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## Gifts for Everyone on Your List

In a dilemma about what to give as Christmas gifts this year? Let the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts help you complete your Christmas shopping.

Tickets to performances or gift certificates for workshops and classes make great gifts. The performances this season vary from a comedy show, to opera, to rock and roll. A community theater production, “Shrek the Musical”, featuring local performers will end the season.

Jester’s Gallery Shop offers truly unique gifts because everything in the shop is handcrafted. Jewelry, clothing, pottery, paintings, fiber art, glass, and more, featuring many Virginia and North Carolina artisans, are available at Jester’s.

### **Jester’s Gallery Shop**

Begin in Jester’s Gallery Shop to find hand-crafted gifts you won’t find anywhere else. Jester’s has handcrafted, jewelry, clothing, handbags, and much more for the special women in your life.

Looking for unique men’s gifts? You’ll find an array of things for the office, for home, and for relaxing.

Don’t wait too late to choose gifts from our James Farmer collection. Farmer is an editor-at-large of Southern Living magazine and five of his books are featured at Jester’s. *Sip and Savor*, *A Time to Plant*, *Dinner on the Grounds*, *A Time to Celebrate*, and *A Time to Cook* will be sure to please the cook and garden aficionado on your list.

To top it off, pair one of Farmer’s books with a ticket to hear him speak at the Suffolk Center on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017 at 11:00 .m.

Jester’s offers free gift wrapping and a free Suffolk Center ornament with your purchase.

Shop hours are Tuesday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## **Performances**

Tickets to performances at the Suffolk Center are sure to please everyone on your list. The line-up for the remainder of the season has something for everyone.

The Backpack Comedy Tour, Jan. 21, 2017, 8:00 p.m. features BT, Billy D. Washington, and Vince Morris. Their motto is, "Be Yourself. Because everybody else is already taken". The comedians have appeared on HBO, Comedy Central, CBS, NBC, A&E, MTV, and BET.

James Farmer, author, professional gardener, floral and interior designer, and cook, will speak on Thursday, Jan. 26 at 11:00 a.m. Afterwards he will sign copies of his books which are available for sale in Jester's Gallery Shop.

Mark Nizer will bring a new dimension in entertainment with his comedy and juggling show on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 2:00 p.m. Nizer has opened for Jerry Seinfeld, Bob Hope, Gladys Knight, The Temptations, and Ray Charles. The late Bob Hope said, "He just keeps getting better and I didn't think that was possible." His performance is sponsored by The Crossings.

Virginia Opera will present, "Deep River": The Marian Anderson Journey", on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 8:00 p.m. Using a combination of spirituals, arias, and art songs, Marian comes to life as she shares her courageous story with Thomas, a modern day African-American student.

The Chowan University Singers and Men's Choir will present a free program of classical and contemporary choral music on Thursday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. Their performance is sponsored by Charles and Juanita Pond.

The Suffolk Center theatre will be rockin' on Saturday, March 18 at 8:00 p.m. when The Rock & Roll Jubilee comes to town. This theatrical performance, presented in the guise of a live 1958 radio broadcast, will feature some of the greatest rock and roll music of Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison and more. The performance is sponsored by Mike Duman User Car Superstore and Edward Jones Office of Margie Wiley.

Rounding out the season is Shrek the Musical, featuring the lovable green ogre in a community theater production presented by the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts and rpm dance. Shrek the Musical will be directed by Renee Perry Mitchell and feature all the lovable characters from the movie. Performances are Sat., April 1 and April 8 at 8:00 p.m. and Sun., April 2 and 9 at 3:00 p.m.

For more information, call the Suffolk Center at 923-0003 or go online to [www.suffolkcenter.org](http://www.suffolkcenter.org).