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WNRN broadcasts on multiple frequencies throughout central Virginia. Our signals reach Charlottesville, Richmond, Lynchburg, Staunton, Waynesboro, Harrisonburg and Lexington as well as the 21 counties near these cities.

Hear Together is our award winning public service program that we run hourly at approximately 35 minutes past the hour on our airwaves. The content focuses on non-profits to inspire and motivate that listeners will volunteer in their own community. The Hear Together segments provide a platform for WNRN's educated listeners to learn more about the missions of many non-profits.

WNRN radio broadcasts more than 8000 public service announcements each year. Hear Together gives over \$300,000 in free airtime to area regional non-profit organizations. These organizations can then use the profile on their website to seek funds from grantors and for basic education.

WNRN's goal to actively encourage giving back to our community is met by airing messages with direct appeals for volunteers. We know that all non-profit organizations have volunteer boards, run programs that use volunteers, and need volunteers to run fundraising events for their operations. Therefore, we aim to share a wide range of ways to make a difference for every schedule and interest for potential volunteers.

WNRN interviews local citizens who are involved with local non-profits in order to spotlight their community engagement. WNRN staff actively looks for non-profits who are reliant on volunteer engagement but have limited means to recruit. Interested listeners can learn more about each organization by visiting our website for more information, links, and to hear the audio again.

WNRN increases the impact of non-profits that work to address the most significant issues challenging our community. We measure the results of Hear Together using these criteria: count the number of public service announcements aired, how many non-profit organizations were served, and which counties and cities are served. Hear Together regularly surveys non-profits to hear feedback and what the profiles have accomplished for them.

Hear Together Profiles Q3 2017:

**Art on Wheels, Richmond:** Art on Wheels brings comprehensive arts programming to communities with limited access to the arts. Serving veterans, senior citizens, and disabled and chronically ill populations, Art on Wheels focuses on four primary areas: Aging in the Arts, Arts and Disability, Healing in the Arts, and Arts in the Community. From painting, photography, and print-making to music therapy, textiles, and crafts, Art on Wheels brings engaging classes and workshops right to the community's doorsteps.

**Drive to Work, Richmond:** Drive-To-Work is a Virginia non-profit, tax-exempt corporation. It assists qualifying low-income and previously incarcerated persons to restore driving privileges so they can drive to work and hold a job. Drive-To-Work's goal is to restore driving privileges. Its services typically involve re-instatement of licenses or obtaining restricted driving permits, not defense of serious driving offenses. For these services consult other attorneys or if your gross income is too high to qualify.

**Jubilee Family Development, Lynchburg:** Jubilee Family Development Center provides high quality academic, athletic and occupational programs that foster personal, social, and spiritual growth and the stability of families to children and families throughout Central Virginia. Serving more than 6,000 Central Virginia children and adult community members annually. Founded in 1999 and located in Lynchburg, Virginia, Jubilee offers programs and services to help at-risk youth develop their academic and social skills.

**Heart Havens, Richmond:** This agency provides group homes in neighborhoods across Virginia where adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities live as independently as possible while being supported by twenty-four hour staff. Heart Havens Sarah Wilkinson says that means parents get peace of mind, and residents get the chance to live a life centered around their abilities.

**Ready Kids, Charlottesville:** They believe that positive change is built on healthy, nurturing relationships. They actively promote vital connections between children, families, caregivers, staff and our community partners.

**Awareness Garden, Lynchburg:** The mission of the Awareness Garden is to provide a tangible, special place for people to reflect on the courage, dignity and hope of those who are battling cancer, those who have overcome cancer and to honor those who valiantly fought it.

**Swim RVA, Richmond:** Swim RVA serves as a catalyst for regional aquatics and community-wide focus on water safety, health and fitness, sports tourism, and competitive aquatics. They elevate swimming in the Richmond region making water safety and aquatic fitness more accessible to all.

**Lewis and Clark Exploratory Center, Charlottesville** is located on the banks of the Rivanna River in Darden Towe Park in Charlottesville. The Lewis and Clark Exploratory Center is focused on the historic expedition as a gateway for learning about exploration, transportation, the arts, science, the natural environment, and native cultures.

**LEARN, Fishersville** is addressing the adult illiteracy gap in Augusta County by creating one-on-one tutoring time in basic language skills and in English for Speakers of Other Languages. Community

volunteers trained and certified by LEARN host the tutoring sessions to help adults address their daily literacy needs and reach individual goals. For this Hear Together we take a closer look at what it's like to struggle with reading and writing in our society.

