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# Welcome to Season 12!

We have sprinkled some magic into our 12th Season and we are glad that you have gotten swept up in it! We continue the original dream of a few members in the community to turn an old dairy barn into a theater—and look at us now! Since 2007 we have been expanding the performing and visual arts programs. As we enter our 12th Season we are enchanted with the wide array of events, activities and artistic opportunities in our season schedule.

The exclamation point that began our season was the **Bob Ross exhibit**, in September. This exclusive opportunity to view original Bob Ross paintings was arranged with Bob Ross Inc. and we displayed 24 paintings from his 1993 *Joy of Painting* series on Public Television. This was the first time his original artwork was displayed for viewing on the East coast and we were thrilled to host the exhibit. More than 15,000 people attended the exhibit and we had news stories in 51 different media outlets. May be you saw us on The Today Show!

Music is sprinkled throughout Season 12 introducing you to some new groups and some audience favorites. Step back in time with **Robbie Limon** as he takes you on a multi-media, musical journey with Hank Williams and Patsy Cline. Get to know our own **Franklin Park Big Band** and be delighted by the barbershop harmonies of **Old Dominion Chorus**. We will pack the house for **Danny Knicely's** concert and look forward to **Andrew McKnight's** CD release concert.



STEVE TORPY  
Director,  
Parks, Recreation & Community Services

**Family events** create cultural experiences that all ages can enjoy together, developing new audiences for the future of the performing arts. We have puppet shows for children as young as 2 years old, monthly Comedy Improv shows, Chinese New Year and Family New Year's Eve that are experiences for any age—grandparents, adults and kids alike! The monthly **planetarium shows** combine art and science to create wonder, encouraging us to look to the stars. We are proud of partnerships with the Town of Purcellville and Shenandoah University that allow us to showcase local talents on the rise!

This spring community theatre groups present several entertaining shows. In March, Arts for All presents *Seussical* a musical that brings to life Dr. Seuss stories. In April, Goose Creek Players present an Agatha Christie mystery play that is sure to intrigue you. And our Coffee-house Readers Theatre groups present several comedies

Last season, we welcomed **30,507** visitors and presented **330** different events and programs. Now it's time for the curtain to open on Season 12 and create some lasting memories. If it's your first time here, WELCOME! If you are a long-time supporter, we thank you and look forward to the "WOW!" moments ahead for you in Season 12.



ELIZABETH BRACEY  
Manager,  
Franklin Park Arts Center

*The Franklin Park Arts Center operates within the Parks Division of Loudoun County's Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS). Online at [www.loudoun.gov/prcs](http://www.loudoun.gov/prcs)*

*Our mission is to provide outstanding recreational and leisure opportunities, outcome-focused community services, and stewardship of our natural resources to promote quality of life for Loudoun's residents and visitors.*

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# February

## Danny Knicely 13th Annual Winter Concert

Sat 1st

8:00 pm

\$20-\$25

[www.dannynknicely.com](http://www.dannynknicely.com)

Multi-instrumentalist Danny Knicely draws from a wide range of influences including the Appalachian Folk Music of his youth, Jazz, Funk, Rock and various types of World Music he has encountered. He has shared his music and collaborated with musicians in over a dozen countries spanning four continents including US State Department tours in Russia, Tunisia, Morocco and Cabo Verde. Danny is joined by legendary tap-dancer Baakari Wilder who's known internationally for starring in the hit Broadway show Bring In Da Noise, Bring In Da Funk. His dancing has delighted audiences around the world in places such as the Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and oversees in France, Africa, Brazil, Germany, Japan and Russia. Bassist John Previti is best known for his 18 year stint with the amazing guitar master, Danny Gatton, and has performed with many other top guitarists such as Les Paul, Herb Ellis and Charlie Byrd.

Danny Knicely - mandolin, guitar, Baakari Wilder - tap-dance, John Previti - upright bass, Guest: Aimee Curl- - vocals

## Last Ham Standing Comedy Improv

Fri 7th

8:00 pm

\$10-\$14

[www.lastham.com](http://www.lastham.com)

Performers take suggestions from the audience to create wacky scenes and funny improv games. Family-friendly comedy.

