# March-April 2022

Broadcast & Streaming from the Laurel Theater
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### March 2022 Calendar

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- Until otherwise noted, concerts will stream on Facebook & YouTube. See jubileearts.org for updates and more information.
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- JCA receives financial support from:
  - JCA is a member agency of Community Shares.
  - This project is being supported in part by federal award number SLFRP5534 awarded to the State of Tennessee by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

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- D.S.T. Ends

- Good Friday Passover Begins

- Earth Day

- Easter

- Ramadan Begins

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As the pandemic seemed to be improving in early summer, we began considering reopening the Laurel for live events. On July 1st we opened for our affiliate weekly dance groups. However, by the end of July all our dance groups independently decided to suspend their dances. The resurgent Delta variant of COVID brought a surge in new infections which continued through the fall. As infections increased, the conditions for restarting live concerts declined. With Delta giving way to Omicron, we found our hopes for a spring opening frustrated once more.

Of course, we will continue featuring recordings from past concerts in our radio programming on WUOT and WDVX. This spring we continue to work with area artists to present fresh performances on our streaming platforms (Facebook and YouTube) that you can enjoy from your home. These events are free of charge but we encourage you to tip the artists if you can, and as always, Jubilee Community Arts welcomes new and renewed memberships and donations.

**Streaming Concerts**

See www.jubileearts.org for more information

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### 53rd Jubilee Festival

**A celebration of traditional music**

**Friday-Saturday, March 11-12**

For over a half century we have showcased old-time music, ballads, blues, shape-note singing and other area music in this annual event. This year’s Jubilee Festival will again be online due to ongoing concerns about the pandemic.

Planning for our first festival started in the fall of 1969 with the implementation of an Appalachian Craft Festival in the spring of 1970 that included a music stage. In the next few years the traditional music component grew and the event came to be known as Jubilee Festival which Jubilee Community Arts has continued to produce each year. Our 50th Jubilee Festival was held during a historic flood, but still filled the Laurel for three days with old and new friends. Though the current pandemic forces us to cancel live events, we cannot let a year go by without the Jubilee Festival.

Join us on Facebook and YouTube (Laurel Theater channels):

- Friday, March 11
  - 6:30 - Epworth Old Harp Singers (from our archive) - shape note singing from the New Harp of Columbia
  - 7:00 - John Alvis Band with Tim Harbin, Jodi Harbin, Austin Stovall, Dave Startup and Juanita Johnson - old-time string band
  - 7:30 - Knox County Jug Stompers with Drew Fisher, April Hamilton, Chris Bratta, Adam Cavendar, Buck Hoffman, Stirling Walsh, and Ken Bronson - jug band, country blues and old-time
  - 8:00 - Seth Webster - old-time fiddle
  - 8:30 - Greg Horne - songwriting and old-time music
  - 9:00 - Mojo Tweed with Steve Michel, Paul Mcquade, Nicole Robinette, Frank Sewell, Bill Johnson & John Mahaffy - blues

- Saturday, March 12
  - 7:00 - Matt Morelock and Frank Bronson - old-time banjo and fiddle
  - 7:30 - Kelle Jolly - jazz singer
  - 8:00 - Dan Gammon - traditional song
  - 8:15 - Y’uns with Steve Horton, Dan Gammon & J.P. Reddick - old-time and novelty songs
  - 8:30 - Spring Lizards with Frank Bronson, Ken Bronson, John Mahaffy, Nate Black & Tom Cook - old-time string band
  - 9:00 - Mumbillies (from our archive) - old-time string band

This schedule is subject to change. Details and updates will be available on jubileearts.org.

Visit www.jubileearts.org for updates

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### Joseph Decosimo

**Old-Time Fiddle**

**Friday, April 1, 8 P.M.**

Chattanooga native Joseph Decosimo has been interested in the fiddle and banjo traditions of Tennessee since childhood. His focus is on the music of the Cumberland Plateau, southeast Tennessee, and western North Carolina. Early on, he sought out the older generation of players in the region. He has performed with Tennessee fiddlers Clyde Davenport, Charlie Acuff, Bob Townsend and Mike Bryant. Joseph has taught and performed at the Augusta Heritage Center, the Berkeley Old Time Music Convention, and the Festival of American Fiddle Tunes in Port Townsend.

