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We are imagining the possibilities here at the Renaissance Centre and hope that 2019 will prove to be our best year yet!

Dust off your platform shoes as our production line-up begins in February with **Death By Disco**, a murder mystery dinner that is sure to keep you guessing and dying with laughter! Pun intended.

Forest Moon Theater (Wake Forest's Community Theater) will continue their season with the powerful youth drama



I Never Saw Another Butterfly. This historic and educational production takes place at the height of Hitler's campaign to rid the world of Jews. It's a story about children who bring light to the dark and love to a place surrounded by hate. FMT will finish their season with a comedy called Vanya, Sonia, Masha and Spike. Also in February, at the Alston-Massenburg Centre, Bright Star Theatre will present The Struggle for Freedom: The Life of Dr. King. This free show is a part of our Arts for All Series made possible with funding from the United Arts Council of Raleigh & Wake County.

Mark your calendars for a cinematic tour de force—the debut of the **Wake Forest Film Festival!** Global, local, professional, and amateur film directors submitted movies for us to consider. Some movies warmed our hearts while others made us shake our heads. This film festival is a haven for those who enjoy independent and creative cinema. Be prepared to dress up and walk the red carpet for the opening reception.

April and May will be full of soul and the South. Don't miss **GRITS** (**Girls Raised in the South**) **the Musical**. This dinner theatre play is based on the book *Friends are Forevah* by Deborah Ford. It's four women, four generations and four different views. It's country music, jazz tunes and toe tappin' rock, all perfect for a girls night out. Also, get ready for **Rissi Palmer** as she performs her "Southern Soul" music on the RC stage. Rissi is an American country music artist whose single "Country Girl" made her the first African-American woman to chart a country song since Dona Mason in 1987.

As spring weddings and summer graduations draw near, consider the Renaissance Centre for your private celebration. The Grand Hall is a beautiful and versatile space that can accommodate parties of 250 or more and we now have a smaller business suite that is suitable for smaller events or meetings of all kinds. Our caring and experienced staff will work diligently to ensure that your event is one to remember.

We look forward to serving this wonderful community in 2019! Thank you for supporting the arts in Wake Forest. At the Renaissance Centre, there is something for everyone.

- Cathy Gouge, RENAISSANCE CENTRE MANAGER



Wake Forest Renaissance Centre for the Arts 405 S. Brooks St., Wake Forest, NC 27587 wakeforestrencen.org

**Box Office**: 919-435-9458 Open Mon-Fri 9 am-12 pm and 1-5 pm **Event Hotline**: 919-435-9428

Taxes apply to all ticket sales.

### CALENDAR of EVENTS

### **FEBRUARY**

2	Death by Disco Murder Mystery Dinner Theater
8-17	I Never Saw Another Butterfly presented by Forest Moon Theater
9	The Struggle for Freedom: The Life of Dr. King presented by Bright Star Theater
18	2019 State of the Town Address & Dinner
20	Happy Dan the Magic Man
22	Big Love - Rockin' the Forest

### **MARCH**

15	The Catalinas - Rockin' the Forest
16	Rapunzel presented by RLT's Players to Go Ensemble
18-19	Celtic Angels Ireland
20	Happy Dan the Magic Man
24	Celebration of All Abilities  Music Concert performances by the Wake Forest Abilities Choir and the Triangle Alliance Choir
28-30	Wake Forest Film Festival

### **APRIL**

6	<b>GRITS</b> (Girls Raised in the South) the Musical – Dinner Theatre
17	Happy Dan the Magic Man
26	Your Alien presented by ArtsPower National Touring Theatre

### MAY

2	Abilities Choir Spring Concert
7	Wake Forest Community Youth Choirs Spring Concert
11	Rissi Palmer
15	Happy Dan the Magic Man

### **JUNE**

1	Summer Beach Music Party featuring The Band of Oz
14-23	Vanya, Sonia, Masha & Spike presented by Forest Moon Theater
19	Happy Dan the Magic Man

