

McCOY'S GRAND

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Concert Series



JIMMY LEE HITS McCOY'S STAGE
FEBRUARY 8!

MCCOY'S GRAND SPRING CONCERT SERIES continues the month of February with two local favorites - JIMMY LEE and BUTTERSCOTCH JUKEBOX. All shows begin at 7pm with doors opening at 6:30pm. Tickets are now on sale on our website at mccoysgrand.org. Forget the winter blues with a rockin' night at McCoy's Grand!

FEBRUARY 8 at 7PM - JIMMY LEE

Jimmy Lee is an experienced artist who covers three decades of music & multiple genres. Jimmy specializes in getting the crowd involved & connecting with his audience to make each event a truly enjoyable experience. It's a little bit of everything!

WHAT CAN OUR AUDIENCES EXPECT FOR YOUR UPCOMING CONCERT?

The audience can expect a mix of genre's, Country, 80's Pop, 90's Pop and some songs I will encourage them to sing along with!! I love it when the crowd get involved!!!! I play both acoustic guitar & piano to accompany my singing. "Piano Man" by Billy Joel doesn't quite have the same tone on guitar, right? Most of the Country that I do is 90's country...I'm not real up on much of the new Country. If you like "Neon Moon" by Brooks & Dunn, we will get along just fine.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE ARTIST AND WHY?

Favorite Artist...this one is a little harder for me. My favorite vocalist is probably Vince Gill. I am similar when it comes to favorite songs. My favorite band is "Foo Fighters" and one of my all time favorite songs is "Everlong". On the other hand, equally as important to me is a song by '70's performer, Dan Fogelberg, and it is called "Leader Of The Band". I CANNOT pick between the 2 so, I just always say both equally!

WHAT GOT YOU STARTED AS A PERFORMER?

I started singing at age 9 & my Dad was a pastor for a lot of those early years. I grew up singing in the church. When I got home from college, I started singing with a band called "The Jokers". We were together about 9 years and played every time we got the chance (we still get together a few times a year and play). I would definitely say those musicians were the best I ever had the joy of playing with. I learned a ton from those gentlemen (and still do!!)!! When we decided to try something else, I broke off and began playing about anywhere that would invite me. I still love singing and playing more that I ever have! It's not a job, it's a privilege for me. I can't wait to see everyone at "McCoy's Theatre" in Moorefield!! Let's all have a great time!!!

JIMMY LEE TICKETS



BUTTERSCOTCH JUKEBOX RETURNS
TO McCOY'S FEBRUARY 22

They're back! BUTTERSCOTCH JUKEBOX come to McCoy's for another fun-filled night of music and entertainment. Come and have a great night out! Tickets now available on-line.

FEBRUARY 22 at 7pm
BUTTERSCOTCH JUKEBOX

From the '60s through today, Butterscotch Jukebox plays #MusicForEveryone. They'll have you dancing in the aisles of McCoy's Grand for a great evening of music.

WHAT MADE YOU LOVE MUSIC?

I have no idea. How do you not? For as long as any of us can remember music has been a constant, whether it be playing and singing or just simply listening.

WHAT TYPE OF SONGS CAN AUDIENCES EXPECT TO HEAR?

Classic rock/pop from 60's to the early 2000's; ballads, foot stompers, sing alongs, etc.

HOW DID THE BAND GET ITS NAME?

We used to be called Turning Point but we soon realized there were dozens of bands with that name. Butterscotch came from a former band member and our lead singer brought up Jukebox since our set lists tend to cover a lot of different artists; Doobie Brothers, Eagles, Fleetwood Mac, Linda Ronstadt, Bob Seger, etc.

BUTTERSCOTCH JUKEBOX TICKETS

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SERIES

JANUARY
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RICH FOLLETT
Rich performs easy-on-the-ears acoustic folk music. Original and covers with something for everyone.

