

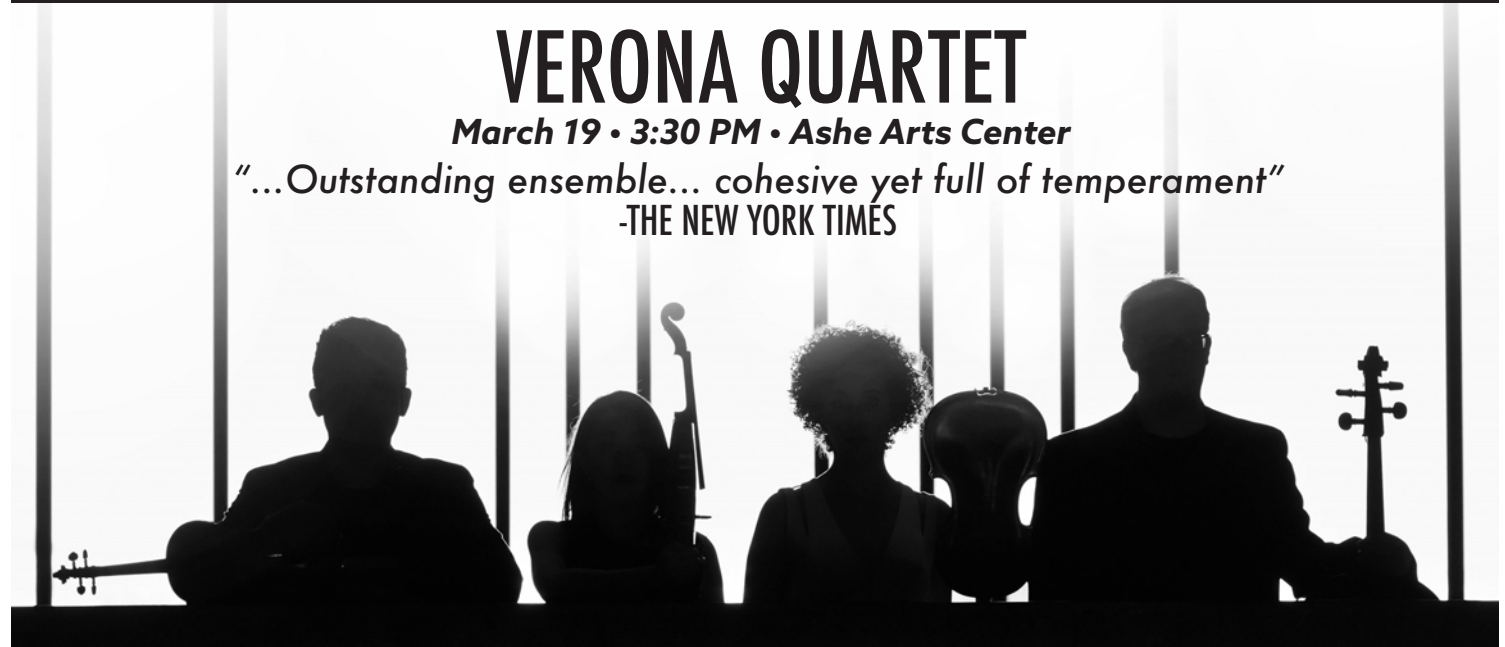
# ARTS / DATES

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## VERONA QUARTET

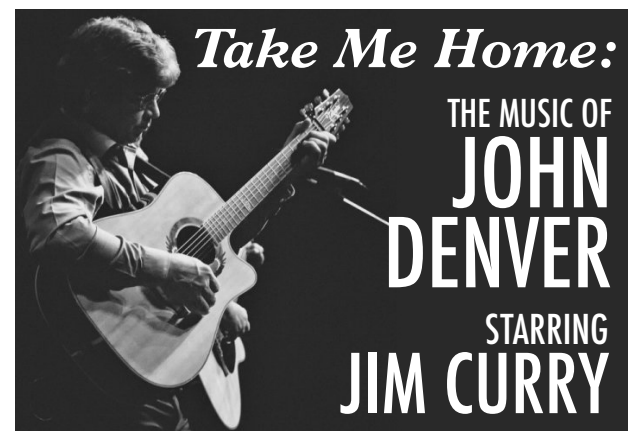
**March 19 • 3:30 PM • Ashe Arts Center**

*"...Outstanding ensemble... cohesive yet full of temperament"*  
-THE NEW YORK TIMES



A string quartet for the 21st century, **the Verona Quartet will visit Ashe County for a performance at the Ashe Art Center on Sunday, March 19th at 3:30 pm.**

