

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

PAL Receives Virginia Commission for the Arts Grant

The Regional Center for the Performing Arts of Luray was awarded a \$8,400 grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. This Generate Operating Support grant will provide funds to assist the PAL Center with operating and maintaining its facility. The competitive grant will provide 10% of the operating budget.

The Virginia Commission for the Arts is a state agency which supports the arts through funding from the Virginia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts. The Commission distributes grants to artists, arts and other non-profit organizations, educators, educational institutions, and local governments, and provides technical assistance in arts management.

Ronald McDonald House Charities Grant

In October 2007, PAL was awarded a \$6,800 grant from the Ronald McDonald House Charities. The award will support performing arts programs that can make a difference in the lives of at-risk children in the community. Performing Arts of Luray (PAL) will use the grant funds to support cultural enrichment activities that include drama and musical programs in the community and schools.

Summer Musical Theater Workshop Presents *The Wizard of Oz*

The yellow brick road leads to Main Street in Luray when Kira and David Newman bring the beloved musical alive July 25–27 and August 1–3. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees begin at 2:30 p.m. The show boasts a cast of over 50; starring Lillian Levin as Dorothy, Ginny Browne as Auntie Em, Chris Riley as The Scarecrow, Luke Black as The Tinman, Bob Borgie as The Cowardly Lion, Dawn Knight as The Wicked Witch of the West, and Lisa Sedwick as Glinda, The Good Witch of the North.

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The Just Jazzin' Band

August 16, 7:30 pm
Folk Music by Passage Creek

August 17, 2:30 pm
The Debut of
The Regional Wind Ensemble

August 23, 7:30 pm
John Lilly and Pops Walker

September 6, 7:30 pm
The Pitzers and Pops Walker

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PAL Summer Series for 2008

PAL Summer Series is co-sponsored with the Town of Luray. The series kicked off with the bluegrass music of Virginia Run in June and Americana music from Passage Creek on July 4.

The events are held on the BB&T Performing Arts of Luray Plaza. Please bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, all performances will move inside to the PAL Center.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and available only at the door. Children and students are free. Refreshments are available at “The Vault,” PAL’s cash bar and on the Plaza.

August 9, 7:30 PM. Jazz and swing with *The Just Jazzin’ Band*. Just Jazzin’ is Harrisonburg’s community jazz ensemble that plays big band and contemporary swing and Latin tunes.

August 16, 7:30 PM. Folk music by *Passage Creek*. Passage Creek is three talented musicians who share a deep love of music. Band members employ six- and twelve-string guitars, mandolin, dobro, banjo, and keyboard.

August 17, 2:30 PM. The debut of *The Regional Wind Ensemble* (performance inside PAL Center). *Free Admission*. Donations Appreciated! Performing Arts Luray has formed a band, with all local musicians. The band will perform its first concert.

August 23, 7:30 PM. Blues and country with *John Lilly* and *Pops Walker*. John Lilly is a multi-talented acoustic music performer from West Virginia, specializing in Americana, roots country, and traditional folk music. Pops Walker performs solo as a performing songwriter, with a penchant for “acoustic blues.”

September 6, 7:30 PM. Blues and Appalachian music with *The Pitzers* and *Pops Walker*. For years Keith and Joan Pitzer have been blending their rich vocal harmonies with skillful acoustic guitar and bass, embellished with harmonica or pennywhistle.



Performing Arts Luray seeks volunteers

PAL is looking for volunteers for a variety of projects, including mailings, office assistance and event support.

Dedicated volunteers receive free tickets, based on hours worked. Interested volunteers should call the BB&T Center for the Performing Arts at 743-3311.

Letter from the President

As you can see in this Muse Letter, PAL has received funding from local, state and private organizations to help our organization continue to bring cultural events to our community. The Ronald McDonald grant has been instrumental in bringing the arts to some of our youth who otherwise might not have been able to participate. The Town of Luray is co-sponsoring our new summer series on the Plaza and we look forward to continuing to work with the Town in attracting folks to the historic Main Street area. The Virginia Commission for the Arts is providing us a grant for operating support and we are pleased to hear some of the reviewers’ comments—“Amazing progress for such a young organization,” and “This group came together in 2005, found a home and is now presenting high quality performances for this underserved region.” We are proud of these accomplishments.

It is through these funding sources and the support of our patrons that we can continue renovating, maintaining and operating the BB&T Center for the Performing Arts. Although the Center is primarily operated with volunteer help, the costs of utilities, maintenance and mortgage payments are ongoing and it is only through donations and grants that we can keep our facility open to the community.

