

Baker, Jack Bruce) have rekindled the spirit of Cream in a new multi-media concert experience. They are winning acclaim and packing auditoriums from Australia to the U.K. to the U.S., making fans feel the fire and freedom of 1967, proving that classic rock is alive and well. \$37. 423-274-8920, www.paramoutbristol.org

• **OCT. 28: The Kruger Brothers** perform at Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church, Abingdon, Va., at 3 p.m. Originally from Switzerland, where the trio first formed, Jens Kruger and Uwe Kruger later moved to Wilkes County, N.C. The brothers began playing North American folk music at an early age and were inspired by recordings of Doc Watson, Flatt and Scruggs, Bill Monroe and other progenitors of country, bluegrass and folk music. They teamed up with American bass player Joel Landsberg, inaugurating a trio that has been playing professionally together since 1995. Part of the Spencer-Miller Concert Series. \$10, students admitted free. 276-739-245, www.vhcc.edu

• **OCT. 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.sycamores-hoalstn.org

Opera

• **OCT. 6:** The Metropolitan Opera's HD Live presents Verdi's "**Aida**" at 12:55 p.m., at Tinseltown Theatres, Bristol, Va. Soprano **Anna Netrebko** sings her first Met Aida, with mezzo-soprano **Anita Rachvelishvili** as her formidable rival Amneris. **Aleksandrs Antonenko** is the warrior Radamès, and **Nicola Luisotti** takes the podium. \$16, \$21, \$23. 276-660-2091, www.cinemark.com

• **OCT. 20 & 24:** The Metropolitan Opera's HD Live presents Saint-Saëns "**Samson et Dalila**" Oct. 20 at 12:55 p.m. at Tinseltown Theatres, Bristol, Va. This biblical epic stars **Eliina Garanča** and **Roberto Alagna** in the title roles; the pair was last seen together by Live in HD audiences in the acclaimed 2010 transmission of Bizet's "Carmen." **Laurent Naouri** co-stars as the High Priest, with **Elchin Azizov** as the Philistine King Abimélech and **Dmitry Belosselskiy** as the Old Hebrew. Tony Award-winning director **Darko Tresnjak** makes his Met debut directing the first new Met production of the opera in 20 years. **Sir Mark Elder** conducts. \$16, \$21 & \$23. **Encore** presen-

tations are **Oct. 24** at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. \$15, \$19 and \$21. 276-660-2091, www.cinemark.com

• **OCT. 27 & 31:** The Metropolitan Opera's HD Live presents Puccini's "**Fanciulla del West**" at 12:55 p.m. at Tinseltown Theatres, Bristol, Va. Soprano **Eva-Maria Westbroek** sings Puccini's gun-slinging heroine in this romantic epic of the Wild West, with the heralded return of tenor **Jonas Kaufmann** in the role of the outlaw she loves. Tenor **Yusif Eyvazov** also sings some performances. Baritone **Željko Lučić** is the vigilante sheriff Jack Rance, and **Marco Armiliato** conducts. \$16, \$21 & \$23. **Encore** presentations are **Oct. 31** at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. \$15, \$19 and \$21. 276-660-2091, www.cinemark.com

Storytelling

• **OCT 1-4:** The International Storytelling Center's **Teller in Residence** program features a storyteller each week. **Donald Davis** tells tales at 2 p.m. daily. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$11 for seniors, students and children under 18. He performs an **evening concert, Oct. 3** at 7:30 p.m., in the library tent on the grounds. \$20. 800-952-8392 or 423-913-1276, www.storytellingcenter.net

• **OCT. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30:** The International Storytelling Center features four **Jonesborough Storytellers Guild** members at 7 p.m. Members are tellers of tales, singers of songs, workers of magic or just honest liars. 423-913-2166, www.storytellersguild.org

• **OCT. 3:** **Donald Davis** performs at the International Storytelling Center, Jonesborough, Tenn., at 7:30 p.m. "Back to School" travels back in time to meet some of his most memorable teacher. \$20. 800-952-8392 or 423-913-1276, www.storytellingcenter.net (see cover story)

• **OCT. 5:** **Sheila Kay Adams** and **Josh Goforth** presents **Midnight Cabaret** at the College Street Tent, Jonesborough, Tenn., at 10:30 p.m. as part of the National Storytelling Festival. This year's Cabaret brings together two of the festival's favorite storytellers. Both are natives of Madison County, N.C., renowned for its unbroken tradition of a cappella ballad singing, traditional music and storytelling. Join these two award-winning raconteurs of mountain life for an evening of toe-tapping music and tales. Not recommended for children. \$20. 800-952-8392 or 423-913-1276, www.storytellingcenter.net (see cover story)

• **OCT. 5 & 6: Ghost Stories** are told at Mill Street Park, Jonesborough, Tenn., at 8 p.m. Listen to two nights of fright in the open air. Guest tellers and **Joseph Bruchac** and **Elizabeth Ellis** join other featured tellers. Bruchac is a writer, musician and storyteller who has performed throughout Europe and the U.S. Ellis is a versatile teller of Appalachia and Texas tales and has been designated an American Masterpiece Touring Artist by the National Endowment for the Arts. Ground seating only; bring a blanket. Not recommended for children younger than 6. \$10. 800-952-8392 or 423-913-1276, www.storytellingcenter.net (see cover story)

• **OCT. 5 & 6: Kevin King** performs "**The Best Summer Ever**" at the National Storytelling Festival, Jonesborough, Tenn., at 4 p.m. This one-man show talks about Maurice, a boy whose overactive imagination tends to get him into trouble. Relive the possibilities and wonder of summer vacation as he hangs out with his ne'er do well brother, Marv, his over-achieving sister, Emily, their parents and grandpa. \$15. 800-952-8392 or 423-913-1276, www.storytellingcenter.net (see cover story)

• **OCT. 5-7: The National Storytelling Festival** is held at the Inter-

national Storytelling Center, Jonesborough, Tenn. \$145 child, \$150 senior, \$165 adult. Other ticket options are available. 800-952-8392 or 423-913-1276, www.storytellingcenter.net (see cover story)

• **OCT. 6: Abby the Spoon Lady and Chris Rodrigues** perform at the National Storytelling Festival, Jonesborough, Tenn., at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. They showcase the rhythms of modern hobo culture and the music that surrounds it with stories of busking, riding freight trains and more. \$15. 800-952-8392 or 423-913-1276, www.storytellingcenter.net (see cover story)

• **OCT. 7: Donald Davis** presents "**Dusting off the Past**" during the National Storytelling Festival, Jonesborough, Tenn., at 11:30 a.m. In this exclusive studio, Donald Davis talks about some of the different ways to access even your most passive memories, and how your half-forgotten past can become fodder for your own stories. \$15. 800-952-8392 or 423-913-1276, www.storytellingcenter.net (see cover story)

• **OCT. 7: The Beaver Creek Storytellers** tell tales at the Bristol Public Library, Bristol, Va., from 3-4:30

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