



329 WEST MAIN STREET, WAYNESBORO VA

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, October 14 - Richard Adams Variety Show ...German Style

A zany creation by musician, writer, composer and comedian, Richard Adams. 7:30 pm Tickets \$9.99

Saturday, October 15 - Bryan Elijah Smith and the Wild Hearts

8:00 pm Tickets \$12

Friday, October 21 - The River City Radio Hour

3rd Friday of each month 6:30 & 8:00 pm Tickets \$10

Saturday, October 22 - Mojo Saturday Night with Bluesman

Kevin Chisnell, *An evening of blues featuring three acts and a jam session. Dominos Pizza will be available by the slice. 7:00 pm Tickets \$10 (3rd Saturday of each month)*

Thursday, October 27 - Open Mike Night with Lorie Strother:

The Dreaded Blues Lady as host.
7:00 pm Pay What You Will *(4th Thursday of each month)*

Friday, October 28 - Gateway's Top Comic Competition

Eight comedians face off to determine the Gateway's top comedian. Dominos Pizza Available. 8:00 pm Tickets \$10

Saturday, October 29 - Hoot 'N Holler Halloween

Costumes, Prizes and Music by Mystic Music DJ Service 7:00 - 11:00 pm Tickets \$20

Saturday, November 5 - Judy Chops

8:00 pm Tickets \$10

Friday, November 11 - Richard Adams Variety Show

A zany creation by musician, writer, composer and comedian, Richard Adams. 7:30 pm Tickets \$9.99

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Wayne Theatre Parade of Events

OCTOBER - MAY

October 29th

HOOT 'N HOLLER HALLOWEEN — WTA's popular Halloween Party will take place at the Gateway on Saturday, October 29 from 7 - 11pm. Costume contest with prizes. Tickets \$20.

November 29 - December 10th

RADIO HOUR REMEMBERS CHRISTMAS — A special holiday performance of the River City Radio Hour beginning with a buffet luncheon or dinner. The show will include Richard Adams and a host of guest musicians, Marsha Howard, and a charming Christmas serial. Tickets are \$47 per person for matinee, \$50 per person for twilight performances. Group rates are available.

December 3rd

CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR — A tour of a new selection of local homes dressed for the season. Tickets \$20 in advance / \$25 day of event. A special feature this year is the Home Tour Bus.

May 5th

HORSES AND HATS — The traditional Kentucky Derby celebration returns for the third year. Mint Juleps, Parade of Hats, Live Auction, and the Running of the Derby complete the Wayne Theatre Alliance's fundraiser. More information available in 2012.

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BACKSTAGE AT THE WAYNE

GATEWAY OPENS

Saturday, August 6 marked the first night at WTA's Gateway. The work by John Curry, Gary Kirby, Frank Mapstone, Tracy Straight and a host of volunteers transformed the space at 329 West Main into a real theatre. The gala performance gave the audience a taste of the variety of entertainments the Gateway would bring weekly to downtown Waynesboro. Starting with a classical trio and ending with a jazz set by Wanda Eaves-Taylor, the evening was a hit with the capacity audience.

Following the opening night, the Gateway has kept its promise to bring new and exciting programs to the community. The Richard Adams Variety Show seems destined to become a Gateway favorite. Described as "Ed Sullivan Meets Jack Parr," Adams' show is a zany take on a down-home, TV variety show. Lucky audience members have the chance to be chosen for "You can be on a talk show" and "You can be the weather guy." Unique local talents also grace the show. The October 14th show will celebrate Oktoberfest with its own oompah band.

Mojo Saturday Nite with Kevin Chisnell is an ideal evening out for blues lovers. The September 17th performance was the first public gig for The Li'l Bill Band. With Kevin Chisnell as the singer and harmonica player, the Li'l Bill Band is sure to become a regional band of renown. The monthly show will feature a new crop of blues players and singers from throughout the region.

In August, Jim Zarling and Bill Metzger opened their "Bones Thugs N Comedy" Tour at the Gateway. On September 23, Zarling brought sixteen comedians for the first round of "Gateway's Top Comic Competition." On October 28, the surviving eight will take to the stage in a competition to become the final four at the November show.



