

A woman with long brown hair is wearing a large, elaborate floral crown featuring pink lilies, orange and yellow flowers, and green foliage. She is holding a ukulele vertically in front of her, with her hands positioned near the headstock. The background is black.

NORTON CENTER

2025/2026
SEASON GUIDE

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THE FUN STARTS

HERE

A woman with curly hair, wearing a shimmering silver sequined dress, is performing on stage. She is holding a microphone in her right hand and has her left hand raised. The background is dark with blue lighting and a pattern of stylized, swirling faces. The word "HERE" is written in large, white, outlined letters across the middle of the image.

**WELCOME TO THE NORTON
CENTER'S 2025/2026 SEASON!**

Preview the shows, plan your season
subscription package and explore the
special exhibition at Centre College's
Norton Center for the Arts.



FRIENDS,

You belong here! This is the place where cultural connections and blockbuster entertainment come to life. The place for fun and front-row moments - for everyone. The place for you.

This season brings all-new excitement with a diverse lineup of legendary icons and up-and-coming talents. Join us and sing along to your favorite hits from country stars Rodney Atkins and Marty Stuart; listen live to podcasting trailblazers Ira Glass and Jad Abumrad; laugh along with comedian Marlon Wayans and trickster Michael Carbonaro; be mesmerized by the Louisville Orchestra and the Houston Ballet II; and discover internationally renowned Spanish guitarist Pablo Sainz-Villegas.

We're also offering new opportunities for you to connect with artists, ideas and each other. From Creative Conversations and arts education programs to jam sessions, talkbacks and more, we deliver impactful programming for all. Stay tuned as these free programs are announced throughout the season!

Whether it's your first visit or your twentieth, you belong here. Come join the fun at the Norton Center this season!

Steve



STEVEN A. HOFFMAN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
NORTON CENTER
FOR THE ARTS

Steve Hoffman has curated, produced and presented cross-genre multi-disciplinary programs, events and seasons for over 30 years. Since 2010, he has proudly served as the executive director of Centre College's Norton Center for the Arts.

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Subscription packages are a flexible, affordable ticket option that allows you to handpick your favorite performances with savings up to 25%. Simply purchase any combination of three or more shows and start saving. In addition to incredible savings, subscribers enjoy exclusive benefits all season long.

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Bring a group of 10 or more and **SAVE 15%** on tickets, waive all fees and enjoy early access.

Group orders will be accepted beginning Monday, July 11.

BUY SINGLE TICKETS

Not quite ready to purchase tickets to three shows? No worries!

Single tickets go on sale Wednesday, August 6.

SAVINGS ALERT!

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RODNEY ATKINS

With eight top-five singles, six number-one hits and four billion global streams under his belt, hitmaker Rodney Atkins is a cornerstone of country music. His platinum-selling number one single “Watching You” was named Number One Song of the Decade by Country Aircheck and earned the songwriter a Broadcast Music, Inc. “Million-Air” Award.

Sing along with “If You’re Going Through Hell,” “Farmer’s Daughter,” “These Are My People,” “Cleaning This Gun,” “Take a Back Road” and more with this Academy of Country Music Award-winning artist.

VALENTIN KOVALEV

From his sold-out Carnegie Hall debut to his significant international solo career, Valentin Kovalev is elevating the saxophone’s voice in classical music. Kovalev was a recent winner of the Concert Artists Guild Louis and Susan Meisel Competition and is the winner of many other prestigious international competitions, including the Naumburg Foundation’s 2022 Saxophone Competition.

With a unique style developed after studying in Russia, France and the United States, this eclectic performer will present a program that juxtaposes repertoire for the classical saxophone with contemporary music, including works by Bach, Schumann, Cockcroft, Bartók and Piazzolla.



FRI 10.3.25

7:30 P.M. | WEISIGER THEATRE

7:30 P.M. | NEWLIN HALL

FRI 9.19.25

**WINNER OF
THE 2025
JUNO AWARD
FOR VOCAL
JAZZ ALBUM
OF THE YEAR**



TAIMANE

Whether delicately finger-picking through Bach or radically ripping through Led Zeppelin, Taimane can morph genres – from classic rock to flamenco – and stretch the ukulele far beyond the familiar melodies of her Hawai’ian homeland. With the fierceness of a rocker and the grace of a dancer, she weaves her own distinctive versions of well-known pieces with original compositions that are as far-ranging as her musical tastes.

