



Dear Friends,

Believe it or not, Hampton Arts is about to celebrate its 30th Anniversary Season!

Hampton Arts was born in 1987 when the City of Hampton created a department that would go on to craft a 30 year legacy of diverse artistic experiences from varied visual arts to dynamic performing arts. Thanks in large part to my predecessors, Michael Curry and Jeffrey Stern; we have seen the attendance at our venues grow by more than 100 percent in the past ten years alone. Hampton Arts has become a valuable resource and focal point for the community to come together and participate in cultural engagement — an incredible impact on our community with demonstrated success!

And now as we prepare to embark on the 30th Anniversary Season, I am awed by the caliber of artists that will take the stage at The American Theatre. Our stage and our galleries will reflect our community's diversity as well as a global perspective that reflects the experiences and influences of the world around us.

Whether you come to relish in the antics of Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo or run to the edge with Sandra Bernhard. Whether you clamor for the country strains of Broadway's Pump Boys and Dinettes or crave the comic relief of Sherlock Holmes Baskerville; whether you bounce to the rousing blues of Sonny Knight and The Lakers or croon with Tony Danza's Great American Songbook — we have something for you at The American Theatre.

Making the arts accessible and resonant is our day-to-day mission — I am thrilled to be at the helm of Hampton Arts as we celebrate 30 years of doing just that!

I look forward to seeing you at the theatre!

Kindest Regards,

Richard M. Parison, Jr.

#### Our Mission

To advance the arts and enhance the quality of life for all Hampton Roads residents and visitors by:

Educating and inspiring teachers, students and life-long learners to embrace the arts through exhibition, workshop and educational study, volunteerism and community outreach.

Providing opportunities for Hampton Roads artists to showcase and develop performing, visual and educational arts in both traditional and non-traditional formats.

Presenting unique, world-class caliber arts that appeal to a diverse citizenry, promoting a deeper cultural awareness.





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#### PREMIER PERFORMANCE SERIES



# Sweet Honey in the Rock

Feel the rhythm and hear the soulful sounds of the Grammy-nominated Sweet Honey in the Rock as African American musical genres including blues, spirituals, traditional gospel hymns, reggae, African chants, hip-hop, and jazz improvisation come together for a powerful evening.

The all-female performance ensemble has been entertaining and empowering audiences for more than 40 years and continues their legacy as artists and activists. The group recently released their latest album, #LoveInEvolution, a critically acclaimed collection that showcases their prowess as stunning vocalists and compelling songwriters. Sweet Honey in the Rock will fill The American Theatre with intricate harmonies and pulsating rhythms that celebrate the world's diverse cultures.

#### SATURDAY 8PM OCTOBER 7 \$40/\$45

". . . like having five female Bobby McFerrins on stage at the same time. Whether scatting drum beats, mimicking horn blasts, or singing soaring leads, each member contributed equally in creating a big sound full of dense gospel harmonies."

- Buzznews



## The Colors of India: A Bollywood Spectacular

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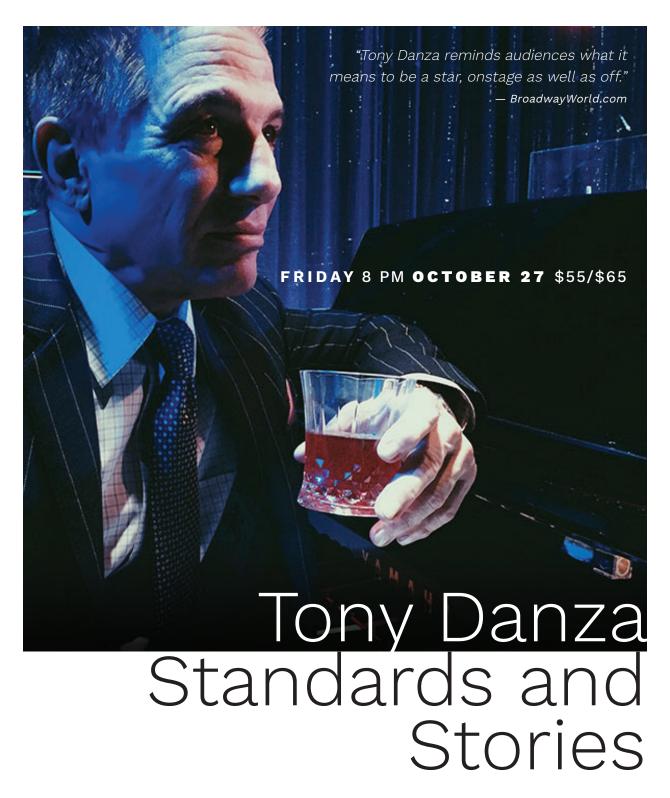
Have you ever wanted to visit India? Here's your direct flight! This world-renowned production features brilliant dancers, breathtaking aerialists and acrobats, live musicians, and opulent costumes. Known as one of the most authentic shows of its kind, Mystic India's colorful costumes and elaborate sets have been custom designed in India's film capital by a team of 40 designers and workers.

Expect an explosion of color and energy as the ensemble takes you on a celebratory journey through India and a progression of Bollywood films via a stunning display that fuses dance, theater, and spectacular special effects.

