

The Historic Masonic Theatre 2016 Season

Welcome to your first look at our 2016 Season. Below, please take a moment to view the wide range of performances and events we'll be presenting through the end of 2016. ***And more are being added every day!***

Here's just a sampling of what you can expect onstage in the next few months:



Bill Pinkney's Original Drifters

Saturday, September 10; 7:30pm

Celebrating Sixty-Three Glorious Years of Magical Music Moments from the Landscape and Soundtrack of Your Life 1953 – 2016.

“The best act of its genre on the music scene today...”, the Bill Pinkney legacy group still reflects the entire Legendary Drifters presence in the music industry as it weaves a blend of nostalgic magic and on-stage excitement with a 21st century twist. Because today’s sophisticated and more informed music lovers reject generic imitations, the group’s entertainment services remain in demand.

Music’s Drifters represent more than the story of a single group’s success. Changes in personnel and management have led over the years to the sprouting of many Drifters permutations, but 1953 original BILL PINKNEY used the name / mark THE ORIGINAL DRIFTERS® since the 1950s, and his legacy continues.

$20/$17/$15



Marty Stuart and his Fabulous Superlatives

Tuesday, September 20; 7:30pm

If you were to give country music an address, you might say it's at the corner of sacred and profane, two doors up from the blues and folk, and just across the street from gospel, R&B and rock 'n' roll. And on a deeper emotional and spiritual level, it resides where Saturday night meets Sunday morning.

No one understands these coordinates better than Marty Stuart. For over forty years, the five-time Grammy winning multi-instrumentalist, singer, songwriter, photographer and historian has been building a rich legacy at this very crossroads. “I've always thought that country music had a really unique relationship with gospel music,” Stuart says. “It is interesting to me that country stars can sing drinking and cheating songs authentically, then at some point during the evening or the broadcast, take their hats off and say, 'Friends, here's our gospel song.' If it’s the right messenger it seamlessly flows. That's a time-honored tradition, from Jimmie Rodgers to Hank Williams to Johnny Cash. Rogue prophets and rogue preachers. That is my world.”

$30/$27/25

The Alleghany Ministerial Association Fall Revival

Sunday, September 25; 7:00pm
Monday, September 26; 7:00pm
Tuesday, September 27; 7:00pm
Wednesday, September 28; 7:00pm
Thursday, September 29; 7:00pm

The Alleghany Ministerial Association will be hosting its annual Fall Revival at The Historic Masonic Theatre. This four-day event features performances from local and regional choirs and gospel groups. Good will offerings will be gratefully accepted. All proceeds go to the benevolence fund that helps our neighbors in the Highlands who need assistance with electric water or gas bills.

FREE



Con of the Mountain

Friday, September 30; 4:00pm
Saturday, October 1; 10:00am

Con of the Mountain is BACK!
Because of last year's success, Con of the Mountain is returning, and expanding events to cover two days of fun and games. Inside the Masonic Theatre and throughout downtown Clifton Forge, come enjoy cosplay, table-top gaming, vendors, kid's games and art.

Frank Mentzer, renowned game creator, is returning and will be hosting another private game. Also returning is our favorite pirate Capt. Jack Sparrow. He will be co-hosting the cosplay contest and judging Clifton Forge Main Street's shop windows.

Gaming and vendors will now be at the Historic Masonic Theatre's WestRock Ballroom and in the Mill at the Clifton Forge School of the Arts. The School of the Arts will also be hosting kids' crafts and face painting on Saturday. A cosplay (costume) display will be shown at the Alleghany Highlands Arts and Craft Center during the weeks surrounding the Con. The Children's Book Petting Zoo and "Adoption Tent" will be returning where kids can "adopt" a book of their very own to care for and enjoy. The Con of the Mountain event is free, BUT, the first 1,000 people to register will receive a free, one-of-a-kind, Con of the Mountain comic book (a $2.00 value). Only a limited number of these comic books are being printed so be sure to register and get your copy before they run out!

FREE



Con of the Mountain: Saturday Night Features

Saturday, October 1; 6:00pm

As the streets of Clifton Forge begin to clear from the Con festivities, join us inside The Masonic Theatre for a unique evening of fun performances and a cult classic movie. Capt. Jack will also be performing his infamous "The World According to Jack", along with a captivating magic show presented by Cosplay, Inc. After the performances, we'll dim the lights for a special showing of the cult classic film, *Army of Darkness*.

