm Section. Feel the angst of the 80s from Athens with bands like R.E.M and the B-52s.

From the influential unsung heros that played a Stratocaster upside down and left handed (Johnny Jenkins, who was Jimi Hendrix's main influence) to the reformed rhythms that became the Black Crowes, don't miss a show that really brings the musical history together in a vibrant performance...much like the vibrant red clay Georgia is best known for.

“Sounds of Georgia” is a product of The Georgia Players Guild - an agency of touring tribute shows across the country. Since 2014, they have staged hundreds of performances of over 30 different shows, paying tribute to over half a century of iconic music. No matter the band or genre, they go beyond just getting the songs right, seeking to make the experience true to the original.



\*Preshow Reception begins at 6pm for season ticket holders / 6:30pm for single ticket holders.  
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Tier 1  
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Tier 2  
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# Damn Tall Buildings

Thursday | October 5, 2023 | 7:30pm

[damntallbuildings.com](http://damntallbuildings.com)

Whether sharing lead vocals and instrumental solos or blending their voices into loose, joyous harmony, the three members of Damn Tall Buildings (guitarist/lead vocalist Max Capistran, bassist/lead vocalist Sasha Dubyk, and fiddler/vocalist Avery Ballotta) blend elements of bluegrass, blues, roots-rock and vintage swing to create a captivating, high-energy sound. Since their busking days, they've made three albums: 2014's *Cure-All*, 2015's self-titled, and their forthcoming third album, *Don't Look Down*.

*"The Carter Family for the millennial generation....."*  
(*The Boston Globe*)

[commaonline.org](http://commaonline.org)

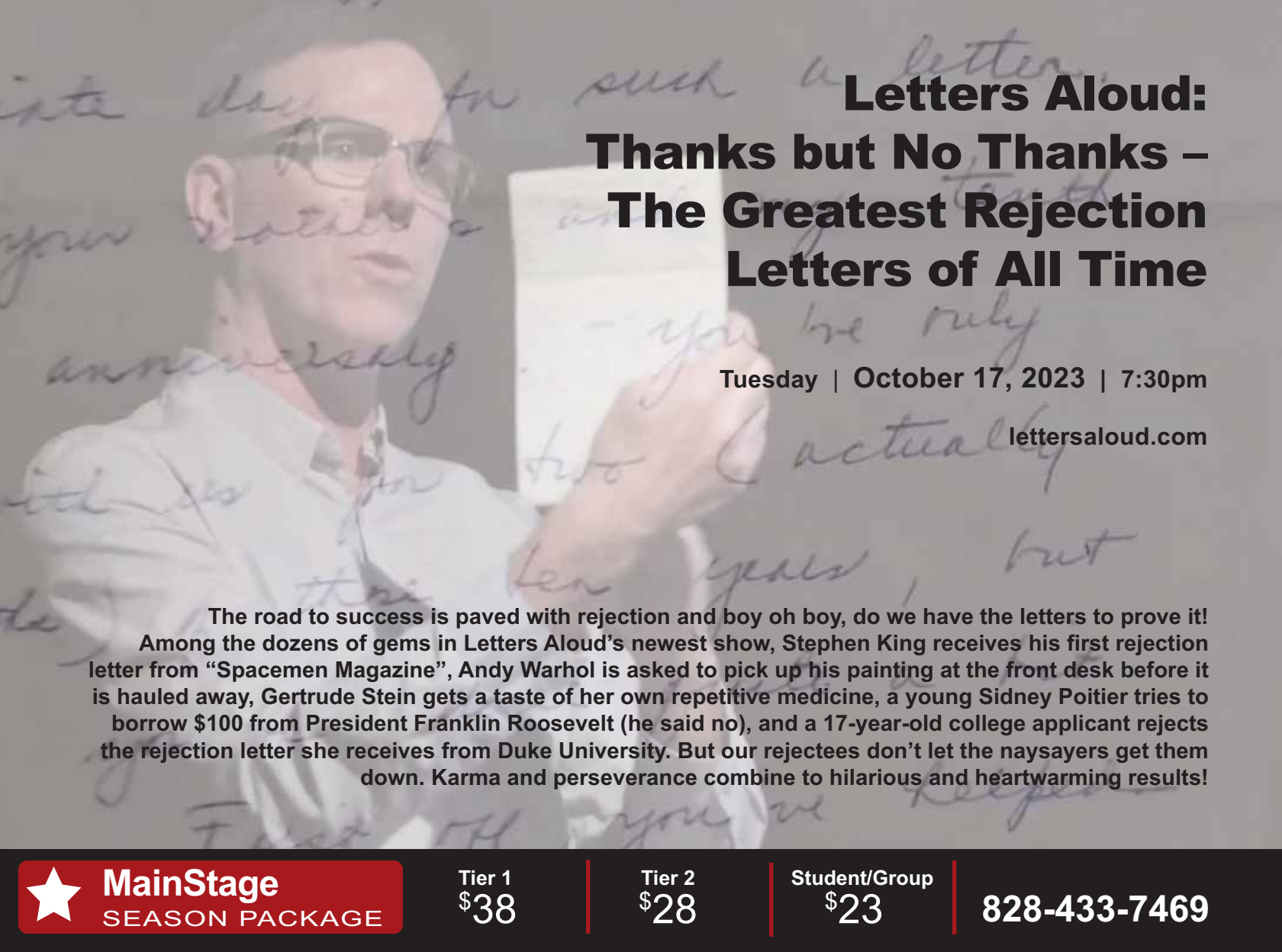
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A man with glasses is shown from the chest up, looking down at a letter he is holding. The background is a wall covered in handwritten cursive text, which is faded and serves as a backdrop for the event title. The text on the wall includes phrases like "into day for such a letter", "you rather a", "anniversary", "two (actually", "ten years, but", and "Fast off you're helping".

