

2022/2023

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the CenterStage
at Reston Community Center



Youn Sun Nah by Sung Yull Nah

Professional Touring Artist Series
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This year marks the start of my second decade of presenting the Professional Touring Artist Series at the CenterStage for Reston Community Center. As I reflect on the highlights of the past 10 years, I am especially proud of the traditions each season has represented. Key among these are the performances by artists who challenge us to imagine better futures for ourselves and the planet. This year is replete with such bravery and imagination.



Paul Douglas Michnewicz
Director of Arts & Culture

We will be treated to the comic stylings of Josh Blue – a finalist on NBC’s *America’s Got Talent* whose humor is rooted in his frank characterizations of his physical challenges.

Sean Dorsey’s visually stunning choreography explores gender identity with emotional resonance. Music performed by Terri Lyne Carrington and Social Science touches our souls. Youn Sun Nah redefines jazz. CenterStage favorites Lúnasa and Lulu Fall return. Thought leaders like Heather McGhee inspire us to action.

In addition, we are embarking on an artist-led adventure that will involve the community in many ways. Over six months, Ping Chong and Company will work with Reston high school students to create a performance inspired by their experiences during the pandemic.

Working side-by-side with Ping Chong and Company will be local artists Tuyet Pham and Kelly King, who will host three evenings called “Awkward Conversations.” These movement-based evenings require no prior experience – only the desire to share and explore the world of possibilities with others. Ping Chong and Company will also host two evenings of “story circles.” These registered events are open to anyone age 16 and older and are designed to create community conversation and unity.

The CenterStage will host a conversation with Ping Chong about his life and career. The culminating performance of the residency work – *Generation Rise: Reston* – will be performed in spring 2023.

We invite you to the 2022/2023 season of the Professional Touring Artist Series. Come immerse yourself in the beauty and mystery of creativity; you’ll be inspired by these artists’ powerful ideas and performances.

Reston Multicultural Festival

NATIONAL HERITAGE AWARD FELLOWS

Saturday

September 17, 2022

11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

(Performance Times Vary)

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) National Heritage Fellowships are the nation's highest honor in folk and traditional arts. Come to the annual Reston Multicultural Festival to see these great artists and so much more.

FEATURING:

Rahim AlHaj, Oud Player and Composer

(Albuquerque, New Mexico)

William Bell, Soul Singer and Songwriter (Atlanta, Georgia)

Billy McComiskey, Irish Button Accordionist (Baltimore, Maryland)

TahNibaa Naataanii, Navajo/Diné Textile Artist and Weaver

(Shiprock, New Mexico)

Rich Smoker, Decoy Carver (Marion Station, Maryland)

The Cambodian American Heritage Troupe, including:

Chum Ngek, Musician and Teacher (Gaithersburg, Maryland)

Madame Sam-Oeun Tes, Dancer, Choreographer and Teacher

(Fort Washington, Maryland)

Treme Brass Band, New Orleans Brass Band

(New Orleans, Louisiana)

Jelon Vieira, Capoeira Master (New York, New York)

FREE • Reston Town Square Park, Reston Town Center

Treme Brass Band by Edwin Remsberg Photography



LYNDA BARRY

Painter, Cartoonist,
Commentator

Saturday
October 1, 2022
8:00 p.m.



Lynda Barry has worked as a painter, cartoonist, writer, illustrator, playwright, editor, commentator and teacher, and found these professions are very much alike. *The New York Times* has described Barry as “among this country’s greatest conjoiners of words and images, known for plumbing all kinds of touchy subjects in cartoons, comic strips and novels,

both graphic and illustrated.” Barry has authored 21 books, worked as a commentator for NPR, and had a regular monthly feature in *Esquire*, *Mother Jones* magazine, *Mademoiselle*, and *Salon*. In 2019, Barry was honored as a MacArthur Fellow.

Tickets: \$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF **BALTIMORE RISING**

HBO ORIGINAL

THE SLOW HUSTLE

Det. Suiter

Monday
October 17, 2022
7:30 p.m.

