

ARTS ALIVE! August 2026

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COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES

THE JOSH CHRISTINA BAND **Friday / August 7 / 7:00 p.m.** **Conference Center**

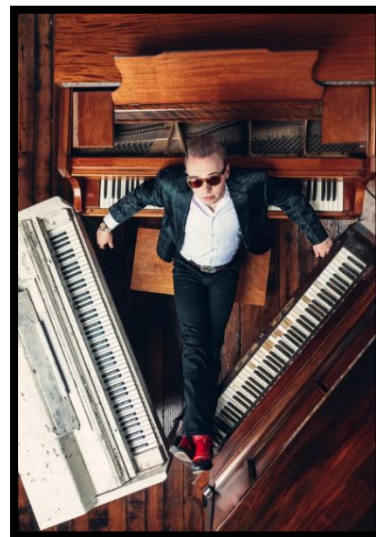
This high-octane show spans iconic piano rock n roll artists like Jerry Lee Lewis, Elton John, Ray Charles, and Billy Joel and more, appealing to audiences of all ages.

Josh is a dynamic and passionate musician whose love for piano rock has taken him on an incredible journey. His musical story began at the age of 7, inspired by the iconic sounds of Elvis Presley in Disney's Lilo & Stitch. It wasn't until age 15, after seeing the Broadway show *Million Dollar Quartet* and discovering the electrifying Jerry Lee Lewis, that Josh began playing piano, igniting his path as a pianist and performer.

Described as "the future of rock n roll" by Chuck Berry's former pianist and bandleader Daryl Davis, Josh fuses classic influences with a distinct performance style that's both nostalgic and fresh. From his debut on Ireland's "Late Late Show" to hundreds of performances each year, he continues to captivate audiences nationwide and beyond. The show has been selling out theaters across the Mid-Atlantic, and Josh has taken it to the high seas, headlining on Celebrity and Viking Cruises to rave reviews.

Josh's world-class piano chops, powerful vocals, along with top-tier musicians, deliver a powerhouse live experience you don't want to miss.

Tickets are \$8 and will be sold on **Monday, August 3** at the following locations and times: **11:00-12:00 p.m. in the Cross Creek Lobby** and **12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge**. (Note: Purchase limit of 2 tickets at the advance sale.) Remaining tickets can be purchased at the door starting 30 minutes before each show. In the event of a sellout, Waitlist Seating will be available. For ticket information, please call 410-737-8838, **ext. 601-8178**. *The public may purchase tickets at the door only; please call ahead for availability.*



MACK & SLIM **Sunday / August 16 / 3:00 p.m.** **Conference Center**

Mack & Slim (two former members of Sons of Pirates) perform a variety of acoustic driven songs that run the gamut from swing to Sting. Easy listening songs and ballads are their forte, focusing on the decades from the 60's to the 90's while peppering in a taste of current country and pop songs.

Tickets are \$8 and will be sold on **Monday, August 10** at the following locations and times: **11:00-12:00 p.m. in the Cross Creek Lobby** and **12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge**. (Note: Purchase limit of 2 tickets at the advance sale.) Remaining tickets can be purchased at the door starting 30 minutes before each show. In the event of a sellout, Waitlist Seating will be available. For ticket information, please call 410-737-8838, **ext. 601-8178**. *The public may purchase tickets at the door only; please call ahead for availability.*

JAZZ APPRECIATION CLUB

Charlestown Jazz Club News

I'm thrilled to share that the Charlestown Jazz Club reached a wonderful milestone this July! We are officially a Maryland Corporation and are well on our way to becoming a 501(c)3 non-profit. A huge thank you to Richard Lee for his incredible help with the paperwork.

We also want to express our deepest gratitude to Phyllis Cole-Dai for her beautiful piano and poetry performance on July 12th. It was a truly joyous afternoon that raised \$557, but more importantly, it touched the hearts of over 60 residents. It was also such a treat to have 95-year-old Capt. Don Mayhew lead us in a spirited finale!

Thank you to everyone who has supported our concerts at the Shortline Cafe over the last three years. Your generosity helps us ensure that the talented musicians from UMBC and our professional guests are compensated fairly. Special thanks to our Vice President, Pat Fagan, for her tireless work in moving our non-profit status forward and for all she has managed to do for the club while also managing her responsibilities with the Little Theater and all of its spin-offs.

