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**Appalachian Chamber Music Festival at the Contemporary American Theater Festival**

Join ACMF and CATF for a special partner presentation concert

Harpers Ferry, W.Va. – The Appalachian Chamber Music Festival will perform on Tuesday, July 25 at 5 pm in a partnership presentation with the Contemporary American Theater Festival as part of their 2023 season's talktuesday series. The event will take place on the Frank Center Stage, located on the campus of Shepherd University at 260 University Drive, Shepherdstown, W.Va.

The Appalachian Chamber Music Festival is excited to present a program in partnership with CATF celebrating stories of the Moon and celestial bodies, as well as highlighting works by American composers of our time, Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate and Jessie Montgomery.

In this concert for string quartet and narrator, you'll first hear moments of Haydn's celebrated "Sunrise" quartet, before stories of the moon from various Native American tribes in "MoonStrike" before experiencing the enthralling one movement work for string quartet by Jessie Montgomery "Strum".

Composer Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate from the Chickasaw Nation will join ACMF Artistic Director, Katie Tertell and Peggy McKowen in discussion on his heritage and composition of "MoonStrike" for the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing.

This free event is presented by the Contemporary American Theater Festival with support from the West Virginia Humanities Council. RSVP at [www.catf.org](http://www.catf.org).

The Appalachian Chamber Music Festival is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit performing arts organization serving communities in Jefferson County, West Virginia, and the surrounding region. ACMF melds world-class chamber music performances, collaboration and outreach, with the rich and inspiring history, nature and culture of Harpers Ferry, Charles Town, Jefferson County and surrounding areas. We are all about bringing music to audiences in new, meaningful and accessible ways!