September 10, 2011 Wayne Alan, World Famous Illusionist

Also new to the Gateway is the Open Mic Night hosted by Lorie Strother, the Dreaded Blues Lady. The Thursday performances are an opportunity for local performers to show their talent and gain a regional recognition. Ms. Strother opens the show with her own short performances and then presents the night's talent on a first-come, first-served bases. The October Open Mic Night is October 27th.

Although these monthly performances along with The River City Radio Hour will provide the backbone for the Gateway productions, other regional and national performers will be presented at the Gateway. The fall season schedule is in this issue of Theatre Works. After you see the line-up, you will want to mark your calendar.

Stay connected with upcoming events at:
www.WayneTheatre.org

New Board Members Join WTA

Mason Hulén, Vice Chair for Board Development, welcomed three new members to the Board of Directors. "We are fortunate to have recruited a group of experienced and skilled individuals to help with the work of the Board. Each of them brings unique talents that will be very useful as we move to the opening of the Wayne in 2013."



Robert Barrette began his career as a secondary school social studies teacher in a full range of schools from a large urban high school to an alternative school for troubled youth. His extensive training in drug prevention and intervention programming led him to an administrative role as the Regional Manager for the Northeast Regional Center for Drug Free Schools which included 25 school districts in upstate New York.

With that background, Bob founded BCL Solutions. As the founding partner, he has worked with over 500 school districts and developed workshops and curricula in teacher effectiveness, abduction prevention, bullying prevention and systematic approaches to school safety and assessment.

Besides his work in education, Bob has provided facilitation services for a full range of community groups including hospitals, libraries, and administrative groups. He also served on various community organizations in the Hudson Valley until his move with his wife Carolyn to Nellysford in 2005. He is currently active with the Waynesboro Kiwanis Club serving as President and coordinator for the Backpack for Life Feeding Program at William Perry.

Bob holds a BA in American History (1966) and a MS in Secondary Education (1971) from the University of Albany.

Andy Matherly is a native of Waynesboro where he has been in public accounting for eight years for John L. Matherly, CPA. He specializes in tax planning and consulting for closely held businesses and individuals, as well as non-profits.



Upon graduating from Davis & Elkins College in 1999 with a BA in Business Administration, Andy spent 3 years as a sales representative in the Shenandoah Valley. In 2002, he decided to pursue a Masters of Science in Financial Management degree from the University of Maryland which he received in 2005.

Andy is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Virginia Society of Public Accountants. He currently sits on the Board of the Center for Coldwaters Restoration.

Paula Rau recently moved to Staunton from Augusta County near Stuarts Draft. She earned a BA in Political Science from Duke University, a MLS in Museum Studies from the University of Oklahoma, and a PhD. in Art History from Virginia Commonwealth University. She formerly served as Executive Director of the Staunton Augusta Art Center and taught Art History at Piedmont Community College, Mary Baldwin College and Bridgewater College. She has served on a number of non-profit boards including the Virginia Association of Museums, The Virginia Quilt Museum, and The American Shakespeare Center.

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From the Chair

by Bill Hausrath, Chairman

Since our last edition of Theatre Works, the Wayne Theatre Alliance, with the help of board members and volunteers, opened the Gateway with a crowd-pleasing cavalcade of entertainers. The August 6th performance was a perfect introduction to what the Gateway can do and will do for downtown Waynesboro each and every Friday and Saturday night plus a few other nights thrown in for good measure. Our next goal will be to make attending the Gateway a habit for area audiences.

While all this was going on, Board member J. D. Robb took the leadership role in our new volunteer program. As he points out, the Gateway (and later the Wayne Theatre) is dependent on the successful work of a corps of volunteers. The current group has worked for the past two months to make the Gateway a welcoming venue with a smooth operation. Because of the ambitious programming schedule created by Board member Tracy Straight, the Alliance needs to recruit others who would join them and become part of the Gateway volunteers. An application form is available at our website or by calling 540-943-9999.

The Gateway has certainly occupied our time and energies. However, we are still working away on the construction loan for the renovation of the Wayne Theatre. We have a provisional closing date for the loan of December 2011. There are still a few provisions to be met but nothing that should derail the process. If all goes well, we will begin reconstruction in January 2012 and reopen the Wayne in early 2013. We have come a long way since the Wayne was shuttered and turned over to the City. Without the investment by so many people, we would not have made it this far. Thanks to all for their dedication, support and funds. The Wayne really is a community project.