# Letters Aloud: Thanks but No Thanks – The Greatest Rejection Letters of All Time

Tuesday | October 17, 2023 | 7:30pm

[lettersaloud.com](https://lettersaloud.com)

The road to success is paved with rejection and boy oh boy, do we have the letters to prove it! Among the dozens of gems in Letters Aloud's newest show, Stephen King receives his first rejection letter from "Spacemen Magazine", Andy Warhol is asked to pick up his painting at the front desk before it is hauled away, Gertrude Stein gets a taste of her own repetitive medicine, a young Sidney Poitier tries to borrow \$100 from President Franklin Roosevelt (he said no), and a 17-year-old college applicant rejects the rejection letter she receives from Duke University. But our rejectees don't let the naysayers get them down. Karma and perseverance combine to hilarious and heartwarming results!



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# Ofrenda: A Dia de los Muertos Celebration

## Featuring Ballet Folklórico de Los Angeles and Mariachi Garibaldi

Friday | October 27, 2023 | 7:30pm

[folkloricolosangeles.com](http://folkloricolosangeles.com)  
[mariachigaribaldi.net](http://mariachigaribaldi.net)

One of Mexico's most beloved holidays, Dia de los Muertos celebrates the lives of loved ones who have passed on by building an Ofrenda, a home altar decorated with a collection of objects, candles, marigold flowers and photos of our dearly departed. Ofrenda: A Dia de los Muertos Celebration features traditional music and dance from different regions, including "La Bruja" from Veracruz, "Dance de Tare Ambakitis" from Nayarit, as well as the amazing music from the Disney movie "Coco". All this is interspersed with tributes to great Mexican artists such as Juan Gabriel, Selena, Jose Infante, and Alejandro Fernandez. The live Mariachi and original traditional costumes all contribute to create an unforgettable visual and musical experience. Ofrenda is a show for the entire family. Entertaining and fun for the kids, moving and exciting for the adults, sweet and filled with memories for our Abuelitas and Abuelitos.

\*Complimentary face painting by Bella Brush Face Painting and  
Complimentary cookies by Emma's Cookie Creations.  
Beginning at 6pm for season ticket holders / 6:30pm for single ticket holders.

Tier 1  
\$68

Tier 2  
\$58

Student/Group  
\$53

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# Jen Kober

## Power Hour of Stand-Up Comedy!

Thursday | November 9, 2023 | 7:30pm

[jenkober.com](http://jenkober.com)

Jen Kober is originally from Lake Charles, LA, and has energetically bounded onto the national stage bringing crowds to their feet with her original blend of stand-up, storytelling, and improvised rock-n-roll comedy. Her hard-hitting hour is phenomenally funny as Kober commands the stage and dares you not to laugh.

