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COSMIC Symphony Newsletter

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It's Almost Concert Time!



NO TICKETS REQUIRED FOR 10/11/26 CONCERT

Join us for an exciting opening to our 2026-2027 season with *The British are Coming*, featuring solo tubist Jasmine Pigott! This concert features works of Walton, Elgar, and Vaughn Williams. As always, these concerts are presented free of charge, and donations are greatly appreciated.

Dr. Jasmine “Jazzie” Pigott is a performer, composer, and educator known for expressive, narrative-driven artistry. A Meinl Weston Performing Artist, she tours internationally as a soloist and clinician, appears with her duo J² with euphoniumist Jermaine Fryer, and serves as the Adjunct Professor of Tuba at Rowan University.

Her interdisciplinary work centers storytelling, identity, and expression through performance, composition, and writing. Dr. Pigott holds a B.M. from Ithaca College, a M.M. from Michigan State University, and a D.M.A. from the Peabody Conservatory at the Johns Hopkins University.

Event Information

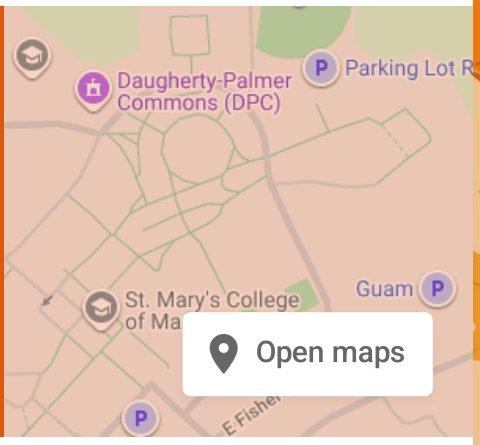
COSMIC Presents "The British are Coming"

When?

Sunday, Oct 11, 2026, 03:00 PM

Where?

Nancy R. and Norton T. Dodge Performing Arts Center, College Drive, Saint Marys City, MD, USA



COSMIC's First Rehearsal with Jasmine



Clip from Prelude movement of Vaughan Williams' Concerto for Bass Tuba and Orchestra

Meet the Soloist



Jasmine Pigott

Dr. Jasmine “Jazzie” Pigott (she/they) is an interdisciplinary storyteller and truth teller whose mediums include the tuba, spoken word, composition, and novel writing. A virtuoso tuba soloist and DMA graduate of the Peabody Conservatory, Jasmine creates work at the intersection of personal truth and cultural commentary—from narrative symphonies exploring Black history to poetry cycles with tuba and loop pedal mapping psychological liberation. Her deepest conviction is simple: everyone has a story worth telling, and her work exists to prove what becomes possible when you find the way to tell it.



Learn More About Jasmine Pigott

Saturday, Oct. 10th Calvert Concert CANCELLED



We have made the difficult decision to cancel our Calvert County performance of our season opener concert on Saturday, Oct. 10th due to difficulties securing a venue. We are still working to find a home in Calvert County for our remaining concerts this season and will share more info as it becomes available.

Thank you to everyone who has commented, shared suggestions and expressed disappointment about the cancellation of our October 10 Calvert County concert in response to the concert cancellation announcement on social media. We share that disappointment.

Since May, we have been working to secure a venue for our 2026–2027 Calvert concerts. When the public schools we had been pursuing were unavailable for our October date, we expanded our search throughout the county. Altogether, we identified and researched 40 potential venues, including middle and high schools, churches, community and event facilities, fire halls and other possible performance spaces.

Unfortunately, we were unable to find an available October venue that could reasonably accommodate a 60–65-member orchestra and our audience while meeting our needs for space, acoustics, accessibility, climate control, setup and rehearsal time, and an affordable nonprofit rental cost.

We remain committed to performing in Calvert County. **We are excited to share that we have secured Huntingtown High School for our December concert**. We are continuing to pursue options for our February and May concerts, although those venues have not yet been confirmed.

One encouraging development from the conversation surrounding our cancellation is hearing from

the Arts Council of Calvert County that they are actively working on the larger issue of performing arts space in the county. Their recent survey received responses from 30 organizations, and Arts Council leadership has indicated that they are exploring potential locations and preparing to bring together organizations and other stakeholders as the effort moves forward.

COSMIC looks forward to being part of those conversations. A full orchestra has some unique facility requirements, and we are eager to work with the Arts Council, county leaders, other arts organizations and the community toward both immediate and long-term solutions.

Most of all, thank you to our Calvert County audience members and supporters. We know how disappointing it is to lose a concert in your community. It's disappointing for our musicians, too. We want to be back performing for you.

Don't Miss COSMIC's Holiday Concert!



We are excited to share that we have secured Huntingtown High School for our December concert. We cannot wait to return to performing in Calvert County!

Event Information

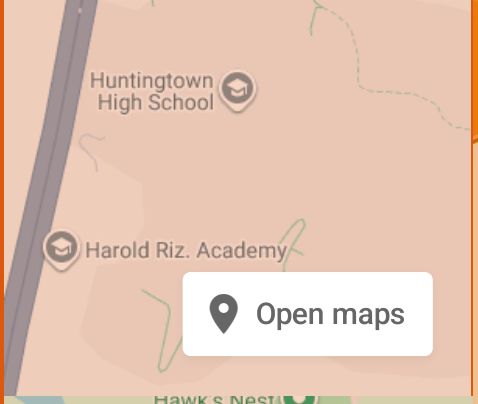
Calvert County - COSMIC Presents "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?"

