

THE AMERICAN *Theatre*

2022 - 2023

35th Anniversary Season



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FROM THE Artistic Director

Dear Friends

I am thrilled to be able to say to you all – our long 2 year intermission is over!

Welcome Back to The American Theatre

2022-2023 represents our 35th Anniversary Season presenting the entire Coastal Virginia region with performing arts excellence from around the world, and around the corner!

The last 35 years have presented audiences with diverse and crowd-pleasing repertoires. We have been privileged to have artists like Bea Arthur, Mavis Staples, Manhattan Transfer, Sandra Bernhard, David Sanborn, The Shanghai Ballet, John McCutcheon, The Mystical Arts of Tibet, Nell Carter, Arlo Guthrie, Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo and hundreds more! Our Lighthouse Series highlights our region's talented arts organizations that make Hampton Roads home – and our Family Fun Series is chock full of family friendly programming with our Saturday Morning Club!

As Artistic Director, it is my goal to combine bold artistic statements with innovative creative approaches, to engender strong support from the entire community.

It is with this in mind, I am ecstatic to introduce our audiences to the 2022-2023 35th Anniversary Season!

From innovative modern music to cutting-edge American jazz, from Broadway blockbusters to a variety of Christmas and Holiday celebrations – next season's performers are all storytellers! With or without words, these 35th Anniversary performances are telling these stories just for you!

As part of our ongoing growth, I am proud to announce some exciting changes for Season 35 – starting with the grand opening of our new Studio Theatre. This newly renovated, intimate space will provide an opportunity for audiences to have a more personal performance experience with a variety of artists. I hope you share our excitement in the addition of this space to our regular annual programming!

We also continue our price-accessibility with tickets starting at \$35 – with a number of preferred seating for those who want to guarantee the most sought-after seats early in the season. As always, patrons save the most money with our Subscription Passport.

I am tremendously grateful for everyone's patience and commitment during our long intermission. We are glad to have the opportunity to once again share the magic of the performing arts with you. Creativity and imagination are the threads that weave our cultural tapestry and advance our mission to enhance the quality of life for the artists and audiences we serve.

Now, lean forward in your seats and get ready for a memorable year of joyful stories as we celebrate our 35th Anniversary!

I will see you at the Theatre!



Richard M. Parison, Jr.
Artistic Director



OUR MISSION

To advance the arts and enhance the quality of life for all Hampton Roads residents and visitors by:

Educating and inspiring teachers, students, and life-long learners to embrace the arts through exhibition, workshop and educational study, volunteerism and community outreach.

Providing opportunities for Hampton Roads artists to showcase and develop performing, visual and educational arts in both traditional and non-traditional formats.

Presenting unique, world-class caliber arts that appeal to a diverse citizenry, promoting a deeper cultural awareness.

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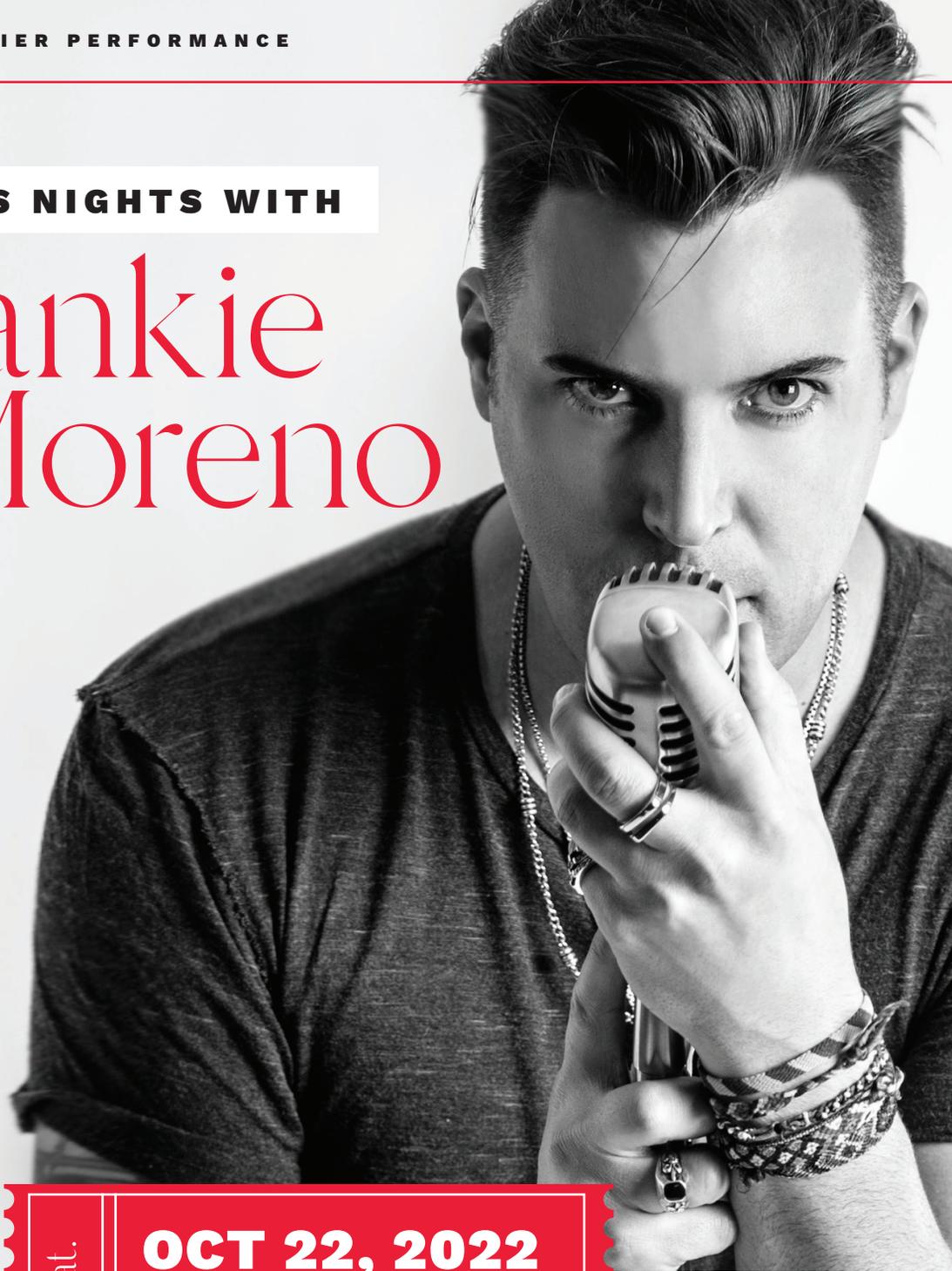
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VEGAS NIGHTS WITH

Frankie Moreno



Sat.

OCT 22, 2022
SHOW STARTS AT 8:00 PM

Named Las Vegas's "Headliner of the Year" four times, the charismatic Frankie Moreno temporarily ditches the desert for Coastal Virginia! The worldwide sensation has sold more than one million records, playing concerts from the Kennedy Center to the Hollywood Bowl.