## Planetarium Show The Planets

Sun 9th

\$8

1:30 pm, 2:30 pm, 3:30 pm, 4:30 pm

Call 540-338-7973 to Register

(Ages 4+) Step inside the Digitalis Delta 4 inflatable planetarium to discover the wonders of space! Travel through the solar system to each of the planets, their moons and new discoveries from NASA missions and space telescopes.

## Gallery Coffeehouse: Readers Theatre

Sun 9th

6:30 pm

\$8

Pay at Door

(Ages 16 & up) Performance group BITWC "Imagine That!" presents "The Savannah Sipping Society." In this delightful, laugh-a-minute comedy, four unique Southern women, all needing to escape the sameness of their day-to-day routines, are drawn together by fate – and an impromptu happy hour – and decide it's high time to reclaim the enthusiasm for life they've lost through the years. Coffee served, in a real mug.

## Puppet Show: Open A Book

Wed 12th

10:00 am

\$5

Pay at Door

Rainbow Puppets presents a show to correspond with their new book of the same name. Having performed for over 20,000 children in the state but this is their first performance in Loudoun. This interactive show emphasizes the importance, fun, and rewards of reading. A unique show that includes science, history, and fun in a delightful show as only Rainbow Puppets can present!

**Lovesick Blues: A Tribute to  
Hank Williams Sr. and  
Patsy Cline featuring  
Robbie Limon and Tracey Wygal**

Sat 15th 8:00 pm \$20-\$25  
[www.franklinparkartscenter.org](http://www.franklinparkartscenter.org)



Re-live the days of the Grand ole Opry and Tracy Wygal enters the stage in character as Patsy Cline along with an amazing live band. Then enjoy Robbie Limon as Hank Williams Sr., who immediately gets right down to business, singing "Hey Good Looking".



**Ashburn Academy of Dance**

Sat 22nd 2:00 & 7:00 pm \$20-\$25  
[tututix.com](http://tututix.com) or Pay at Door

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**Gallery Coffeehouse:** Sun 23rd 6:30pm \$8 Pay at Door  
**Rich Fink: "My Accidental Life"**

(Ages 16+) From the time he was a child, Rich Fink was one of the five most accident prone humans on the planet. Everybody who knew him thought that...especially his parents. In this coffeehouse, Fink recounts true tales of stumbling and bumbling, trips and pratfalls, idiocy and unexplainable luck. Enjoy a night of comedy where you can feel good about yourself because, on your way out, you can smile and say, "At least that wasn't me!"

**Shenandoah University** Sat 29th 7:30 pm \$10 Pay at Door  
**Musical Theatre Showcase**

"Leap" into an exciting musical evening with the Shenandoah Conservatory Music Theatre class of 2021. Students will perform hits from your favorite musicals and their dream roles! You may even be treated to a pop hit as well! Thank you for supporting this class' endeavors—a treat for everyone with music from the talented BFA MT Class at Shenandoah Conservatory. Happy Leap Day!

## MARCH

**Gallery Coffeehouse:** Sun 1st 6:30 pm \$8 Pay at Door  
**Readers Theatre, Diving Miss Daisy**

(Ages 16 & up) Performance group BITWC "Imagine That!" presents "Driving Miss Daisy". Daisy Werthan, an elderly widow living in Atlanta, is determined to maintain her independence. However, when she crashes her car, her son, Boolie, arranges for her to have a chauffeur, an African-American driver named Hoke Colburn. Daisy and Hoke's relationship gets off to a rocky start, but they gradually form a close friendship over the years, one that transcends racial prejudices and social conventions. Coffee served, in a real mug.