When?

Saturday, Dec 12, 2026, 03:00 PM

Where?

Huntingtown High School, Solomons Island Road, Huntingtown, MD, USA



Event Information

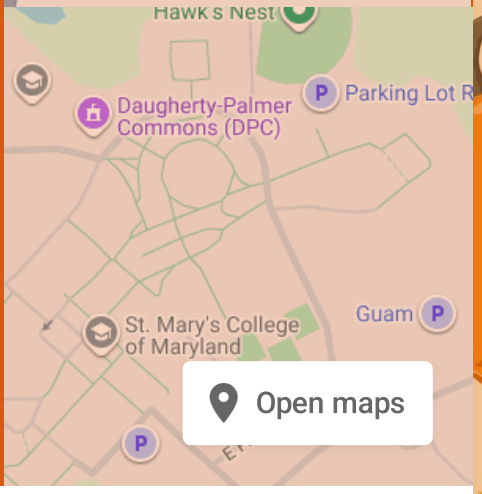
St. Mary's County - COSMIC Presents "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?"

When?

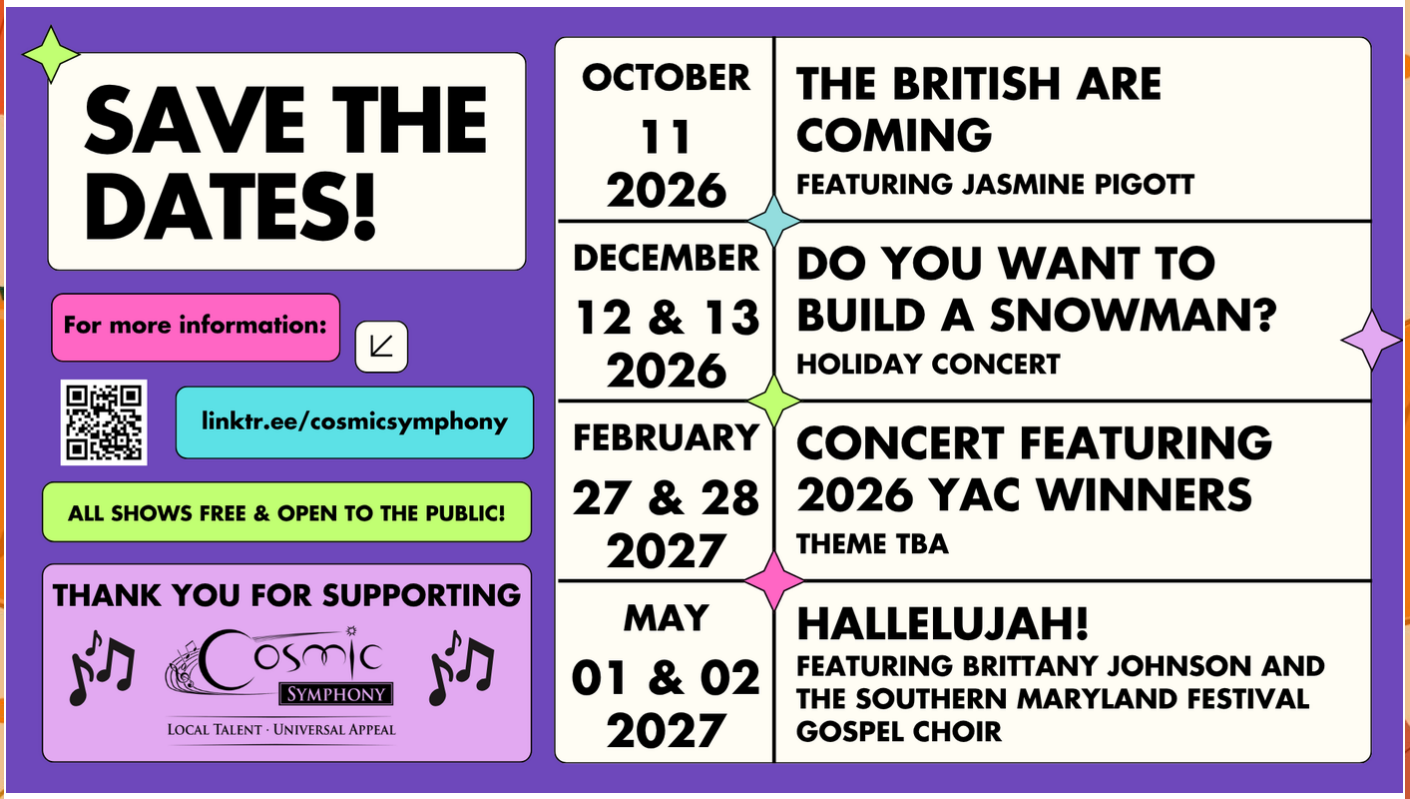
Sunday, Dec 13, 2026, 03:00 PM

Where?

Nancy R. and Norton T. Dodge Performing Arts Center, College Drive, Saint Marys City, MD, USA



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A Tax-Smart Way to Give

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Chamber Orchestra of Southern Maryland, In Concert (our official name, EIN 62-5129030)

As always, we encourage you to consult your tax advisor or financial professional regarding your individual circumstances.

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