Streaming on Facebook & YouTube • free

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### Sparky and Rhonda Rucker

**African-American Music Traditions**

**Friday, April 8, 8 P.M.**

Presenting traditional blues and folk repertoires from Civil War days to the present, Sparky Rucker is a highly accomplished banjoist, guitarist, storyteller, historian and humorist. Having learned his craft from master musicians John Shines, Rev. Pearly Brown and Homer Walker, Sparky is proficient in Delta, Piedmont and...
Mountain acoustic traditions. Harmonica player and vocalist Rhonda Rucker joins Sparky. Her blues-style harmonica, piano, old-time banjo, and bones add musical versatility to their performances. Rhonda released the historical novel *Welcome to Bombingham* in 2019.

**Streaming on Facebook & YouTube • free**

**Jay Clark**

The Tennessee Tree Beavers

**Friday, April 29, 8 P.M.**

Jay has been a staple in the East Tennessee music scene for more than 20 years. During his college years, Jay not only trapped & conducted research on black bears in the Smokies, but also played in a couple of different bluegrass bands, most notably a brother-style duo with Keith Garrett (of the Boxcars) and later in a bluegrass band, the Stringbeans, with Robinella and Cruz Contreras (of the Black Lillies). Since releasing his first record in 2004 (Pen to Paper), Jay has supplemented his career as a scientist with performing his songs across the Southeast and southern Appalachia. Presently, Jay plays a number of his shows with his band, Jay Clark and the Tennessee Tree Beavers, which features Greg Horne on lead guitar and Daniel Kimbro on upright bass. Jay released his fifth recording, *Of Mountains & Heartbreak*, in 2016.

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**Jubilee Records**

CD’s from JCA

JCA Records is proud to publish songs and stories of the late Fentress County ballad singer Johnny Ray Hicks, the last publicly performing singer in the family tradition that became known to the world through the recordings of his cousins Dee and Delta Hicks. Included are field recordings, live performances and a 32-page booklet containing interviews, memories and family photos documenting the life and times of this unique and unforgettable man. This recording project was funded by the Tennessee Arts Commission with additional help from the National Endowment for the Arts and the East Tennessee Foundation.


*May Justus, the Carawan Recordings - Children’s author May Justus performs ballads and folk songs, stories, children’s songs and games remembered from her childhood in Cocke County. From fields recordings made by Guy Carawan in 1953 and 1961.*

**Tennessee Folklore Society**

Based at the Laurel

The Jubilee Community Arts is proud to be the publisher of the semiannual Tennessee Folklore Society Bulletin. The Bulletin is the oldest regional folklore journal in the United States, founded in 1934. Its previous editors include the late Dr. Charles Wolfe, Professor of English at Middle Tennessee State University, whose popular and academic works on Tennessee and Southern folk culture and popular music made him one of the most recognizable figures in Tennessee Folklore.

While not specifically an academic journal, leading scholars of folklore have published in the Bulletin including Archer Taylor, Henry Glassie, Stith Thompson, Archie Green, Wayland Hand, D.K. Wilgus, Herbert Halpert, and Alan Dundes. Articles from the Bulletin have frequently been reprinted in anthologies and textbooks, and are required reading in many folklore classes.

**Affiliate Events at the Laurel Theater**

*Most Events are Temporarily Suspended*

- Knoxville Contra Dancers - Call 599-9621, www.knoxvillecontra.org, KCD may be meeting. Check their website.
- Lark in the Morn English Country Dancers - Call 546-8442.

**TENNESSEE SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES**

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

**Jubilee Community Arts receives support from:**

- [Arts & Culture Alliance](https://www.facebook.com/artsandculturealliance/)
- [City of Knoxville](https://www.knoxville.gov/)
- [East Tennessee Foundation](https://www.easttennesseefoundation.org/)
- [Illrich Print](https://illrichprint.com/)
- [WDVX 89.9 fm](https://www.wdvx.org/)
- [WUOT 91.9 fm](https://www.wuot.org/)

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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, 2022 and expiring on August 31, 2023.

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Recordings | Member | General | Total |
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May Justus (CD) | $15.50 | | $17.50 |
Johnny Ray Hicks (CD) | $15.50 | | $17.50 |
Pine Breeze Recordings (CD) | $17.50 | | $19.50 |
New Harp of Columbia (CD) | $10.50 | | $12.50 |

Recording prices include $2.50 shipping.

Checks and Money Orders ONLY. Make payable to JUBILEE COMMUNITY ARTS

**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. With financial support from Bluebird Christmas Tree Farm.

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.

**WDVX 89.9 & 102.9 fm – WUOT 91.9 fm**