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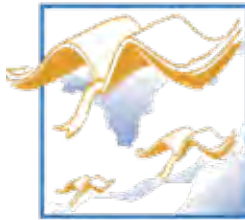


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Two Outer Banks legends unite as the Outer Banks Forum for the Lively Arts (OBFLA) announces their season sponsor Kitty Hawk Kites (KHK). The Forum celebrates over 40 years of musical entertainment in their long-running concert series. Kitty Hawk Kites marks their 50th anniversary of bringing fun and flight to generations.

"Kitty Hawk Kites has always sought to honor the spirit of flight and its historic connection to our Outer Banks," said Carl V. Curnutte, President of the Outer Banks Forum. "Their support allows us to ensure our performances take flight and uplift audiences for years to come."

"We are very proud to sponsor the Outer Banks Forum and all the incredible things they are doing in the lively arts and for the Outer Banks as a whole,"

shared John Harris president of Kitty Hawk Kites.

OBFLA's 2024-2025 season presented by Kitty Hawk Kites includes something musical for everyone: jazz, classical, folk, country, 70s rock, world music and pop. Acts range from cabaret piano to symphonic.

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We thank our season sponsor Kitty Hawk Kites for joining us in presenting this year's performances. [\(Read more on page 5.\)](#)

Support is the conduit for us to bring you extraordinary musical experiences. It is a vital part of our mission.

Over the past few years, we've been actively seeking grants to better fulfill our education vision. Notably we thank Dominion Energy, our education partner for supporting our educational endeavors. [\(See page 17 for details.\)](#) A grant from the Outer Banks Community Foundation helped us this past season as well. Additionally, a generous grant from the North Carolina Arts Council provided support for our opening night performance of the Virginia Symphony Orchestra.

These grant fundings and your donations support the arts through education at all levels. High-School interns help us with the run of the shows. Student performers of various ages have a chance to broaden their skills and share their talents with our lobby performances. Scholarships are awarded each year to students who wish to pursue further studies in the arts at the collegiate level. [\(Read more on page 11.\)](#) This year we are arranging workshops in the fall and the spring for local students alongside performers from the Virginia Symphony Orchestra and Vanaver Caravan's EarthBeat.

We are proud of our accomplishments, excited about our future, and happy to welcome you to the show. If, in the future you find you can't make a performance, send us an email to donate back your ticket. We will gift these tickets to students.



The newly elected board at their first meeting August 6, 2024. L-R: Carl Curnutte, David Connaughton, Patricia Minnefield, Brandon McCubbin, Mike Sallade, Lola Hilton, Ro Shields, Ann E. Rust, Linda Buick, Nancy Maturo and Steve Buick.

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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, hardworking students.
- Providing exposure to audiences as lobby entertainers before shows and at intermissions.



This season we welcome young musicians from Ascencion Music Academy, Calvino Studio, Dare County Youth Orchestra, and Mustang Outreach Project Rock and Roll School. We are especially grateful to Anne Jacobson for coordinating the lobby performances.

Our 2022-2025 Education Partner, Dominion Energy, graciously sponsors scholarships and interns with their gift of \$5,000. ([See also page 17.](#))

Date	Performance	Student Performers
September 7, 2024	Virginia Symphony Orchestra	Ascencion Music Academy
October 12, 2024	Brad Simmons: Acoustic Storytelling	Calvino Studio
November 2, 2024	70's Rock Revival, The Troubadour Project	Dare County Youth Orchestra
January 18, 2025	Evening in the Round	Ascencion Music Academy
February 22, 2025	Simply Swingin', Great American Crooners	Ascencion Music Academy
March 22, 2025	Young Original	Calvino Studio
April 26, 2025	Vanaver Caravan's EarthBeat!	Mustang Outreach Project Rock and Roll School ( <i>tentative</i> )



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When Charles Hermann, a WWII veteran and retired engineer, gathered a group of friends at the Kitty Hawk Fire Station in 1983 to highlight his vision of bringing top quality entertainment to the Outer Banks, who could have dreamed that over 40 years later, his vision would still be a success?

With a year-round population under 10,000 and a steadily growing tourist economy, the 1980s was an era of possibilities. Despite lack of funding, organizers believed that their beautiful beach home needed beautiful performing arts too! Volunteers rallied around this idea and an ambitious series of performances were launched.

The inaugural season included nine performances: a flutist, pianist, choir from Northern Virginia, Mark Twain impersonator, an Air Force Quintet, and several more. It was a hit.