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JIMMY LEE
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FEBRUARY
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MARCH
15

JOE CRITES
Country rock comes to McCoy's as we welcome Joe to the stage!

APRIL
5

RAW COUNTRY
It's old-time fiddle music and classic country!

APRIL
12

JACOB TOLLIVER
Direct from Nashville & Broadway, Jacob tickles the keys and will have you dancing in the aisles!

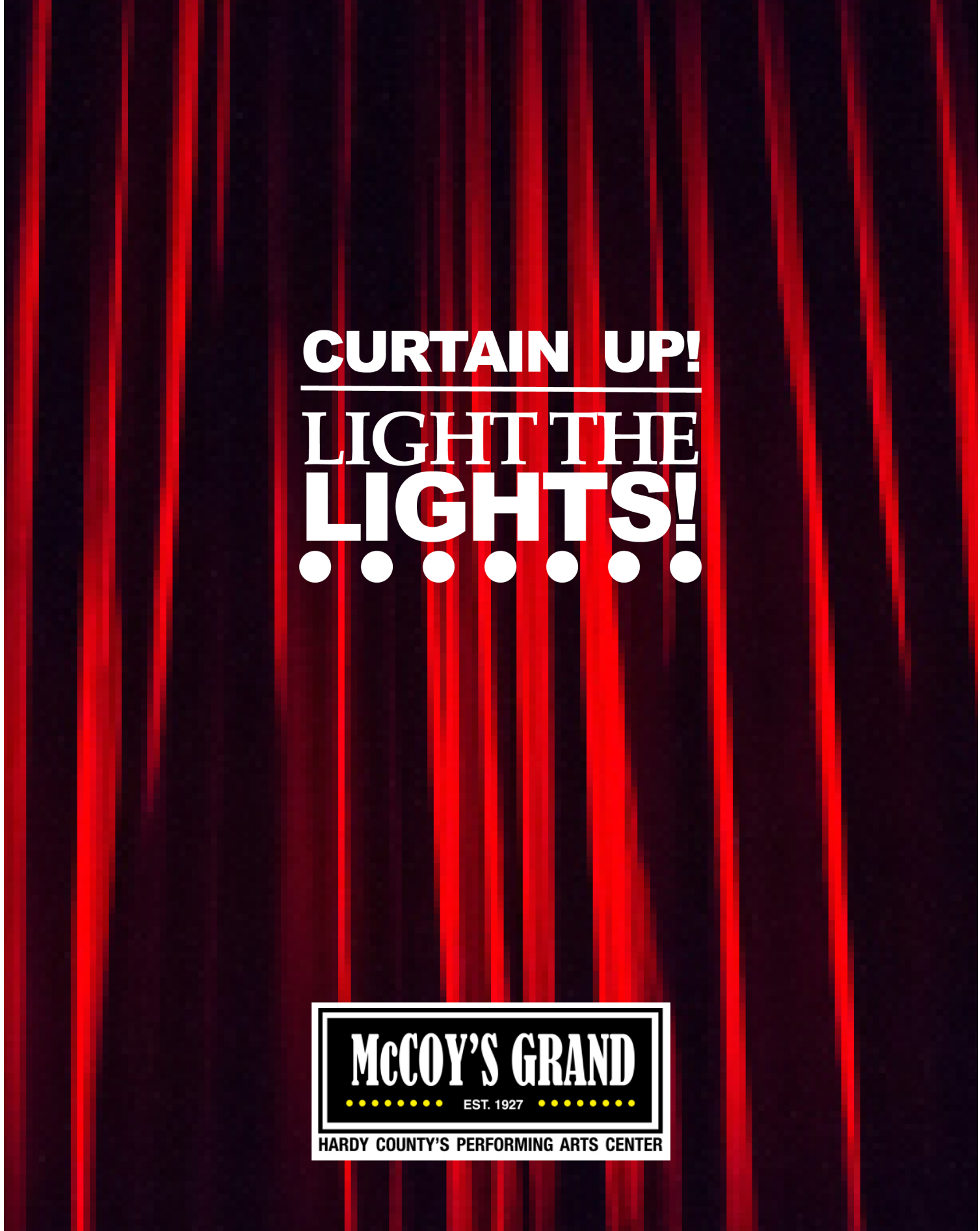
ALL SHOWS AT 7PM.

