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The ALPINE Theatre

Welcome to the 2026 Performance season at the Historic Alpine Theatre. The Alpine opened in 1936 on Christmas Day, providing movies and memories to the town of Ripley until 1984. In 2003, Main Street Ripley purchased the building. Through the hard work of many volunteers, the support of the community, and a grant from the WV Division of Culture and History, we were able to reopen the building in October 2004 as an Arts Center for all of Jackson County.

Since then, our Main Street volunteers have continued the Alpine tradition of movies, music and memories. My husband and I had our first date here in 1983, and my grandson attended his first movie here in 2025. This theatre has housed birthdays, weddings, funerals, and everything in between – it truly is the heart of downtown Ripley.

Thank you for supporting our hometown theatre. Enjoy the performance tonight, and we hope to see you at many more to come.

Kelley Spencer Adcock, Director

Here at the Alpine, we firmly believe that you don't need to go to a big city venue for a high-quality arts experience. With the help of our amazing volunteers and the support of our community, we are able to showcase the native talent of Jackson County, West Virginia and beyond.

Sit back and enjoy your experience, and we hope that you will come back again and again to the Alpine Theatre, in the heart of downtown Ripley.

Lee Blizzard, Theatre Manager





The Johnny Staats Project

January 31, 7:00PM

The Alpine Theatre is proud to have The Johnny Staats Project kicking off Season 2026.

From Sandyville, West Virginia, Johnny Staats was the talk of Nashville and quickly received international attention and acclaim with his talents on the mandolin, fiddle and banjo. Johnny has reformed the Johnny Staats Project to explore, create and perform multiple genres of music. The Johnny Staats Project features WV natives Rick Poling on keyboard and vocals and Roger Bash, vocals and drums.



February 28, 7:00PM

Matt Deal



From Welch, WV, Matt Deal was determined to push the limits of what people have come to expect from music made in Appalachia. Raised on a musical diet of classic, rock, pop, soul, country and hippie blue grass along with alternative and grunge and anything that sounds different, he provides energetic shows with a show stopping voice and dry sense of humor that has won fans throughout Appalachia and beyond.

& Jonah Carden

This is a return performance at the Alpine for Jonah. From the small town of Peterstown, WV, he has written, recorded and independently released 3 solo albums to date. The only true consistency through each of his genre defying releases are his powerful baritone and intricate guitar playing, which creates a special "vibe" for his loyal following throughout his 20+ years of his musical journey.





Crandall Creek

March 14, 7:00PM

Crandall Creek is a dynamic bluegrass ensemble with a blend of exceptional vocalists, award winning instrumentalists and acclaimed songwriters. The founding member, guitarist Jerry Andrews, created the band in 2015. Many of their songs have made the top 20 billboards over the years. 2024 was a year of many nominations and awards including; *Group of the Year*, *Music Video of the Year*, *Female Country Vocalist of the Year* and *Songwriter of the Year* solidifying their place in the music industry.



Sounds of Simon & Garfunkel

April 4, 7:00PM



From Asheville, NC, Jeff Jablonski and Jeff Radi discovered they had more in common than their first name.

Both harbored a musical passion for the music of the early years of rock and roll, specifically the folk music era.

They grew up in the age when rock was new, the generation that spawned geniuses such as Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel. They have an amazing ability to harmonize and recreate the sounds of music from a bygone era. Their harmonious personalities bring a magical touch to their passionate tribute show of Sounds of Simon and Garfunkel.



Matt Mullins & The Bringdowns

May 2, 7:00PM

An Appalachian rock band from Beckley, WV, Matt Mullins and the Bringdowns have performed with Tyler Childers, Brandi Carlile and Mountain Stage. Their genre of "Mountain Music" blends alternate country, rock and heartfelt storytelling with influences from folk to hair metal. Their music is characterized by honest, gritty stories and a driving rhythm section, creating a sound reflecting West Virginia roots.



June 6, 7:00PM

"Soli Deo Gloria" is a Latin phrase that means "Glory to God alone" and it is the phrase that JS Bach put at the end of his manuscripts. The Biehle children, Hannah, Sophia, Isaiah, Victoria and Lydia, founded Soli Deo Gloria Ministries alongside their parents, Kevin and Elisabeth, 11 years ago. Their ministry started in Colorado with three children playing violin, and when the family moved to Kansas, the two youngest siblings began playing as well. Later, the family began to expand Soli Deo Gloria Ministries to churches, weddings, fundraisers and parties.



The Biehle Family

Joey Stepp

August 15, 7:00PM

Joey's journey into magic began during his days as a college football player at Marshall University. He is both a middle school counselor and a magician. With humor, storytelling and motivational take aways woven into each performance, audiences laugh, reflect and leave inspired.



Paul Strickland

September 18, 7:00PM

Paul Strickland is an American Storyteller and comedian based out of Cincinnati, Ohio. His storytelling talents put him in front of both children and adult audiences. His award winning solo and collaborative performances have been featured at the National Storytelling Festivals and comedy clubs across the United States and Canada. This is his second Alpine performance.

Andy Beningo

November 14, 7:00PM



Andy Beningo has established himself as one of the most in demand comedians working today. Hailed for his clean, "everyman" style, Andy has been named one of the top 40 Best Up and Coming comedians in the country. His Dry Bar comedy special, "Adorable Tough Guy" has generated millions of views on social media. Andy was named "Best Comedian" by the Detroit Metro Times and Detroit Hour Magazine. He is from Milford, Michigan.



Jackson County Players December

Since 2007, the Jackson County Players has been bringing drama, comedy, and musicals to the stage. Follow on Facebook (www.facebook.com/jcp.wv) for upcoming productions, including our annual Christmas performance in 2016.

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