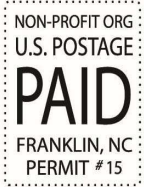


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**October 2022 ARTicles** It's National ARTS Month, time to FALL INTO DANCE!!

<p><b>Oct. 1</b> Saturday 6:30 PM</p> 	<p><u><a href="#">FALL INTO CONTRA DANCE, Macon County Public Library, 149 Siler Farm Rd., Franklin</a></u> Come Contra dance on the Library's wood floor with caller Charlotte Crittenden and live music by the band, Late to the Party, featuring fiddler Larry Barnett. Instruction for beginners starts at 6:30, then at 7:00 a full evening of dance. No experience needed; all dances will be taught. Admission by donation; light refreshments provided. This Arts Council-produced event is sponsored by Ron and Chris Lewis. More Contra and other dance news below.</p>
<p><b>1-2</b> Saturday-Sunday 10:00-5:00</p>	<p><u><a href="#">John C. Campbell Folk School Fall Festival, One Folkschool Rd., Brasstown</a></u> Two full fall days with over 200 fine craft exhibitors, 30+ artisans demonstrating traditional and contemporary crafts, bluegrass, gospel, folk, and Celtic music plus clogging, Morris, and Garland dancing. Rain or sun; adult \$10, senior citizen \$8, folkschool.org.</p>
<p><b>6</b> Thursday 5:00-6:30</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Tapping into Tones Reception, The Bascom, 323 Franklin Rd., Highlands</a></u> This exhibit of approximately 30 objects, part of The Bascom's Craft to Art series, focuses on musical instruments made by artisans of Southern Appalachia, on display through January 7. Details on this and much more at TheBascom.org or 828-526-4949.</p>
<p><b>8</b> Saturday 7:00 PM</p> 	<p><u><a href="#">FALL INTO STREET DANCE WITH WESTSOUND, Franklin Town Square Gazebo, Main St. at Iotla</a></u> Asheville-based WESTSOUND, WNC's GR8est soul band, brings Motown downtown with your favorite vintage hits. Franklin native Gina Duke and her three fellow WestSound members (see below) are talented, versatile, and seasoned performers. Bring lawn chairs, friends and family, and your dancin' shoes! This FREE Council-produced event is canceled if it rains.</p>
<p><b>15</b> Saturday 5:00-7:00</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Unspoken Tradition, Cowee School Arts &amp; Heritage Center off Hwy. 28 N, Franklin</a></u> This four-member band closes the School's summer concert series, on the lawn rain or sun. Food truck on site. \$15; pay at the gate or buy tickets at coweeschool.org.</p>
<p><b>23</b> Sunday 3:00-6:00</p>	<p><u><a href="#">AARC's ART to the Rescue, The Vineyard, 37 High Holly, Scaly Mountain</a></u> Appalachian Animal Rescue Center's fundraiser features sales of 12 local artists' works, silent auction, wine and appetizers, and music by Sweet Charity Band. \$40 tickets at AARC Thrift Store and Lake Emory Road Shelter, Franklin and Highlands Chambers of Commerce.</p>
<p><b>28-29+</b> Fridays + Saturdays 7:00 PM</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts</a></u> Scotty Corbin directs Overlook Theatre Company in this multi-award-winning musical based on Disney's animated re-telling of one of the world's most enduring fairytales. Show runs through Nov. 12. \$17 adult, \$13 youth; tickets at the Center box office, 1028 Georgia Rd., smokymountainarts.com or 828-524-1598.</p>
<p><b>29</b> Saturday 10:30-12:30</p>	<p><u><a href="#">FALL INTO DANCE ARTSATURDAY, Macon County Public Library, 149 Siler Farm Rd., Franklin</a></u> Bring your happy feet to this FREE Arts Council event for kids and young families and learn diverse dance styles from Cherokee to hip hop and more! Come in comfortable clothes and shoes to any part of the session. No pre-registration; healthy snacks provided. Dances are geared to elementary school-age children, with coloring station &amp; materials for preschoolers.</p>
<p><b>Nov. 29</b> Tuesday 7:00 PM</p> 	<p><u><a href="#">CHRISTMAS WITH FIDDLER FINN, First Presbyterian Chapel, 26 Church St., Franklin</a></u> Internationally-known award-winning violin virtuoso Andrew Finn Magill brings his special brand of musical Christmas cheer to usher in the holiday season. Save the date; more in November ARTicles.</p>

Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance. -DAVE BARRY, *Dave Barry Turns 50*

Save this date, too: [Friday Nov. 25 at 7:30, Masters of Soul present A Motown Christmas](#) in the new Highlands Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut St. The 10-member cast celebrates the songs and performers that defined Motown and soul music; \$50 and up, [highlandsp PerformingArts.com](http://highlandsp PerformingArts.com).

