



14 Cantore: Cantore, Latin for “singers,” is ten men who love to sing. Its members come from many walks of life. Their common bond is making good a cappella music. Their repertoire draws from a variety of styles and traditions, from standard religious



choral works, to folk, international, bluegrass gospel, and barbershop. A must hear for persons who love good a cappella music.



3 Ted and Ingrid: Ted Swartz and Ingrid De Sanctis will perform *Love Stuff—Stuff About Love*, a theatrical exploration of human foibles around the themes of love and romance. What goes right, but mostly what goes wrong. Ted and Ingrid will poke fun at almost everyone, but especially themselves. A smattering of original scenes, monologues and stories that will make you laugh until you cry, or cry until you laugh. Ted Swartz, founder of Ted & Company, has been writing and performing new plays with a number of other artists.



Ted lives in Harrisonburg and has performed for many churches and organizations throughout the valley, especially, Harrisonburg.



3 Abbey Road:...The Ultimate Rock and Roll Party Band!..The audience will be on its feet! With precise musical detail, exceptional vocals and harmonies, vintage and replica instruments and whimsical crowd interaction...Abbey Road is truly cross-generational appealing to fans from 7 to 70. Not a typical tribute band!...Abbey Road is much more fun than that!

16 Brian Bence has been performing magic for over 20 years in the Valley and beyond. Utilizing illusion, sleight of hand, and comedy Brian has delighted children and adults of all ages in many different venues. Brian can create a magical memory that is sure to last. “*The Magic of Brian Bence*” always leaves those in attendance with a sense of wonder and amazement that many have forgotten since childhood. Brian enjoys interacting with each audience and creating a unique performance just for them!

THE MAGIC OF BRIAN BENCE

16 Nonesuch: Performing 13th to 19th century songs and tunes from Europe and North America on a wide array of ancient to modern instruments, Nonesuch explores our musical heritage with their own take on the music of the past. From a 14th century French court dance, to a Scottish ballad, to an Old-time reel or a Cajun two-step you never know what (or when, or where) is coming next from Nonesuch .

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Jessica Crawford, solo artist singing inspirational folk/soul music. Jessica was featured in an article in the [Around Harrisonburg Magazine](#), June, 2011. Jessica Crawford has been on a mission to share "hopeful music from the heart" that has led her from the Shenandoah Valley to her new home in Nashville, Tennessee



where she'll be living as a musician and missionary in 2012. Jessica and drummer, Zach Koops, will perform an eclectic mix of original songs from "Shine", her first solo CD in addition to some brand new tunes and a few covers.

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The Dreamtime Project shares music

and myths from around the world incorporating world music instruments, and storytelling in a way that is educational, inspirational, and most importantly, fun! African drumming, Australian didgeridoo, Native American flute, and folktales are woven together with themes of unity, diversity, and a great reverence for the environment. As well as learning about the colorful and vibrant cultures of our world, participants learn skills such as cooperation, leadership, self expression, and team building skills.



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Tobini Magic is the culmination of years being in the public eye, entertaining in various ways from theatre to music groups.

Tobini has a passion for Magic. Delving into the various areas of this beautiful art form, he has been able to entertain people of all ages. Always maintaining a professional atmosphere with a sharp sense of humor, Tobini brings a sense of wonder and intrigue to First Night. Tobini is currently the President of the local chapter of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring 320.



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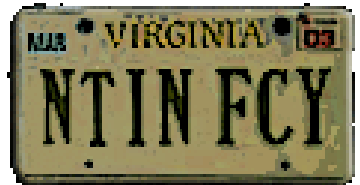
The **Shenandoah Contemporary Dance Theatre**, the resident youth

modern dance performing troupe of **Dance & Company** will be performing in their Main St. studio space. The dance company uses the New Year's date to present its new touring repertoire. The dances comprising SCDT's new repertory represent a slight departure from what audiences have found in the past. Although the SCDT is a modern dance company, this fall the company will partner with The Shenandoah Valley Youth Orchestra. For First Night, SCDT dancers will perform, Russian, Sugar Plum Fairy, Chinese, and Waltz of the Flowers variations.