From rock 'n roll to classical to country, Moreno has defied genres on his six top-selling albums. Emmy-nominated for his national TV special *Songs at Home*, Moreno is even

more exciting performing live, where you can experience his inviting charm and soaring vocals! Don't miss this rare chance to see Moreno on tour, playing some of his favorite songs, reimagined with his sexy, signature style. Making his American Theatre debut, you will be dazzled by the larger than life talent that is Frankie Moreno!



Kathleen Turner

FINDING MY VOICE

Sat.

NOV 19, 2022
SHOW STARTS AT 8:00 PM

Don't miss the chance to see Hollywood legend Kathleen Turner as she takes you on a remarkable behind-the-scenes journey through her storied career of stage and film. Peppered with songs from the Great American Songbook, Turner croons hits, including "Let's Fall in Love," "On the Street Where You Live" and "Every Time We Say Goodbye"— each uniquely showcasing her instantly recognizable voice.

Turner's film roles include *Romancing the Stone* and its sequel *Jewel of the Nile* (starring opposite Michael Douglas), the voice of temptress Jessica Rabbit in *Who*

Framed Roger Rabbit?, *Prizzi's Honor* and *Peggy Sue Got Married*. The acclaimed actress has been nominated for two Tony Awards for playing Maggie in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* and Martha in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*

Finding My Voice is a profoundly personal show packed with humor, great music, and one-of-a-kind insights spanning Kathleen Turner's exciting contributions to the entertainment industry.

Lightwire Theater

A VERY ELECTRIC CHRISTMAS



Sat.

DEC 10, 2022
SHOW STARTS AT 8:00 PM

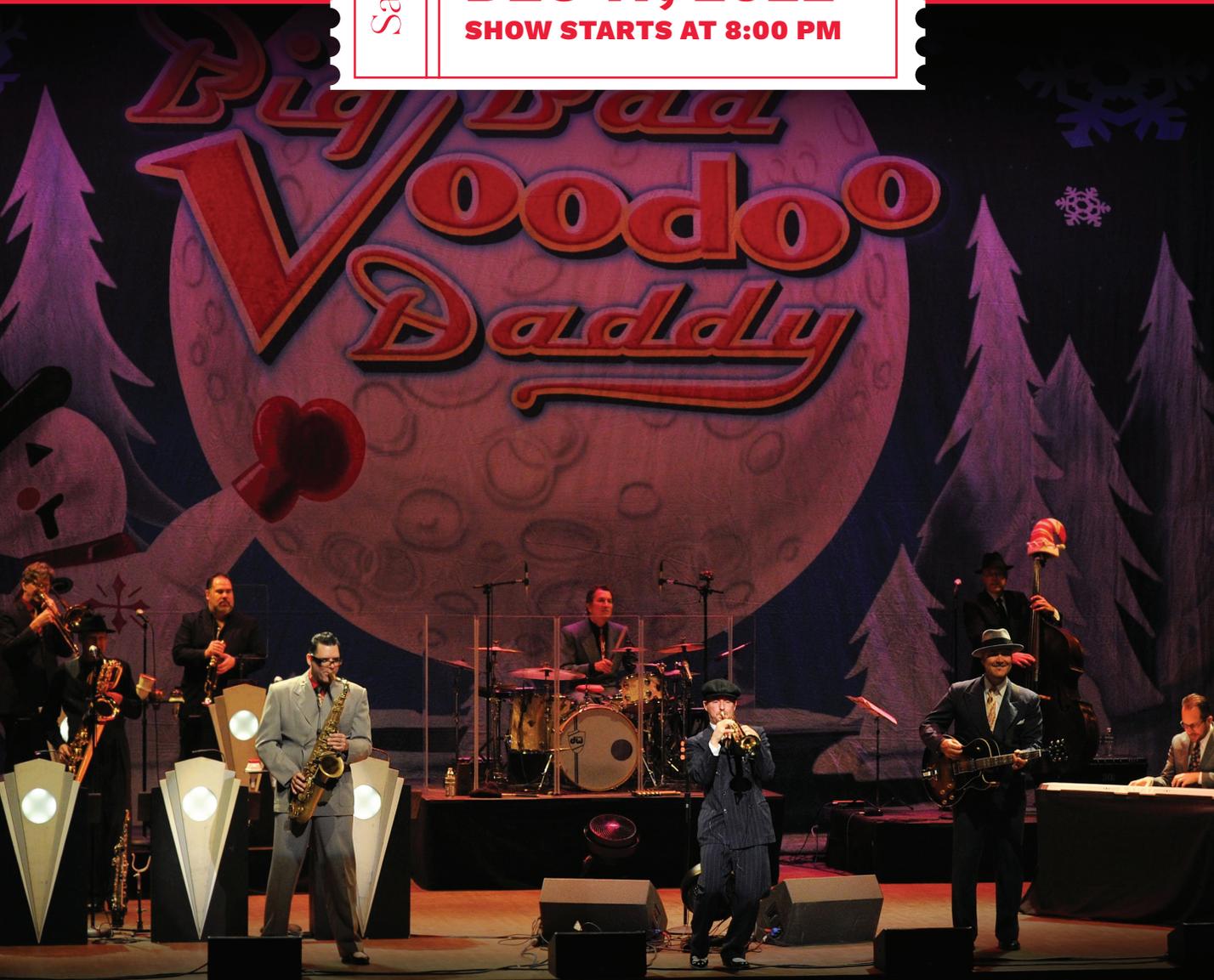
Brighten your holidays with this magical and captivating tale of family, friendship and hope set to timeless holiday hits! Combining theater and eye-popping technology performed in complete darkness, Lightwire brings stories to life in ways that will mesmerize children of all ages.

Lightwire Theater's original story follows a young bird named Max who gets blown off course and finds himself at the North Pole. Expect caroling worms, dancing poinsettias, nutcracker soldiers, mischievous mice and more in this delightful and illuminating holiday production.

The troupe has been featured on NBC's America's Got Talent and returns to The American Theatre after last season's enchanting performance.

BIG BAD VooDoo Daddy

Sat.

DEC 17, 2022**SHOW STARTS AT 8:00 PM**

Together for over 28 years, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy – famously named after an autograph by blues legend Albert Collins – has appeared in concert venues across the world, sold millions of records, and had their music appear in hundreds of movies and television shows.

With sold out concerts from the Hollywood Bowl to Lincoln Center, appearances with many of the country's finest symphony orchestras, and television appearances ranging from Dancing with the Stars to Superbowl XXXIII, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy continues its decades-long mission to celebrate and revitalize jazz and swing music — America's original musical art form — and bring joy to audiences around the world.



Fri.