SATURDAY 8PM OCTOBER 21 \$35/\$45

Stage and screen star Tony Danza pays tribute to the legendary Great American Songbook in a musical evening packed with wit, charm, storytelling, and a dash of soft shoe and ukulele! Known for his starring roles on two of television's most cherished series, *Taxi* and *Who's the Boss?*, Danza is also a terrific song and dance man and recently received rave reviews for

his performance in the Broadway musical, *Honeymoon in Vegas*. Danza, accompanied by his four-piece band, will perform some of his favorite songs while interweaving stories about his life and personal connection to music. With a dazzling career that's spanned nearly 40 years, Danza's charm is sure to light up the stage in an unforgettable evening packed with star power.





## THE SECOND CITY The Cure for the Common Comedy

#### SATURDAY 8PM NOVEMBER 4 \$40/\$45

Are you sick and tired of jokes that make you feel sick and tired? Don't let it all get you down! The Second City has the fix, as Chicago's legendary sketch and improv comedy theater brings *The Cure for The Common Comedy* to The American Theatre.

Presidio Brass
Sounds of the Cinema

SATURDAY 8PM NOVEMBER 11 \$35/\$45

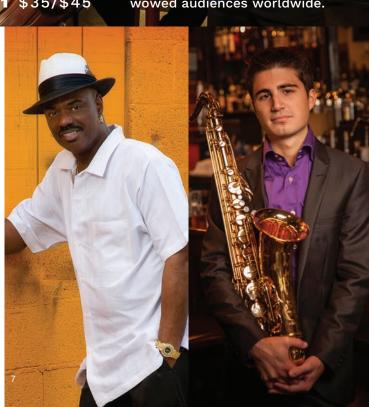
Prepare for a sweeping musical journey through Hollywood unlike anything you've heard before. Representing a bold new generation in brass entertainment, Presidio Brass's unique arrangements have wowed audiences worldwide.

#### **AN EVENING OF SMOOTH JAZZ**

## Nick Colionne & Vincent Ingala

Two jazz greats take to the stage for one incredible evening. Multi award-winner Nick Colionne's guitar skills push musical boundaries and make him one of the most in-demand urban jazz musicians in the country. A multi-instrumentalist, composer and producer, Vincent Ingala has blasted into an exciting stratosphere of his own making. This coast-to-coast sensation brings a playful spirit, old soul, and youthful enthusiasm to contemporary jazz, with a real sense for what music fans are seeking.

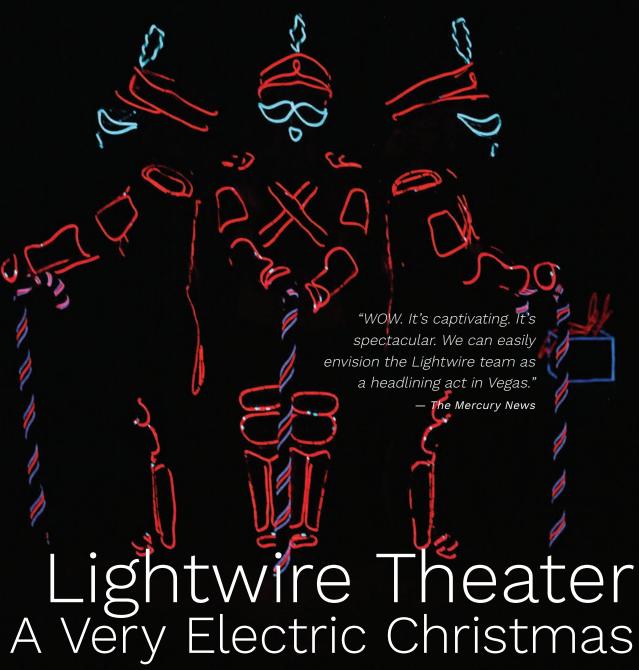
**FRIDAY 8PM NOVEMBER 17 \$40/\$45** 



Audiences of all ages will be captivated by Lightwire Theater's dazzling visuals and unique menagerie of characters that magically appear out of the darkness. Combining the arts of puppetry, theater and dance with the music of timeless holiday hits, this magical and captivating tale of family, friendship and hope creates a truly one-of-a-kind, inspired and exhilarating holiday experience that will be a treasured

memory for years to come. Since bursting to national acclaim after appearing as semi-finalists on America's Got Talent and winning the top honors on TRU TV's Fake Off, Lightwire Theater has gone on to enthrall audiences worldwide with their unique combination of skill and grace as told through the technological innovations of moving light characters.

#### SATURDAY 8PM DECEMBER 2 \$35/\$45







## Sonny Knight & The Lakers

#### **SATURDAY 8PM JANUARY 13** \$30/\$40

Are you ready for some soul? Sonny Knight's unconventional life path informs a powerhouse evening of music as he and The Lakers, his seven-piece band, create a sound that extends much deeper than throwback soul. From a deployment in Vietnam to a job as a long haul trucker, the combination

of Knight's hard-earned experience with a vivacious band whose members are half his age, the songs and performances perfectly blend their collective globetrotting adventures playing for audiences of many different backgrounds.



# Coastal Virginia Bluegrass & Brew Festival January 26-28

For the first time, The American Theatre welcomes a trio of legendary, genre-defining bluegrass acts and some of Coastal Virginia's finest local breweries. See all three concerts and sample some of the best breweries Hampton Roads has to offer.

## The Whiskey Rebellion

FRIDAY 8PM JANUARY 26



Based in Richmond, VA, the Whiskey
Rebellion has spent the last decade
harvesting a sound deeply rooted in the
folk traditions of Appalachia with the raw
elements of American rock 'n' roll. Skillful
picking and expert three-part harmonies are
just part of what you can expect from
these high energy showmen!

## Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Bluegrass Band

SATURDAY 8PM JANUARY 27



Imagine the music of the Fab Four shaken up with infusions of bluegrass and jazz and topped off with a classical twist. The result: a satisfying musical cocktail! Sgt. Peppers Lonely Bluegrass Band is a collection of four very different musicians creating a new sound from the greatest music ever written by the greatest band ever... The Beatles.

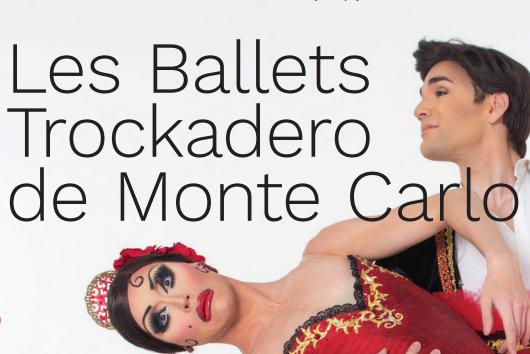
## The Crooked Road On Tour

SUNDAY 3PM JANUARY 28



Experience firsthand how music is woven into the rich tapestry of tradition in Southwest Virginia. The variety is amazing: old-time string bands, a cappella gospel, blues, 300-year-old ballads, bluegrass, and more. The perfect afternoon for the entire family to celebrate the heritage and sounds of the Commonwealth!

PERFORMANCES SOLD INDIVIDUALLY \$25/\$35 EACH



"What else can you do but love these men who simply love ballet classics..."

- DC Metro Theater Arts

It's Ballet like you've never seen it before! Established as a major dance phenomenon around the world, this hilarious (and incredibly talented) all-male comedic company has appeared in over 30 countries across the globe. Affectionately known as "the Trocks," the troupe's repertoire includes a full range of ballet and modern dance performed in faithful renditions. Men dance all the parts, delicately balancing on toes as swans, water sprites, romantic princesses, or angst-ridden Victorian ladies in eye-popping costumes. Whether you're an aficionado or experiencing ballet for the first time, Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo is boisterous evening of laughter and dance.

# The Blind Boys of Alabama

SATURDAY 8PM FEBRUARY 17 \$40/\$45



If there's one word to describe The Blind Boys of Alabama, it's legendary. The original members first sang together as kids at the Alabama Institute for the Negro Blind in the 1930s and have flourished over the decades. Their unique sound blends the close harmonies of early jubilee gospel with the more fervent improvisations of hard gospel. Today, the Grammy Award-winning

group draws from a variety of musical genres, including music by Tom Waits and the Rolling Stones. This live show will be a roof-raising musical event that appeals to audiences of all cultures. The Blind Boys of Alabama have attained the highest levels of achievement in a career that spans over 75 years and shows no signs of diminishing.

"[The Blind Boys of Alabama] have extended not only their reach as individual musicians and as a group, but have exponentially pushed the boundaries of their vocation's genre to new and dizzying heights."

- AllMusic.com

## Cécile McLorin Salvant

SATURDAY 8PM FEBRUARY 24 \$35/\$45

Cécile McLorin Salvant graces
The American Theatre with her
silky jazz sound that earned her
a 2016 Grammy Award for Best
Jazz Vocal Album, For One To
Love. Salvant's natural curiosity
for the history of American music
and the connections between jazz,
vaudeville, blues, and folk music,
informs her unique performance
style, which often includes rarely
recorded, forgotten songs with
strong stories.

Born and raised in Miami, Florida, Cécile McLorin Salvant moved to Aix-en-Provence, France, to study classical and baroque music, and it was there that she developed a love for jazz. Since winning the Thelonious Monk competition in Washington D.C., she has toured clubs, concert halls and festivals, and is sure to deliver a stylish and captivating evening of music. This is a not to be missed event on The American Theatre stage.

"Cécile McLorin Salvant has poise, elegance, soul, humor, sensuality, power, virtuosity, range, insight, intelligence, depth and grace."

