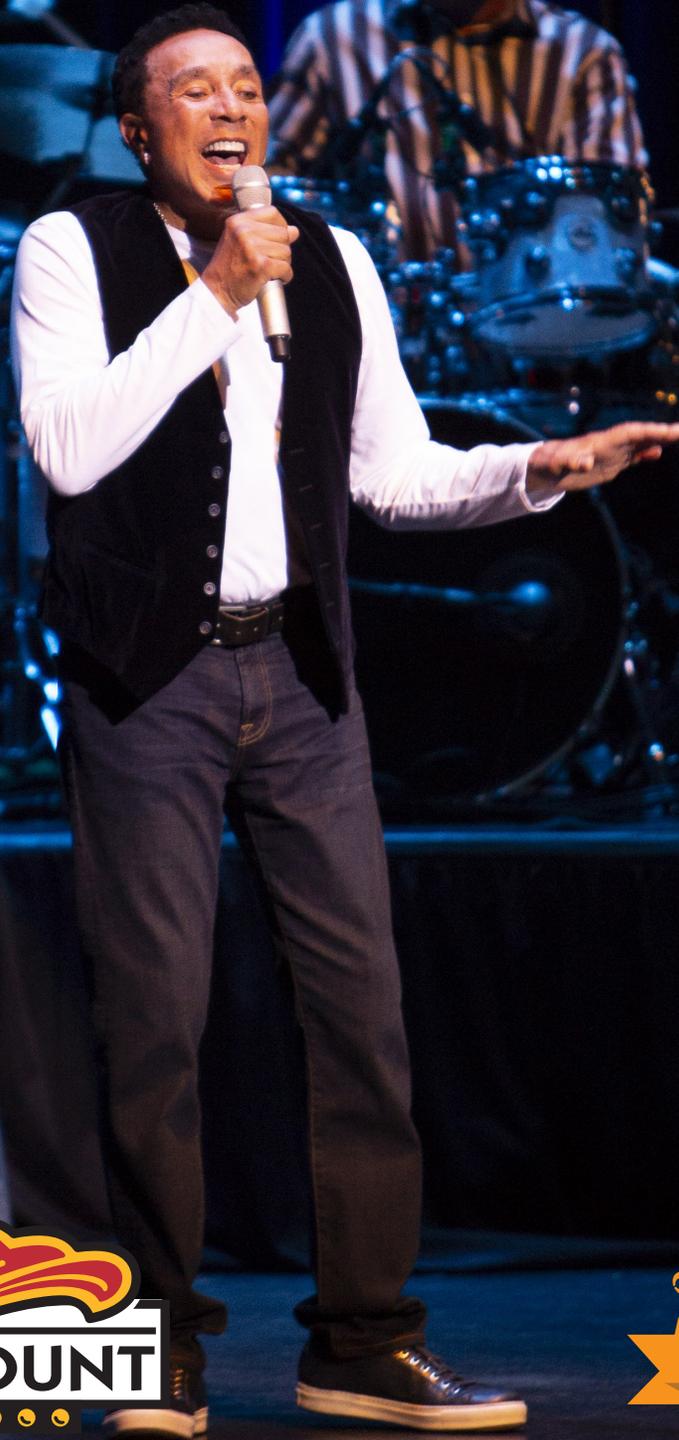


backstage news

from The Paramount Theater

Fall 2018



Paramount Presents:
Smokey Robinson:
Up Close and Personal
June 3, 2018

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Mission

The mission of The Paramount Theater of Charlottesville is to operate the restored and adapted historic Paramount Theater, located in downtown Charlottesville, for the artistic, educational, and charitable benefit of its community, including the city of Charlottesville, Albemarle and surrounding counties, and the entire Central Virginia region.

Educate. Enchant. Enrich. Enlighten.

A Word from Board Chair David T. Gies



Greetings
Fellow Paramounters,

It is my honor to introduce this season's *Backstage News* to you as we welcome in another grand season to The Paramount's stage. From comedy to theater, award-winning live performances to

international broadcasts, there is much magic to see this fall at our beloved community's non-profit Theater.

The 2017-18 fiscal year was a banner year for The Paramount. With more than 300 events and a record-breaking 117,000+ patrons served, the memories created in our Theater again this year were immeasurable. We welcomed more than 18,515 students and teachers through our doors to experience the Arts Education performances, and with more than 40 free community events, access to the arts at The Paramount is at an all time high. Wow! The mission of The Paramount—to operate the restored and adapted historic Paramount Theater for the artistic, educational,

and charitable benefit of its community—is alive and well thanks to YOU, our many supporters.

It is exciting to share that our 2018-19 fiscal year is off to a great start. With amazing summer performances by Charlottesville Opera and the Charlottesville Municipal Band, our continued partnership with local non-profits continues to be strong. As the fall season continues, we are excited to welcome back The Virginia Film Festival, The Oratorio Society of Virginia, along with many other non-profits that play such a significant role in our community. Seeing the historic Paramount alive and serving the needs of our community truly must be to the delight of the many community members who saved this Theater from the wrecking ball many years ago. And, I will say, it is quite impressive for all of us today to see the impact that this historic building has on the entire Central Virginia region.