JAN 27, 2023
SHOW STARTS AT 8:00 PM

The Three Musketeers

THE ACTING COMPANY

This world premiere adaptation commissioned by The Acting Company will draw inspiration from an astonishing secret—that Dumas' father, General Alex Dumas, was the highest-ranking person of color in a Western military until our own time. This adaptation will shed new light on this swashbuckling adventure and give a favorite story new importance.

An inspiring tale filled with laughter and adventure, *The Three Musketeers* is a reminder to all that courage, honesty, and valour can change the world.

Written by Kirsten Childs

From the Novel by Alexandre Dumas

Directed by Kent Gash

Melissa Manchester

Sat.

FEB 25, 2023
SHOW STARTS AT 8:00 PM

What a better way to celebrate Spring than “Through the Eyes of Love”? Melissa Manchester’s Grammy-nominated hit is just a hint of a 45-year career that began as a back-up singer for Bette Midler and grew into a spectacular songbook spanning 20 studio albums. Manchester comes to The American Theatre to perform a collection of favorite songs in her unique way, with beautiful phrasing and a rich, earthy tone that has been her signature sound since the singer-songwriter’s early days in NYC.

Manchester eventually won that Grammy in 1982 for “You Should Hear How She Talks About You” and over the years has entertained dedicated fans across the country.

Musical icons such as Barbra Streisand and Roberta Flack have recorded her songs, while Manchester herself has paid tribute to the artists who have influenced her over the years, from Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett to Carly Simon and Edith Piaf.

Don’t miss this chance for Manchester to warm your heart with her favorite songs and distinctive arrangements.

A NIGHT WITH

Taylor Dayne



Sat.

MAR 18, 2023
SHOW STARTS AT 8:00 PM

Taylor Dayne is an American pop icon. With a career spanning three decades, Taylor's groundbreaking debut single "Tell It To My Heart" turned her into an overnight international star in 1987. She followed the smash hit with seventeen Top 20 singles over the course of her three-decade career, including Number Ones "Love Will Lead You Back", "Prove Your Love", and "I'll Always Love You." Taylor has sold over 75 million albums and singles worldwide, earned three GRAMMY nominations, an American Music Award, multiple New York Music Awards, received New York Music Hall of Fame honors and ranked as the Number 18 Female Dance artist of all time by Rolling Stone magazine.

She is one of the very few artists in musical history to successfully crossover into almost every musical genre and chart with hit singles in pop, dance, R&B, adult contemporary and rock.

Opening for Dayne is Hampton Roads' ultimate '80s tribute band, **The Deloreans!**

DELOREANS

Broadway UNDER THE Stars

**35TH ANNIVERSARY
GALA CELEBRATION**

Sat.

OCT 8, 2022

EVENING BEGINS AT 6:30 PM

You can go to Broadway, or you can let us bring Broadway to you! On Saturday, October 8, 2022, Hampton Arts Foundation will celebrate 35 years of presenting the best in performing and visual arts in Coastal Virginia!

Additionally, Hampton Arts and Hampton Arts Foundation will present the Coastal Virginia Renaissance Award to **H. Duncan Garnett** and **Soundscapes** to recognize their long-term commitment to the performing and visual arts in Hampton, Coastal Virginia and beyond. After a star-studded headlining performance, you'll enjoy dinner, drinks, dessert and a few surprises throughout The American Theatre!

GALA TICKETS

\$175 PER PERSON BEFORE SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

\$225 PER PERSON AFTER SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

Reserve a VIP Sponsorship with Exclusive Benefits for you and your company.

To reserve your tickets or sponsorship contact the Hampton Arts Foundation at 757-727-1995



H. Duncan Garnett

soundscapes

FOURTH ANNUAL

Coastal Virginia Bluegrass & Brew Festival

JUNE 9-11, 2023

Celebrating its fourth year, the Coastal Virginia Bluegrass and Brew Festival returns for what has become one of the region's most anticipated musical events. Experience a trio of genre-defining bluegrass acts and some of Coastal Virginia's finest local breweries, cideries and distilleries.

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Guests must be 21+ to consume alcoholic beverages.





Dailey & Vincent

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2023

AT 8PM

Jamie Dailey and Darrin Vincent, backed by one of the best bands on tour today, are some of the most reputable and elite entertainers in American music with a unique sound that seamlessly blends bluegrass, traditional country, and gospel music. Dailey's tenor and Vincent's reedy harmonies offer a concoction of fantastically instinctive vocal blends that has gained them well-deserved praise for their distinctive style and worldwide recognition as American Music gold.



Steep Canyon Rangers

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023

AT 8PM

Back by popular demand after wowing audiences with their fiddle-centric arrangements and signature style, perennial Billboard chart-toppers Steep Canyon Rangers return for a highly-anticipated encore performance. The Grammy-winning group (Best Bluegrass Album, *Nobody Knows You*) have performed together for more than two decades and have collaborated with an array of phenomenal musicians, including the hit "Be Still Moses" with Boyz II Men.



Carbon Leaf

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023

AT 3PM

Pulling from folk, Americana, roots and rock traditions, the Virginia quintet's lively sound features vocal harmony, acoustic and electric guitars, mandolin, fiddle, bass, drums, cello, banjo, penny whistle, pedal steel, accordion and whatever else can be placed onto the stage! Keeping it local, Carbon Leaf writes, records and produces in the band's Richmond studio.



Diane Schuur

Sat.

NOV 12, 2022
SHOW STARTS AT 8:00 PM

Two-time Grammy Award-winner Diane Schuur's powerhouse vocals and dynamic range take over The American Theatre for a can't-miss concert of contemporary jazz.

Influenced by the great Dinah Washington, Schuur's musical style has evolved throughout her celebrated career from her 1979 discovery at the Monterey Jazz Festival to her latest album, *Running on Faith*.

Blind since birth, Schuur first learned to play piano by ear, picking out tunes on the keys with two fingers at the age of 3. "I sang to myself at night," recalls Schuur. More than a dozen albums later, the jazz great has performed around the world, including Carnegie Hall and with leading orchestras. "I plan to continue my reading of classic American song," reflects Schuur, "paying respect to celebrated writers and polishing their gems in the jazz tradition."

AN EVENING WITH

Dee Dee Bridgewater

and Bill Charlap

Sat.

FEB 11, 2023**SHOW STARTS AT 8:00 PM**

Nobody sings jazz like Dee Dee Bridgewater. Don't miss this chance to hear the Grammy and Tony Award-winning vocalist put her unique spin on standards and re-envision jazz classics.

Ever the fearless explorer, pioneer and keeper of tradition, Bridgewater fuses musical genres with each song she interprets.

An NEA Jazz Masters Fellows Award recipient, Bridgewater has sung jazz, pop and musical theater (Billie Holiday, *Lady Day*; Glinda, *The Wiz*), and is known for her wildly successful tribute to Ella Fitzgerald, *Dear Ella*. Her latest album, *Memphis... Yes, I'm Ready*, celebrates yet another aspect of her musical prowess as a top-shelf soul singer.