Founded in 2007, the **Charlottesville Derby Dames** is Charlottesville's first and only skater-run, flat track roller derby league. The Dames' mission is to promote sportsmanship and community by providing an alternative form of fitness and entertainment to the women and men of Charlottesville and surrounding counties. The Dames donate a portion of proceeds from bouts and fundraising events to local charities and organizations that help the community, such as Books Behind Bars, The Shelter for Help in Emergency, and Piedmont Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children. The Charlottesville Derby Dames are always looking for new skaters, officials, and volunteers.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Central Blue Ridge**, Charlottesville pairs adult volunteer mentors ("bigs") with children ("littles"), ages 6 through 16, in the Charlottesville and Albemarle communities for at least a year. By fostering meaningful and enduring relationships, Big Brothers Big Sisters aims to give children the opportunity to succeed and thrive. From sports games to movie nights, the program offers as many free events as possible for bigs and littles with the help of donations. The program is currently looking for volunteer mentors.

**UVA Madison House**, Charlottesville has created lifetime volunteers by giving students at the University of Virginia the opportunity to give back to the community through various non-profit organizations. Madison House pairs students to non-profits that interest them, ranging from education to health care services and much more, allowing students to explore different paths and broaden their horizons. More than 3,000 students volunteers their time and energy on a weekly basis through Madison House.

**PEP** (formerly Performers Exchange Project), Charlottesville is a collective of five theatre artists — Sian Richards, Kara McLane Burke, Doreen Bechtol, Jennifer Hoyt Tidwell, and Martha Mendenhall — who develop and perform original material and host residencies and workshops in the Charlottesville area. By confronting deeper subjects through a lens of physical humor, PEP often works within the framework of tragic comedy. Past productions include *Our American Ann Sisters*, *Dido Vs. the Squid Monster*, and *The Convolution of Pip and Twig*, which PEP is currently re-working for an upcoming set of performances.

**Church Hill Activities and Tutoring**, Richmond was founded by Percy and Angie Strickland to serve the youth of the East End of Richmond. CHAT's educational programming includes an independent pre-school and high school, and spans volunteer-based sites offering tutoring, woodworking and screenprinting workshops, and more. The organization's latest project is the "Front Porch Cafe," which employs students as part of its Work Leadership Institute. By establishing support systems and mentorships for each child enrolled, CHAT aims to equip area youth with the tools to make transformative life decisions.

**The Charlottesville Area Community Foundation**, Charlottesville was established 50 years ago with the goal of creating "an engine for positive change" in Charlottesville, Albemarle, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Nelson and Orange. Through philanthropy, the Community Foundation works with local residents, non-profits, and organizations to improve the quality of life in our area. We sat down

with Charlottesville Area Community Foundation President Anne Scott for a closer look at the evolving nature of philanthropy and the range of ways that people in our community want to give back.

In 2015, the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation wanted to find a way to support and improve the lives of citizens by helping to build up and improve the systems that were working. But they recognized that some of the systems that needed support were not necessarily formal ones. So one of their first "Strengthening Systems" grants was given to a program called the Charlottesville Works Initiative. Director Ridge Schuyler discusses the Community Foundation's creative approach to getting low-income job-seekers into sustainable careers.

**Girls on the Run**, Richmond links coaches and girls in 3rd to 8th grade with a with a 5k event at the end of their 10 week program. But while they aim to cultivate an appreciation for health and fitness, they hope do much more for the girls. Their positive approach uses running, discussions, and activities to help girls learn to navigate their world and create an impact on their communities. For this Hear Together profile, we hear why one mom became a coach, and why she says the program helps the girls learn to celebrate their inner strength.

**Rideshare**, Charlottesville works to link up commuters looking to carpool and save on the cost of gas. For this Hear Together profile we took a closer look at the break down of saving by linking up and sharing a ride, and how RideShare uses an emergency "Guaranteed Ride Home" in an emergency to counter one of the common concerns about carpooling.

**Wildrock**, Crozet is a nature playscape located on 28 acres of land next to Patricia Byrom Park in North Albemarle County. With its clear stream and pristine mountain backdrop, Wildrock connects children and adults alike to nature in an effort to promote health and happiness.

**Love Forward Foundation**, Spotsylvania, a non-profit that helps children find an outlet for those emotions having to do with a parent that's absent due to a jail sentence. For this Hear Together profile, we listen to why one mom started a program that sends children care packages with enough material to write at least once a month to their incarcerated mother or father to help encourage communication and deal with the trauma and stress of incarceration.

**Dark Skies, Bright Kids (DSBK)**, Charlottesville, is based at the University of Virginia and is a non-profit program designed to enhance science education for elementary school students. They seek to foster the natural curiosity of children by helping them to explore the Universe in a social setting with fun, hands-on activities.

**Lynchburg Diversity Center**, Lynchburg: The Lynchburg Diversity Center supports efforts to create a healthier society marked by permanent, positive changes in attitudes and behaviors toward the LGBTQ+ communities, and the ability of all LGBTQ+ individuals to realize their fullest potential. We envision a community where LGBTQ+ citizens are treated with respect and dignity, and their unique gifts are championed and celebrated, thereby strengthening our community.

