



# Newsletter

## November - December 2017

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### President's Message:

Dear Fellow SMAC Members,

Another busy Fall season has come, and almost gone!

It's time to get your tickets for SMAC's Annual Holiday Concert, "A Wiley and Matheson Family Christmas," at Resurrection Catholic Church, 7 p.m., Friday, December 1. See you there! Tickets will be available this week on the website.

The month of October has left us breathless!

We opened the fall season Oct. 7 with a fundraising concert to support our Junior Appalachian Musicians Franklin County chapter. Many thanks to The Panini Brothers for volunteering their time and talent and to SMAC's Education Outreach chair Jim Mullens for organizing this fun event.

Only a week later, the Annual Art Show moved to a new location at Bethlehem UMC and hosted 135 entries, including 30 student entries. Congratulations to Best In Show winner Perri Mason for "Star Child." And many thanks to Will and Barb Nocera and their group of volunteers for their hard work on the show.

And only a week after that, Lake Players entertained us with a fabulous production of "Weekend Comedy" by Jeanne and Sam Bobrick. Mike Dittrich, Sue Halloran, Becki Fuzi and Scott Sayre had us rolling in the aisles at the W. E. Skelton 4-H Center. Thanks and congratulations to co-directors Sandy Sampson and John Maresca, as well as all the Lake Players who worked so hard to get this together.

Somehow in there we managed to hold our required annual business meeting, with great entertainment by three of our JAM students, as well as the wonderful trio of Nancy King, Marion Wetcher and Ellie Roemer. We thank the four board members who have left us in the course of the year – Mary Lou Koons, Marge Holtman, Ken Nagele and Lois Spencer – for their years of dedicated service to SMAC. We welcome new members John O'Connell, Will Nocera and Joseph Yarbrough.

You'll find further info and Holiday Concert tickets at [www.smithmountainartscouncil.com](http://www.smithmountainartscouncil.com) and at [www.SMAC-Arts.com](http://www.SMAC-Arts.com).

Thank you for being a member of the Smith Mountain Arts Council!

Kathryn Orth

P.S. I'm sorry to say that we have lost our venue for the Coffeehouse Concert that we had hoped to have in November and have had to cancel it. Don't worry, the series will return in the Spring. Stay tuned!

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### Change of Address or email?

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### Board Meetings: Trinity Ecumenical Parish - Route 122

Nov. 17 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!**



### Nov 5: Bower Center Class

Belly Dancing for Beginners  
More information on page 6

### Nov 6: SML Photo Club: Monthly Meeting

Open to any skill level. Free Admission  
Moneta/SML Library from 7 – 9pm  
More information on page 6

### Nov 10 & 11: SML Harmeneers Concert

Trinity Ecumenical Parish, Moneta, VA  
Fri Nov 10: 7 - 9pm  
Sat Nov 11: 2 - 4pm

For ticket information: [SMLHARMENEERS.com](http://SMLHARMENEERS.com)  
More information on page 4

### Little Town Players: *She Loves Me*

Nov 3, 4, 5 & 10, 11, 12

Website: [www.littletownplayers.com](http://www.littletownplayers.com)  
More information on page 5

### Nov 18: Bower Center Class

Abstract Design with Yupo Paper  
More information on page 6

### Dec 1: Wiley and Matheson Family Christmas 7pm at Resurrection Catholic Church

Annual holiday concert.  
More information on page 4

### Dec 4: SML Photo Club: Monthly Meeting

Open to any skill level. Free Admission  
Moneta/SML Library from 7 – 9pm  
More information on page 6

### Dec 8: Bower Center Concert

7:30pm - *The Joybells*  
More information on page 6

### Dec 10: Steel Drums Christmas Show

4:00 pm at 'The Harvester', Rocky Mount  
Support the SML Lions Scholarship Trust, Inc.  
More information on page 4

### Little Town Players:

Box Office: 540-586-5881  
Website: [www.littletownplayers.com](http://www.littletownplayers.com)

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

*Company: June 1- 3, 8- 10 2018*



[www.harvester-music.com](http://www.harvester-music.com)

