

informal art critique begins at 1 p.m. Free and open to the public. 423-946-5607, www.wataugavalleyartleague.com

● **JAN. 16: Appalachian Poets and Writers** meet at The Arts Depot, Abingdon, Va., at 7 p.m. For more information, contact David Winship at dbwinship@gmail.com.

● **JAN. 17: The Ladies Book Club** is held at the Hayters Gap branch library, Abingdon, Va., at 10 a.m. Open to the public. 276-944-4442, www.wcpl.net

● **JAN. 23: Damascus Book Club Redux** meets at the Damascus branch library, Damascus, Va., at 2 p.m. 276-475-3820, www.wcpl.net

● **JAN. 30: The Passawatami Book Club** meets at the Glade Spring branch library, Glade Spring, Va., at 6 p.m. 276-429-5626, www.wcpl.net

Music

● **ONGOING:** The Acoustic Coffeehouse in Johnson City, Tenn., schedules musical acts every evening except Mondays, which are **open mic** nights. 423-434-9872, www.acousticcoffeehouse.net

● **ONGOING:** Live music can be heard during The Crooked Road's **Thursday night festivities**, from 6-9 p.m., at Heartwood, Abingdon, Va. 276-492-2400, www.heartwoodvirginia.org

● **ONGOING:** Sycamore Shoals **Fife & Drum Corps** meets at 10 a.m., Saturdays. The Fife & Drum Corps performs at historical events, dedications and parades and is open to anyone 13 and older. Musical experience is welcome but not necessary. To participate, meet the volunteer coordinator, John Large, at the Visitors Center. Lessons are free, but interested people should call before attending. 423-543-5808, www.sycamoreshoalstn.org

● **ONGOING: Acoustic Music Jam** is held each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at The Community Center of Abingdon, Va. Dinner is served at 5:45 p.m. **Christine Fritz** entertains during dinner. \$11 for dinner and entertainment. 276-628-5859, www.thecommunitycenterofabingdon.com

● **JAN. 5: Amythyst Kiah and Her Chest of Glass** perform at Barter Theatre, Abingdon, Va., at 8 p.m. Part

of January Jams. \$15. 276-628-3991, www.bartertheatre.com (see page 17)

● **JAN. 5:** East Tennessee PBS presents **Ethan Bortnick** at The Paramount Center for the Arts, Bristol, Tenn., at 8 p.m. 15-year-old Ethan Bortnick has been performing around the world, raising over \$40,000,000 for charities across the globe. \$20-\$35. www.paramountbristol.org, 423-274-9020

● **JAN. 6:** **Lillie Mae** performs at Barter Theatre, Abingdon, Va., at 8 p.m. Part of January Jams. \$18. 276-628-3991, www.bartertheatre.com (see page 17)

● **JAN. 11:** Radio Bristol presents the Farm & Fun Time variety show, live from the Birthplace of Country Music Museum, Bristol, Va. **Flatt Lonesome** and the old-time acoustics of **Uncle Shuffelo & His Haint Hollow Hootenanny** are on stage at 7 p.m. \$30. www.birthplaceofcountrymusic.org, 423-573-1927

● **JAN. 12:** **John Paul White** performs at Barter Theatre, Abingdon, Va., at 8 p.m. Part of January Jams. \$25. 276-628-3991, www.bartertheatre.com (see page 17)

● **JAN. 13:** **John Morland** performs at Barter Theatre, Abingdon, Va., at 8 p.m. Part of January Jams. \$22. 276-628-3991, www.bartertheatre.com (see page 17)

● **JAN. 14:** CART presents **The Richard Williams Trio** at Tazewell Middle School auditorium, Tazewell, Va., at 3 p.m. The trio has been together for 30 years. \$15 at door, \$10 in advance. 276-963-3385, CART@roadrunner.com

● **JAN. 14:** The **Washington (DC) Saxophone Quartet** performs at 3 p.m., at Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church, Abingdon, Va. Like the human voice, it has the flexibility to create a wide range of sounds, from brassy trumpets to warm winds and strings. The Washington Saxophone Quartet takes advantage of that by performing music from the renaissance to the contemporary. 276-739-2454, mmunsey@vhcc.edu