**Andrew McKnight** Fri 6th 7:30 pm  
**Treasures in My Chest** \$15 advance online/\$20 night of the show,  
**CD Release Concert** special packages including book album will be available.  
[www.andrewmcknight.net](http://www.andrewmcknight.net)

Andrew brings some talented musical friends for an exciting and entertaining evening of songs and stories to celebrate the arrival of Treasures in My Chest, his new full-length music album and companion book drawn from his experiences researching his family history over the last six years.



**Rattlesnake:  
a One-Man play by  
John Hardy**

Sat 7th                      7:30 pm  
Reserved Seating  
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RATTLESNAKE is a unique theatrical event in which one



actor plays sixteen characters who interact with each other. Sherman Trent, the main character, journeys from West Texas to Paris, France in his search for comfort and belonging which has eluded him in his life. His bond with the rattlesnake provides the direction that his life takes over the years. This performance is supported by funding from the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts and Friends of Franklin Park Arts Center.



**GOOSE CREEK PLAYERS  
PRESENTS**

*Agatha Christie*



**AND THEN THERE WERE NONE**

Directed by Mike Goshorn

April 17.18 @ 7:30pm

April 24.25 @ 7:30pm

April 19.26 @ 2pm

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### Planetarium Show Sky Stories

Sun 8th  
\$8

1:30 pm, 2:30 pm, 3:30 pm, 4:30 pm  
Call 540-338-7973 to Register

(Ages 4+) Step inside the Digitalis Delta 4 inflatable planetarium to discover the wonders of space! The constellations are our focus for this month's show. Discover the stories behind the constellations visible at this time of year and learn to identify them in your own back yard.

### Gallery Coffeehouse: Comedey Cult Improv

Sun 8th

6:30 pm

\$8

Pay at Door

Join the spontaneous and talented crew of Loudoun Valley HS Comedy Cult Improv team as they take audience suggestions and create theatrical scenes and stories on the spot! Unique comedy at its best! Coffee included, in a real mug.

### Puppet Show: Twice Upon A Time

Wed 11th

10:00 am

\$5

Pay at Door

(Ages 2 & up) Aiden Legend, an only child, is making funny faces into a mirror when it falls and breaks, accidentally propelling Aiden's mirror image into the real world. Is there room in our world for two Aiden Legends? Can Aiden get the Accidental Twin back into the mirror!? A rollicking puppet adventure for the whole family!

### Last Ham Standing Comedy Improv

Fri 13th

8:00 pm

\$10-\$14

[www.lastham.com](http://www.lastham.com)

See February for description.

### Mark Forrest and Seasons Concert

Sun 15th

3:00 pm

\$20 advance, \$25 at door

[www.franklinparkartscenter.org](http://www.franklinparkartscenter.org)

(All ages) Mark Forrest, one of Ireland's favorite tenors, returns to Franklin Park Arts Center with an afternoon of inspirational and uplifting music and song which includes Danny Boy, You Raise Me Up, God Bless the U.S.A and The Impossible Dream.



### Arts For All Loudoun: Seussical Jr.

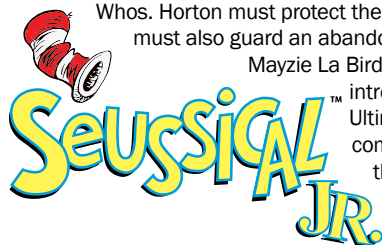
Mar 27th-29th, April 3rd-5th

\$10 -\$15

Fri-Sat 7:00 pm, Sun 3:00 pm

[www.ArtsForAllLoudoun.org](http://www.ArtsForAllLoudoun.org)

(All ages) Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat and all of your favorite Dr. Seuss characters spring to life onstage in Seussical JR., a fantastical musical extravaganza! Transporting audiences from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus, the Cat in the Hat narrates the story of Horton the Elephant, who discovers a speck of dust containing tiny people called the Whos. Horton must protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, and he must also guard an abandoned egg that's been left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant! Join the actors of VSA Loudoun County/Arts For All as they entertain you with this colorful show about the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community.



