

## THE OFFICIAL BLUES BROTHERS REVIVAL

Sat., Oct. 25, 8 PM  
bluesbrothers-revival.com

The hippest, coolest, most authentic Blues Brothers tribute ever! The acclaimed, live stage musical features the hits from the original classic movie as well as songs from the five popular albums released by John Belushi and Dan Ackroyd – Jake and Elwood Blues – the one-and-only Blues Brothers. Capturing the infectious, good-time spirit of the original iconic twosome, the rousing show rocks with Chicago's rich blues, gospel & traditional soul man sounds. Endorsed & presented by the Belushi Estate.

"Unbridled energy ... blows the roof off." *Chicago Sun Times*



## MAURICE WILLIAMS & THE ZODIACS

Sat., Nov. 15, 8 PM  
mauricewilliams.com

When Maurice Williams first recorded his #1 hit "Stay" in 1960, he planted a sound that defined him to dance music fans forever. When the song was included on the film soundtrack for *Dirty Dancing*, another 20 million copies were sold. Add Williams' classic "Little Darling" and "May I" to the songlist and you have a dance floor timeline for generations.

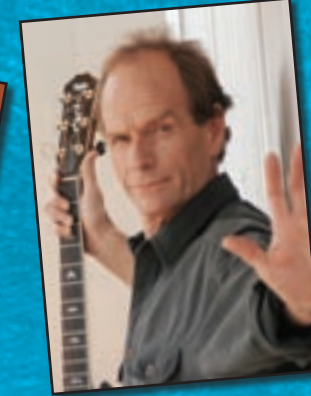
Sing along – you know the lyrics: "Stay ... just a little bit longer. Please, please, please, please! Please tell me you're going to ..."

## LIFE IS SO GOOD

Sat., Jan. 24, 8 PM  
ebzb.org

The inspiring true story of a slave's grandson who goes to school and learns to read at age 98. Based on Richard Glaubman's bestseller about 103-year-old George Dawson, this is the adaptation of the Oprah-selected book that received the 2001 Christopher Award for work affirming "the highest values of the human spirit." It is the story of an entire century, a life lived by George's credo "Life is so good. I do believe it's getting better."

"... an astonishing and unforgettable memoir." *Publishers Weekly*



## LIVINGSTON TAYLOR

Sat., Feb. 14, 8 PM  
livingstontaylor.com

Talk about musical talent running in the family! Livingston Taylor is surely blessed with the genetic singing and songwriting chops that also propelled his brother James Taylor into an international superstar. A veteran artist who's at the peak of his game, Livingston Taylor was born in Chapel Hill and recorded his first album at 19 years old. He's toured with Linda Ronstadt, Jimmy Buffett and Fleetwood Mac, and is artist-in-residence at Harvard. Whether he's at his piano, guitar or singing with the choir, his music is as sweet as it gets.

"... impressive music-making from a veteran who knows what he's doing ..." *Chicago Sun-Times*

# Sampson CenterStage

## 2008-09 PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

## NC DANCE THEATRE: AMERICAN MASTERPIECES

Sat., Mar. 21, 8 PM  
ncdance.org

American Masterpieces presents landmark works by some of the most acclaimed choreographers of our time. North Carolina Dance Theatre is the only American company, after Alvin Ailey's own American Dance Theatre, to perform Ailey's *Night Creature*, danced to Duke Ellington's exuberant score. George Balanchine's *Who Cares?* is performed to Gershwin classics including "I Got Rhythm" and "The Man I Love." Twyla Tharp's Tony® Award-winning talents are showcased in her famous *Nine Sinatra Songs*, danced to the timeless tunes of Ol' Blue Eyes himself.

"Remarkable precision ..." *New York Times*



## COWBOY CRUSH

Sat., Apr. 25, 8 PM  
cowboycrush.com

The attention-getting music of this all-girl Nashville trio is a life-affirming, fist-in-the-air celebration whose popularity is exploding nationwide. With songs that seem torn from pages of fans' daily lives, they bring high energy, jaw-dropping talent and irrepressible femininity to songs that resonate with listeners. Since playing for Fox executives at the Super Bowl, they have opened for superstars Travis Tritt, Lonestar and Trace Adkins, and hits to their website totaled in the millions before they'd even released their first single.

