



Announcing the Pocono Mountains Music Festival 2018 Season

March 8, 2018:

*"We began nine years ago in the communities of Buck Hill Falls and Skytop, expanded into Stroudsburg and are pleased, this year, to add Honesdale as we continue to grow the festival in quality and location to truly be the definitive **Pocono Mountains Music Festival**,"*

David S. Mazza, MD, Founder and Board President

The **POCONO MOUNTAINS MUSIC FESTIVAL (PMMF)** is pleased to announce its 2018 schedule of events. Audiences will enjoy world-class entertainment with Award-winning performers including film and theater star Tony Roberts, Drama Desk nominee Barbara Andres and Broadway, film and television's Andrew Keenan-Bolger along with many of New York's top Broadway and cabaret vocalists.

The Festival's newly appointed Artistic Director, Scott Coulter, added, "***The Pocono Mountains Music Festival** not only brings extraordinary talent to the Pocono Mountains but also highlights the many brilliant performers living in our own backyard. I'm excited and honored to be part of this amazing musical experience.*"

PMMF is proud to be one of four organizations in the U.S. to participate in the prestigious ASCAP Foundation Jerry Herman Broadway Legacy Prize. During the two-week Performing Arts Camp, award winning Broadway performers teach a master class culminating in two students receiving the Herman Legacy Prize honor. The two student winners will perform with the Broadway stars the following evening accompanied by own orchestra, the **POCONO POPS!**

From Broadway to cabaret to country, this year's Pocono Mountains Music Festival has it all!

The season kicks off on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at the Evergreen Ballroom, Skytop Lodge, Skytop, PA with: "**THE MARCY & ZINA SHOW**".

Marcy Heisler and Zina Goldrich make up one of NYC's most successful and popular composing

teams— and they are phenomenal performers as well. "The Marcy & Zina Show" celebrates their witty, sophisticated, hilarious and touching songbook including hits "Taylor, the Latte Boy" and "Alto's Lament" as well as favorites from their musicals *Ever After*, *Dear Edwina*, and *Junie B. Jones*. They are recipients of the ASCAP Foundation Richard Rodgers New Horizons Theatre Award and nominees for the Lucille Lortel and Drama Desk Awards. "Bright as two buttons, they sing the songs they write with the kind of wit and intelligence of the Dorotheys Parker and Fields. The team's strength lies in making the intelligent hummable—something predecessors like Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, and the Gershwin brothers were always able to do." —David Finkle, *Village Voice*

On, Friday, June 15, 2018 join PMMF at The Cooperage, Honesdale, PA for: **"YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND: THE MUSIC OF THE BRILL BUILDING"**.

In the middle of New York City, in the heart of Times Square, sits The Brill Building, home to songwriters Carole King, Neil Sedaka, Lieber & Stoller, Neil Diamond, and Barry Mann and Cynthia Weill among others. The songs they wrote changed the sound of popular music and became some of the most iconic songs of all time. "Breaking Up Is Hard to Do," "Where the Boys Are," and "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow" all came from the famed music factory. Multi-award winning vocalist Scott Coulter takes you on a journey into the music —and the stories—of the singers and the songs that defined a generation.

PMMF's first full weekend of programming takes place at East Stroudsburg University's Smith Theater, East Stroudsburg, PA.

On Friday, July 27, 2018 the **PMMF** presents: **"CENTURY OF SONG: A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION"**.

It's been about 100 years since the birth of Leonard Bernstein, Jerome Robbins, Ella Fitzgerald, Lena Horne, Dizzy Gillespie, Thelonius Monk, Desi Arnaz and Dean Martin. To celebrate the lasting influence these legendary artists had on American music, the PMMF is proud to present an electrifying evening honoring their incredible legacy. A cast of New York City's top vocalists will be joined by current and former residents of the Pocono Mountains in a concert that will bring together world-class talent from around the world and our own backyard.

Saturday, July 28, 2018 is the night to celebrate the glory of country music with: **"SOUTHERN COMFORT: A DOWN-HOME COUNTRY MUSIC JAMBOREE"**.

Get ready for some foot-stomping, down-home music featuring the "The Honky-Tonk Tenors" (*NY Daily News*) performing classic country tunes from the 1940s to the hottest contemporary hits. An

award winning vocal trio performs chart-toppers by Glen Campbell, Vince Gill, Patti Loveless, Dolly Parton, Willie Nelson, Trisha Yearwood, Randy Travis and many more!

A very special event on Sunday, July 29, 2018 brings two award winning stars to **PMMF**. Join us for: “**LOVE LETTERS**”.

This is a special presentation of A.R. Gurney’s classic play, *Love Letters*, a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. The epistolary two-character play centers on Melissa Gardner and Andrew Makepeace Ladd III over their 50-year life story. A favorite of audiences all over the world, we are pleased to bring it to the Festival starring Drama Desk nominee and PMMF Board member Barbara Andres and film and stage star Tony Roberts. Tony will be recreating the role he performed on Broadway with Carol Burnett and also Lucie Arnaz.

Weekend two opens on Thursday, August 2, 2018 at the Tennis Tea in Buck Hill Falls, PA. You won’t want to miss **CABARET NIGHT with Broadway's ANDREW KEENAN-BOLGER**. New York fun and sophistication comes to the Tennis Tea with a performance by one of New York’s brightest young stars, Andrew Keenan-Bolger. You’ve seen him on Broadway (*Newsies*, *Tuck Everlasting*, *Mary Poppins*), film (*Newsies*), television (*Nurse Jackie*, MTV’s *FNMTV*) and the internet where he serves as director and editor of the hit web series *Submissions Only*. Now experience his soaring voice and captivating storytelling in an intimate cabaret setting. This one is for the whole family!

On Friday, August 3, 2018 at Pocono Mountain East High School, Swiftwater, PA, the talented young people from the Festival Performing Arts Camp present their **PERFORMING ARTS CAMP SHOWCASE**.

The Festival is thrilled to present a roof-raising concert featuring the students from the Performing Arts Camp along with their award-winning faculty, including Klea Blackhurst, John Boswell, Vibecke Dahle, and Germaine Goodson.

Our 2018 Festival closes on Saturday, August 4, 2018 at Pocono Mountain East High School, Swiftwater, PA, with “**JERRY HERMAN: THE BROADWAY LEGACY CONCERT** Featuring the **POCONO POPS! Orchestra**”.

PMMF’s closing event brings together students from the Festival’s Performing Arts Camp and music and theater professionals, as well as the debut of our own orchestra, the **POCONO POPS!** Jerry Herman is a legendary composer/lyricist of the American Musical Theater and one of Broadway’s most beloved icons. From *Hello, Dolly* and *Mame* to *Mack and Mabel* and *La Cage aux Folles*, Jerry Herman’s songs have lit up Broadway for decades with toe-tapping, soul-stirring

musical showstoppers. A cast of top Broadway and concert stars, including Tony Award-winner Debbie Gravitte, two-time Tony nominee Ron Raines, Broadway star Jason Graae, Klea Blackhurst and John Boswell celebrate the songs and stories of one of the true giants of the theatre. This concert is a blockbuster way to close our 2018 season.

For more information and **to make a tax-deductible donation** to the **Pocono Mountains Music Festival** and the **Festival's Performing Arts Camp**, please visit our website www.PoconoFest.org or Facebook @PoconoMountainsMusicFestival.



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