

## Dear Friends,

We're kicking off our 25th season by thanking our loyal friends for their generosity and support. Please join us in celebrating the 25th Anniversary Season of exciting programs featuring music, dance and theatre for young and old alike. Our year long celebration begins with a full calendar of wonderful upcoming events for 2011-2012, and... a name change!

Founded in 1988 by visionaries of this community, the Fredericksburg Festival of the Arts has evolved from a small, world-class chamber music festival into a premier, year-round presenter of the performing arts in the Rappahannock region. To more accurately reflect this evolution our name was recently changed to the **Fredericksburg Festival for the Performing Arts (FFPA)** and we added an identifying line that really captures the motivating force of our organization: **educating • inspiring • celebrating since 1988.**

FFPA is committed to expanding our cultural education and mentoring programs for children; particularly for those youngsters who would not otherwise have any exposure to the quality and variety of rich cultural performance experiences that FFPA provides. We firmly believe that the arts inspire and stimulate the imagination and creative thinking in children and that these early experiences will bear fruit throughout their lives and across the disciplines.

Our educational programs are presented throughout the year, and last year culminated with young artists in our community performing Bach's Brandenburg Concerto #3 in G Major with the world renowned Muir String Quartet at our annual Chamber Music Festival on June 9, 2011. It was an exhilarating evening for the performers as well as the audience.

With the decrease in Federal and State funding for the arts, FFPA must now turn to you, our friends, our partners, for support, so that we can continue bringing talented artists and exciting performances to the region. Please make your pledge today to become a member of the Fredericksburg Festival for the Performing Arts, and let us celebrate the exciting 2011-12 season together!

Sincerely,

*Xavier R. Richardson*  
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President

*Angus Muir & Barbara Muir*  
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Co-chairs, 25th Anniversary Season

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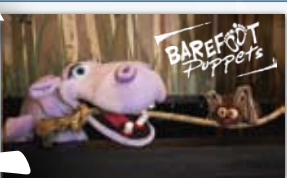


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The FFPA is applauded for its outreach to the community presenting educational and mentoring programs for area students throughout the year. These outreach programs reach an underserved segment of the population that would not otherwise have the opportunity to see live opera, perform Shakespeare, learn how a rod puppet works. We anticipate continuing to grow these programs.



**Barefoot Puppets:**  
**African Trickster Tales**  
October 25 and  
November 16, 2011

**Shakespeare in the Schools:**  
**A Midsummer Night's Dream**



May 12-13, 2012  
Washington & Lee High School, Montross



**VA Opera:**  
**Little Red Riding Hood**  
April 2-5, 2012

**Celebrating 25 Years:**

With Season 2011-2012, FFPA celebrates its 25th Anniversary in high style—delighting audiences with an ambitious calendar of music, theatre, opera, ballet and other cultural programs and enriching Fredericksburg area communities with a focus on area school children.

**Coming Attractions:**

**Brubeck Brothers Quartet: Jazz Concert**  
Oct. 5, 2012, Rosner Mercedes



**Once in a Lifetime:**  
A Celebration of Tennessee Williams  
Spring 2012

**Dolce Suono**  
Fall 2012

Visit [www.FredFest.org](http://www.FredFest.org) for more details.

**Young Artist Competition**

**Preliminary Auditions**  
January 12-13, 2012

**Finals Concert**  
January 21, 2012  
Chancellor Baptist Church



The first place instrumental and vocal winners are each invited to perform with the Rappahannock POPS Orchestra and receive a cash prize of \$500. The first, second and third place winners are invited to perform a pre-concert program before each of the 3 nights of our annual Chamber Music Festival in June.

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**Arts in Motion:**  
**Sponsored by Mary Washington Healthcare**

June 2011—Heartfields & Chancellor Village  
November 19, 2011—Wilburn Gardens & Chancellor Village

Our Arts in Motion program serves an important segment of our elderly population in local area nursing homes who might otherwise be left out of the cultural mainstream. In fact, we think this population is so underserved culturally that we're planning to make this a monthly rather than quarterly program next year.



**A Child's Christmas in Wales:**  
**A Performance of Dylan Thomas' Nostalgic Poem**

December 16-18, 2011, Read All Over Bookstore

**Annual Benefit Gala:**  
**Rhapsody in Red**

February 11, 2012



Sponsored by  
The Inn at Fredericksburg Square

Co-Chairs: Don & Bev Newlin

**Chamber Music Festival**

June 4-8, 2012

St. George's Episcopal Church  
Admission for students is free.



Michael Reynolds, FFPA's Artistic Director and world-renowned cellist, leads the Muir String Quartet and guest artists in spirited and energetic performances of familiar favorites interspersed with rarely heard selections. The consistently fine quality of FFPA's Annual Chamber Music Festival program has been recorded and broadcast by WETA for the enjoyment of the entire Washington, D.C. area. FFPA invites you to enjoy the finest in musical and theatrical traditions at remarkably reasonable ticket prices.

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join FFPA

**2011-2012 Membership**—The Fredericksburg Festival for the Performing Arts is making a difference in our community but we need your help in order to continue our diverse programs. Your donation is tax deductible.

**Friend of the Performing Arts**

**Friend** \$50–\$149

Benefits include: Acknowledgement in all concert programs; Invitation to Closing Night Chamber Reception; 10% discount at participating area restaurants on the night of performances; 10% ticket discount to all 2012 performances.

**Artist** \$150–\$499

Benefits include: All Friends privileges listed above plus One (1) ticket to one (1) 2012 performance.

**Innovators** \$500–\$999

Benefits include: All Friends privileges listed above plus Reserved seating; Invitations to all parties and receptions; Two (2) tickets to three (3) 2012 performances of your choice.

**Blue Note Society**

Committed and engaged, the Blue Note Society is comprised of donors who give \$1,000 or more in annual support to FFPA. At each successive level of giving, Blue Note members gain increased access to the FFPA community of artists, receive unique opportunities to socialize with fellow patrons, and are invited to actively participate in building FFPA's future.

**Blue Note Society members receive the following VIP privileges:**

Acknowledgement in all concert programs; Invitation to the Blue Note 25th Anniversary Kickoff Cocktail Party on January 22, 2012; Advance notice of upcoming season events; Reserved seating; Convenient ticket pickup at the event table; Invitations to all parties and receptions; Priority access to Gala tickets; 10% discount at participating area restaurants on the night of performances; Four (4) tickets to the performance of your choice.

**Producer's Circle** \$1,000–\$3,499

Benefits include: All VIP privileges listed above.

**Chamber Circle** \$3,500–\$4,999

Benefits include: All VIP privileges listed above.

**Festival Society** \$5,000–\$7,999

Benefits include: All VIP privileges listed above plus priority access to Gala tickets at a reduced rate.

**Visionaries** \$8,000–\$10,000 and up

Benefits include: All VIP privileges listed above plus recognition in advertising including a complimentary ad in three programs; Logo or listing on the FFPA web site partners page and other promotional materials; Two (2) Gala tickets; Complimentary Parking Pass.

See the enclosed envelope or the FFPA website for information about the FFPA Legacy Endowment Fund, Giving the Gift of the Performing Arts, and volunteering with the FFPA.