

FORBES CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY®

presents

Songstress Sojourn

A Showcase of Local Singer-Songwriters

In Partnership with WMRA Radio

featuring

Tina Owens, *host*

Diane Cluck, *vocalist*

Ash Devine, *vocalist*

Corrie Lynn Green, *vocalist*

Kipyn Martin, *vocalist*

Spectator Bird,

Rachel and Lindsey FitzGerald, *vocalists*

Tara Mills, *vocalist*

Friday, November 18, 2022

Concert Hall

There will be no intermission.

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Biographies

DIANE CLUCK

Diane Cluck was raised in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and began taking piano lessons at the age of 7. She leans on classical piano training in approaching guitar, dance as an inspiration for rediscovering piano, and voice as a rhythm instrument and paintbrush. “Bell-clear and hotly austere, her lithe, dynamic voice hasn’t much kin. (Cluck) emanates something humble but mythic. Appalachia or ancient Athens?” (*Time Out, NY*)

ASH DEVINE

The award-winning and versatile Appalachian-indie-folk-roots-fusion musician Ash Devine was born and raised in the Blue Ridge mountains of Blacksburg, VA and Asheville, NC. Devine is well known for her unique and complex finger-style ukulele and guitar picking and a captivating and rich vocal quality. She has produced several albums, toured internationally, and studied with healthcare activist Patch Adams, M.D.

CORRIE LYNN GREEN

Born and raised in the Shenandoah Valley, Corrie Lynn Green writes and reflects the secrets and stories of life in a small holler town. In 2022, she received a grant from the Harrisonburg Rockingham County Arts Council of the Valley to perform her Appalachian story locally on stage before a sold-out audience. Working with Philadelphia music producer Doug Fearn, Corrie Lynn’s debut album *Blow Away* was released in May 2022.

KIPYNN MARTIN

Kipynn Martin is an emerging and award-winning Indie Folk artist who currently plays festivals, concert halls, coffeehouses, and house concerts from New England to Texas. 2017 saw the release of Kipynn’s second album, *Dance Across the Sky*, two songs from which earned Gold Awards in the Mid-Atlantic Song Contest (“Dance Across the Sky” and “God Is Love”).

TARA MILLS

Inspired by the Blue Ridge Mountains and the rich musical traditions tied to them, Tara Mills describes her music as, “original mountain americana,” an original blend of folk, bluegrass, and americana. Writing and singing most of her life, it wasn’t long before Tara picked up a guitar and taught herself how to express the melodies in her head through her songs and hauntingly beautiful lyrics.

SPECTATOR BIRD, RACHEL AND LINDSEY FITZGERALD

“Sisters, Rachel and Lindsey FitzGerald, make their home in the mountains of Virginia...Together they’ve hewn out a sound that is at once honest and elegant, sincere and captivating. Weaving sibling harmonies with award winning songwriting to produce a tapestry of sound as ancient and ambient as the hollows themselves.” (*Heather Hannah, folk musician*)

Songstress Sojourn

The Forbes Center, in partnership with WMRA Radio, present the second annual *Songstress Sojourn* celebrating seven talented female singer-songwriters from around the Shenandoah Valley! Hosted by Tina Owens from WMRA's *The Acoustic Café*, *Songstress Sojourn* celebrates the personal journeys singer-songwriters embark on when crafting new works. Each sensational songstress will perform several original songs and share the personal stories behind their creation.

This event is sponsored by Cross Keys Studio in Port Republic, Virginia.

Set list will be announced from the stage.

WMRA Radio

WMRA is an NPR News/Talk radio station that has been serving listeners in 29 counties in the Shenandoah Valley and Central Virginia for over 45 years. The WMRA network includes six transmitters, 90.7fm in Harrisonburg, 89.9fm in Lexington, 103.5fm in Charlottesville, 91.7fm in Harrisonburg, 94.5fm in Winchester, and 91.3fm in Farmville. WMRA also operates 91.7fm WEMC, a classical music service in the Shenandoah Valley.

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Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

JMU Brass Band	Dec. 1
Soweto Gospel Choir <i>HOPE - It's Been a Long Time Coming</i>	Dec. 3
<i>Dancescapes</i> Featuring JMU's Virginia Repertory Dance Company	Dec. 9–11
<i>Holidayfest: Winter Daydreams</i>	Dec. 10–11

JANUARY

<i>AND SO WE WALKED:</i> <i>An Artist's Journey Along the Trail of Tears</i> Written & Performed by DeLanna Studi	Jan. 20–21
<i>Movie Musical Magic</i> A Musical Theatre Revue	Jan. 28

FEBRUARY

Lviv National Philharmonic Orchestra of Ukraine Theodore Kuchar, <i>Principal Conductor</i> Featuring piano soloist Stanislav Khristenko and violin soloist Vladyslava Luchenko	Feb. 3
<i>Opera Spotlight: Musical Gems</i>	Feb. 8–9
<i>Both Sides of the River</i> Masterpiece Reception Curated Talk and Gallery Tour by Director Beth Hinderliter	Feb. 9
Awadagin Pratt, <i>piano</i>	Feb. 18
<i>Chicago</i> Book by Fred Ebb & Bob Fosse Music by John Kander Lyrics by Fred Ebb Based on the play by Maureen Dallas Watkins Script adaptation by David Thompson	Feb. 28–Mar. 5

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