**WHAT'S AT STAKE WHEN THE
SYSTEM DOESN'T CHANGE?**

An HBO original documentary from director Sonja Sohn (HBO's *Baltimore Rising* and *The Wire*) chronicles the still-unsolved death of Baltimore police detective Sean Suiter, fatally shot in 2017 while in the line of duty, and explores the ongoing speculation about what really happened that day.

As part of the Washington West Film Festival, this screening will be followed by a live discussion with producer Mahrya MacIntire.

Tickets: \$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston

JOSH BLUE

As Not Seen on TV

Wednesday
October 19, 2022
8:00 p.m.

Josh Blue, winner of NBC's *Last Comic Standing* in 2006 and a finalist on *America's Got Talent* in 2021, has risen to become a well-established comedy headliner at venues throughout the world. He has appeared on *The Tonight Show* starring Jimmy Fallon and performed at the prestigious *Just for Laughs Comedy Festival* in Montreal. Josh does more than 200 shows a year, continuing to spread laughter and break down stereotypes of people with disabilities. His stand-up routine is in a constant state of evolution, and his off-the-cuff improvisational skills guarantee that no two shows are alike.

Recommended that children under 16 be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets: \$25 Reston/\$35 Non-Reston



TROUT FISHING IN AMERICA

Sunday
November 13, 2022
3:00 p.m.

Trout Fishing in America is the longstanding, four-time Grammy-nominated musical partnership of Keith Grimwood and Ezra Idlet. A willingness to at once make fun of our most annoying daily habits, then to touch our hearts with tender and passionate images of family life, is what makes the connection between Trout Fishing in America and its audiences so compelling and poignant.

Tickets: \$5 Reston/\$10 Non-Reston

YOUN SUN NAH

Saturday
November 19, 2022
8:00 p.m.

After relocating to Paris from South Korea to study voice and jazz, her new home embraced her with the great distinction of being appointed *Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres* by the French Ministry of Culture.

Renowned throughout Europe and Asia, Youn Sun Nah has built an impressive mainstream following by performing on some of the world's greatest stages, such as the 2014 Winter Olympics and the Montreal Jazz Festival. *The Ottawa Citizen* described her live show as a "program that drew heavily on vintage music by Lou Reed, Jimi Hendrix, Paul Simon and Joni Mitchell, among others. Frequently, Nah was simply fascinating. But she also was something of a mystery."



Tickets: \$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston

LULU FALL

Between Two Worlds

Wednesday
December 14, 2022
8:00 p.m.

As a product of Senegalese and Cameroonian parentage, Fall's music reflects her global perspective by way of her American sensibilities. Her Broadway credits include *Hair* and *Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812*. Her Off-Broadway credits include *This Ain't No Disco* and *Wild Goose Dreams*. Her single *Pretty for a Dark Girl* placed in the top five in the R&B category of the Great American Song Contest. Her new album, *Transform*, will be released in September.

Tickets: \$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston

Photo by Bryana Williams

LÚNASA

with Guest Artist MALINDA

Saturday

December 17, 2022

3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Named for an ancient Celtic harvest festival in honor of the Irish god Lugh, patron of the arts, Lúnasa is a gathering of some of the top musical talents in Ireland. Its members have helped form the backbone of some of the greatest Irish groups of the decade.

Rising star MALINDA will open for these Irish music giants, delighting with all her effervescent voice and touching songwriting.



Tickets: \$25 Reston/\$35 Non-Reston

MARK G. MEADOWS

Music and The Movement

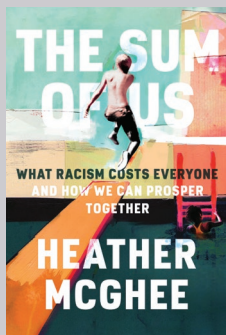
Sunday
January 15, 2023
2:00 p.m.

Join Mark G. Meadows & The Movement as they pay tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Mark G. Meadows is a man on a mission to create a unifying sound that breaks through social barriers. There's something for everyone in his music, which harmonizes jazz, gospel, R&B, hip-hop and rock. Mark uses his artistry to send a positive message of love, joy and hope to his audiences. Get ready to lift every voice and sing with Mark G. Meadows & The Movement.

