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11-13	Macon County Art Assoc.'s ArtFest, Macon County Public Library, 149 Siler Farm Rd.
Thursday- Saturday 10:00-4:00	ArtFest, 30+ FREE varied art activities for all ages, offers hands-on sessions with artists in clay, jewelry, macramé, painting, weaving and LOTS more, plus exhibits, art-themed movies (below), demonstrations, and lectures. Full schedule at franklinuptowngallery.com.
Saturday	Blue Jazz Trio Concert in Tartan Hall (dancing, eats, raffle, silent auction) benefits art
7:00-9:00	programs and art teacher development in the schools. Advance tickets \$25 at Uptown Gallery, 30 E. Main or 828-349-4607; \$35 at the door. ArtFest is supported by the Arts Council's ARTReach program (ARTReach news below). Happy 60 th , MCAA!!
11	Books & Bites with Dianna Rostad, Macon County Public Library Reading Room
Thursday 3:30	Author talk and book signing for Rostad's new novel, <i>You Belong Here Now</i> . Free, everyone welcome. Produced by Friends of the Library; light refreshments served.
12-13	Dessert Theatre Cabaret, Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts, 1028 Georgia Rd.
7:00	Overlook Theatre Company's NIGHT OF 1000 STARS salutes the golden age of Broadway with the songs of Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Rodgers & Hammerstein and others. Scotty Corbin
	directs; served on stage so space is limited. \$21 advance/\$25 day of event includes dessert trio, beverage, and SMCPA souvenir mug. Tickets at smokymountainarts.com.
12 thru	Sentimental Journey. Highlands Playhouse, 362 Oak Street, Highlands
Sept. 4	HP's high-stepping musical revue recreates the legendary USO shows of World War II with soldiers, starlets, swing dancing, and 40+ classic hits like "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "It
USO	Had to be You," and "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes." Wednesdays-Sundays; tickets at highlandsplayhouse.org or 828-526-2695. Next up, <i>Brooklyn, the Musical</i> opens 9/23.
Aug 20	J. Creek Cloggers @Franklin Area Folk Festival, Cowee School Drive, Hwy. 28N 7 miles
Saturday 10:00-4:00	This Arts Council-sponsored high-energy troupe keeps mountain dance traditions alive, from buck dancing to flat-footing. <u>The 16th annual Folk Festival</u> celebrates traditional
10:00 1:00	mountain culture with Appalachian arts and crafts, demonstrations, old-time music jams,
	kids' activities, textiles, food and more, produced by the Folk Heritage Association of Macon County and Cowee School Arts & Heritage Center; FranklinFolkFestival.com.
25-28,	Night Watch, Highlands Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut Street
Sept. 1-4	Highlands Cashiers Players perform Lucille Fletcher's riveting murder mystery oozing with deceit, intrigue and corpses (?), directed by Michael Lanzilotta. Thursdays-Saturdays 7:30;
	Sundays 2:30. Details/tickets at highlandsperformingarts.com/hcp.html.
27-28	Highlands Mountaintop Rotary Art & Craft Show, Pine Street, downtown Highlands
Saturday - Sunday	Admire and buy fine art, folk art, crafts and furniture created by area artists and crafters. Free admission, food vendors on-site; details at mountaintopshow.com or 828-318-9430.
28	Barbershop Sundae, First Presbyterian's Tartan Hall, 26 Church St., Franklin
Sunday	The Arts Council presents WNC's Land of the Sky Men's Chorus singing uplifting a cappella music - traditional Barbershop in four-part harmony, pop, doo-wop and
3:00	gospel - with audience pARTicipation, laughs galore, and ice cream! Wheelchair
	access from First Presbyterian Church parking lot. Admission by donation; \$10 suggested.
31 Wednesday	Books & Bites with Carolyn Curry, Macon County Public Library Meeting Room
Wednesday 3:30	Author talk and book signing for Curry's book, <i>Sudden Death</i> . Free, everyone welcome. Produced by Friends of the Library; light refreshments served.