Jen was the 2017 Winner of NPR's Snap Judgement Comedic Performance of the Year for her Girl Scout Cookie Caper story, which went viral upon its release earlier that year. Kober received the 2018 Comedic Performance of the Year for her story titled Nana vs. OJ.



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Tier 1  
**\$38**

Tier 2  
**\$28**

Student/Group  
**\$23**

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# Pretty Woman: The Musical

Thursday | November 30, 2023 | 7:30pm

[prettywomanthemusical.com](http://prettywomanthemusical.com)

PRETTY WOMAN: THE MUSICAL, based on one of Hollywood's most beloved romantic stories of all time, springs to life with a powerhouse creative team led by two-time Tony Award®-winning director and choreographer Jerry Mitchell (*Hairspray*, *Kinky Boots*, *Legally Blonde*).

PRETTY WOMAN: THE MUSICAL features an original score by Grammy® winner Bryan Adams and Jim Vallance ("Summer of '69", "Heaven"), and a book by the movie's legendary director Garry Marshall and screenwriter J. F. Lawton. PRETTY WOMAN: THE MUSICAL will lift your spirits and light up your heart.

"If you love the movie, you'll love the musical!"  
(BuzzFeed News)

Are you ready to fall in love all over again?

\*Pretty Woman The Musical Hamburg Production.  
Photo by: Morris Mac Matzen

[commaonline.org](http://commaonline.org)

Tier 1  
\$78

Tier 2  
\$68

Student/Group  
\$63

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# Walk your way through Nature's Playground!



## Martha's Park



1

All in walking  
distance from the  
Fairfield Inn & Suites!



## Catawba Meadows Park



2

## Martin Luther King Jr. Park



3



# American Pride - Remembering the Music of the Legendary Statler Brothers

Thursday | December 7, 2023 | 7:30pm

[americanpridecountry.us](http://americanpridecountry.us)

Relive the musical memories of The Statler Brothers through American Pride! They have captured the true authenticity of The Statler Brothers sound, keeping the legacy alive and promoting traditional country music.

Just as The Statler Brothers had two members who are actually brothers, Harold and Don Reid, so does American Pride, as Mike and Jimmy Whetsel are also brothers. Both the Reid Brothers and the Whetsel brothers have a life-long love for Southern Gospel quartet music, and still find that audiences at all venues cannot help but clap their hands and pat their feet to "I'll Fly Away" or "Heaven's Jubilee."

\*Preshow Reception begins at 6pm for season ticket holders / 6:30pm for single ticket holders.



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# Landau Eugene Murphy, Jr.

Friday | January 19, 2024 | 7:30pm

[Landaumurphyjr.com](http://Landaumurphyjr.com)

Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. first burst onto the national conscience as the Sinatra-and-Soul singing season six winner of NBC TV's "America's Got Talent" with his incredible voice, undeniable charisma and unparalleled showmanship. And a decade later, he's still going strong.

Seeing Landau in concert is a revelation; backed by the dynamic Landau Big Band, you'll always hear swinging arrangements of Great American Songbook classics from Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Nat 'King' Cole and many more, along with a dusting of that special Motown Magic that is sure to move your feet and make you sing along.



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Student/Group  
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# Annie

Tuesday | January 30, 2024 | 7:30pm

Holding onto hope when times are tough can take an awful lot of determination, and sometimes, an awful lot of determination comes in a surprisingly small package. Little Orphan Annie has reminded generations of theatergoers that sunshine is always right around the corner, and now the best-loved musical of all time is set to return in a new production – just as you remember it and just when we need it most.

Annie, directed by Jenn Thompson, features the iconic book and score, written by Tony Award®-winners Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse and Martin Charnin. This celebration of family, optimism and the American spirit remains the ultimate cure for all the hard knocks life throws your way.