Jazz pianist Bill Charlap joins Bridgewater for this special performance. His mastery of the 88 keys promises to add flair to an unforgettable evening.



Jae Sinnett Quartet

featuring Symphonicity & Steve Wilson

Sat.

FEB 18, 2023**SHOW STARTS AT 8:00 PM**

Drummer, composer, arranger, educator and band leader Jae Sinnett is a jazz staple in the Hampton Roads music scene.

Between his WHRV radio show, Sinnett in Session, and live performances with his Trio and Quartet, there is no jazz without Jae! He will be joined by Virginia Beach's all-volunteer resident orchestra, Symphonicity, and saxophonist Steve Wilson.

SYMPHONICITY
DANIEL W. BOOTHE - MUSIC DIRECTOR & CONDUCTOR

Arturo Sandoval



Sat.

MAY 6, 2023
SHOW STARTS AT 8:00 PM

"This astonishing trumpeter, pianist and composer has inspired audiences in every corner of the world and awakened a new generation of great performers," said President Barack Obama of the legendary jazz musician Arturo Sandoval.

The Cuban native's decade-spanning career has earned him 10 Grammy Awards, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and countless other accolades for his musicianship and humanitarian efforts. Sandoval was a protégé of jazz trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie and is also recognized as a renowned classical artist, pianist and composer. He's recorded with many of the world's

greatest performers, from Frank Sinatra and Josh Groban to Rod Stewart and Alicia Keys. He was even portrayed by acclaimed film actor Andy Garcia in the 2000 HBO biopic *For Love or Country: The Arturo Sandoval Story*. Recognized as one of the most brilliant, multifaceted and renowned musicians of our time, this performance offers the chance to witness a living legend in an intimate, up-close-and-personal setting.



DC's
REFLECTING
FOOLS

Featuring Former Members of the Capitol Steps

Sat.

OCT 15, 2022

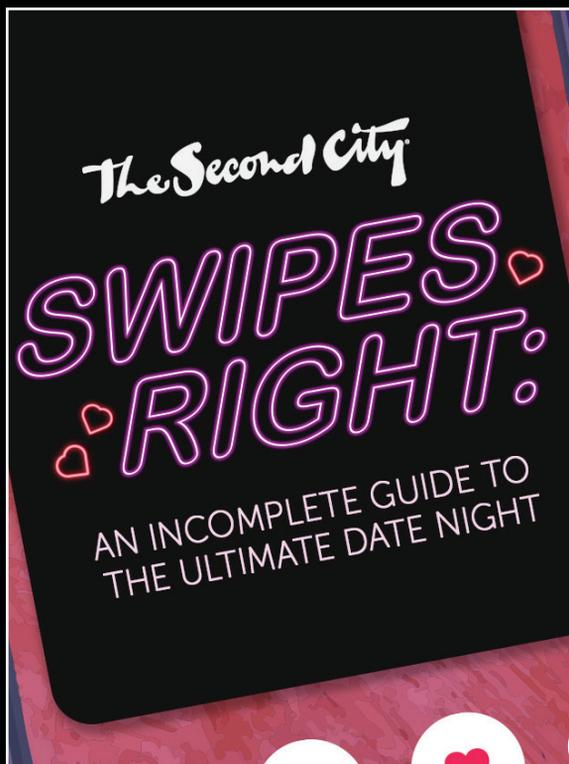
SHOW STARTS AT 8:00 PM

While with a sad heart we said goodbye to the Capitol Steps in 2021, thankfully the stairway to heavenly political satire continues upward with DC's Reflecting Fools— the new musical parody group created by the performers and co-writer from the Capitol Steps. DC's Reflecting Fools hold up a mirror to our crazy political culture, providing hilarious song parodies and foolish reflections that continue to inspire belly-laughter.

Audiences will continue to see casts from past seasons of the Capitol Steps performing all the beloved bits,

the show-ending and mind-boggling backward talking spoonerisms, break-neck costume changes, over-the-top impressions, and all-new song parodies reflecting the day's news.

So just in time for the crazy Mid Term Elections -- let's welcome some hilarious reflection! Join us for the unveiling of the next political movement in comedy sweeping the country - DC's Reflecting Fools, only at The American Theatre!



The Second City Swipes Right

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023

AT 8 PM

A new show from The Second City Touring Company! Bring your partner, lover, significant other, spouse, friend with benefits, friend with EXTRA benefits, platonic BFF, or your spectacularly single self to this brand-new experience you've been aching for. Spend a naughty 90 minutes with this caliente cast of comedians as they (consensually) annihilate everything that turns us on—and off—about love, dating, relationships, and everything else in-between the sheets!

This show is for mature audiences.



Yakov Smirnoff Happily Ever Laughter

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023

AT 8 PM

"What a country!" says legendary comedian Yakov Smirnoff. From Russia to the New York Catskills to The Comedy Store in Los Angeles, Smirnoff quickly gained fans for his lovable view of America. More than 40 years later, he still plays to sold-out crowds, delivering an optimistic message about how we're more alike than different, with plenty of laughs along the way.

Smirnoff soared to the top of the comedy world performing on "The Tonight Show" and in countless television programs and films. The best-selling author also earned a doctorate from Pepperdine University. Living a life that's as exciting as ever, Smirnoff is currently touring the country doing stand-up and even has his own theater in Branson, Missouri. With the heart of a dreamer, Smirnoff has made the impossible possible and continues to inspire others with heartfelt hilarity.



Coco Peru is Bitter, Bothered, and Beyond!

Tues.-Wed.

NOV 1-2, 2022
SHOW STARTS AT 8:00 PM

OUT
at The American
 in collaboration with
 Outwire757

After everything that's been going on in the world, Coco is ready to unleash her thoughts about the past, present and future! Yes, this exhausted dinosaur of drag is not holding back anything in her new show, *Bitter, Bothered, and Beyond*.

Miss Coco Peru (aka Clinton Leupp) has been a household name in the LGBTQ community for over 30 years. She got her start in the early 90's as a downtown favorite in the cabaret world of New York after she wrote, produced,

directed, and starred in her first show, *Miss Coco Peru in My Goddamn Cabaret*, and has since enjoyed an expansive career, ranging from intimate cabaret stages in New York and LA, to television sets in millions of living rooms. She's toured around the world, has over ten million views on YouTube and has appeared in multiple cherished films and television shows, including *Trick, To Wong Foo...*, the cult classic *Girls Will Be Girls, Will & Grace*, *How I Met Your Mother*, and *Arrested Development*.



Liz Terrell It's All Right With Me

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2023 AT 8PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023 AT 8PM

Norfolk's very own Liz Terrell brings her beguiling jazz vocals to The American Theatre's intimate cabaret space for a celebration of The American Songbook. Terrell reimagines popular songs and jazz standards made famous in the early 20th century with her signature style, commanding voice and magnetic stage presence.

