

BLUE RIDGE AND BEYOND SERIES

Live from the Historic Earle Theatre



Sierra Hull



Black Violin



Malpass Brothers



Rhonda Vincent



Cabinet



Balsam Range

TRAVIS FRYE & BLUE MOUNTAIN with guests THE WOOD FAMILY TRADITION

Saturday, October 17, 2015, 7:30 pm, \$7 or Season Pass.

The Wood Family Tradition is a second and third generation Bluegrass and Gospel band that has performed with many acts including Bill Monroe and Al Wood.

JOHN CONLEE

Friday, November 6, 2015, 7 pm

\$64 VIP Meet & Greet, \$49 Orchestra, \$39 Balcony, \$5 more on day of show

Country legend John Conlee is a regular performer at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. He has brought to audiences such classic songs as: "Rose Colored Glasses", "Friday Night Blues", "Backside of 30", and more.

TRAVIS FRYE & BLUE MOUNTAIN with guests THE FIDDLIN' CARSON PETERS BAND

Saturday, November 21, 2015, 7:30 pm, \$7 or Season Pass.

At eleven years old, Carson Peters, or "Fiddlin' Carson Peters" as he is becoming known, is a seasoned performer playing numerous venues with his band throughout the region; Bristol Rhythm and Roots, Dollywood's Bluegrass and BBQ, Asheville's Bluegrass First Class, and Song of the Mountains to name a few. He won first place in fiddle at the Mount Airy Fiddlers Convention, youth division, when he was 4 years old. Carson also appeared on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno and Betty White.

MICHAEL RENO HARRELL'S "CAROLINA CHRISTMAS"

Saturday, December 19, 2015, 7:30 pm, \$7

Michael Reno Harrell is an award winning songwriter, veteran storyteller and entertainer. His recordings have for years received and continue to garner awards in Country, Americana and Folk circles.

BREAKING UP CHRISTMAS DANCE with THE BUCKSTANKLE BOYS

Saturday, December 26, 2015, 7:00 pm, \$5*, Season Pass, Merry-Go-Round

BREAKING UP CHRISTMAS DANCE with THE SLATE MOUNTAIN RAMBLERS

Saturday, January 2, 2016, 7:00 pm

\$5, Season Pass, Merry-Go-Round

TRAVIS FRYE & BLUE MOUNTAIN with DAVE LEATHERMAN AND STONE COUNTY

Saturday, January 16, 2016 7:30 pm, \$7 or Season Pass.

BALSAM RANGE

Saturday, January 30, 2016, 7:30 pm, \$25 Orchestra, \$15 Balcony

The band received top honors in the 2014 IBMA Awards including Entertainer of the Year and Vocal Group of the Year. Elements of jazz, country, gospel, swing and old-time music are all infused into the fresh sound of this unique Southern band.

WPAQ 68th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, February 6, 2016, 6:00 pm, Free

TRAVIS FRYE & BLUE MOUNTAIN with SONS OF THE SOUTH

Saturday, February 20, 2016, 7:30 pm, \$7 or Season Pass.

TOMMY JARRELL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Friday, February 26, 2016, Youth Competition 5:00 pm, Concert and Dance 7:00 pm, \$10 or Season Pass

The Tommy Jarrell Birthday Celebration is hosted by Lew Bode and features The Buckstankle Boys, Slate Mountain Ramblers, Pilot Mountain Bobcats, and Zephyr Lightning Bolts.

SIERRA HULL featuring Ethan Jodziewicz and Justin Moses

Saturday, February 27, 2016, 7:30 pm, \$20 Orchestra, \$15 Balcony

IBMA's voting members having nominated her for eight awards. She is again the only woman and the youngest person nominated for Mandolin Player of the Year! Ethan Jodziewicz is a double bassist who thrives in performances and collaborations that combine traditional and contemporary elements and technical virtuosity. He studied with Edgar Meyer and Hal Robinson. Justin Moses is an accomplished acoustic instrumentalist who is an in-demand session player at the Grand Ole Opry. He made his Opry debut in 2008 & has appeared on stage with artists including Alison Krauss, Del McCoury, Emmylou Harris and Brad Paisley.

"IRISH AT THE EARLE" featuring MICK MOLONEY

Tuesday, March 15, 2016, 7:30 pm

Historic Earle Theatre, \$10*, Library Card, SAC Season Pass or Merry-Go-Round Pass. This project is supported by the N.C. Arts Council, a division of the Department of Cultural Resources, and is presented in collaboration with the Mt. Airy Public Library & the Surry American Irish Society.

RHONDA VINCENT & THE RAGE

Saturday, March 19, 2016, 7:30 pm, \$50 preferred seating, \$45 Orchestra, \$35 Balcony

Rhonda Vincent is the bona fide Queen of Bluegrass, a soulful singer who was named Female Vocalist of the Year seven consecutive times by the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA). She has recorded contemporary country albums and sung with her close friend Dolly Parton, recorded with Willie Nelson and opened for George Jones.

BLACK VIOLIN

Friday, April 15, 2016, 7:30 pm, Black Violin, \$25 Orchestra, \$15 Balcony

Classically trained Wil Baptiste and Kevin "Kev Marcus" Sylvester, the founders of Black Violin, are the new standard. There has been no band to meticulously meld classical, hip-hop, rock and pop music into a single genre-busting act - until now. After winning Showtime at the Apollo, they have toured with Mike Shinoda of Linkin Park, opened for the Wu-Tang Clan, scored an episode of CSI: New York and even performed for President Obama at his 2nd inauguration. "We want to really be something that young musicians aspire to," says Kev. "For us, the violin is the vehicle for a bigger message, which is not to be afraid to be different."

CABINET (Pending)

Saturday, June 18, 2016, 7:30 pm, \$15 Orchestra, \$10 Balcony

Cabinet, formed in 2006, is a band with roots firmly planted in the Appalachian tradition. Describing themselves as "bluegrass but not in the traditional sense," their music brings to mind soul, simplicity and serious musicianship. Their concerts take on a celebratory nature with an inclusive and engaging energy that weaves together the influences of bluegrass, country and folk.

THE MALPASS BROTHERS

Friday, September 23, 2016, 7:00 pm, \$20 orchestra, \$15 balcony

The Malpass Brothers are as close to real traditional country music artists as you can get. Their smooth vocal blend and skillful musicianship pay respect to the legends who have paved their way. The brothers have appeared on iconic stages such as the Ryman Auditorium and Merlefest. Songwriters as well as musicians, the duo's video "Memory That Bad" hit CMT Pure Country's Top Ten. Taylor and Chris pay tribute to music legends Merle Haggard, Ernest Tubb, The Louvin Brothers, Elvis, Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, and many more during their performances. With their funny, off-the-cuff quips, these two 20 somethings will have the audience laughing and singing along to those beloved songs we all remember as real country music. And for you Mayberry fans, Christopher Malpass is, in his own words, "the world's biggest fan of Andy Griffith." He watches the show every night and can quote lines from the episodes.



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