

# McCOY'S GRAND

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## Concert Series



### BOB McDONALD AND A SINATRA CHRISTMAS COMES TO McCOY'S ON DECEMBER 22!

McCoy's Grand is pleased to be presenting **A SINATRA CHRISTMAS** on December 22 at 3pm for one show only! **A SINATRA CHRISTMAS** is a special holiday cabaret featuring the songs of Sinatra along with his Christmas classics. The cabaret features Sergeant Major (ret) Bob McDonald from the Army Chorus along with West Virginia native Tony Nalker on Piano. Get into the holiday spirit and bring the entire family for an afternoon of Frank Sinatra! Tickets are only \$15.00 per person and can be purchased on the website or at the door. We asked Bob about his show and singing Sinatra!

#### WHY DO YOU LIKE SINGING THE SONGS OF SINATRA?

There is a reason this genre of music is known as the Great American Songbook. Like Sinatra himself, the songs are timeless and quintessentially American. And singing them is more about storytelling than anything else and I really love that aspect of performing them. Plus Sinatra was so versatile and relevant his whole career that he literally sang everything - from jazz to standards to musical theatre to pop music. So as a performer it gives me so much latitude and such a wide range of rich material to work with that I could literally perform a show like this every day and never get bored.

#### WHAT CAN AUDIENCES EXPECT FROM YOUR SHOW?

This is an old-fashioned type of crooner show, featuring many of the American classics Sinatra made famous, as well as some holiday tunes to get us all in the Christmas spirit. You'll also learn a little about Sinatra himself as well as enjoy the amazing talents of Tony Nalker on piano.

#### IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME PERFORMING IN WEST VA?

I have actually performed in West Virginia quite a few times as part of my 27-year military career in the US Army Chorus. Some of my fondest WV memories include a concert at The Greenbrier, and singing the National Anthem for the 4th of July parade in Ripley. My pianist and collaborator Tony Nalker is a WV native and so Tony and I have also had the great pleasure of performing this show and others together in his home town of Lewisburg WV.



Bob served as Group Leader and a member of the U.S. Army Chorus for over 26 years, retiring in 2020. In this capacity he performed regularly at the White House and for visiting dignitaries from across the globe. Bob is a regular fixture of the D.C. musical theatre and cabaret scene, and he has performed at such venues as The Kennedy Center, Folger Theatre, AMP by Strathmore, Wolf Trap, and Signature Theatre, among others. Bob has also performed regionally in many opera roles, with several symphony orchestras, and with his popular Sinatra tribute show. Bob is a familiar face to Washington Capitals fans, gearing up for his 31st season of singing the National Anthem for the hockey team. He has also sung the National Anthem for many other professional sports events in the D.C. area and across the country, including the Super Bowl, and was a soloist for Game 5 of the 2019 World Series.

Tickets are now on sale on the website at [mccoysgrand.com](http://mccoysgrand.com) or click the button below.

