

Highland Youth Ensemble, a select choir of ninth through 12th grade singers that is part of the Mountain Empire Children's Choral Academy. Together, the Concert Choir and HYE perform selections of the program for their upcoming joint Ireland tour. This event is free and open to the public. www.milligan.edu/arts

• **APRIL 15: The Richard Williams Trio** performs at 3 p.m., at Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church, Abingdon, Va. The trio consists of William Hayes, J.T. Fauber and Richard Adams. The group has been together for 30 years. Adams has written a historical narrative that goes with the music. For 10 years they were the house band for the "River City Radio Hour" at the Wayne Theatre in Waynesboro. They specialize in historically narrated shows and are well-versed in a variety of genres. Part of the Spencer-Miller Concert Series \$10, students free. 276-739-2454, www.vhcc.edu

• **APRIL 16: Fusion of Musical Cultures** featuring the Southwest Virginia Community College chorus is at the SVCC King Community Center at 7:30 p.m. This concert highlights the music of the native peoples of the area and those who came to settle here like the German, Scots, Irish, English and

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Africans. Featured are selections of folk music from these nations, and some are examples of music that evolved in a fusion of the cultures. www.sw.edu

• **APRIL 17:** The Grammy award-winning **Parker Quartet** performs at 7:30 p.m. at Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church, Johnson City, Tenn. Since its creation in 2002, the quartet has been known for "extraordinary" performances, luminous sound and exceptional musicianship. Joining the ensemble on piano is Esther Park, an ETSU assistant professor of music and graduate of Yale School of Music. The program includes string quartets by Mozart and Hungarian composer György Ligeti. The quartet's recording of Ligeti string quartet works won them the 2011 Grammy Award for Best Chamber Music Performance. The second half of the evening's program spotlights Park with the quartet, performing the Franck Quintet in F minor. Tickets for the concert are available online or at the door. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$15 for seniors 60-plus and \$5 for students of all ages. For information, visit www.etsu.edu/martin or call 423-439-8587.

• **APRIL 17, 19 & 21: Camerata Virtuosi New York** performs three different concerts. "The Celtic Crossing" is April 17 at 7:30 p.m., at the Elk Garden United Methodist Church, Elk Garden, Va. "A Tapestry of Traditions" is April 19 at 7:30 p.m., at the Tazewell Baptist Church, Tazewell, Va., "United in Diversity" is April 21 at 7:30 p.m., at First United Methodist Church, Bluefield, Va. www.sw.edu

• **APRIL 19: From Across the Pond to the Blue Ridge: Our Musical Heritage With the Blue Grass Kinsmen** is at 12:10 p.m., Ratliff Commons in Dellinger Hall at Southwest Virginia Community College, Richlands, Va. www.sw.edu

• **APRIL 20: The Midtown Men** perform at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Greeneville, Tenn., at 7:30 p.m. As original cast members of Broadway's Jersey Boys, these four took the world by storm. From the development of Jersey Boys, through their historic three-season run on Broadway, The Midtown Men are together again, doing what they do best: "Sixties Hits With A Modern Twist." The Midtown Men are lifting audiences to their feet in venues across the continent, realizing the dream they brought to life as the iconic Four Seasons. The Midtown Men is the next chapter for these accomplished entertainers, making them the first vocal group ever formed by the principal cast of a high-profile Broadway show. \$35, \$40, \$45. 423-638-1679, www.npacgreeneville.com



The Midtown Men perform in Greeneville, Tennessee.

• **APRIL 20:** Milligan College vocal music education major **Grant Coakley**, from Parrottsville, Tenn., presents a senior voice recital at 6 p.m. in the Mary B. Martin Auditorium located in the college's Seeger Chapel. His recital features works by Bach, Brahms, Purcell, Ravel and others. Coakley has been an active member of the college's music program, performing in the Concert Choir, Heard Mentality, Heritage and the Jazz Ensemble. He was the recipient of the 2017 Outstanding Music Student Award. Free and open to the public. www.milligan.edu/arts

• **APRIL 20: Arvel Bird, Native American Flute and Fiddle**, performs at 7:30 p.m., in the Southwest Virginia Community College King Community Center, Richlands, Va. A classically trained violinist, Bird's compositions and performances are a confluence of styles based on his mixed-blood American Indian and Celtic heritage. With his violin, fiddle, Native flutes and Irish whistles, he weaves a tapestry of music and stories that provide a glimpse into his Native American heart and Scottish soul. www.sw.edu

• **APRIL 20: Triumphant Quartet** performs at the Paramount Center for the Arts, Bristol, Tenn., at 7 p.m. The group has been together since their beginnings in 2003, when the four friends first walked out on to the stage of the Louise Mandrell Theater, in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., as a headlining talent. Their smooth harmonies, and rich quartet sound quickly gained them national attention, recognition and concert demand. That popularity promoted the group in 2008, from singing daily at the theater, to touring nationally and performing in major concert venues, auditoriums and churches. It has also voted them

the Fan Favorite Quartet in the gospel music field for the last six years. \$12.72-\$14.55. 423-274-8920, www.paramountbristol.org

• **APRIL 20 & 21:** King University's music program presents two choral concerts in King's Memorial Chapel, Bristol, Tenn. **The Symphonic Choir** and **Collegium Musicum** perform April 20 at 7:30 p.m., and the **Jazz Choir, Men's Ensemble and Women's Ensemble** perform April 21 at 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. wpflanna@king.edu or 423-652-4846

• **APRIL 21: Spotlight on Talent** is at the Southwest Virginia Community College King Community Center, Richlands, Va., at 11 a.m. Area piano students who have studied with Pavlina Dokovska and Vladimir Valjarevic during the festival perform. www.sw.edu

• **APRIL 21:** The Milligan College Orchestra, directed by Music Area Chair Dr. Kellie Brown, concludes its season with a **spring concert** that celebrates National Poetry Month at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary B. Martin Auditorium located in the college's Seeger Chapel. The orchestra performs pieces inspired by works of poetry by James Agee, Samuel Coleridge, Octavio Paz, John Donne, William McGonagall and Oscar Wilde. In collaboration with students and faculty from the college's English department, each poem represented is read, followed by the musical interpretation. Jane Hicks, renowned Appalachian poet, is the special guest reading her poem "Poor Valley Pilgrims," which celebrates the historic journey of the Carter family to the Bristol Sessions, forever changing the course of music

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