“IF YOU DIDN’T KNOW UKULELE VIRTUOSITY IS A THING, GET ON BOARD.” - GRAMMY.COM

CAITY GYORGY

Get ready for a night of dazzling vocals and irresistible swing with Caity Gyorgy, a three-time JUNO Award-winning Canadian vocalist known for her impeccable bebop and charm. She has taken the stage at jazz clubs and festivals throughout the world, collaborating and recording with renowned musicians.

In March 2025, *Hello! How Are You?* became Gyorgy’s third JUNO Award-winning album, this time for Vocal Jazz Album of the Year. She is an avid writer and composer, writing songs in the style of The Great American Songbook. Her compositions have won multiple awards, including the Grand Prize in the jazz category of the 2021 John Lennon Songwriting Contest.



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AN EVENING WITH **MARTY STUART** AND HIS FABULOUS SUPERLATIVES

A Country Music Hall of Famer, five-time Grammy Award-winner, and American Music Award Lifetime Achievement honoree, Marty Stuart knows a thing or two about standing the test of time. Born and raised in Philadelphia, Mississippi, he landed his first big gig in Lester Flatts' band at the tender age of thirteen, and by twenty-one, he was working on the road and in the studio with Johnny Cash. Though Stuart built his early reputation backing up country and bluegrass royalty, it wasn't long before Nashville recognized him as a star in his own right, and over the course of forty-plus years as a solo artist, he would go on to release more than twenty major label albums, scoring platinum sales, hit singles and just about every honor the industry could bestow along the way.

Marty Stuart VIP Package available!
Learn more at nortoncenter.com.

“**IF COUNTRY MUSIC HAD A
PRESIDENT, IT WOULD BE
MARTY STUART.**” - KEN BURNS

7:30 P.M. | NEWLIN HALL

SAT 12.6.25

SEÁN HEELY'S CELTIC CHRISTMAS

Join champion Scottish fiddler Seán Heely and a cast of nationally-acclaimed Celtic performers on a magical journey through Scotland and Ireland during the holidays. Kilts and tartan abound as the show travels through ancient Gaelic carols and songs, tucked in perfectly with lively Irish tunes, featured dancers and familiar Christmas and seasonal melodies with a Celtic twist.



NATHAN MELTZER

Violinist Nathan Meltzer is bringing his “gorgeous dreamlike playing” (*Seen and Heard International*) to the Weisiger stage.

Winner of the 2023 Concert Artists Guild Competition and major prizewinner at the Sibelius and Singapore International Violin Competitions, this Juilliard graduate has performed worldwide—from major orchestras in Europe and the United States to intimate chamber settings and festivals.

This program spans over a century of violin music, from elegant Romanticism to contemporary soundscapes. Poulenc’s dramatic 1943 Sonata opens the evening, followed by Szymanowski’s dreamy, impressionistic *Mythes* (1915). The charming and narrative *Petite Suite de Concert* and selections from Fauré’s expressive and refined second violin Sonata round out the program.



FRI 1.16.26

7:30 P.M. | WEISIGER THEATRE

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MARLON WAYANS

Best known for his roles in hit films like *White Chicks*, *Scary Movie* and *A Haunted House*, Marlon Wayans blends sharp social commentary with laugh-out-loud comedy that leaves audiences in stitches. A true powerhouse of creativity and charisma, he brings the same high-energy hilarity to his stand-up performances, sharing his unfiltered takes on life, family and relationships.

His latest special, *Good Grief*, debuted at number one on Amazon Prime Video, joining a lineup of number one hits like *Woke-ish*, *God Loves Me* and *You Know What It Is*. Up next, he stars in the psychological horror thriller *Him*, coming September 2025 from Universal Pictures and Jordan Peele's Monkeypaw banner.

Don't miss the chance to see this comedy legend live on stage!

CONTENT ADVISORY: This performance includes frequent profanity and is recommended for ages 18 and over.

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SUN 2.15.26

7:30 P.M. | NEWLIN HALL

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CENTRE COLLEGE
PRESS DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

IRA GLASS & JAD ABUMRAD

AN EVENING WITH THE
CREATORS OF *THIS AMERICAN
LIFE* AND *RADIOLAB*

It's a public radio dream event when two of the most iconic national public radio hosts, Ira Glass (*This American Life*) and Jad Abumrad (*Radiolab*), come together to take you on a journey of insight, investigation and humanity in a way that only they can.

Join these public radio luminaries for a live onstage event - layered with cinematic video, audio clips, original music composition and their unique voices - as they guide us through their careers in audio journalism and podcasting!