6:30pm: Cosplay Inc Magic Show and The World According to Jack: $5 per person
8:30pm: Army of Darkness film screening: $5

STARS
VARIETY SHOWS 20 PLUS YEARS

Appalfolks of America Association (AAA) presents: Stars

Friday, October 14; 7:00pm
Saturday, December 3; 7:00pm

STARS (Special Theatrical Artists Revue & Showcase) has performed variety shows annually for more than 20 years after making its debut in The Historic Masonic Theatre. An outreach of AAA, STARS continues to offer anyone who faces a mental or physical challenge the opportunity to join the troupe without auditioning. STARS endeavors to stage a minimum of three variety shows per year, ones that feature singing, dancing, comedy, and skits. AAA produced a documentary film entitled "STARS" that won a Bronze Telly Award for excellence.

Now that the dream of restoring The Historic Masonic Theatre has come true, STARS will grace the stage again to entertain audiences for years to come.

$10/$8/$6

GOSPEL MUSIC WITH THE ANNOUNCERS

Clifton Forge Fall Festival Gospel Sing

Saturday, October 15; 7:00pm

Prior to the theatre's renovation, The Historic Masonic Theatre would play host to the annual Fall Festival Gospel Sing. Now that our renovations are complete, we are thrilled to welcome the gospel sing back to our stage. The renowned gospel group, The Announcers, will provide the uplifting music and message for the evening. The event is free, but free will offerings will be gratefully accepted.

FREE



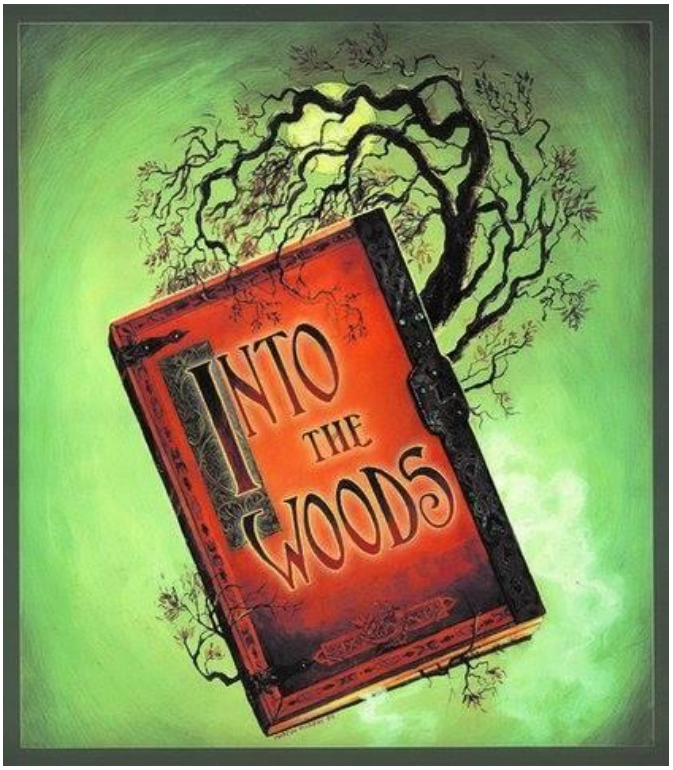
King of the Cowboys- Riders in the Sky Salute Roy Rogers

Saturday, October 22; 7:30pm

Join Riders In The Sky in a thrilling ride to yesteryear as they salute iconic western movie, music and TV star Roy Rogers, undisputed "King of the Cowboys." "King of the Cowboys – Riders In The Sky Salute Roy Rogers" is a multi-media romp featuring audience-friendly favorites from Roy's long career that include "Don't Fence Me In," "Pecos Bill," "Happy Trails" and more, all appearing on the Riders' latest album saluting Roy Rogers, and wrapped up in Riders' two-time Grammy-winning high yodeling style.

Film clips of Roy's greatest moments on screen with Trigger, Dale Evans and the Sons of the Pioneers are featured, as well as a film montage tribute to "The Greatest Sidekick of 'Em All: Gabby Hayes!" Ranger Doug, preeminent singing cowboy historian, provides some biographical fun facts about Roy's life, from his humble beginnings as Leonard Slye from Duck Run, OH, to one of Hollywood's most beloved stars, and his influence on a generation of musicians and western entertainers. "Roy was my idol, plain and simple," says Rider Too Slim. "This show will trigger (sorry about that) a lot of memories for folks our age, and introduce new generations to a wonderful man and artist who deserves to be celebrated. See you there, saddlepals!"