— Wynton Marsalis

## Baskerville

#### FRIDAY 8PM MARCH 2 \$35/\$45

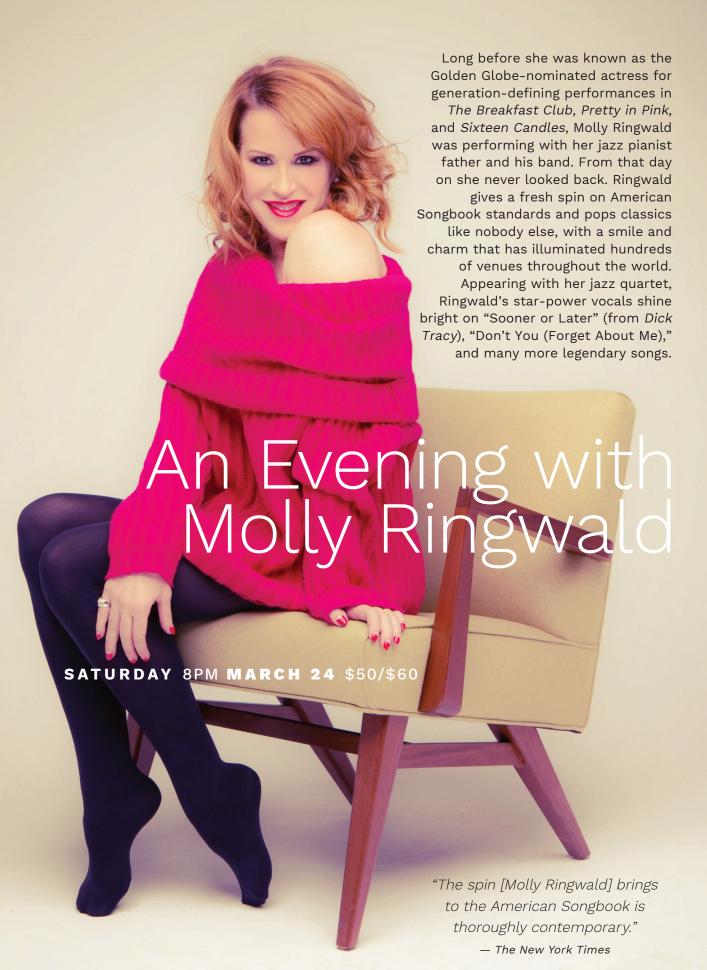
## A Sherlock Holmes Mystery



Laughter is "elementary my dear Watson." Ken Ludwig's acclaimed adaptation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's classic mystery, The Hound of the Baskervilles, is full of intrigue and laughs. In this Walnut Street Theatre production, the male heirs of the Baskerville family are being murdered one by one. The world famous Sherlock Holmes, along with his trusted sidekick, Dr. Watson, must work feverishly to crack the curse before it dooms the newest heir.

Witness five talented actors playing 40 quirky characters, and venture deep into a world filled with disguises, silly accents and murderous deceit. These intrepid detectives follow leads, unravel clues, hit dead-ends, and zigzag with the story until the shockingly funny conclusion. All is not what it seems. Do you know whodunit?





## Sandra Monica Blvd.: coast to Coast



#### **SATURDAY** 8PM **APRIL 28** \$55/\$65

Get ready for a wild ride! Sandra Bernhard wears many hats: comedian, chanteuse, actress, and Sirius/XM radio host... but one thing that ties them all together is her brand of humor that is uniquely Sandy. In her latest show, she'll take you on a journey to find America's soul while weaving in a soundtrack "that you might hear on an AM radio station you pick up from Oklahoma." With a career that began at L.A.'s famous Comedy Store, Sandra Bernhard has written and starred in numerous one-woman shows, acted in movies and on television and recorded albums.

#### **AN EVENING OF SMOOTH JAZZ**

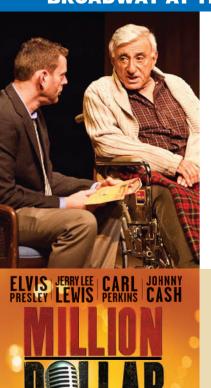
## Marion Meadows & Marc Antoine

#### **SATURDAY** 8PM **MAY 5** \$40/\$45

Two jazz greats — Marion Meadows & Marc Antoine — come together for one spectacularly smooth evening. Marion Meadows has played with some of the music industry's greats, including The Temptations, Michael Bolton, and Eartha Kitt. As a solo artist he's released a staggering 13 albums, including his latest, *Soul Traveler*, which combines the intoxicating sounds of smooth jazz, fusion, and contemporary jazz. Classically trained at the International School of Classical Guitar, Marc Antoine first became known



to urban jazz audiences when he toured with Basia. Keeping his deep melodic flow and exotic melodic textures front and center, Antoine has established himself as a global star in contemporary jazz.



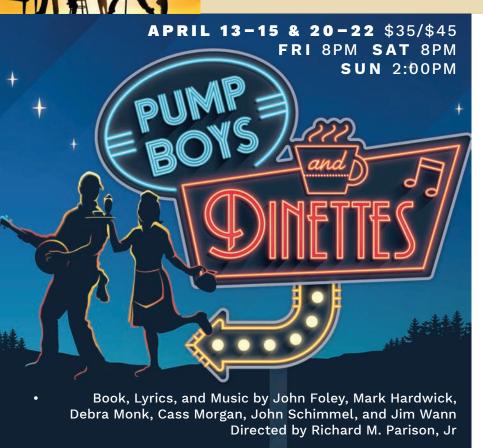
## Tuesdays with Morrie Starring Jamie Farr Written by Mitch Albom

#### THURSDAY 8PM OCTOBER 12 \$55/\$65

Filled with humor and humanity, *Tuesdays with Morrie* is the autobiographical story of Mitch Albom, an accomplished journalist driven solely by his career, and Morrie Schwartz, his former college professor. Bringing *Tuesdays with Morrie* to life is acclaimed actor Jamie Farr. Beloved by television viewers for his role on the awardwinning television series, M\*A\*S\*H, Farr's career spans more than 60 years on stage and screen.

#### THURSDAY 8PM MARCH 29 \$55/\$65

Imagine rock 'n' roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins all in a recording session together. Well, that's exactly what happened on December 4, 1956, when these four legendary musicians gathered at Sun Studios in Memphis for what is considered one of the greatest jam sessions of all time. This Tony Award-winning, hit Broadway musical is inspired by that true story and features including "Blue Suede Shoes," "Fever," "That's All Right," "Sixteen Tons," "Great Balls of Fire," "Walk the Line," "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On," "Who Do You Love?," "Matchbox," "Folsom Prison Blues," "Hound Dog" and more.



