



The Pocono Mountains Music Festival 2018 Season

2018 FESTIVAL KICKOFF CABARET: "THE MARCY & ZINA SHOW"

Starring Marcy Heisler and Zina Goldrich

Saturday, May 19, 7:30 PM

Skytop Lodge, Evergreen Ballroom

Tickets: Premium \$60, General Admission \$30, Students \$10

Help us kick off the 2018 Pocono Mountains Music Festival with two of New York's favorite songwriters and performers!

Marcy Heisler & 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 Dorothy 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

"Zina Goldrich and Marcy Heisler are the most gifted new writing team of their musical theatre generation. They create music and lyrics that are as fresh, bright, witty and accessible as have ever been written"

--Maury Yeston, Tony Award Winning Composer-Lyricist, Titanic, Nine

Cast:

Marcy Heisler

Zina Goldrich

YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND: THE MUSIC OF THE BRILL BUILDING™

Starring Scott Coulter, Pocono Mountains Music Festival Artistic Director

Friday, June 15, 7:30 PM

The Cooperage, Honesdale

Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door

Presented in cooperation with Zipper Junction

The Pocono Mountains Music Festival is thrilled to present its new Artistic Director live in concert at The Cooperage. 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, 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.

"One of the best things that can happen to a songwriter is to have his or her material interpreted by Scott Coulter. It's not just Scott's amazing vocal instrument, but how he uses it to paint vivid pictures and evoke complex emotions."

- Stephen Schwartz, Academy Award and Grammy-winning composer

Cast:

Scott Coulter

A CENTURY OF SONG: A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Starring talented artists from New York City and the Pocono Mountains

Friday, July 27, 7:30 PM

East Stroudsburg University, Smith-McFarland Theater

Tickets: Premium \$60, General Admission \$30, Students \$10

It's been almost 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 Pocono Mountains Music Festival 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.

Cast:

To Be Announced

SOUTHERN COMFORT: A DOWN-HOME COUNTRY MUSIC JAMBOREE

Saturday, July 28, 4:00 PM and 7:30 PM - **Two shows, due to popular demand!**

East Stroudsburg University, Smith-McFarland Theater

Tickets: Premium \$50, General Admission \$25, Students \$10

The Richard K. Helmbrecht Award will be presented to Ms. Lynn A. Ball at the 7:30pm performance.

Rosin up your bow and get ready for a toe-tapping evening filled with thrilling 3-part harmony as we celebrate the glory of country music! Join "The Honky-Tonk Tenors" (NY Daily News) as they perform classic country tunes going from the 1940s all the way up to the hottest contemporary hits. *Southern Comfort: A Down-Home Country Music Jamboree* celebrates the glory of country music. Backed by a first-rate, four-piece band (covering bass, guitar, banjo, mandolin and fiddle), the multi-award winning trio will perform classic country tunes from including chart-toppers by Glen Campbell, Vince Gill, Patti Loveless, Dolly Parton, George Jones, Hank Williams, Tammy Wynette, Willie Nelson, Emmylou Harris, Trisha Yearwood, Randy Travis, Rascal Flatts and more.

"These three thrilling tenors work in perfect harmony, and it's worth traveling a country mile to hear their heavenly sound." — Wayman Wong, Playbill

"They call their show 'Southern Comfort,' but it's more like 'Tenor Lightning,' and they're dazzling." — Scott & Barbara Siegel, TheatreMania

CAST:

Tom Andersen

Scott Coulter

Tim DiPasqua

LOVE LETTERS: A Play by A.R. Gurney

Starring: Barbara Andres and Tony Roberts

Sunday, July 29, 4:00 PM

East Stroudsburg University, Smith-McFarland Theater

Tickets: Premium \$40, General Admission \$20, Students \$10

A special presentation of A.R. Gurney's classic, Pulitzer Prize-nominated play "Love Letters." The epistolary two-character play centers on Melissa Gardner and Andrew Makepeace Ladd III over their fifty-year life story. A favorite of audiences all over the world, we are pleased to bring it to the festival starring Drama Desk nominee Barbara Andres and film and stage star Tony Roberts. Tony will be recreating the role he performed on Broadway opposite both Carol Burnett and Lucie Arnaz.

CAST:

Barbara Andres

Tony Roberts

CABARET NIGHT with Broadway's ANDREW KEENAN-BOLGER

Thursday, August 2, 6:00 PM and 8:30 PM

Tennis Tea at Buck Hill Falls

Tickets: General Admission \$40, Students \$10

New York fun and sophistication come to the Tennis Tea with a performance by Broadway fan favorite, Andrew Keenan-Bolger. You've seen him on Broadway (*Newsies*, *Tuck Everlasting*, *Mary Poppins*), film (*Newsies*), television (*Nurse Jackie*, MTV's *FNMTV*) and on the hit web-series about life in the Broadway spotlight, *Submissions Only* where he wore the hats of creator, producer, writer, director, editor AND actor. Now experience his soaring voice and captivating storytelling in our intimate cabaret setting. This one is for the whole family!

Cast:

Andrew Keenan-Bolger

PERFORMING ARTS CAMP SHOWCASE: THE ROOM WHERE IT HAPPENS

Friday, August 3, 7:30 PM

Pocono Mountain East High School, Auditorium

Tickets: General Admission \$25, Students \$10

Generously underwritten with grants from ESSA Bank and Trust Foundation and Marina Ottaway, Ph.D

The festival is thrilled to present a roof-raising concert featuring the students from the Festival's Performing Arts Camp. The students will present the material they've been working on during camp and will be joined by their award-winning faculty members and a guest vocalist or two from New York City. The concert will honor all that was learned and created this summer.

CAST:

Pocono Mountains Performing Arts Camp Students

Klea Blackhurst

John Boswell

Vibecke Dahle

Germaine Goodson

JERRY HERMAN: THE BROADWAY LEGACY CONCERT

Featuring the debut of the Festival's own orchestra, the **POCONO POPS!**

Saturday, August 4, 7:30 PM

Pocono Mountain East High School, Auditorium

Tickets: Premium \$60, General Admission \$30, Students \$10

***Pocono Mountains Music Festival** is proud to be one of four organizations in the United States to receive the prestigious ASCAP Foundation Jerry Herman Broadway Legacy Prize, allowing us to present this performance. Two students from the Festival's Performing Arts Camp, who have been selected for the Herman Legacy Prize honor will perform at this blockbuster event.*

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. Now he's sharing his great musical legacy with a new generation of music lovers. A cast of top Broadway and concert stars, together with students from the Festival's Performing Arts Camp will celebrate the songs and stories of one of the true giants of the theatre. This concert marks the debut of our own orchestra, the POCONO POPS! and is sure to be a blockbuster way to close our 2018 season!

CAST:

Tony Award-winner Debbie Gravitte

Two-time Tony nominee Ron Raines

Klea Blackhurst

Jason Graae

John Boswell

Introducing the POCONO POPS! Orchestra



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