SAT 2.21.26

7:30 P.M. | NEWLIN HALL



LOUISVILLE ORCHESTRA

Join the Louisville Orchestra as their 2026 *In Harmony - The Commonwealth Tour* returns to the Norton Center! Along with the evening concert, the orchestra will host impactful community events throughout Danville. *This tour is made possible through a partnership with the Kentucky General Assembly in conjunction with the Tourism, Arts, and Heritage Cabinet.*

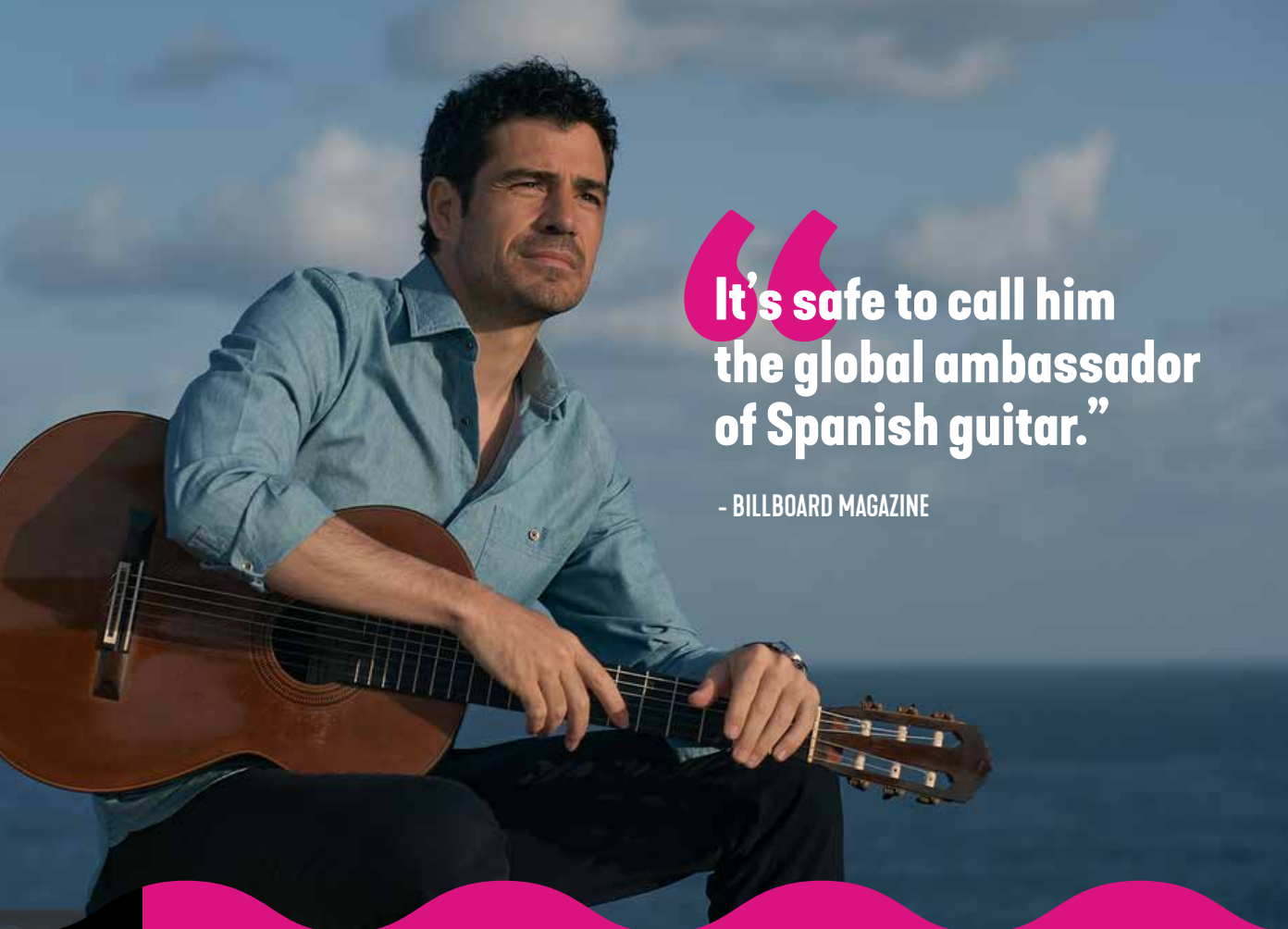
FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT

Tickets must be reserved in advance. This performance does not count toward subscription package totals and seat rights are not applicable.

\$100 Premier Patron

Support classical programming at the Norton Center! Package includes premier reserved Grand Tier seating and a \$100 donation to the Norton Center.

