



North Carolina Arts Council

Fifty years of leadership

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50th Anniversary Statewide Arts Celebration Calendar by County (As of September 25, 2017)

Alamance County

- Oct. 11 – Elon University Lyceum Series, Sweet Plantain

Alexander County

- Oct. 27 – Hiddenite Arts & Heritage Center, Annual October Fundraiser

Alleghany

- Oct. 6 – Blue Ridge Music Trail Event, Music on Main in Sparta

Anson

- Oct. 13 – Ansonia Theatre, Opening Performance of To Kill a Mockingbird

Ashe

- Sept. 12 – 16 – Ashe County Arts Council*, On the Same Page: A Celebration of Reading, Ashe county's Literary Festival
- Oct. 13 – Ashe County Arts Council, Best of the Blue Ridge Exhibit Opening & Gallery Crawl
- Oct. 21 – Ashe County Arts Council / Civic Center / Little Theatre, Beauty Lou and the Country Beast
- *Ashe County Arts Council dedicates its 2017-2018 season to the NCAC's 50th*

Avery

- Oct. 21 & 22 – Avery County, 40th Annual Woolly Worm Festival

Beaufort

- Oct. 21 – Arts of Pamlico Blues & Jazz festival

Bertie

- Bertie County Arts Council, Reception details forthcoming

Bladen

- Details forthcoming

Brunswick

- Oct. 21 – Brunswick Community College Odell Williamson Auditorium, Rumours “Fleetwood Mac” Tribute

Buncombe

- May 6 – Appalachian Mural Trail, Mural Dedication
- Sept. 7 – Blue Ridge National Heritage Area, Gather ‘Round the Blue Ridge Address
- Sept. 20 – Oct. 7 – NC Stage Company, King Mackerel and the Blues are Running
- Sept. 22 – Center for Craft, Creativity and Design, Dustin Farnsworth Windgate Project Grant Lecture
- Oct. 2 & 3 – Thomas Wolfe Memorial, “Thomas Wolfe Home Again” by William Gregg and Perry Deane
- Oct. 6 – Asheville Art Museum, Art Travels: Cherokee
- Oct. 7 – Charles George VA Medical Center Creative Writing Program, Brothers Like These: Vietnam Veterans Reading
- Oct. 7 – Thomas Wolfe Memorial, Thomas Wolfe 8K
- Oct. 7 – Thomas Wolfe Memorial, Thomas Wolfe Birthday Celebration
- Oct. 21 – 27th Annual NC Dance Festival Performance
- Oct. 25 – Thomas Wolfe Memorial, The Death of Benjamin Gant
- Oct. 26 – Malaprops Books, NCAC Literature Fellows Reading
- Oct. 27 – Black Mountain, “Love Makes A Home”
- Oct. 28 – Vance Birthplace State Historic Site, Appalachian Folk Festival
- Jan. 27 – March 4 – Asheville Art Museum, WNC Regional Scholastic Art Awards 2018 Exhibition
- *Pan Harmonia Chamber Music dedicates their 18th season to the North Carolina Arts Council (Sept. 9, 10, 11, 21, 24, Oct. 1, 5, 6, 13; Nov. 3, 10, 12, 13, 19; Dec 4; Feb. 25; March 16, 18, 19; April 28, 29, 30; May 18, 20)*

Burke

- Oct. 28 – Burke County Arts Council, Oyster & Shrimp Festival

Cabarrus

- Oct. 20 – Cabarrus Arts Council*, Raul Midon Performance
- *The Davis Theatre of the Cabarrus Arts Council dedicates its 2017-2018 season to the North Carolina Arts Council (performances include Sept. 26, Oct. 12, Oct. 20, Nov. 11, Dec. 16, Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 2, April 13 & 26.)*

Caldwell

- Sept. 1-3 – Happy Valley Fiddlers Convention

- Sept. 9 – Caldwell Arts Council, 32nd Annual Sculpture Celebration
- Oct. 22 – Chapel of Rest Preservation Society, South Carolina Broadcasters Concert
- Oct. 29 – Chapel of Rest Preservation Society, Jeff Little Trio Concert
- March 10 – Strictly Clean and Decent, 20th Annual Caldwell Traditional Musicians Concert

Camden

- Oct. 3 - Camden County School System National Art Honor Society, student exhibit
- Oct TBD – Camden County School National Art Honor Society, Paint Night fundraiser for two primary school students fighting cancer