Tickets: \$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston

HEATHER MCGHEE

Reston Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Birthday Celebration Keynote Address
and Community Lunch



A renowned expert on the American economy, Heather McGhee is one of the most brilliant and influential thinkers exploring inequality today. Both her viral TED talk and her instant *New York Times* bestseller *The*

Sum of Us reveal the devastating true cost of racism – not just for people of color, but for everyone. Deeply stirring, intelligent, and compassionate, McGhee’s talks offer us an actionable roadmap during one of the most critical – and most troubled – periods in history.

Recommended that children under 16 be accompanied by an adult.

Monday
January 16, 2023
11:00 a.m.



Tickets: \$5 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston

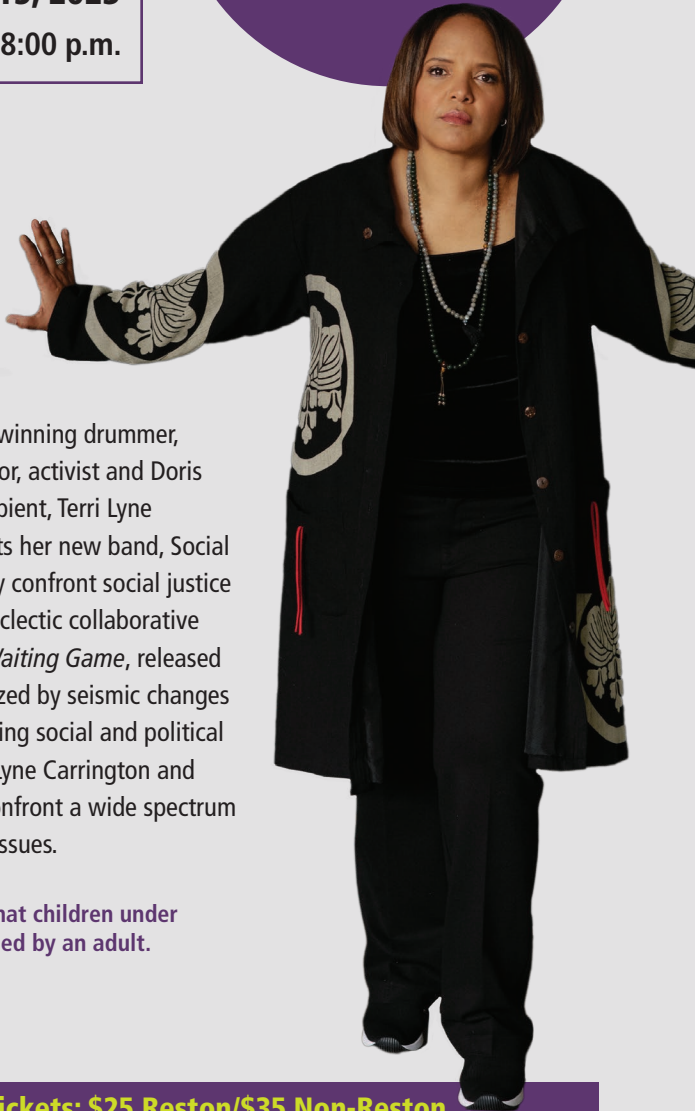
TERRI LYNE CARRINGTON

Wednesday
February 15, 2023
8:00 p.m.

Grammy Award-winning drummer, producer, educator, activist and Doris Duke Award recipient, Terri Lyne Carrington debuts her new band, Social Science, to boldly confront social justice issues with the eclectic collaborative double album, *Waiting Game*, released in 2019. Galvanized by seismic changes in the ever-evolving social and political landscape, Terri Lyne Carrington and Social Science confront a wide spectrum of social justice issues.

Recommended that children under 16 be accompanied by an adult.