**Calling all ARTists** – You may be eligible to **apply by Oct. 15** for a North Carolina Arts Council **Artist Support Grant**. Visit [www.coweeschool.org](http://www.coweeschool.org) or phone 828-349-1945 for instructions, forms, and help.

### Reminders

[BKLYN, The Musical](#) runs Wednesdays-Sundays through Oct. 16 at Highlands Playhouse, 362 Oak St.; times, tickets at [highlandsp Playhouse.org](http://highlandsp Playhouse.org) or 828-526-2695.

**Happy 60<sup>th</sup>, Macon County Art Association!** Visit MCAA's Uptown Gallery, 30 E. Main, Franklin, to wish them 60 more creative years, and jumpst**ART** your holiday shopping with their affordable creations.

You don't give a man a weapon until you have taught him to dance. –Celtic proverb

More **FALL INTO CONTRA DANCE** - With its roots in the British Isles and France, Contra dance has become a traditional American dance form. It's considered the most accessible of all dances, with participants moving in two long facing lines or in groups. Bring a partner or come alone. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes; no perfumes or strong scents, please. Next dance is Saturday, Nov. 5, 6:30 in the Public Library. We're making this an ongoing activity; watch Nov. [ARTicles](#) for extraordinarily exciting Contra news!

More **FALL INTO STREET DANCE** - WestSound bandleader/keyboardist/vocalist Randy Weston has played cruise ships and the hotel circuit as a solo and ensemble artist. Vocalist Gina Duke brings sensational sound, personality, and *moves* to the show. Guitarist/vocalist Oscar Weston engages and delights audiences with his Marvin Gaye and Sam Cooke voice. And percussionist Michael Leyshon maintains the dynamite beat and sings lead and backup. Over the years the band has performed at The Indiana Black Expo, Asheville's Goombay and BeleChere Festivals, Franklin's Corn Fest, and uncountable others.

**Schools FALL INTO DANCE** - The Arts Council's Artists-in-the-Schools Program sponsors Cherokee dance and clogging residencies/demonstrations in some of our schools' Physical Education classes, and we're arranging additional in-school dance programs through the school year, plus music, poetry, and more.

[Union Academy's theater group](#) FALLS INTO DANCE with instruction in musical theater and jazz dance to help students prepare for their winter musical, *The Wizard of Oz*.

[Inspire School of Dance](#), 238 NE Main in Franklin, hosts *Bring a Friend Week* Oct. 10-14, with both students getting 15% off for the month. *Bring a Parent Week*, Oct. 24-28, invites parents to try out some classes or join their students. And Saturday Oct. 29, 10:00-11:15 AM, second graders to adults can attend an Inspire sampler class of several styles.

[The Dance Arts Co-Op](#) has afternoon and evening dance classes for dancers age 3-19 in ballet, tap/jazz, contemporary, African and more. They'll offer a spring 2023 series of adult classes, all conducted in Cowee School Arts & Heritage Center, Hwy. 28 N; email [danceartsnc@gmail.com](mailto:danceartsnc@gmail.com).

We dance to touch the place where our souls live. If everyone is dancing, they don't have time to hate. -CHUCK DAVIS, Founder, African-American Dance Ensemble



**Many hands make light work. Our heARTy thanks to helpers:**

[4-Hands Piano Concert](#) – Gail Anderson, Betsey Gooder and Macon County News, Kathy Maps, First Presbyterian Church staff and super-helpful house manager Jerry Blaydes.

[Macon County Fair Booth](#) – Nate Anderson, Bobbie Contino, Betsey Gooder, Debra Rose Lewis, Amanda at Macon Printing, and our Gooder Graphix friends, who make us look SO good!