Coming Sunday afternoon, September 18 (save this date!), the Arts Council presents **Duo Pianists Julie Coucheron and William Ransom** in a spectacular four-handsat-one-piano concert. Julie and Will have been making music together at one and two pianos for over a decade, playing Mozart Sonatas to Gershwin's Preludes and everything

in between, from Atlanta to Mexico to Alaska. Details in your September ARTicles.

Pickin' on the Square, Franklin Town Square, 6:00 alternate Saturdays; Aug. 6 is Caribbean Cowboys. Bring a lawn chair, family and friends; food vendors on site. Free, produced by the Town of Franklin.



The Bascom Buzz – The Bascom Center for the Visual Arts, 323 Franklin Rd., Highlands, hosts a reception Thursday Aug. 11, 5:00, for its exhibit, "Like No Other Place," photos of the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust. This and more at TheBascom.org or 828-526-4949.



Free August ArtFest Flicks, Macon County Public Library Meeting Room Thursday 11, 6:00 PM, animated biographical drama about the life of impressionist painter Vincent van Gogh, the first fully-painted animated feature film.

Friday 12, 6:00 PM, chronicle of the life of visual artist Frida Kahlo, shared openly with Diego Rivera as the young couple took the art world by storm; two hours, rated R for sexuality/nudity, language.

Singer/Songwriter David Roth in Concert Saturday Aug. 13, 3:00, Holly Springs Community Club Award-winning singer, songwriter, recording artist, keynote speaker, and workshop leader Roth brings his powerful singing, unique songs, and offbeat observations to The Listening Room. Holly Springs Club is at 2720 Cat Creek Road; robby.concerts@gmail.com for \$15 reservations, \$20 at the door. Snacks and drinks for sale. Vaccinations and masks required. More about Roth at davidrothmusic.com.



John C. Campbell Folk School, 1 Folkschool Road, Brasstown, presents balladeer Sheila Kay Adams Friday Aug. 19, 7:00 PM in the Festival Barn, suggested donation \$5-\$10. Visit folkschool.org or phone T-Claw for more Folk School news, 1-800-FOLKSCHOOL.

C-Square Rocks Las Barricas Mexican Restaurant, 2722 Georgia Road Saturday Aug. 27, noon–1:30 The Arts Council's award-winning band (Lionel Caynon, keyboard; Mike Contino, vocals/djembe; Bobbie Contino, vocals) performs vintage pop and Motown hits from the Everly Brothers to the Doobie Brothers, plus some classic country. Come hungry!

Lifelong Learning at Crawford Senior Services Center – Tuesdays at 10:00 Kaysea Crowe teaches crochet, knitting, needlepoint, cross stitch and more, just one of many Senior Center free learning opportunities. Register (it's free, too) at 108 Wayah Street in Franklin, 828-349-2058.

ARTReach makes **ARTD**reams come true! Your Arts Council is helping Macon County jumpstART the arts by offering ARTReach funding plus planning and marketing assistance to non-profit organizations and schools producing arts programs, with a super-simple, form-less application process that starts with your sending us an ARTSDream letter. Awards can serve as start-up (launch new programs) or step-up (expand existing ones) money for community arts projects like MCAA's ArtFest August 11-13, our first ARTReach award. Details at artscouncilofmacon.org, or email arts4all@dnet.net. We thank ARTReach team leader Pam Meister, Tom Tyre, and Bobbie Contino, and MCAA for joining us on our trial-run.

THREE RIVERS REVIEW reminder – Pick up your TRR complimentary copy at any of our public libraries, the Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce, Smart Pharmacy, the Arts Council office, Main Street's Novel Escape Bookstore, and Uptown Gallery when you buy your ArtFest raffle and Blue Jazz concert tickets.

art, a word for which I have no other meaning but - Alive! -e.e.cummings

Our mission: The Arts Council serves Macon County as a presenter, promoter, and resource for artists, cultural organizations, and schools working to meet their goals.