# January - February 2024

**The Laurel Theater**

1538 Laurel Ave, Knoxville, Tennessee

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**SUNDAY**

- Unless otherwise noted, all events are at the Laurel Theater, 1538 Laurel Ave (16th St & Laurel Ave in Fort Sanders)

**MONDAY**

- New Year’s Day
- Knoxville Contra Dance 8 pm

**TUESDAY**

- Scandinavian Couple Dancing 7 pm

**WEDNESDAY**

- Knoxville Swing Dance Assoc. Lessons at 7 pm
- Open Dance at 8 pm

**THURSDAY**

- Musician Therapy 7 pm

**FRIDAY**

- JCA presents
- **LAUREL OLD-TIME JAM** 7-9 pm

**SATURDAY**

- Old Christmas
- Mountain Jubilee
- 9 pm on WUOT

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**SUNDAY**

- Sunday Jubilee 5-10 pm on WDVX

**MONDAY**

- M. L. King Day
- Knoxville Contra Dance 8 pm

**TUESDAY**

- Scandinavian Couple Dancing 7 pm

**WEDNESDAY**

- Knoxville Swing Dance Assoc. Lessons at 7 pm
- Open Dance at 8 pm

**THURSDAY**

- JCA presents
- **NEW BECKHAM COUNTY RAMBLERS** 8 pm

**FRIDAY**

- Mountain Jubilee 9 pm on WUOT

**SATURDAY**

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**THURSDAY**

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- **RB MORRIS** 8 pm

**FRIDAY**

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- **Blue Ridge Gathering** 8 pm

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The Mission of Jubilee Community Arts is to promote, preserve and present the traditional performing arts of the Southern Appalachian region and to nurture the cultural milieu responsible for the birth and evolution of these and related art forms.
The Laurel Old-Time Jam

Thursday, January 11, 7 p.m.
Old-time jam night at the Laurel Theater. Most months on the 2nd Thursday.  

Free

Laurie Lewis & the Right Hands

Bluegrass & Songwriting

Friday, January 12, 8 p.m.

Laurie Lewis has played traditional music for almost four decades, since her teenage years and performed in various bands from her early 20s. She has delved into any part of the music bluegrass singing trio with her powerful voice, having twice been named Female Vocalist of the Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association, and won Song of the Year for her rendition of the now-standard “Who Will Watch the Home Place?” While steeped in the bluegrass tradition, Laurie’s songwriting demonstrates her ability to surpass the limitations of that genre. Her works reflect her wide range of influences: from old-time and country to Tin Pan Alley, jazz standards and early rock ’n roll.

$29 JCA Members, Students, Seniors • $30 General Advance  
$35 General Day of Show

New Beckham County Ramblers

Old-Time Stringband

Saturday, Jan 20, 8 p.m.

The New Beckham County Ramblers were founded in the heart of the Daniel Boone National Forest in Morehead, Kentucky. Drawing influence from old-time music, bluegrass, and delta blues, the New Beckham County Ramblers do not stray far from their upbringing in Kentucky, and central Appalachia. The band includes Nathan Kiser (fiddle), Steven Middleton (banjo, harmonica & vocals), Scott Rucker (mandolin & guitar) and Melissa Caskey (upright bass).

$14 JCA Members, Students, Seniors • $15 General Advance  
$20 General Day of Show

RB Morris

Songwriter & Poet

Saturday, January 27, 8 p.m.

Knoxville’s first Poet Laureate, singer and songwriter, playwright and band leader RB Morris returns to his “pulpit” at the Laurel Theater with multi-instrumentalist Greg Horne, Cecelia Miller and Hunter Deacon. RB Morris is a poet who writes emotionally intense songs full of ideas and unexpected word-play and sings them in arrangements that emphasize the rhythmic interchange between words and music. His most recent album was Rich Mountain Bound.

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New Dismembered Tennesseans

Bluegrass

Saturday, Feb 3, 8 p.m.

Building on a 70-year history as one of the most influential bluegrass bands in the region, the New Dismembered Tennesseans today bring a new lineup, new repertoire, and new energy to the band founded by Tennessee master fiddler and philanthropist Fletcher Bright and his high school friends back in 1945. Make that “mostly” new lineup, as original banjo player Ed “Doc” Cullis still performs with the band today. Today, along with Cullis, the band features long-time members Laura Walker (bass & vocals) and Don Cassell (mandolin & vocals) plus Bobby Burns (guitar & vocals), Tom Morley (fiddle & vocals) and Fletcher’s granddaughter, Eleanor Bright (clawhammer banjo & vocals).

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The Laurel Old-Time Jam

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Free

Earl White Stringband

Old-Time

Saturday, Feb 10, 8 p.m.