ALL SEATS ONLY \$15.

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the **SpongeBob Musical.** JULY 18-20 & JULY 25-27, 2025

Start preparing for Auditions for **THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL!**
AUDITIONS - Friday, April 11 at 6:00pm; Saturday, April 12 at 10:00am and Sunday April 13 at 2:00pm. We hope to see you there!



McCOY'S GRAND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

McCoy's Grand has embarked on a new capital campaign - CURTAIN UP! LIGHT THE LIGHTS! to replace the existing lighting and sound equipment in the theatre. The current lighting instruments are over 30 years old and we can't even find replacement bulbs. The sound equipment is over 25 years old as well. The new campaign is underway with plans to make the new upgrades in August 2025. Working with Pittsburgh Stage, the new lighting and sound will be state of the art LED technology that will help increase productions as well as technical times at the theatre. McCoy's recently was awarded a \$10,000.00 check from **Highland Bankshares** and has also received funding from the **Hardy County Commission** on this project as well. We'll keep you posted as we continue working toward our exciting new goal.



(L-R): Luke Keesner and Jennifer Turner from Grant County Bank, Drake Baker from Capon Valley Bank and Larry Curtis from McCoy's Grand.

MEET THE BOARD - ANN FUNKHOUSER

Meet **Ann Funkhouser**, the Secretary of McCoy's Grand. She serves on the McCoy-McMechen Museum Board of Directors since 2019, working in the archives department. She is presently the secretary of the Board of Directors. She assisted Betty Stickley as musical director for McCoy's production "**A Christmas Story**". Ann continues to promote the Theater/Museum and is very excited about their new capital campaign **Curtains Up! Light the Lights!**

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH MCCOY'S?

Since 1968, as a child growing up in Moorefield, I spent just about every weekend attending a movie at the theatre. Mrs. McCoy had a special seat for me in the balcony, because I could not sit quietly. I also lived across from Eunice McCoy and would play with her dog Rascal with the other neighborhood children. We would sometimes be invited into the back yard, flower garden as long as we didn't pick any flowers. We were allowed to sit on the painted iron furniture and enjoy the garden. I have served on the McCoy Board of Directors since 2019 and assisted Betty Stickley as musical director for the McCoy's production *A Christmas Story*.

WHY DO YOU LOVE CONTRIBUTING TO THE ORGANIZATION?

I enjoy contributing to the theater/museum because of my background in theatre and music, but mostly because of the purpose it serves in educating, entertaining and promoting the arts in the state of West Virginia.

YOU WORK ON THE ARCHIVES - WHAT MADE YOU INTERESTED IN PRESERVING THE THEATER'S HISTORY?

I have always enjoyed the beautiful sights inside the theatre and museum. I have fond memories of the comfy feeling the theatre gave to me as a child. I do not want the history and legacy of Eunice McCoy to be lost. I have dabbled in genealogy in my own family and love studying the history and accomplishments of the people involved in making the McCoy Grand Theatre and Museum what it is today.

WHAT EXCITES YOU ABOUT MCCOY'S FUTURE?

I am so excited about our new campaign. The theatre is in dire need of new lighting and sound equipment to keep up with our advancing technology. This state-of-the-art theatre will become a place for people to have a voice, entertain, love, laugh and feel safe and warm. I can't wait to see how the state becomes involved in using the theatre for several activities. Directors will love the new sights and sounds, and the museum will continue to thrive with the precious past and future events held in the beautiful McCoy Grand Theatre and Museum.

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