Carteret

- Oct. 8 – Seaside Arts Council, Annual October Art Show
- Oct. 14 - Down East Folk Arts Society, Old Man Kelly

Caswell

- Oct. 12 – Caswell Council for the Arts, “Pinocchio” Children’s Youth Series
- Oct. 26 – Caswell Council for the Arts, Senior Art show

Catawba

- Oct. 14 – Hickory Museum of Art, An Evening with Joel Sartore
- Nov. 4 – Western Piedmont Symphony, Masterworks II
- Nov. 16 – Lenoir-Rhyne Visiting Writers Series with NCAC Literary Fellowship Recipients
- Nov. 18 – Hickory Art Museum, “Light up the Season”

Chatham

- Sept. 14 – 16, Shakori Hills Community Arts Center, 11th Annual Hoppin’ John Old Time & Bluegrass Fiddler’s Convention
- Oct. 6 – Shakori Hills Grassroots Festival, Phil Cook & the Guitarheels performance
- Oct. 22 – McIntyre’s Books, NCAC Literature Fellows Reading

Cherokee

- Oct. 7 – 8, John C. Campbell Folk School Fall Festival

Chowan

- Oct. 1-31 – Chowan Arts Council, D. Boyle Towers of Faith Ecclesia in Albis Exhibit

Clay

- Sept. 16 – Clay County Communities Revitalization Association, Cherokee Heritage Festival
- Sept. 27 – Hayesville, NC, A tribute to Traditional Music Sculpture Dedication
- Oct. 7 – 8 – John C. Campbell Folk School Fall Festival

Cleveland

- Oct. 14 – Earl Scruggs Center, Rhythm & Roots Run
- Oct. 14 – Earl Scruggs Center, Bela Fleck & Abigail Washburn Program
- Oct. 14 – Earl Scruggs Center, Bela Fleck & Abigail Washburn Concert

Columbus

- Oct. 14 – Columbus County Schools, Choral Showcase at Columbus County Fair
- March 24 – Columbus County Schools, Celebrate the Arts Festival

Craven

- Oct. 13 – Down East Folk Arts Society, Old Man Kelly

Cumberland

- Oct. 26 – Nov. 12 – Cape Fear Regional Theatre, Wait Until Dark

Currituck

- Currituck County School System, Spring into the Arts program in March
- October event, details forthcoming

Dare

- Oct. 6 – Duck Jazz Festival, Saturday performance

Davidson

- Oct. 5 – Speak Up NC Poetry Reading
- Oct. 21 – Arts Davidson County, Art Notion: Art Show & Silent Auction

Davie

- Oct. 6 – 15 – Special playbill dedication during Davie County Arts Council performance of Oliver

Duplin

- Oct. 18 – Duplin Agribusiness Fair

Durham

- July 21, 22 – American Dance Festival, Mark Morris Dance Group Performances
- Sept. 22 – Southern Documentary Fund*, Works in Progress: Jig Show
- Oct. TBD – Southern Documentary Fund, Works in Progress: This Taco Truck Kills Fascists
- Oct. 1 – Chamber Orchestra of the Triangle*, The Timeless Power of Genius
- Oct. 7 – Historic Stagville, Open House & Craft show
- Oct. 8 – Alex Weiss Facilitated community drum circle
- Oct. 12 – 27th Annual North Carolina Dance Festival
- Oct. 17 – 26 – Duke Performances, Monk@100
- Oct. 19 – Nasher Museum of Art, Burk Uzzle Talk
- Nov. 6 – North Carolina Presenters Consortium, keynote address
- Nov. 17 – Southern Documentary Fund, Works in Progress: While I Breathe, I Hope
- Nov. 19 – Chamber Orchestra of the Triangle, Masters of the 19th Century
- Jan. 14 – Chamber Orchestra of the Triangle, 20th Century Luminaries
- Jan. 26 – Southern Documentary Fund, Works in Progress: In the Executioner's Shadow
- Feb. – Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana, Dedicates February season at Motorco Music Hall

- Feb. 16 – Southern Documentary Fund, Works in Progress: Black Beach / White Beach: A Tale of Two Beaches
- Feb. 18 – Chamber Orchestra of the Triangle, Resplendent Gems
- March 25 – Chamber Orchestra of the Triangle, Beethoven, The Michelangelo of Music
- May 6 – Chamber Orchestra of the Triangle, A Touch of French Elegance
- **The Southern Documentary Fund dedicates its Fresh Docs season to our 50th; The Chamber Music Orchestra dedicates its season to our 50th;*

