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Weinberg Center Announces First Shows at New Spire Arts Since Taking Over Space

FREDERICK, MD, Friday, September 9, 2022 — The Weinberg Center for the Arts brings a variety of music to its newest stage at New Spire Arts this fall with a mix of Americana, folk and symphonic music. The black box theater, located in Frederick’s Theater District at 15 West Patrick Street, is housed in the iconic downtown building formerly home to McCrory’s Five and Dime and is now being managed by the Weinberg Center for the Arts. Ticket sales for New Spire Arts will be handled through the Weinberg Center box office and may be purchased online at WeinbergCenter.org, by calling 301-600-2828, or in person at the Weinberg Center box office at 20 West Patrick Street.



First on the schedule is Americana duo, [Chatham Rabbits](#), on Saturday, October 15 at 8:00 PM. The married duo Sarah and Austin McCombie, favor minimalist acoustic arrangements that showcase the deftness and maturity of their songwriting. Performing tracks off their latest album, *If You See Me Riding By*, Americana fans will fall in love with their traditional folk sound as the duo connects with the audience in a warm and universal way. More information about the band can be found on their website [here](#).



The Tivoli Discovery Series, a long running concert series for emerging artists, is moving from its home at the Weinberg Center to the more intimate space of New Spire Arts this season. The first pay-what-you-want concert of the series will be Americana band [Bill and the Belles](#) on Thursday, November 3 at 7:30 PM. Described as, “*What may be the most innovative modern interpretation of vintage roots music*,” Bill and the Belles will perform music from their new delightfully deadpan album, *Happy Again*. Based in Johnson City, TN, this Americana country group brings their string band format combined with signature harmonies, candid songwriting, and pop sensibilities as they perform tracks full of life, humor, and tongue-in-cheek explorations of love and loss. More information about the band can be found on their website [here](#).



Friday, November 4 brings [The Harry Chapin Band](#) to New Spire Arts at 7:30 PM, celebrating their 5th decade of presenting the music of Harry Chapin. Beginning in 1971, they helped Harry create the music. Since 1981, they have been keeping the music alive. The Harry Chapin Band has been delighting fans for decades as they continue to celebrate and perform the late songwriter’s most beloved records such as *Taxi*, *Cat’s In The Cradle*, *WOLD*, and *Mr. Tanner*, just to name a few. Preserving his spirit and talent, The Harry Chapin Band has been committed to keeping the music authentic as they recreate Harry’s best-known story in a 2-hour program. More information about the band can be found on their website [here](#).



The [National String Symphonia](#) returns to New Spire Arts on Saturday, November 5 at 7:30 PM. Founded in 2013, the National String Symphonia (NSS) is a fully professional symphonic string orchestra, reaching beyond the archetypical orchestra audience to become an integral part of the musical life of listeners at all ages and stages. With a body of work spanning nearly 500 years, the NSS seeks to innovate the concert experience, exploring new and different ways of presenting the music – including the use of video elements and educational presentations. Their goal is to increase accessibility to and relevance of the music while ensuring high-caliber performances. More information about the orchestra can be found on their website [here](#).

More shows will be added to both theaters' schedules in the coming months. A complete listing of artists and performers scheduled at both venues can be found at [WeinbergCenter.org](#). Photos are available upon request.

ABOUT THE WEINBERG CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Weinberg Center for the Arts is one of the region's premier performing arts presenters, offering film, music, dance, theater, and family-focused programming. Located in the historic Tivoli movie theater in downtown Frederick Maryland, the Weinberg Center strives to ensure that the arts remain accessible and affordable to local and regional audiences alike. Weinberg Center events are made possible with major support from the City of Frederick, the Maryland State Arts Council, Plamondon Hospitality Partners, and other corporate and individual donors.