"Sassy and upbeat, Cowboy Crush is THE hot country band ..." *armedforcesentertainment.com*

## SPECIAL ADDED EVENT (not included in season package) A NIGHT AT THE BEACH 2009

featuring The Band of Oz  
& Hip Pocket!  
Sat., Mar. 7, 6:15 PM

You don't have to go to the ocean to enjoy a night at the beach! It's our annual gala dinner, auction and beach music shindig to raise funds for Sampson CenterStage Class Acts for Students – our acclaimed system-wide school performing arts series. For ticket information, call 910.592.7200 or visit [www.sampsoncenterstage.com](http://www.sampsoncenterstage.com). Advance reservations required. Sponsor and table packages available until 12 noon on Wed., Feb. 18.



## CORNELL GUNTER'S COASTERS, THE MARVELETTES & THE PLATTERS

Sat., May 16, 8 PM

It's truly a jukebox full of hits – on one stage – in one show. Enjoy legendary hits from The Coasters including "Searchin'," "Yakety Yak" and "Charlie Brown." Add The Marvelettes' "Please Mr. Postman," "Don't Mess with Bill" and "Beechwood 4-5789." Then mellow out with classics from The Platters including "Only You," "Twilight Time," "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes" and "You've Got That Magic Touch." Try to tally the millions of records sold by the legends sharing the stage and you'll go blind from the zeroes! Put your energy into dancing in the aisles instead!







# Join us for dinner!

Sampson CenterStage offers theatergoers the option to attend special pre-show dinners prior to each performance throughout the season. The

**Sampson CenterStage Diners' Club** is open to the first 200 lucky (& smart!) guests who reserve tickets for some of the greatest dinners in town. Diners' Club events held in Heritage Hall offer delectable buffet meals that are served from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm (doors open at 6:15 pm). After enjoying dinner, guests are escorted to their reserved seats for the evening's performance.

All dinner tickets must be purchased in advance (they are not available at the door), and are limited in supply. Diners' Club events are dine-in only. Diners' Club tickets are non-refundable, but may be transferred to others. (Now that's a great way to make some real friends!)

## Diners' Club Tickets \$25 per person

Doors Open 6:15 pm  
Dinner Buffet 6:30-7:30 pm

To reserve your dinner tickets  
call 910-592-7200  
or visit our website  
[www.sampsoncenterstage.com](http://www.sampsoncenterstage.com)



# Class Acts

SAMPSON CENTERSTAGE  
FOR STUDENTS 2009

Class Acts has gained statewide recognition for its quality programming and community support in introducing students to professional performing arts. **FREE OF CHARGE**, Sampson County students attend events specifically designed for various grade levels and curriculum alignments. Teachers are provided valuable study guides designed to enhance each student's theatre-going experience. When it comes to the performing arts in Sampson County, Class Acts helps set a tone for a lifetime of learning.



**NC DANCE THEATRE:  
AMERICAN MASTERPIECES**  
Monday, March 23  
10 am 7th Grade Students  
1 pm 8th Grade Students

**ONE NOBLE JOURNEY**  
Tuesday, March 24  
10 am 6th Grade



**TIRED SOULS:  
THE MONTGOMERY  
BUS BOYCOTT**  
Tuesday, March 24  
1 pm 9th Grade

**THE JUNGLE BOOK**  
Wednesday, March 25  
10 am 1st Grade  
1 pm 2nd Grade



**TOYING WITH SCIENCE**  
Thursday, March 26  
10 am 3rd Grade  
1 pm 4th Grade



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## PERFORMING ARTS SERIES



# Sampson CenterStage Ticket Prices

TICKET PKGS	SAMP/ DRESS CIRCLE	ORCH	GALL	# OF TIX	TOTAL
Season Ticket Pkg (All 7 Shows)	\$185	\$165	\$145		
Season Tix with 7 Pre-Show Dinners	\$360	\$340	\$320		
<b>Totals</b>					

INDIVIDUAL SHOW TICKET PRICING	SAMP/ DRESS CIRCLE	ORCH	GALL	# OF TIX	TOTAL
Sat Oct 25 Blues Brothers	\$32	\$28	\$24		
Sat Nov 15 Maurice Williams & The Zodiacs	\$28	\$24	\$20		
Sat Jan 24 Life Is So Good	\$26	\$22	\$18		
Sat Feb 14 Livingston Taylor	\$32	\$28	\$24		
Sat Mar 21 NC Dance Theatre	\$32	\$28	\$24		
Sat Apr 25 Cowboy Crush	\$32	\$28	\$24		
Sat May 16 Coasters, Marvelettes & Platters	\$36	\$32	\$28		
<b>Totals</b>					

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**Make checks payable** to the Sampson CenterStage  
Performing Arts Series, 414 Warsaw Road, Clinton, NC 28328

**Phone orders: 910-592-7200.**  
Individual tickets available online at  
[www.sampsoncenterstage.com](http://www.sampsoncenterstage.com) beginning Wed., Sept. 17th

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