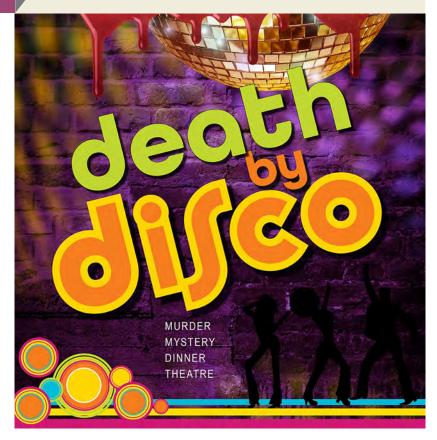
### **JULY**

19	Neck of the Woods presented by ARTS Wake Forest
27	Malpass Brothers

### **AUGUST**

24-25 Wake Forest Home & Garden Show presented by Mitchell Heating & Cooling

### MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE DEATH BY DISCO



### 6:30 pm

It's 1978, and it should be a night of disco, dancing and...possibly death! The highlight of the evening is the huge Disco Dance contest. The winning prize is a trip for two to New York City for the chance to dance on the Grammy Awards, and \$10,000 in prize money. This is an opportunity that could make someone a star; it could also be a motivation for murder! So, put on your platforms, unleash your leisure suit and hustle to the beat...we're going to have a party tonight! PRESENTED BY: It's a Mystery

MENU: Strawberry Romaine Salad w/Poppyseed Dressing, Chicken Picatta, Sirloin Beef Tips w/ Red Wine Pan Gravy, Golden Mashed Potatoes, Sauteed Fresh Vegetables, Rolls & Butter, Chocolate Chess Pie or Apple Pie Cobbler. Please call the box office with any special dietary needs. CATERED BY: Cannon Catering.

Tickets: \$40, includes 3-course dinner

### FOREST MOON THEATER PRESENTS

#### I NEVER JAW ANOTHER BUTTERFLY

**7:30 pm** | Feb 8, 9 **3:00 pm** | Feb 10

**7:30 pm** | Feb 15, 16

**3:00 pm** | Feb 17





At the height of Hitler's campaign to rid the world of Jews, children of the condemned arrive in Terezin, where they are assigned to a teacher, Raja, who

watches over them until they are separated and sent to concentration camps. Raja survives to tell their story – a story about children who bring light to the dark, hope to the abject, and love to a place surrounded by hate. WRITTEN BY: Celeste Raspanti. PRODUCED BY: Special arrangements with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

Tickets: ADVANCE: \$15 individual, \$13 student/senior; DAY OF: \$18 individual, \$16 student/senior.

FEB 9

## BRIGHT STAR THEATER PRESENTS THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM THE LIFE OF DR. KING



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### 11:00 am & 6:30 pm\*

The story of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is one of both triumph and tragedy. In this dramatic show, the audience comes to see that the rights won by the American Civil Rights Movement came with a heavy price. SPONSORED BY: United Arts Council of Raleigh & Wake County.

\*Shows will be held at the Alston-Massenburg Center, 416 N. Taylor St.

Free Admission

### 2019 STATE OF THE TOWN

**ADDRESS & DINNER** 

### 6:00 pm

Area residents are invited to attend Wake Forest's annual State of the Town Address. & Dinner. The occasion offers Wake Forest citizens the opportunity to reflect on the



Town's list of accomplishments during the previous year and learn about its goals for the coming months. Anyone not interested in eating dinner is welcome to attend the State of the Town Address without purchasing a ticket. Non-ticket buyers should arrive between 6:30 and 6:45 pm at the conclusion of the dinner portion of the program. Mayor Vivian Jones' address is expected to begin between 6:45 and 7 pm. SPONSORED BY: Wake Forest Rotary Club and the Town of Wake Forest

Tickets: \$15, includes dinner





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### ROCKIN' THE FOREST BIG LOVE



### 7:30 pm

ROCKIN' THE FOREST IS A LIVE CONCERT MUSIC SERIES FEATURING SOME OF THE TOP MUSICAL ACTS IN THE AREA. 
Big Love is a six-piece dance band based out of Raleigh. They play a variety of great music that gets people moving, from the classics to current hits including jazz, disco, pop, funk, R&B, and beach. The bar will be open for wine, beer and other refreshment purchases.