450 Franklin St. Rocky Mount, VA 24151  
Box office hours 10am – 4pm (T-F) 540-484-827

Tue Oct 31: Barter Theatre: "Ghost, Ghost, Come Out Tonight"  
Wed Nov 1: The Del McCoury Ban  
Wed Nov 1: An Evening with the Del McCoury Band  
Fri Nov 3: The Worx  
Sat Nov 4: Jimmy Thackery  
Thu Nov 9: The Magpie Salute  
Fri Nov 10: Low Low Chariot  
Sat Nov 11: Jesse Colin Young  
Fri Nov 17: John Cowan with Darin & Brooke Aldridge  
Sat Nov 18: Gene Watson  
Sun Nov 19: Paul Thorn  
Thu Nov 30: The Hackensaw Boys  
Fri Dec 1: John Anderson  
Fri Dec 1: The Cleverlys w/ Paul Harris  
Sat Dec 2: Delbert McClinton  
Mon Dec 4: The Mountain Goats w/ Jenny Besetz  
Thu Dec 7: Amanda Anne Platt & the Honeycutters  
Fri Dec 8: The Seldom Scene  
Sat Dec 9: Christmas with the Embers 2017  
Sat Dec 9: Junior Sisk & Ramblers Choice  
**Sun Dec 10: The Island Pan, Toucan and Parrot Pan Steel Bands**  
Tue Dec 12: David Bromberg Quintet  
Sat Dec 16: The Wailin' Jennys  
Sun Dec 17: Scotty McCreery  
Thu, Dec 21: Jimmy Hall  
Fri Dec 22: Tim Reynolds  
Fri Jan 5: Rik Emmett  
Sat Jan 6: Charles Esten, who portrays "Deacon" on *Nashville*  
Sun Jan 7: Jacob Jollif Band  
Sat Jan 13: Henry Rollins  
Wed Feb 14: Arlo Guthrie Re-Generation Tour



## The SML Harmeneers Barbershop Chorus: "New Acappella Favorites" – Nov 10 & 11

SML Harmeneers Barbershop Chorus annual show "New Acappella Favorites" will be presented November 10th and 11th at Trinity Ecumenical Parish.

A ladies quartet, "Capriccio", will be our guest performers this year.

Tickets, \$10 advance purchase and \$12 at the door are available at the General Store and SML Visitor Center.

Friday Nov 10<sup>th</sup>: 7 – 9pm; Saturday Nov 11<sup>th</sup>: 2 – 4pm

For more information: <http://www.smlharmeneers.com/>



### Looking for a few good men!



Do you love to sing! Do you enjoy getting together with others and have a good time. Whether we sing in the shower, in the car, or when we exercise, singing seems to be in our DNA. When we sing we smile, we laugh and we feel great. Have you sung in a choir, in school, at church or your community? If this sounds like you, then the SML Harmeneers, the lake's long running (21 years) barbershop chorus invites you to come join us for an evening of fun. All you need is your voice.

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

### SML Steel Drum Bands: Christmas Concert – Dec 10th

The SML Steel Drum Bands will perform Christmas music Caribbean style on the main stage at the Harvester (in Rocky Mount) on Sun., Dec 10. Time - 4 PM, price \$15. Info on the Harvester website. <http://harvester-music.com/event.cfm?cart&showTimingID=267944>

Special VIP event will be held at 3 PM. with finger foods & a musical ensemble-cost - \$25 (includes price of general admission). Contact [mcyoung02@gmail.com](mailto:mcyoung02@gmail.com) for reservations for VIP event.

All proceeds go to benefit the Lions' Scholarship Fund for graduates of Franklin County High School.



### SMAC Annual Holiday Program: A Wiley and Matheson Family Christmas – Dec 1st



Friday, December 1 - 7pm: at Resurrection Catholic Church

Two talented musical families – The Wileys and the Mathesons – team up for a truly memorable Christmas program this December. David & Leah Wiley, piano and soprano, Bryan and Kevin Matheson, viola and violin, and Mara & Misha Wiley, violin & cello.

Favorites include classic Christmas sections for soprano, piano, and string quartet, including Fantasia on Greensleeves, Schubert's Ave Maria, Handel's Messiah selections, Irving Berlin's White Christmas, the Little Drummer Boy, and much more. Plus, Christmas stories and a holiday sing-along make this a great program for all ages, sure to put you in the Yuletide spirit.

David Stewart Wiley, Pianist & Host; Leah Marer Wiley, Soprano; Kevin Matheson, Violin; Mara Wiley, Violin; Bryan Matheson, Viola; Misha Wiley, Cello

Tickets will be available Nov 1 via PayPal from the SMAC website and ticket outlets. Tickets are \$25, \$17 for members of SMAC and \$10 for students 12 and under.

Information: Contact Marty Bowers at 540-297-0965 or [martbw@gmail.com](mailto:martbw@gmail.com)

### Lakeside Singers: If you can carry a tune, we want you to sing with the Lakeside Singers.



Rehearsals for Lakeside Singers start March 6 with a potluck supper, sign-up, and music distribution. Rehearsals will start at 6:30 the following Tuesday and every Tuesday until the concert June 1 and 2.

Contact the coordinator, Karen DeBord with questions (919-819-5438) or [debordk@gmail.com](mailto:debordk@gmail.com).



