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September 2022 ARTicles E-news of area arts happenings. We want you to p**ART**icipate!

<p>Sept. 1 Thursday 7:00 PM</p>	<p><u>Mountain Voices in Concert, First United Methodist Church, 66 Harrison Ave, Franklin</u> Our 50-voice regional mixed chorus performs show tunes, pop, gospel, and patriotic selections. Beverly Barnett directs, with piano accompanist Mary Pittman and other local instrumentalists. Free; donations welcome. Email mountainvoiceswnc@gmail.com.</p>
<p>3 Saturday 1:00-4:00</p> 	<p><u>Songwriting Workshop with Joe Scott, Macon Co. Public Library, 149 Siler Farm Rd.</u> This composer/arranger/teacher has written hundreds of songs and instrumentals during his 45-year career. (Hear his band at the Acoustic Eidolon website.) Joe leads the class through the songwriting process using demonstrations and practical techniques. Bring a song you're writing and lyric or melodic ideas you'd like to develop. It's Arts Council-sponsored, free and open to all; donations welcome. Email davestewartsongs@gmail.com.</p>
<p>5 and every Monday 10:00-3:00</p>	<p><u>Monday Painters Open Studio, Uptown Gallery, 30 E. Main St., Franklin</u> Macon County Art Assoc. invites painters at all skill levels to bring their projects, supplies and a bag lunch. Pat Mennenger has details, 828-369-0356 or pm14034@yahoo.com. Visit the Gallery to wish MCAA a happy 60th and buy their members' affordable creations.</p>
<p>9-10 Friday 7:00 Saturday 2:00, 7:00</p>	<p><u>Tommie Sawyer and Hucklemary Finn, Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts</u> Scotty Corbin directs Overlook Theatre Company in this new one-act comedy filled with laughs, thrills, and a murder mystery - a twist on the classic Mark Twain tale of friendship along the banks of the Mississippi. \$13 tickets at smokymountainarts.com, the Center box office at 1028 Georgia Rd., or 828-524-1598.</p>
<p>15 Thursday 5:00-6:30</p>	<p><u>Lasting Impressions Exhibit Reception, The Bascom, 323 Franklin Rd., Highlands</u> View 60 of the finest Japanese prints from the Gibbs Museum of Art, on display through November. This and much more at TheBascom.org or 828-526-4949.</p>
<p>17 Saturday 5:00-7:00</p>	<p><u>The Border Collies Band, Cowee School Arts & Heritage Center off Hwy. 28 N</u> This four-member band plays a mix of traditional and roots music on the lawn rain or sun. \$5 adult; pay at the gate or buy tickets at coweeschool.org and get all the School scoop.</p>
<p>18 Sunday 3:00</p> 	<p><u>Duo Pianists Julie Coucheron and William Ransom, First Presbyterian Church</u> The Arts Council presents a spectacular 4-HANDS-ON-1-PIANO program of Beethoven's Symphony #7, Gershwin's <i>Cuban Overture</i>, and works by Borodin and Lalo. Julie studied at the Royal Academy in London and performs around the world. Will graduated from The Juilliard School and is Emerson Professor of Piano at Emory University. The two have been making music together for over a decade. Admission is by donation. Wheelchair access is from the Church parking lot, 26 Church Street, Franklin. Read more below.</p>
<p>21-24 Wednesday- Saturday</p>	<p><u>Annual Macon County Fair, County Fairgrounds, 1436 Georgia Road, Franklin</u> "There's Country in the Air" is this year's theme. Check out the animals, activities and eats, plus the Council's "FALL INTO DANCE" educational booth. (<i>Look out for the chicken!</i>)</p>
<p>23 through Oct. 16</p>	<p><u>Brooklyn, The Musical, Highlands Playhouse, 362 Oak St., Highlands</u> This fast-paced fairy tale set in Brooklyn is touching, inspiring, and full of unforgettable songs. Wednesdays-Sundays; times, tickets at highlandisplayhouse.org or 828-526-2695.</p>
<p>Oct. 1 Saturday 6:30-9:00</p> 	<p><u>FALL INTO CONTRA DANCE, Macon County Public Library, 149 Siler Farm Rd., Franklin</u> Here's your chance to Contra dance with a professional caller and live band on the Great Room's wood floor. Instruction for beginners at 6:30 followed at 7:00 by a full evening of dance. No partner and no experience needed. Event is sponsored by Ron and Chris Lewis, produced by the Arts Council. Details and more dance news in October ARTicles.</p>