We hope to see you soon—and often—for the stellar programming this season. "Charlottesville's Living Room," as The Paramount Theater has been affectionately termed, has YOUR comfy seat waiting!

With warm regards,

David T. Gies
Board Chair

The Paramount Theater

2017-18 Fiscal Year By The Numbers:



Daily Progress Readers' Choice Awards 2018
BEST PLACE TO SEE MUSIC – 1st • BEST LIVE THEATER – 1st
BEST BENEFITS – 2nd • BEST WORK CULTURE – 3rd • BEST PAY – 3rd



"Thank you, Paramount, for everything you do for our community. Everything runs so well and the plays offered are a once in a lifetime experience for our students. I will continue to plan this annual field trip for as long as I can. Thank you!" – Teacher, William Monroe Middle School

Serving The Paramount Theater

A Tribute:

Thank you for your service to The Paramount Theater!

The Paramount Theater's Board of Directors extends their deepest gratitude to the eleven Board of Director members who completed their term this past June 2018. Their service to The Paramount was, and will continue to be, invaluable. Please join us in thanking them for their tenure of service and dedication to The Paramount.



Janice Aron



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Greyson Williams

CAST & CREW

More than twenty-six years ago, visionaries in our community banded together to save the worn-down, vacant Paramount Theater from a dismal future. This group had the dedication and vision to see the shell of the building and reimagine it as the center of Charlottesville's Downtown Mall, as a communal living room for all to gather and enjoy diverse offerings of artistic performances and events. Today they are known as The Paramount's Cast & Crew.

Each year, retiring members from the Board of Directors are welcomed to

The Paramount's Cast & Crew. This year, eleven members (listed above) joined Cast & Crew to continue their involvement and dedication to The Paramount's mission. The group was officially welcomed to the Cast & Crew on June 19 by co-chair Jackie Bradley and Cast & Crew Member, Gary Taylor.

Without the Cast & Crew, The Paramount Theater would not be here today, standing strong and bringing diverse programming season after season. Today, the Cast & Crew is comprised of more than 110 members who remain engaged in a variety of ways with the Theater.



The mission of the Cast & Crew Committee is to honor those who have shepherded the revitalization of The Paramount Theater with great love, passion, and dedication. Thank you for being a part of our theater community.

Paramount Theater History at a Glance

1931

Theater Opened

1974

Theater Closed

1992

Theater Purchased and Saved, Became a Non-Profit

2002

Restoration Began

2004

Theater Reopened

2015

Blade Sign Installed

2017

LHAT Award Bestowed & Stage Left Purchased

New Board Members

The Board of Directors of The Paramount Theater welcomed the election of nine board members for the 2018-2019 term. The elected board members include: MJ Abbitt-Sushka, Jackie Bradley, M. Cecile Forté, Katie Henry, Amanda Jones, Sherri Moore, John Pritzlaff, Carolyn Rainey, and John Steele. In addition to the elected members, David T. Gies was elected as Chair of the Board for The Paramount Theater. Thank you for your service! To see a full list of the Paramount Theater Board, please visit theparamount.net.



MJ Abbitt-Sushka



Jackie Bradley



M. Cecile Forté



Katie Henry



Amanda Jones



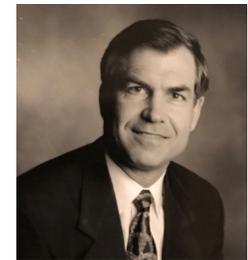
Sherri Moore



John Pritzlaff



Carolyn Rainey



John Steele

Volunteer Highlights

It is no secret or surprise around the Theater that Paramount Volunteers keep the show going! The magic that patrons see on stage could not happen without the dedicated individuals assisting at each event. From taking tickets at the door, to helping behind the concession bars, assisting patrons to their seats, and being available to answer any and all Paramount questions, these tasks and many more are all in a day's work for our Volunteers.

Congratulations to this year's Volunteer of the Year award recipient, Elaine Chapman. This past fiscal year, Elaine has given more than 239 hours towards

countless volunteer duties such as taking tickets, assisting with event setup, handling the responsibilities of Volunteer Captain, and being an active member on the Volunteer Committee.

If you are interested in joining our Volunteer family, we will welcome you with open arms! The Paramount can benefit from YOUR help with a variety of volunteer opportunities, such as ushering, serving on committees, assisting with artist and patron hospitality, administrative mailings, and more. For more information, please contact Cade Wiberg at 434.293.1006.



Elaine Chapman;
2018
Volunteer of
the Year

Volunteer of the Year Award Winners

- 2011: Pamela Bartlett and Judy Schultz
- 2012: Gene and Evelyn Haney
- 2013: Debbie Howe
- 2014: Linda Lester
- 2015: Bunny Sheppard
- 2016: Mary Ann Dawson
- 2017: Helen and Tommy Saul
- 2018: Elaine Chapman



Check Out Our Outstanding Historic Theatre Award's New Home!