Melia Garber,  
Director

## Lake Players: SMAC Lake Players delight audiences with Weekend Comedy at 4H

SMAC's long-standing Lake Players theatrical group tried a new venue the weekend of October 19-21, presenting "Weekend Comedy," a play by Jeanne and Same Bobrick, at the W.E. Skelton 4H Conference Center. "It was the first time we've played on a stage we didn't have to assemble," quipped John Maresca, who co-directed the show with close friend and neighbor Sandy Sampson.

Thanks to creative set design by Barbara Moody plus the artistic and installation efforts of cast and crew, audiences were transported to a rustic cabin in the 1980s Catskill Mountains where, due to a scheduling snafu, two couples from different generations and backgrounds were thrust together in close quarters. Long-married empty-nesters Frank and Peggy, comically rendered by Mike Dittrich and Susan Halloran, reflected the values, mores and experiences of conservative upbringings and staid lifestyles; thirty-something live-togethers Tony and Jill, played by Scott Sayer and Becki Fuzi, were free-wheeling, adventuresome and carefree. Their divergent views on everything from travel and food to love, romance and sex—plus the older couples' long history together—made for fast-paced quip-filled sparring that kept the audience in stitches. As the couples got to know one another, each began questioning aspects of their own relationships, with an unexpected role reversal in Act II adding immensely to the humorous conflict.

Lake Players cast members Dittrich, Fuzi and Sayer are veterans of over a half dozen previous SMAC theatrical productions. Halloran, relatively new to SML but well-known on the NYC music scene and member of vocal trio String of Pearls, was making her Lake Players debut.

Audiences rewarded the well-chosen, well-prepared cast with spirited laughter throughout the performance, plus standing ovations that were followed by a captivating and laugh-producing projected photo montage recounting several memorable moments of the show. Indeed, the venue allowed for effective sound, lighting and other technical aspects managed by experienced production coordinator Joe Yarborough.

Bravo, Lake Players. And thanks for being such a delightful part of the SML Arts Community!



**Co-Directors** - behind Cast  
John Maresca & Sandy Sampson



**Cast**  
Mike Dittrich, Susan Halloran  
Scott Sayre & Becki Fuzi



## Little Town Players: *She Loves Me* – A euphoric romantic comedy with a soaring score. This lively musical will keep you entertained from beginning to end. **Show dates Nov 3, 4, 5 & 10, 11, 12**



On a beautiful day in Budapest in the 1930's, the employees of Maraczek's (Bill Bodine) Parfumerie arrive at work. Working at the shop are Ladislav Sipos (Stephen Sargeant), a fretful middle-aged salesman with a family, teenage delivery boy Arpad Laszlo (Matthew Penalva), thirty-something Ilona Ritter (Anna Wehr), who is having an affair with suave Steven Kodaly (Karl Lindevaldsen) and Georg Nowack (Jared Anderson) the shy assistant manager. A nervous young woman, Amalia Balash (Elizabeth C. Butler), enters, hoping to obtain a job at the Parfumerie. Amalia and Georg dislike each other from the very beginning. He thinks she's stuck up, she thinks he's arrogant and mean. But each rapturously writes to a lonely-hearts pen pal when the work day is over. It doesn't take long for the audience to see that they're in love without realizing it. Inevitably, Georg and Amalia discover the truth as well and rejoice in their love for each other at the story's sweet and musically delightful conclusion. Rounding out the cast are Kelly Dudley, Merry Barth, Matthew Bowyer, Kelly Croucher, Steve Elam, Laura Mason Howard, Luke Milhoan and Katrina Pick. Director Mark W. Foreman, vocal coach Micah Pick, choreographer Laura Mason Howard and stage manager Katrina.

English Meadows – Elks Home Campus, Bedford: Fridays & Saturdays: 7:30pm – Sundays: 2:00pm  
Tickets: \$15 Adult, \$10 - 12 and under; for reservations please call 540-586-5881 or visit [www.lynchburgtickets.com](http://www.lynchburgtickets.com) .



On Saturday, September 23, 2017 Nikki Khun, Little Town Players president, presented the inaugural Lifetime Volunteer Award to Karen C. Hopkins. Hopkins is a founding member of the organization. Since LTP was formed in 1976, she has been involved in all but one show. During that time she has served as president, secretary and treasurer, directed 21 shows and appeared in 32. Ms. Hopkins presently serves on LTP's board of directors, publicity chair and house manager.

## The Junior Appalachian Musicians (JAM's):



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The Junior Appalachian Musicians (JAM) students, who are in grades 4-8 were honored to have the Panini Bros. play a benefit for the JAM program on Oct 7th. There was a lot of hard work and practice involved in this event. Sounddaws did all the sound and lighting, Trinity let us have the event at their parish, and all the people who attended made the event a success. The event raised almost \$700.00 which was a huge amount to help pay our JAM instructors and afford us to do some advertising.

Three of our JAM students played four songs at the annual SMAC meeting which was held at The Westlake.