# APRIL

## Spring Break Space Discovery Days

Mon 6th

10:00 – 11:30 am

Star Quest

Tues 7th

10:00 – 11:30 am

Moons

Thurs 9th

10:00 – 11:30 am

Planets

\$20/day

(Ages 4+) Step inside the Digitalis Delta 4 inflatable planetarium to discover the wonders of space! Spend time in the planetarium and then do a themed activity in our lobby afterwards. Learn about the constellations and how to use a star map on Monday. Travel to the moons in our solar system visiting all but two planets on Tuesday. On Thursday, discover the Planets.

## Puppet Show: The Three Singing Princesses

Wed 8th

10:00 am

\$5 Pay at Door



A musical featuring 3 singers, masks, puppets and audience participation. Presented by Rosalita's Puppets in collaboration with "Stiletto Singers", three princesses use music to help them in their journey to find their dad.

## Last Ham Standing Comedy Improv

Fri 10th

8:00 pm

\$10-\$14

[www.lastham.com](http://www.lastham.com)

See February for description.

## Goose Creek Players: And Then There Were None

17th-19th &amp; 24th -26th

\$15

Fri, Sat 7:30 pm and Sun 2:00 pm

[www.goosecreekplayers.com](http://www.goosecreekplayers.com)

Ten strangers are lured to an isolated island mansion off the Devon coast by a mysterious "U. N. Owen." At dinner a recorded message accuses each of them in turn of having a guilty secret, and by the end of the night one of the guests is dead. Stranded by a violent storm, and haunted by a nursery rhyme counting down one by one . . . as one by one . . . they begin to die. Which among them is the killer and will any of them survive?



## Gallery Coffeehouse: Artist Talk Back- Side by Side Exhibit

Sun 19th

6:30 pm

\$8

Pay at Door

(All ages) Enjoy an informative evening with this unique coffeehouse and reception. Artists from the Side-by-Side exhibit share their inspirations and process. Coffee included, in a real mug.

# MAY

## Puppet Show: The Doubtful Sprout

Wed 13th

10:00 am

\$5

Pay at Door

(Ages 2 & up) Explore the world under your feet with this 35 minute show presented by A Couple of Puppets, using hand, finger, & rod puppets, marionettes, motorized puppets, and animated segments. Tunnel down with Worm and Sprout as they discover the mysterious life found inside soil. Along the way, kids help figure out the secrets that help Sprout grow. Award-winning puppeteer, Liz Joyce, brings this ecological wonderland to life.

## Last Ham Standing Comedy Improv

Fri 15th

8:00 pm

\$10-\$14

[www.lastham.com](http://www.lastham.com)

See February for description.

## Planetarium Show Mars

Sat 30th

1:30 pm, 2:30 pm, 3:30 pm, 4:30 pm

\$8

Call 540-338-7973 to Register

(Ages 4+) Step inside the Digitalis Delta 4 inflatable planetarium to discover the wonders of space! Learn how to recognize Mars and other planets in the night sky and some of the physical characteristics of the "red planet" as we explore our solar system. What's happening with the Mars Insight lander and what did we learn from the Mars Rovers? Will you be on the next mission to Mars?

## Franklin Park Big Band

Sun 31st

3:00 pm

\$15-\$20

Pay at Door

(All ages) Franklin Park Big Band brings their unique musical touch to classic favorites.

## Gallery Coffeehouse: Comedy Cult Improv

Sun 31st

6:30 pm

\$8

Pay at Door

Join the spontaneous and talented crew of Loudoun Valley HS Comedy Cult Improv team as they take audience suggestions and create theatrical scenes and stories on the spot! Unique comedy at its best! Coffee included, in a real mug.

# JUNE



## Western Loudoun Artists Studio Tour

Fri 5th

10:00 am- 5:00 pm STUDIOS ONLY

Sat 6th

10:00 am- 5:00 pm

Sun 7th

10:00 am- 5:00 pm

FREE

[www.wlast.org](http://www.wlast.org)

(All ages) Meet more than 60 talented artists as you wind through the scenic countryside and historic villages of western loudoun county. Enjoy paintings, pottery, jewelry, photography, fiber, sculpture, and more!

