

# Press Release

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## The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual ARTS SENSATION! A Benefit Performance for Cape Fear River Watch

7:30 p.m. April 28, 2018  
Thalian Hall Main Stage  
310 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401



The 17th Annual Arts Sensation is cruising in for a lively and entertaining evening showcasing local talent for a music and dance spectacular to benefit Cape Fear River Watch, with a special presentation of Thalian Hall's Thunder Roll. The music for this year's show is from The Wilmington Big Band, and dance performances from local choreographers and dancers, including the captivating Company "T" Tap Dancers, who wow audiences every year with a vintage flair of tap dancing, and Kelly Hawes (Samra), who has been performing the art of belly dance in the Cape Fear region since 2001, with a joyful and entertaining style for all ages. Presenting original works are Tracey Varga from Forward Motion Dance Company and students from Dreams of Wilmington.

A long-time favorite in the Cape Fear region, The Wilmington Big Band boasts superior talent with the area's top musicians and vocalists and the perfect combination of sophistication, good times and timeless memories. Led by Jim and Laura McFayden, The Wilmington Big Band is a 17-piece orchestra dedicated to preserve the American original art of big band music. Reminiscent of Wrightsville Beach's own Lumina Ballroom where true showmen like Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey entertained audiences, the Wilmington Big Band combines a mixture of timeless standards and hip pop tunes that will keep you dancing all night long.

Cape Fear River Watch was founded in 1993 by a group of local citizens dedicated to improving and preserving the health, beauty, cleanliness, and heritage of the Lower Cape Fear River basin. This non-profit group holds monthly environmental seminars, offers water-quality education programs to schools, civic groups, developers, homeowner associations and others, and provides storm water management training for local government staff. Cape Fear River Watch encourages community participation and provides Eco-Tours and Bird Watching Tours. Through education, advocacy, and action, Cape Fear River Watch aims to protect and improve the water quality of our region's rivers, streams, and tributaries. Learn more about Cape Fear River Watch at [www.capefearriverwatch.org](http://www.capefearriverwatch.org).



Mark your calendars now! Expect an inspired and exciting evening of music and dance that is sure to bring you lasting memories of the wonderful talent in our community.

Tickets are \$20 general admission through the Thalian Hall Box Office at 910.632.2285 or online at [www.thalianhall.org/events](http://www.thalianhall.org/events).

**ARTS SENSATION!** is presented by **Forward Motion Dance Company**. For more information, please visit us on Facebook or at [www.forwardmotiondance.org](http://www.forwardmotiondance.org).