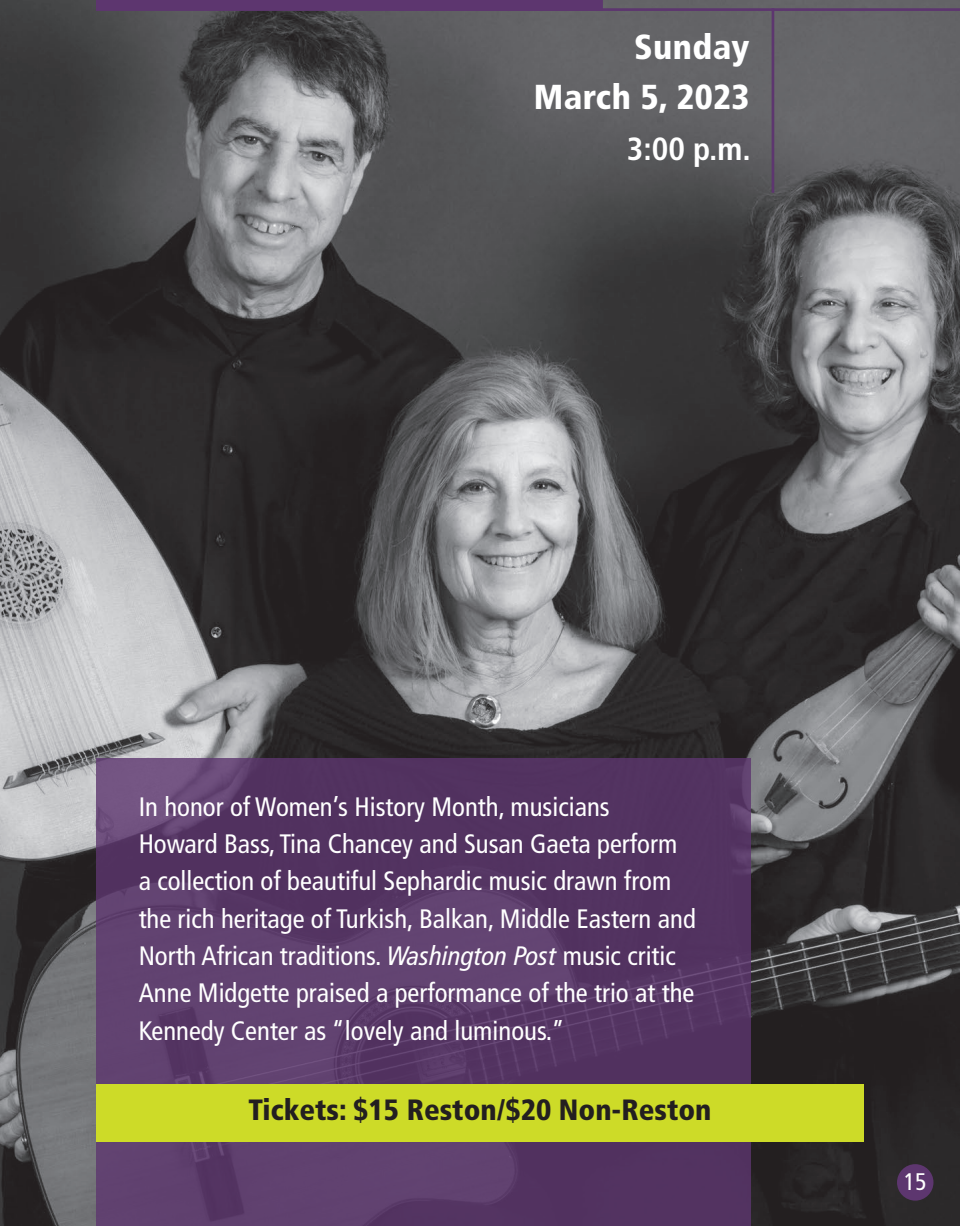
Tickets: \$25 Reston/\$35 Non-Reston



TRIO SEPHARDI

*Songs of Love & Loss, Heartbreak &
Hope: Women in Sephardic Song*

Sunday
March 5, 2023
3:00 p.m.



In honor of Women's History Month, musicians Howard Bass, Tina Chancey and Susan Gaeta perform a collection of beautiful Sephardic music drawn from the rich heritage of Turkish, Balkan, Middle Eastern and North African traditions. *Washington Post* music critic Anne Midgette praised a performance of the trio at the Kennedy Center as "lovely and luminous."

