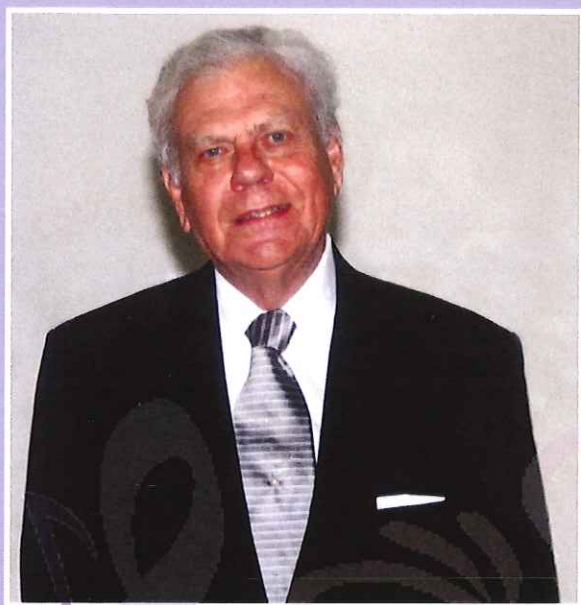


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September 23, 2018 THE TOM EULER BAND

The Tom Euler Band is a progressive blues/rock band from Virginia that is known for their high energy and thoughtfully written songs. Often called the “young man with an old soul,” Euler takes influence from such guitarists as JP Soars, Luther Allison, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Joe Bonamassa, and B.B. King along with many other greats across all genres of music. Euler is a 2016 International Blues Challenge Finalist as well as winner of the 2017 “Musician of the Year for the United States and Canada” Josie Music Award. The JMAs is the largest independent music awards show in the world and is held annually in Nashville, Tennessee.

For his four-piece band, Euler has assembled the talents of veteran players Michael Behlmar (drums) and Von Jose’ Roberts (bass) to create a formative rhythm section. The lovely and talented Lucy Kilpatrick on keyboards adds finesse, helping the Tom Euler Band to raise the bar for up and coming blues artists. The band recently placed in the semi-finals of the 2018 International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tennessee.



February 24, 2019 THE GURLEYS

Bill and Pam Gurley are a married couple with deep roots in the Tidewater area of Virginia. They started singing together on their first date and have been doing so ever since, much to the delight of audiences from Maine to the Caribbean. Bill is a multi-instrumentalist moving from guitar to banjo to fiddle. He also writes many of the songs that they perform together. Pam has a warm, captivating voice that listeners have found to be quite memorable.

The Gurleys make their home in the Northern Neck of Virginia after restoring an old family farmhouse there. Bill keeps a busy schedule teaching music privately while Pam gains recognition for her other passion as a talented chef. They have recorded several CDs over the years working with some of the best musicians in the region. Bill and Pam also front a bluegrass band known as “Fiddlesticks,” a group of talented friends that they have known since high school.

The Gurleys’ mix of folk, bluegrass, blues, and a good dose of humor makes for a fun evening of music not to be missed!

November 18, 2018

1918 HOMAGE TO CLAUDE DEBUSSY DR. RUDY SHACKELFORD

On November 11, 1918, World War I ended with Armistice Day, now observed as Veterans’ Day. Also in 1918 French composer Claude Debussy died, and musicians around the world are paying tribute this centennial year. Our concert honors both the fallen heroes of “the war to end all wars” and the great composer who declared that “Pleasure is the law.”

Throughout his life, Debussy found the utmost pleasure in playing and composing for the piano. We have selected eight piano pieces that span the gamut of styles and emotions, from haunted impressions of Footprints in the Snow and The Engulfed Cathedral to amusing parodies of American jazz in Minstrels and Golliwogg’s Cake Walk.

Rudy Shackelford has transcribed these fascinating works for symphonic organ, together with the elegant Valses Nobles et Sentimentales by Maurice Ravel - the other great “impressionist” composer. Remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice, our program opens with César Franck’s Pièce Héroïque, a hymn of spiritual triumph.



April 28, 2019

COURTHOUSE COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA



The Courthouse Community Orchestra was organized in 1997 as a platform for local musicians of all ages to promote music appreciation in our community. Under the baton of Maestro Guy Hayden, the orchestra has significantly increased in both membership and repertoire. The CCO performs several concerts yearly and often provides the music as the pit orchestra for many of the plays performed by “The Courthouse Community Players.” Aspiring musicians are encouraged to come join the fun. Rehearsals are held at 7:00 PM on Wednesdays at Page Middle School during the school year.