

# Press Release

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## **The 22<sup>nd</sup> ARTS SENSATION! A Benefit Performance for Thalian Hall Center for the Performing Arts Capital Campaign**

7:30 p.m. April 3, 2026  
Thalian Hall Center for the Performing Arts  
Main Stage  
310 Chestnut Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401



Tickets are \$37.45 general admission and includes all taxes & fees. Please contact Thalian Hall Box Office [online](#) or call 910.632.2285 for ticket reservations.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Arts Sensation! transforms the Main Stage at Thalian Hall Center for the Performing Arts – our beneficiary this year! This music and dance spectacular brings together local musicians and dance artists from a variety of genres to share their vast talents for a thoroughly entertaining evening. Forward Motion Dance Company is proud to be a resident dance company for THCPA and of our legacy of bringing quality dance performances to this historic venue. This presentation supports the THCPA Capital Campaign that is more than a renovation, it is a reimagining and expansion of the space that has doubled in size to create a dynamic place to meet the needs of our area’s ever-growing audience and artists. Thalian Hall is a cornerstone of our city’s identity and the Capital Campaign will ensure that future generations continue to experience the magic of live performance in a space that reflects the energy, diversity, and creativity of our community. To showcase some of the marvels of Thalian Hall, come enjoy a special presentation of the unique and historic Thunder Roll and Rain Machine special effects, built right into the Thalian Hall stage, that were innovative and thrilling in their time.

Musical entertainment is from the Benny Hill Quartet. Benny is Wilmington’s own alto saxophone virtuoso who is well-versed in many styles and genres while specializing in jazz steeped in the tradition of many past greats. Presenting a distinct style of his own, Benny is a true crowd pleaser and never fails to produce excitement and enthusiasm on the stage.

Arts Sensation! also brings a variety of dance creations from many genres. Tap performances are from the Hi Steppers, who will perform to “Big Time”, and the Company “T” Tap Dancers who will dance a new piece to music by Sarah Vaughan and choregraphed by Tracey Varga.

Three jazz-modern pieces choreographed by Tammy Daniels, Linda Ann Webb and Tracey Varga will be part of the exciting evening, as well as a classical ballet piece danced by Madeleine Ramsey, a jazz-theatre solo presented by Laurie Wood to “That’s Life” by Frank Sinatra, and a high-energy cultural Latin dance performed by eight dancers from Itzayan Danza Folklorico. Third-grade students from the Snipes Academy of Arts and Design will move to music composed by local musician Julia Walker Jewell, led by dancer and instructor Jeneen Cleare Floyd. Alexandra Hartline and Shane Elliott will share their ballroom dancing talents in a piece choreographed by dancer and instructor Erin Pick. Expect an inspired and exciting evening of music and dance that is sure to bring you lasting memories of the amazing talent in our community.



The 22nd Arts Sensation! is presented by Forward Motion Dance Company. For more information, please visit us on Facebook or at [forwardmotiondance.org](http://forwardmotiondance.org).