**Poplar Forest**, Forest, a designated National Historic Landmark and a UNESCO World Heritage Site nominee, served as Thomas Jefferson's private retreat and plantation. Poplar Forest offers visitors a glimpse into the private life of Thomas Jefferson, and provides an array of educational programming ranging from on-site field trips to accredited courses to monthly talks and speaker's series.

**PB&J Fund**, Charlottesville. The PB&J Fund is a Charlottesville-based organization that equips youth with the resources and knowledge to develop a healthy diet. They offer cooking classes for children and parents already enrolled in programs with partner organizations, such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, complete with take-home recipe cards. Attendance averages around 18 children and recipes coincide with vegetables that are in season. The PB&J Fund also addresses children's nutritional needs by distributing food in the community. Operating with the understanding that everyone's notions of healthy and affordable food and choices are different, the Fund's overarching goal is to educate and empower everyone to make healthy decisions given their own circumstances.

**Charlottesville Municipal Band**, Charlottesville. WNRN staff talks with the Director of the Charlottesville Municipal Band. Despite recently losing their city and county funding during budget cuts, Layman says the group is still very much a community band. Their members are college students, nurses, lawyers, stay-at-home parents, and college presidents and everything in between. They've witness and provided the music for some of Charlottesville's most historic moments. And the way they began? It's a classic Charlottesville story.

**The Listening**, Lynchburg. A father, an artist, and a mental health worker ends up in Lynchburg, and wants to find a way to bring the community together. So he created a non-profit called The Listening as an outlet for the community to have conversations through art. The project has evolved in many ways through the five years since it was created. But the fluid nature of what they do is part of why it works, according to founder Nicholas Steven George. And their mission to "engage, change, and save lives through performing arts" is one we think you'll want to hear more about

**Brook Hill Farm**, Lynchburg. Brook Hill Farm is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides rehabilitative services and safe haven for unwanted horses, as well as a therapeutic riding program for personal growth and equine education for area youth and adults.

**Horizon Behavioral Health**, Lynchburg. "I think we've come a long way in removing stigma so people aren't afraid to say they have a mental health issue or a substance abuse issues," says Damien Cabezas, the CEO of Horizon Behavioral Health in Lynchburg. Horizon serves people with substance abuse or mental health disorders as well as intellectual disabilities. For this Hear Together, we get a closer look at the ways Horizon helps assess the needs of the people that come in their doors, and give them options that they can choose from in order to improve their lives. We also ask him about the issues on the horizon for the health community.

**Camp Holiday Trails**, Charlottesville. Founded in 1973, Camp Holiday Trails encourages and empowers children with chronic illnesses — and their families — through traditional camp programming. Along with archery, arts and music, hiking, and water sports, Camp Holiday Trails incorporates training with healthcare professionals to educate campers ages 5 – 17.

**Humankind**, Lynchburg, non-profits with 100 years of history helping the people in their area are rare. But HumanKind in Lynchburg has passed that milestone, and through care, counseling and education, continues to adapt to the needs of their growing community. For this Hear Together, we take a closer look at the ways that HumanKind has evolved to care for the people they serve, and what lessons they have learned that have stood the test of time.

**Lynchburg Humane**, Lynchburg. McKenna Yarborough, the Executive Director Lynchburg Humane Society, along with her staff and volunteers, has cultivated a place that is far from the stereotypical bleak animal shelter. That means bright spaces, communal spaces, food trucks, puppy kindergarten, and even a little cat yoga. If it means that they get an animal into a happy forever home, then they aren't afraid to think outside of the box.

**Hoofbeats**, Rockbridge County, "Horses helping people" is their mantra, and Hoofbeat's has been making that happen since they began in 1993. They work with the community to offer therapeutic horseback riding services to adults and children. Hoofbeats serves people with mental, physical, or emotional disabilities, trauma, or chronic diseases. For this Hear Together, we visited the grounds of the Virginia Horse Center, where they work to talk with an instructor about what she has seen during her twenty years with the program.

**Richmond Symphony**, Richmond. Erin Frye with the Richmond Symphony shares some of the creative ways the non-profit works to connect and perform for the community. The Richmond Symphony is the largest performing arts organization in Central Virginia. Their ticketed performances range from performances at the Carpenter Theatre featuring orchestral classics and contemporary composers, a Symphony Pops Series, and chamber orchestra performances to the Lollipop Series for children, Casual Fridays, Rush Hour at Hardywood, and a Big Tent that allows them to play in parks and neighborhoods.

**Lynchburg Market**, Lynchburg. It's all about the beat. Or, the beet. If it takes a hip hop beat to get the kids in the Lynchburg area to talk about vegetables (or better yet, eat them) then the Friends of the Community Market were willing to go there.

Culture Connections for Q3 2017

Beryl Solla, Chair of Piedmont Virginia Community College's Art Department, produces Culture Connection. It is a service of Hear Together on the WNRN

Culture Connection for the week of July 3rd – July 9th.