Tickets: \$10



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### ROCKIN' THE FOREST THE CATALINAS





### 7:30 pm

ROCKIN' THE FOREST IS A LIVE CONCERT MUSIC SERIES FEATURING SOME OF THE TOP MUSICAL ACTS IN THE AREA. The Catalinas are an American beach music band from the late 1950s. Their classic song *Summertime's Callin' Me* was originally recorded in 1975 and continues to be played by bands and DJs all over the world. The bar will be open for wine, beer and other refreshment purchases.

Tickets: \$10

MAR 16

### RALEIGH LITTLE THEATRE'S 'PLAYERS TO GO ENSEMBLE' PRESENTS RAPUNZEL

### 2:00 pm

ADAPTED BY: Karen Boettcher-Tate. Did you ever wonder how Rapunzel ended up in a tower? Get ready to find out and have a lot of fun learning about the characters in this twisted tale of Rapunzel. Rene Shwartzbuckle, Rapunzel's mother, loves rampions and can't stop eating this turnip-like vegetable. She sends her husband, Walter, out to "borrow" some. Walter gets caught in the garden by Witch Izwitch stealing rampions. To avoid having a spell cast on him, he agrees to give the witch his first born daughter, Rapunzel. So on Rapunzel's 16th birthday, the witch and the Glumpwarts show up, as promised, and take Rapunzel away. This is a funny story with a strong message about the nature of beauty.

RLT Players to Go is a performance class for students in grades 5-8. Students develop acting skills as they rehearse a show to perform for family audiences at local venues. Appropriate for all ages. RUN TIME: 45 minutes.

Free Admission

### CELTIC ANGELS IRELAND



**7:00 pm** | Mar 18 **7:00 pm** | Mar 19

Also featuring the Celtic Knight Dancers & the Trinity Band Ensemble of Dublin. A joyous celebration of everything Irish will touch American soil this spring when the energetic, exciting young stars of Celtic Angels Ireland tour the U.S. Through their shared zeal and passion for Ireland's musical and dance traditions, this talented troupe enables their audiences to experience the Real Ireland for the price of a concert ticket. You'll be enthralled from the moment the lights dim as the sweet and stirring songs of Ireland, rigorously precise dances, and traditional musicianship carry you to Ireland on wings of music.

Tickets: \$25

#### WAKE FOREST FILM FESTIVAL



Mark your calendars for a cinematic tour de force – the debut of the Wake Forest Film Festival! This inaugural event aims to spotlight passionate, creative and thought-provoking movies by some of today's most promising and accomplished local, national, and international filmmakers. The festival is a 3-day film showcase that will engage audiences with films of all lengths and genres that include short and feature, documentary, horror, animation, narrative and student. This festival is intended for both the general public and film professionals.

**CONTENT ADVISORY:** The majority of the Wake Forest Film Festival selections for this year are classified for mature audiences. Some films may not be suitable for children under 13. Ticket sales, screening schedule and film ratings can be viewed at wakeforestrencen.org.

FILM FEST PACKAGE: \$40, includes all films, opening reception & awards ceremony STUDENT FILM FEST PACKAGE: \$20, student ID required, includes all films, opening reception & awards ceremony

FILMS ONLY PACKAGE: \$20, includes all films on Friday & Saturday only

FILMS DAY PASS: \$10, includes all Friday movies only

#### GRITS - THE MUSICAL

GIRLS RAISED IN THE SOUTH

### 6:30 pm

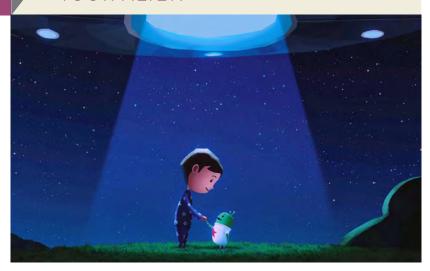
Perfect for a girls night out, this lively musical is based on the book, *Friends are Forevah* by Deborah Ford. GRITS (Girls Raised in the South) will have you laughing and crying and it will transport you back in time. It's four women, four generations and four different views. It's your mother, your sister, your Grandma, your best friend. It's sweet tea, collard greens, fresh tomatoes and banana pudding. It's country music, jazz tunes, old time blues and toe tappin' rock. It's the old, the new and some things inbetween. It's about love and laughter, revelation and grace. It's GRITS the Musical!