Take this unique opportunity to talk personally with the artists, purchase artwork, view demonstrations and exhibits, or win a door prize! And the best part: it's all free!

Visit [www.wlast.org](http://www.wlast.org) for a map and studio descriptions.

**Franklin Park Arts Center will only open Saturday and Sunday.**

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# Loudoun County Barn Quilt Trail



When you arrived today, you may have noticed our new colorful quilt mural on the front of our building. This is our Barn Quilt Mural, adding

Franklin Park Arts Center to the list of sites on the Loudoun County Barn Quilt Trail. Wineries, barns and historic buildings across Loudoun are hosting these decorative quilt blocks on the outside of their buildings as a nod to Loudoun's agricultural roots. Loudoun County,

Virginia, was established in 1757 and soon became the most populous county in the state. Rich in agriculture, Loudoun's contributions of grain to General George Washington's Continental Army earned it the nickname "Breadbasket of the Revolution." This long history includes strong cultural traditions as well. The Loudoun County Barn Quilt Trail includes quilt block designs created by Loudoun natives as early as the 18th century. Visit each site to learn about agriculture, history, and culture on this interactive journey.

Visitors to the website

**LoudounBarnQuilts.org** can view all locations on this self-guided trail as well as pictures of the quilt blocks.

Our colorful quilt block is called the Carpenter's Wheel, which relates back to our own history as a working dairy farm and the old fashioned barn raising that was done to rebuild the Arts Center after the fire. A carpenter's wheel is a measuring device, used to measure such

things as fence lines, walls and wherever a tape measure won't work well.

"We chose to create our carpenter's wheel quilt block in a color pattern that mimics the artists' color pallet", said Jeanne Niccolls, a member of the Friends of Franklin Park Arts Center and a quilter herself. Niccolls created a sample version of the quilt block in fabric, which hangs in our lobby. The Loudoun County Barn Quilt Trail is sponsored by Visit Loudoun, Loudoun County Rural Economic Development Council and the Loudoun Arts Council.

For more information, visit their website at **LoudounBarnQuilts.org**



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# What Are Sensory Backpacks?

You may have noticed the **Sensory Backpacks** as you entered the theatre today and wondered “what are those”? Or maybe you are sitting next to someone wearing headphones or sun glasses and wondered “are they being rude”?

Let us introduce you to the **Sensory Backpack**!

This new addition to our theatre is a way to reach out to those people who might need some things to help them enjoy the performance. Sometimes, the bright lights and loud music, the constant changing of sets, the range of emotion can be overwhelming to some audience members. Wearing noise canceling headphones or sunglasses can lessen the impact. Having a small cuddly toy or weighted blanket can be comforting in this environment as well.

These patrons may have family or friends in the show and really want to be there to support them, just like you! They just need a few small accommodations to be able to enjoy the show as much as you. Thank you for being friendly and understanding to them and their families. And if you need a **Sensory Backpack** too, don't hesitate to ask an usher.

*Thank you to Arts for All (formerly VSA Loudoun County) for sponsoring this new effort.*