Youngblood Art Studio, in The Plains, is opening Mary Michaela Murry's exhibition, "I Stand With Her" this Thursday from 6-8pm. The exhibit features Murray's thought provoking, gestural paintings which respond to the current political climate.

McGuffey Art Center in Charlottesville opens several new shows this Friday including "Visions of Woven Color" in the Sarah B. Smith Gallery featuring Klaus Anselm, Meredith Bennett, Joan Griffin, Jean Jones, Cameron Kashani, Jan Russell and Ann Vonnegut. These Seven artists relish color and diversity in their weaving.

In Richmond, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts continues it's exhibition, Yves Saint Laurent: The Perfection of Style". This widely acclaimed exhibition offers an intimate and comprehensive look at the lifetime achievement of Yves Saint Laurent, one of history's most radical and influential fashion designers. Featuring 100 examples of haute couture and ready-to-wear garments—some never shown publicly before—this exhibition reveals Saint Laurent's artistic genius, as well as his working process, and the sources of his design inspiration.

Chroma Gallery, on the Downtown Mall in Charlottesville opens a new show this Friday featuring the work of Lily Erb. The show, Soft Steel, considers and contrasts the juncture between the powerful industrial nature of steel and Erb's ability to charm it into organic flow and living movement. Felicia Brooks is in the PCA Gallery with her show Sfumato. Her Acrylic paintings on canvas feature geometric subjects emerging from and disappearing back into a painted mist.

Culture Connection for the week of July 10rd – July 16th.

Although Second Street Gallery in Charlottesville has just closed it's final exhibit for their 43rd season, they are open this Weds night from 6pm to 10pm for their lively event, Brews with a View. This fundraiser directly benefits the gallery and will feature great food and drink as well as live bands, Tequila Mockingbird and Whiskey and Chamomile.

The Staunton Augusta Art Center presents Instruments of Cubism, new paintings by Eugene Provenzo. Provenzo's collages were recently featured at the Shenandoah Fringe fest.

1708 Gallery in Richmond continues it's 3x3: Summer Sessions, the latest segment in its community engagement program. This months installment features Hillary Waters Fayle / Grass Roots. Hillary's mission is to inspire awareness of and stewardship for urban green spaces. She will create an ethno-botanical map of Jackson Ward made by documenting the plant life and collecting specimens that she identifies around the neighborhood —in residents' yards, in city-managed sites, and growing wild.

Culture Connection for the week of July 17rd – July 23rdth.

The Kluge Ruge Aboriginal Art Museum presents “The Mysteries That Remain, featuring One of Australia’s most acclaimed Indigenous artists, Mick Nam a rari Tja palt jarri, a founder of the Western Desert art movement. The Mysteries that Remain is the first museum survey of Namarari’s work, featuring paintings on canvas and board from 1971-1990. It reveals the depth and complexity of Namarari’s artistic experiments as he strove to present the ancestral narratives of his desert homelands in new and innovative ways. This exhibition sheds new light on this enigmatic and important artist as he moved from detailed figurative works through to grand abstractions.

In Harrisonburg, this is the final week for painter, Mauricio Esperon’s exhibition at the Smith House Galleries.

McGuffey Art Center in Charlottesville is offering a colorful and refreshing summer exhibit featuring over 50 McGuffey Artists. Check out the lower Hall Galleries, North and South as well as the Upstairs south gallery for a wide range of styles and media.

Culture Connection for the week of July 24th – July 30th.

In Richmond, the 1708 Gallery was recently named a recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts grant. The ArtWorks award of \$20,000 will help support 1708 Gallery’s annual InLight Richmond, light based art exhibit. This annual event has become a mainstay of Richmond’s Fall art season. Director Emily Smith continues to bring the arts to the community with this powerful, annual event.

The Taubman Museum of Art in Roanoke presents the mid-career retrospective, Farther, by New York-based sculptor Paul Villinski. Villinski’s sculptures and installations engage with subjects both sublime and neglected. Influenced by a lifelong concern for environmental issues, his work reinvisions seemingly useless and discarded materials, often trash found on the streets of New York City, into uplifting and humanizing works of art.

In Lynchburg, the Lynchburg Art Club and Gallery has released a call for artists to participate in the 45th annual Lynchburg Art Festival. Details and an application is available on their website. This is also the final week for their exhibition, “We Got The Blues, Too” featuring work from local artists in a variety of media.

Culture Connection for the week of July 31st- Aug 6

This is the final week for Eugene Provenzo’s exhibition, Instruments of Cubism at the Staunton Augusta Art Center.

The Shenandoah Valley Art Center, in Waynesboro, hosts the BozART Fine Art Collective in the Invitational Gallery August 3 - September 2. The reception is this Saturday, August 5, 5:00-7:00.