Presented by Hampton Arts & 5th Wall Theatre Company in association with Virginia Union University

Are you ready for a highoctane evening of musical theater? Broadway at The American continues with the Tony Award-nominated tribute to the sounds of the Grand Ole Opry. The 'Pump Boys' work hard on Highway 57, while 'Dinettes' Prudie and Rhetta Cupp run the Double Cupp diner next door. Together, they fashion an evening of boot stomping country western songs that received unanimous raves when it originally premiered on and off-Broadway. With heartbreak and hilarity, these versatile performers kick up their heels on guitars, piano, bass and, yes, even kitchen utensils!



## BROADWAY under the stars

The minute you finish reading this, open your calendar to September 30, 2017 and write BIG NIGHT AT HAMPTON ARTS. You will not want to miss Tony Award nominee Megan Hilty, as she performs a one-night only concert in celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Hampton Arts. Additionally Hampton Arts and Hampton Arts Foundation will honor Ross & Martha Mugler and POMOCO with the Coastal Virginia Renaissance Award — recognizing their long term commitment to the performing and visual arts in Hampton and Coastal Virginia. After the concert, you'll enjoy dinner, drinks, dancing and birthday cake throughout The American Theatre.

## Megan Hilty

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30

#### GALA TICKETS \$250 PER PERSON OR \$450 PER COUPLE

Reserve a VIP Sponsorship with Exclusive Benefits including a private Meet and Greet with Megan Hilty.

To Reserve Your Tickets or Sponsorship Contact: Katie Crowell, Hampton Arts Foundation 757-896-1241 or kcrowell@hamptonartsfoundation.org

"The night seemed to pass like an effervescent bubbly bottle of champagne, uncorked and drank with a good friend full of laughs, romance and even some heartbreak. All in all, the experience, the songs, the New York night with Megan Hilty was one to remember."

— The New York Times





## Hampton Roads Philharmonic



### Totentanz & Brahms' Symphony No. 2

#### SUNDAY 2:30PM OCTOBER 15 \$20

To celebrate its 5th Anniversary, the Hampton Roads Philharmonic kicks off its season with an energetic and dramatic program of Berlioz, Liszt and Brahms. The Roman Carnival Overture by Berlioz opens the program. Piano soloist Ben Corbin, pictured, performs the intense and moody Totentanz ("Dance of the Death") by Liszt. Finishing the program is Brahms' Symphony No. 2, a symphonic masterpiece that invokes a pastoral mood, playfulness, melancholy, and ultimately, triumph.

## Winter Classics & Holiday Favorites

#### SUNDAY 2:30PM DECEMBER 10 \$20

Join the Hampton Roads Philharmonic for a winter-themed classical program with a pops-style twist. Hear how the coldest times have inspired some of the greatest composers. Shake off some winter gloom with seasonal favorites such as The Skater's Waltz, Sleigh Ride, and a special guest narration of "A Visit from St. Nick."



#### Young Artist Competition Showcase Performance

#### **SUNDAY 2:30PM MARCH 11 \$20**

Mendelssohn's concert overture, The Hebrides, opens the program. Inspired by the composer's trip to Fingals Cave off the coast of Scotland, this works' themes depict loneliness, solitude, and the power of the sea. The winner of the orchestra's 2nd Annual Young Artist Competition will also be

featured. Held each fall, young soloists from the area compete in this competition for the opportunity to perform a concerto of their choice with the orchestra. The orchestra will perform Haydn's festive "London" Symphony No. 104 to close out the concert.

## Riddick Dance

## The King Project

#### FRIDAY 8PM OCTOBER 20 \$25



In collaboration, choreographers David Riddick and Marshall Swiney are creating a full evening of multimedia dance theater collage. The performance is in commemoration of the rewriting of Dr. Martin Luther King's I Have a Dream speech, Letter from Birmingham jail, and I've Been to the Mountain Top speech. By placing Dr. King's very important writings in a performance setting, the two choreographers explore not just the meaning of the text, but create a fusion of contemporary movement with sounded oration, blurring the boundaries between the speech and dance performance.

## Mindz

#### FRIDAY 8PM MARCH 23 \$25

MINDZ has the power to send natural vibration through the earth which causes people to come from around the world. Join us and celebrate MINDZ. This creation of movement belongs to all of us.



## Songwriters Collaborative

Calling all musicians, songwriters, composers, lyricists, poets, producers from around the Hampton Roads region... You are invited to be part of this regular creative musical collaborative at The American Theatre. These jam sessions promise to provide a wonderful, supportive and safe opportunity for anyone with a desire to work on their songwriting skills or to explore an urge to try songwriting for the first time.

We welcome songwriters, musicians and collaborators of all levels; just bring an open mind, your ideas, your instrument and a willingness to meet new people! Participants need not play an Instrument, but are encouraged to bring one if they do play. A piano will also be available. Donations will be accepted at the door for refreshments. For more information contact Retreat Coordinator, Karla Grase at 757-652-6382.



Grab your fishnets, and pelvic thrust your way to The American Theatre's creature feature presentation of THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW! Audiences will TIME WARP back to the 1970s and shimmy the night away to the voices of Magenta, Frank-N-Furter & Riff Raff on the Theatre's silver screen. Dust off your gold sequin top hat for some harmless musical fun — a delightful spoof of Hollywood horror movies and Old Dark House melodramas!