*“One of the best family musicals ever penned!”*  
*Chicago Tribune*

\*Ellie Pulsifer as Annie and Addison as Sandy in the 2022 company of ANNIE.  
Photo by: Matthew Murphy and Evan Zimmerman for MurphyMade



[commaonline.org](http://commaonline.org)

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# 2023 Performance Calendar



September						Friday <b>1</b>	Saturday <b>2</b>
	Sunday <b>3</b>	Monday <b>4</b>	Tuesday <b>5</b>	Wednesday <b>6</b>	Thursday <b>7</b>	Friday <b>8</b>	Saturday <b>9</b>
	Sunday <b>10</b>	Monday <b>11</b>	Tuesday <b>12</b>	Wednesday <b>13</b>	Thursday <b>14</b>	Friday <b>15</b>	Saturday <b>16</b>
	Sunday <b>17</b>	Monday <b>18</b>	Tuesday <b>19</b>	Wednesday <b>20</b>	Thursday <b>21</b>	Friday <b>22</b>	Saturday <b>23</b>
	Sunday <b>24</b>	Monday <b>25</b>	Tuesday <b>26</b>	Wednesday <b>27</b>	<b>Georgia Players 7:30 pm</b>	Friday <b>29</b>	Saturday <b>30</b>

November				Wednesday <b>1</b>	Thursday <b>2</b>	Friday <b>3</b>	Saturday <b>4</b>
	Sunday <b>5</b>	Monday <b>6</b>	Tuesday <b>7</b>	Wednesday <b>8</b>	<b>Jen Kober 7:30 pm</b>	Friday <b>10</b>	Saturday <b>11</b>
	Sunday <b>12</b>	Monday <b>13</b>	Tuesday <b>14</b>	Wednesday <b>15</b>	Thursday <b>16</b>	Friday <b>17</b>	Saturday <b>18</b>
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	Sunday <b>26</b>	Monday <b>27</b>	Tuesday <b>28</b>	Wednesday <b>29</b>	<b>Pretty Woman: The Musical 7:30 pm</b>		

October	Sunday <b>1</b>	Monday <b>2</b>	Tuesday <b>3</b>	Wednesday <b>4</b>	<b>Damm Tall Buildings 7:30 pm</b>	Friday <b>6</b>	Saturday <b>7</b>
	Sunday <b>8</b>	Monday <b>9</b>	Tuesday <b>10</b>	Wednesday <b>11</b>	Thursday <b>12</b>	Friday <b>13</b>	Saturday <b>14</b>
	Sunday <b>15</b>	Monday <b>16</b>	<b>Letters Aloud 7:30 pm</b>	Wednesday <b>18</b>	Thursday <b>19</b>	Friday <b>20</b>	Saturday <b>21</b>
	Sunday <b>22</b>	Monday <b>23</b>	Tuesday <b>24</b>	Wednesday <b>25</b>	Thursday <b>26</b>	<b>Ofrenda 7:30 pm</b>	Saturday <b>28</b>
	Sunday <b>29</b>	Monday <b>30</b>	Tuesday <b>31</b>				

December						Friday <b>1</b>	Saturday <b>2</b>
	Sunday <b>3</b>	Monday <b>4</b>	Tuesday <b>5</b>	Wednesday <b>6</b>	<b>American Pride 7:30 pm</b>	Friday <b>8</b>	Saturday <b>9</b>
	Sunday <b>10</b>	Monday <b>11</b>	Tuesday <b>12</b>	Wednesday <b>13</b>	Thursday <b>14</b>	Friday <b>15</b>	Saturday <b>16</b>
	<b>Nutcraker 2 pm &amp; 6 pm</b>	Monday <b>18</b>	Tuesday <b>19</b>	Wednesday <b>20</b>	<b>Joseph Hasty &amp; Centepiece Jazz 7:30 pm</b>	Friday <b>22</b>	Saturday <b>23</b>
	<b>24</b>	Monday <b>25</b>	Tuesday <b>26</b>	Wednesday <b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	Friday <b>29</b>	Saturday <b>30</b>
Sunday <b>31</b>							



2024 Performance Calendar

January		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Annie</b> 7:30 pm	<b>31</b>				

**Landau Eugene Murphy, Jr.**  
7:30 pm

**Annie**  
7:30 pm

March						Friday	Saturday
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>31</b>							

