



Newsletter

January - February 2018

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President's Message:

Dear Fellow SMAC Members,

We were glad to see so many of you at SMAC's last 2017 event, the annual holiday concert, featuring the Wiley and Matheson families. Thanks to the Special Events committee for their hard work in getting this organized!

The Special Events committee, SML Photo Club, Photo Show organizers, Lake Players, Lakeside Singers, Lake Writers, and other SMAC committees are already preparing for 2018's events. Make sure to check your newsletter and the website www.SMAC-arts.com for events, meeting times and information updates.

Among SMAC's projects, we are proud to support the Franklin County Chapter of Junior Appalachian Musicians, which teaches old-time Appalachian music to middle and high school age students. The Franklin County group, with more than two dozen active students, is one of 40 chapters in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. We do this for many reasons. On a historical level, we want to help keep this music alive. On an educational level, we know that music lessons have a beneficial effect on students' general school performance. But, in addition to these, we hope that there will be a positive effect on the local economy.

In case you missed the lead editorial in the Roanoke Times on December 23, you may enjoy looking up "Break out the banjos" in the editorial section of the paper's website www.Roanoke.com.

It is a tale of some Newfoundlanders, whose music is closely related to our Appalachian music, breaking out their instruments while delayed at Pearson International Airport. Videos went viral, but one newspaper columnist in Newfoundland found the performance an embarrassing stereotype.

And yet . . . The Roanoke editorial writer points out the economic success of Southwest Virginia's Crooked Road, based on our musical heritage, and suggests that Newfoundland could learn from us. Importantly, the piece also points out that both areas could market the "creativity, confidence and culture" of their populations as draws for high-tech development.

I think it's worth a read. Our JAM director, Jim Mullens, was the first to comment on the editorial online. He pointed out that our JAM kids are eager to play anywhere, any time. They represent us well. That is why we support Junior Appalachian Musicians.

Thanks for being a member of SMAC!

Kathryn Orth

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Contact: Terry Naylor 297-5495

Board Meetings: Trinity Ecumenical Parish - Route 122

Jan 19 at 9:30am, Feb 16 at 9:30am



Calendar - Upcoming Events

SMAC is now signed up for inclement weather announcements. Closings will be broadcast on WSLs TV (Channel 10) and listed on their website (WSLS.com) or at WDBJ7.com (online only).

Be sure to print this page so you don't miss these events!



Jan 2: SML Photo Club: Monthly Meeting

Open to any skill level. Free Admission
Moneta/SML Library from 7 – 9pm

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Jan 2: JAM Enrollment Open

JAM program lessons- Jan 8-May8
Enrollment now open

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Jan 6: Bower Center Concert

Elizabeth Wise

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Jan 26: Bower Center Class

Paint with Lori & Peggy: "Old Barn in Winter"

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Jan 28 & 29: Little Town Players

Open Auditions for *Other Desert Cities*

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Feb 14: Valentine's Day

Check with the SML Harmeneers for a Singing Valentine!

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Feb 22: Bower Center Class

Introduction to Mosaics

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Feb 24: Bower Center Event

Dice & Diamonds Casino Night

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Jan-Mar: Lakeside Singers

Recruiting singers for 2018 Season
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Little Town Players:

Box Office: 540-586-5881

Website: www.littletownplayers.com

Other Desert Cities: Mar 16-18, 23-25 2018

Company: June 1- 3, 8- 10 2018



www.harvester-music.com

450 Franklin St. Rocky Mount, VA 24151

Box office hours 10am – 4pm (T-F) 540-484-827

Jan 5 Rik Emmett (of Triumph) - Acoustic

Jan 6 Charles Esten & Clare Bowen

Jan 7 Jacob Jollif Band

Jan 12 Tribute to Benny Goodman

Jan 13 Henry Rollins

Jan 24 Taj Mahal (Solo)