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Nothin' Fancy was formed as a bluegrass band in September 1994 and that year compete

in the East Coast Bluegrass Championship in Crimora, Virginia. Since their auspicious debut, they have grown in popularity, released 8 full length albums and one CD single, played the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, the Lincoln Center in New York City, the Birchmere in Alexandria VA, and have hosted their own festival in Buena Vista, VA since 2001. Nothin' Fancy won SPBGMA's "Entertaining Group of the Year" three consecutive years (2008, 2009, 2010) in a row.





9 Blue O'Connell, based in Charlottesville, Virginia, is a uniquely compelling singer, songwriter and guitarist. A warm and engaging performer, her repertoire spans all genres and all ages. She is likely to play a song you know and welcomes all to sing along. Her own compositions have a universal & timeless appeal. Those who choose to experience her in concert always come



away feeling inspired. She is also a certified music practitioner employed at the University of Virginia hospital. In addition, she works with young adults with developmental disabilities and elderly.

13 No Strings Attached: No Strings Attached is a Harrisonburg-based improv comedy troupe that performs for fun and for charity. They have seven members



all with a wide variety of backgrounds and of varying impressions of reality, or lack thereof. They act, sing, and they make their audience laugh. They are always working on new ways to entertain both their audiences as well as themselves.

5 Little Walter and the Convictions:

This is a 60s band playing music with passion, conviction and power of vintage rock'n'roll. Good fortune brought the five together in 2010, when they discovered that the power and passion of rock'n'roll music inspired them and held a spell over them. It was like renewing a romance with the love of their lives. They've been playing 60s music with conviction. From the Animals to the Zombies, they're recreating the music that made rock'n'roll magic.



8 Dancing with Karen: Discover the fun of social dance! Enjoy "Sock

Hop" dancing to your favorite music from the 50' and 60's from 6:30—8:00 PM with mini swing lessons for beginners at 6:30, 7:00, & 7:30.



2 Scott Christopher Murray is an accomplished singer/songwriter and a veteran of the acoustic music scene. Raised in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, Scott grew up absorbing its rich story-telling tradition and Appalachian music legacy. His first album "The Old Man Dreams," a collection of original material, was a regional success. His songs are a moment in time, snapshots taken late nights in living rooms, warehouses and studios all across Nashville. It has always been Scott's desire to tell stories and paint pictures with the words and music he writes. These short stories are from his heart and hands.

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The Clymer Kurtz Band, a folk rock group made up of Aaron Boggs, Christopher Clymer Kurtz, Maria Clymer Kurtz, Craig Zook. Their eclectic backgrounds--classical and jazz training, bluegrass radio, Mennonite hymns, and rock



harmonies--brings a dynamic variety to original and cover songs performed at coffee houses, farmers markets, church gatherings, restaurants, community centers, weddings, and house concerts. The Clymer Kurtz Band is well known in and around Rockingham County, Virginia.



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Everyday People is an 8 piece band with a full horn section whose repertoire boasts an eclectic mix of music. Focusing on old school Soul, Rhythm and Blues and Funk the band also has Rock, Swing and some New Orleans tunes in it's bag of tricks. Arrangements to some of the rock songs are written by the trombone player so you will not hear a horn section on The Immigrant Song or Jimi Hendrix anywhere but here! Couple the horns with a tight rhythm section and dynamic duo of male and female vocals up front and you have a can't miss formula for a great time!



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kat and the traveler/s: Est. 2005. Travlin' across a spectrum of musical styles, kat & the traveler/s meet at the crossroads of blues & jazz...mixing originals with a traditional and contemporary jazz-blues songbook...and sometimes turning down the side roads...putting our paint on blues-laced folk, rock, gospel, & swing. They play venues as a duo, trio, quartet, as well as a larger band, acoustic or electric, often including bass, lead guitar, blues harp, percussion, keyboards and more.

OTHER ENTERTAINMENT:

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Downtown Music 34

1. **Brigades** - rock dance band—6:30 to 7:45
2. **Forgetting Fera** - rock dance band—8:15 to 9:30
3. **Help Wanted** - rock dance band—10:00 to 11:30

PLUS

- There will always be something going on around Court Square's Main Stage: continuous entertainment with the DJ and other talent for you to enjoy - improv, magicians, dancing etc.
- Kettle corn will be available on the square. Also, remember to patronize downtown restaurants. Many will feature 'express' takeouts.