

Quarter Notes Newsletter

ArtsLIVE!
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23 October 2025



We need you to join our fund drive!

The end of 2025 is approaching and ArtsLIVE! is kicking off our annual fund drive.

We have been busy planning our 2026 season and are excited about extending our three day Chamber Music Festival into a two week series of events! The three chamber concerts will be accompanied by bookend performances featuring local artists, Avery Ballet, and the Zach Smith Brass Band. We will bring you more details soon.

The Young Artist Competition finals will be held February 1 and we are thrilled to announce new prize amounts. First prize is \$1,000, second prize is \$500, and third prize is \$300. They will be awarded to the overall winners.

Our Opera in Schools program will be returning in March! We are partnering with Stafford Opera Troupe to bring "Pirates of Penzance" to four local elementary schools. Opera expresses the human condition and as a multifaceted art form

can inspire creativity, emotional development, and critical thinking.

We thank all of you for supporting ArtsLIVE! Since 1988 we have strived to bring outstanding artists to our area and celebrate our local talent. As we look to 2026, we need your donations to ensure we continue the programs you love and expand our offerings.

You can give as much or as little as you like. Every dollar helps us continue to serve our community.

Benefits of donating:

- Advance notice of all ArtsLIVE! events.
- Reserved seats at Chamber for any donor.
- Name listed in all programs.
- Six free tickets to Chamber for donations above \$499.

[To donate click here!](#)

You can mail a check to:
ArtsLIVE!
P.O. Box 7816
Fredericksburg, VA 22404

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you can expect:

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Or set up a Legacy Endowment with the Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region.
cfrrr.org/plan



Arts in Motion serving Wounded Warriors

As part of our Arts in Motion program our Vice-President, Debbie Tripp, recently gave a music therapy presentation to a local Wounded Warrior group. They learned about the history and the parts of the ukulele, how to hold and strum, and how to tune. They also learned finger numbers and four chords. Song sheets with lyrics and chords for the songs "Stand by Me", "Country Roads" and "Amazing Grace" were provided and a list of resources was offered. By the end of the evening, we sang and played "Stand by Me", "Amazing Grace" and "Happy Birthday".

Kala Brand Music donated 12 tenor ukuleles for the event. At the end of the session we had a drawing and 12 very happy warriors won a ukulele to take home. Thank you Kala!

Music therapy improves physical, emotional, and cognitive well-being and has a wide range of benefits. This is a great example of what Arts in Motion can do for our community!



Board Spotlight: Deborah Tripp

Deborah Tripp has been an ArtsLIVE! board member for 18 years and is currently serving as Vice-President. Her father was a music teacher in Weston, Connecticut. She grew up watching him teach and attended his high school concerts and Off-Broadway productions. She also visited NYC often for operas, concerts, and other shows. It was this rich, early exposure that led to her interest in taking violin and piano lessons and ultimately pursuing a career in music.

As a teacher, Debbie had the great fortune to work with thousands of public school students using music as a tool for developing beauty and expression. It was a great professional joy!

"I appreciate our musical friends and audience members so much and hope to see you at our many performing arts offerings this 2025-2026 season! We need your generous financial gifts and investments of time and resources to make the seasons' plans come to fruition. ArtsLIVE! has great plans in store for the 37th season; please plan to enjoy these performances with us!"

Trivia Corner

The most expensive opera costume of all time was worn by Adelina Patti at Covent Garden in 1895. It was worth over £15 million.

The Japanese word 'Karaoke' comes from a phrase meaning "empty orchestra".

2025 Board Updates

Treasurer

Christian Moore

New Board Members

André Rascoe

Natalie Rascoe

Upcoming Community Events

For more information you can find these events on Facebook

MONTHLY BENEFIT CONCERT SERIES

Special Performances:
Matt Little, David Bronston,
Barbara Fairfax, Voices

Date & Time:
Friday October 24th, 2025
7:00pm

Location:
Hillcrest UMC 2208 Lafayette Blvd.
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Join us as we celebrate the work of...

PROVISIONS THRIFT STORE MINISTRY

OYSTOBERFEST AT THE PORT

Date Change!

OCTOBER 25&26

12-6

PORT/BEER GARDEN
BEER/OYSTERS-OUTSIDE
SHUCKING/CRAFTS/MUSIC

Fredericksburg Hauntings Lake Anna Blooms
Friends of Rappahannock FXBG Area Museum

Join Us for

FAM FAIRE

Holiday Markets +

DECEMBER 13, 2025
FROM 10:00 AM TO 4:30 PM
MARKET SQUARE

MUSIC, FOOD & GIFTS

cyt Presents

THE WIZARD of Oz

Spotsylvania High School
6975 Courthouse Road
Spotsylvania, VA 22551

Nov 7-7pm
Nov 8 2pm & 7pm
Nov 9 3pm
Nov 14 7pm
Nov 15 2pm & 7pm
Nov 16 3pm

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2025 Christmas Parade

FREDERICKSBURG, VA

Saturday, December 6, 5:30 pm

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1230 WFLA