**November - December 2023**

**The Laurel Theater**

1538 Laurel Ave, Knoxville, Tennessee

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| | | | | | | **JCA receives financial support from The Arts and Culture Alliance of Greater Knoxville, The City of Knoxville, Knox County, The East Tennessee Foundation, The National Endowment for the Arts, South Arts, The Tennessee Arts Commission, & Ullrich Printing; JCA is a member agency of Community Shares. This project is being supported in part by federal award number SLP5534 awarded to the State of Tennessee by the U.S. Department of the Treasury as well as a federal award to the City of Knoxville by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Unless otherwise noted all events are at the Laurel Theater, 1538 Laurel Ave (16th St & Laurel Ave in Fort Sanders)
Tennessee Folklore Society Annual Meeting

at the Gem Theatre in Etowah, Tennessee

Saturday, November 4, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Tellico Junior Appalachian Musicians (JAM) will play during registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. The membership meeting follows at 10:00. The public is invited to attend any or all activities on the schedule.

Fiddler Greg Brooks’ presentation at 1:15 p.m. is titled “Allen Sisson: Copper Basin Fiddler,” and focuses on the first fiddler with Tennessee connections to make commercial recordings. Although Sisson lived in Fannin County, Georgia, he worked as a section hand railroad foreman for D&SC mines across the state line in Copperhill. After gaining fame as the Champion Fiddler of Tennessee in 1921, Sisson recorded for the Edison label in 1925. In recent years, Greg has studied Sisson’s unique tunes, as well as those of Tommy Magness.

Joseph Decosimo will present “Rare and Beautiful Fiddle and Banjo Repertoire from East Tennessee” at 2:45 p.m. Many fine fiddlers and banjo players have called East Tennessee home through the years. Performer, researcher, and native East Tennessean Joseph Decosimo will share pieces from the region’s banjo and fiddle traditions, some dating to the 19th century. For the last 25 years, Decosimo has researched and interpreted the region’s older tunes. A blue-ribbon winning fiddler and banjo player, he has shared the region’s music at festivals around the world and holds a doctorate in American Studies.

Other presenters at the TFS annual meeting include Tennessee Arts Commission (TAC) Director of Folklife Bradley Hanson and TAC Traditional Arts Specialist Evangeline Mee Princep. Caroline Mitchell Carrico will present “Bocce & the Memphis Italian Festival” focusing on the traditional game which is a core part of the Memphis Italian Festival. Her project was created as part of the Tennessee Folklife Institute, a program of TAC in partnership with Humanities Tennessee. At 2 p.m., Dr. Mark Jackson of Middle Tennessee State University will present “Poke Sallet: A Delicious and Dangerous Foodways.”

Free

The Laurel Old-Time Jam

Thursday, November 9, 7 p.m.

Old-time jam night at the Laurel Theater. Usually on the 2nd Thursday of the month. It will be held in November but will be preempted in December by the annual Circle Modern Dance performance.

Free

Annual Thanksgiving Old Harp Singing

Epworth Old Harp

Wednesday, November 22, 6:30 p.m.

JCA and the Epworth Old Harp Singers host a potluck supper followed by a community singing from the New Harp of Columbia. Shape note singing has a long history in East Tennessee and the Epworth Old Harp Singers are actively carrying on that tradition. The New Harp of Columbia was first published in 1863 in Knoxville, based on the 1848 Harp of Columbia, also published in East Tennessee; a new edition was published in 2001 due to the tireless efforts of singer Larry Olszewski. This event also serves as the annual memorial for Larry.
Workshop on Live Sound Mixing
At the Laurel Theater
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 6-9 P.M.
As part of its community service and education programs, Jubilee Community Arts is offering a workshop which will provide an introduction to audio setup, equipment, and mixing for concerts. Designed for musicians and volunteers interested in a basic introduction to live sound mixing, this workshop will present the basics of microphone usage, gain settings, monitor and house mixing, house and channel EQ, and use of mixing boards. There is no charge for the workshop, but participants are encouraged to volunteer 6 hours of time over the next year to aid production of Jubilee Community Arts activities. The workshop will be presented by Dr. Lou Gross, Volunteer Sound Engineer for the Laurel Theater. The workshop date is November 30 from 6-9 pm at the Laurel Theater, 16th and Laurel Ave. To register email us at info@jubileearts.org.

Free • Advance Registration Required
email info@jubileearts.org

Tennessee Sheiks
Acoustic Swing
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 8 P.M.
The Tennessee Sheiks are Don Cassell, Nancy Brennan Strange, Don Wood, Barry “Po” Hannah, Ken Wood. Michael “Crawdaddy” Crawley, Marcus Shirley, and Vince Ilagan. Taking inspiration from the jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt, they describe their music as acoustic swing. The Sheiks’ members are known individually for their work with area bands and musicians for over 20 years working in bluegrass, old-time, jazz and swing idioms.

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

Jeff Barbara & Sarah Pirkle
and Friends
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 8 P.M.
Jeff Barbra and Sarah Pirkle have been married for 26 years, and make their home in Walland, Tennessee in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains national park. They are 1st place winners of the Chris Austin Songwriting Contest at MerleFest. Their duo album, The Barb Hollow Sessions was released on January 1, 2004. The album debuted at # 6 on the Roots Music Report National Bluegrass Airplay Charts. The single, “Bury Me In The Red Clay” peaked at # 12 on the Bluegrass Unlimited National Bluegrass Chart for November 2004. They released a gospel album, Family Singing in 2012. Their latest album Sweet Creation was recorded in 2018. In 2021 Sarah received a South Arts Folk & Traditional Arts Master Artist Fellowship.

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Circle Modern Dance
Modern Dance - Primitive Light
THURSDAY-SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14-16
This holiday tradition provides audiences with an intimate connection with dancers and live musicians while being immersed in the warm ambiance of the Laurel Theater.

for tickets and more information visit www.circlemoderndance.com

Affiliate Events at the Laurel Theater
Lark in the Morn English Country Dancers - Call 865 242-1509. Sundays as announced at 8 p.m. 17th-18th Century Social Dancing. Beginners welcome, no partner is required. Also Rapper Sword dance group meets most Sundays at 7.00.
Musician Therapy - Email digammon@bellsouth.net. First Thursdays. Participatory music to calm the soul.

Support Jubilee Community Arts and the Laurel Theater with an Arts Plate. Specialty Plate fees directly support Tennessee Arts Commission grant funding.
**Our Mission**

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 Appalachians.

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**BECOME A MEMBER**

- $25 Individual
- $40 Household
- $60 Supporter
- $100 Sponsor
- $500 Patron
- $1000 Benefactor

Memberships are for one year beginning on September 1, 2023 and expiring on August 31, 2024.

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**Concerts**

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Recording prices include $2.50 shipping

WDVX 89.9 & 102.9 fm – WUOT 91.9 fm

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**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.

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**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.