



## RPAA Announces its 2019-2020 Season

**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration | Legends on Grace | Genworth Lights Up! Youth Series**

### 10TH ANNIVERSARY *Celebration*

**Richmond, VA** – On September 6, 2019 at 7:30PM, RPAA will celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of Dominion Energy Center for the Performing Arts (which opened as Richmond CenterStage in 2009). In honor of this milestone, Virginia Repertory Theatre's Artistic Director, Nathaniel Shaw, will bring together our resident companies - City Dance, Elegba Folklore Society, Latin Ballet of Virginia, Quill Theatre, Richmond Ballet, Richmond Symphony, SPARC, Virginia Opera and Virginia Repertory Theatre for a collaborative performance to celebrate the transformative power of the arts in our community. There is no better way to highlight the mission of RPAA than to provide the Richmond community with access to the incredible local talent of these organizations! Tickets for the public performance will be \$27-\$42.

As in years past, a Gala ticket will also be available that evening for those who wish to enjoy additional pre-performance and post-performance food and entertainment. The Gala begins at 6pm and includes a moveable feast, performances by three local arts organizations throughout the smaller venues of Dominion Energy Center (Rhythm Hall, Libby S. Gottwald Playhouse, and Genworth BrightLights Education Center), and silent auction. Gala guests then move into the Carpenter Theatre for the public performance and conclude their evening with a dancing and dessert reception back in Rhythm Hall featuring another local arts group. Gala tickets are \$250 for the full evening experience.

Tickets for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration public performance go on sale Monday, May 6, 2019, and can be purchased online at [DominionEnergyCenter.com](http://DominionEnergyCenter.com) or by calling (800) 514-3849 (ETIX) or visiting the box office at Altria Theater. Public performance tickets \$27-\$42. Gala ticket \$250. Gala tickets may be purchased by contacting Sara Greene at [SGreene@RPAAlliance.com](mailto:SGreene@RPAAlliance.com) or (804) 592-3378.



They are considered legends of Richmond theatre stages, often sharing the songs and musings of the music and theatre legends of yesteryear. Join us for this special series of nostalgic and contemporary performances in an intimate, Cabaret-like setting. Concerts take place in Rhythm Hall at Dominion Energy Center for the Performing Arts.

This year due to the success and sold-out audiences of the 2018-2019 season, the *Legends on Grace* series will be expanding to four artists and multiple performances. Shows include tributes to **Classic Motown, Burt Bacharach, Judy Garland and Liza Minelli**, and a nod to the famous Rat Pack, with our own **RVA Rat Pack!**



#### ***Legends on Grace - Classic Motown*** starring Desirée Roots

Get ready to sing along and dance the night away as Desirée Roots and friends bring the grooving sounds of Motown's greatest hits to life with songs from The Supremes, Smokey Robinson, Stevie Wonder, The Temptations and more!

**Saturday, October 5, 2019, at 2pm and 7pm**



**Legends on Grace - RVA Rat Pack** starring Scott Wichmann

Scott Wichmann and his RVA Rat Pack friends bring the thrilling Vegas nightclub electricity of yesteryear to glorious life! Get set for an evening of music, mayhem and rollicking, ring-a-ding-ding right here in the River City!

**Saturday, December 7, 2019, at 2pm and 7pm**



**Legends on Grace - The Magical Music of Burt Bacharach** starring Susan Greenbaum

Join the Susan Greenbaum Band as they play the greatest hits from Burt Bacharach's repertoire of songs. Susan will also sing original songs - describing how Bacharach's work has influenced her own songwriting. You'll want to sing along!

**Saturday, February 8, 2020, at 2pm and 7pm**



**Legends on Grace - Judy, Liza and Me** starring Debra Wagoner

From *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* to *New York New York*, Debra Wagoner brings the classic songs of Judy Garland and Liza Minnelli to life, along with her own favorites in this unforgettable Cabaret!

**Saturday, May 9, 2020, at 2pm and 7pm**

Tickets for the **Legends on Grace** series go on sale Wednesday, May 6, 2019, and can be purchased online at [DominionEnergyCenter.com](http://DominionEnergyCenter.com) or by calling (800) 514-3849 (ETIX) or visiting the box office at Altria Theater. Ticket prices \$20-\$65. A light buffet will be available for purchase at the venue for \$15 (7pm performance only). Beer and wine (by the glass or bottle) are also available for purchase at your table.



Join us at Dominion Energy Center for the Performing Arts in 2019-2020 for RPA's newly expanded **FREE** Genworth Lights Up! Youth Series. For the last nine years, RPA has hosted a biennial open house where local artists and arts organizations gathered together to offer more than 30 workshops, lecture-demonstrations, and performances. In celebration of our 10th anniversary, we are expanding this from a one-day event to a series of Saturday workshops and performances. Each event will explore a different aspect of the performing arts world with opportunities for the whole family!

- All the World's a Stage** (*Spotlight on Theatre Arts*) – September 7, 2019
- Gotta Dance!** (*Spotlight on Dance*) – November 23, 2019
- Arts+Tech** (*Spotlight on Digital Arts*) – January 11, 2020
- Behind the Curtain** (*Spotlight on Technical Theatre*) – March 21, 2020
- The Sound of Music** (*Spotlight on Vocal & Instrumental Music*) – May 30, 2020

Each Saturday event will be held from 10am - 12pm at Dominion Energy Center for the Performing Arts in Genworth BrightLights Education Center. Registration for these FREE educational performances and workshops will be announced soon. For additional information, contact Jen Maddux at [JMaddux@RPAAlliance.com](mailto:JMaddux@RPAAlliance.com)

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