MENU: Southern Fried Chicken, Pork Loin with Baked Apples, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Collard Greens, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Dinner Rolls & Butter, Coconut Cake or Banana Pudding. Special dietary needs please call the box office. CATERED BY: The Forks Catering.

Tickets: \$40, includes a big ole Southern comfort foods dinner



### ARTSPOWER NATIONAL TOURING THEATRE PRESENTS YOUR ALIEN



### 11:00 am 6:30 pm

ArtsPower's newest musical touches down with a stranded alien who strikes up a fabulous friendship with a boy who finds him. They go to school and have loads of fun together. As evening approaches, the alien grows homesick. Will the boy be able to figure out how to help his new friend? This funny and uplifting new musical shows how the power of true friendship can last a lifetime. Recommended for preschool through elementary grades.

Tickets: \$15

MAY 2

### ABILITIES CHOIR SPRING CONCERT

### 6:30 pm

The Abilities Choir is an inclusive choir that invites individuals of all ability levels to learn about different choral techniques and types of music. The choir presents its spring concert on Thursday, May 2.

Free Admission

### WAKE FOREST COMMUNITY YOUTH CHOIRS SPRING CONCERT



### 6:00 pm

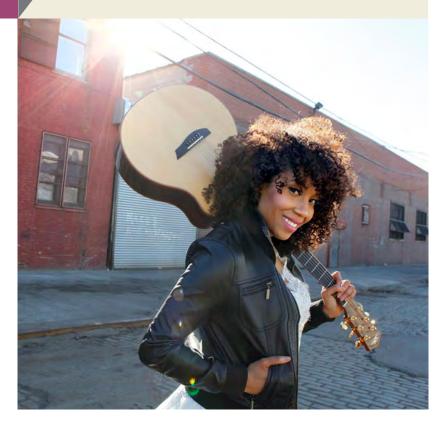
The Wake Forest Community Youth Choirs will present an evening of music under the direction of choir director Kasie Brooks.







#### RISSI PALMER



### 7:30 pm

Rissi Palmer, who describes her musical style as "Southern Soul," has received widespread media attention in national publications including *Ebony, Parade, People, Newsweek, Huffington Post, Rolling Stone, The Wall Street Journal* and more. She has performed on the CBS Early Show, CNN, The Tavis Smiley Show, Oprah & Friends, at the White House, Lincoln Center, and the Grand Ole Opry. Rissi has also shared the stage with such notable artists as Charley Crockett, Chris Young, Taylor Swift and The Eagles, to name a few. And, on top of all that, she made music history in 2007 with the release of her Top 40 debut single, "Country Girl," becoming the first African-American female to chart a country song since 1987.

Tickets: \$15

### SUMMER BEACH MUSIC PARTY

FEATURING THE BAND OF OZ



### 7:30 pm

Say hello to summer with a beach music party featuring the live music of the dynamic eight-member group Band of Oz. Put your flip-flops on and head down to the Renaissance Centre for the party of the summer! Bar will be open for wine, beer and other refreshment purchases.

Tickets: \$15



### FOREST MOON THEATER PRESENTS VANYA, SONIA, MASHA & SPIKE

7:30 pm | June 14, 15 3:00 pm | June 16 7:30 pm | June 21, 22 3:00 pm | June 23



By Christopher Durang. After years of caring for their now deceased parents, Vanya and his sister Sonia live a

despondent life in their family home supported by their celebrity sister, Masha. When Masha arrives unexpectedly with her boy toy named Spike and threatens to sell the home, emotions erupt. Hilarious events ensue, leading to a resolution that finds the siblings more optimistic than ever before. CONTENT ADVISORY: Parental guidance recommended. Contains adult language that may not be suitable for persons 12 and under.

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Scriptworks: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Mon-Fri, June 17-21, 9:00 am-4:00 pm, grades 4-6, \$285.

Musical Theatre Revue: Comedy Night! Mon-Fri, June 17–21, 9:00 am–4:00 pm, grades 7–9, \$285.

**Creative Adventures.** Mon-Fri, June 24-28, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ages 12-18, \$125.

Playtime: Commotion in the Ocean. Mon-Fri, July 8-12, 9:00 am-12:00 pm, ages 4-rising K, \$175.

