

Preview Calendar

Note: Dates and times are subject to change. Please call venue to confirm events.

Tuesday, March 1

FILM

- **The Motorcycle Diaries** (see page 7).

MUSIC

- **Pat Humphries** and **Sandy Opatow** (see Women's History Month, page 19).
- The **Del McCoury Band**, named the 2004 International Bluegrass Music Association Entertainer of the Year, and **Fescue** will take the stage at 8 p.m. at the Paramount Center for the Arts in Bristol. \$25 (\$50 patrons). Proceeds will benefit the Bristol Heart Association's medications program. 423-274-8920.
- The Pro-Art Association will present **Jazz a la Gershwin** at 12:15 p.m. at Goodloe Center, Mountain Empire Community College, Big Stone Gap, VA. Internationally renowned singer Stephanie Nakasian and pianist Hod O'Brien will salute jazz masters George and Ira Gershwin. 276-376-4520.

THEATRE

- Barter Theatre is presenting William Shakespeare's **As You Like It** through May 14 at Stage II. Today's performance is at 7:45 p.m. This romantic comedy tells of Rosalind who, dressed as a boy, offers to cure the handsome Orlando of his love sickness by letting him woo her as if she were his sweetheart. 276-628-3991.

Wednesday, March 2

DANCE

- **Unity Step Show** (see Women's History Month, page 19).

THEATRE

- **As You Like It** 2 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. (see Mar 1).

Thursday, March 3

EXHIBIT

- **Youth Art** (see page 17).

THEATRE

- **As You Like It** 2 p.m. (see Mar 1).
- **Seven Quilts for Seven Sisters** (see Women's History Events, page 19).
- Barter Theatre will present **A Higher Place in Heaven** March 3-May 14 on the Main Stage. Today's performance is at 7:45 p.m. In 1925 in the small town of Second Samuel, the unimaginable happens — Miss Madison, a middle-aged white lady, has willed the family plantation to her life-long friend and housekeeper Miss Simpson, a black woman. Miss Madison's son is outraged. From family feuding emerges a long-buried secret in this graceful comedy about friendship and doing the right thing. 276-628-3991.
- The Theater Department of Virginia Highlands Community College will present **Story Theatre** Thursday-Saturday, March 3-

5 at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 6 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 605. \$5. Famous fables from many cultures, from Aesop to the Brothers Grimm, are intricately interwoven in the performance. The *New York Times* reviewer commented, "This is top-drawer adult theatre. I adored the show, which brings back magic and innocence to Broadway, and raises charades to the strange innocence of an art form." 276-739-2447.

- Wohlfahrt Haus in Wytheville, VA will present the musical **The Fabulous '50s** through Apr. 17. Slap on your "blue suede shoes" and "shake, rattle and roll" during this rollicking, rowdy musical revue featuring the classic music of the Fifties. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings (dinner at 6 p.m., show at 8 p.m.) and Sunday matinees (lunch at 1 p.m., show at 3 p.m.); call for Thursday Matinee Madness performances. Dinner and show: \$22-\$38. Show only: \$12-\$25. 276-223-0891 or toll free: 1-888-950-3382.

Friday, March 4

EXHIBIT

- A reception will take place from 6-8 p.m. for "**Chavatel & Company**" (see page 18).

THEATRE

- **A Higher Place in Heaven, Story Theatre & The Fabulous '50s** (see Mar 3)
- Top Hat Productions will premier **Experience Ruby Falls** at the Multicultural Arts Center in Rogersville, TN. The suspenseful comedy, written by Clarissa Arnold of Kingsport, TN, is set inside Ruby Falls, a tourist attraction in Chattanooga. Performances are scheduled March 4-6, 11-13, and 18-20 (Friday-Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m.). 423-921-0027.

Saturday, March 5

DANCE

- Kingsport Ballet will stage the full-length classic ballet **Swan Lake** Saturday, March 5 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 6 at 2 p.m. at the Toy F. Reid Eastman Employee Center. The production promises a high level of technical skill and professionalism from its students and company dancers, highlighted by striking sets and costumes. Professional guest artist Sergei Mikhaylov, who charmed audiences in the role of Jester in Kingsport Ballet's 2004 production of *Swan Lake*, will return for this year's performances. \$10-\$18. Group discounts available. 423-378-3967.

EXHIBITS

- "**In Search of Sylvia**" (see Women's History Events, page 19).
- **Closing:** The exhibit by Buchanan, VA artist **Helen Hubler** at the Arts Depot in Abingdon is predominately in oils and pencil. Viewers will be fascinated visually and psychologically by her subject matter, reflecting both good and bad times over a 40-year period. 276-628-9091.