ARTCHO, Charlottesville's Community Art Festival, is accepting applications for its first annual arts festival held on Pantops in Charlottesville. They are looking for original art in a variety of styles and mediums. The deadline to apply is August 15. More info is online at [ARTCHO.org](http://ARTCHO.org)

Culture Connection for the week of August 7th- August 13th

The Staunton Augusta Art Center opens two new photography exhibits this Friday. Scott F. Smith is showing his photographs in "Transmutation" and Jon Parks is featured in "Southern Exposures". The opening reception is 5pm-7pm.

Chroma Art Projects, on the Downtown Mall in Charlottesville, presents Blake Hurt's exhibition: August Persons. The Reception is this Sunday, from 3:00 - 5:00 PM.

In the neighboring PCA Gallery, Hurt will be showing his large scale Steampunk Ink Collages.

The Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg continues its exhibition "Pop Up Poppies", curated By Gloria Comstock, VQM Curator and Registrar, in the Virginia Magruder Warren Gallery. These historical quilts explore the association between commemorating war dead and poppies. This idea was first referenced in the famous opening lines of John McCrae's 1915 poem "In Flanders Fields", which begins "In Flanders Fields the poppies blow; Between the crosses, row on row..."

Culture Connection for the week of August 14th- 20th.

This Saturday in Richmond, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts presents an exhibition based on the notion of dialogue. Hear My Voice: Native American Art of the Past and Present explores conversations between Native American artists and their art across centuries, a continent, and 35 indigenous cultures. A total of 56 works illustrates the ways in which Native American art speaks of a shared knowledge and shared history while also being incredibly diverse in subject matter and medium.

The Taubman Museum in Roanoke recently opened

12X12: SMALL WORKS FROM THE CYNTHIA AND HEYWOOD FRALIN COLLECTION.

12 x 12 features renowned paintings and works on paper created by some of the most well known American artists the 19th and 20th centuries. The works, smaller than 12 inches square, are created by such luminaries as Robert Henri, Winslow Homer and Milton Avery.

This Thursday evening from 5pm- 9pm, Charlottesville's Kluge Ruge Aboriginal Museum presents Night at the Museum with Chamomile and Whiskey. You may explore their exhibitions after hours and enjoy food, libations and music. Local musicians, Chamomile and Whiskey, will play their blend of Americana and southern rock with Irish, Gypsy and Old-Time influences. The event also has a Kids Zone with Australian-themed children's activities.

Culture Connection for the week of August 21st- 27th

This is the final week for the exhibition Yves Saint Laurent: The Perfection of Style, at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond. This exhibition reveals Saint Laurent's artistic genius, as well as his working process, and the sources of his design inspiration.

In Charlottesville, The Fralin Museum at the University of Virginia, opens Dealer's Choice: The Samuel Kootz Gallery 1945–1966.

Dealer's Choice will be the first exhibition that examines the critical role Kootz played in establishing modern American art as an international force. Kootz's New York gallery was instrumental in promoting the careers of several major Abstract Expressionist artists, including Robert Motherwell, Hans Hofmann and Adolph Gottlieb.

In Lexington, this is the final week to apply for the Rockbridge Arts Guild's 2017 Art on the Green exhibit. The show will be held September 7th-the 9th.

Culture Connection for the week of August 28th-September 3rd

In Charlottesville, Chroma Projects, on the downtown mall, opens Landmarks: Michelle Gagliano with Butch Taylor and Stuart Gunter. The reception is this Friday from 5-7. Painter Michelle Gagliano, poet Stuart Gunter, and musician Butch Taylor collaborate on a unique exhibit that explores and executes an awareness of the vocabulary of place. These three artists have drawn inspiration from British author Robert MacFarlane's book Landmarks, which documents the lost language of landscape

In Richmond, this is the final week for the Page Bond Gallery's exhibition Sunscreen: A group exhibition, featuring work by numerous regional artists including Robin Braun, Gregg Carbo, Kristi Hager, and William Wylie.

The Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College in Lynchburg continues its exhibition, SELECTIONS FROM THE PERMANENT COLLECTION. This thoughtful body of American art, consists of paintings, works on paper, and photographs dating from the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries.

Culture Connection for the week of September 4<sup>th</sup> - September 10th

The Woodberry Forest School gallery presents "A View with a Room" Firnew Farm's 5th Annual Group Art & Photography Show. The exhibit opens this Friday from 5:30 –7:30 PM

The McGuffey Art Center in Charlottesville opens two new exhibitions this Friday. Look for Lauren Doran: Flora, Fauna, Flesh and Blood in the Sarah B. Smith Gallery and the Central Virginia Watercolor Guilds 26th Annual Exhibition in the Upper and Lower Hall Galleries.