Jan 25 Ricky Skaggs

Jan 27 Gaelic Storm

Feb 2 Monster Atlantic/ Appalachian Soul/ Virginia Electric

Feb 3 Aimee Mann

Feb 10 Marc Broussard

Feb 12 Michael McDonald

Feb 14 Arlo Guthrie

Feb 17 John Anderson - Acoustic

Feb 20 Blues Traveler w/ Los Colognes

Feb 21 Tower of Power

Feb 23 Levi Lowrey & Erin Enderlin

Feb 23 Tape Face

Feb 25 Blackberry Smoke w/ Lukas Nelson

Feb 26 Lucero w/ Jake La Botz

Feb 27 Uriah Heep

Mar 1 Cowboy Junkies

Mar 16 The Embers

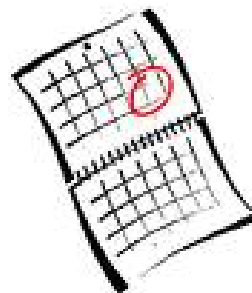
Mar 17 Southern Culture

Mar 18 Anders Osbourne

Mar 23 Jimmy Fortune

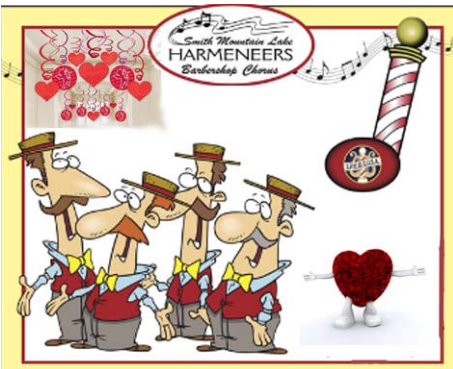
Mar 30 Oak Ridge Boys

Apr 15 Red Molly



Mark your calendars!

The SML Harmeneers Barbershop Chorus: <http://www.smlharmeneers.com/>



Smith Mountain Lake Harmeneers Barbershop Chorus wrapped up 2017 sharing Christmas cheer in song with the Roanoke Virginia Gentlemen.

Following our holiday hiatus we will be tuning up in January for our annual presentation of **Singing Valentines**. Revenue from our Singing Valentines is used for our youth outreach program and funding music scholarship awards in local schools. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The SML Harmeneers meet on Monday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 13586 Old Moneta Road, Moneta, VA. If you are interested in singing, want to know more about barbershop harmony, or just want to have a fun musical evening, come join us. If you have any questions, please contact Earl Mannoia at 540-721-3318

Lakeside Singers:



Lakeside Singers give a warm welcome to our Director, Melia



To sing with this group, contact Karen DeBord for details. debordk@gmail.com

Recruiting singers For 2018 season

Photo Club:

The SML Photo Club enters its second year with an active and talented membership. The club meets the first Monday evening of each month at the Moneta Library. All are welcome beginners to advanced photographers. The club mission is to improve the quality of our photographs and develop our photographer's eye. Topics discussed at meetings range from photo critiques, camera settings, post processing software and photo equipment.

For more information, please contact John O'Connell at jboconnell@gmail.com



Christmas Concert: The annual Christmas Concert sponsored by the Smith Mountain Arts Council was held on Fri., Dec. 1 at Resurrection Catholic Church. The event spotlighted the world-class musical talents of the Wiley and Matheson families. With more than 200 people attending, the concert ended with a sing-along of favorite holiday tunes.



Bower Center: 305 North Bridge Street, Bedford, VA 24523



Classes: More information - www.bowercenter.org/all-classes



Jan 26 6:00pm - 8:00pm: Paint with Lori & Peggy: "Old Barn in Winter":
Gather your friends for a night of sipping and painting!
You'll get to paint your very own "Old Barn in winter" with Lori Stetson and Peggy Markham.

Feb 10 11:00am - 3:00pm: Getting Started with Portraiture in Oil
Learn oil painting basics, the Cezanne method, what colors to mix, and learn a few tricks as well!



Feb 22 6:00pm - 8:30pm: Introduction to Mosaics
Learn the basics of mosaic design, the different materials used, several methods of construction, cutting glass and porcelain tiles, and explore options for various type projects. Complete one mosaic and possibly a second, depending on size and complexity of design.

Concerts & Events: More information - www.bowercenter.org/concerts

Jan 6th @ 7:30 PM: Elizabeth Wise

Virginia native blues and folk singer-songwriter Elizabeth Wise performs a variety of styles including her original compositions and arrangements, and updates old classics with funky folk overtones while her smooth vocals run the gamut from soothing to tearing down the bar. Tickets: \$12 in advance | \$15 at the door / Cash Bar Available



Feb 10 @ 7:30 PM Dixieland Mardi Gras with Chris Sharp

Tickets: \$12 advance | \$15 at the door



Feb 24 @ 6 PM - Dice & Diamonds Casino Night

Be a part of a wonderful fundraising opportunity on Saturday, Feb 24th, when Bower Center for the Arts presents its 1st Annual Dice and Diamonds Casino Night, a Las Vegas style evening with all proceeds to benefit our art center. The evening begins at 6 p.m. and runs until 10. Professional croupiers and dealers will be present. Games include blackjack, poker, roulette, and craps. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served and cash bar will be available. Capping the evening are the drawings for a number of special prizes, including a Grand Prize give-away at the end of the event. And everyone is encouraged to wear red or black. The casino area will be in the Sara Braaten gallery also dedicated to the display of artwork by local artists. Tickets: Tickets: \$35 single, \$50 couple: Reservations are required