JUST FOR KIDS

- **Youth Art** classes begin at the William King Regional Arts Center in Abingdon. Subjects ranging from Impressionism to pop art are available for a variety of ages and art interests. In addition, **Art in the Afternoon** (ages 8-12) will be offered the first Saturday of each month, March-May, from 2-3:30 p.m. The Center's exhibit, "An American Perspective: Paintings from the New World, 1820-1930," will be used to help inspire students in their own artwork. Pre-registration required. 276-628-5005.

MUSIC

- The **Hills Alive Chorus** will celebrate the 60th anniversary of Sweet Adelines International with two concerts at the Paramount Center for the Arts in Bristol. They will present "The 'Bowled' and The Beautiful" Saturday, March 5 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 6 at 3 p.m. \$8-\$10. 423-274-8920.

THEATRE

- **As You Like It** 2 p.m. (see Mar 1)
- **A Higher Place in Heaven** 2 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. (see Mar 3)
- **Story Theatre** and **The Fabulous '50s** (see Mar 3)
- **Experience Ruby Falls** (see Mar 4)

Sunday, March 6

CELTIC MUSIC

- **Arts Array** (see page 2)

DANCE

- **Swan Lake** (see March 5)

EXHIBIT

- A reception will be held from 2-4 p.m. at the Arts Depot in Abingdon for Marion, VA artist Carol Murray (see page 20).

MUSIC

- **Hills Alive Chorus** (see Mar 5)
- Kingsport's **Art Nights City Lights** will be held at the Renaissance Center. The series will kick off Saturday, March 6 at 3 p.m. with a performance of classical music by the **Symphony of the Mountains Youth Orchestra**, followed by a reception sponsored by the Women's Symphony Committee. For Celtic events in March, see pages 2-3. 423-392-8415.

JUST FOR KIDS

- Today is the deadline to submit decorated paper airplanes for the **Youth Art Contest** at Hands On! Regional Museum in Johnson City, TN. Entries must be able to be hung from the ceiling but do not have to fly. They will be on display until the awards ceremony March 19 at 6:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded. The contest celebrates Youth Art Month and the History of Flight. 423-434-HAND.

THEATRE

- **As You Like It** 7 p.m. (see Mar 1)
- **A Higher Place in Heaven** 3 p.m. (see Mar 3)
- **Story Theatre** and **The Fabulous '50s** (see March 3)
- **Experience Ruby Falls** (see Mar 4)
- **Auditions** for **The Adventures of Robin Hood** will be held Sunday, March 6 at 2:30 p.m. and Monday, March 7 at 7 p.m. at Theatre Bristol's ARTspace. This family-oriented show will feature the fabled folk hero who steals from the rich to give to the poor,

along with his band of Merry Men, Maid Marian, and the evil Sheriff of Nottingham. A large cast of 15-30 people, ages 7 and older, is needed. 423-968-4977.

Monday, March 7

EXHIBIT

- Lindsey York Simmons, a mixed media artist from Abingdon, will display her works at the Starving Artist Cafe, beginning with a **reception** from 6-8 p.m. March 7 and continuing through April 3. Her show is entitled "**Elixir**," derived from discovering the curative effects of turning to one's own self and spirit in a culture of anesthetizing quick-fix solutions and externalization. 276-628-8445.

FILM

- **Sideways** (see page 7).

MUSIC

- The Pro-Art Association will present the **Preservation Hall Jazz Band** at 7:30 p.m. at Goodloe Center, Mountain Empire Community College, Big Stone Gap, VA. The band took its name from an historic landmark in New Orleans. One music critic described the group as "a bridge across the ages • a link between the present day and the heyday of traditional New Orleans music." \$5-\$10. 276-376-4520.

THEATRE

- **Auditions** (see Mar 6)

Tuesday, March 8

FILM

- **Sideways** (see page 7).

JUST FOR KIDS

- Early registration for Summer Art Camps will take place from 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. at the William King Regional Arts Center in Abingdon. "**Special Delivery From These Hills: Postcards From Art Camp**" will encourage children ages 4-17 to paint, draw and create fantastic flights of fancy from their own imaginations. Providing inspiration will be the Center's summer exhibitions, "Riding the Lee Highway," featuring historic postcards from this area, and "From These Hills," a biennial exhibition of regional artists. Camp dates are June 13-17 for ages 4-5; June 20-24 for ages 6-8; July 11-15 for ages 9-12; and July 18-22 for ages 13-17. Pre-registration is also required for a **KidShop** (ages 5-7) offered from 6-7:30 p.m. Participants will tour the exhibit, "An American Perspective: Paintings from the New World, 1820-1930," then paint their own watercolors, landscapes or seascapes. \$8. 276-628-5005.

THEATRE

- Barter Theatre is presenting **Betrayal** on the Main Stage. Today's performance is at 7:45 p.m. A play of exquisite and simple beauty by Harold Pinter, *Betrayal* is a story about the eternal triangle — wife, husband, and wife's lover — told in reverse, from the break up of a relationship to its beginning, portrayed with inventiveness and subtlety, as only Pinter can. 276-628-3991.

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