

The Regional Center for the Performing Arts of Luray, Inc. is dedicated to bringing the performing arts to the Shenandoah Valley region.



FESTIVAL OF Spring 2009

Saturday, May 9 2009

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Downtown Luray, Main Street



**Arts & Crafts
Food
Wine Garden**

Beer tasting *with Starr Hill Brewery*

Duck Race

Children's Activities

Farmers' Market

Dog Disc Contest

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PAL Upcoming Events

March 21

“Evening of Celtic Music.” Iona Band.

April 3, 4, 5, and 17, 18, 19

PAL Community Players
Dinner Theatre & Dessert Theatre—
“Contempt of Court”

April 25

“Evening of Great Songs from
Mozart to Broadway”
JMU Lyric Theater

May 16

“Evening of Comedy”
Glick and Phillips

June 20

3rd Annual Shenandoah Valley
Acoustic Blues Bash

July / August

Summer Musical Workshops—
Theatre Production

October 3

Acoustic Roots Festival
& Songwriting Contest

November 6, 7, 13, 14 and 20, 21

PAL Community Players Dinner &
Dessert Theatre—“Christmas Belles”

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Open Stage Night

Dust off your band instrument, or your favorite song, or a joke you love, or your magic wand, and join us at the PAL Open Stage Night!

Hosted by 'Raggedy Dan,' the evenings will consist of musical acts, skits, magic, readings, and comedy and more—as long as the content is appropriate for audiences of all ages.

There is no charge to participate or attend, but contributions are encouraged and appreciated. Our cash bar "The Vault" will be open.

PAL will present Open Stage Night on the first Saturday of every month at 7:30 pm, unless the show is preempted by a scheduled event.

Evening of Celtic Music on March 21

The Washington, D.C.-based band, IONA will bring its singular representation of the greatest Celtic land in the world to BB&T Center for Performing Arts. IONA treats its audience to high energy entertainment featuring Scottish fiddling, driving percussion, and strong vocals from all the Celtic nations, including America. Presenting the music and dance of all the Celtic countries—Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Cornwall, the Isle of Man, Brittany, Asturias and Galicia—IONA emphasizes that America is not only the repository of all these cultural influences, but also the progenitor of many of its own. Audiences are encouraged to clog along, or dance Breton line dances, and join in singing.

2008–2009 Annual Giving Levels

Contributor Club	\$50.00
Encore Club	\$100.00
Performing Arts Club	\$300.00
Stars Club	\$500.00
Concert Club	\$1,000.00
Directors Club	\$1,500.00
Producers Club	\$3,000.00

Your support, whether financial or volunteering to work actively in our projects, is critical to our success. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to help us keep performing arts in our community.

Letter from the President

We hope you have had the opportunity to attend some of the recent events at the Center for the Performing Arts. Both the *Buddy Holly Concert*, featuring Robbie Limon, and our *One Act Play Festival* were very well received. In addition, on the first Saturday of each month, host Raggedy Dan, provides a venue for folks to dust off their band instrument, or their favorite song, or a joke or two, or perhaps even a magic wand, and to entertain us at the PAL Open Stage Night! Admission is free.

Please join us on March 14th for the Luray Rotary Club's "Going for the Green" Casino Night for the benefit of Choices (Council for Domestic Violence) from 7 to 11 PM. On March 21st at 7:30 PM, the Iona Band will present an Evening of Celtic Music. And on Sunday, March 22nd, at 2:30 PM the Regional Wind and String Ensemble will offer an afternoon of music, coffee and dessert.

In these uncertain economic times, we need your help more than ever. Due to cuts in the Commonwealth's budget, the last payment of one of our grants was cut by almost 20 percent. It is through the annual support of our patrons that we can continue renovating, maintaining and operating the BB&T Center for the Performing Arts as a cultural and educational force in our community.

You can always visit our web site to learn more about how you can support PAL and participate in our organization at www.performingartsluray.org.

We thank you for your past contributions and hope that you will be able to help us again this year with a generous gift in support of the performing arts.

See you at the Center,
Lowell B. Baughan
President

Partial Funding for PAL is provided by
the Virginia Commission for the Arts
and the National Endowment for the Arts.

PAL Players presents "Contempt of Court"

It's a typical night at Judge Judy's Peoples Night court where audience members become plaintiffs, defendants, witnesses and jury in some of the most outlandishly funny law suits ever to double cross the bench. This hilarious comedy send up of all those TV court shows proves that some people really have a Contempt of Court.

April 3, 4, 17, 18

Bar opens at 6:00, Dinner at 6:45

Dessert at intermission

\$35 per person (includes, dinner, dessert and show)

April 5 & 19

Matinee performance begins at 2:00

Dessert at intermission

\$15 per person (includes dessert and show)

Groups (minimum 25) may also book special showings of "Contempt of Court" during the month of April by calling Claire Comer at 540-860-1084 or email PALPlayers@performingartsluray.org.

Inaugural One-Act Festival

About 100 people turned out for our inaugural One-Act Festival. Patrons saw four productions: "Scooter Thomas Makes It to the Top of the World" performed by First Colonial High School, Va. Beach, Va.; "The Open Road" performed by Randolph Macon Academy, Front Royal, Va.; and "Mother Figure" and "Splitting Issues" both produced by the PAL Players.

The day started with an improvisation workshop conducted by Kira Newman. Then each group rehearsed and set up the technical aspects of their production.

We made valuable contacts with other community theaters. We had guests from the Ki Theatre in Rappahannock County. Its director, Patty Hardee wrote, "Congratulations! I would say you had a real success on your hands with the one-act festival. I know how much work went into it. [We] thoroughly enjoyed the show and look forward to sharing productions with PAL."

We were thrilled with the response from other theater groups and the support from the audience. We've already had inquiries about next year. We hope to expand the festival.

Shenandoah Valley Acoustic Roots Festival and Songwriting Contest

It's a songwriting competition open to all independent songwriters with American Roots influence. Think folk, acoustic blues, bluegrass, and country, but think of Acoustic Roots Music. Preliminary judging of CDs will occur throughout the summer of 2009. The top ten finalists will compete at the BB&T Center for the Performing Arts of Luray on October 3, 2009. Judging will be done by award-winning songwriters Chuck E. Costa and Beau coup Blue.

Entry fee is \$25 for one or two songs. It's your choice—submit one song or two.

We will not accept any more money from you or more songs. We'll only accept the first 250 entries by August 15, 2009.

How do I enter? Send a \$25 check or money order, payable to "Performing Arts of Luray" to: P.Walker, P.O. Box 109, Luray, VA 22835.

With your check, include:

- ❖ Two CDs, with your one, or two songs on each CD.
- ❖ An info sheet that includes the writer's name, email address and phone number.
- ❖ On the CDs, be sure to include the titles of the songs and the songwriter's name.
- ❖ Two sets of written/typed lyrics for each song or songs.

You can find more information at www.PerformingArtsLuray.org or www.PopsWalker.com.

Summer Musical Workshops and Theater Production

Every summer, the PAL Summer Music Theater Workshop presents a Broadway musical. The workshop has grown to include more than 65 local actors and musicians from age 4 to 82, and is directed by local theater and music professionals. Plans are underway to bring a new musical this summer. Watch for more information at the PAL website www.PerformingArtsLuray.org.



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Performing Arts Luray presents:
Celtic Music
featuring Iona Band
March 21, 2009 – 7:30 PM
Performance at
The BB&T Center for the Performing Arts
One East Main Street, Luray, VA

Advanced Sale Prices
Adults \$12.00
Seniors & Students \$10.00
12 & Under \$6.00
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