Gateway to offer Group Dance Lessons and Acting Classes for Adults

Steve Shergold of the Shergold Studio in Charlottesville will begin dance lessons at the Gateway on Sunday, October 23 at 4 pm. Steve taught salsa lessons before the Gateway performance by Orquesta Tropikiimba in August and found the Gateway a perfect venue for teaching dance. "I am looking forward to teaching four-week sessions in Waynesboro," said Steve. The fee for the four-week course of lessons is \$40 per person paid in advance.

Steve Shergold is the founder and owner of Shergold Studio located in Charlottesville. Steve has assisted in the development of choreography and training of actors / extras for TV "soaps", and for TV films and stage including sword fight choreography. Steve has over twelve years experience with training dancers for social dance, special events such as weddings and quinceañeras and has produced award-winning competitors. Steve's specialty is teaching the genuine lead and follow technique and not just dance patterns. Classes are informative, educational, entertaining and fun. To sign up for the four-week series call the Wayne Theatre Alliance at 540-943-9999.

Boomie Pedersen, co-artistic director of the Earl Hamner Jr. Theater in Nellysford will offer a six-week course in acting for Adults beginning Tuesday, October 18 at 7 pm. The course, designed for both novices and experienced actors, will focus on the basic tools of the actor—voice, body and breath. (Also useful in the workplace!) Each class will start with a warm-up designed to engage all parts of the actor, especially the imagination. No experience necessary, just a willingness to try!

As co-artistic director Boomie has directed and produced over a dozen productions At the Hamner. She also serves as Artistic Director for the Virginia Playwrights' Initiative. She has an extensive background as a teacher of theater. Most recently Boomie taught Acting and Directing at Randolph College in Lynchburg. The cost of the six week course is \$120. Space is limited. Call 540-943-9999 to register for the course or for more information.



Grab A Costume

It's A Hoot 'N Holler Halloween

Returning to the Alliance's list of activities is the popular Halloween Party where everyone has a bash doing The Monster Mash. This year's celebration is called Hoot 'N Holler Halloween. It will take the floor at the Gateway on Saturday, October 29th from 7-11pm. Prizes will be awarded for Best Costume, Best Costumed Couple, Best Costumed Group, Most Original Costume and Scariest Costume.

A cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres will be available. Music by Craig Cavanaugh of the Mystic Music DJ Service will complete the evening.

Tickets are \$20 per person and are available at the WTA office. Call 540-943-9999

3rd Annual Christmas Home Tour

The tour is a chance to experience the Christmas traditions and décor of some of Waynesboro's finest when six homes and two institutions put out the welcome mat for WTA's Annual Christmas Home Tour. The Plumb House will be dressed in its homespun decorations of the Civil War era. The Waynesboro Country Club will serve as a way station on the tour where visitors can share in the holiday hospitality and enjoy a break for cookies and beverages. The six private homes will present their Christmas finery to the visitors. Each has its own history and approach to the festive season.

A special feature for the 2011 tour is the option of a ticket that includes transportation on the Home Tour bus. Tickets for the Home tour are \$20 in advance at the Wayne Theatre office and \$25 at the Plumb House on the day of the tour. The Home Tour Transportation Special will be an additional fee, to be determined. Space is limited. Reservations must be made in advance by calling 540-943-9999.

RADIO HOUR CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Back for a second season at Fairfax Hall is The Radio Hour Christmas Special. Designed as a dinner theatre, the show combines the elements that made last year's performances a hit with local and regional audiences. Clair Myers, WTA's Executive Director reported that the 2010 Christmas Special brought audiences from as far away as Chesapeake and Richmond. Besides motor coach tour companies, the Christmas Special attracted a retirement village in Charlottesville and other groups from outside the immediate area. "Together with the setting at the historic Fairfax Hall, the Christmas Special is an ideal way to celebrate the season," Myers reported.

Like the monthly River City Radio Hour, The Boogie Kings provide the anchor to the entertainment. Local and regional musicians join the band to present a broad range of musical styles and sing-a-longs with the audience. Waynesboro's First Lady of Comedy, Marsha Howard, and The Barnyard Christmas Pageant with The Hens of Renown written by Beth Massie complete the entertainment.

The Radio Hour Christmas Special for 2011 will be presented at Fairfax Hall November 29 to December 10. Admission includes lunch or dinner and the opportunity to purchase unique gifts at The Radio Hour Boutique. For tickets or information call 540-943-9999.