Tickets: \$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston

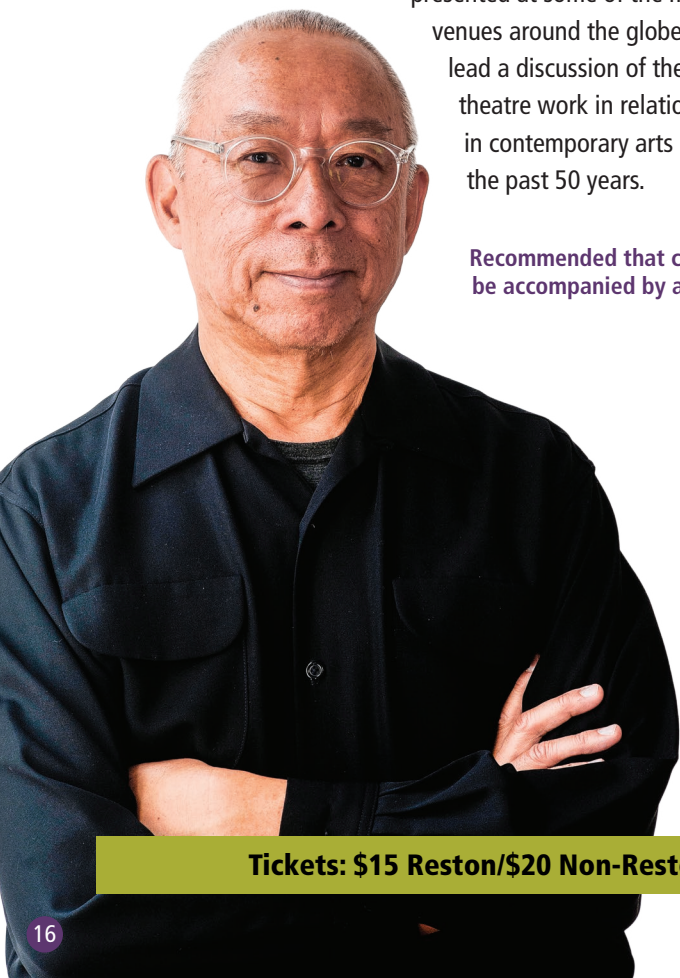
An Evening with

PING CHONG

Wednesday
March 15, 2023
8:00 p.m.

Theatre artist and National Medal of Arts recipient Ping Chong will join Reston Community Center for a conversation about theatre and social transformation. Chong will share his visually astonishing and socially compelling body of work – ranging from puppet theatre to large-scale, multidisciplinary projects to community-based programs – that have been presented at some of the most illustrious venues around the globe. Chong will lead a discussion of the evolution of his theatre work in relationship to changes in contemporary arts and culture over the past 50 years.

**Recommended that children under 16
be accompanied by an adult.**



Tickets: \$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston

Photo by Adam Nadel



GENERATION RISE: RESTON

Friday
March 24, 2023
Saturday
March 25, 2023
8:00 p.m.

Acclaimed New York theatre group Ping Chong and Company partner with Reston Community Center and local theatre artist Tuyet Pham to create a remarkable performance with a group of local teens; they will be making the piece using their reflections on the challenges and joys of growing up in Reston during a time of pandemic and global upheaval. *Generation Rise: Reston* is the culminating work of the Ping Chong/Tuyet Pham artist residency.

Tickets: \$10 Reston/\$15 Non-Reston

REDUCED SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

The Complete History of Comedy (abridged)

Sunday

April 1, 2023

3:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

Written and Directed by Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor

They've skewered history, the Bible and the world's most celebrated playwright. Now, the Reduced Shakespeare Company tackles the subject it was born to reduce. From the highbrow to the low, *The Complete History of Comedy (abridged)* covers comedy through the ages, from Aristophanes and Shakespeare and Molière (is Molière funny? Why not?) to Vaudeville and Charlie Chaplin to *The Daily Show* and Anthony Weiner.

Contains occasional bawdy language and mild innuendo.

Tickets: \$25 Reston/\$35 Non-Reston

Saturday
April 8, 2023
3:00 p.m.