There are currently 22 students in the program and they play guitar, fiddle, and banjo. Our students will probably play at the Downtown Christmas in Rocky Mount in December.

All of us could not continue this program for students without the support and encouragement of SMAC members.

THANK ALL OF YOU!

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



**Classes:** More information - [www.bowercenter.org/all-classes](http://www.bowercenter.org/all-classes)

### Belly Dancing for Beginners

Instructor: Jennifer Wilson, stage name Illyria Crow  
Every Sunday, beginning Nov 5th @ 6 - 7 PM: Tuition: \$30 per month

**Abstract Design with Yupo Paper:** Sat, Nov 18; 1- 4 PM

All Experience Levels - Instructor: Leslie Santapaul  
Cost: \$50 Tuition (pay to Bower Center); Materials fee: \$5

**Concerts:** More information - [www.bowercenter.org/concerts](http://www.bowercenter.org/concerts)

**Lynchburg College Jazz Ensemble with Chris Magee - A night of big band jazz!**

Sat, Nov 11th @ 7:30 PM; Tickets: \$10 in advance | \$12 at the door

**The Joybells:** Dec 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm: This is a Free Concert. Cash bar is available.

More information: <https://www.bowercenter.org/single-post/2017/09/13/The-Joybells>



**Photo Club:** The SML Photo Club is dedicated to improving the photography skills of its members. The **monthly meeting** is on the first Monday of every month from 7 to 9 pm at the Moneta/SML Library. Guests are always welcome and membership is open to all. Open to any skill level. Admission is free. Please enter through the side door, because the library closes at 6:00 PM. For more information, please contact John O'Connell at [jboconnell@gmail.com](mailto:jboconnell@gmail.com)



The SML Photo Club has been hunting for great fall foliage but color is late in coming this year. A few members attended an outing to the Smith Mountain Dam for a great tour. Others club members stepped up to take pictures of the dress rehearsal for the "Weekend Comedy" play. The actors all were given copies of the great photos for their enjoyment. Club membership continues to grow as word of the club spreads.



Interested parties can contact [jboconnell@gmail.com](mailto:jboconnell@gmail.com) for more information.

## B Sharps:



The B#s singers have been active and sang at Pheasant Ridge in Roanoke. We sang old time favorites and Fall themed songs for the residents. This month we will sing service themed songs to Veterans at the Virginia Veterans Care Center in Roanoke and in the afternoon, the Adult Day Care Center of the Roanoke Valley.

B#s will be singing at Christmas themed songs at 4 care centers in December. The Salem Terrace and Brookdale Salem at Ridgewood Gardens on Dec. 6th. The Christmas program will be performed on Dec. 13th for the Bedford Adult Day Care Center and the Bedford County Nursing Home.

# SMAC Art Show: 28th Annual Art Show – Winners!

Awards	Awardee	Title
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<b>Best in Show</b>	Perri Mason	Star Child
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**People's Choice:** After tallying the votes from the 170 folks attending the SMAC Art Show over the weekend, the People's Choice Award goes to Whitney Brock for "Eyes of Forest Haven."



People's Choice: Whitney Brock

## Medium-Oil

<b>1st Place</b>	Roger Firestone	The Hopewell
<b>2nd Place</b>	Warren Bennett	Winter Valley
<b>Merit</b>	Whitney Brock	Eyes of Forest Haven

## Medium-Acrylic

<b>1st Place</b>	Susan Dietrich Gring	A View From Scruggs Road
<b>2nd Place</b>	Robert Shepperd	Winter In Bland County
<b>Merit</b>	Leslie Santapaul	Monsoon

## Medium-Watercolors

<b>1st Place</b>	Rod Adams	And Then He Was Gone
<b>2nd Place</b>	Susan Hubble	Raspberries
<b>Merit</b>	Perri Mason	There Are Many Wonders In A Cow's Head

## Medium-Mixed Media

<b>1st Place</b>	Leslie Santapaul	The Great Beyond
<b>2nd Place</b>	Meritha Rucker	Van Gogh
<b>Merit</b>	Barbara Moody	Moments in Time

## Medium-Other

<b>1st Place</b>	Diane Theoharis-Perry	Seamails III Extended
<b>2nd Place</b>	Daniel Madar	Basket Illusion Box #2
<b>Merit</b>	Whitney Brock	In Awe

## Student Awards

<b>1st Place</b>	Cailynn Beggs	Lady By The Lake
<b>2nd Place</b>	Lexi Maxey	Flowers In My Hair
<b>Merit</b>	Victoria Midkiff	Portrait of Linda
<b>Merit</b>	Shayah Wheeler	Summertime Fun
<b>Merit</b>	Carl J. Grove	Spalted Maple Bowl



Diane Theoharis-Perry

Leslie Santapaul

Perri Mason

Rod Adams

Roger Firestone

Susan Dietrich

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Other Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

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