On your next trip to The Paramount, be sure to visit our LCHAT Statue in its new permanent home in The Mamie Atkinson Jessup and Claude A. Jessup Memorial Lobby!

In July 2017, The Paramount Theater was awarded the prestigious Outstanding Historic Theatre Award by the League of Historic American Theatres. This coveted award recognizes a theater that demonstrates excellence through its community impact, quality of program and services, and quality of the restoration of its historic structure. To read more about this award, please visit our blog at: theparamount.net/LCHAT



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"Wow! What a performance! I was mesmerized by the story and performers. Cheers to all for doing such a wonderful job in selecting such fine programs." – Paramount Donor & Patron

CHARLOTTESVILLE'S LARGEST CLASSROOM FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The Paramount believes that a passion for the performing arts begins at an early age. We are committed to presenting the finest arts education performances for area school children. The support and generosity of our Arts Education Partners allow The Paramount to make these programs accessible to ALL children in Central Virginia by offering performances at a reduced cost or free of charge while experiencing live performing arts in the beautifully restored historic Paramount Theater.

Annually, the Arts Education Program serves an average of 15,000-16,000 students and teachers from public, private, and homeschools (Pre-K – 12) and provides financial assistance to thousands of youth based on need. Each season is comprised of 9-10 live educational productions, presented in a variety of art forms that bring to life literature, history, math, science and the arts. All productions are aligned with Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL), and study guides, post-show discussions, and artist workshops are offered to deepen student understanding and enrichment.



Photography by Rob Garland

During the 2017-18 season, a record-breaking 18,515 area students and teachers experienced one or more of the 23 live stage performances presented, and 5,180 students benefitted from additional financial assistance. More than 200 participating teachers completed a post-show survey providing feedback on the educational value of their students' experience, including input on production quality, and the level of academic enrichment and developmental impact the program provides. Teachers consistently responded that the performance and

overall experience met and in many cases exceeded their expectations, and that the performances "complemented curriculum and broadened student understanding."

With a new school year underway, it is with excitement that we share the 2018-19 Arts Education season with our community (look to the right!). This diverse and artistically rich season of 10 world class productions includes 24 live performances, ranging from literature adaptations, to musicals, to plays that recreate chapters in American history, to inspiring works that illustrate the power of knowledge and encourage pursuing your dreams!

Students exposed to the performing arts develop an appreciation, understanding, and love of the arts that lasts a lifetime. Research underscores that rich arts experiences for all students can lead to increased academic, social, and functional skill development. We are proud and honored to help lay this important foundation for our students through the transformative power of the arts!

The mission of The Paramount Theater Arts Education Program is to foster appreciation, understanding, and love of the performing arts. The Arts Education Program provides the opportunity for all students to experience live performing arts in the beautifully restored historic Paramount Theater. Since its inception in 2004, the Arts Education Program has served 176,500 students and teachers throughout Central Virginia.

2018-19 ARTS EDUCATION SEASON

Call of the Wild: Illustrated Edition
Theatre Heroes of Austin, TX
October 3, 2018
Sponsored by Mifford Children's Foundation

Black Violin - SOLD OUT
October 23, 2018
Sponsored by The FUNd at CACF

Dragons Love Tacos & Other Stories!
SOLD OUT
Theaterworks USA
November 19, 2018

The Crucible
National Players
November 29, 2018
Sponsored by Janet and Gray Ferguson

Tomás and the Library Lady
Childsplay of Tempe, AZ
December 4, 2018

***The Phantom Tollbooth**
Enchantment Theatre Company
January 24 & 25, 2019
Sponsored by Dominion Energy

Freedom Bound
Mad River Theater Works
January 31 & February 1, 2019
Sponsored by UVA Office of the Vice President
and Chief Officer for Diversity and Equity

The American Revolution
Theater Unspeakable
March 12, 2019
Sponsored by Mifford Children's Foundation

Peg + Cat Live
Bay Area Children's Theatre
March 13, 2019

Diary of a Worm, a Spider, and a Fly
Dallas Children's Theater
April 15 & 16, 2019
Sponsored by The Sarah Lahr Educational Fund
in Memory of Tana Taylor

*Public performances are also offered. Please see performance page in playbill for details.

For more information, please contact
Cathy von Storch, Education & Outreach
Manager, 434.293.1000 or email
cathyvonstorch@theparamount.net.

Educator Celebration at The Paramount

As a special thank you to educators who brought students to The Paramount's Arts Education Program during the 2017-2018 season, The Paramount hosted an Educator Celebration on Sunday, June 10th. Educators were honored with a reception in the Balcony Lounge followed by the classic movie *Roman Holiday* on the big screen. Award-winning and best-selling author Jan Karon, of the Mitford Children's Foundation, sponsored this

special event and joined the party sharing inspirational stories about how educators impacted her life.

Together we saluted our guests for their commitment to enriching their students through the power of live performing arts. It was a celebratory occasion, bringing another successful arts education season to a close while honoring and thanking our amazing educators!



Photography by Rob Garland
Covenant School Educators Betsy Carter and Laura Marks with best-selling author, Jan Karon.

