



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HARDY COUNTY'S PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

NOVEMBER 2024

Concert Series



MEET CAROLINE!

Caroline Auville is a 15-year-old sophomore at Moorefield High School. She began singing lessons and singing in church around the age of 7 years old. At the age of 12, she began voice lessons with Jimmy Townsend. He helped give her the confidence to sing in public more often. In 2023, Joe Crites invited Caroline to join his band for a few songs at McCoy's Theater. This opportunity made her realize that singing on stage was something she enjoyed. She also was the winner of the first McCoy's Got Talent Contest in 2023. Caroline has performed at the North Branch Brewing Company, Dominion Raceway in Woodford, Va, the Moorefield Christmas Tree Lighting, and at local high school sporting events. She is a member of the Moorefield High School Choir, under the direction of Sarah Imboden, and the Grant County Community Choir, under the direction of Rosanne Glover.

This summer Caroline was approached by a few local musicians who wanted to form a band. They perform classic and modern country songs. After playing together for a few months, the band decided they needed a name, so we have Caroline & the Evergreens. The band consists of Joshua Parsons and Mark Stickley on guitar, Greg Ours on bass, and DJ Bosley on drums. Upcoming performances for the band will be at Eastern Community and Technical College and the Bark-tober Bash for the Humane Society of Hardy County. This will be the band's first big concert at McCoy's Grand Theatre, and it will include a special tribute to veterans. We hope many locals come out to support the talent this band showcases!

WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO BECOME A SINGER?

At a young age I started singing around my house and at my church. With inspiration and support of my family, singing became what I love doing. It brings me joy.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE SONG YOU PERFORM AND WHY?

My favorite song to perform is "Bible and a .44" by Ashley McBryde. This song means so much to me because it tells a story that reminds me of my role model, my Granddad.

WHAT CAN AUDIENCES EXPECT FROM YOUR UPCOMING CONCERT?

They can expect a fun afternoon filled with country hits and a tribute to U.S. Veterans.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT PERFORMING?

I like being able to share what I love doing with others.