● **JAN. 19:** **M2** performs at the McClothlin Center for the Arts on campus, Emory, Va., at 7:30 p.m. Tina Mullone and Mel Mobley utilize live music, live dance and digital media to blur the lines between artist and art media. \$23. Free to E&H students and faculty and staff. 423-944-6333, www.ehc.edu/mca

● **JAN. 19:** **David Grisman and John Sebastian** perform at Barter Theatre, Abingdon, Va., at 8 p.m. Part of January Jams. \$57.50. 276-628-3991, www.bartertheatre.com (see page 17)

● **JAN. 19:** Emporium presents **The Black Jacket Symphony's Led Zeppelin II** at The Paramount Center for the Arts, Bristol, Tenn., at 8 p.m. The concert experience recreates classic albums in a live performance. The first set recreates the album as a symphonic piece. The second set opens in full contrast to the first set with a light display and a laid-back symphony. \$33. www.paramountbristol.org, 423-274-9020

● **JAN. 20:** **Sullivan County Red Back Church Hymnal Sing** is held at 5 p.m., at Clay Hill Baptist Church, Blountville, Tenn. The Red Back Church Hymnal has been an American shape-note singing tradition since 1951. Sing old church hymns and other songs. 423-323-4085 or 423-968-3208

● **JAN. 20:** **Frank Solivan and Dirty Kitchen with Rob Ickes and Trey Hensley** perform at Barter Theatre, Abingdon, Va., at 8 p.m. Part of January Jams. \$25. 276-628-3991, www.bartertheatre.com (see page 17)

● **JAN. 26:** **Muddy Magnolias** perform at Barter Theatre, Abingdon, Va., at 8 p.m. Part of January Jams. \$20. 276-628-3991, www.bartertheatre.com (see page 17)

● **JAN. 26 & 27:** **Symphony of the Mountains** performs **"Enchantments."** Victor Chavez, guest artist, performs Carl Nielsen's Concerto for Clarinet, Op. 57. Beethoven's Symphony No. 4 is also on the program. The **Jan. 26** concert is at 7:30 p.m., at the McClothlin Center for the Arts, Emory, Va. The **Jan. 27** performance is at 7:30 p.m., at the

Toy F. Reid Eastman Employee Center, Kingsport, Tenn. \$30. 423-392-8423, www.symphonyofthemountains.org

● **JAN. 27:** **Tracy Lawrence** performs at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Greeneville, Tenn., at 7:30 p.m. Lawrence is one of the most recognizable voices in country music with songs such as "Paint Me A Birmingham," "Time Marches On," "Alibis," "Sticks and Stones" and "Find Out Who Your Friends Are." \$30, \$35, \$40. 423-638-1679, www.npacgreeneville.com

● **JAN. 27:** **Booker T. Jones** performs at Barter Theatre, Abingdon, Va., at 8 p.m. Part of January Jams. \$57.50. 276-628-3991, www.bartertheatre.com (see page 17)

● **JAN. 28:** Art Lang at Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area, Elizabethton, Tenn., leads an **Old-Time Music Jam**, 1:30-4 p.m. Old-time musicians of all levels are welcome. Don't play an instrument? Kick back and enjoy the tunes. 423-543-5808, www.sycamoreshoalstn.org

Opera

● **JAN. 27:** The Metropolitan Opera's HD Live presents Puccini's **"Tosca"** at 12:55 p.m. Rivaling the splendor of Franco Zeffirelli's Napoleonic-era sets and costumes, Sir David McVicar's new production offers a splendid backdrop for extraordinary singing. **Sonya Yoncheva** makes her role debut as the title prima donna alongside **Vittorio Grigolo** and **Bryn Terfel**. Andris Nelsons conducts. \$16, \$21 & \$23. An **encore** production is held **Jan. 31** at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. \$15, \$19 & \$21. 276-660-2091, www.Cinemark.com

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