# SEASON 12 CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

PROGRAM	DAY	DATE	TIME
Danny Knicely Winter Concert	Sat	Feb 1	8:00 pm
Chinese New Year Event	Sun	Feb 2	1:00 pm
Last Ham Standing Comedy Improv	Fri	Feb 7	8:00 pm
Planetarium Show: The Planets	Sun	Feb 9	1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 pm
Gallery Coffeehouse Readers Theatre: The Savannah Sipping Society	Sun	Feb 9	6:30 pm
Rainbow Puppets: Open A Book	Wed	Feb 12	10:00 am
Robbie Limon Lovesick Blues: a Tribute to Hank Williams Sr.and Patsy Cline	Sat	Feb 15	8:00 pm
Ballet Theatre of Ashburn	Sat	Feb 22	2:00 & 7:00 pm
Gallery Coffeehouse: Readers Theatre	Sun	Feb 23	6:30 pm
Shenandoah University Concert	Sat	Feb 29	7:30 pm
Gallery Coffeehouse Readers Theatre: Driving Miss Daisy	Sun	Mar 1	6:30 pm
Andrew McKnight Concert	Fri	Mar 6	7:30 pm
John Hardy: Rattlesnake	Sat	Mar 7	7:30 pm
Planetarium Show: Sky Stories	Sun	Mar 8	1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 pm
Gallery Coffeehouse: Comedy Cult Improv	Sun	Mar 8	6:30 pm
MadCap Puppets: Twice Upon A Time	Wed	Mar 11	10:00 am
Last Ham Standing Comedy Improv	Fri	Mar 13	8:00 pm
Mark Forrest and Seasons Music Concert	Sun	Mar 15	3:00 pm
Loudoun School of Ballet	Sat & Sun	Mar 21, 22	TBD
Arts for All: Seussical Jr. (formally VSA Loudoun County)	Fri & Sat	Mar 27, 28	7:00 pm
	Sun	Mar 29	3:00 pm
	Fri, Sat	April 3, 4	7:00 pm
	Sun	April 5	3:00 pm
Rosalita's Puppets: The Three Singing Princesses	Wed	April 8	10:00 am
Last Ham Standing Comedy Improv	Fri	April 10	8:00 pm
Goose Creek Productions: And Then There Were None	Fri & Sat	April 17, 18 & 24, 25	7:30 pm
	Sun	April 19 & 26	2:00 pm
Gallery Coffeehouse: Artist Talkback, Side by Side	Sun	April 19	6:30 pm
A Couple of Puppets: The Doubtful Sprout	Wed	May 13	10:00 am
Last Ham Standing Comedy Improv	Fri	May 15	8:00 pm
Planetarium Show: Mars	Sat	May 30	1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 pm
Franklin Park Big Band	Sun	May 31	3:00 pm
Gallery Coffeehouse: Comedy Cult Improv	Sun	May 31	6:30 pm





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# Puppet Show Series

**Puppet shows are a friendly way to introduce young children to the theater.**

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**Tickets: \$5/person ages 2 & up.**

**Groups are encouraged call ahead to reserve spots 540-338-7973**

## **Puppet Show: Open A Book**

**Wed 2/12 10:00 am**

Rainbow Puppets presents a show to correspond with their new book of the same name. Having performed for over 20,000 children in the state but have not done any performances in Loudoun, this interactive show emphasizes the importance, fun, and rewards of reading. A unique show that includes science, history, and fun in a delightful show as only Rainbow Puppets can present!

## **MadCap Puppets: Twice Upon a Time**

**Wed 3/11 10:00 am**

Aiden Legend, an only child, is making funny faces into a mirror when it falls and breaks, accidentally propelling Aiden's mirror image into the real world. Is there room in our world for two Aiden Legends? Can Aiden get the Accidental Twin back into the mirror!? A rollicking puppet adventure for the whole family!



## **Rosalita's Puppets: The Three Singing Princesses**

**Wed 4/8 10:00 am**

A musical featuring 3 singers, masks, puppets and audience participation. Presented by Rosalita's Puppets in collaboration with "Stiletto Singers", three princesses use music to help them in their journey to find their dad.

## **A Couple of Puppets: The Doubtful Sprout**

**Wed 5/13 10:00 am**

Explore the world under your feet with this 35 minute show presented by A Couple of Puppets, using hand, finger, & rod puppets, marionettes, motorized puppets, and animated segments. Tunnel down with Worm and Sprout as they discover the mysterious life found inside soil. Along the way, kids help figure out the secrets that help Sprout grow. Award-winning puppeteer, Liz Joyce, brings this ecological wonderland to life.



