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is jumping with the new Swing beat to the music of the inimitable Thomas "Fats" Waller, who rose to international fame during the Golden Age of the Cotton Club. "Ain't Misbehavin'" evokes the delightful humor and infectious energy of this American original as a versatile cast struts, strums and sings the songs of "Fats" Waller made famous in a career that ranged from uptown clubs to downtown Tin Pan Alley to Hollywood, and concert stages in the U.S., Canada and Europe. 276-628-3991, www.barthertheatre.com

• **AUG. 17 & 18:** The Waverly Players' present "Lord of the Flies" at 7:30 p.m. Set on a deserted island, 10 children are stranded searching for a leader. Tribal mentality pits them against each other in this unusual all-female cast. 276-783-6092, www.the-lincoln.org

• **OPENING AUG. 21:** "Dough and Cookies" is on Barter Theatre Stage II, Abingdon, Va. Darlene and Charlene, twin sisters from South Carolina, steal \$20.5 million from the Department of Defense through a loophole. What begins as an accident turns into a seven-year fraud that these

middle-aged Baptist women justify. At once funny and touching, "Dough & Cookies" is a surprising look at greed, grief and the extraordinary journeys of a wounded heart. 276-628-3991, www.barthertheatre.com

• **OPENING AUG. 24:** Theatre Bristol's production of "Pinocchio" is on stage on their ARTspace Stage, Bristol, Tenn. Geppetto's mischievous wooden puppet, Pinocchio, is on a quest to be a real boy and keep his nose in check. With some help from the Blue Fairy, Mr. Cricket and puppet friends, Pinocchio learns what it means to be a son. Performances are Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 5:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. \$10-12. 423-274-8920, www.paramountbristol.org

Workshops

• **ONGOING: Evening Drawing and Painting** with Steven Reeves is held Mondays 6-8 p.m. at the Renaissance Center, Kingsport, Tenn. **Afternoon Drawing/Pastel** with Reeves is from 3:30-5 p.m., Mondays. Open to high school students and adults. Join the class any time. \$44 a month or \$11

per class. To register, 423-767-0858 or steven@stevenreevesart.com.

• **AUG. 2:** The Virginia Highlands Festival, Abingdon, Va., hosts a **Food Photography Workshop** at 2 p.m., at Morgan's restaurant. Bring your smartphone for this interactive workshop that teaches you how to take professional photos of food in a casual setting. www.vahighlandsfestival.org

• **AUG. 11:** Kingsport Art Guild offers **Exploring the Zorn Palette and Paintings** at the Renaissance Center, Kingsport, Tenn., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Donna Bird** leads the workshop. Email art@kingsportartguild.com for cost and registration information.

• **AUG. 13:** The Kingsport Art Guild offers **Fun with Alcohol Inks** from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Renaissance Center, Kingsport, Tenn. Paper supplied, bring three or four colors plus Pinata Gold. \$55, bring lunch. Register online at www.kingsportartguild.com

• **AUG. 14:** The Appalachian Authors Guild hosts a writers' workshop from 1-3 p.m. at the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator, Abingdon, Va. The topic is "Kickstarting Your Next Story: the Creative Process and Writing Prompts." **J. C. Schweingrouber** leads the discussion. All writers, aspiring and otherwise, are welcome to attend whether or not they are members of AAG. For questions or to RSVP, contact vfletcher56@gmail.com.

• **AUG. 16, 23, 30 & SEPT. 6:** The Kingsport Art Guild offers "Seeking the Poetic Painting" at the Renaissance Center, Kingsport, Tenn., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Kitty Williams** leads the class. Class is suitable for all artists, includes demonstration, lectures, application and more. Aug. 16 the topic is design strategies for pastel landscapes (bring reference photos). Aug. 23 the topic is getting skies and clouds right. Aug. 30 the class covers good color harmony in paintings. \$100 per session. Bring lunch and your materials (not limited to pastels). Preregistration is necessary. Register online at www.kingsportartguild.com

• **DEADLINE AUG. 17:** The Arts Depot, Abingdon, Va., accepts pre-registration for a two-day "Create an Icon" workshop to be held Aug. 25 & 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Vera Dickerson** leads the workshop. Take a favorite pet, animal or object and learn to lift it to a place of glory. Create an interesting, textured surface and visual frame on wooden panel. \$235 for

members and \$250 for non-members, plus \$10 materials fee. 276-628-9091, www.abingdonartsdepot.org

• **AUG. 18 & 25:** The Kingsport Art Guild offers "Narrative Figure Painting with Allison Parker" at the Renaissance Center, Kingsport, Tenn. Get from information and register online at www.kingsportartguild.com

Youth & Family

• **ONGOING:** Impressions Fine Art, Kingsport, Tenn., offers **kid's art classes**. Drawing and painting for children ages 5-16 is led by Anne Thwaites. Home school classes for ages 5-8 are held Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Home school classes for ages 9-16 are held from 3-4 p.m. One-hour after school art classes for ages 8 through 16 are held Fridays from 3:30-7 p.m. Classes are \$20 per hour. Saturday Sculpture with Patti Lawrence, for kids ages 8-14, is held every Saturday from 1-3 p.m. \$25 per class. Preregistration required. Register at the gallery or email pattilawrence@charter.net.

• **AUG. 1: Marie and Brian Bridgeforth** demonstrate how to design art illustrations for books, animation and promotions at 1:30 p.m. Participants receive guidance in formatting ideas into finished designs. Free. Virginia Highlands Festival Youth Tent, Abingdon, Va. www.vahighlandsfestival.org

• **AUG. 1: Abingdon's Got Talent** is held in the Market Pavilion, Abingdon, Va., at 6 p.m. The talent showcase is designed to celebrate music, dance, acrobatics, singing and anything unique. Contestants compete in two categories: ages 8-12 and 13-19. Prizes. Register by calling Aline Backes at 276-525-0872. Free. www.vahighlandsfestival.org

• **AUG. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30: Creative Artwork Studio**, a 12-week program for older teens (15+) and adults, is held at the Glade Spring branch library, Glade Spring, Va. Each week offers a different theme and art project that can be taken home at the end of the day. The library furnishes all art supplies, and any skill level is welcome. String art, canvas art, mixed media, black-out poetry and Victorian art are a few examples of projects. No registration required. 276-429-5626, www.wcpl.net

• **AUG. 3:** Ventriloquist **Trish Dunn** performs at 5 p.m., in the Youth

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