**Peking Acrobats**  
7:30 pm

February					Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>				

**Johnny Cash Concert Experience**  
3 pm

**Push Physical Theatre**  
7:30 pm

April		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					

**Les Ballet Trockadero**  
7:30 pm

**Alfreda Sings Aretha**  
7:30 pm

**Dasan Ahanu**  
7:30 pm

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# Johnny Cash

## The Official Concert Experience

Sunday | February 25, 2024 | 3:00pm

[johnnycash.com](http://johnnycash.com)

### JOHNNY CASH – THE OFFICIAL CONCERT EXPERIENCE

brings songs and stories from the “Man in Black” to the stage in a way that audiences haven’t seen or heard before. With video of Johnny from episodes of The Johnny Cash TV Show projected on a screen above the stage, a live band and singers will accompany him in perfect sync. This concert experience will showcase iconic performances from the TV show and highlight the spirit of the legend by revisiting some of his memorable words and anecdotes. Cash will perform some of his biggest hits, including “Folsom Prison Blues,” “Ring of Fire,” and “I Walk the Line,” and share stories of people he met along the way whose causes he championed – the working man from all walks of life. Plus, onstage male and female singers will split vocal duties performing their own takes on Cash hits. The music never stops in this concert event!

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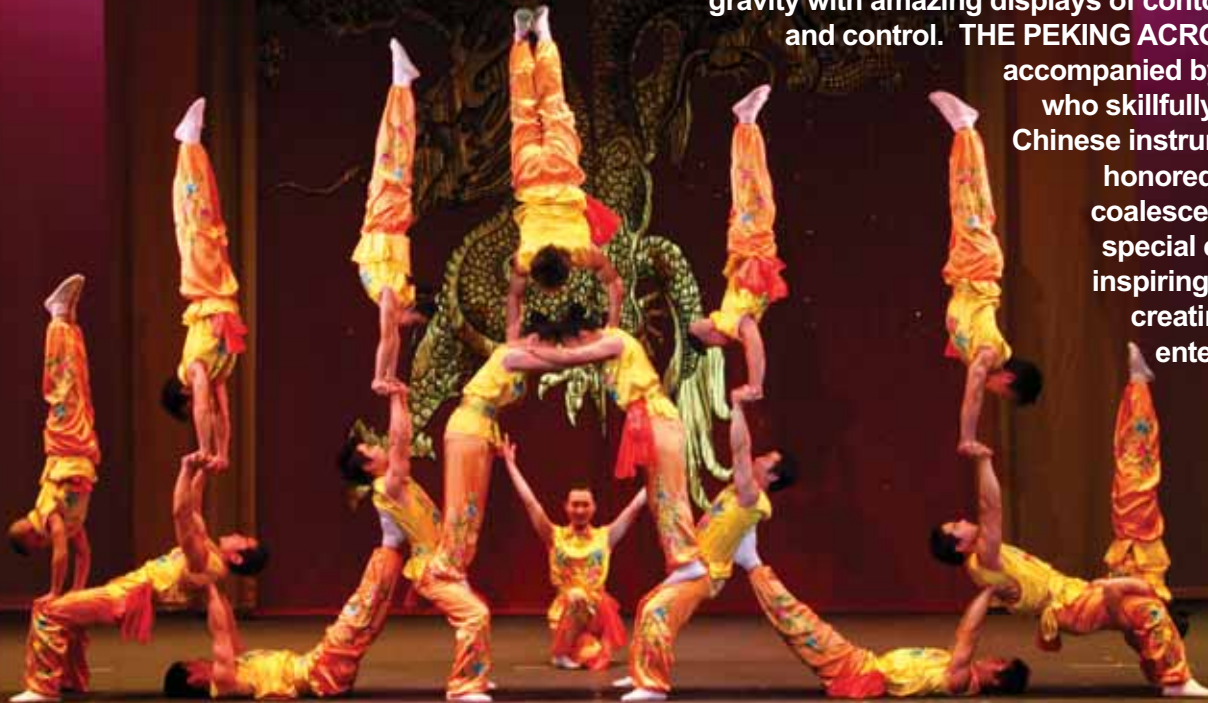
 [WWW.FOOTHILLSFAMILYDERMATOLOGY.COM](http://WWW.FOOTHILLSFAMILYDERMATOLOGY.COM)