# In The Gallery

## FROM ALL ANGLES

February 13 – March 22

Opening Reception: Thursday February 13 4:30 – 6:00 pm

*Artists are invited to submit works in all mediums that show interesting perspectives, views from a different angle or just simply incorporate angles!*

## DAVINCI ART EXHIBIT

March 27 – April 12

*Artwork from Arts for All (formally VSA Loudoun County) DaVinci's art program.*

## SIDE BY SIDE

April 17 – May 31

Opening Reception: Sunday April 19 6:30 – 8:00 pm (Coffeehouse)

*In this exhibit, artists pairs/couples – married, friends, teacher & student, brother & sister, and so on -- are encouraged to submit a pair of works (one from each person in the pair) OR one piece that is a collaborative work between the pair.*

## TAKE ME HOME

June 8 – July 12

*This exhibit celebrates the family pet with an opening call for entries proceeds from artwork sales will benefit local rescue animal groups.*

## JOURNEYS

July 16 – August 23

Opening Reception: Saturday July 18

*As artists explore, their travels often become the subject of their artwork.*

*But these journeys also affect an artist's process giving them a new perspective, a new palette, a new medium. This exhibit lets you see how a place can affect the person.*

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# A Sneak Peek at Summer Events...

We are putting the final details together for our summer season and it looks like it's going to be a busy one for musical theater with 11 productions presented by 8 different community theater groups in Loudoun County. Many of these groups will be presenting here for the first time and we are excited to help these groups continue to grow and develop. We are planning a few musical concerts to bookend the summer in addition to our annual July 4th festivities. While our coffeehouse series takes a break for the summer months, we continue with puppet shows and planetarium programs and have added summer camps and special events. We even plan on "making a splash" at the pool this summer! We look forward to welcoming you and your family! Our full schedule for summer will be available May 1st but here is a sneak peek.

## June



### **Western Loudoun Artists Studio Tour**

Friday 5th 10:00 am-5:00 pm **STUDIOS ONLY**

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th 10:00 am- 5:00 pm

Admission: FREE [www.wlast.org](http://www.wlast.org)

**See page 10 for information**



## July

### **Independence Day Concert & Fireworks**

Saturday 4th 5:00 pm-10:00 pm



## August

### **Tanabata: A Japanese Celebration**

Sunday 9th 6:00 pm

(All ages) Celebrate this traditional Japanese festival with live entertainment and a lantern release on our pond.



# ...And Our Summer Camps

## June

### Theatre Touring Camp

**Mondy-Friday June 29–July 17 2:00 pm-5:30 pm**

(Ages 12-15) Experience the life of a traveling performer in this unique theatre camp. In the first two weeks, you will audition, learn your roles, create costumes and props and use teamwork to set up your performing space in 15 minutes or less! Spend your last week of camp ON THE ROAD -taking your show to camps and libraries across Loudoun County. The limited enrollment in this camp allows each actor individualized attention and performance experience! Bring a snack each day. No Camp July 3. FEE \$285

## July

### Junior Theatre Touring Camp

**Mondy-Friday July 13–31 9:00 am-1:30 pm**

(Ages 8-12) Experience the life of a traveling performer in this unique theatre camp. In the first two weeks, you will audition, learn your roles, create costumes and props and use teamwork to set up your performing space in 15 minutes or less! Then take your show on tour for the last week of camp. FEE \$305

### Junior Playwriting Camp

**Mondy-Friday July 27–31 2:00 pm - 5:30 pm**

(Ages 12-15) In this 5 day camp, future playwrights will join together and, through brainstorming and improv, collectively write a script for the stage, cast the show and then perform it for an audience! Bring your own snack each day.

Location: Franklin Park Arts Center. FEE \$125

### Comedy Improv Bootcamp

**Mondy-Friday July 27– 31 6:00 pm-9:00 pm**

(Ages 13-up) Dive into this workshop and learn improv skills and comedic timing from the talented performers of Last Ham Standing. Ready yourself for a performance on Friday, July 31 at 7:30 pm, just before the monthly Last Ham Standing Comedy Improv Show at Franklin Park Arts Center. FEE \$165

# Welcome to FRANKLIN PARK ARTS CENTR

## A Word from the Friends of Franklin Park Arts Center

As we embark on our 12th Season many new things are in store, as well as returning performance artists who have previously thrilled us at the Arts Center. Looking back, we see what important landmarks have been accomplished in the past year.