Edgecombe

- Oct. 3 – Edgecombe Community College, Songs and Stories featuring Lightnin’ Wells and Eric Greene

Forsyth

- June 23 – River Run International Film Festival, Screening of “The Night of the Iguana”
- Sept. 9 – Bookmarks Festival of Books and Authors, NCAC 50th Anniversary Panel
- Oct. 13 – Winston Salem Symphony, Fanfare with Ryan Anthony
- Feb. 10 – Winston Salem Symphony, Steep Canyon Rangers
- March 23, 25, 27, 27 – Piedmont Opera, The Pirates of Penzance

Franklin

- Oct. 20 – Louisburg College, Neil Berg’s 102 Years of Broadway

Gaston

- Sept. 28 – Gaston Arts Council, Evening Under the Stars
- Oct. 19 – Gaston Arts Council, Creative Pollinators
- April 21 – Gaston Arts Council, RE:Dress Fashion Show

Gates

- Oct. 16 – Gates County Schools, One Noble Journey by Mike Wiley

Graham

- Aug. 19 – Stecoah Valley Cultural Arts Center, The Jeff Little Trio
- Aug. 26 – Stecoah Valley Cultural Arts Center, The Kruger Brothers
- Oct. 22 – Stecoah Valley Cultural Arts center, Harvest Festival

Granville

- Granville Community Foundation / Granville County School system, details forthcoming

Greene

- Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 – Neuse Regional Library, Greene County Public Library, Kids Met

Guilford

- Sept. 8-10 – National Folk Festival, North Carolina Folklife Area
- Sept. 16 – High Point Arts Council, 47th Annual Day in the Park Festival
- Oct. 7 – Bel Canto Company, Spirit of Change

- Oct. 20 – Scuppernog Books, NCAC Literature Fellows Reading
- Nov. 9 – 27th Annual North Carolina Dance Festival
- TBD – The Weatherspoon

Halifax

- Oct. 23-26 Haliwa-Saponi October Taps Performance

Harnett

- Oct. 26 – Campbell University, Nikita Galaktinov performance

Haywood

- Oct. 6 - Haywood Arts Council, Art After Dark
- Sept. 29 – Waynesville Mountain Street Dance
- Oct. 14 – Waynesville 34th Annual Church Street Art & Craft Show

Henderson

- Oct. 6. – Flat Rock Playhouse, Little Shop of Horrors
- Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30 – Blue Ridge Music Trails, Feed & Seed Bluegrass & Country Jam

Hertford

- Oct. 7 – Meherrin Pow Wow, Special dedication
- Nov. 10-12 – The Gallery Theater, The Underpants

Hoke

- Hoke County School System, details forthcoming

Hyde

- Hyde County School system, details forthcoming

Iredell

- Sept. 14 – Sept. 16 – Iredell Arts Council, Full Bloom Film Festival
- Oct. 7, 14, 18, 25 – Statesville Visitor Center, Acoustic Music Jam in Statesville

Jackson

- June 17 – Appalachian Mural Trail, Dillsboro Mural Dedication
- Oct. 1 – 31- Jackson County Arts Council, Rotunda Gallery Exhibit: Jan Boyer Alcohol Ink Paintings
- Oct 1 – 31 – Jackson County Arts Council, Gallery One Joe Meigs Exhibit
- Oct. 1 – 31 – Jackson County Arts Council, Cherokee Art Workshop by WCU students
- Oct. 9 – Jackson County Arts Council, Heather May Artist talk
- Oct. 26 – Jackson County Arts Council, Darren Nicholson Concert

Johnston

- Sept. – Oct. – Johnston County Arts Council, Public School Teachers Art Exhibit at Johnston Health Hospital Smithfield

- Oct. 7 – Town of Selma, Artist Village at 42nd Annual Railroad Days Festival
- Oct. 21 – Town of Selma, Selma Saturdays Arts and Crafts Markets

Jones

- Neuse Regional Library, details forthcoming

Lee

- Oct. 1 – Temple Theatre, Footloose

Lenoir

- Oct. 6 – Kinston Community Council for the Arts, “Business After House” Concert in the African American Music Park
- Oct. TBD – Kinston Community Council for the Arts, White Gold Exhibition Tour & Lecture with Thomas Sayre