Calling all writers - The Writers Club meets alternate Tuesdays at 1:00 in the Macon County Public Library. Bring your story to read or just come listen. Contact Jim Steeley, 828-371-9143. The Highlands Writers Group of experienced and aspiring writers meets alternate Tuesdays at 3:00 at The Bascom. Contact Bud Katz, budandlynn@me.com.



The Listening Room presents **Al Scortino and Steve Greenberg** Saturday Sept. 10, 2:30, at FROG Quarters, 573 E. Main St., Franklin. If you enjoy the music of John Denver, Harry Chapin, and Gordon Lightfoot, this one's for you. Suggested donation \$20 at the door; \$15 with reservations at robby.concerts@gmail.com. Snacks and drinks for sale.

Our Public Libraries offer so much more than books... The user-friendly calendar at fontanalib.org has news of an exciting array of services and programs, many arts-related such as Macon County Public Library's *Japanese Calligraphy* with Nanaka Okamura, Wednesday Sept. 14 at 6:00. From local history to fiber arts to activities for children to computer services to e-books – there's literally something for everyone at your public library. And yes, they have great books, too!

WCU's Bardo Arts Center presents **Pilobolus: The Big Five-OH**, Thursday Sept. 29, 7:30 PM, in a live performance by the world-renowned modern dance company. Details and tickets at wcu.edu.



John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown holds its Fall Festival October 1-2 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. Adult admission \$10; senior citizen \$8. Visit folkschool.org or phone T-Claw at 1-800-FOLKSCHOOL.

Save these October dance dates: Your Arts Council is firming up plans for our October community events and Artists-in-the-Schools programs to spotlight the art of dance. October's *ARTicles* will carry all the news but right now, reserve Saturday evening, Rocktober 8, when we'll FALL INTO STREET DANCE. Then on the morning of Oct. 29, children and young families will FALL INTO DANCE at the Macon County Public Library.



More on the Sept. 18 4-Hands Piano Concert: Julie Coucheron and Will Ransom have performed together from Atlanta to Mexico to Alaska at one and two pianos. Their repertoire ranges from Mozart Sonatas to Beethoven Symphonies to Gershwin's Preludes and everything in between. Born in Oslo, Norway, Julie performs as a soloist, in duet programs with Will and with her brother David, Concertmaster of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. She is on the faculty of Kennesaw State University. Will is Emerson Professor of Piano at Emory University where he is also Artistic Director of the Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta. In the summers, he directs the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival. The program is over an hour long with no intermission.



Many hands make light work. We thank Claire Suminski and Dave Stewart for their help in coordinating and accompanying the phenomenal J. Creek Cloggers at the Franklin Folk Fest. Thanks to the Barbershop Sundae helping hands of Gail and Nate Anderson, Mike Contino, Susan Kent, Debra Rose Lewis, Merritt (with Tim in the wings) Shaw, Pam Collins and our New Century Scholar volunteers Joselyn, Lida, Geo, Alison, and Elly; First Presbyterian Office Manager Kathy and Pastor Tempe and especially our perennial FPC "House Manager" Jerry (and Susan) Blaydes, and our enthusiastic audience members who make all our artists want to return again and again! HeARTy thanks to FALL INTO DANCE team leader Emily Higdon and members Cheryl Conner and Tom Tyre.

Art is human activity having for its purpose the transmission to others of the highest and best feelings to which men have risen. –COUNT LEO TOLSTOY

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.