The Junior Appalachian Musicians (JAM's):



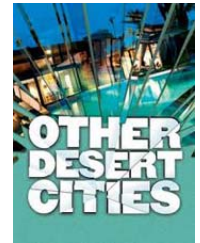
The Franklin County JAM program just completed 13 weeks of lessons at the Essig Center in Rocky Mount. We had 22 students enrolled this past semester.

Enrollment is now open for the second semester, which will begin on January 8th and end on May 8th, which will be 15 lessons for this second semester.

Little Town Players: Audition Alert

Other Desert Cities: Director, Denis Deane will hold open auditions for *Other Desert Cities* on Sunday, January 28th and Monday, January 29th at 7:00 pm in the English Meadows - Elks Home Campus Theatre. Roles are available for three females and two males. Two females and one male must be able to play late 60's. For more information please contact the director at dfdeane@msn.com

Don't miss another audition! Send an email to auditions@littletownplayers.com to sign up for our auditions-only mailing list!"



B Sharps: Performances



The B#s concluded the year in December by performing at four Retirement and Adult Care facilities in Bedford, Salem and Roanoke. The group performed Holiday favorites and Carols to lift the spirits of residents and provide Holiday Cheer.

The B#s perform two performances the first Wednesday of each month at area retirement communities.

Lake Players: <http://www.smithmountainartscouncil.com/Lake-Players>

The Smith Mountain Arts Council Lake Players meet four to five times a year to read and perform plays written by well-known playwrights, as well as those written by our own talented Lake Writers.

Smith Mountain Arts Council Affiliates: Smith Mountain Arts Council Affiliates are independent organizations that share the mission of supporting one or more of the performing, visual, or literary arts. The Smith Mountain Arts Council and its Affiliates seek opportunities to engage in mutually beneficial activities which further each organization's mission and vision. These activities may include publicizing and encouraging support for each other's events and reciprocal Website links. Become an affiliate: [Affiliate Agreement](#)

Bald Knob Artists: A group of local artists, come together at the Franklin County Public Library (Rocky Mount, VA) the first Wednesday of each month to share ideas and artwork. Come and be a part of our group (membership fee is required). Contact: [Leslie Santapaul](#)

Bedford Community Orchestra: The Bedford Community Orchestra, located in Bedford, Virginia, was founded in 1989. The orchestra, under the direction of Scott Walter, provides a Spring and Fall Concert Season. The BCO traditionally hosts two free concerts a year at the Bedford Middle School Auditorium in Bedford, and is also available for other performances throughout the year. Rehearsals are held weekly, and include musicians from Bedford, Lynchburg, Roanoke, Blacksburg, and the surrounding areas, joining together to share in the joy and creation of orchestral music. Visit the BCO Website, www.bedfordcommorch.org

Booker T. Washington National Monument: On April 5, 1856, Booker T. Washington was born a slave on the 207-acre farm of James Burroughs. After the Civil War, Washington became the first principal of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial School. Later as an adviser, author and orator, his past would influence his philosophies as the most influential African American of his era. Come explore his birthplace. Visit the [website](#).

Bower Center for the Arts: The Bower Center for the Arts, under the umbrella of the Wharton Memorial Foundation, is a non-profit art center nestled in the heart of Bedford, Virginia at the corner of Bridge Street and Bedford Avenue. Since 2006 the Center has worked toward providing a cultural arts center in Bedford and continues to build upon that foundation to provide an atmosphere of learning and personal growth through entertainment and education in the Visual and Performing Arts. Music and art classes are offered to children and adults. The Summer Arts Camp provides two weeks of quality in-depth art and music experiences for area students. Studio space is used by several artists who work and teach at the Center. Musical performances and special events round out our offerings.