The Verona Quartet has firmly established itself amongst the most distinguished ensembles on the chamber music scene today. The group's singular sense of purpose most recently earned them Chamber Music America's coveted 2020 Cleveland Quartet Award. The Quartet serves on the faculty of the Oberlin College and Conservatory as the Quartet-in-Residence, in addition to holding residences at the Lunenburg Academy of Music Performance, Indiana University Summer String Academy and North Carolina's Chamber Orchestra of the Triangle. **This performance is part of the Ed Perzel Chamber Music Series. Tickets: \$18.50 Adult | \$7.50 Student**



**MAY 11 • 7:30 PM • Ashe Civic Center**  
**Tickets: Adult \$25.00 | Student \$7:50**

The music of the late John Denver is like an old friend, outlasting trends and standing the test of time. Join acclaimed performer Jim Curry for this tribute to the music of one of the most beloved singer/songwriters ever to grace the stage.

Tribute artist Jim Curry, whose voice was heard in the CBS-TV movie *Take Me Home: The John Denver Story*, has performed Denver's music in sold out shows throughout the country and has emerged as today's top performer of Denver's vast legacy of multi-platinum hits.

Jim's uncanny ability to mirror John's voice and clean-cut look takes you back to the time when "Rocky Mountain High" "Sunshine" "Calypso" and "Annie's Song" topped the charts, and his popular music had the heartfelt message of caring for the earth and each other.

## LIVE MUSIC

### CORNBREAD AND TORTILLAS

March 24, 7:30 pm, Ashe Civic Center

Tickets: \$18.50 Adult | \$7.50 Student

Genre: Roots Music



The Cornbread & Tortillas artist collective visits Ashe Civic Center to present their signature show. The show is in English and Spanish devised from the stories of the artists, whose cultural heritages span from Appalachia to Nicaragua, Mexico, Guatemala, Greece, and Ecuador. You will see lots of instruments including banjo, fiddle, mandolin, Andean flutes, charango, congas and cajon, as well as mountain-style flatfooting and percussive Ballet Folklórico styles from Mexico. Music, dance and stories from throughout the Americas weave together a narrative with central themes of family, identity, work, love and art, highlighting our similarities and differences as human beings and building cultural bridges.

### Bilingual Singalong

March 23, 7:00 pm, Ashe Arts Center

We invite the community to join us for a Bilingual Singalong at the Ashe Arts Center with members of Cornbread & Tortillas Artist Collective! Free & open to the public.

Cornbread & Tortillas is a collective of Appalachian and Latino artists whose mission is to build community by sharing art, music, dance, and cultural heritage. Through outreach events, educational shows, workshops, and performances we celebrate our similarities and differences to create unity in a diverse world. During their residency, they will engage in educational performances and workshops in Ashe County Public Schools.

This presentation is funded, in part, by a grant from South Arts in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the North Carolina Arts Council.

[www.AsheCountyArts.org](http://www.AsheCountyArts.org)

### ED PERZEL CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

April 16, 2:00 pm, Ashe Arts Center

Tickets: \$18.50 Adult | \$7.50 Student

Genre: Classical



The Ed Perzel Chamber Music Series finishes the season with a student ensemble from Appalachian State University's Hayes School of Music. This concert is designed to recognize young classical musicians in our region and give our audience an opportunity to hear them perform. Join us for a Sunday afternoon at the Ashe Arts Center to enjoy the future of classical music.

### SONGWRITERS IN CONCERT

April 22, 7:30 pm, Ashe Civic Center

Tickets: \$20.00 Adult | \$7.50 Student

Genres: Folk, Bluegrass, Country



Tom Paxton, GRAMMY Lifetime Achievement Award Winner, joins GRAMMY Award winners Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer and Bernard Ebb Songwriting Contest winner Crys Matthews in concert. Three generations of songwriting royalty share the stage with their hits, their current work and collaborations, showcasing a wide spectrum of new songs in concert.

Tom Paxton was one of the original songwriters in the 60's folk boom, writing songs that everyone from Pete Seeger to Dolly Parton to Johnny Cash recorded. Cathy & Marcy's music straddles between traditional folk and Appalachian styles along with western swing, country and bluegrass. Crys Matthews is a social justice warrior, writing and singing anthems for our times.

## VISUAL ARTS / ARTS IN EDUCATION

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### IN THE GALLERY



### CALLING THE YOUNG AT ART

The Arts Council's annual exhibit of student artwork, **YOUNG AT ART**, will be held March 16 through April 23 in the Gallery of the Ashe Arts Center. This exhibit is open to all youth in Ashe County ages 5 to 18. It is non-competitive. Work must be wired and ready to hang, and three-dimensional work must be easily installed. Works may be for sale.

