DECEMBER

1-29... “Two Foot and Miniatures” exhibit, Ashe Arts Center
1-29... The 12 Days of Christmas, Barter’s Moonlite Theatre, Abingdon, VA
1-29... A Christmas Story, Barter Theatre, Abingdon, VA
2... Jefferson Starship, 8 PM, Paramount Center for the Arts, Bristol, TN
2... Daily & Vincent’s Christmas Show, 7:30 PM, Walker Center, Wilkesboro
3... Christmas Crawl, 5-7 PM, Downtown West Jefferson
3-8... Allegany Community Theatre’s A Christmas Carol, Sparta Elementary School. Tickets: www.alleganycommunitytheatre.org
3-23... Jingle: All the Way, Barter’s Moonlite Theatre, Abingdon, VA
4... Saturday With Santa, 8:30 AM-12:15 PM, Ashe Arts Center
4... Holiday Open House, 1-4 PM, Ashe Arts Center
4... Ashe County Farmers Holiday Market, 10 AM-2 PM, 208 Backstreet, WJ
5... Sara Evans, 7 PM, Paramount Center for the Arts, Bristol, TN
5... Christmas with Darin & Brooke Aldridge, Appalachian Theatre, Boone
7... Mipso with Lowland Hum, 7:30 PM, Ashe Civic Center
10-11... Coffee House On the Go!, 7:30 PM, Orion Chapel, Jefferson
10-11... The Nutcracker, Paramount Center for the Arts, Bristol, TN
11... Christmas with Elvis Matt Lewins & The Long Live the King Orchestra, 7:30 PM, Appalachian Theatre, Boone
11... MtnHome Music’s Holiday Concert, 7:30 PM, Appalachian Theatre
14... Ashe County Little Theatre’s radio drama "A Christmas Carol," broadcast on WKSK 95.3FM 11 AM
14... Harmonia Baroque, 4 PM, Ashe Arts Center
16... The General Getz with Aquila Theatre, 7:30 PM, Appalachian Theatre
18... Ashe County Arts Council meets, 6:30 PM, Ashe Arts Center
19... Christmas with Jens and Uwe Kruger and Joel Landsberg, 7:30 PM, Ashe Civic Center
22-23... Artis’ reception for “Winter Wonderland” Exhibit, 5-7 PM, Ashe Arts Center
24... The Joshua Show, 7:30 PM, Ashe Civic Center
24-25... Leahy in concert, 7:30 PM, Walker Center, Wilkesboro
26... Boone Does Film Festival, 5-8 PM, Appalachian Theatre
28-29... ASU Dept. of Theatre and Dance: “The Borgeois Gentleman,” Schaefer Center, ASU

FEBRUARY

6... Harmonia Baroque, 4 PM, Ashe Arts Center
6... Rodney Atkins, 8 PM, Paramount Center for the Arts, Bristol, TN
6... “The Great Getz” with Aquila Theatre, 7:30 PM, Appalachian Theatre
8... Ashe County Arts Council meets, 6:30 PM, Ashe Arts Center
11... Carly Burrows, 7:30 PM, Ashe Arts Center
18-19... “Winter Wonderland” exhibit, Gallery of the Ashe Arts Center
18-19... Artist’s reception for “Winter Wonderland” Exhibit, 5-7 PM, Ashe Arts Center
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JANUARY

5-31... “Roots of Love” exhibit, Gallery of the Ashe Arts Center
7... Artist’s reception for “Roots of Love” Exhibit, 5-7 PM, Ashe Arts Center
11... Ashe County Arts Council meets, 6:30 PM, Ashe Arts Center
14... RUMOCRWS: The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute Show, 8 PM, Paramount Center for the Arts, Bristol, TN
17... Martin Luther King Holiday Celebration, 7 PM, Ashe Arts Center
22... Dan Tymianski Band, 7:30 PM, Appalachian Theatre, Boone
23... Ed Perzel Chamber Music Series, 2 PM, Ashe Arts Center
28-29... American Spiritual Ensemble, 7:30 PM, Appalachian Theatre, Boone
29-30... The Kruger Brothers, 7:30 PM Saturday, 2 PM Sunday, Ashe Civic Center
30... Bill Engvall, 5 PM, Paramount Center for the Arts, Bristol, TN

THE KRUGER BROTHERS

The Kruger Brothers return to the stage of the Ashe Civic Center for two concerts on January 29 and 30! Reserved seating tickets are available in advance for both performances. Brothers Jens and Uwe Kruger and Joel Landsberg have delighted audiences everywhere with their unique sound that has made them a fixture in the world of acoustic music.

Born and raised in Europe, Jens and Uwe began singing and playing instruments at a young age. They were exposed to a wide diversity of musical influences and began their professional career as a duo. Bassist Joel Landsberg, a native of New York City, joined the ensemble in 1995. With Jens Kruger (banjo and vocals), Uwe Kruger (guitar and lead vocals), and Joel Landsberg (bass and vocals), together they have established the incomparable sound that The Kruger Brothers are known for today.