The Chorus of the Blue Ridge: Founded 14 years ago as The Salem Choral Society - changed name to The Chorus of the Blue Ridge to reflect a broader base both of singers and concert attendees. Founded by current Music Director, Aaron

Garber, who is also the Director of Music Ministry at Trinity Ecumenical Parish and Director of Music for The Jefferson Choral Society

Gretna Little Theater: Gretna Little Theatre's mission is to provide multicultural opportunities and entertainment, offer projects for all segments of the community including theatrical events, a small instrumental combo, visual arts, dance, and education, enhanced by collaboration with other cultural institutions. Because Gretna Little Theatre's singular focus is on theatre and related arts, it is the premier source for theatre arts presentation and education in the area. Marketing will therefore focus on demonstrating the benefits of participating in Gretna Little Theatre-sponsored programs as an artist, performer, visitor, audience member, or any of the many opportunities available to the public. www.performgretna.com

Harmeneers

This group of more than thirty men from Lynchburg and the Smith Mountain Lake area perform four-part harmony in the grand tradition of a-capella barbershop singing.

Harvester: Look who's playing in Rocky Mount! With over 150 musical performances from Rock to Country, Americana and beach music, it's the newest venue to see your favorite artists and bands! The Harvester Performance Center - Music for Everyone. Find out more at www.harvester-music.com.

League of Roanoke Artists: The League of Roanoke Artists (LRA) is the largest independent art organization in the Roanoke area. The LRA has been devoted to expanding opportunities for artists and those that wish to support art for over fifty years. We welcome artists, sculptors, and photographers at different levels of accomplishment. Our organization includes professional artists, and those just beginning to express themselves in art. Visit our [website](#) for more information.

Lets Dance Band: The Let's Dance Band is a contemporary swing band under the musical direction of Ken Richardson. The band consists of 20 creative and talented musicians, many of whom have performed professionally in their past careers. Our primary goals are to enjoy and promote the "Big Band" style of music as well as mentor young musicians. We have prepared several one hour SHOWS, including A Musical Tribute to The Greatest Generation and a Salute to the Baby Boom Generation. Each presentation includes a narration, PowerPoint visuals, professional dancers and the extraordinary vocal stylings of Bob and Libbie Colia. In addition to the SHOWS, The Let's Dance Band can also be booked for dances and parties, offering a wide variety of music. A professional DJ is available for longer evenings when continuous music is required. Please visit the band's [website](#) for pricing and other information.

Little Town Players, Bedford, VA: Celebrating 35 years of live theater in Bedford. Contact: Box Office at 540-586-5881 or visit: www.littletownplayers.com

New Crusty Minstrels: The New Crusty Minstrels is an informal group of instrumentalists and vocalists who periodically stage concerts, typically in sing-along format, to benefit SML-area charities.

Opera Roanoke: New collaborative partnerships with the Taubman Museum of Art and Virginia Western Community College, host of the Met "Live in HD" broadcasts, find Opera Roanoke thriving in the heart of a vibrant community. An enterprising and resourceful multi-disciplinary organization, Opera Roanoke is a vital component of the cultural and social fabric of life in Roanoke, Virginia's Blue Ridge and beyond.

Founded in 1976, Opera Roanoke is the premiere professional opera company in the region, and has presented vibrant productions of the world's greatest musical dramas in Virginia's Blue Ridge for nearly 40 years. Visit the Opera Roanoke website: operaroanoke.org

Rocky Mount Center for the Arts: Its mission is to showcase, facilitate, and educate, to support artistic endeavors and rural creativity in the community and region, as well as enrich the community by broadening access and involvement of diverse audiences. Visit the [website](#).

Southwest Virginia Songwriters Association (SVSA): The Southwest Virginia Songwriters Association (SVSA) is a group of amateur and professional songwriters with the common goal of improving songwriting and performance skills. Visit the SVSA Website at svsasongs.com

Sway Katz Jazz Orchestra: The Sway Katz Jazz Orchestra is a 19-piece ensemble founded in 2006 by vocalist Kim Pitts. The group is directed by Scott Walter and its repertoire includes more than 200 jazz, latin, R&B, and funk tunes as well as popular ballads and swing standards. The Sway Katz are renowned for their tight ensemble work, inventive solos, and a groove that brings you out of your seat to dance. For more information, please visit our website: www.swaykatz.com

Westlake Ringers: The Westlake Ringers, based in Moneta near Smith Mountain Lake, is a community handbell choir dedicated to the mission of sharing the joy of handbells in the Smith Mountain Lake area and offering performing and learning opportunities for avid handbell musicians. Formed in 2014, the choir consists of 14 full time members and performs on five octaves of handbells and five octaves of hand chimes. New members who have good musicianship skills and at least five years of intermediate level handbell experience are welcome. For more information please visit our website: westlakeringers.org or [Randi Paul](#)

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