2017-2018 ARTS EDUCATION PROGRAM BY THE NUMBERS



Total number Student and Teachers: **18,515**



Total public school districts: **12**



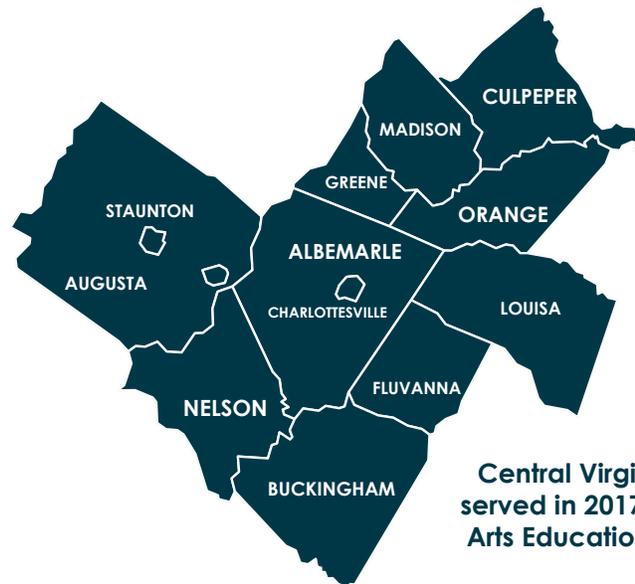
Total public schools: **48**
Total private schools: **27**



Total home schools: **48**



Total number of students receiving additional financial assistance based on need: **5,180**
ALL students & teachers received a subsidized ticket rate of only \$8.50 for every performance. In addition, 5,180 students received additional financial assistance based on need.



Central Virginia areas served in 2017-18 by the Arts Education Program

2018 Summer Theater Residency: Compass Creative Dramatics

Compass Creative Dramatics (CCD) is a Chicago based touring company that partners with community organizations to offer creative and engaging theater programming designed to provide arts enrichment and cultivate personal growth and character. The Paramount Arts Education program was thrilled to welcome the group back for their second summer residency this past June, presenting *Beauty and the Beast*.

This one-week residency provided an opportunity for 70 local youth (ages 6-15) to work alongside two professional artists in presenting a full musical production on The Paramount's stage! The residency

began with an audition, followed by a week of rehearsals and theater workshops, and culminated with an original 60-minute musical adaptation of the classic children's story *Beauty and the Beast*. For these residencies, CCD provides all the elements of the production – professionally designed and produced music, costumes, props, sets, and make-up – all to make this an unforgettable experience for everyone! The residency is designed to purposefully and intrinsically instill skills of character such as trustworthiness, respect, and responsibility while encouraging participants to stretch their muscles of creativity and bravery through teamwork and the art of theater.



Beauty and the Beast, 2018
Photography by Tom Smith

Stay tuned for more programming announcements in support of our youth and family programming.

"Gorgeous historic theater in Downtown Charlottesville!" "Awesome atmosphere and an amazing show!" "Love this theater's uniqueness and it is a classic experience!" – Social Media Reviews

Welcome Lauri Wilson, Director Of Development

The Paramount Theater has come a long way since its purchase and ultimate rescue from the wrecking ball in 1992, when this historic building transitioned to a non-profit Theater. The reopening in 2004, after a decade-long fundraising campaign and years of restoration, was a celebrated moment in our community. Upon reopening, the Theater hosted many acclaimed artists and brought life back to the Theater, and ultimately the Downtown Mall. In September 2014, under the direction of Executive Director Chris Eure, the 10th Anniversary celebration began, which culminated with the unveiling of the vertical Blade sign in December 2015. If only these walls could talk; what stories they could tell dating all the way back to 1931.

It is fitting that as we look to the future, and see The Paramount as a vibrant and vital catalyst in our community, we strive for ways to shore-up this vision. To this end, The Paramount Theater recently welcomed Lauri Wilson as the Director

of Development, to help expand and deepen the impact of this historic Theater and unique community treasure.

Lauri, her husband, TJ, and their two daughters moved to Charlottesville in 1999; however their North Carolina roots make it hard to remove the "far from their heels" and they continue to spend time in their beloved home state. Previously Lauri worked for Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital in their Foundation office and had the privilege of working on the New Hospital Campaign and many other worthy fundraising endeavors in support of the community hospital. In her spare time, Lauri enjoys exploring many of the beautiful country roads throughout the area along with her husband and eclectic group of running buddies.

We invite you to help us welcome Lauri to The Paramount. We look forward to seeing you soon, and often, at the Theater.



Lauri Wilson, Director of Development
lauriwilson@theparamount.net
434.218.1590

Second Annual Combined Meeting of the Board of Directors and the Cast & Crew June 19, 2018

On Tuesday, June 19, The Paramount Theater's Board of Directors met for their 2nd Annual Combined Meeting with the Cast & Crew, which took place in The Paramount Theater's Auditorium. Board Chair Pam Edmonds welcomed the group and opened the meeting discussing the current state of the Theater, recognizing the Board Members ending their terms, and thanking the staff for their dedicated service to the

community through their work at The Paramount.