Create-a-Play: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs. Mon-Fri, July 8-12, 9:00 am-4:00 pm, rising 1st-3rd graders, \$285.

**Lion King Revue.** Mon-Fri, July 22–26, 9:00 am–2:00 pm, ages 6–12, \$150.

To register, visit wakeforestnc.recdesk.com and click on the "programs" tab.

#### NECK OF THE WOODS

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### 7:00 pm

Neck of the Woods is a variety performance series that features local emerging artists. An evening may consist of several performance arts acts. Each show is different and may include actors, dancers, musicians, comedians, writers and spoken word artists. Come out and enjoy a truly unique and entertaining event and support your local artists! PRESENTED BY: ARTS Wake Forest.

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### MALPASS BROTHERS

### 7:00 pm

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Tickets: ADVANCE: \$20; DAY OF: \$23





### WAKE FOREST

#### HOME & GARDEN SHOW

**9:00 am-4:00 pm** | Aug 24 **12:00-4:00 pm** | Aug 25

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# MONTHLY PROGRAMS

### Happy Dan the Magic Man

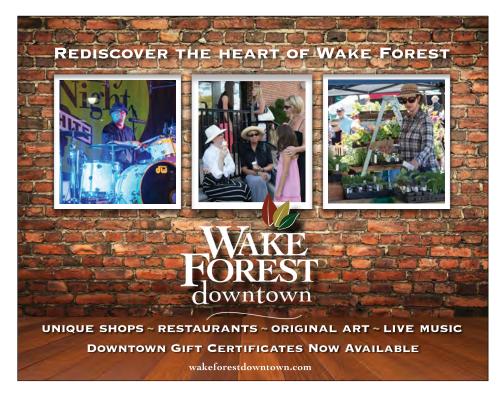
#### Feb 20, Mar 20, Apr 17, May 15, June 19 - 11:00 am

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#### **Art Walk**

### First Friday of each month - 6:00-9:00 pm

Features local artists and art displayed by shops and businesses in historic downtown Wake Forest. The Renaissance Centre and ARTS Wake Forest will feature the artwork of the Wake Forest Guild of Artists in the Arts Annex next door to the Renaissance Centre. *Free Admission*.



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### ABOUT THE CENTRE

#### MISSION

The Renaissance Centre for the Arts is dedicated to inspiring, engaging and educating the community through a variety of cultural arts programs. Through theatre, concerts, film screenings, workshops and related events, the Renaissance Centre offers enriching art experiences that bridge cultures, generations and disciplines.



#### **OUR STORY**

In response to the community's increased demand for cultural programming and entertainment, the Town of Wake Forest purchased two properties in downtown Wake Forest for the purpose of developing a cultural arts facility. The Renaissance Centre officially opened in November 2013 with a three-day Celebration of the Arts extravaganza. Located in the heart of Wake Forest's Renaissance District, the centre contributes to the economic growth and quality of life in our region by encouraging a flourishing arts community.

### VERSATILE VENUE

Offering 5,000 square feet of meeting and event space, the Renaissance Centre can be configured to accommodate a variety of rental needs. Amenities include convenient parking, box office/reception area, Grand Hall with 4,700 feet of expo or gathering space, bar and staging area for caterers, LCD projector with automated screens and monitors, and free wireless internet. Also available is a 535 square foot stage and dressing rooms. Smaller breakout rooms are available in the Arts Annex next door.

### SUPPORT THE CENTRE

The Renaissance Centre is appreciative of the generous support of the community. With your tax deductible donation, the centre can continue to provide high quality arts programs and become the region's premier cultural arts and event venue. We are committed to making our programs affordable and accessible to all people.

#### PURCHASE TICKETS

Online: Visit wakeforestrencen.org to order advance tickets. A convenience fee applies for online ticket orders.

*In person:* Purchase advance tickets at the Renaissance Centre box office.

Day of: Tickets may be purchased at the door on the day of the event if seating is available.

Taxes apply to all ticket sales.



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The Renaissance Centre is owned and operated by the Town of Wake Forest

Cathy Gouge, Centre Manager Debra Horton, Centre Specialist Mandy Holtman, Administrative Assistant Louis Roussell, Technical Operations Specialist



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