The Forum continued to present shows and brought a diverse series of performers, lecturers, and theatrical groups to the area. A mutually beneficial partnership with Dare County Schools allowed the group to use the school for performances.

Granted nonprofit (501c3) status in 1988, the Outer Banks Forum for the Lively Arts (OBFLA) became a sustainable organization. A \$25 season subscription was initiated to fund performers. In addition to ticket revenue, grants and Outer Banks business sponsors helped pay expenses. Local residents provided bed and board for visiting performers. Portable stage extensions, stored off-season in a boat shed, were constructed to accommodate larger acts like the Virginia Symphony.

The Forum continued to grow. They put together a gala fundraiser in 1992 to launch the Theatre of Dare. They began to provide free performances for students and created a hands-on internship program. An annual scholarship was started for students involved in the performing arts.

Throughout the decades, OBFLA has persisted to present quality world-class entertainment. Hermann would be proud of these accomplishments and relish knowing that locals are still at the heart of OBFLA, with an all-volunteer Board steering the course for a bright future.

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Since their inception, the Outer Banks Forum for the Lively Arts (OBFLA) has enjoyed a strong connection to Dare County Schools; In recent years they have worked alongside student interns and supported arts education through scholarship. Thanks to a generous grant from Dominion Energy, this tradition continues.

Each year OBFLA gives scholarships to students who plan to study the performing arts in a college or advanced program. The awards are competitive with winners selected on their academic achievement, participation in the arts and the strength of their personal recommendations. Dominion Energy's grant supports the education mission of the Forum: to promote local arts education with scholarship awards for college-level study in the arts.

"We acknowledge Dominion, our education partner 2022-2025, for being a valuable part of our community 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," said Carl V. Curnutte, President of the Outer Banks Forum.

"We were very pleased to encourage and reward young talent," he remarked. "Student interns are trained by the Forum to run lights and manage the seven-show music series held annually at David E. Oaksmith Auditorium in First Flight High School in Kill Devil Hills. This spring we awarded scholarships to three students: Heath Miller, Ava Nultemeier, and Riya Braunstein."

"On behalf of Dominion Energy North Carolina, we are 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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**Dominion Energy External Affairs Manager, Winnie Wade (center) presents The Outer Banks Forum for the Lively Arts (OBFLA) a check for their scholarship program. Picture here from L to R: David Connaughton (former OBFLA President), Winnie Wade (Dominion Energy), and Carl V. Curnutte (Current OBFLA President).**



**2024 Scholarship recipients (L to R): Heath Miller (FFHS), Ava Nultemeier (FFHS) and Riya Braunstein (MHS) with David Connaughton 2023-2024 OBFLA Board President.**

# “What light through yonder window breaks?”

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- [Camille Saint-Saëns](#) *Danse macabre*, Op.40
- [Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky](#) *Suite from Swan Lake*, Op.20a
- [Hector Berlioz](#) *Symphonie fantastique*, Op.14, IV. *Marche au supplice* (March to the Scaffold)
- [Ludwig Van Beethoven](#) *Symphony No.4 in B-flat major*, Op.60, IV. *Allegro ma non troppo*
- [Mitch Leigh / Lang](#) *Man of La Mancha*
- [Lalo Schifrin / Custer](#) *Mission Impossible Theme*
- [John Williams](#) *Theme from Jurassic Park*
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## BRAD SIMMONS: ACOUSTIC STORYTELLER

From massive symphony halls to intimate nightclubs, Brad Simmons has shared the stage with Broadway luminaries Alice Ripley, Tonya Pinkins, Beth Leavel, Carole Cook, Donna McKechnie and recording legends Sandi Patty and The B-52s Kate Pierson.

Brad Simmons is known as “The Pianist” in the film *Camp* and labeled “The Man” by NPR. His conductor credits include *Lysistrata Jones* (on and off Broadway); *Mr. and Mrs. Fitch* with John Lithgow; *Me and the Girls* with Alan Cumming; *To Wong Foo* (UK World Premiere); and the musical film *Hello Again* with Audra McDonald, Martha Plimpton, and Cheyenne Jackson. Upcoming productions include *Star-Spangled*, *Hello: The Music of Lionel Richie*, and the Robin Hood musical *HOOD* (Broadway 2025). His recordings include *Dreamworld*, *Mundane Existence*, *Silent Night*, *New Music for The End of The World*, *The Simon + Garfunkel Collection*, *the Lysistrata Jones OBC* and