The Board of Directors discussed successes from the year, which included completing the seventh year in a row of a positive self-sustaining business model, as well as the future growth of the Theater.

Executive Director Chris Eure then presented the State of the Theater for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year. This presentation highlighted the many achievements of the year, reflected on our event content and growth, and new initiatives to look forward to in the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year.

Following the meeting, a social took place in the Balcony Lounge. Thank you to all who attended this meeting and helped to close out a banner year for the Theater.



Pam Edmonds, Immediate Past Chair with David T. Gies, Incoming Board Chair

Save The Date - 9th Annual Grand Marquee Gala: Vive Le Paramount!



SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019

We are excited to share a date change for our largest annual fundraising event for the Theater. In January 1992, a group of citizens, the founders of The Paramount as we know it today, had a vision of bringing the Theater back to life. This group purchased the dilapidated building and created the non-profit Paramount Theater, Inc. They then spent the next 12 years breathing new life into her.

Thanks to their vision, The Paramount Theater stands tall and proud today as a beacon and gathering place for our community.

In their honor The Paramount Theater's 9th Annual Grand Marquee Gala will take place on Saturday, January 26th. Join us for an evening of Parisian delights, amazing food and drinks, an exciting silent auction, dancing on stage, and activities throughout the Theater. This annual event supports the educational and community mission of the non-profit Paramount Theater.

The Grand Marquee Gala is a community event; all are welcome to purchase tickets and attend. We look forward to seeing you for a fun night on the red carpet to benefit our downtown treasure, The Paramount Theater. Visit www.theparamount.net/events for additional information.

Thank You to our 2019 Gala Committee Members:

Pam Edmonds, *Chair*
Sheldon Anderson • Maia Bannan
Lynn Brown • Bethan Browning
Melissa Collins • Chris Eure
Clay Eure • Maddy Eure
Sarah Fauerbach • Sterling Frank
Janna Gies • Janie Goldberg
Katie Henry • Mary Margaret Holden
Meg Holden • Susan Knight
Sarah Laurie • Kelly Mahanes
Angie Oakey • Gincy Plummer
Laura Quagliaroli • Lucas Shaffer
Will Trinkle • Laurie Turner
Ceil Wheeler • Lauri Wilson

Highlights From the 2018 Gala: A Night In Bollywood

The 8th Annual Grand Marquee Gala took place at The Paramount Theater on Friday, April 27. This year's event featured a night in Bollywood, complete with paper lanterns adorning every room, a majestic elephant topiary, a performance by the Virginia di Shaan Dance Troupe, a magical silent auction, live piano in the Balcony Lounge, and dancing on the stage with DJs JJ Cohoon and Thomas Dean (of Nasty).

The night was truly one to remember at The Paramount!



Photo Credits: Rob Garland

"The Paramount is such a treasure. Beautifully restored with amazing acoustics!" "Great time, the staff is wonderful. Really neat atmosphere." "Incredible venue for concerts and movies!" "A great historic theater beautifully restored and excellent for films and performances alike." – Social Media Reviews

The Paramount Theater will again this season present the award-winning Met Live in HD series broadcast, now in its 13th Season. The season opened with Verdi's **Aida** starring one of the world's most acclaimed sopranos, Anna Netrebko, in a live broadcast on Saturday, October 6.

The 2018-19 Live in HD season features ten transmissions, including four new exciting productions: Saint-Saëns's **Samson et Dalila**; the U.S. premiere production of Nico Muhly's **Marnie**, based on Winston Graham's suspenseful thriller; Mayer's new staging of Verdi's **La Traviata**; and Cilea's **Adriana Lecouvreur**, starring Anna Netrebko in Sir David McVicar's new staging.

In addition to these four productions and the familiar favorite **Aida**, Live in HD audiences will have the chance to see the 20th – century masterpiece **Dialogues des Carmélites** for the first time in cinemas, along with classical revivals of Puccini's **La Fanciulla del West**; the acclaimed production of Bizet's **Carmen**; the whimsical reimagining of Bonizetti's **La Fille Du Régiment**; and finally the most popular of Wagner's four epic Ring operas, **Die Walküre**.

The Met Live in HD production is the largest provider of alternative cinema content in the world, with more than 24 million tickets sold since the inception of the series in 2006. The series brings live Met performances to more than 2,200 movie screens and performing arts centers in more than 70 countries. Met stars serve as hosts for the HD series, conducting live interviews with cast, crew, and production teams while introducing popular behind-the-scenes features.



This year, again, The Paramount will present pre-opera lectures for all individual broadcast ticket holders. Please see our website for presenting lecture bios and start times for each event. Lectures will be held in the auditorium. Doors to the auditorium will close for the lecture and will re-open for audience seating prior to the start of the broadcast.

Series tickets for the Met at The Paramount are on sale now, along with individual broadcast tickets. Tickets may be purchased at The Paramount Theater Box Office (Monday-Friday, 10AM-2PM), by phone at 434.979.1333, or online at www.theparamount.net.