Frequently performing throughout Coastal Virginia with her own ensembles and as part of the bass/voice duo, Liz & Brydge, Terrell's select song list for the Life is a Cabaret series draws inspiration from the memorable melodies and sharply-penned lyrics of our greatest songwriters, including George and Ira Gershwin, Cole Porter, Harold Arlen and others. You won't want to miss this enchanting evening of era-defining tunes featuring one of the region's most sought-after vocalists.



Desiree Roots Celebrating Nancy Wilson

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023 AT 8PM

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023 AT 3PM

Virginia native and vocal powerhouse Desiree Roots pays tribute to Nancy Wilson, one of the great female jazz and pop voices of the 20th century, in an intimate cabaret setting—just in time for Mother's Day weekend! The Grammy-winning Wilson transcended genres throughout her career, just as Roots has done on stage as a solo performer and through lead roles in hit musicals such as *Dreamgirls* and *The Color Purple*.

Roots, who wrote and starred in a centennial celebration of Ella Fitzgerald and continues to tour with the show, now finds inspiration in the renowned Wilson, who won her first Grammy for the hit song "How Glad I Am" in 1965, and 40 years later was recognized again for Best Jazz Vocal Album, *R.S.V.P.*

Don't miss this opportunity to hear one entrancing voice pay tribute to another as Desiree Roots celebrates the remarkable accomplishments of Nancy Wilson.





Hampton Roads Philharmonic

Hampton Roads Philharmonic unites members from all walks of life, brought together by a love of music. Active and retired military, music teachers, students, senior citizens, and more comprise the orchestra under the baton of music director and conductor Steven Brindle. The orchestra is proud to serve its community and continues to garner enthusiastic public acclaim.

Master Composers Fall Concert

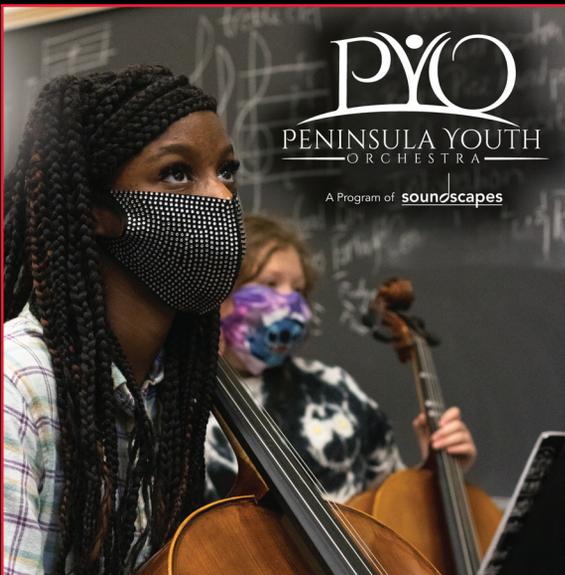
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022 AT 2:30PM

Winter Classics & Holiday Favorites

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022 AT 2:30PM

Young Artist Competition Showcase

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023 AT 2:30PM



Soundscapes / Peninsula Youth Orchestra

Peninsula Youth Orchestra is a place for musically motivated students to play and learn together. Musicians up to 25 years of age play a varied music repertoire, including classical, popular, and student-created works. In addition, PYO is conveniently located on the lower Virginia Peninsula, connecting young musicians from around Hampton Roads. As a program of Soundscapes, our conductors are trained to lead musicians in building critical thinking, collaboration, communication, creativity, and citizenship skills. *RSVP for complimentary tickets at theamericantheatre.org*

Fall Concert

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022 AT 3:00PM

Winter Concert

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023 AT 3:00PM

Spring Concert

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023 AT 3:00PM

Season 63 Finale Concert

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023 AT 3:00PM



Riddick Dance Company

Afro Funk

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022 AT 8PM

After being absent on The American Theatre stage for two years, Riddick Dance will deliver a powerful vision of contemporary dance from resident choreographer Marshall Swiney and Artistic Director David Riddick. This show will present one world premiere, *Deconstruction of the "Booty in The Groove"*, and from its repertoire, *Miss Virginia Traveling* and *David Riddick's Mindz*. All the choreography features the music of Yoruba People, New Music, and Rhythm and Blues. Come join us and experience the Afro Funk of Riddick Dance.

Sermon

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023 AT 8PM

Riddick Dance performs the world premiere of *Sermon*, a gospel music celebration in the African American tradition, which explores themes of peace of the mind and body. Through the devotional song and dance, the music of this choreography will pay homage to traditional African American gospel music.



Rocky Horror Picture Show

MONDAY, OCT 31, 2022 AT 8PM

"It's just a jump to the left and then a step to the right!" If you've never done "The Time Warp," now is your chance as the Hampton Halloween tradition returns!

Grab your fishnets and pelvic-thrust your way to The American Theatre's annual creature feature presentation of The Rocky Horror Picture Show. Audiences will time warp back to the 1970s and shimmy the night away to a screening of the cult classic film. Dress as your favorite character (Dr. Frank-N-Furter, Riff Raff or Magenta?) and dust off your gold-sequined top hat for a delightful spoof of Hollywood horror movies and Old Dark House melodramas featuring a live shadow cast performance by Fishnet Inc.

Shadow Cast Performance by
FISHNET INC



Galapagos George



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022
AT 11AM

Happy Anniversary, Lonesome George! Barefoot Puppets commemorates the discovery of one of the rarest creatures in the world. Journey to Pinta Island in the Galapagos as Barefoot Puppets tells the tale of this one-of-a-kind tortoise.

Young theatergoers will watch in wonder as George grows up among sea turtles, lizards, hungry goats, sea lions, and dancing birds with blue feet. Described by The Smithsonian as “an uplifting eco-fable,” this engaging theatrical piece shares a valuable lesson about our civilization’s impact on the environment. *Galapagos George* showcases Barefoot Puppets’ signature style with the use of both handmade and shadow puppets.



’Twas the Night Before Christmas



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2022
AT 11AM

Kick off the holidays with the charming musical adaptation of Clement Moore’s “A Visit From St. Nicholas.” It’s 1823 and Moore, along with a jubilant cast of characters, comes to life as he struggles to write a Christmas poem. Eventually, the loving and joyous images he conjures inspire the famous poem’s creation. Jolly Santa, reindeer on the roof, dancing sugarplums and other colorful characters bring this delightful story to the stage for a new generation. What better way to celebrate the season than with the giddy anticipation of Christmas morning? *A Virginia Rep on Tour production.*



New Squid on the Block

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023
AT 11AM

Barefoot Puppets returns this spring with a premier performance of *New Squid on the Block*. This fun performance celebrates creative thinking, problem-solving, friendship, and fun! Featuring penguins, a submarine, MORE PENGUINS, and a curious squid, this show takes the audience on an epic journey to Antarctica. On the way, we encounter unusual creatures in the depths of the ocean. Performed with tabletop rod-puppets, this comedic, non-verbal performance provides smiles and laughter in abundance.