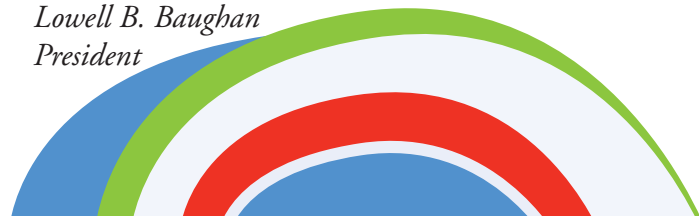
The other exciting news for PAL is the addition of the PAL Community Players. This volunteer group directed by Claire Comer has been providing theater productions to our region for many years and now they have found a home at the PAL Center. Please consider attending one of these wonderful productions in the 2008–2009 season.

We are also glad to provide multi-use space at reasonable rental prices. The facility is currently being rented by performing arts instructors, service organizations and by private citizens for weddings, birthdays and other festive occasions.

We look forward to bringing you another successful season in 2008–2009. If you have suggestions for entertainment that you wish to see on our stage, please contact one of our Board members or email us through our website—www.PerformingArts.Luray.org.

Very truly yours,

*L. B. Baughan
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President*



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.

Rent the BB&T Center in downtown Luray for your next event!

The BB&T Center has space available for performances, teaching or shows. The space seats up to 270 and is easily reconfigured for banquets, weddings and receptions. There are also rehearsal rooms, studio space, conference rooms and offices—all within walking distance of parking, restaurants, antique stores and art galleries. Call 743-3311 for the perfect event location! 25% discount for arts-related activities.

- ❖ All-day rates: combination of 2-7 and 7-12 rates.
- ❖ Refundable damage deposit: 25% of 7-12 rate.
- ❖ Non-refundable reservation deposit: 1/3 of room rate due 30 days in advance. Equipment and stage rental: 15% of 7-12 rate.
- ❖ Attendant: \$20/hour Barkeeper: \$20/hour.
- ❖ Event Planner available; please call 743-3311 for information.

Room Size	9 am–2 pm	2–7 pm	7pm–12 (midnight)
Theater	\$120	\$240	\$380
32 X 24	\$62.50	\$125	\$187.50
12 X 32	\$50	\$100	\$150
16 X 24	\$50	\$100	\$150
14 X 24	\$50	\$100	150
12 X 14	(2) \$30	\$30	\$30

PAL has formed a Regional Band/Orchestra. Membership is open to all residents of Page, Rappahannock, Shenandoah and Warren Counties who are age 14 and older. New members will be welcomed! Prospective members are asked to contact Wanda Crouch at 540-743-3453 or via email gwanny@netzero.net.

The Band needs string instruments and percussion equipment as well as large wind instruments. Donors are asked to contact Lewis Berkebile at 540-743-2402.

Regional Center for the Performing Arts of Luray, Inc. ACADEMY

- ❖ Massanutten Youth Chorale For singers in grades 3 through 6; Catherine Ashanky, Director; 540-743-6730. Auditions are required.
- ❖ Piano Instructor, Nancy Cross; 540-740-8236. For students of all ages. Pre-registration is required.
- ❖ Voice Instructor, David Newman; 540-743-6484. Pre-registration is required.
- ❖ Guitar Instructor, James Sattva; 540-843-0620. For students of all ages. Lessons offered Monday and Tuesday, 4:00–8:00 PM. Pre-registration is required.
- ❖ Belly Dancing Classes, Meaghan; 540-987-9156, or celticgypsies.com.
- ❖ Acting Classes, Scott Craig Jones; 540-652-8848. Pre-registration is required.
- ❖ Karate Instructor, Chuck Orenic; 540-743-7943. Children 7 and older and adults.

For more information, call 540-743-3311.



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Performing Arts Luray's
2008 Summer Musical

Theater Workshop
presents

The WIZARD OF OZ



By L. Frank Baum
Adapted by Frank Gabrielson
With Music and Lyrics of the
MGM motion pictures score by
Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg.
Background Music by Herbert Stothart.

Friday & Saturdays
July 25, 26 & Aug 1, 2
at 7:30 PM

Sundays
July 27 & Aug 3
at 2:30 PM

Tickets can be purchased online at
www.performingartsluray.org or at
Luray Copy Service or the
Luray-Page Chamber of Commerce

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BB&T Center for the
Performing Arts

One East Main Street, Luray
Tickets: \$15 Adults - \$12 Seniors
\$7 Children 12 and under