RECENTLY ANNOUNCED!

PARAMOUNT PRESENTS
AWARD-WINNING PIANIST

MURRAY PERAHIA

APRIL 7, 2019 AT 8:00PM

TICKETS \$34.75, \$49.75, \$74.75, \$150.00

Sponsored By: Virginia Cenedella

The Metropolitan Opera **HD LIVE**

Aida

Giuseppe Verdi

Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 12:55PM

Samson et Dalila

Camille Saint-Saëns

Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 12:55PM

La Fanciulla Del West

Giacomo Puccini

Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 12:55PM

Marnie

Nico Muhly

Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 12:55PM

La Traviata

Giuseppe Verdi

Saturday, December 29, 2018 at 12:55PM
(Encore Broadcast)

Adriana Lecouvreur

Francesco Cilea

Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 12:55PM

Carmen

Georges Bizet

Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 12:55PM

La Fille Du Régiment

Gaetano Donizetti

Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 12:55PM

Die Walküre

Richard Wagner

Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 12:00PM

Dialogues Des Carmélites

Francis Poulenc

Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 12:00PM

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Weddings, Holiday Parties, Special Events, Upscale Business Meetings, Birthday Parties, and more! From our performance hall to our ballroom, elegant lounges, meeting rooms, and our new premier space Stage Left, we are sure to have an area that will suit your needs.

Call (434) 979-1922 to learn more or visit www.theparamount.net

Free Historic Tours of The Paramount Theater

You've seen the Blade, and we hope that you have seen a show or two, but do YOU know the history of The Paramount? We invite you to join us for a free historic tour of the Theater and learn more about the building termed "The Crown Jewel" of Charlottesville's Downtown Mall since 1931!

Led by knowledgeable docents, the tour covers everything from The Paramount's origins, the building's architecture, and its significance in the Downtown area. The tour even takes you backstage to see the "Wall of Fame," signed by hundreds of performers since the Theater's reopening in 2004.

To learn more about the tour dates this season, please visit our website. The tours are free, with reservations strongly encouraged, as space is limited. Reserve a spot now by calling the Box Office at 434.979.1333, or online at www.theparamount.net. Private tours are available upon request.



Image from a recent student tour

The behind the scenes tour last approximately sixty minutes and meets under the marquee. Handicap accommodations are available. Cameras are welcome; please do not bring backpacks, food, or beverages.

Do you have a historic photograph or story of The Paramount that you would like to share with us for our archives? Please contact Maran Garland, Director of Marketing: 434.293.1005 or marangarland@theparamount.net.

Wish List

We're Getting Married......not really! But we are registered on Amazon for everyday items we are in need of at the Theater! From hospitality needs for artists to light bulbs on the marquee, the nuts and bolts it takes to keep the Theater running are seemingly endless. In addition to our Amazon list, the below are specialized items we would love to add to our collection to enhance our Theater. To sponsor these items, please contact Mical Tawney, Events Coordinator, at 434.293.1001 or micaltawney@theparamount.net.

- Staples Gift Cards
- Black, Gold, and White Linens
- Shelves and tubs for storage units
- Camera for the theater
- Refrigerator
- Convertible hand truck / dolly
- Dish racks for the glassware
- Security Cameras
- Sound system for the lobby
- iPads



Did You Know? You Can Support The Paramount Simply By Shopping Online!

By logging on to Amazon Smile, a portion of the money spent on your online shopping will be donated back to The Paramount at no additional cost to you.

"Thank you all for your support of our screening and reception...The event was highly successful for us, and we appreciate all your efforts to make it possible. It is always a pleasure to work with The Paramount team, and we look forward to doing it again very soon." – Virginia Film Festival

Ways to Support the Non-Profit Paramount Theater

The Paramount Theater is fortunate to be supported by many valuable organizations in our area. TING is in their third year of Producer level support of the Theater. Without their generous support and our many additional sponsors and supporters, The Paramount would not be the thriving, vibrant, center of performing arts that it is today. Thank you, TING, and all supporters of The Paramount.

This past June, TING hosted a fun-filled afternoon for many families on Father's Day with a screening of the Walt Disney classic *Cinderella*. Cinderella herself made an appearance with a meet-and-greet for guests pre-show. It was

a magical afternoon at The Paramount.

As a strong supporter of the arts, TING continues to provide The Paramount with internet and public WIFI that is accessible to all patrons in the Theater. Their generous support is integral to both our programming and infrastructure. "Great cities deserve great internet," according to Ting. We say great cities also deserve TING. Thank you for your continued support of The Paramount Theater and Charlottesville!!



"The Paramount is a Charlottesville icon! We value all they do for the arts and we are proud to sponsor their youth programming."
- Drew Hurst, TING

Support The Paramount Theater!

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Last year, 117,000+ patrons entered the Theater for 300 events! We are pleased to offer a variety of partnership opportunities through program sponsorship or advertising in the quarterly publication of our Paramount Playbill.