 109 E. Fleming Dr., Suite 106  
Morganton, NC 28655

# The Peking Acrobats

Tuesday | March 12, 2024 | 7:30pm

For the last thirty-two years, THE PEKING ACROBATS® have redefined audience perceptions of Chinese acrobatics. They perform daring maneuvers atop a precarious pagoda of chairs and display their technical prowess at such arts as trick-cycling, precision tumbling, juggling, somersaulting, and gymnastics. They push the limits of human ability, defying gravity with amazing displays of contortion, flexibility, and control. THE PEKING ACROBATS are often accompanied by live musicians who skillfully play traditional Chinese instruments; the time-honored Chinese music coalesces with high-tech special effects and awe-inspiring acrobatic feats, creating an exuberant entertainment event with the festive pageantry of a Chinese Carnival.



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# Les Ballet Trockadero de Monte Carlo

Tuesday | April 9, 2024 | 7:30pm

[trockadero.org](http://trockadero.org)

Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo, the world's foremost all-male comic ballet company, brings its internationally beloved troupe of dancers to CoMMA as part of its landmark 50th anniversary season featuring gems from across the company's groundbreaking repertoire.

Founded in New York City in 1974, the company, affectionately known as the Trocks, has grown from its roots in late-late shows in off-off Broadway lofts to a global touring sensation, performing from Tokyo to Toronto and everywhere in between. The company dances en travesti with razor-sharp wit and breathtaking pointe work, performing polished parodies of works that span the classical ballet canon. Revered by ballet aficionados as well as by those who don't know a plié from a jeté, the Trocks are *"a guaranteed hoot for people who know nothing of ballet and an absolute must for those who think they know the originals."*  
-Sydney Star Observer

\*Photo by: Sascha Vaughn

Tier 1  
\$68

Tier 2  
\$58

Student/Group  
\$53

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# Alfreda Sings Aretha!

Friday | April 19, 2024 | 7:30pm

[alfredagerald.com](http://alfredagerald.com)

Born in Morganton, NC Alfreda Gerald is an international singing powerhouse who has performed with Cher, Celine Dion, Sir Elton John, Whitney Houston, Yanni, Warren Haynes, and many others! Showcasing an incredible wealth of stage experience, Alfreda has performed shows throughout the world, singing at some of the most preeminent venues on earth, including Royal Albert hall, Madison Square Garden, Sydney Opera House, The Acropolis, and even the mighty Wembley Stadium....and now we are bringing her back home to MORGANTON!

“Alfreda Sings Aretha!” combines Alfreda’s soaring vocals with three female backup singers, a four-piece rhythm section and three-piece horn section.



\*Preshow Reception begins at 6pm for season ticket holders / 6:30pm for single ticket holders.



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# A Winter Solstice and Christmas Jazz Concert Featuring Joseph Hasty & Centerpiece Jazz

Thursday | December 21, 2023 | 7:30pm

[josephhasty.com](http://josephhasty.com)

In a musical career that has spanned over 30 years, Joseph Hasty's extensive performing experience has carried him to stages in America, Australia and Europe – where he lived for seven years. A three-time recipient of the Regional Artist Grant awarded through the North Carolina Arts Council, Joseph is a gifted performer who displays talents as a composer and arranger.

Centerpiece Jazz has been pleasing audiences for over a decade with their unique arrangements of Holiday and Christmas classics. Featuring Geoff Clapp (drums), Andy Page (guitar), Zack Page (bass) and Rick Hefner (sax), this concert is sure to put you in the Holiday spirit.



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# Push Physical Theatre – Generic Male

Friday | February 16, 2024 | 7:30pm

[Pushtheatre.org](http://Pushtheatre.org)

A masculinity satire by two well-meaning fools – arguing, dancing, and clinging to the status-quo characteristics of men.

Hilarious hijinks ensue as they examine assumptions that go unquestioned until they are spoken aloud. It's about fathers and sons, war and death, and... James Bond.

We hope it will empower people to speak up and begin to have the conversation that our characters can't.

