

## 2014 Membership Campaign

November 25, 2013

### Dear Friend and Supporter of the Arts,

Twenty-six years and Fredericksburg Festival for the Performing Arts (FFPA) continues to bring the best in performing arts to the Rappahannock region, and **we could not have done it without your support!**

We are just as excited about our 2014 Season and our mission to promote, provide, and preserve the arts in our community. Our unique organization, founded in 1988, continues its innovative leadership in providing programs for area students, seniors, and all performing arts lovers! We continue to focus on programs that will make a difference in the lives of members of our community.

**With your help, FFPA is expanding its programs especially in the area of education.** In partnership with others, FFPA has brought the opera and puppetry to over 5,000 public and private elementary school students, addressed bullying through theatre workshops with middle school students, and offered professional theatre productions for high school students. And our annual Young Artist Competition, featuring local students, continues to grow.

**FFPA's Arts in Motion program** is also reaching further into the community to bring music and entertainment to seniors as well as underserved residents in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and retirement communities.

**Developing new partnerships** has increased our presence in the arts community. As a result of a partnership with The Rude Mechanicals (a local theatre group), FFPA has brought *Sweeney Todd* and *The Woman in Black* to the Fredericksburg community, as well as the professional Commedia del'Arte troupe and a workshop on playwriting.

In May, FFPA will present the **27th Annual Chamber Music Festival**, guided by FFPA's talented Artistic Director Michael Reynolds. The Festival will feature the Muir String Quartet and an outstanding array of world-class professional musicians.

**But we need you**—our friends and supporters—to develop these and other innovative programs, form new partnerships, and offer the highest-quality performances.

**Please join us by becoming a member of FFPA.** Help us educate, inspire, and celebrate the performing arts in this wonderful community.

Sincerely,



**Sandra Pearson, President**  
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# FFPA Season Highlights



## Arts in Motion (AIM) Throughout the Year

FFPA has embarked on a much expanded Arts in Motion program. The AIM program provides

inspiring entertainment to the region's elderly and underserved residents as well as performance opportunities for local artists. It serves an important segment of our population in local area nursing homes, assisted living and retirement communities, and hospitals. AIM's next performance is **December 3, 2013 at the AARP meeting at the Fredericksburg Country Club.**

## Young Artist Competition

**January 9,10, 2014—Auditions**

**January 18, 2014—Finals Concert (open to the public)**

The Young Artist Competition, sponsored by the FFPA, is held annually in January. **This competition for aspiring students of classical instruments**

**and voice provides them an opportunity to display their talent and be rewarded for it.** The first-place instrumental and vocal winners are invited to perform with the Rappahannock POPS Orchestra. The first-, second-, and third-place winners are invited to perform a preconcert program at our annual Chamber Music Festival. Contestants must be 18 and younger and come from Fredericksburg and the surrounding counties of Stafford, Spotsylvania, King George, Caroline, Culpeper, Orange, and Westmoreland.



## She Stoops to Conquer

**January 16, 2014—Open Auditions**

**March 22-24, 2014**

**Central Rappahannock Regional Library in Fredericksburg**

*She Stoops to Conquer* by Oliver Goldsmith has been entertaining audiences for 330 years, and **Fred Franklin** and **The Rude Mechanicals**, in partnership with FFPA, will present a rollicking rendition. Visit [FredFest.org](http://FredFest.org) for details.

## Taking Responsibility—Preventing Bullying, Using Forum Theatre to Address Bullying in Schools— March 2014

The theatre arts are a powerful vehicle for delivering social messages. Forum theatre is a type of theatre originally intended to teach people how to change their world. As a promoter of the arts, FFPA, in partnership with other community entities, will raise awareness of this important school and community issue by co-sponsoring an anti-bullying program featuring Actorshop of London. This program will be funded by FFPA, Rude Mechanicals, and additional community underwriters.

## Education and Outreach



Research shows that involving children in music, drama, and dance improves their overall performance in school, in society and, in turn, enriches the community. **FFPA continues its outreach to the community presenting educational and mentoring programs for area students and aspiring musicians throughout the year.**

These programs provide students an opportunity to enjoy live opera, write plays, perform onstage, and work with renowned musicians.

## Annual Benefit Gala: Swing into Spring! March 14, 2014



You are invited! **Fredericksburg's own BIG BAND will play at The Inn at the Olde Silk Mill** and provide an orchestral backdrop for toe tapping and dancing. This delightful evening includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, wine, dancing, and terrific entertainment. **Details available at [FredFest.org](http://FredFest.org).**

## Virginia Opera

**March 24-28, 31 & April 1**

***The Adventures of Pinocchio's Sister***

Funding from our members, including a major donor, allows FFPA to bring performances of the Virginia Opera to children in grades K-5 throughout the region. This year, Virginia Opera will entertain, educate, and inspire more than 5,000 students in the Fredericksburg area.

## The 27th Annual Chamber Music Festival

**May 20, 22, 23, 2014**

**The 27th Annual Chamber Music Festival will be held in May at Trinity Episcopal Church.** Michael Reynolds, FFPA's Artistic Director and world-renowned cellist, will lead the Muir String Quartet and guest artists in spirited and energetic performances. Our valued partner for many years, Classical WETA 90.9 FM will record and broadcast the annual Chamber Music Festival program for the enjoyment of listeners in the greater Washington, D.C., area and beyond. Join us in May and



enjoy the finest in musical traditions at remarkably reasonable ticket prices. An important feature of the event is **performances by the Young Artist Competition Winners.** Watch the web site, [FredFest.org](http://FredFest.org), for additional details.

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