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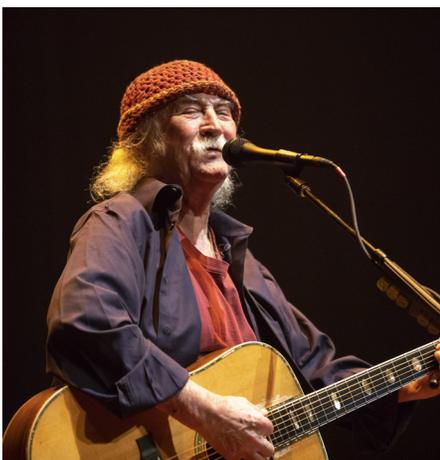
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Don't miss our magical line-up this fall!



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31 AT 7:00PM
**PARAMOUNT PRESENTS:
 NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE IN HD
 - FRANKENSTEIN**
 \$11.00 STUDENT, \$13.00 SENIOR, \$15.00 ADULT

Frankenstein returns to international cinemas this Halloween, to mark the 200th anniversary of Mary Shelley's most famous novel.

Captured live in 2011 from the National Theatre stage in London, this thrilling, sold-out production became an international sensation, experienced by almost half a million people in cinemas around the world.

Directed by Academy Award®-winner **Danny Boyle** (*Trainspotting*, *Slumdog Millionaire*), *Frankenstein* features **Benedict Cumberbatch** (*Hamlet*, BBC's *Sherlock*) as Victor Frankenstein and **Jonny Lee Miller** (*Elementary*, *Trainspotting*) as his creation.

Thank You to our National Theatre Live in HD Season Sponsor:



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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 AT 7:00PM
**PARAMOUNT PRESENTS:
 NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE
 HILAREE NELSON, POINT OF
 NO RETURN**
 \$19.75 STUDENT, \$24.75 SENIOR (65 & OVER),
 \$29.75 ADULT

"At times its been hard. I went through years where I had to prove myself...I don't need to prove myself any more."- *Hilaree Nelson*

In the fall of 2014, a National Geographic team set out on what they knew would be a harrowing journey to the summit of Burma's Hkakabo Razi to determine if it is indeed Southeast Asia's highest point. What they didn't realize was that the greatest obstacle wouldn't be their dwindling rations, or the grueling jungle hikes, or the life-threatening hypothermia. It was the force of conflicting personalities that threatened to unravel the entire endeavor. Leader Hilaree Nelson recounts the tough decisions she had to make to keep the team together, accompanied by photographer Cory Richard's dramatic stills and clips from Renan Ozturk's searing documentary *Down to Nothing*.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24 AT 7:00PM
**PARAMOUNT PRESENTS:
 MIKE SUPER: MAGIC &
 ILLUSION 2.OH! SHOW!™**
 \$29.75, \$34.75, \$44.75

Mike Super returns to The Paramount's stage with a BRAND NEW show of all new magic! Instead of 2.0 he calls it 2.OH!™ SHOW!™ because of the newly created, never before seen magical, jaw dropping moments taking his uniquely branded evening of mystery to a whole new level.

Join us over the Thanksgiving weekend and bring your holiday guests and the whole family to see what the buzz is about! In this brand new show, Mike appears from an actual projection image. He plans to give the audience the winning Powerball numbers. (We aren't kidding!) And, he will re-energize one of the world's most popular mysteries, the Rubic's Cube, not only solving it in record time with magic, but involving the audience in a way never before experienced...and this is only in the first 10 minutes of his all new show! Bring your family and friends to share in an evening of the impossible and see how many times you say "OH!"

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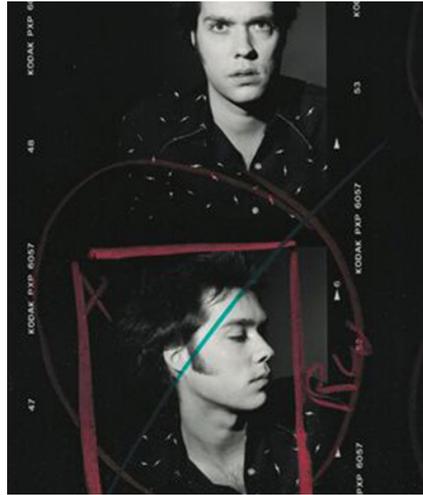


SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT 8:00PM
**PARAMOUNT PRESENTS:
 SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR**
 \$24.75 STUDENT, \$29.75, \$39.75, \$44.75

The spectacular and colorful two-time Grammy Award-winning Soweto Gospel Choir will return to The Paramount Stage with *Songs of the Free*, a very special program celebrating the centenary of the birth of the father of their rainbow Nation, Nelson Mandela. *Songs of the Free* will include South African classics as well as freedom songs and gospel music much loved by Mandela. The Soweto Gospel Choir had the privilege of performing in front of Mandela multiple times during his life.

Direct from South Africa, Soweto Gospel Choir is an awe-inspiring 20 member ensemble that thrills audiences worldwide with their stunning blend of African gospel music, spirituals, and American popular music. Earthy rhythms and rich harmonies sung in 6 of South Africa's 11 official languages are combined for a moving performance which uplifts the soul through the music & dance of South Africa.

