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Carroll Arts Center Announces 23/24 Season of Live Performances

Featuring a dynamic lineup of music, comedy, dance, and more

The Carroll County Arts Council is thrilled to announce the Arts Center's upcoming season of dynamic live entertainment. Tickets are now on sale online at CarrollArtsCenter.org. Their 23/24 season features multiple exciting performance series that highlight local, regional, and national talent.

Headliner Series – An eclectic series of concerts from national and regional musical acts. Headliner performers this season include Baltimore legends like Andy Bopp and June Star, a holiday musical celebration from Motown & More, and punk rocker J. Robbins.

Sunday Classics Series – These monthly concerts on Sunday afternoons at 2pm feature acclaimed chamber musicians. Sunday Classics performers this season include nationally renowned pianist from the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Lura Johnson, acclaimed Israeli cellist Amit Peled, Dr. David Kreider of Chamber Music on the Hill, and more.

BrewHaHa Comedy Series – Every month, hilarious comedians take the stage in this new series on select Thursday nights at 8pm. Pipe the Side Brewing Company of Hampstead, MD will be hosting a preshow happy hour before every show at 7pm. This series is for ages 21 and up only. Featured comedians this season include 98 Rock's Justin Schlegel, Blaire Postman, Hayden Arrington, and Jim Bryan.

Swingin' Songs and Story Nights – Local musician Monte Leister hosts a series of concerts alternating between his namesake jazz group, The Leister Quartet, and his new Americana duo, Steel String Storytellers. The Leister Quartet entertains with a repertoire of classic and original jazz compositions and guest musicians; the Steel String Storytellers perform original songs inspired by small town life with a nostalgic mix of acoustic guitar, mandolin, and silky harmonies. A portion of the proceeds from each concert will benefit a local nonprofit.

Patrons can save on tickets with a series subscription. Full Series and Choose Your Own (CYO) subscriptions are available for each performance series. Full Series subscribers get one ticket to each performance in that series while CYO subscribers can choose between three and four performances within one series. Arts Council members get an extra 10% discount on the already significant savings offered by these subscription options!

Also returning this season is the **Common Ground Downtown** concert series! This partnership between the Arts Council and Common Ground Downtown presents the best roots, bluegrass, and Americana musicians. This fall's acts include The Weber Brothers, Bryan McDowell, and Walt Michael and Co. The full series will be announced soon. There is no subscription package for the Common Ground Downtown series.

In addition to these performance series, this season will also feature special live events like “The Nutcracker” with the Ballet Theater of Maryland, Teelin Irish Dance Company, and a Carroll Arts Center birthday celebration with the Kelly Bell Band.

The Carroll Arts Center’s 23/24 Season live performance schedule is as follows:

August 27, 2023: **The Baltimore Composers Forum presents “Let it Be Said”** (Sunday Classics Series)

September 1, 2023: **Justin Schlegel feat. Mike Aronin** (BrewHaHa Comedy Series)

September 9, 2023: **Billy Lyve and iLL LuCK** (Headliner Series)

September 17, 2023: **David Kreider** (Sunday Classics Series)

September 20, 2023: **The Leister Quartet feat. Dan Andrews** (Swingin’ Songs and Story Nights)

September 30, 2023: **Andy Bopp** (Headliner Series)

October 14, 2023: **The Weber Brothers** (Common Ground Downtown)

November 3, 2023: **Blaire Postman presents “Lady ADHD”** (BrewHaHa Comedy Series)

November 5, 2023: **David Duree** (Sunday Classics Series)

November 15, 2023: **Steel String Storytellers** (Swingin’ Songs and Story Nights)

November 18, 2023: **Bryan McDowell & Friends** (Common Ground Downtown)

November 25, 2023: **Motown & More: A Holiday Celebration** (Headliner Series)

December 2, 2023: **Ballet Theater of Maryland presents Selections from “The Nutcracker”**

December 9, 2023: **Walt Michael & Co. Holiday Concert** (Common Ground Downtown)

December 16 - 17, 2023: **A Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas with The Eric Byrd Trio**

December 20, 2023: **Bob Cratchit and the Bookkeepers** (Swingin’ Songs and Story Nights)

February 11, 2024: **Lura Johnson** (Sunday Classics Series)

February 17, 2024: **June Star** (Headliner Series)

February 21, 2024: **Steel String Storytellers** (Swingin’ Songs and Story Nights)

March 1, 2024: **Hayden Arrington** (BrewHaHa Comedy Series)

March 3, 2024: **Amit Peled** (Sunday Classics Series)

March 9, 2024: **Teelin Irish Dance Company**

March 15, 2024: **Poehemia** (Headliner Series)

April 13, 2024: **Kelly Bell Band**

April 20, 2024: **Jazz Spectacular** (Swingin’ Songs and Story Nights)

May 3, 2024: **Jim Bryan** (BrewHaHa Comedy Series)

May 5, 2024: **Duo Sorolla** (Sunday Classics Series)

May 25, 2024: **J. Robbins with Truth Cult** (Headliner Series)

Arts Council Executive Director Lynne Griffith says, “We’re excited to announce our new season as we continue to celebrate the diversity and breadth of talent in this community!”

McDaniel College is proud to be the presenting sponsor of the Arts Center's 23/24 season. This season, McDaniel students, faculty, and staff can get \$5 tickets to most shows and free small popcorns with their McDaniel ID.

Get event and ticket information for the 23/24 season online at CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org or call the Box Office at 410-848-7272. The Carroll Arts Center is in downtown Westminster, MD at 91 W. Main Street.

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About the Carroll County Arts Council

The Carroll County Arts Council is located at 91 West Main Street in the magnificently renovated Carroll Arts Center, formerly the Carroll Theatre, in downtown Westminster, MD. The art deco building now houses a 263-seat theatre, galleries, a gift shop, classrooms, and offices. The CCAC's mission is to enrich our community, both culturally and economically, by presenting, promoting and supporting a wide variety of arts opportunities for our residents, visitors, and artists. For more information call 410-848-7272 or visit www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org.

PHOTOS:

Justin Schlegel
Kelly Bell Band
Lura Johnson
J. Robbins

Photos for all acts available upon request