

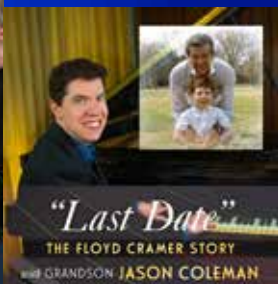


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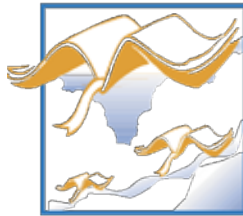
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We also thank David Feyrer for many years of valuable contributions to our efforts, constructing and maintaining our billboards and working with Outer Banks Internet to make us visible to the community. His enthusiasm and institutional memory have added significantly to our deliberations. As an Emeritus Board Member, David will always be a part of us.

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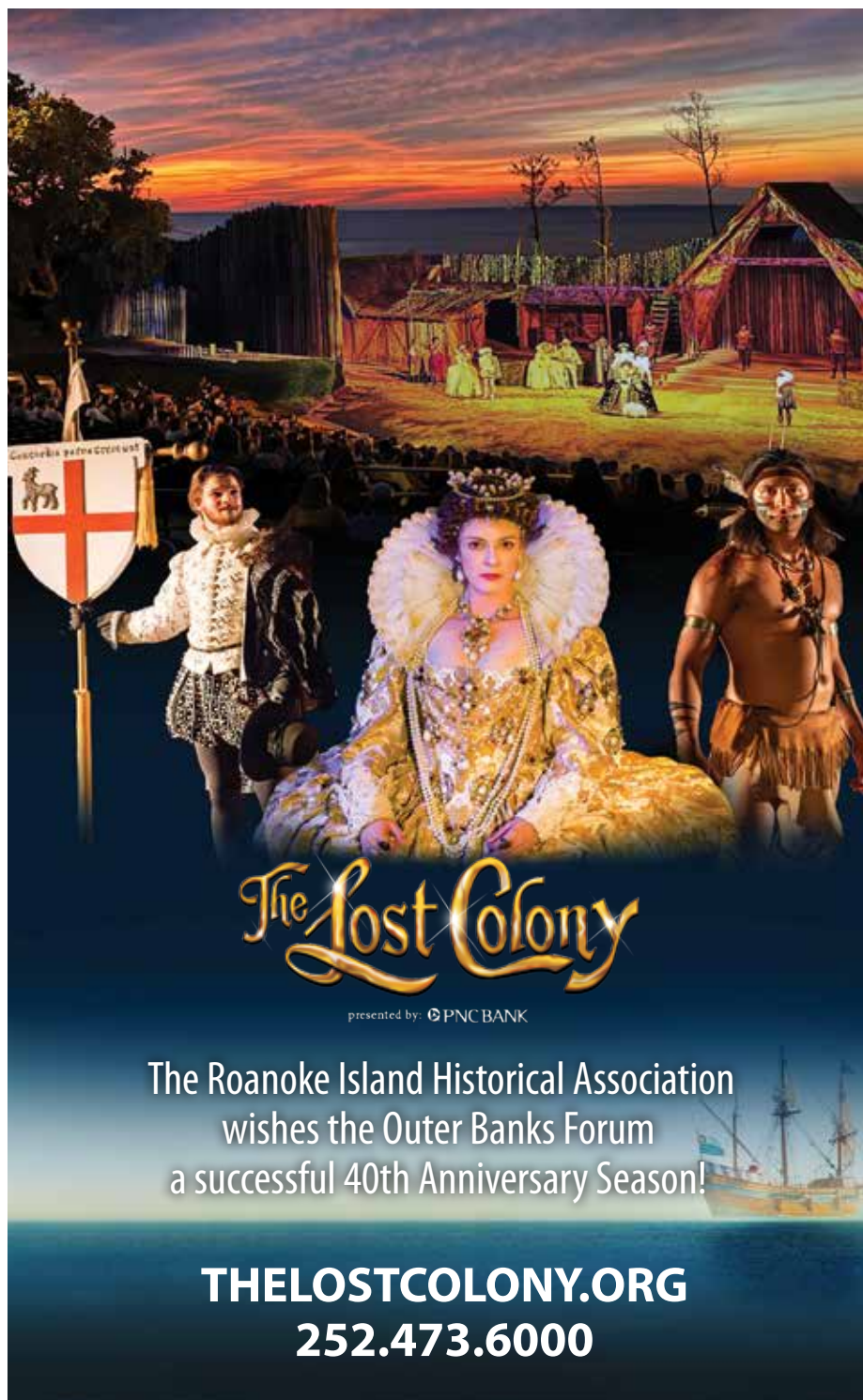
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- Engaging interns in stage performance roles: operating lighting and sound equipment, managing the stage, and writing reviews and copy for publicity.
- Offering college scholarships to talented, hard-working students.
- Providing exposure to audiences as lobby entertainers before shows and at intermissions.