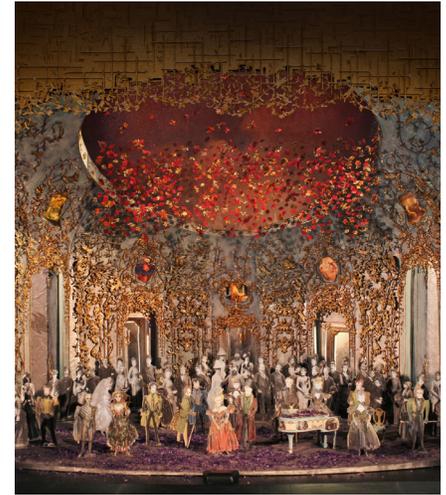
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 7:30PM
**STARR HILL PRESENTS:
 RUFUS WAINWRIGHT – ALL
 THESE POSES ANNIVERSARY
 TOUR 2018**
 \$40.00, \$50.00, \$70.00, \$311.00, \$411.00

Praised by the *New York Times* for his "genuine originality," Rufus Wainwright has established himself as one of the great male vocalists and songwriters of his generation. The New York-born, Montreal-raised singer songwriter has released seven studio albums, three DVDs, and three live albums, including the Grammy nominated *Rufus Does Judy* at Carnegie Hall and the album *Release The Stars*, which went Gold in Canada and the UK. For the first time ever, Wainwright is celebrating the anniversary of his second studio album *Poses*, featuring a performance of the landmark album in its entirety, as well as other hits from his career.

Wainwright received Juno Awards for Best Alternative Album in 1999 and 2002 for *Rufus Wainwright* and *Poses*, respectively. He also composed the original music for choreographer Stephen Petronio's work *BLOOM*, which has toured across the country. Wainwright has collaborated with artists such as Elton John, David Byrne, Boy George, Joni Mitchell, and Pet Shop Boys.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29 AT 12:55PM
**PARAMOUNT PRESENTS:
 MET LIVE IN HD - LA TRAVIATA**
 \$18.00 STUDENT, \$23.00 SENIOR (65 & OVER),
 \$25.00 ADULT

Yannick Nézet-Séguin conducts Michael Mayer's richly textured new production, featuring a dazzling 18th-century setting that changes with the seasons. Soprano Diana Damrau plays the tragic heroine, Violetta, and tenor Juan Diego Flórez returns to the Met for the first time in five seasons to sing the role of Alfredo, Violetta's hapless lover. Baritone Quinn Kelsey is Alfredo's father, Germont, who destroys their love. Later performances feature Anita Hartig, Stephen Costello, Artur Ruciński, and Plácido Domingo.

About the Met Live in HD:

In December 2006, The Metropolitan Opera launched The Met Live in HD, a series of performance transmissions shown live in high definition in movie theaters around the world. The series expanded from an initial six transmissions to ten in the 2014-15 season and today reaches more than 2,000 venues in 70 countries across six continents. The Paramount began broadcasting during the 2008-09 season and is pleased to continue to present this series for the community.

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Upcoming Events

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October 20

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October 20

Paramount at the Movies Presents: *Monsters, Inc.* [G]
October 21

Bob Nocek Presents: *Black Violin* October 23

The Garden Club of Virginia Presents: *60th Annual Conservation Forum - The Real Dirt on Pesticides, Pollinators, Food, and Our Health* October 25

Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra Presents:
Symphonic Masquerade, A Tribute To America's Veterans! October 26

Paramount Presents: *Met Live in HD - La Fanciulla del West* October 27

Paramount at the Movies Presents: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* [R] October 27

Starr Hill Presents: *Mary Chapin Carpenter* October 28

Paramount Presents: *National Theatre Live in HD - Frankenstein* October 31

NOVEMBER

University of Virginia Presents: *31st Virginia Film Festival*
November 1 - 4

Paramount Presents: *Met Live in HD - Marnie*
November 10

Starr Hill Presents: *The Simon & Garfunkel Story*
November 11

Paramount Presents: *National Geographic Live - Hilaree Nelson, Point of No Return* November 14

Lifeview Marketing Presents: *13th Annual Best of Both Worlds Dance & Step Competition* November 17

Lifeview Marketing Presents: *The 8th Annual United Nations of Comedy Tour* November 17

Paramount at the Movies Presents: *West Side Story* [G] November 18

Paramount Presents: *Mike Super: Magic and Illusion 2.OH! SHOW!™* November 24

Paramount at the Movies Presents: *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* [PG-13] November 25

Paramount Presents: *National Theatre Live in HD - The Madness of George III* November 25

DECEMBER

Paramount Presents: *Soweto Gospel Choir*
December 1

Paramount at the Movies Presents: *Polar Express* [G]
December 2

Moscow Ballet Presents: *Great Russian Nutcracker*
December 9

Starr Hill Presents: *Rufus Wainwright - All These Poses Anniversary Tour 2018* December 10

Paramount at the Movies Presents: *White Christmas* [NR] December 21

Paramount Presents: *Met Live in HD - La Traviata*
December 29

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