**Explosive...Athletic...Physical Theatre!**

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# Dasan Ahanu

Tuesday | April 30, 2024 | 7:30pm

[dasanahanu.com](http://dasanahanu.com)

A self-described introvert with a very public profession, Dasan Ahanu is a cultural organizer, performing artist, and scholar. His work focuses on critical writing, creative writing, hip-hop, and popular culture. He is a visiting professor at UNC-Chapel Hill, an alumnus of Harvard University's Nasir Jones Fellowship, and the 2023 Piedmont Laureate. Dasan notes that creative artistry is embedded in the fabric of North Carolina and shows an incredible commitment to his home state. He has served various artistic leadership roles and consistently reinvests his talents. His writing has been published extensively, he has performed across the country, and he is the author of four poetry collections.

Wednesday | May 1, 2024 | 9am

Spoken-Word Multimedia Lecture followed by Q&A with Dasan Ahanu. Free Event/Must Reserve ticket in advance.

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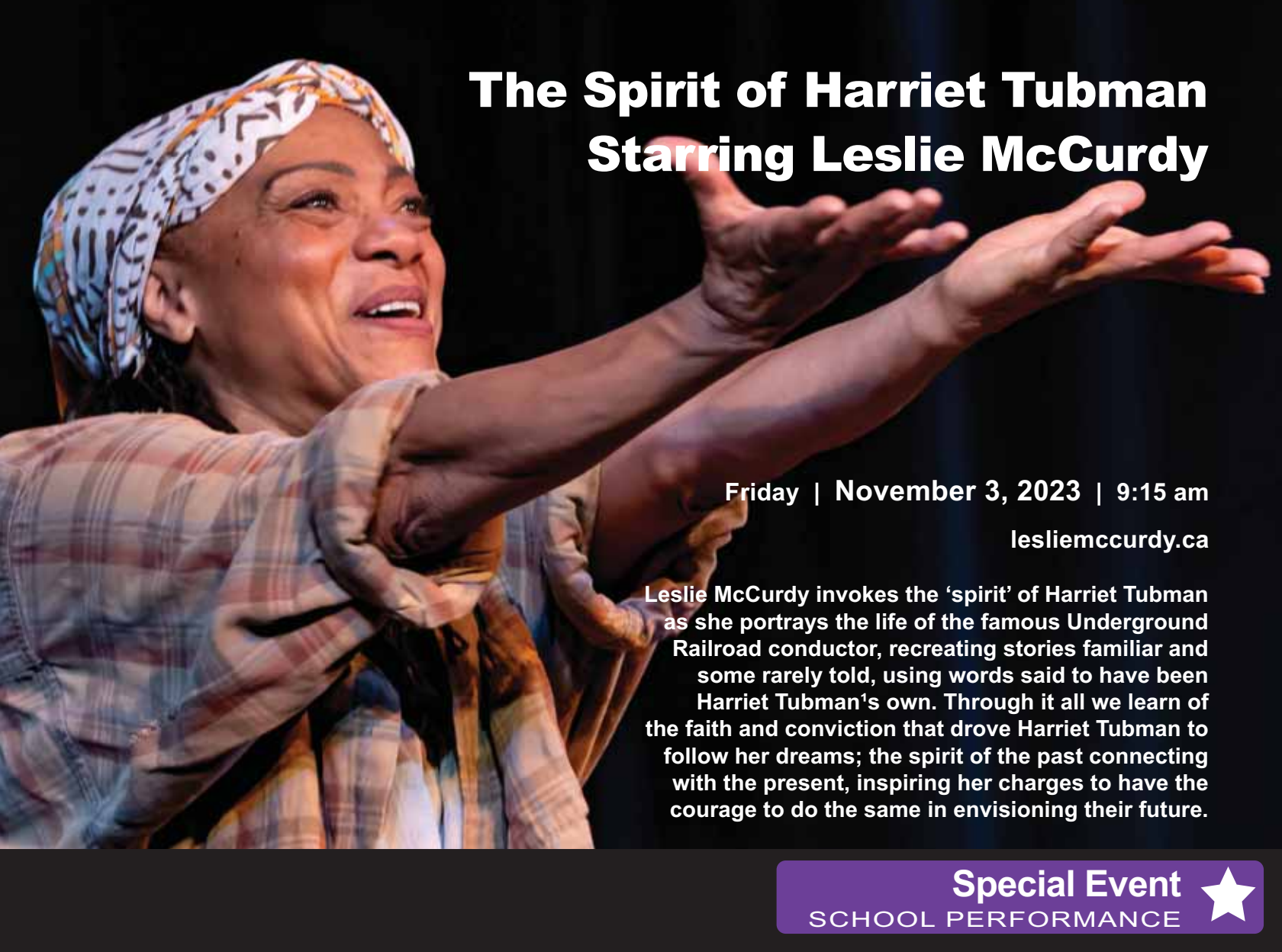