Fiddler Earl White has been active in the old-time, folk and dance community for more than 45 years. An original and founding member of the Green Grass Cloggers, he is known for his extensive repertoire of tunes and his driving style. He has played in numerous old-time string bands, and currently leads the Earl White Stringband, featuring Victor Furtado (banjo), Danny Knicely (guitar), Adrienne Davis (guitar), Mark Schatz (bass), Carter Eddy (bass), Jake Eddy (guitar) and other great musicians.

$19 JCA Members, Students, Seniors • $20 General Advance  
$25 General Day of Show

Viv & Riley

Songwriting

Saturday, Feb 17, 8 p.m.

Based out of Durham, North Carolina, Vivian Leva & Riley Calcagno meld Appalachian traditional music with the newer melodies and vocal harmonies of indie folk. Viv and Riley began collaborating in 2018. Since then, they’ve recorded and released multiple albums to critical acclaim from
the likes of NPR Music, Rolling Stone, and No Depression, and have garnered nearly six million streams on Spotify. They also play in the Onlies, an award winning old-time stringband. In that role, they serve as co-artistic directors of the Festival of American Fiddle Tunes.

$14 JCA Members, Students, Seniors • $15 General Advance
$20 General Day of Show

Blue Ridge Gathering
Old-Time Stringband
Friday, February 23, 8 p.m.

Knoxville based Blue Ridge Gathering are Cody Bauer on fiddle, Jessica Watson on banjo and guitar and Duck Ryan on banjo and guitar. Their music is based on regional old-time traditions along with some more modern arrangements and original compositions. Formed in 2022, the band took second place in the neo-traditional band category at the 2023 Appalachian String Band Music Festival in Clifftop, West Virginia.

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Dom Flemons
American Songster
Saturday, February 24, 8 p.m.

Dom is a music scholar, historian, record collector and a multi-instrumentalist, with a repertoire of music covering over 100 years of American folklore, ballads, and tunes. He plays banjo, fife, guitar, harmonica, jug, percussion, quills, and rhythm bones. In 2018, Flemons released the Grammy nominated solo album Dom Flemons Presents Black Cowboys on Smithsonian Folkways part of the African American Legacy Recordings series, co-produced with the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. In 2005 Dom co-founded the Carolina Chocolate Drops who won a Grammy for “Best Traditional Folk Album” in 2010 and were nominated for “Best Folk Album” in 2012. While with the band he performed at the Laurel Theater. He left the group to pursue his solo career in 2014. Dom’s debut appearance on the Grand Ole Opry was in 2018.

$24 JCA Members, Students, Seniors • $25 General Advance
$30 General Day of Show

Jubilee Records
Field Recordings

Crossville Criminal - songs and stories of the late Fentress County ballad singer Johnny Ray Hicks, the last publically performing singer in the family tradition that became known to the world through the recordings of his cousins Dee and Delta Hicks.
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55th Jubilee Festival
FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MARCH 15-17, 2024
Celebrating the traditional music of the Southern Appalachians

BECOME A MEMBER

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- $60 Supporter
- $100 Sponsor
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Memberships are for one year beginning on September 1, 2023 and expiring on August 31, 2024.

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Concerts

Laurie Lewis - CANCELLED
RB Morris
New Dismembered Tennesseans
Earl White Band
Viv & Riley
Blue Ridge Gathering
Dom Flemons
One Year Pass

Recordings

May Justus (CD) $15.50 $17.50 $20.00
Johnny Ray Hicks (CD) $15.50 $17.50 $20.00
Pine Breeze Recordings (CD) $17.50 $19.50 $22.00
New Harp of Columbia (CD) $10.50 $12.50 $15.00

Recording prices include $2.50 shipping

Checks and Money Orders ONLY. Make payable to JUBILEE COMMUNITY ARTS.
Mail to: Jubilee Community Arts, 1538 Laurel Ave, Knoxville, TN 37916

A big thank you to our members and volunteers for their continuing support!

JCA Radio

Saturday Night on WUOT – 91.9 fm
9:00 pm - Mountain Jubilee with host Paul Campbell
Latest releases of regional music with historic recordings and highlights of Laurel Theater concerts.

The Sunday Jubilee on WDVX – 89.9 & 102.9 fm
5:00 pm - Tennessee Country Classics with host Joe Bussard
String bands, blues, and early bluegrass from the 20’s to the 50’s.

6:00 pm - Mountain Jubilee with host Paul Campbell
A rebroadcast, produced with the assistance of WUOT.

7:00 pm - Live at Laurel with host Brent Cantrell
Concerts from our weekly series at the Laurel Theater and from our annual Jubilee Festival.

8:00 pm - Wild Hog in the Woods with host Brent Cantrell
Ballads, blues, and old-time music with a focus on pre-war recordings and field recordings.

8:30 pm - Music of the Cumberland Trail with host Bobby Fulcher
Produced by the Friends of the Cumberland Trail and featuring all things musical associated with the Cumberland Trail.

9:00 pm - The Vinyl Frontier with host Jim Childs
Home-recorded acetate discs, old-time country, jazz, blues, and radio transcriptions, with an emphasis on locally produced recordings.

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