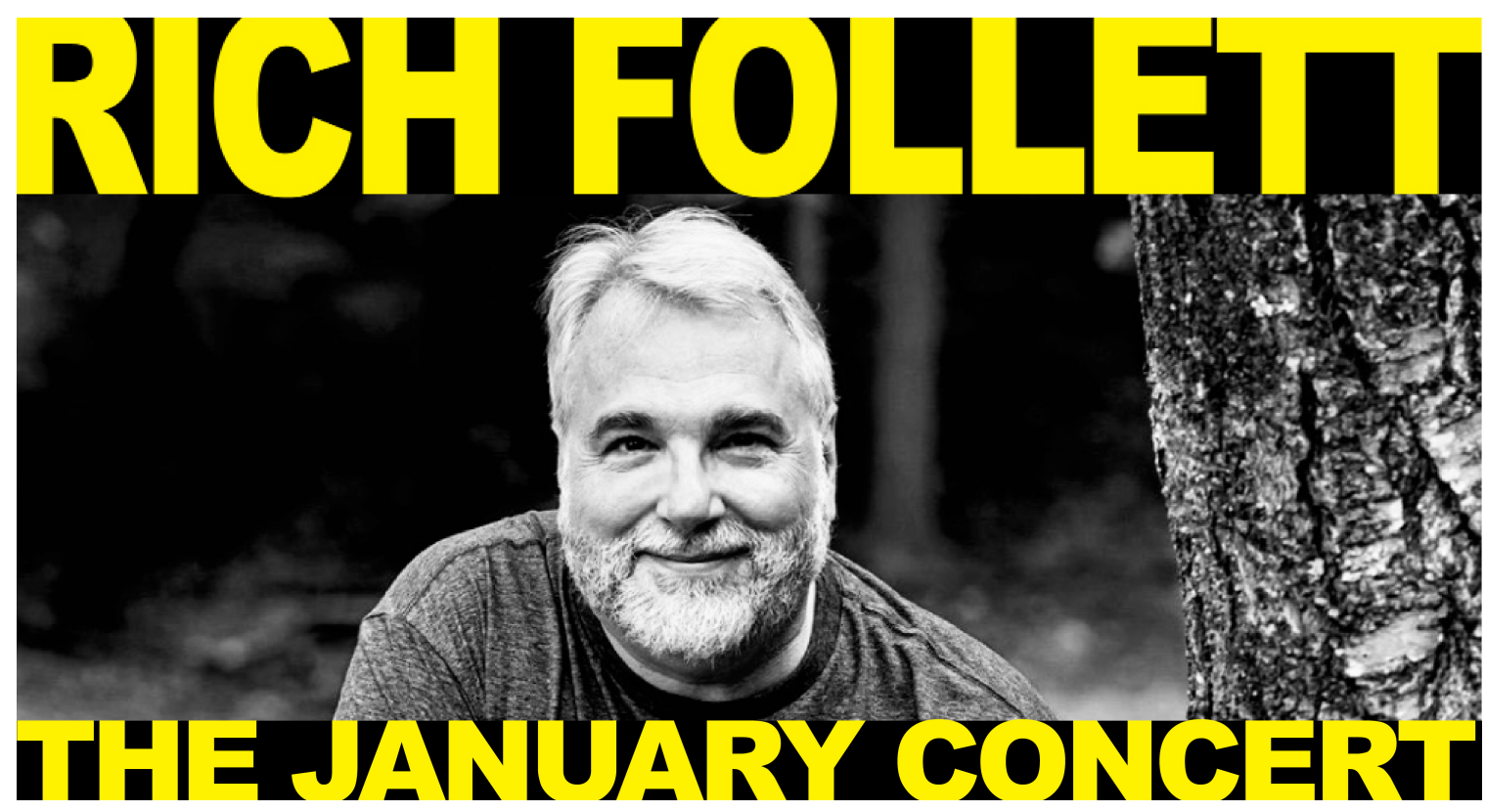
SINATRA TICKETS

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### BECOME A FRIEND OF McCOY'S WITH A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION

Make a year-end tax-deductible donation to McCoy's Grand Annual Fund to help us expand our programming and outreach activities in 2025. As we start to plan our 100th Anniversary Celebration for 2027, we look forward to bringing more music and the arts to Hardy County with your support. Become a Friend of McCoy's today!

FRIEND OF McCOY FORM



Settle into the new year with this new concert by Rich Follett. Rich performs easy-on-the-ears acoustic folk music. His original compositions offer insightful lyrics and inviting melodies you will want to hear over and over again. Rich takes the stage on January 25th at 8pm. Rich has been a featured performer at the Kennedy Center, the White House Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony, Nashville's famed Bluebird Café, the Maryland Renaissance Festival, the prestigious Kerville Folk Festival, and numerous local, regional, national, and international acoustic music venues. He has released five CD's of original contemporary folk music - Heart of Glass, Modern Day Minstrel, A Place in the Circle, Christmas in My Heart, and Somewhere in the Stars.

[www.richfollett.com](http://www.richfollett.com)

Tickets are \$15.00 and are available below or at the door.

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THE SNOW QUEEN

The tale introduces us to a young girl named Gerda as she embarks on an incredible quest to find her best friend, Kay, who has been kidnapped by the Snow Queen. Gerda encounters obstacles, deceit, and fantastic creatures (including snow chickens!), but she discovers that her own perseverance and determination are the keys to her successful journey.

We'll be listing more information on our website in the new year!

### COMING THIS SUMMER TO McCOY'S GRAND

Start preparing for Auditions for **THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL!**  
AUDITIONS - Friday, April 11 at 6:00pm; Saturday, April 12 at 10:00am and Sunday April 13 at 2:00pm. We hope to see you there!



McCoy's Grand wishes everyone and their families a wonderful Holiday Season!

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