We are especially grateful to Anne Jacobson for coordinating the lobby entertainment program and to Cathy Kreplin of the Ascension Music Academy, Debbie Calvino of Calvino Studios, and Leslie Erickson of the Dare County Youth Orchestra for providing the up-and-coming talent. Beautiful music!



IN MEMORY OF TOMMY DEDWYLER

With grace, he dedicated his efforts to the Outer Banks Forum, serving as an artist representative through the Alkahest Agency. Across numerous seasons of the Forum, he skillfully arranged touring opportunities for artists. We extend our gratitude for the inspiration and direction provided. His profound guidance within the realm of entertainment remains cherished and esteemed, ensuring a lasting place within the hearts of many.

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- Our finances held steady, with historically high production costs due to increasingly costly talent and support offset by historically-high ticket sales and a modest price increase. We are still endeavoring to protect your wallet – season tickets are still less than \$30 per performance!
- We awarded three scholarships to richly deserving students to pursue arts degrees in college. These scholarships were made possible by a generous and greatly appreciated grant from Dominion Energy. The students are:
 - Morgan Deane, First Flight High School
 - Jenifer 'Jay' Moxley, Manteo High School
 - Zoe Kane, First Flight High School
- We repaired our billboards located at Kitty Hawk Elementary School and at the fire station on NC-12.

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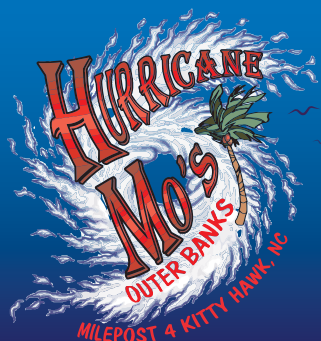
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A season subscription of \$25 for four shows was initiated to fund a variety of performers from other areas whose fees averaged \$300 per night. In addition to ticket revenue, grants and business sponsors helped pay expenses. Local residents and Forum Board members contributed by welcoming performers overnight in their homes and serving them home cooked meals. Portable stage extensions to accommodate the Virginia Symphony were built and stored in a member's boat shed.

How we have changed... Granted nonprofit (501c3) status in 1988, the Outer Banks Forum for the Lively Arts

has evolved into a self-supporting and stable organization. In 1999, we joined the North Carolina Presenters Consortium, a non-profit corporation with the mission of bringing first rate artists and audiences together at reasonable rates.

The Forum established its current home in the beautiful performing arts space at First Flight High School in 2004. The David E. Oaksmith Auditorium has splendid acoustics, good lighting, a built in sound system and comfortable seating. Audience size has grown to fill the 600 seat auditorium and talent now comes to us from around the world. Expenses have grown, with an average performance costing \$10,000. Support from local businesses and loyal members has also grown, allowing us to maintain affordable ticket prices. What started as a volunteer initiative is still 100 percent managed by our volunteer Board and local residents who contribute their time and energy.

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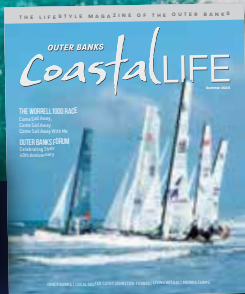
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Each year the Outer Banks Forum for the Lively Arts awards scholarships to students who plan to study music or theater in a college or advanced program. Thanks to a generous grant from Dominion Energy, this scholarship tradition continues.

