



FEBRUARY 2022

# THE STRAND THEATRE

ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH PERFORMANCE

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE THEATRE

**Moundsville's Got Talent Auditions** digital auditions due via YouTube Feb. 1 and live auditions at theatre on Feb. 8, 6:30-8pm

**Ron Retzer Trio: A Strand of Love** Feb. 12, 7pm, Admission \$15

**Mysterious WV featuring Sean McCracken**, Feb. 19, 4pm, Admission \$10,

**Bridges Concert** Feb 26, 7pm, Admission \$10 beginning 2.1.22

**Moundsville's Got Talent Performance** March 12, 7pm, Admission: students \$10 and adults \$12, 5 & under FREE

**Seniors Encompassing the Arts Phase 1 PAINTING** March 1, 8, 15, 6:30-7:30pm, FREE, must register to participate

**Seniors Encompassing the Arts Phase 2 CREATIVE WRITING** March 22, 29, April 5, 6:30-7:30pm, FREE, must register to participate

## MOUNDSVILLE'S GOT TALENT AUDITIONS

Do you have a talent you would like to share? Plans for the second annual *Moundsville's Got Talent* competition are underway! In the style of America's Got Talent, several different acts (chosen from a screened audition process) will perform for a panel of three qualified judges during a live performance on Saturday, March 12.

Auditions for the show will be held on Tuesday, February 8 from 6:30-8pm at the Strand Theatre. All walk-in acts are welcome-singing, dancing, standup comedy,-whatever you want to share with the world! You may also submit your audition digitally. The deadline for video submissions is February 1. Each act should not exceed five minutes. From auditions, we will choose up to ten acts to perform in the show. To set up an audition time or to submit a video audition, email Kelley Bidka at progdirector@strandtheatrewv.com. Video submissions are due by 11:59pm on Tuesday, February 1.

Those selected will perform for the show on March 14 at 7pm. Every performer will perform once, and from there our three judges will determine the top three. Those three performers will present a second act to determine who will be awarded first, second, and third prize. First place will win \$300, second place will win \$200, and third place will win \$100. Price for admission to the show is \$12 Adults and \$10 students.

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*Special thanks to our Moundsville's Got Talent Prize Sponsors:  
First Prize-The City of Moundsville Arts and Culture Commission  
Second Prize-GreenTab  
Third Prize-The DeWitt Family*

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## MYSTERIOUS WEST VIRGINIA FEATURING SEAN MCCRACKEN

The Marshall County Historical Society presents *Mysterious West Virginia* to the public on Saturday, February 19 at 4pm. The program will feature Sean McCracken, who is the producer, director, writer and on-air personality of a West



Virginia based true crime YouTube channel better known as *MysteriousWV*. McCracken's channel highlights homicides, missing persons and unidentified remains in West Virginia and neighboring states. His presentation will explain his "process" of researching cold cases with added emphasis on two Marshall County unsolved murders. Admission is \$10. Tickets will be available at the door.

## ENCOMPASSING THE ARTS FOR SENIORS

The Strand Theatre is proud to present a slate of classes geared toward seniors! All of the classes will meet at the theatre on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm. There is no cost to participate. Participants may opt to register for only one phase or for all four specialized phases. Read the descriptions below to learn more about each class. On May 24, class participants from all phases will gather to share their newly found knowledge in a culminating **SHOWCASE OF TALENTS**. Register online at [strandtheatre.wv.com/events](http://strandtheatre.wv.com/events) or by calling the Senior Citizens Center at 304.845.8200.

**PAINTING (phase 1)** March 1, 8, and 15 (This class is limited to 18 participants) Ruth Keim, Sherrard Middle School Art Teacher, will lead her class in creating a unique landscape painting using one-point perspective. From the initial pencil sketch to the final acrylic painting, the students will gain understanding of process as well as learn how to create background colors, add detail and shading. The course goal is to encourage visual art as a form of self-expression.

**CREATIVE WRITING (phase 2)** March 22, 29, April 5 (no participation limit) Jonna Kusky, John Marshall High School AP Teacher, will guide her class in writing, assisting each person in developing their story telling style. Participants will seek inspiration by reading and discussing mentor texts in a variety of mediums, recognizing patterns and plot structures of mentor texts, brainstorming and freewriting to generate story ideas, designing a plot structure for their story, labeling their plot structure, creating an extended moment at the climax of their story, traveling through creative stations to improve their story, learning ways to publish their story for others to enjoy, and finding ways to continue writing. The course goal will be for participants to have produced at least one text that tells a story of personal significance.

**IMPROVISATION (phase 3)** April 12, 19, 26 (no participation limit) Micah Underwood, local actor, director, and youth theatre instructor will lead participants in the art of improvisation. Participants will learn and exercise skills in character creation, storytelling, and creativity through short-form improvisation. Improv offers a low-pressure forum for participants to explore theatre skills and have fun in a casual, social environment. During the culminating event, participants will take suggestions from the audience to guide their improv games. The course goal is to provide a low-pressure forum for participants to explore theatre skills, have a creative outlet for self-expression and have fun in a casual, social environment.

**RHYTHM IN MUSIC (phase 4)** May 3, 10, 17 (no participation limit) Jason Birch, Sherrard Middle School Band Director, will lead the class in a foundation in understanding the significance of rhythm in music. Participants will become familiar with the bass and tone of drums, perform on instruments, improvise accompaniments, and analyze/evaluate performances. The course goal will be to understand the significance of rhythm in music and its relation to history and culture.

**SHOWCASE OF TALENTS**– May 24 Class participants from all phases will gather to share their newly found knowledge in a culminating showcase.

## RON RETZER TRIO-A STRAND OF LOVE

**A Strand of Love**, a Valentine Concert featuring the Ron Retzer Trio, will be held on Saturday, February 12th, at 7pm at the historic Strand Theatre. The concert will include multiple genres of your favorite love songs from several decades. The price for admission is \$15.

Ron Retzer is an outstanding pianist known as “The Voice of the Ohio Valley.” He has performed with numerous stars on the Jamboree for over 25 years. Ron teamed up with Jennifer Galownia and Bob Wolfe to create The Ron Retzer Trio. Jen's melodic, smooth sound and Bob's strong, country voice combined with Ron's talents create not only a trio of perfect harmony, but three unique soloists.

Doors will open at 6pm. [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase tickets online. Tickets will also be available at the door. Contact Bob Wolfe (304-281-9104) or Amber Wolfe (304-281-9637) for more information.

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