The Imagination Movers

Sat.

MAR 4, 2023**SHOW STARTS AT 2:00 PM**

They're back! Audiences of all ages were captivated by the Imagination Movers' last high-energy, interactive musical performance at The American Theatre. The Emmy Award-winning group returns with its fresh take on family fun and is sure to bring smiles to all who attend.

Whether they're singing about healthy snacks, playing catch or conquering bedtime fears, the Imagination Movers deliver witty lyrics and an eclectic pop sensibility that encourage creativity and personal growth in young minds. Their acclaimed TV series ran for three seasons on Disney, and now the Imagination Movers bring their message to worldwide audiences with signature flair — don't miss your chance to get movin' with this global sensation!





Margaret Cho

COMEDY @ THE COLISEUM

Sat.

MAR 11, 2023
SHOW STARTS AT 8:00 PM

OUT
at The American
 in collaboration with
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As a trailblazing comedian, actress, musician and activist, Margaret Cho has five Grammy Award nominations and one Emmy nod for her groundbreaking work on 30 Rock.

Rolling Stone magazine named Margaret one of the 50 Best Stand-Up Comics calling her “the sort of funny, sex-positive feminist and LGBTQ activist younger comics continue to look up to.”

This new and sure-to-be dazzling series, Comedy @ The Coliseum, allows our loyal fan base at The American Theatre an opportunity to see headlining acts on a bigger stage at our sister venue, Hampton Coliseum.

**Please note: the seating chart for this show can be found at hamptoncoliseum.org. This show is for mature audiences.*

The Mystical Arts of Tibet

Personal reflection and inspiration come to life as the Tibetan monks of Drepung Loseling Monastery return to create a sand-painted mandala, which is used as a tool for re-consecrating the earth and its inhabitants. As the mandala is created and then deconstructed, the sands are then taken to the water and from there it spreads throughout the world for planetary healing.



Opening Ceremony

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022
FROM 12-6PM; CEREMONY AT 12PM

Creation of Sand Mandala

FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2022
FROM 10AM - 6PM; OPEN HOUSE

Creation of Sand Mandala

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2022
FROM 10AM - 6PM; OPEN HOUSE



Completion of Mandala and Closing Ceremony

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022
FROM 12- 2PM; CEREMONY AT 3PM



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The handsome building on the corner of Victoria Boulevard and Kecoughtan Road in downtown Hampton has been a vibrant center of learning, exploration and creativity for more than eight decades thanks to the farsighted vision of Mrs. Grace Taylor Armstrong. It was in 1925 that Mrs. Armstrong, married to a decorated soldier, Captain Matthew Armstrong, made the decision to create a living memorial to her father, General Charles H. Taylor (who was the Founder and Managing Editor of The Boston Globe).

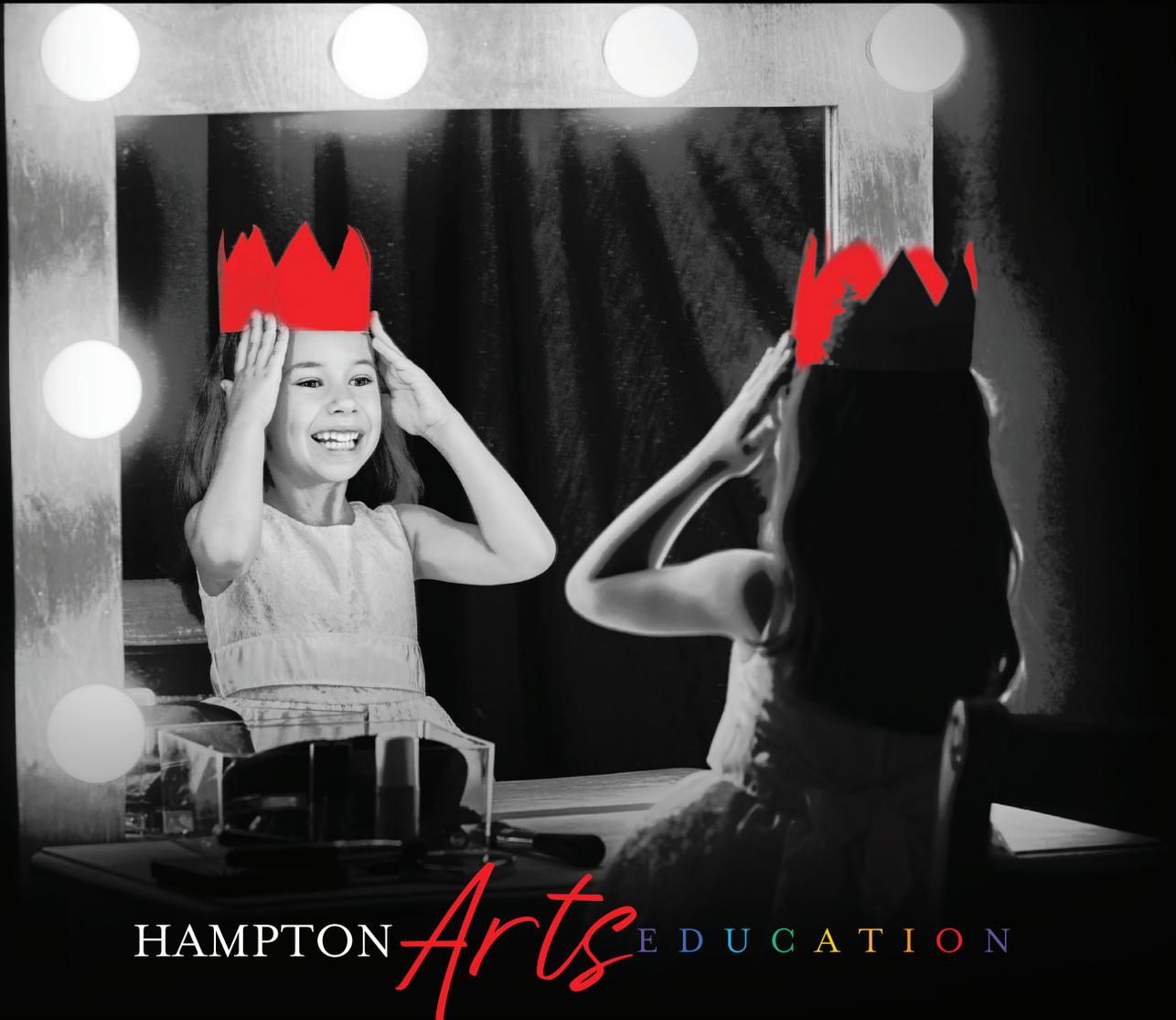
Mrs. Armstrong conveyed in trust the land and building to be known as "The Charles H. Taylor Memorial Library — for the use and benefits of the residents of Elizabeth City County, including the City of Hampton and the incorporated Towns and communities within said County." The Armstrong family was also very instrumental in the establishment and growth of Hampton University - then known as Hampton Institute. Armstrong Hall on the campus is now the home of the University's theatre department.