THURSDAY 8PM OCTOBER 26 \$10

## SATURDAY MORNING CLUB

Fun for the whole family! From sing-a-longs and fairy tales to juggling like you've never seen before, Saturday mornings have never been more entertaining.



## Silly Bus

#### SATURDAY 11:00AM NOVEMBER 18 \$10

Don't miss the bus! Silly Bus offers a fun-filled morning of radio-friendly children's music perfect for kindergarten through second grade students. With lyrics that cover educational topics and musical styles including pop, blues, and rap. Silly Bus will have your kids singing along in no time!



## Little Red & the Gingerbread Man

#### SATURDAY 11:00AM JANUARY 20 \$10

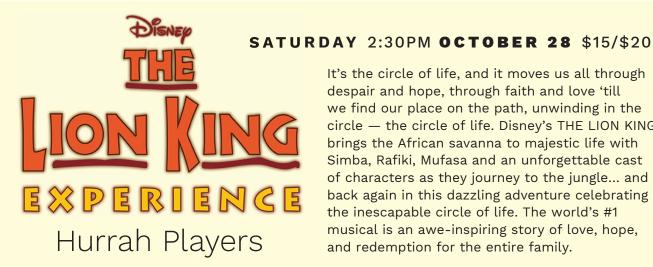
Two tales rolled into one! Join Barefoot Puppet's Little Red as she pursues a mischievous Gingerbread cookie through the woods to Grandma's house. Original music, snowy scenery, and everyone's favorite Big Bad Wolf make up this seasonal favorite for young audiences.



## Magic with Mark Nizer

#### SATURDAY 11:00AM APRIL 7 \$10

Expect the impossible! World-class juggler and comedian Mark Nizer incorporates amazing technology with special 4D glasses for a live performance that reaches right into the audience. This spellbinding performance will mesmerize kids and adults alike with his world-renowned skills — unlike anything you've ever seen before.



It's the circle of life, and it moves us all through despair and hope, through faith and love 'till we find our place on the path, unwinding in the circle — the circle of life. Disney's THE LION KING brings the African savanna to majestic life with Simba, Rafiki, Mufasa and an unforgettable cast of characters as they journey to the jungle... and back again in this dazzling adventure celebrating the inescapable circle of life. The world's #1 musical is an awe-inspiring story of love, hope, and redemption for the entire family.

## The Mystical Arts of Tibet

#### AUGUST 8-13

Make time in your schedule for a week of reflection and inspiration. The monks will once again create a sand-painted mandala: used as a tool for re-consecrating the earth and its inhabitants. From all the artistic traditions of Tantric Buddhism, that of painting with colored sand ranks as one of the most unique and exquisite. Millions of grains of sand are painstakingly

laid into place on a flat platform over a period of days. The sand mandala will be deconstructed during the closing ceremony, half the sand will be distributed to the audience, while the remainder is carried to a nearby body of water. The waters then carry the healing blessing of the deposited sand to the ocean, and from there it spreads throughout the world for planetary healing.



## Tibetan Meditations for Anxiety & Stress

**View Completed Mandala** 

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**Closing Ceremony** 



A Special Workshop led by Geshe Lobsang Tenzin Negi, Ph.D. on *Tibetan Meditations for Anxiety and Stress* will be offered on Saturday August 12 from 2–5pm. For millennia, meditation has been an integral practice for many major spiritual traditions. The Tibetan Buddhist tradition, in particular, has developed some of the most sophisticated techniques for enhancing well-being and inner peace. In this three hour intensive workshop, Geshe Logsang Tenzin will explore those Tibetan Meditations for eliminating and reducing stress and anxiety in our challenging times.

Saturday, August 12

Sunday, August 13

Sunday, August 13

2:00pm-6:00pm

1:00pm

10:00am-12:00pm

#### SATURDAY 2-5PM AUGUST 12 \$100 PER REGISTRANT

Workshop registration limited to 50. All other events FREE and open to the public.

## SOULCollage®

SATURDAY 10AM-3PM OCTOBER 14 \$100 SATURDAY 10AM-3PM MARCH 10 \$100

Tap into your playful and wise self with SOULCollage®! Developed by Seena Frost, SOULCollage® is a creative process that allows us to access our intuition, deep inner wisdom and healing. We'll create small, focused cards using images (no words!) from magazines and other media that represent different aspects of ourselves so we can integrate their gifts and guidance. It's a powerful and fun creative process.

## ART of Daily Living

The ART of Daily Living workshops are a combination of mindfulness practice, artistic creativity, and energy renewal infused with ritual, art, and conversation. With a spirit of collaboration, community, and playfulness, retreat participants will consciously infuse their work with head, heart, and hands, mindfully present to the day.

SATURDAY 10AM-3PM NOVEMBER 11 \$100 SATURDAY 10AM-3PM APRIL 21 \$100

## A Gentle Approach to Yoga

WEDNESDAYS 6PM-8PM OCT 4-DEC 6 & JAN 10-MAY 23 \$12 per class or \$108 for 10 classes

Experience a yoga practice that meets you where you are. Piary Sobhan takes a gradual approach that gently explores your pain-free range of motion to catalyze the many benefits of yoga for body, mind, and spirit. Come learn what's possible in an accessible practice that reduces pain, releases stress, builds physical and emotional resilience, and optimizes your body's natural healing powers.