Lincoln

- Oct. 6 – 31, Lincoln County Arts Council, Paul C. Rhyne Event

Macon

- October 16-20 – Macon County cARTwheels Artist Residency, Hobie Ford

Madison

- October Madison County Arts Council TAPS Performance, details forthcoming
- October Thursday night Blue Ridge Music Trail Events, Zuma Coffee Shop
- Oct. 6 – 7 – 50th Anniversary Bascom Lamar Lunsford “Minstrel of Appalachia” Festival, evening concert on 10/6 and daytime stage on 10/7
- Oct. 2 – “Minstrel of Appalachia”: The Life and Legacy of Bascom Lamar Lunsford Exhibit Opening
- Oct. 3 – “Fiddlers Among the Rhododendron: Bascom Lamar Lunsford and the Politics of Culture in Asheville lecture
- Oct. 4 – Bascom Lamar Lunsford Festival, “Festivals on Vinyl” listening Party at Stackhouse Restaurant
- Oct. 5 – Bascom Lamar Lunsford Festival, Swing your Partner: Old Time Dance Calls, Figures and Steps with the Bailey Mountain Cloggers
- Oct. 8 – Madison County Arts Council, Soiree at Kalamazoo

Martin

- Oct. 14, Martin County Arts Council, “The Monitors” at the Artistic Sampler
- Quilt exhibition, details forthcoming

McDowell

- Sept. 16 – Appalachian Mural Trail, Old Fort Mural Dedication
- October 1 – 31 – McDowell Artist Council Association, The Glory Quilters Exhibition

Mecklenburg

- Sept. 8 – Arts & Science Council, Culture Feast
- Sept. 8 – UNC-Charlotte College of Art and Architecture, Bob Trotman Business as Usual opening reception
- Oct. 6 – Light Factory, NCAC Literature Fellows Reading
- Oct. 6 – Bechtler Museum of Modern Art, Jazz Performance
- Oct. 7 – Queens University of Charlotte, Claire Ritter & Ran Blake concert
- Oct. 15 – Mint Museum, Sunday Fun Day
- Oct. 19 – Oct. 21 – Charlotte Ballet, Fall Works Performance
- Jan. 26 – 28 – Arts & Science Council, Connect with Culture Day
- *The Bechtler Museum of Modern Art dedicates all October programming to the North Carolina Arts Council's 50th Anniversary*

Mitchell

- Oct. 14 – 15 – Spruce Pine Potters Market
- *Penland School of Crafts recognized the 50th at their summer benefit auction in August, and during student orientations*

Montgomery

- Oct. 7 – STARworks Pumpkin Patch festival

Moore

- Oct. 13 – Arts Council of Moore County, Beauty Lou & the Country Beast

Nash

- Oct. 20 – NC Wesleyan, Jason Coleman

New Hanover

- Sept. 30 – Oct. 1 – CAM, State of the Art / Art of the State Exhibition
- Oct. 6 – The Arts Council of Wilmington and New Hanover County, Wilmington Arts Summit Reception
- Oct. 6, 7, 8 – New Hanover County Arboretum & Wilmington Art Association, Art in the Arboretum
- Nov. 1 – UNCW, Ronald K. Brown / Evidence
- Nov. 4 – NC Writers Network, Keynote Address

Northampton

- Oct. 19 – Northampton County Cultural Arts Committee, Arts Uncorked Art Show & Sale

Onslow

- Oct. 12 – Seaside Arts Council, Sauce Boss performance

Orange

- Sept. 30 – Flyleaf Books, North Carolina Arts Council Literature Fellows Reading
- Oct. 25 – Orange County Arts Commission & Hillsborough Arts Council, Paint it Orange Plain Air Paint Out

- *Door to Door NC dedicates all October events to the 50th*

Pamlico

- Oct. 6-7 – Ol' Front Porch Music Festival

Pasquotank

- Oct. 27 – Arts of the Albermarle, Splash Plein Air Paint Out

Pender

- October, Topsail Elementary Schools, 4th grade class drawing project about North Carolina lighthouses

Perquimans

- Oct. 7 – Perquimans Arts League, 7th Annual Arts & craft Show

Person

- Oct. 13 – Kirby Theater, Young Frankenstein

Pitt

- Oct. 17 – East Carolina University, Vienna Boys Choir

Polk

- Oct. 13 – Nov. 25 – Tryon Fine Arts, Biennial Sculpture Show

Randolph

- Oct. 28 – NC Pottery Center workshop

Richmond

- Arts Richmond Exhibition, details forthcoming

Robeson

- Sept. 14 - UNC-Pembroke Givens Performing Arts Center, Romeo and Juliet
- Oct. 19 - UNC-Pembroke Givens Performing Arts Center, Marital Artists and Acrobats of Tianjin, P.R. China