After time spent as the Hampton Public Library, today The Charles H. Taylor Visual Arts Center is lauded as a comprehensive arts center, which showcases the work of visual artists from throughout Coastal Virginia, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Mid-Atlantic region. It is a showcase for up-and-coming artists and their teachers in all media, the home of prestigious juried exhibitions and an ever-evolving studio program, and a host to an ongoing series of workshops, demonstrations and seminars.

We are dedicated to sharing artists from around the world and around the corner — and we have no plans of slowing down!

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HAMPTON *Arts* EDUCATION

Hampton Arts Education is committed to providing inspiring performing and visual art classes, camps, workshops and cultural events that allow each participant to own a part of the creative process. Our mission to *do more, try more, and be more* provides a framework for shaping individual artistic expression. Through the arts, we share and celebrate humanity while developing a better understanding of ourselves and the world around us.

Our **Homeschool One-Actors** program features performing arts instruction which culminates with a performance on the American Theatre stage. We are also planning some additional daytime and evening classes to introduce youth to acting, musical theatre, dance and movement classes!

While our visual and fine arts education program, **ArtWorks**, took a hiatus for a short time, we are still

planning the best ways to work with regional school districts! Our program goal is to augment the schools' visual arts curriculums with our Teaching Artists to support our region's art teachers.

Finally, we're already thinking and looking ahead to our **SummerStage Musical Theatre Institute** in 2023. We anticipate offering a host of world-class theatre experiences through a combination of arts-intensive workshops and classes with professional actors and instructors from around the world and around the corner.

Our mission at Hampton Arts Education is always to provide our citizens and audiences with exciting, diverse and dynamic outlets for artistic expression. Our creativity will have no limits – and neither will our commitment to arts education! We will continue to passionately enable you to *do more, try more, and be more!*

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FLEX PASS AND SINGLE TICKET OPTIONS AVAILABLE!

Our Flex Pass Subscription will give our patrons the ultimate in flexibility and discounts!

The American Theatre's easy-to-use Flex Pass Subscription is a great way to see the performances you want to see, when you want to see them —and save money! Flex Pass Subscriptions may be purchased for select performances in the Premier Performance, Comedy Tonight, Life is a Cabaret Series, and Jazz at the American series (see order form for a list of eligible performances).

Purchase a minimum of 8 tickets and use them for the best available seats at any performance in any combination you'd like. Split your tickets up and see multiple shows, or use all your tickets for a single show — it's up to you!

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Enjoy maximum flexibility with no-fee exchanges up to 72 hours before show time. (Subject to availability; Ticket Upcharge may apply).

TICKET ORDER FORM

1. SEATING PREFERENCE

(SEATING CHART ON PG 33.) Let us know your preferences and we will do our best to meet them. Some seat preferences including Best Available, Aisle Seats, and Main Orchestra are seated in higher price levels. Please indicate below.

- Best available
- Main Orchestra
- Balcony
- Aisle seats
- Mid Orchestra
- No Preference
- Wheelchair accessible
- Rear Orchestra

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Buy a FLEX PASS before August 1, 2022 and get the best seats before they go on sale to the General Public!

FLEX 8 Pass 8 tickets to use in any way you choose with \$5 discount per ticket

*PLEASE NOTE: Discounts cannot be applied to Family Fun Series events, Lighthouse Series events, or Margaret Cho: Comedy @ The Coliseum. Single event tickets go on sale to the general public on Monday, August 1, 2022.

PREMIER PERFORMANCE EVENTS

Date & Time	Event	# of Tickets	Price	Amount
OCTOBER 2022				
Sat. 22 8:00pm	Vegas Nights with Frankie Moreno	_____X	\$35/\$45/\$55	=\$_____
NOVEMBER 2022				
Sat. 19 8:00pm	Kathleen Turner: Finding My Voice	_____X	\$35/\$45/\$55	=\$_____
DECEMBER 2022				
Sat. 10 8:00pm	Lightwire Theater: A Very Electric Christmas	_____X	\$35/\$45/\$55	=\$_____
Sat. 17 8:00pm	Big Bad VooDoo Daddy	_____X	\$35/\$45/\$55	=\$_____
JANUARY 2023				
Fri. 27 8:00pm	The Three Musketeers	_____X	\$35/\$45/\$55	=\$_____
FEBRUARY 2023				
Sat. 25 8:00pm	Melissa Manchester	_____X	\$35/\$45/\$55	=\$_____
MARCH 2023				
Sat. 18 8:00pm	A Night with Taylor Dayne	_____X	\$35/\$45/\$55	=\$_____
JUNE 2023				
Fri. 9 8:00pm	Dailey & Vincent	_____X	\$35/\$45/\$55	=\$_____
Sat. 10 8:00pm	Steep Canyon Rangers	_____X	\$35/\$45/\$55	=\$_____
Sun. 11 3:00pm	Carbon Leaf	_____X	\$35/\$45/\$55	=\$_____
FLEX 8	I have selected 8+ tickets	# of tickets _____ X \$5	= subtract	-\$_____
A. PREMIER PERFORMANCE SUBTOTAL			\$_____	

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JAZZ AT THE AMERICAN EVENTS

Date & Time	Event	# of Tickets	Price	Amount
Sat. Nov. 12 8:00pm	Diane Schuur	_____X	\$35/\$45/\$55	=\$_____
Sat. Feb. 11 8:00pm	An Evening With Dee Dee Bridgewater	_____X	\$35/\$45/\$55	=\$_____
Sat. Feb. 18 8:00pm	Jae Sinnett Quartet featuring Symphonicity & Steve Wilson	_____X	\$35/\$45/\$55	=\$_____
Sat. May 6 8:00pm	Arturo Sandoval	_____X	\$35/\$45/\$55	=\$_____
FLEX 8	I have selected 8+ tickets	# of tickets _____ X \$5	= subtract	-\$_____
B. JAZZ AT THE AMERICAN SUBTOTAL			\$_____	

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COMEDY TONIGHT EVENTS

Date & Time	Event	# of Tickets	Price	Amount
Sat. Oct. 15 8:00pm	DC's Reflecting Fools	_____X	\$35/\$45/\$55	=\$_____
Sat. Mar. 11 8:00pm	Margaret Cho: Comedy @ The Coliseum*	_____X	\$55/\$75	=\$_____
Sat. Mar. 25 8:00pm	The Second City	_____X	\$35/\$45/\$55	=\$_____
Sat. Apr. 8 8:00pm	Yakov Smirnoff: Happily Ever Laughter	_____X	\$35/\$45/\$55	=\$_____
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C. COMEDY TONIGHT SUBTOTAL			\$_____	