TEDDY ABRAMS, MUSIC DIRECTOR | SPECIAL GUEST ARTISTS, TO BE ANNOUNCED



“It’s safe to call him
the global ambassador
of Spanish guitar.”

- BILLBOARD MAGAZINE

SPANISH NIGHT WITH PABLO SAINZ-VILLEGAS & FRIENDS

Internationally renowned Spanish guitarist Pablo Sainz-Villegas invites audiences on a musical journey through Spain to explore its vibrant and diverse culture. Along with his trio of fellow musicians (percussion, bass, guitar II), Pablo will perform iconic, evocative and romantic pieces from his homeland in a program of the most fiery pieces ever written for guitar. Intertwined will be stories, shared feelings and emotions inspired by Spain, its culture and its one-of-a-kind music. Join Pablo and friends on this journey and experience the guitar as you never have before!

MISSY RAINES & ALLEGHENY

As a Grammy-nominated musician and ten-time International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) Bass Player of the Year, Missy Raines has proven herself beyond doubt as an iconic bluegrass instrumentalist, singer and songwriter. The first woman to ever win the IBMA Bass Player of the Year award, she’s received numerous other awards, including the IBMA for Recorded Event of the Year and Song of the Year. Raines is joined by her band, Allegheny, named for the Allegheny highlands of West Virginia where she grew up.

BEN GARNETT, GUITAR | ELI GILBERT, BANJO | ELLIE HAKANSON, FIDDLE | TRISTAN SCROGGINS, MANDOLIN



FRI 3.13.26

7:30 P.M. | WEISIGER THEATRE

7:30 P.M. | NEWLIN HALL

THU 3.5.26

THU 3.19.26
7:30 P.M. | NEWLIN HALL

CARBONARO: LIES ON STAGE

From his hit television series *The Carbonaro Effect* on truTV, America's favorite trickster is now thrilling audiences across the country! Conjuring up a concoction of unbelievable magic, hysterical offbeat shenanigans and wonder for all ages, Michael Carbonaro wows audiences with his signature blend of humor, charisma and unbelievable illusions.

We'd say you have to see it to believe it, but you won't believe a thing when you're in the presence of Michael Carbonaro!

VIP Meet and Greet Package available!
Learn more at nortoncenter.com.



HOUSTON BALLET II

FEATURING *THE SLEEPING BEAUTY*

Called "the creme de la creme" by *Playbill* and "the next generation of ballet superstars" by *Broadway Magazine*, Houston Ballet II soars onto the Newlin Hall stage with a stunning lineup of classical and contemporary works that highlight the versatility and technical prowess of the dancers.

The program features Ben Stevenson's pas de deux *Twilight*, staged by Claudio Muñoz; *Fingerprints*, choreographed by Houston Ballet Artistic Director Stanton Welch AM; and the beloved classic *The Sleeping Beauty*. This grand finale features Aurora's wedding celebration, showcasing Tchaikovsky's enchanting score and virtuosic performances from the dancers.



THU 4.2.26

7:30 P.M. | NEWLIN HALL

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SERIAL KILLERS

WITH DR. SCOTT BONN

Spend a deliciously chilling evening with renowned criminologist, best-selling author and true crime expert Dr. Scott Bonn, as he takes you inside the minds of the world's most savage and prolific murderers.

Bonn has comprehensively studied, extensively corresponded with, personally interviewed and accurately profiled some of the world's most notorious predators. In this thrilling show, he reveals the psychological hungers that drive the likes of Ted Bundy and Jeffrey Dahmer to kill repeatedly and with no remorse, and shares shocking tales from his actual experiences with these killers.

CONTENT ADVISORY - Given the subject, the content in Dr. Bonn's show is frequently dark and can be disturbing. He incorporates some dark humor which in no way is intended to minimize the seriousness of the topic or the fact that lives have been destroyed by the diabolical killers he discusses throughout the show.

FRI 4.24.26

7:30 P.M. | WEISIGER THEATRE

THE SEVEN WONDERS:

A LIVE TRIBUTE TO FLEETWOOD MAC

"You can go your own way..." - but why not head straight to an unforgettable night of Fleetwood Mac and Stevie Nicks classics? The Seven Wonders brings back hits like "Rhiannon," "Landslide," "Dreams" and more, performed with the passion and energy the group has become known for since their inception in 2017.

With seven world-class musicians on stage, there are no backtracks here - just high-energy homage to music that defined a generation. The Seven Wonders is reconnecting fans with the music they love.