Works should be delivered to the Arts Center from 9 am until 5 pm Monday, March 13. Start now saving that favorite piece of art and prepare it for the exhibit! Information and application forms are available through the schools or at the Arts Center.

The opening reception for the artists will be held from 5 to 7 pm on Friday, March 16. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit the show, meet the artists, and support our young people.

### UPCOMING GALLERY EXHIBITS

Visit Ashe Arts Center to see monthly exhibits featuring regional artists!

#### THROUGH THE CAMERA'S EYE

April 26 - May 29

Reception: April 28, 5 pm - 7 pm

Regional photography, any subject matter.

#### MOUNTAINS TO SEA

June 1 - July 2

Reception: June 9, 5 pm - 7 pm

Artworks of any medium featuring subjects from the Mountains to Sea Trail. It's the "Year of the Trail" in North Carolina!

Are you a local artist interested in exhibiting your work? Many of our exhibitions are open to submissions. Contact us to find out more!

## SPRING FEST

Saturday, April 1, 2023

This Ashe County Arts Council tradition has entertained, inspired and enriched many children in Ashe County for over 30 years and will continue **Saturday, April 1, at the Early Learning Center** (old West Jefferson School Gym) from 10am - 2pm. **This event is free and open to the public.**

Spring Fest will feature more than **two dozen hands-on art activities for children of all ages**, including a clay station, face painting and more. The JAM students will perform along with the Professor Whizzpop Magic Show.

Spring Fest would not be complete without the food, and this year's festival will include pizza, cookies, and drinks. There will be a nominal charge of \$5 to silkscreen a T-shirt with the festival logo designed by Katherine Greene.

In conjunction with Spring Fest, **Very Special Arts will take place on Friday, March 31.** Ashe County's students will enjoy music, entertainment, face painting, balloons, T-shirt silk screening and a variety of hands-on activities, such as clay sculpture, printmaking, and fabric art.

Spring Fest will utilize more than 100 volunteers. If interested in volunteering, call the Ashe County Arts Council at (336) 846-2787.



Very Special Arts and Spring Fest are funded, in part, by a grant from the Grassroots Arts Program from the North Carolina Arts Council, a state agency and sponsored by the Ashe County Arts Council. Special thanks to LifeStore Bank & Insurance for their sponsorship of Spring Fest 2023.

### APPALACHIAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATRE VISITS ASHE CIVIC CENTER

APRIL 29, 2 PM • \$DOLLAR DAYS\$

Presenting *One Hundred Dresses*, Applachian Young People's Theatre is a perfect family outing! Bring your kids to enjoy live theatre. \$1 ticket at the door.



End of the Semester Concert  
May 4, 6 pm • Ashe Civic Center



## SPECIAL EVENTS

[www.AsheCountyArts.org](http://www.AsheCountyArts.org)



### OLA BELLE REED SONG WRITER'S RETREAT

The Ashe County Arts Council is pleased to present a weekend retreat of songwriting, making music, and celebrating the work of Ola Belle Reed with the Ola Belle Reed Song Writer's Retreat. **The workshops will be held at the Ashe Civic Center Friday, April 21 through Sunday, April 23. The Retreat is open to songwriters of all genres and styles, and all accompaniment**

**instruments are welcomed.** An afternoon concert that features the songwriting material of the retreat participants will begin at 3:30 pm on Sunday, April 23. Free and open to the public, find more information on our website.



#### REGISTRATION

**\$375 Adult  
\$150 Student**

*Workshop space is limited;  
early registration is encouraged.  
Limited partial scholarships  
are available. Contact [info@ashecountyarts.org](mailto:info@ashecountyarts.org) for more info.*

Instructors **Cathy Fink, Crys Matthews and Tom Paxton** bring a wealth of experience in performing, teaching, and songwriting. The goals of the Retreat are to honor Ola Belle Reed as a songwriter, storyteller and humanist who used her craft to build community and love, to connect traditional music and story to contemporary songwriting that builds on that tradition, and teaching songwriting with intention.

#### MUSIC FEST FOR VETS

**May 20, 12 - 3 PM, Ashe Civic Center**

Join your family, friends, and neighbors in honoring Ashe County veterans while enjoying an afternoon of music provided by local musicians at the Ashe Civic Center. Admission: \$10 at the door. Ticket sales benefit the Fishers Houses at Ft. Bragg and Camp LeJeune. Sponsored by the New River Chapter / Military Officers Association of America.