Please join us again on **Wednesday, August 12 at 7:00 p.m.** at the **Shortline Café** to welcome back the **Alex Armbruster Trio!**

The Charlestown Jazz Club will not meet during August, but we will resume monthly meetings on **September 10 in Brookside Classroom 1 at 2:00 p.m.** Please email me at spetix85@gmail.com or co-chair Pat Fagan at faganprf@yahoo.com for more information. – Submitted by Sebastian Petix, President



THE HARMONIZERS

Love singing? Consider joining the Charlestown Harmonizers. Every season, the Harmonizers welcome a few more good singers. You can be one of them if you have four-part singing experience.

The Harmonizers are directed by a wonderful director, Charlestown resident Linda Burgard. She is holding **auditions for new members on August 7 and 14 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Music Room**. If you would like to join the group, contact Linda to set up an audition for yourself. Her contact information is in the Resident Directory and will be posted on bulletin boards and on the MyErickson web site about the time this article is published. Check the Harmonizers' web site at <https://charlestownharmonizers.com> for more information, too.

The Charlestown Harmonizers performed their finest concert yet in June, to the enjoyment of all who attended. If you missed it, you can see it and previous concerts on the MyErickson web site under TV and videos.

The Harmonizers mostly took the summer off, but they will start up again in early September to begin preparing for the Christmas Holiday Concert. Starting on the first Thursday in September, they will rehearse twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons until the concert in early December. Behind the scenes, the Harmonizers staff are already hard at work preparing for the new season.

If you love singing, give yourself a treat and join the Harmonizers!

LITTLE THEATRE COMPANY

Auditions for the Fall Show: *Rumors*

Every August, the Little Theatre Company holds open auditions for the fall show. This fall's show, *Rumors*, is a lively, comedic farce written by the great Broadway playwright Neil Simon.

What's it about?

A tenth-anniversary elegant dinner party hosted by New York's Deputy Mayor goes drastically wrong when arriving guests discover he is in an upstairs bathroom with a bullet wound to his ear and his wife is missing. As each new arrival enters the home, the explanations for the peculiar situation set off a chain of mistaken identities, cover-ups, and outrageous rumors. The party descends into comic mayhem.



August Auditions

Monday August 10 / 6:00-8:00 p.m. / Auditorium

Wednesday, August 12 / 2:00-4:00 p.m. / Auditorium

If you cannot make either of those dates, please contact director, Fred Lehr (saillehr2@gmail.com). Scripts and the rehearsal schedule can be obtained from Fred. Even if you have never acted before, here is your chance. Come one and come all.

Rumors Performance Dates

Tuesday, November 10 / 2:00 p.m. / Auditorium

Thursday, November 12 / 7:00 p.m. / Auditorium

Tuesday, November 17 / 2:00 p.m. / Auditorium

Thursday, November 19 / 7:00 p.m. / Auditorium

A Message from Fred Lehr

A new position is now available through the audition process for new actors and want-to-be actors wishing to develop their skills. The expectation is that these individuals will attend rehearsals, assist the director as needed and step in to cover roles for non-present actors. They will be coached throughout to help them improve and be ready when opportunity arises. We are making a commitment to these understudy/interns and pledge special time to their development and advancement in acting. We look forward to having these people embrace this opportunity that will provide a pathway to gaining roles in future productions.

STUDIO 7-1-5 August & September Workshops

August 27 / 1:00-3:00 p.m. / Auditorium

Play-reading with Bob Fletcher.

September 24 / 1:00-3:00 p.m. / Auditorium

Improv Fun and Basics with Marianne Reichelt and Bob Fletcher.

CHAPEL CONCERT SERIES

CALLING NEW MEMBERS!

The Chapel Concert Committee is looking forward to an exciting season in 2026-27. We appreciate the enthusiasm and support of the Charlestown community.

However, the committee can use more help! We meet on the first Wednesday of the month (approximately every other month). We are hoping to recruit several new members to help with all the committee tasks. Committee roles include ushering at performances, distributing posters on campus and assisting the program coordinator with administrative tasks.

If interested, please contact President Rosemary Eck (410-314-1783) or Program Coordinator Deborah Meredith (443-701-6179).



All performances at Charlestown are open to the public unless otherwise indicated.

Outside guests attending events in the Auditorium are asked to park at Cross Creek Station or Charlestown Square and walk or take the shuttle to the Auditorium.

Guests attending weekend/evening events in the Chapel may park in the Carriage House parking lot. (If the Carriage House lot is not available, please park at Charlestown Square and take the shuttle to the Chapel.)

Guests attending events in the Conference Center may utilize the Cross Creek parking lot.

Please refrain from parking in reserved spaces while on campus. To request a campus map, please e-mail your request to Jennifer.Tillett@erickson.com.

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