*Mr. Vaudeville and
Friends Present*

IT'S VAUDEVILLE!

Once again, Buddy Silver, the self-proclaimed Mr. Vaudeville, finds himself in a predicament of theatrical confusion. Buddy has arrived at the CenterStage Motion Picture and Vaudeville House to host a vaudeville show that was to take place after the viewing of a film. When the film breaks, they call on Buddy to fill the gap.

But he's the only one there. The acts he had lined up weren't due to arrive until later.

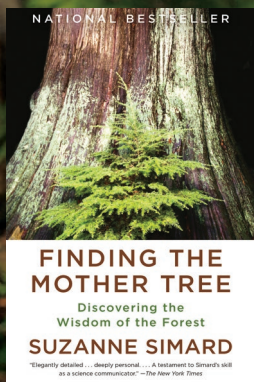
What does he do? What can he do? The show must go on! After all, he's Mr.

Vaudeville! He'll just have to do it all by himself ... that is, unless he can get a little help from the audience. It's fun for the whole family in this hilarious afternoon of magic, mayhem and classic vaudeville comedy.

Tickets: \$5 Reston/\$10 Non-Reston

SUZANNE SIMARD

Author of *Finding the Mother Tree*



Saturday
April 15, 2023
8:00 p.m.



Suzanne Simard is a pioneer on the frontier of plant communication and intelligence, and has been hailed as a scientist who conveys complex, technical ideas in a way that is dazzling and profound. Her work has influenced filmmakers (the Tree of Souls in James Cameron's *Avatar*), and her TED talks have been viewed by more than 10 million people worldwide.

Tickets: \$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston

Photo by Brendan Ko

THE LOST ART OF DREAMING

Choreographed by
Sean Dorsey

Wednesday
May 17, 2023
8:00 p.m.



THE LOST
ART OF
DREAMING

San Francisco's Sean Dorsey Dance returns to Reston with *The Lost Art of Dreaming*, which invites audiences into expansive thinking and dreaming about our futures ... at a time when we need it most. What does it feel like to reconnect with our deepest dreams? How do you imagine a future in a world that doesn't expect you to have one? Full-throttle dance and intimate storytelling from a thought-provoking transgender choreographer come together in the company's powerful, moving, signature dance-theatre.

Recommended that children under 16 be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets: \$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston

BETTY

Indie Pop Trio

Saturday

June 3, 2023

8:00 p.m.

The indie pop trio BETTY, Alyson Palmer (vocals, bass, guitar) and sisters Elizabeth Ziff (vocals, guitar, electronic programming) and Amy Ziff (vocals and cello), use beguiling melodies, compelling lyrics and signature harmonies to create legendary live shows that mix music, performance art, politics and comedy. BETTY sings of joy, love, longing, sex, food, heartbreak and the universal hilarity of human existence. More than a band, BETTY uses music to channel their passion for fairness and equality. From the beginning, they've lent their voices to causes they champion, their talent in collaboration with other artists of every medium, and their time in support of women and girls worldwide.

BETTY will appear at the Reston Pride Festival earlier that day. For the evening performance, it's recommended that children under 16 be accompanied by an adult.



Tickets: \$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston

HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS

ONLINE:

www.restoncommunitycenter.com

Available until one hour before a performance and requires payment of a processing fee.

BY MAIL:

Return a Ticket Order Form to RCC's Box Office, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston, VA 20191.

IN PERSON:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and two hours prior to curtain time.

PHONE:

703-476-4500, Press '3' • TTY 711

Please provide the following information when you call:

- Your name with the correct spelling as it appears on your Visa, MasterCard or Discover credit card.
- Your best telephone number to call you back.
- The performance title, date and curtain time you wish to attend.
- The number of tickets you wish to order and whether they are Reston/Non-Reston.
- Your Visa, MasterCard or Discover credit card number, its expiration date and the security code (no American Express please);
- The billing address of your credit card including zip code.
- Your email address so that we may send a confirmation as well as your e-tickets to you.

FAX:

Fax Ticket Order Form to 703-476-2488.



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