Rockingham

- Oct. 6 – Rockingham Arts Council, Passion for Trashin'

Rowan

- Oct. 7 – Waterworks Visual Arts Center, Big Chili Cook-Off

Rutherford

- Oct. 14 – Isothermal Community College, An Evening of Brothers & Sisters – Malpass Brothers & Quebe Sisters

Sampson

- Aug. 17 – Sampson County Arts Council, Carriage House Studio Dedication
- Oct. 5 – Sampson County Arts Council, Alive After Five: The Embers

Scotland

- Oct. 20 – 22 – Arts Council of Scotland County, Storytelling Festival of Carolina

Stanly

- Oct. 28 – Stanly County Concert Association, Paul and Sophia Chandley Performance

Stokes

- Oct. 14-15 – Stokes County Arts Council, Shakespeare at the Rock: Much ado about Nothing
- Oct. 20-21 – Stokes County Arts Council, Jack: A Rippers Tale
- Oct. 27-29 – Stokes County Arts Council, The Ghost Camp Saura

Surry

- Oct. 14 – Surry County Arts Council, Phoenix & Craig Southern Band
- Oct. 20 – Surry County Arts Council, Meet Betty Lynn
- Oct. 21 – Surry County Arts Council, Shadowgrass Band
- Oct. 28-30 – Surry County Arts Council, Romeo and Juliet

Swain

- Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 – Blue Ridge Music Trails, Music in the Mts., River Front Park
- Oct. 14 – Museum of the Cherokee Indian, Cherokee Heritage Day

Transylvania

- Oct. 27 – Transylvania Arts Council, NAACP Clothesline Project & PARI Explore Space Art Exhibit Opening

Tyrrell

- Oct. 14 – Columbia, NC, Riverfest

Union

- Oct. 3 – Union County Schools, Benton Heights Tarheel Detectives, The Lost Colony

Vance

- Oct. 6 – Vance County Arts Council, Stella Jones Blues Performance
- Oct. 17 – Vance County Arts Council, cARTwheels grant performance of Flamenco vivo Carlota Santana

Wake

- Sept. 15 – Chamber Music Raleigh, America Together – Concert for the Community with Lara Downes
- Sept. 29-30 – Wide Open Bluegrass, Davie Street Stage

- Oct. 6 – United Arts, First Friday ParaDiGm
- Oct. 8 – Quail Ridge Books, NCAC Literature Fellows Reading
- Oct. 12 – Visual Art Exchange, Ignite Creativity Summit & Celebration of NCAC’s 50th
- Nov. 11 – Raleigh Concert Band, Fall Formal Concert “Wind Spirits”
- Dec. 21 – Artsposure, First Night Raleigh Mural Dedication
- Jan. 16 – United Arts, State of Arts & Culture Address

Warren

- October event at Warren County Library, details forthcoming

Washington

- Oct. 21 – Somerset State Park, Somerset Place Crafts & Crop Day Event

Watauga

- Oct. 26 – Appalachian State University, Ailey II: The Next Generation of Dance

Wayne

- Oct. 2 – Arts Council of Wayne County, Sunday in the Park
- Oct. 6 – Arts Council of Wayne County, First Friday Juried Art Show Opening

Wilkes

- Sept. 22 & 23 – Carolina in the Fall Music & Food Festival
- October Blue Ridge Music Trail Performances at Wilkes Heritage Museum, Details forthcoming
- Oct. 20 – Wilkes Community College, The Doo Wop Project

Wilson

- Sept. 14 – Oct. 28 – Arts Council of Wilson, “A Passion for Painting” with Jerry Taylor Exhibit

Yadkin

- Oct. 21 – Yadkin Arts Council, Dance for the River
- Jan. 6, 13, 20 – Yadkin Arts Council, Sounds of the Mountains Concert Series

Yancey

- Sept. 7 – 8 – Carolina Mountain Literary Festival, Shelby Stephenson readings & performances
- Sept. 17 – Toe River Arts Council, Burnsville Glass Gateways Fundraiser
- Sept. 23 – Toe River Arts Council, 32nd Annual Music in the Mountains Folk Festival
- October TBD – Toe River Arts Council event, details forthcoming