THE PAGE BOND GALLERY, in Richmond, opens HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT: NANCY MURPHY SPICER AND FIELD OF PLAY: AMY CHAN, this FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2017, From 6 to 8 PM. Nancy Murphy Spicer

showcases works that play with viewers' perception of "what is seen and what is present but is unavailable to the eye." The playful abstract paintings of Amy Chan are on view in the side gallery. Moving away from her earlier biomorphic forms, but retaining her interest in bright, almost artificial color, Chan has come to pursue simpler, cleaner shapes and design over decoration.

This Friday, in Charlottesville, Second Street Gallery will hold its Triennial Fundraising Art Auction. The event will include both a Live and Silent Auction component where attendees will have the opportunity to take home great works of art while supporting SSG's exhibition and outreach programs.

Culture Connection for the week of September 11<sup>th</sup> - Sept 17<sup>th</sup>

In Charlottesville, Chroma Projects continues its exhibitions, Landmarks: Michelle Gagliano with Butch Taylor and Stuart Gunter. Painter Michelle Gagliano, poet Stuart Gunter, and musician Butch Taylor collaborate on a unique exhibit that explores and executes an awareness of the vocabulary of place.

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, in Richmond, presents In Our Own Words: Native Impressions 2015 – 16. This exhibit features a series of prints intended to highlight the life experiences of Native Americans

living in North Dakota today. Daniel Heyman, whose previous work dealt with provocative social and political issues, collaborated with Lucy Ganje, who has family ties to tribal nations in North Dakota, to produce the portfolio under the guidance of master printer Kim Fink.

This Saturday, The Virginia Quilt Museum, in Harrisonburg presents A Celebration of Modern Quilting.

At 10am - 12pm Five artists will be on hand at the Museum to demonstrate their quilting techniques.

From 12pm - 3pm an Artists' Luncheon will be held followed by Design is Everywhere, a presentation by Violet Craft. Ms. Craft is a licensed designer for Michael Miller Fabrics and distributes her own line of sewing patterns. Check the museum's website for more information.

Culture Connection for the week of September 18<sup>th</sup>-Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. The Staunton Augusta Art Center opens a new exhibit this Friday from 5pm-7pm. Shay Herring Clanton is showing her current paintings in "New Works" This Friday, In Charlottesville, Piedmont Virginia Community College's Dickinson Galleries open two new exhibitions. In the North Gallery, Lisa Parker Hyatt shows her latest allegorical paintings in "Fish Out of Water". Parker-Hyatt's realistic renderings and vivid imagery make for a surprising and enriching experience. In the South Gallery, the group show, Metadata features the work of Laura Parsons, Mara Sprafkin, L. Staiger and James Yates. Look for a range of media and content from the personal to the political.

In Lynchburg, Sweetbriar College's Pannell Gallery presents GRRRL Power: Iterations of the Feminine. In Roanoke, The Taubman Museum presents JARED SOARES: HIP HOP ROANOKE. In 2008, Jared Soares began photographing the hip hop music scene in Roanoke. He documented the artists at work, and their creative process from writing, to recording, to performances and dance parties. In the exhibition Hip Hop Roanoke, Soares reunites with that community. Debuting Soares' new photography, Hip Hop Roanoke

shows his evolution of style and technique while documenting the changes in the music scene since his initial forays, almost a decade ago.

Culture Connection for the week of September 25th-October 1st

In Lexington, this is the final week for Washington and Lee University's Staniar Gallery exhibit, Susan Worsham Bittersweet on Bostwick Lane. In this series, Susan Worsham photographs the street where she grew up and her elderly neighbor Margaret, one of the last connections to her youth. Weaving the innocence of childhood with the gravity that attends the passage of time, Worsham's work reflects on love, loss, death, and discovery.

The Staunton Augusta Art Center is showing NEW WORKS, paintings by Shay Herring Clayton. Comfortable with both oil and water color, Clayton's work is inspired by the mountains, rivers and streams of his home on Walker Mountain near Deerfield Virginia and the landscape of his childhood home in Alabama.

In Charlottesville, The New City Arts initiative and the IX Art Park are starting off the season with new events, new exhibits and art fun for the whole family. Check their websites for information.

Also in Charlottesville, the Kluge Ruhe Aboriginal Museum features Songs of a Secret Country, featuring contemporary paintings and sculpture by Indigenous Australian artists from various regions across the Australian continent, from the central desert to coastal regions and islands.

Community Connections Q3 2017:

**Charlottesville Derby Dames**, Charlottesville - 08/11/17 Charlottesville Derby Dames invited listeners to the bout with Carolina Rollergirls at Augusta Expoland. Bouts took place August 12<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 and 7:00p.

**Wild VA** – 7/26/17 Wild Virginia is a non profit started in Charlottesville and focus on nature outings in the area, education and advocacy for our National Forests. July 26-30 in the Floyd Va for FloydFest they teamed up with the Outdoor Adventures program to lead hikes and put on workshops throughout the festival!