#### ASHE COMMUNITY SINGERS CONCERT

**May 20, 7:30 PM, Ashe Civic Center**

Get ready to celebrate springtime with a special concert presented by the Ashe Community Singers at the Ashe Civic Center. The repertoire will be a mix of classical, contemporary, sacred and popular music. The chorus is under the direction of Bob Zahner with accompanist Sylvia Zahner. The event will be free and open to the public. Donations are accepted.



#### WORDKEEPERS

**April 29, 4:00 PM, Ashe Arts Center**

Writers share their latest prose and poetry works in five-minute open microphone time slots. Join us at 3:30 pm for live music and light refreshments. Wordkeepers is free and open to the public. Writers interested in reading from their work should email Diana Renfro at [renfroiana@msn.com](mailto:renfroiana@msn.com) to receive guidelines for reading.



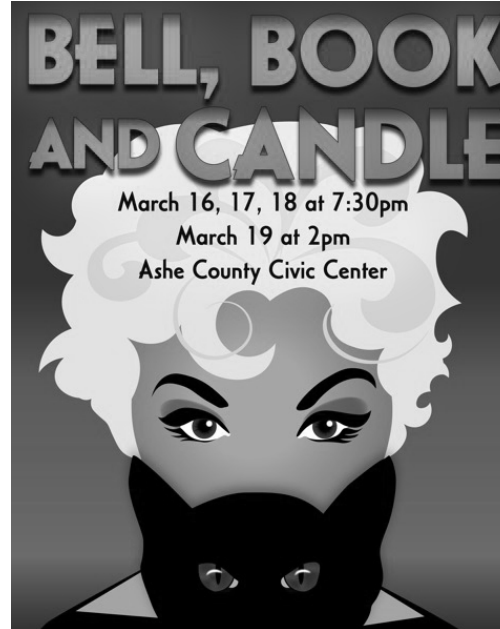
#### NIGHT OF THE SPOKEN WORD

**May 27, 7:30 PM, Ashe Arts Center**

An evening of poetry and prose readings by Ashe County's favorite writers will be held at the Ashe Arts Center featuring local writers sharing their favorite selections of original poetry or prose. Ashe County has an abundance of creative writers, and the Arts Council is pleased to offer them a forum to display their talents. Admission by donation.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

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### ASHE COUNTY LITTLE THEATRE PRESENTS

**BELL, BOOK AND CANDLE**  
March 16 - 19 • Ashe Civic Center  
Tickets available online at  
[www.ashecountylittletheatre.org](http://www.ashecountylittletheatre.org)  
or call 336-846-2787

### ARTifacts



#### Spring Cleaning??

Tax-Deductible  
Yard Sale Donations  
gratefully accepted at the  
Early Learning Center  
May 17: 12 - 5 pm  
May 18: 10 am - 5 pm  
May 19: 10 am - 5 pm

**For more info:**  
[info@ashecountyarts.org](mailto:info@ashecountyarts.org)  
Call 336-846-2787

**Help support the arts... and get some great bargains too!**

**Early Learning Center  
(Old West Jefferson School)  
Saturday, May 20  
9 am - 1 pm**

#### Preview Party!

Friday, May 19, 7-9 pm  
Get the best before the rest!  
Admission: \$5

The Annual ARTifacts Yard Sale will be May 17-20 at the Early Learning Center in West Jefferson. We will be collecting donations on Wednesday-Friday. Save your stuff! Gently used items only, please. No broken items, magazines, books, or large equipment, (mowers, etc). We are looking for volunteers to help with the collections, pricing and sorting. Please contact us if you are interested in lending a hand!

## SAVE THE DATE



**MAY 29 - JUNE 11**

The online Auction for the Arts is a fun way to support the arts! With local artwork, fun experiences and more, there's something for everyone to bid on! Information on our website.



**JULY 28 - 29**

Traditional music comes alive at the Fiddlers Convention! A weekend full of jamming, workshops, performance, competition and more at Ashe Park.



**AUGUST 5 - 6**

Enjoy beautiful country drives as you visit local artists in their studios! Featuring up to twenty studios with mediums ranging from painting to sculpture.



FUND DRIVE

The Ashe County Arts Council exists to enrich the cultural life of Ashe County by nurturing and supporting the arts. Your contribution is an investment in the future of your community. Our 2022-2023 Fund Drive continues with lots of community support. The Ashe County Arts Council is grateful to the business and individual contributors who make our programs possible.  
These donations were made between July 1, 2022 and February 9, 2023.  
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