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# **The Spirit of Harriet Tubman** **Starring Leslie McCurdy**

**Friday | November 3, 2023 | 9:15 am**

**[lesliemccurdy.ca](http://lesliemccurdy.ca)**

**Leslie McCurdy invokes the 'spirit' of Harriet Tubman as she portrays the life of the famous Underground Railroad conductor, recreating stories familiar and some rarely told, using words said to have been Harriet Tubman's own. Through it all we learn of the faith and conviction that drove Harriet Tubman to follow her dreams; the spirit of the past connecting with the present, inspiring her charges to have the courage to do the same in envisioning their future.**

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# World Ballet Series: Nutcracker



Sunday | December 17, 2023 | 2:00pm & 6:00pm

[worldballetseries.com](http://worldballetseries.com)

Step into the magical world of the Nutcracker, coming to the CoMMA Performing Arts Center this Holiday Season! A part of the World Ballet Series, the Nutcracker is performed live by a multinational cast of 50 professional ballet dancers gathered to bring the most beloved holiday tradition to life. A family-friendly experience accompanied by Tchaikovsky's timeless score, over 150 hand-sewn costumes, hand-crafted sets and classic Marius Petipa choreography.

This fairytale will take you on a Christmas night adventure with Clara and the Nutcracker to the Land of Sweets. See the iconic Waltz of Flowers, and the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy, meet Mother Ginger and the Drosselmeyer.

Mark your calendars and snag your tickets early for this unforgettable experience!



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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **CAN I GET A REFUND OR EXCHANGE MY TICKETS?**

-This season we are relaxing our refund policy. If you cannot attend, contact us in advance of the event and we will credit your account for use on a future performance. Note – Credits cannot be issued post-event and applies only to CoMMA sponsored events.

### **WHAT TIME SHOULD I ARRIVE?**

-The CoMMA lobby opens one hour prior to all events. Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to curtain time.

### **DOES MY BABY/TODDLER/CHILD NEED A TICKET?**

-Yes, to help us keep in compliance with local fire codes, everyone must have a ticket.

### **I'VE LOST MY TICKETS. WHAT DO I DO?**

-Tickets may be re-printed at our box office. Call or visit the box office for assistance.

### **MY TICKETS INDICATE THAT THE SEATS SKIP A NUMBER. ARE MY SEATS SIDE BY SIDE?**

-Tickets purchased on either the left or right side of the theatre do indeed skip numbers, but not seats; this applies to both the Balcony and Orchestra levels. The Center section is numbered consecutively. The right side of the theatre is odd numbered, the left side is even numbered.

### **I NEED TO PURCHASE OR PICK UP 'WILL-CALL' TICKETS. WHERE DO I GO?**

-Purchase and pick up tickets at our box office, located just inside the main entrance, to the right. If you already have tickets in hand, or on your phone, please proceed straight into the lobby to check-in.

### **WHAT IF I ARRIVE AND THE PARKING LOT IS FULL, WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?**

-You may park directly across the street in the grass lot, or any on-street parking on the streets surrounding CoMMA. (see map)

## MEETING SPECIAL NEEDS

Striving to provide everyone the opportunity to enjoy performance events, CoMMA makes every effort to accommodate guests who have special needs and/or disabilities.

### ACCESSIBILITY

Parking, ramped entrance, wheelchair seating spaces with companion seating, and compliant restroom facilities are standard features.

### ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

FM headsets may be requested from the Box Office at no charge.

### VISION SEATING

Patrons with impaired vision may request special seating.

\*Subject to availability.

### SIGN INTERPRETATION

ASL interpretation for appropriate events will be provided at no expense to the patron. CoMMA requires a minimum of two weeks advance notice to secure sign interpretation services.

## PARKING MAP



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