**Front Porch**, Charlottesville – 7/15/17 The Front Porch, a roots music school located in downtown Charlottesville hosted of summer camps available for folks of all ages. Beginning in July, they have a number of options: for kids 7 and up, Mindful Musicians combines, art, music, yoga, and outdoor fun for a truly creative experience. Then Devon Sproule and Matt Curreri teamed up to offer songwriting and music recording camps for middle and high school students. They had string band camps for old time music and bluegrass -- the string band camps are open to everyone -- all ages and abilities

**Sentara**, Charlottesville -7/26/17 Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital had a night of live music and food at Sunsets with Sentara on Wednesday, July 26 at 5:30 p.m. The lawn at Sentara Martha Jefferson was the place to gather for live music provided by local favorite, Mama Tried.

**Literacy Volunteers**, Charlottesville – 7/14/17 Literacy Volunteers' mission is to help individuals become better workers, consumers, neighbors, citizens and parents through one-to-one tutoring. Volunteers tutor adults in reading, writing, or speaking English. The 40 students without tutors come from a variety of backgrounds, and they are hoping to acquire the skills they need to independently pursue life goals, support their families, and contribute to their communities. New Tutor Training was Saturday, July 22 from 9:30am to 4:30pm.

**UVA Fralin Museum**, Charlottesville – 8/15/17 The Fralin Museum of Art applications for the Community Docent Program are community members that volunteer their time and talents to giving dynamic tours of The Fralin Museum of Art to area students and visitors. Docents learn how to be a docent during their 11-week training course this fall.

**Central Virginia Blues Society** – 7/15/17 Central Virginia Blues Society held its 2nd Annual Festival on Saturday, July 15th from 3 to 10 pm at the Rockfish Valley Community Center in Afton, Virginia. This year's festival featured all local vendors, food and beverages, along with performances by the Lower Case Blues Band, Revelator Hill, Hard Swimmin' Fish, and two semi-finalists from the 2017 International Blues Challenge: the Bush League, and Parker & Gray.

**Jefferson City Center**, Charlottesville – 7/15/17 On the First Friday of each month, the Jefferson School City Center celebrates two resident organizations to shed light on their impact in their community. The featured nonprofits July are the YMCA Child Care and The Women's Initiative. First Fridays at the Jefferson School City Center brings people together around food and mission-driven nonprofits.

**Lynchburg Community Market, Lynchburg – 9/4/17** The Friends of the Lynchburg Community Market hosted a Farm Tour of local farms and food artisans, taking place Labor Day, September 4, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Each farm began tours on the half-hour where participants can learn about growing lavender, baking bread, roasting coffee, and raising livestock.

**Charlottesville Ballet, Charlottesville – 9/9/17** Charlottesville Ballet invited listeners to their open community auditions for their annual production of the holiday classic: "The Nutcracker." Auditions were open to all students in the community, ages five and up, and took place in the Charlottesville Ballet studios on Tuesday, August 15. A separate Lynchburg audition will be held on Saturday, September 9 at the Central Virginia Ballet studios.

**Rockfish Wildlife Sanctuary, Nelson County, 9/23/17** Rockfish Wildlife Sanctuary invited local photographers to take part in the Fourth Annual Wildlife Photo Contest.

**Stony Point Volunteer Fire Station, Charlottesville -8/25/17** Stony Point Volunteer Fire Company is hosting their annual FIREHOSE 5K & Pancake Fundraiser, on August 26th from 8am-10:30am at the Stony Point Ruritan. The Firehouse 5K, admission, times and details were on their website. Following the FIREHOSE 5K, Stony Point Volunteer Fire Company hosted a Touch A Truck, try on Firefighter gear and enjoy some pancakes from the Stony Point Ruritan.

**Rockfish Valley Foundation, Nelson County, 9/2/17** ROCKFISH VALLEY hosted their opening celebration of their Children's Nature Trail and their Natural History Center with the new exhibit - NATURALLY NELSON on Sunday September 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nature stations have guided tours; the new mud kitchen and swing area opened in Spruce Creek Park . Ribbon cuttings at 2 pm; ice cream truck from 1:30 to 3:30. The location is 1368 Rockfish Valley Highway , just north of Bold Rock Cider, in Nelson on RT 151. We seek to share their environment with children and their family.

**Local Food Hub, Charlottesville, - 10/6/17** Local Food Hub during Virginia Farm to School Week, October 2-6 supplied area public and private schools with fresh, farm sourced fruits, vegetables, meats, and other products grown and harvested by Central Virginia family farmers. Local Food Hub provided complementary educational activities to students to strengthen the connection among students to their food.

**Local Food Hub, Charlottesville.** Local Food Hub is a nonprofit organization that partners with Virginia farmers to increase community access to local food. On Thursday, October 19, 6pm Local Food Hub hosted at their distribution warehouse in Ivy for a community celebration and award ceremony. Awards recognized farmers, businesses, and institutions for their commitment to local food, healthy communities, and Virginia agriculture. The ceremony was followed by a bonfire, s'mores, live music, and family-friendly activities.