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LIFE IS A CABARET EVENTS

Date & Time	Event	# of Tickets	Price	Amount
Tues. Nov. 1	8:00pm	Coco Peru is Bitter, Bothered, and Beyond!	_____X	\$45/\$65 = \$_____
Wed. Nov. 2	8:00pm	Coco Peru is Bitter, Bothered, and Beyond!	_____X	\$45/\$65 = \$_____
Fri. Jan. 20	8:00pm	Liz Terrell: It's All Right With Me	_____X	\$35/\$45 = \$_____
Sat. Jan. 21	8:00pm	Liz Terrell: It's All Right With Me	_____X	\$35/\$45 = \$_____
Sat. May 13	8:00pm	Desiree Roots: Celebrating Nancy Wilson	_____X	\$35/\$45 = \$_____
Sun. May 14	3:00pm	Desiree Roots: Celebrating Nancy Wilson	_____X	\$35/\$45 = \$_____

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D. LIFE IS A CABARET SUBTOTAL \$_____

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LIGHTHOUSE EVENTS

Date & Time	Event	# of Tickets	Price	Amount
Hampton Roads Philharmonic				
Sun. Oct. 16	2:30pm	Master Composers Fall Concert	_____X	\$20 = \$_____
Sun. Dec. 11	2:30pm	Winter Classics & Holiday Favorites	_____X	\$20 = \$_____
Sun. Mar. 12	2:30pm	Young Artists Competition Showcase	_____X	\$20 = \$_____
Riddick Dance Company				
Fri. Oct. 28	8:00pm	Afro Funk	_____X	\$25 = \$_____
Fri. Mar. 31	8:00pm	Sermon	_____X	\$25 = \$_____
Movie Nights				
Mon. Oct. 31	8:00pm	The Rocky Horror Picture Show	_____X	\$15 = \$_____

E. LIGHTHOUSE SUBTOTAL \$_____

FAMILY FUN EVENTS

Date & Time	Event	# of Tickets	Price	Amount
Sat. Nov. 5	11:00am	Galapagos George	_____X	\$10/\$15 = \$_____
Sat. Nov. 26	11:00 am	'Twas the Night Before Christmas	_____X	\$10/\$15 = \$_____
Sat. Feb. 4	11:00 am	New Squid on the Block	_____X	\$10/\$15 = \$_____
Sat. Mar. 4	2:00 pm	Imagination Movers	_____X	\$10/\$35 = \$_____

F. FAMILY FUN SUBTOTAL \$_____

GRAND TOTAL

Please check carefully to make sure you have included all of your performance totals, subtracted your discounts, and added the facility and handling fee to your Grand Total. FLEX-8 Subscriptions will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis starting Friday, July 1, 2022. Please note that any Single Ticket orders for the 2022-2023 Season will be processed starting Monday, August 1, 2022.

Premier Performance Total (Line A) \$ _____

Jazz at the American Total (Line B) \$ _____

Comedy Tonight Total (Line C) \$ _____

Life is a Cabaret Total (Line D) \$ _____

Lighthouse Total (Line E) \$ _____

Family Fun Total (Line F) \$ _____

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Total Number of Tickets X \$1.00 \$ _____

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GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

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GUEST SERVICES

 The American Theatre is accessible, meeting the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Accessible seating is available through all sales channels.

 The American Theatre is equipped with assistive listening devices.

Coat Check For your convenience, there is a self-service coat check located in the lobby. Ask an usher for the location.

Concessions For your refreshment and enjoyment, a full range of concessions and beverages are available for sale before the performances and during the intermissions. Drinks purchased in American Theatre sealable cups at the bars are permitted in the theatre.

Latecomers Latecomers will only be seated at the discretion of the house management. There are closed circuit video monitors to watch until the appropriate late seating cue.

Not Allowed Photography, videography, and sound recording is not permitted. Beverages are not allowed in the auditorium unless purchased with a branded American Theatre cup. Concessions must otherwise be consumed inside the lobby. Electronic devices must be silenced.

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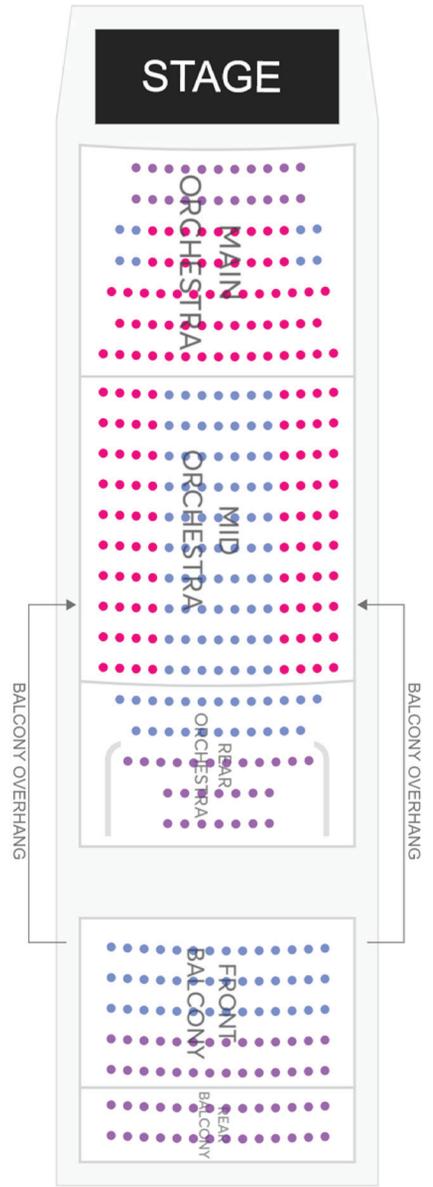
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Gift Certificates Gift certificates are available for purchase in any amount in person at The American Theatre.

Ticket Exchanges/Refunds There are no refunds or exchanges except in the event of a cancelled or rescheduled event.

Subscriptions Subscriptions can be mailed or dropped-off in person at The American Theatre Box Office. Please check our website for current Box Office hours of operation.

Single Tickets The American Theatre and Hampton Coliseum Box Offices along with Ticketmaster are the only authorized sellers of tickets to American Theatre events. Tickets can be purchased online at theamericantheatre.org, ticketmaster.com, or by phone at 1-800-745-3000. Check our website for Box Office hours. The American Theatre is not responsible for tickets purchased online or in person anywhere other than Ticketmaster or The American Theatre and Hampton Coliseum Box Offices. We will not honor, exchange or refund duplicate, counterfeit or invalid tickets.



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Thanks to the generous contributions from people like you, we're able to continue this 2022–2023 season with top-notch entertainment at The American Theatre — such as Melissa Manchester, Taylor Dayne, The Second City, Dee Dee Bridgewater and local favorites! Over at The Charles H. Taylor Visual Arts Center, visitors can look forward to Small Works, HAL Members Exhibition, and much more!

But we cannot do it without your support. Your gift supports the programs and historic venues, but you'll also be making a difference in the lives of Hampton Roads youth through our Education Programs! With your support we will continue to provide exciting programming and educational opportunities for you and your entire family.

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