



HEIFETZ HOOTENANY REBOOT in front of the building!

One of our favorite summer traditions has always been the **Heifetz Hootenanny**—where gifted young musicians cut loose and bring their energy and flair to music *outside* the classical canon of their Monday–Friday studies and concerts. In past years, we’ve seen four cellists rock the *Game of Thrones* theme and a violinist hula hooping while playing *con brio*.

If you’ve been missing the Hootenanny this season, we’ve got good news: **Heifetz Institute students are performing live** outside **125 E. Beverley Street**—right here in downtown Staunton as part of "ARCADIA PRESENTS"! Come be amazed by the incredible talent they bring to our small but mighty city.

- 🎵 Two performances this month during **Shop & Dine Out Downtown**
- 🪑 Some chairs provided—or bring your own
- 🌟 Event is **FREE** and open to all! Don't miss it!

Two Saturdays, July 19 & 26, 7 pm

[Check out the full lineup! The series runs through October.](#)



NEW GRANTS FROM THE CITY OF STAUNTON and the Community Foundation!

We may have buried the lead—so here it is loud and clear:
The Arcadia Project has been awarded a \$30,000 Economic Development grant from the City of Staunton! The City Council’s June 26, 2025 vote was **unanimous**, a powerful endorsement of our vision and momentum.

This vital support affirms the City Council’s belief in the power of reopening our historic space as a vibrant hub for **creativity, learning, and community connection**. As Mayor Michele Edwards stated, *“Arcadia’s track record, vision, and leadership give me every confidence in their success. This project represents a meaningful opportunity for Staunton.”*

We are deeply grateful to **Staunton’s City Council** and the dedicated city staff who helped make this possible. Thank you for investing in a future where the arts and community thrive together.

We’re also incredibly grateful to the **Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge** for their generous **\$3,500 grant** in support of the Arcadia Project. Featured above is board member **Elaine Echols**, proudly holding the award check!

Now is the perfect time to join us.
Explore our [Campaign to Restore, Reimagine, and Revitalize](#) as well as [naming opportunities and ways to can contribute.](#)



IF YOU HAVEN'T SEEN "ARCADIA PRESENTS," You're missing a summer highlight in our city!

Last Saturday, the **Shenandoah Latin Dance School** lit up Beverley Street with a flash mob performance set to *Timba*—a vibrant Cuban genre that blends salsa with funk, jazz, and global rhythms.
📺 [Watch the video here!](#)

On **June 28**, we welcomed **Caravanserai Music**, and love was definitely in the air—especially during a moving performance of *All You Need Is Love*, featuring **Bryant Clements** on vocals.

Also pictured above: **Sarah Mendonca** (flute) and **Mary McCoy** (vocals).
📷 *Photos courtesy of Stephan Altau.*

Earlier acts this summer included the **William Hayes Duo** and the **Pete Echols Trio**—each bringing their own unforgettable sound to our street.

🎵 **Join us!**

Doors open **30 minutes before each performance** for anyone who’d like a sneak peek inside the building. Come experience the energy, the music, and the magic of the Arcadia Project in motion!

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