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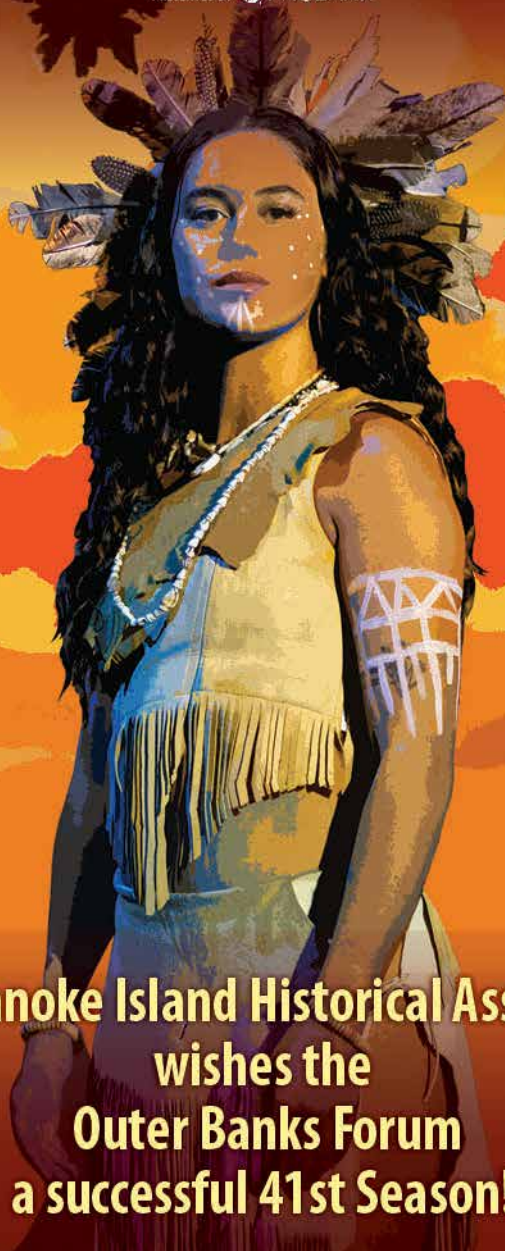
live recordings of his cabaret shows *Troubadour* and *Words + Music*. Upcoming music releases include *Learning To Fly: The Stevie Nicks & Tom Petty Collection* and his new songwriter album *Thoughts & Prayers*.

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## 70S ROCK REVIVAL, THE TROUBADOUR PROJECT

Step back in time to the golden era of rock 'n' roll with the electrifying sound of the Troubadour Project. Not just a tribute band, The Troubadour Project is a celebration of the era that shaped the landscape of rock music, leaving audiences with a sense of nostalgia and a renewed appreciation for the timeless sounds of the 70s rock era.

Immerse yourself in the rock anthems, iconic guitar riffs, and timeless lyrics that defined a generation. This legendary band seamlessly blending the iconic sounds of Fleetwood Mac, Queen, Led Zeppelin, ELO, Peter Frampton, Supertramp, The Eagles, and more. Each performance is a tapestry of rock history.



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Comedian-Songwriter

**Lang Scott**  
2x Grammy Winner

**Evening in the Round**  
An intimate night of Songs, Stories & Laughter

## EVENING IN THE ROUND

Three of Nashville's most talented singer/songwriters will bring a little taste of Music City to the Outer Banks when they perform an "Evening in the Round." The intimate night of acoustic music, starring Grammy award winner Linda Davis and hit songwriters Lang Scott and Bill Whyte, will be injected with hits, humor and a whole lot of down home appeal.

This enjoyable night of music will see each artist taking a turn at the microphone, playing songs and sharing the stories behind these hits. The audience can expect to hear some familiar tunes recorded by some of today's hottest artists, as well as Whyte's own brand of sometimes twisted but always funny songs.



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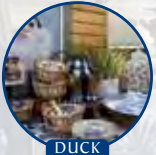
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Steve showcases his talent as one of our country's most gifted vocalists, effortlessly transitioning between hits like "Beyond the Sea," "Mack the Knife," "Send In the Clowns," "On the Street Where You Live," "It Was a Very Good Year," "I've Got You Under My Skin," "I've Got the World On A String," and "I Left My Heart in San Francisco," along with his captivating interpretations of Sinatra classics.