7:30 P.M. | NEWLIN HALL

SAT 4.11.26



THE CURIOUS APPEAL OF THE WORLD'S MOST TERRIFYING MURDERERS

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SPECIAL EXHIBITION

BE THE PEOPLE: PORTRAITS OF CONTEMPORARY AMERICA

PHOTOGRAPHY BY JON CHERRY

AN AMERICA250KY EXHIBITION



The founding of America was a revolutionary experiment: an experiment that we continue to shape for future generations. As Kentucky prepares to celebrate 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, this exhibition invites patrons to examine new perspectives, as we all advocate for our inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Kentucky photographer Jon Cherry captures the true spirit of today's America while analyzing the truths that define our time. A Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist and artist, his work spans a wide range of photographic disciplines and he frequently contributes to *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Associated Press* and *Reuters*.

Special Session, Jon Cherry, Photograph, 2023. Tennessee State Representatives wait at their seats on the House Floor ahead of a special legislative session at the Tennessee State Capitol on August 21, 2023 in Nashville, Tennessee. Republican Tennessee Governor Bill Lee called for the special session on public safety in response to public outcry after the The Covenant School mass shooting, where three children and three adult staff members were killed.

In this new exhibition, *Be The People: Portraits of Contemporary America*, Cherry asks, "What does it mean to be an American?" An impartial reflection on the last five years of life in the United States, it explores how political extremism, grief, pride, misinformation and faith collide to shape our headlines and our understanding of one another.



EDUCATION + ENGAGEMENT

The Norton Center serves as both an academic resource and a presenting hub, providing diverse, impactful programming to Centre College and the broader community. From hosting arts education programs, master classes and jam sessions to making tickets affordable for students, the Norton Center provides opportunities for people to connect with artists, ideas and each other.

K-12 STUDENT MATINEES

K-12 Student Matinees offer exciting learning experiences for young audiences that support standards-based curricular goals while sparking curiosity and inspiring tomorrow's leaders.

Valentin Kovalev 10.3.25 | 10:00 AM

Pablo Sainz-Villegas 3.5.26 | 10:00 AM

Taimane 11.19.25 | 10:00 AM

Houston Ballet II 4.2.26 | 10:00 AM

Nathan Meltzer 1.16.26 | 10:00 AM

Tickets: \$10 Students | \$20 Additional Adults

One free chaperone ticket is included for every ten student tickets. The Norton Center's Arts for the Classroom Ticket Subsidy (ACTS) program provides free matinee tickets to Kentucky K-12 public school students. Call 859-236-4692 for more information.

CREATIVE CONVERSATIONS, MASTER CLASSES AND JAM SESSIONS

The Norton Center presents campus and community engagement programs that leverage the talents of international touring artists to create powerful experiential learning opportunities. Free Creative Conversations, jam sessions, master classes, talkbacks and other opportunities to connect and learn with the artists will be announced throughout the season.

RESIDENT ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

With 85,000 square feet of interdisciplinary performing spaces, classrooms, studios and galleries, the Norton Center and its resident academic programs—Theatre at Centre and Centre College Music Program—provide students an exceptional learning and performing platform.

THEATRE AT CENTRE

The Arsonists

11.13.25 - 11.16.25

macbitches

2.12.26 - 2.15.26

Witch

4.16.26 - 4.19.26

Spring Dance Concert

5.7.26

CENTRE COLLEGE MUSIC PROGRAM

Musicians Showcase

10.19.25 & 3.15.26

Centre Symphony Orchestra

10.31.25 & 4.8.26

Kentucky Traditional Ensemble

11.17.25 & 4.27.26

Kentucky Contemporary Ensemble

11.18.25 & 4.28.26

Centre Choirs

11.05.25 & 4.22.26

CentreJazz

11.20.25 & 4.23.26

African Drum Ensemble

12.1.25 & 5.4.26



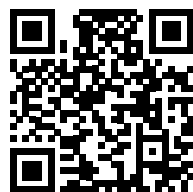
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about campus
and community
engagement
programs here.

SUPPORT THE ARTS

Thanks to the generosity of patrons like you, the Norton Center has served as a centerpiece of Danville, Kentucky's rich cultural landscape for more than fifty years. Your support brings diverse and innovative artists directly to our community.

WAYS TO GIVE

- **Support the Norton Center.** General donations support day-to-day operations and state-of-the-art venue upgrades.
- **Connect kids to the arts.** The Norton Center's Arts for the Classroom Ticket Subsidy (ACTS) program ensures K-12 students have access to professional arts experiences, regardless of their financial circumstances.
- **Sponsor a show.** Corporate sponsors receive an exciting package of recognition and hospitality benefits for their organizations.



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An Evening with Marty Stuart
and His Fabulous Superlatives
11.21.25

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