The awards are competitive with winners selected on their academic achievement, participation in the arts and the strength of their personal recommendations. The Dominion Energy grant supports the education mission of the Forum: to promote local arts education with scholarship award for college-level study in the arts.

“We were very pleased to recognize such outstanding talent in our community,” said David Connaughton, President of the Outer Banks Forum. “We are honored to award scholarship this year to Jay Moxley, Zoe Kane and Morgan Deane. We look forward to following their progress.”

“We thank Dominion Energy for being a valuable community partner and helping us in our mission to bring high quality entertainment to the Outer Banks and support a vibrant future for the arts through scholarship.”

“On behalf of Dominion Energy North Carolina, I am proud to show our support for the Outer Banks Forum for the Lively Arts and their continued efforts to enhance and support the performing arts through scholarship,” said Winnie Wade, External Affairs Manager of Dominion Energy North Carolina.

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Jim Curry has now created the ultimate tribute experience, emerging as the top performer of John Denver's music today. Often performing with John Denver's former band members, Jim Curry's tribute is the first and only full-length John Denver tribute to headline in Las Vegas and has been celebrated nationally and internationally.

Program will feature some of these biggest hits:

Annie's Song

Fly Away

Leaving on a Jet Plane

Calypso

Grandma's Feather Bed

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TOM GLYNN, Award-winning singer/songwriter takes you on a magical trip back to the 1970s to experience the timeless music of singer-songwriters Paul Simon, Jim Croce and James Taylor. Relive the intimate storytelling, intricate chord changes and breathtaking melodies of these gifted artists – their work building on and transcending the more traditional folk-influenced acoustic music of the previous decade. Glynn is a child of the seventies, who spent countless hours learning every guitar and piano lick by his musical heroes as he wore out the grooves on their records. He uses a unique semi-standard guitar tuning that stays true to the artists' signature fingerstyles while adding a deep, lower register to the instrument, essentially accompanying himself on bass to add a warmth and fullness for the audience. Selections will be chosen from the following:

Paul Simon

Still Crazy After All
These Years

Slip Slidin' Away

50 Ways to Leave Your Lover

Something So Right

Loves Me Like a Rock

Jim Croce

Operator (That's Not the Way
It Feels)

Bad, Bad Leroy Brown

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LAST DATE

PIANIST JASON 'FLOYD' COLEMAN BRINGS NEW LIFE TO THE MUSIC MADE FAMOUS BY HIS GRANDFATHER.

In this concert, pianist Jason 'Floyd' Coleman brings new life to the music made famous by his grandfather, Floyd Cramer. From humble beginnings on the Louisiana Hayride, to a Hall of Fame recording career in Nashville, to the iconic “Last Date” and signature ‘slip-note’ piano style, Jason shares the musical memories of his grandfather to tell the Floyd Cramer story in a way no one else can.

Song selections to include the following...

Last Date
On The Rebound
Flip, Flop and Bop
San Antonio Rose
In the Jailhouse Now
Making Believe
Jambalaya
Hound Dog
I Can't Stop Loving You
The Three Bells
All I Have to Do Is Dream

Please Help Me, I'm Falling
Make the World Go Away
Welcome to My World
Crazy
Music Box Dancer
Tennessee Waltz
Unchained Melody
Chattanooga Choo Choo
Georgia on My Mind
Always on My Mind
Can't Help Falling in Love

Songs are not in show order and program is subject to change.

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Selections chosen among the following:

ARETHA FRANKLIN HITS

Respect
Think
Rock Steady
Day Dreaming
Say A Little Prayer
Natural Woman
Bridge Over Troubled Waters
Chain Of Fools

GLADYS KNIGHT HITS

The Way We Were
Rainy Night In Georgia
Neither One Of Us
I Heard It Through The Grapevine
You're The Best Thing (that ever happened to me)
If I Were Your Woman

ETTA JAMES HITS

Tell Mama
At Last

TINA TURNER HITS

Proud Mary
What's Love Got To Do With It
(You're Simply) The Best

DIONNE WARWICK HITS

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I'll Never Fall In Love Again
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