### VISUAL ARTS

Last October, a large bronze sculpture titled *Urban Arbor* by nationally acclaimed local artist Robert Sanabria was dedicated and now stands

in front of the Arts Center. We are exploring other visual arts initiatives for the grounds as well.

We have well-attended art show openings, each with a different theme, and some featured a guest speaker. The Friends-sponsored shows offer cash prizes as well. New artists are welcome to participate, and we have made that easier than ever with lower entry fees. There

are student shows, so all ages can be represented in the gallery. Don't miss the DaVinci shows for a unique perspective on visual arts from the VSA/Arts for All community.

### PERFORMING ARTS

In the theater we have a full lineup of varied Gold Star shows and will welcome back a couple of nationally recognized artists who put on very popular shows here. VSA/Arts for All always will still amaze and dazzle us as well as create a sense of community. Local groups continue to demonstrate the high level of talent here in Loudoun County. Do check the program events, mark your calendar, and bring some friends.

### YOUR COMMUNITY ARTS RESOURCE

The Franklin Park Arts Center would not be here if not for you. Come to a performance, enter an art show, and expand your horizons. Sign up as a member or join the mailing list. Something new is always brewing at the Arts Center, especially on Sundays at the Gallery Coffeehouse.

See you at the Arts Center.

*Regards,*  
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# Member ACTIVITIES

The GOLD STAR performance series is something that the Friends of Franklin Park Arts Center are proud to present each season, bringing national touring level performers to our local community. The experience of attending a GOLD STAR performance is more than just seeing a show! These performances are meant to be a full experience, often with featured items in concessions and the opportunity for reserved seating tickets.

This season's GOLD STAR performances feature Americana, Bluegrass and Country music as well as two incredible plays by professional touring actors. In October, we welcomed

**John McEuen & the String Wizards,** featuring our own Les Thompson. John McEuen brings with him 50+ years of worldwide performing experience with his banjo, fiddle, guitar, and mandolin. A Nitty Gritty Dirt Band founding member in 1966, John initiated the 1972 classic *Will the Circle Be Un-*broken album, (inducted in to the Library of Congress as 'one of America's most important recordings).

The **Seldom Scene** took the stage in November. An American bluegrass band formed in 1971 in Bethesda, Maryland, The Scene has been instrumental in starting the

progressive bluegrass movement as their shows include bluegrass versions of country music, rock, and even pop. Current band members include Dudley Connell (guitar), Lou Reid (mandolin, guitar), Ron Stewart (banjo, fiddle), Fred Travers (dobro), and Ronnie Simpkins (bass).

**Lovesick Blues: a tribute to Hank Williams Sr. and Patsy Cline featuring Robbie Limon and Tracey Wygal** is the



perfect Valentine's weekend date night! Re-live the days of the Grand Ole Opry as Tracy Wygal enters the decorated stage, in character

as Patsy Cline along with an amazing live band. Just when you think you've been entertained enough... Robbie Limon enters the stage as Hank Williams Sr. immediately getting right down to business, singing "Hey Good Looking".

The exclamation point to our GOLD STAR series brings professional actor **John Hardy** back to the Arts Center to present his original play *Rattlesnake* in March.

Mr. Hardy plays sixteen characters in this epic story that spans thirty years and reaches from Texas to Paris, France. This critically acclaimed show has received fantastic reviews!

We look forward to welcoming you for a GOLD STAR performance in Season 12.



For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.franklinparkartscenter.org](http://www.franklinparkartscenter.org). For information on becoming a member of the Friends of Franklin Park Arts Center, please see page 28 in the playbill.





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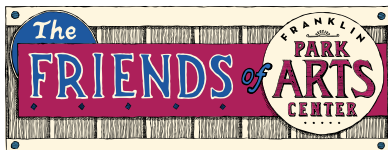
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