The Kruger Brothers innovative music composition blends traditional and classical genres that have produced outstanding new works. The result is unpretentious, cultivated, and delightfully fresh.

An Appalachian Concerto for string band and string quartet was commissioned by the Ashe County Arts Council and premiered at the Ashe Civic Center in 2010.

Concert time is 7:30 PM Saturday and 2 PM Sunday. Adult admission is $22.50, students $7.50. Call 336.846-2787 for tickets or get them online at ashecountyarts.org.

Mipso with Lowland Hum

December 7, 7:30 PM, Ashe Civic Center

Since making their acclaimed debut with 2013’s Dark Holler Pop, North Carolina-bred four-piece Mipso have captivated audiences with their finely layered vocal harmonies, graceful fluency in the timeless musical traditions of their home state, and a near-telepathic musical connection that makes their live show especially kinetic. On their self-titled sixth album and Rounder Records debut, fiddle player Libby Rodenbough, mandolinist Jacob Sharp, guitarist Joseph Terrell, and bassist Wood Robinson share their most sonically adventurous and lyrically rich work to date, each moment charged with the tension between textural effervescence and an underlying despair about the modern world.

Daniel and Lauren Goans combined their lives when they wed in 2012. They combined their voices and creative habits when they established their distinct sound and formed the band Lowland Hum in 2013. Flash forward eight years and they are making more music than ever, still in their own language of unexampled harmonies and distilled acoustic arrangements. Lowland Hum will open the concert at 6:45 PM.

Tickets are $22.50 for adults and $7.50 for students and are available online at ashecountyarts.org or by calling 336.846-2787.
**CHRISTMAS MINIATURES**

Good things come in small packages! And that definitely applies to art! The Christmas Miniatures exhibit challenges artists to create new works of art no larger than twelve inches square. The miniature works in oil, watercolor, acrylics, photography, and fibers are from artists Irene Bebber, Joanie Bell, Douglas Butler, Lydia de la Cerda, Marion Cloninger, Pat Considine, Theresa Early Curd, Tatyana Dyakonov, Karen Gross, Eavlyn Halsey, Annehart Herrick, Cheyenne Holman, Deb Jones, Patricia Leonard, Theresa McGrath, JoAnn Pippin, Scot Pope, Cheryl Roberts, Linda Dease Smith, Lyn Soeder, Carolyn Weckstrom, Cheryl Young, and others. Christmas Miniatures will be on display through December 29. Celebrate the season with a new work of art — they make great gifts, too!

**THE GALLERY**

Tree Fest, seven artfully-decorated theme Christmas trees Christmas Miniatures, new works by area artists.

**THE GALLERY SHOP**

Christmas Marketplace brings you the finest in handmade holiday crafts and gifts. Complete your holiday shopping locally with the finest in jewelry, pottery, baskets, paintings and photography, books, wooden bowls, ornaments, stained glass, silk scarves, quilted goods, CDs, note cards and much more!

**ED PERZEL CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES**

The Ed Perzel Chamber Music Series presents the first concert of its winter season on Sunday, January 23, 2022. Series favorites, pianist Bair Shagdaron, cellist Ellie Wee, and violinist Nancy Bargerstock will perform the Brahms Concerto in B Major and other classical selections.

The series began in 2018 when founder Ed Perzel recognized community interest in having additional classical music as part of the Arts Council programming schedule. After Ed’s passing last year, committee members proposed that the series be named in his honor.

During winter months, the warmth of the Arts Center’s space and the music provide a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon. Because of its personal qualities, chamber music is often called “the music of friends.” Come join your friends for the Ed Perzel Chamber Music Series concert on Sunday, January 23, 2022, at 2:00 PM, at the Ashe Arts Center. Tickets are $18.50 for adults and $7.50 for students. All seats are reserved and may be purchased at ashecountyarts.org or by calling 336-846-2787.

**Winter Wonderland**

Winter Wonderland — a topic fitting for the second exhibit of 2022 in the month of February. This exhibit will include suggestions or interpretations of the magic and beauty of outdoor fun in the snow and wintry cold weather. It might depict outings in the warmth of fireplaces or hot stoves, or include our animal friends to warm the heart and remind us to protect them ... depictions of winter in North Carolina or elsewhere — even abstract subjects may convey the idea of a wonderland, as well as drawings and cartoons.

The exhibit runs from February 9 through March 14. The opening reception will be from 5–7 pm on Friday, February 10.