Voice & The Power of Story THE POWER OF STORY

#### COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

FRIDAY 7PM-10PM FEBRUARY 16

Free and open to the public

## THE POWER OF STORY RETREAT

SATURDAY 10AM-3PM FEBRUARY 17

\$125 includes Continental Breakfast

We are all storytellers, keepers of history, and creators of a world we will leave behind for others to discover. With each decision we make, we choose our lives and write our story. Part performance, part conversation, The Power of Story is a look at how the stories we repeat to one another and the ones we come to believe in shape the lens through which we understand the world. Join Brian Andreas (master storyteller and creator of StoryPeople) and Fia Skye (actress and teacher of whole body/whole voice), for a lively evening that will challenge you to create towards the life you want to live.

#### YOUR AUTHENTIC VOICE

What is it to be authentic?

To speak with your authentic voice?

To create from a place of authenticity?

Language is an extraordinary tool for communication. Words matter. And yet, beyond words is the voice. There is a story to your sound. And you are still writing it. In this workshop, we'll explore how habits and your own story can keep you from using your whole self in daily life.

## The Charles H. Taylor Arts Center



### A Hampton Arts Venue

That handsome building on the corner of Victoria Boulevard and Kecoughtan Road in downtown Hampton has been a vibrant center of learning, exploration and creativity for more than eight decades thanks to the farsighted vision of a "recent" transplant to Hampton from Boston, Mrs. Grace Taylor Armstrong. It was in 1925 that Mrs. Armstrong, married to a decorated soldier, Captain Matthew Armstrong, made the decision to create a living memorial to her father, General Charles H. Taylor (who was the Founder and Managing Editor of The Boston Globe).

Mrs. Armstrong conveyed in trust the land and building to be known as "The Charles H. Taylor Memorial Library — for the use and benefits of the residents of Elizabeth City County, including the City of Hampton and the incorporated Towns and communities within said County." The Armstrong family was also very instrumental in the establishment and growth of Hampton University then known as Hampton Institute. Armstrong Hall on the campus is now the home of the University's theatre department.

After time spent as the Hampton Public Library, today The Charles H. Taylor Arts Center is a lauded comprehensive arts center, which showcases the work of visual artists from throughout Coastal Virginia, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Mid-Atlantic region. It is a showcase for up and coming artists and their teachers in all media, the home of prestigious juried exhibitions, the home of a ever evolving studio program and an ongoing series of lectures, workshops, demonstrations and seminars.

In 2017 the building turned 92 years old — and Hampton Arts turned 30. We are dedicated to sharing artists from around the world and around the corner — and we have no plans of slowing down now!



Clay McGlamory, Astral Rake

## Spend Your Summer With Hampton Arts

### It's Your Time to Shine!

DO MORE. TRY MORE. BE MORE.





Summertime is about doing fun stuff, trying new things and being with family and friends. When it comes to helping you explore your own creative potential, Hampton Arts has a summer filled with all three.

The American Theatre and The Charles H. Taylor Arts Center offer performing and visual arts classes, camps and cultural events.





Our camp and class teachers are working professionals from all aspects of the performing and visual arts industry. We seek to inspire and teach in a professional and creative environment! Our Summer Camps for 2018 will be announced in the Spring 2018. We have another exciting summer of theatre, dance, music, painting, paper mache and so much more!



Our new Flex Pass subscription will give our patrons the ultimate flexibility! The American Theatre's NEW easy-to-use Flex Pass subscription is a great way to see the performances you want to see, when you want to see them — and save money! Flex Pass subscriptions may be redeemed at any time, for any Premier Performance or

Broadway at The American performance. You decide which show you will see and how many people you bring with you. Purchase a minimum of 4 tickets and use them for the best available seats at any performance in any combination you'd like. Split your tickets up and see multiple shows, or use all your tickets for a single show — it's up to you!







## Flex Pass Order Form 2017-2018

1. YOUR INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)						
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(SEATING CHART ON PG 33.) Let us know your preferences and we will do our best to meet them. Please indicate below.						
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#### 4. PREMIER PERFORMANCE SERIES

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Date & Time	Event	# of Tickets	Main/Mid Orch Front Balc	d Rear Orch/ Total Balc Amount
OCTOBER 2017				
Sat. 7, 8:00pm	Sweet Honey in the Rock	X	\$45	\$40 = \$
Sat. 14, 8:00pm	Festival of South African Dance	X	\$45	\$35 = \$
Sat. 21, 8:00pm	The Colors of India: A Bollywood Spectacular	X	\$45	\$35 = \$
Fri. 27, 8:00pm	Tony Danza: Standards and Stories	X	\$65	\$55 = \$
NOVEMBER 2017				
Sat. 4, 8:00pm	The Second City: The Cure for the Common Comedy	X	\$45	\$40 = \$
Sat. 11, 8:00pm	Presidio Brass: Sounds of the Cinema	X	\$45	\$35 = \$
Fri. 17, 8:00pm	Smooth Jazz: Nick Colionne and Vincent Ingala	X	\$45	\$40 = \$
DECEMBER 2017				
Sat. 2, 8:00pm	Lightwire Theater: A Very Electric Christmas	X	\$45	\$35 = \$
Sat. 9, 8:00pm	A Darlene Love Christmas: Love for the Holidays	X	\$60	\$50 = \$