$30/$27/$25



CAMELOT

Camelot Theatre Company presents: Into the Woods

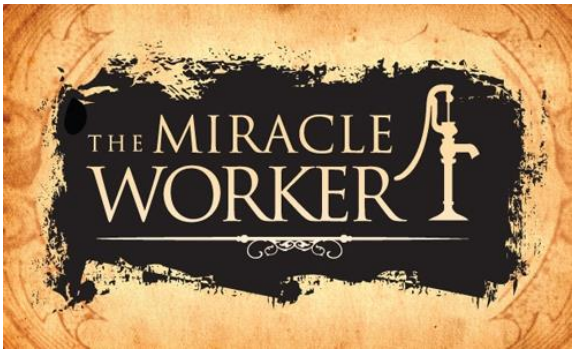
Friday, October 28; 7:00pm
Saturday, October 29; 1:00pm
Saturday, October 29; 7:00pm
Monday, October 31; 7:00pm

One of Sondheim's most popular works, Into the Woods take everyone's favorite storybook characters and bring them together for a timeless, yet relevant, piece... and a rare modern classic. The Tony Award-winning book and score are both enchanting and touching.
The story follows a Baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King's Festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk. When the Baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a Witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse. Everyone's wish is granted, but the consequences of their actions return to haunt them later with disastrous results.

Boasting an impressive cast of local and regional actors, Camelot Theatre Company has been enchanting audiences for years. And don't miss the special Halloween night family show and children's costume parade, it's going to be fun!

Friday and Saturday Performances:
Adults: In Advance $20/ At the Door: $20
Students $18

Halloween night family performance and costume parade:
Child: $10
Adults: In Advance $12/ At the door $15



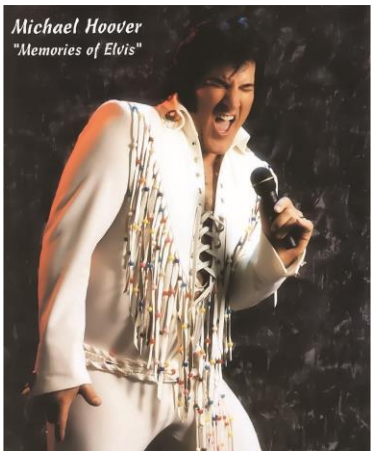
The Masonic Players present: The Miracle Worker

Friday, November 11; 7:00pm
Saturday, November 12; 7:00pm
Friday, November 13; 3:00pm

Winner of the 1960 Tony Award for Best Play, The Miracle Worker, immortalized onstage and screen by Anne Bancroft and Patty Duke, tells the story of Annie Sullivan and her student, blind and mute Helen Keller. The Miracle Worker dramatizes the volatile relationship between the lonely teacher and her charge. Trapped in a secret, silent world, unable to communicate, Helen is violent, spoiled, almost sub-human and treated by her family as such. Only Annie realizes that there is a mind and spirit waiting to be rescued from the dark, tortured silence. With scenes of intense physical and emotional dynamism, Annie's success with Helen finally comes with the utterance of a single, glorious word: "water".

Director, Wilma McClung returns to the Masonic stage with a dedicated cast and crew. Make plans to rediscover this theatrical classic with your family and friends.

$15/$12/$10



Appalfolks of America Association presents: Memories of Elvis

Friday, November 18; 8:00pm

“Memories of Elvis,” a tribute to the King of rock ‘n’ roll, will be performed by Michael Hoover, winner of the international Elvis tribute artist’s competition in Memphis where he triumphed over 95 competitors to be declared the best Elvis tribute artist in the world. Michael and his band, Sweetwater, will perform songs that Elvis made famous.

Michael has been a featured performer with The Jordanaires, Sylvia, Reba McEntire, John Conlee, Johnny Lee and Charlie Daniels, and he has appeared on stage as the opening act for Diamond Rio at Bally’s Ocean Downs, Queen City, Maryland.

Charlie Hodge, Elvis’ close friend, praised Michael’s “Memories of Elvis” by proclaiming, “One of the best tributes that I have seen. He is sincere, and it shows in his work.”

Prior to the performance, meet at Town Hall on Main Street to enjoy the annual Clifton Forge Holiday Tree lighting and Town Parade!

$20/$15/$12



An Evening with Buddy Holly: featuring Robbie Limon

Saturday, November 19; 7:30pm

Robbie Limon has won critical acclaim for his uncanny ability to replicate the vocal characteristics of period singers. Robbie has wowed audiences throughout the east coast and won numerous awards for his work in the syndicated theatrical productions of stage musicals about Buddy Holly.