**THE JOSHUA SHOW**

The Joshua Show is a whimsical puppet performance by Joshua Holden, a masterful puppeteer. Joshua and his friend, Mr. Nicholas, a sourpuss sock, go on a journey of self-discovery together with physical comedy, oddball props, and tap dancing. The New York Times describes Joshua as “An unabashed ‘ambassador of joy,’ Mr. Holden has dedicated his shows to lightening the mood of all in the theater, puppets and humans alike. Accompanied by the musician Jeb Colwell, he does this through physical comedy, oddball props, wry commentary and tap-dancing.”

The Joshua Show comes to the Ashe Civic Center on February 24, 2022, at 7:30 PM. Tickets are $22.50 for adults and $7.50 for students. All seats are reserved and may be purchased at ashecountyarts.org or by calling 336-846-2787.

**CARLY BURRUSS**

The Ashe County Arts Council welcomes Carly Burrell to the Gallery of the Ashe Arts Center on February 11 at 7:30 PM.

With a wicked sense of humor, a storyteller’s heart and a sweet nature, Carly Burruss is the epitome of country. Her whimsical, tongue-in-cheek disposition combined with her lilting sound make her the country music singer/songwriter who stands out from the rest.

Recently, she has joined the boys of Sister Hazel on tour as the opening support artist. Burruss has shared the stage with other profile artists in recent years, including Keith Urban, Ruston Kelly, Ellie Holcomb, Dwight Yoakam, and Kasey Chambers.

Tickets are $18.50 for adults and $7.50 for students. All seats are reserved and may be purchased at ashecountyarts.org or by calling 336-846-2787.
The African-American experience has always been a part of Appalachian culture and heritage, but oftentimes it is silenced, erased, and untold. This January during our annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and the beginning of Black History month we plan to elevate African-American voices through a new art exhibit, Roots of Love. This exhibit will highlight art celebrating the diversity within Appalachian culture.

Featured artists include Irene Bebber, Samuel & Ashly Burr, Douglas Butler, Lydia de la Cerda, Marion Cloaninger, Annehart Herrick, Patricia Leonard, Theresa McGrath, Ellen Messina, Pat Morrison, Cindy Pacileo, Scot Pope, Audrey Spencer, and others.

The exhibit runs through February 7, 2022. The opening reception will be held from 5-7 PM on Friday, January 7.

**A WELCOME MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Dear Friends of the Arts,

I am very honored to join the Ashe County Arts Council as the new Executive Director. As I step into this role, I am aware of what a remarkable opportunity I have been given to fulfill my passion for the arts by working every day to engage our community.

What inspires me most about the mission of the Arts Council is the focus on offering cultural opportunities for our area residents. I grew up in Ashe County and I know firsthand how valuable accessible arts programming is in all stages of our lives. As I watched children perform on stage during the Missoula Children’s Theatre residency, I was reminded that the arts can be a true chamber music experience.

I’d like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you who have supported the Arts Council and participated in our programming to ensure the ongoing success of our mission. I hope to have the opportunity to get to know you – our donors, volunteers, artists, and community members – and invite you to stop by the Arts Council and visit.

Sincerely,

Joni Ray, Executive Director
The Ashe County Arts Council exists to enrich the cultural life of Ashe County by nurturing and supporting the arts. Your contribution is an investment in the future of your community. Our 2021-2022 Fund Drive continues with lots of community support. The Ashe County Arts Council is grateful to the following business and individual contributors who make our program possible. These donations were made between July 1 and November 8, 2021:

North Carolina Arts Council Artist Support Grants

Awardees of the Artist Support Grants for 2021–2022 have been announced. These grants support artists in all disciplines with funding for projects that will have a significant impact on the advancement of their professional artistic careers.

The Artist Support Grant program is managed through a partnership with the Watauga Arts Council, Alleghany Arts Council, Ashe County Arts Council, and Wilkes Art Gallery to serve artists in Alleghany, Ashe, Avera, Watauga, and Wilkes counties. Funding is provided by the North Carolina Arts Council.

The Ashe County Arts Council celebrates the holiday season and Ashe County Christmas trees with beautifully decorated trees. This winter wonderland has been created with something for everyone and represents community involvement with the arts.

The Ashe County Arts Council’s tree features handcrafted holiday decorations from local artists Evallynn Halsey, Ronnie Hughes, Deb Jones, Denise Lawless, Patricia Leonard, Theresa McGrath, Cindy Pacileo, Rose Powers, Cheryl Roberts, Dan Wall, Cheryl Williams, and others. The original ornaments by these artists include works in wood, clay, metal, glass, paper and fabric. The ornaments are for sale and make great presents!

The Ashe County Arts Council welcomes donations in honor of those living or in memory of those departed. Memorials are a fitting way of showing love and respect and fittingly provide much needed operational support for the community service or their good life. Unless otherwise indicated, memorial funds are used to provide much needed operational support for your community-wide arts council. Call us at 336.846.2787 for more information.

Please take this opportunity to contribute to the Ashe County Arts Council.

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