TICKETS AVAILABLE AT MCCOYSGRAND.COM OR AT THE DOOR

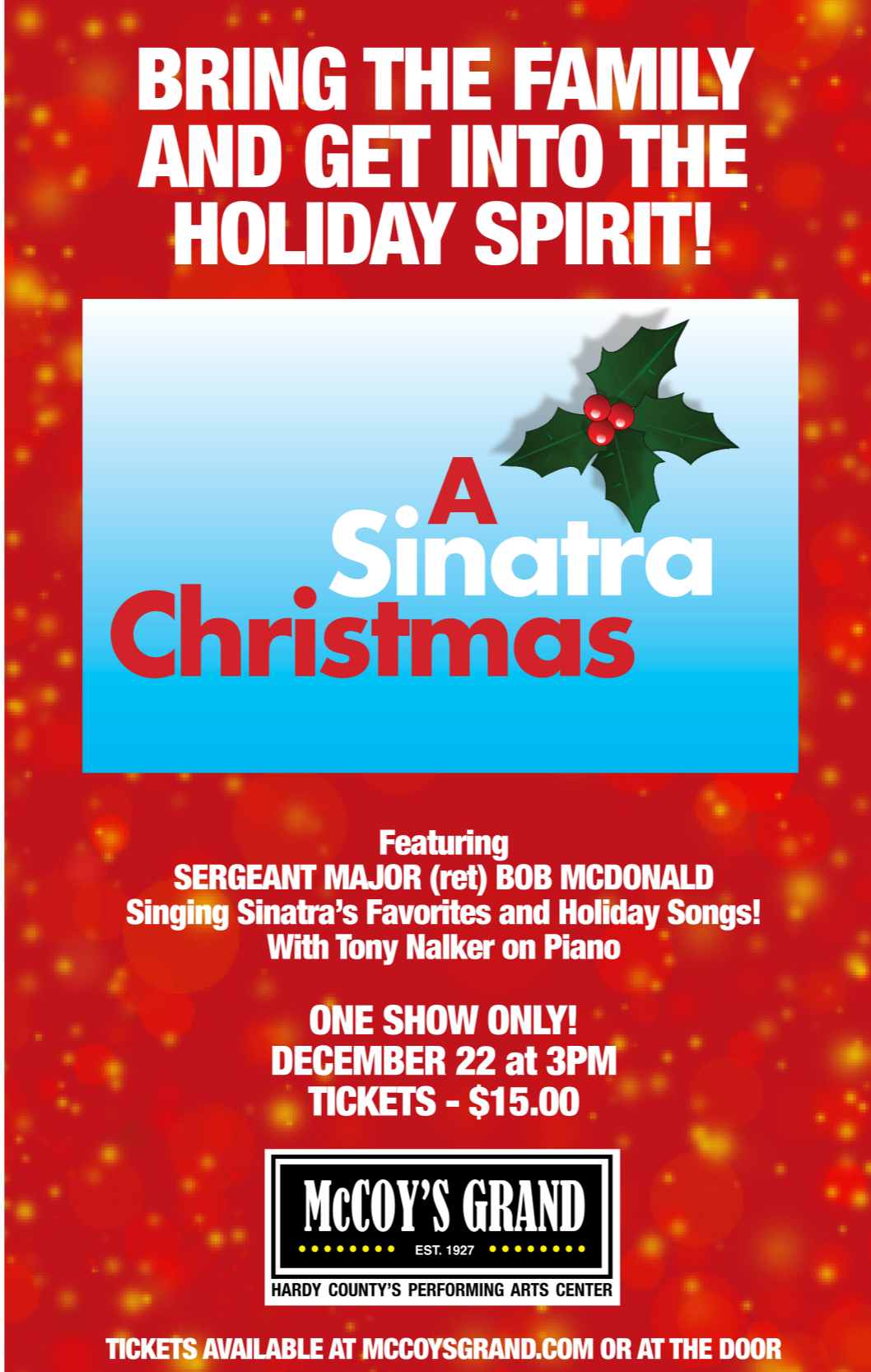
GETTING TICKETS

Join us Sunday, November 10, 2024 at 2:00pm as we welcome local favorite **Caroline & The Evergreens**. You'll be in for a Sunday afternoon treat filled with country hits and a tribute to U.S. Veterans! Tickets are only \$15.00 and are available by clicking the button below or at the McCoy's Grand website - mccoysgrand.org or at the door.

As a salute to all Veterans, we will be admitting all VETERANS FREE OF CHARGE to the concert to thank you for your service. Simply show-up and let us know you are a veteran. We hope to see you at McCoy's Grand for this special salute.

CAROLINE TICKETS

COMING THIS DECEMBER!



McCoy's Grand is pleased to be presenting **A SINATRA CHRISTMAS** on December 22 at 3pm for one show only! A SINATRA CHRISTMAS is a special holiday cabaret featuring the songs of Sinatra along with his Christmas classics. The cabaret features Sergeant Major (ret) Bob McDonald from the Army Chorus along with West Virginia native Tony Walker on Piano. Get into the holiday spirit and bring the entire family for an afternoon of Frank Sinatra! Tickets are only \$15.00 per person and can be purchased on the website or at the door.

Next month, we'll give you a special preview of the show and an interview with Bob McDonald. Bob served as Group Leader and a member of the U.S. Army Chorus for over 26 years, retiring in 2020. In this capacity he performed regularly at the White House and for visiting dignitaries from across the globe. Bob is a regular fixture of the D.C. musical theatre and cabaret scene, and he has performed at such venues as The Kennedy Center, Folger Theatre, AMP by Strathmore, Wolf Trap, and Signature Theatre, among others. Bob has also performed regionally in many opera roles, with several symphony orchestras, and with his popular Sinatra tribute show. Bob is a familiar face to Washington Capitals fans, gearing up for his 31st season of singing the National Anthem for the hockey team. He has also sung the National Anthem for many other professional sports events in the D.C. area and across the country, including the Super Bowl, and was a soloist for Game 5 of the 2019 World Series.

Tickets are now on sale on the website at mccoysgrand.com or click the button below.

SINATRA TICKETS



INSIDE THE BOARDROOM

This month, meet **SARAH IMBODEN** who has a long history with McCoy's Grand both on and off the stage as well as the Board Room.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN VOLUNTEERING WITH MCCOY'S?

It's hard to believe that it has been this long, but I became involved with McCoy's 17 years ago. I was recruited to jump into the role of "Jan" in the summer production of Grease. The girl originally cast had to drop out, and I had classmates in the show that recommended me to the director, Betty Stickley. I had never been in a show before, but once Betty convinced me join them and I stepped into the theatre and started rehearsing, I couldn't leave. I participated in shows throughout the rest of my high school and college careers, was selected as the second scholarship recipient, and was fortunate to be invited to join the board of directors in 2015 after directing my first production, *Into the Woods*. I took a short hiatus in 2019 but excitedly returned to the board of directors in 2023.

WHAT'S BEEN THE BIGGEST REWARDS?

It has been rewarding to be a part of McCoy's as a performer, music director, director, and board member and helping the performing arts thrive in our community. McCoy's is a special place, and it has been a joy to be able to help create memorable experiences for our audiences to enjoy.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE SHOW YOU WORKED ON AND WHY?

That's a very difficult question to answer. Every show I was cast in or have directed holds a special place in my heart - I thoroughly enjoyed being a part of every single one. I don't think I can narrow it down to just one, but I can highlight a few: *Little Women: The Musical* (2008), *How to Succeed in Business Without Even Trying* (2010), *Les Misérables* (2013), *Mamma Mia* (2019), and *Freaky Friday* (2023). Each of the shows I listed forever live in my mind, they're core memories.

WHAT MAKES MCCOY'S SPECIAL?

As a teen, McCoy's gave me a "home" where I could be myself and a sense of belonging. Throughout the years, I was able to connect with new people, foster creativity, and develop my skills as a vocalist, actress, and director. But beyond that, when you walk into McCoy's it's a warm and welcoming place. To many of us that have been lucky to be a part of the McCoy's Grand Family, we consider McCoy's to be a sacred place. It is a special place. I am forever grateful and blessed for every opportunity that has come from being a part of McCoy's Grand.

JUST ANNOUNCED! COMING THIS SUMMER TO MCCOY'S GRAND

We're thrilled to announce our 2025 Summer Musical - **THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL!** Auditions are slated for April 11-13, 2025 with the production to follow July 18-17, 2025. Get ready for a summer filled with a trip to Bikini Bottom and all the great Spongebob characters we all love on this new adventure!



McCoy's Grand wishes everyone and their families a Happy Thanksgiving!

TO SIGN-UP FOR THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO mccoysgrand@icloud.com