Steve Lippia took the Pops world by storm performing his original show "Simply Sinatra" to sold-out audiences across North America! He became one of the most prominent, in-demand vocalists and quickly established his place among the finest interpreters of standards and traditional pop music in the nation.

Steve shows why he is one of our country's most talented vocalists, as he moves, effortlessly, from hits like: "Beyond the Sea" to "Mack the Knife," "Send In the Clowns," "On the Street Where You Live," "It Was a Very Good Year," "I've Got You Under My Skin," "I've Got the World On A String," "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" as well as his remarkable renditions of Sinatra classics.



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## YOUNG ORIGINAL

Since forming in 2022, they've delighted audiences nationwide with their riveting live shows, and dynamic performance videos racking up millions of views online. Their original song "Doubt Your Love" was featured in NPR's Tiny Desk Top Shelf, and their dynamic live concerts have taken them across the U.S., performing at the acclaimed Rudy's Jazz Room in Nashville, Tennessee, the exclusive Claremont Hotel in Southwest Harbor, Maine, and the historic halls of the University of Pittsburgh.

The band features a striking combination of instrumental mastery (on the piano, guitar, mandolin, dobro, accordion and cello) and equally stunning vocal harmonies.

Each member of Young Original is a stunning performer in their own right: Benjamin Morren is a firebrand pianist and composer who plays too many instruments to count; Lily Day thrills audiences with soaring soprano vocals and jazzy percussion chops.

The prodigious Silas Johnson started cello lessons at age three, and has performed with The Johnson Strings to sold out crowds in Branson and abroad. Joe Xiques is an inventive music producer and creative director who has traveled the world playing bluegrass music on a plethora of instruments.

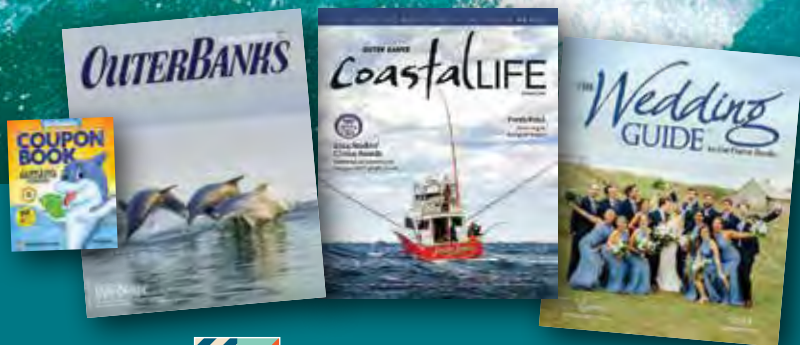


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## **THE VANAVER CARAVAN'S EARTHBEAT!**

EarthBeat! is a journey of music and dance in which you can experience the rhythms, sounds, colors, and life of this beautiful planet,

The dance and live music presentation focuses on the rhythms that evolved from different cultural groups to express their need to harmonize with the earth. It includes French Canadian and Irish step dance, salsa, Appalachian clogging, West African harvest dance, South African gumboot dance, Japanese taiko drumming, Kurdish line dance, and Chinese ribbon dance, as well as dances from India, Brazil, Israel, and Spain.

EarthBeat! is a production of Vanaver Caravan, a Hudson Valley-based nonprofit organization that performs original, world-infused choreography and music, both locally and internationally drawing from their ever-expanding repertoire of dance and music traditions. They promote peace and the harmonious co-existence of world cultures and traditions through performances and educational programs. The company has performed both locally and internationally for over 50 years. The Vanaver Caravan hopes to inspire people in every walk of life to join together in song, dance, and celebration!



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## YEAR IN REVIEW



Jack DeLucia entertains guests at Duck Woods for our Annual Meeting in June.



Our March 2024 artist, Jason Coleman's *Last Date: The Floyd Cramer Story* was a hit. He wrote, "What a crowd, what a night! Outer Banks friends, y'all were a lively bunch!! It was such a joy to share *The Floyd Cramer Story* with you, and especially to get to meet so many of you after the show. Let's do it again soon!"



Friends gathered for dinner and a show. Afterwards they enjoyed meeting performers at *Tribute to the Ladies of Soul*.



The new board and leadership, President Carl Curnutte and Vice President Lola Hilton, thank outgoing Chair David Connaughton.



Tim Baker and Tom Rust conclude their board term with a conversation at Duck Woods.



Vice President Lola Hilton (R) welcomes Kitty Hawk Kites Marketing Director, James Kahle and Madison Head, Social Media Manager.



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