**Cville Pride Community Network, Charlottesville – 9/16/17** Cville Pride Community Network invited listeners to the 6th annual Cville Pride Festival on Sept. 16th, from 11-7 at the Sprint Pavilion, including a children's area, with a giant moon bounce and more; food trucks; over 50 vendors representing

businesses and organizations with resources, special offers, and interactive activities. There was a high-energy party features a DJ dance party, a hip-hop showcase, singer-songwriters and breakdancers, rock bands, and several drag shows, headlined by Miss Symone Bishop, Miss South Carolina Pride.

**Belmont-Carlton Neighborhood Association**, Charlottesville – 9/15/17. They presented their annual Belmont Bash on Saturday, September 16th from 2-6. Family and friends were invited to Belmont Park for an afternoon of music by Chamomile and Whiskey and Adar, food trucks, plenty of kids activities including a petting zoo.

**Shenandoah Valley Art Center**, Waynesboro, -10/15/17 The Shenandoah Valley Art Center hosted their 44th Annual Fall Foliage Art Show on the streets of historic downtown Waynesboro October 10 and 11. Over 150 artists and crafters, local food trucks, roots music, and street artists were featured over the weekend. The hours are Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 12-5.

**Lighthouse Youth Film Festival**, Charlottesville – 9/15/17 Light House Studio hosted on Friday September 15th at 6:00 pm at the Paramount Theater for their 16th annual Youth Film Festival. The festival showcased a variety of the top student-created films made over the past year, giving young artists the opportunity to share their work with a wide audience. Many of the 2016 festival films have gone on to win major awards at national and international festivals. There was a sneak peek of films before they hit the 2018 circuit.

**VMI**, Lexington – 10/23/17 The Virginia Military Institute's Center for Leadership and Ethics hosted their annual leadership and ethics conference on October 30 through 31st in Lexington, Virginia. The theme was "Speaking Truth to Power: Candid and Courageous Civil Discourse." They explored the state of free speech in higher education, examine accountability and activism in the media and question the role of speaking truth to power between the military and its civilian leaders. They host speakers, panel discussions and small group interactions planned on these topics.

**Nelson Future Farmers of America**, Nelson County – 10/14/17 The Nelson FFA Bluegrass Benefit will be held on Saturday, October 8 from 4:00 – 9:00 PM at the Nelson Co. Middle School Auditorium, 6925 Thomas Nelson Hwy. (Route 29), Lovingston, VA. Bands featured include In the Tradition, The Little Mountain Boys, Deep Blue Express, and the James River Cutups. There was a silent auction items, raffles, bake sale and concessions including Brunswick stew, Chili, hot dogs, drinks, and baked goods. Doors open at 3:00 PM. All proceeds was used for trip expenses for the Virginia State winning team in Forestry to compete at the National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana at the end of October.

**Project Grows**, Augusta County – 10/27/17 Project GROWS is an educational farm providing gardening and nutrition education to over 4,000 children and youth in Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County each year. The 3rd annual farm-to-table dinner to benefit their organization is October 27th at 6pm at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel. All of the proceeds go to supporting Project GROWS' education and food access programs. The evening will feature live music, a silent and live auction and a three course meal featuring local produce from Project GROWS farm, Polyface Farm, and other local producers.

**Richmond Animal Care, Richmond, - 10/7/17** The annual fall dog event will be held at Strangeways Brewery on Saturday, October 7 starting at 11:30pm thru 6:30pm benefiting Richmond Animal Care and Control Foundation. RACCF, is a nonprofit organization providing care and support for strays, abandoned animals, surrendered pets, and homeless animals in the greater Richmond metro area.

**Charlottesville Astronomical Society, Charlottesville – 9/30/17** The Charlottesville Astronomical Society host a Heidi's Night activity for Families at the McCormick Observatory on Friday, September 29 from 8 – 10 pm. The evening consist of 5 short 15 minute activities which include a classroom presentation on the night sky, observing through three different telescopes and a laser tour of the night sky. The event is held no matter what the weather.

**Charlottesville Ballet, Charlottesville - 11/11/17** Charlottesville Ballet invites listeners to their Veterans Day production: UpFront - Salute on Saturday, November 11 at 4pm and 7pm. Sponsored by the Shebeen Pub & Braai, the event includes wine and hors d'oeuvres, and a performance featuring the WWII theatre ballet: "A Letter to My Love."

**Jefferson City Center, Charlottesville – 10/27/17** Jefferson City Center invited listeners to the event on Saturday, October 28th 12 PM – 2 PM for a ghouling time at the Jefferson School City Center Haunted Open House. University of Virginia Service Fraternity Alpha Phi Omega put on this haunted event. Halloween activities for the children include mummy wrapping, pumpkin games, music and more.