Date & Time	Event	# of Tickets	Main/Mid Orch Front Balc	Rear Orch/ Balc	Total Amount
JANUARY 2018					
Sat. 13, 8:00pm	Sonny Knight and The Lakers Blues Night	>	( \$40	\$30 = \$	
Fri. 19, 8:00pm	Tony DeSare Jazz Trio	>	( \$45	\$35 = \$	
Fri. 26, 8:00pm	Bluegrass Festival: The Whiskey Rebellion	>	( \$35	\$25 = \$	
Sat. 27, 8:00pm	Bluegrass Festival: Sgt. Pepper's Bluegrass Band	>	( \$35	\$25 = \$	
Sun. 28, 3:00pm	Bluegrass Festival: The Crooked Road on Tour	>	( \$35	\$25 = \$	
FEBRUARY 2018					
Sat. 3, 8:00pm	Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo	>	( \$55	\$45 = \$	
Sat. 17, 8:00pm	Blind Boys of Alabama	>	( \$45	\$40 = \$	
Sat. 24, 8:00pm	Cécile McLorin Salvant	>	( \$45	\$35 = \$	
<b>MARCH 2018</b>					
Fri. 2, 8:00pm	Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery	>	( \$45	\$35 = \$	
Sat. 17, 8:00pm	The Revelers	>	( \$40		
Sat. 24, 8:00pm	An Evening with Molly Ringwald	>	( \$60	\$50 = \$	
APRIL 2018					
Sat. 28, 8:00pm	Sandra Monica Blvd: Coast to Coast	>	( \$65	\$55 = \$	
MAY 2018					
Sat. 5, 8:00pm	Smooth Jazz: Marion Meadows & Marc Antoine	,	( \$45	\$40 - ¢	
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Date & Time	Event	# of Tickets	Price	Amount
Thur. Oct. 12, 8:00pm	Tuesdays with Morrie Starring Jamie Farr	X	\$65 \$55	= \$
Thur. Mar. 29, 8:00pm	Million Dollar Quartet	X	\$65 \$55	= \$
Fri. Apr. 13, 8:00pm	Pump Boys and Dinettes	X	\$45 \$35	= \$
Sat. Apr. 14, 8:00pm	Pump Boys and Dinettes	X	\$45 \$35	= \$
Sun. Apr. 15, 2:00pm	Pump Boys and Dinettes	X	\$45 \$35	= \$
Fri. Apr. 20, 8:00pm	Pump Boys and Dinettes	X	\$45 \$35	= \$
Sat. Apr. 21, 8:00pm	Pump Boys and Dinettes	X	\$45 \$35	= \$
Sun. Apr. 22, 2:00pm	Pump Boys and Dinettes	X	\$45 \$35	= \$
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#### 6. LIGHTHOUSE SERIES

Date & Time	Event	# of Tickets	Price	Amount
Sun. Feb. 25, 2:00pm	Ella at 100	X	\$40/\$30	= \$
Sun. Feb. 25, 7:00pm	Ella at 100	X	\$40/\$30	= \$
HAMPTON ROADS PHILH	ARMONIC			
Sun. Oct. 15, 2:30pm	Totentanz & Brahms' Symphony No. 2	X	\$20	= \$
Sun. Dec. 10, 2:30pm	Winter Classics & Holiday Favorites	X	\$20	= \$
Sun. Mar. 11, 2:30pm	Young Artist Competition Showcase Perf.	X	\$20	= \$
RIDDICK DANCE				
Fri. Oct. 20, 8:00pm	The King Project	X	\$25	= \$
Fri. Mar. 23, 8:00pm	MINDZ	X	\$25	= \$
MOVIE NIGHTS				
Thur. Oct. 26, 8:00pm	The Rocky Horror Picture Show	X	\$10	= \$

LIGHTHOUSE SERIES TOTAL = \$

#### 7. FAMILY FUN SERIES

Date & Time	Event	# of Tickets	Price	Amount
Sat. Oct. 28, 2:30pm	Disney's The Lion King Experience	X \$20 Adult	_X \$15 Yo	uth = \$
Sat. Nov. 18, 11:00am	Silly Bus	X	\$10	= \$
Sat. Jan. 20, 11:00am	Little Red and the Gingerbread Man	X	\$10	= \$
Sat. Apr. 7, 11:00am	Magic with Mark Nizer	X	\$10	= \$

FAMILY FUN SERIES TOTAL = \$\_\_\_\_

#### 8. CREATING WELLNESS SERIES

Date & Time Event	# of Tickets	Price	Amount
Sat. Aug. 12, 2:00–5:00pm Tibetan Meditations for Anxiety and Stress	X	\$100	= \$
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Sat. Oct. 14, 10:00am-3:00pm	SOULCollage®	\$100
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Sat. April 21, 10:00am-3:00pm	Art of Daily Living	\$100

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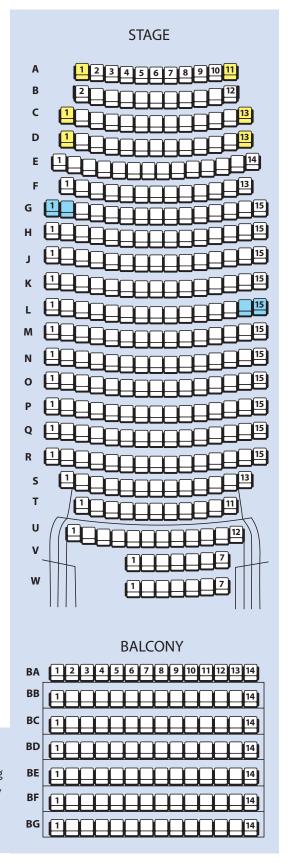
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