This performance is 'based on a true story', happening in Greenwich Village, New York, in the late months of 1958. The audience is present during Buddy's band rehearsal as he prepares for the mid-western cavalcade of performers known as The Winter Dance Party of 1959. The stage vibe is intimate as Buddy's dialogue is totally directed at the audience; the tone is conversational and responsive to questions raised during the pre-show warm-up.

That is the show's premise which provides context for an evening of Holly favorites as well as those of the Everly Brothers and Little Richard. Are we joking? No, these artists were friends of Buddy and he pays tribute to these influences in the show. This unique format is certain to give an inside look at a life which has been described as “eighteen months of fame and generations of influence”.

$25/$22/$20



Appalfolks of America Association presents: Virginia Opry Reunion Show

Friday, November 26; 8:00pm

The Virginia Opry, the longest running country music show in the Alleghany Highlands, features country music with a blend of bluegrass, gospel, and popular music spiced with comedy and performances by special guests. The Virginia Opry has hosted such musical groups as The Pony Express Band, Crimson River and The Farm Hands. Previous guest performers at the Virginia Opry include Michael Hoover, Charlotte Ivy and Shellem Cline.

The Virginia Opry was founded by Appalfolks of America Association (AAA) in 1991, making its debut during the Fall Foliage Festival in October of that year. The Virginia Opry has performed annually in the Alleghany Highlands at various venues since then, including the Masonic Amphitheatre during the time The Historic Masonic Theatre was undergoing restoration.

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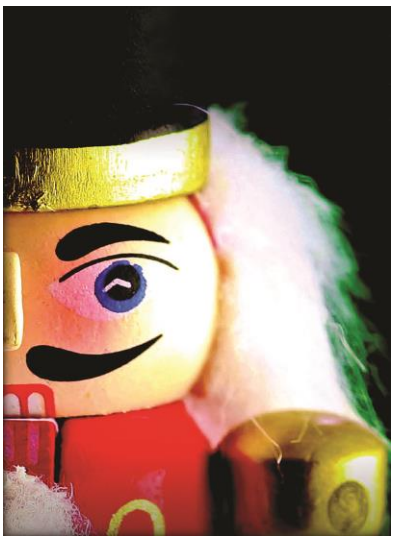

Shenandoah Ballet presents: The Nutcracker

Saturday, December 10; 7:00pm
Sunday, December 11; 3:00pm

he Nutcracker is based on the E.T.A. Hoffman tale, "The Nutcracker and the King of Mice". Although what is seen on the stage today is different in detail from the original story, the basic plot remains the same. Clara dreams of her beloved Nutcracker winning the battle against the Mouse King, journeys through the land of the Snow Queen and her King and arrives in the Land of the Sweets and the Sugar Plum Fairy. The ballet, set to the timeless Tchaikovsky score, was first performed in 1892 by the Mariinsky Theatre, home to the Kirov Ballet.

The Shenandoah Academy of Dance directed by Missy Belcher Floyd, produced the beloved classic in its entirety for Rockbridge County's audiences. Now in 2016, Shenandoah Academy of Dance brings The Nutcracker to The Historic Masonic Theatre! Floyd will continue to invite participants of all ages and levels of experience from Clifton Forge and Covington local studios to perform in this production, as well! Experience the magic that is The Nutcracker with the Shenandoah Ballet this December.



Alleghany Highlands Arts Council presents: The Cashore Marionettes

Saturday, December 10; 3:00pm

A performance by the Cashore Marionettes is a celebration of life. The program consists of a collection of engaging pieces encompassing a broad range of themes, each delivered with a simplicity that expresses the essence of the moment.

The program is a series of touching portrayals and poignant scenes from everyday life set to stunning music by such composers as Vivaldi, Strauss, Beethoven and Copland. Through a combination of virtuoso manipulation, beautiful music, theatrical illusion, and artistic insight, the performance explores a range of emotions with characters and actions that are amazingly convincing. The marionettes are engineering marvels and the quality of movement is extraordinary.

$18



Alleghany Highlands Arts Council presents:
A Christmas Carol

Monday, December 12; 7:30pm

Alan Menken's spectacular musical adaptation of Charles Dicken's A CHRISTMAS CAROL is a feast for the soul as well as the eyes. We watch Scrooge reflect on the passages of Christmas Past, Present and Future and feel the transformation of a human heart.

Drama, song and dance will ignite the holiday spirit in all who attend and the restored Masonic Theatre is the perfect location.

