

Individual Tickets to All Marshall Artists Series Events Available Monday, September 9

HUNTINGTON, WV – Individual Tickets for the Marshall Artists Series 2024 - 2025 season go on sale **Monday, September 9 at noon**. The 88th season of the series continues the Marshall Artists Series mission of nurturing a greater understanding of the arts and entertainment through diverse, exciting and educational programs. It is a full season jam-packed with music, Broadway musicals, a Christmas concert, film, distinguished speakers, and more!

The 2024-2025 lineup features the lively and sharp-witted **Mean Girls** Broadway musical, six-time Tony®-Award winning **Dear Evan Hansen**, **Mountain Stage** hosted by Kathy Mattea, and the holiday treat **Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder Christmas**. Additionally, the prestigious **Banff Mountain Film Festival** returns for another year of heart-pounding action, as well as the **International Film Festival** with four critically acclaimed films. The **Masters at Marshall Distinguished Speaker Series** returns for a second-year hosting conversations with West Virginia Native **Henry Louis Gates, Jr.**, as well as *New York Times* Bestselling author **Javier Zamora**.

Lastly, a special event, **Scandalous Stones with Douglas Chirnside** - an award-winning BBC documentary filmmaker - promises to share the secrets and scandals of the priceless jewels of the British Royal Family.

The 2024-2025 Season will feature:

Mountain Stage returns to Huntington to record a brand-new episode for NPR Music hosted by Grammy®-winning country music star **Kathy Mattea** on **Sunday, October 20, 2024**, at **7 p.m.** at the **Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center**. An assorted medley of musical styles will be featured, including Mississippi inspired north country blues from **JD Simo and Luther Dickinson**, Australian singer-songwriter **Paul Kelly's** blend of heartfelt lyrics and timeless folk-rock melodies, expert storytelling from **John Craigie**, fresh and innovative bluegrass from the **Kyle Tuttle Band**, and eclectic Appalachian roots sounds from Kentucky band **Wayne Graham**.

Direct from Broadway, **MEAN GIRLS** is the effortlessly hilarious hit musical from book writer TINA FEY. "Come sit with us" on **Wednesday, November 13, 2024**, at **7:30 p.m.** at the **Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center** as the sharp-witted and comedic high school drama comes to life. The story of a naïve newbie who falls prey to a trio of lionized

frenemies, MEAN GIRLS “delivers with immense energy, a wicked sense of humor and joyful inside-jokery.” *USA Today* says, “We’ll let you in on a little secret, because we’re such good friends: GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!”

The **Masters at Marshall Distinguished Speaker Series** second season kicks off with **A Conversation with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.** on **Friday, November 15, 2024**, at the **Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center** at **7:30 p.m.** A West Virginia native, Henry Louis Gates, Jr. is an Emmy® and Peabody Award-winning filmmaker, literary scholar, journalist, cultural critic, and institution builder. Known for his pioneering theories regarding African and African American literature, Gates continues to spearhead groundbreaking research at Harvard University. **Moderated by Marshall University President Brad D. Smith**, this event is guaranteed to leave audience members enlightened.

Fifteen-time Grammy®-award winner and Country Music Hall of Fame member **Ricky Skaggs** invites you to celebrate Christmas a little early with him and his ace-backing band Kentucky Thunder on **Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.** at the **Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center** with **Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder Christmas**. Come celebrate this special time of year with friends and family while listening to first class vocalists and musicians, singing, and playing their finest for Christmastime. The show includes the joyful bluegrass tune “Christmas Time’s A Coming” along with a beautiful rendition of “New Star Shining,” a hit song for Ricky Skaggs and James Taylor. Beloved classic songs “Silent Night,” “Deck the Halls,” and “Let it Snow” are fully represented, along with many other special Christmas melodies.

The **Masters at Marshall Distinguished Speaker Series** continues with **A Conversation with Javier Zamora** on **Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.** at the **Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center**. Narrated by his nine-year old self, Zamora’s *New York Times* bestselling memoir ***Solito*** relays a candid portrayal of two transformative months traveling from El Salvador to Guatemala, then to Mexico and the United States. Zamora describes the harrowing journey highlighting moments of reprieve among the perilous boat trips, desert treks, arrests, and betrayals.

The thrilling **Banff Mountain Film Festival**, a beloved staple of the Marshall Artists Series since 2017, makes a stop on their World Tour at the **Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center** on **Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 7 p.m.** The most prestigious mountain festival in the world, Banff Mountain Film Festival’s short films invite the audience to dive headfirst into breathtaking exotic landscapes and the adrenaline-packed world of action sports.

Six-time Tony® Award-winning Broadway Musical **Dear Evan Hansen** makes its way to the **Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center** on **Monday, April 14, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.**

Depicting themes of the search for identity and mental health, this deeply resonating musical takes the audience on a moving journey filled with emotional honesty and unique vulnerability. With the help of powerful musical numbers, the audience follows Evan's journey of self-discovery.

Special Event

Direct from London, discover **Scandalous Stones with Douglas Chirnside**, at **Rocco's At The Green Room** (226 Main St. in Ceredo) on **Thursday, February 6, 2025**, for a lively cabaret event at **8:30 p.m.** Enjoy a complimentary glass of wine as historian and award-winning BBC documentary filmmaker Douglas Chirnside guides you through the rich history of the priceless jewels amassed by the British Monarchy. Chirnside's one-hour discussions will be paired with a video showcase highlighting select pieces of the Royal Crown Jewels (some never seen before). Scandalous secrets will be revealed in an intimate setting that you will not want to miss! Dinner reservations for Rocco's Ristorante prior to or after Scandalous Stones may be made in advance by calling 304-453-3000.

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For more information or to order tickets call 304-696-6656 or purchase online at [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com). The Marshall Artists Series accepts all major credit cards. The Marshall Artists Series Box Office is located in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center and is open Monday – Friday 12 pm – 4 pm. The Marshall Artists Series administrative office is located in the Jomie Jazz Center on Fifth Avenue across from Marshall University's Student Center.

Tickets for **The International Film Festival** on **Saturday, October 26, 2024**, at the **Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center** will be available at the door prior to each film. Featured films include Oscar® winner **Anatomy of a Fall** (France) at 2:30 p.m., along with Oscar® nominees: **Robot Dreams** (Spain) at 12:30 p.m., **Past Lives** (United States/Korea) at 5:30 p.m., and **Perfect Days** (Japan) at 7:30 p.m.

For information on the Marshall University Theater Department's presentations of **A Doll's House** by Henrik Ibsen and Nickelodeon's **The Spongebob Musical**, please contact the Theatre Department box office at 304-696-ARTS.

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