$25

The Sway Katz Holiday Swing

Saturday, December 17; 7:30pm



You told us, and we listened. After an unforgettable performance on our July 1st grand re-opening weekend, we asked these swingin' Katz back to provide the soundtrack for 'the most wonderful time of the year'. Take a well-deserved break from the long lines, endless to-do lists, and hustle and bustle of the season. You deserve to swing this holiday season. Consider this our gift to you!

$20/$17/$15

*Artists listed above are subject to change without notice.

Special Events

Get ready to have fun! More details of these special events coming soon!

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS HARVEST BALL

As the days grow shorter and cooler, we invite you to celebrate the vibrant colors and rich bounty of the lush Alleghany Mountains from inside our elegant Westrock Ballroom. Put on your Sunday best and join your friends and neighbors for an evening of good food, live music, and dancing, too.

"THE EVE" NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION AT THE MASONIC

It's back! We always knew, once the renovation was complete, that we'd bring our New Year's Eve celebration inside the theatre. So let's party like it's 1905 (the theatre's dedication date)! We provide the food, music, and champagne toast at midnight. You provide…YOU (and your compatriots). We'll have two floors of live music to help you say, or dance, goodbye to the old and hello to the new. Welcome 2017 from inside a 111 year old landmark!

Ongoing Series at The Masonic

Isn't it nice to have something you can count on? We think so, too.

THE BIG 50 MOVIE MATINEE SERIES

We developed this monthly Saturday movie matinee series to pay tribute to The Masonic Theatre's rich movie history. How much does it cost to see a film in this series? Just two bits. Yep, just two quarters gets you in the door. This series is designed with families in mind. A perfect, affordable way to experience the Masonic Movie magic for yourself or with your family. The fun begins September 24th and runs every fourth Saturday of the month (except December, when the BIG movie will be shown on the third Saturday)!

THE BIG TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIE SERIES

We celebrate a wide range of films in the monthly movie series. Documentaries, rockumentaries, Hollywood classics, and 'art films'- this is the place you'll find them. Catch dinner before the show at one of the fine restaurants in town, or relax in our Underground Lounge before the film begins. This film series is sure to challenge, delight, and inspire you. Starting October 4th and runs every first Tuesday of the month.

LIVE! FROM THE UNDERGOUND SERIES

If you've been, you already know. If not, come and see for yourself why everyone is talking about our beautifully appointed Underground Lounge and Café. Already known as a great place to have fun, we have designed a series that turns the Underground into a music club every Thursday night. On the Underground Stage you'll find performers both well-known and new to you, in styles ranging from Vegas lounge acts, to flat pickin' and acoustic Americana- we'll even

have blues, jazz, and rock in the lounge, as well. Stay tuned for the line-up. The Lounge goes LIVE! September 22nd.

BUYING TICKETS AND SUBSCRIBING

We will begin taking Subscription orders by phone on Monday, August 22, at 11am. Please call us at 540-862-5655 to place your order on August 22.

Single tickets will go on-sale September 1 at noon.

SUBSCRIBING: The Easiest Way to Save Money!

Pick 3 shows in our Subscription Series and take $2 off every ticket you purchase- it's that easy to become a subscriber. Choose more shows, save more!

For every 3+ Shows you pick = you get $2 off each ticket purchased
For every 5+ Shows = $4 off each ticket purchased
Every 7+ Shows = $6 off each ticket purchased

Here's the best part of your new subscription plan: Stacking.

Anytime during the season, you can choose 3 or more shows and 'stack' them on top of your existing subscription for even more savings. Here's how it works:

Let's say you become a 3 show subscriber today. Later this season you choose 2 more shows you'd like to see- we'll 'stack' them on top of the first 3 shows you ordered. Now your newly selected shows qualify for the 5 show subscription series discount of $4 off each ticket you purchase! Later, add just 2 more shows, 'stacking' them on top of the 5 you've already purchased, and your new shows will qualify for our biggest subscriber discount of $6 off each new ticket you purchase!

Stacking shows with our new subscription plan gives you the most flexibility while providing maximum savings, allowing you to experience even more great performances at The Historic Masonic Theatre! So if you're ready to Subscribe, this summer is the perfect time to 'take the plunge'. Have questions, just give us a call and we'll be happy to answer them.
Box office hours, beginning Monday, August 22nd:
Monday through Friday 11am to 2pm.
You can reach us by phone at 540-862-5655
or by email at boxoffice@historicmasonictheatre.com.

Our 2017 Schedule will be released soon, just in time for your holiday shopping.
Gift Certificates make great stocking stuffers and co-worker gifts!