

Dark Star Orchestra to join former Dead members in the band Furthur, performs with his side project. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show at 9 p.m. State Theatre, 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church. 703-237-0300. [www.thestateattheatre.com](http://www.thestateattheatre.com). \$10 in advance, \$12 day of the show.

**SAT | 07**

**Loudoun Bluegrass Festival** The second annual event includes fiddle, flatpicking, banjo and mandolin competitions in addition to workshops, jam sessions and performances by bands Nothin' Fancy and Della Mae. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Loudoun County Fairgrounds, 17558 Dry Mill Rd., Leesburg. 703-318-8191. [www.bluegrassloudoun.com](http://www.bluegrassloudoun.com). \$18, ages 7-13 \$8, younger free.

**Pet Fiesta** This all-day outdoor festival showcases rescue animals in need of adoption. There are also demonstrations, exhibitions, face painting, balloon artists and pet contests. The Tails on Trails dog walk around Reston Town Center raises money to help homeless dogs find homes. Organized by GoodDogz.org, a nonprofit organization that supports rescue groups. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. 571-233-4557. [www.petfiesta.org](http://www.petfiesta.org). Free.

**"The Mouse of Amherst"** Jane Franklin Dance of Arlington uses theater and dance to explore the friendship between Emily Dickinson and a mouse. With video projections by Bryan Leister and original music by local composers Steven Rogers and Mark Sylvester. Adapted from Elizabeth Spire's book. 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Artisphere, Dome Theatre, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. 703-875-1100. [www.artisphere.com](http://www.artisphere.com). \$8, children \$6.

**"Stage Door"** American Century Theater presents Edna Ferber and George S. Kaufman's dramedy about aspiring New York stage actresses living in a boardinghouse. Marie Sproul directs the 23-member cast. Thursday-Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2:30 p.m., closes



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**Jane Franklin Dance presents "The Mouse of Amherst" Saturday, featuring performances by Amy Scaringe, Katie Tuebner, Melissa Tala, Adriana Saldana.**

Saturday at 8 p.m. Gunston Arts Center Theater II, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington. 703-998-4555. [www.americancentury.org](http://www.americancentury.org). \$27-\$35, children free.

**The Infamous Stringdusters** The bluegrass group from Nashville is on its "We'll Do It Live" tour. With the Two Man Gentlemen Band, Andy Bean and Fuller Condon's retro swing duo. Doors open at 8 p.m. Show at 9 p.m. State Theatre, 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church. 703-237-0300. [www.thestateattheatre.com](http://www.thestateattheatre.com). \$15.

**SUN | 08**

**Crooked Still** The alt-bluegrass band released "Some Strange Country" last year, an album recorded while the group was snowed in at a studio in Charlottesville. With bluegrass-folk singer-songwriter Naomi Sommers and her

father, Phil Rosenthal, known for his work with the Seldom Scene. 7:30 p.m. Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. 703-549-7500. 703-573-7328. [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com). \$25.

**MON | 09**

**Gandalf Murphy and the Slambovian Circus of Dreams** This Sleepy Hollow, N.Y.-based group's folk-rock tunes draw on such influences as the Band, Pink Floyd and Neil Young. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com). \$18, students \$12.

**TUE | 10**

**"Spring Solos 2011"** This show highlights contemporary artists from across the mid-

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Atlantic. The exhibit includes "The Brothers," Leigh Davis's photographic story about five members of a religious order being evicted from their home; Jennifer Coster's collection of 10 identical ant farms filled with sand and gold glitter; and sculptures by Ailsa Staub of Baltimore. Through June 5. Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. 703-248-6800. [www.arlingtonartscenter.org](http://www.arlingtonartscenter.org). Free.

**WED | 11**

**"Side by Side byondheim"** Signature Theatre revisits Stephen Sondheim's early works with this revue, which includes songs from "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," "Gypsy," "A Little Night Music" and "West Side Story." Directed and choreographed by Matthew Gardiner, who is also directing Signature's production of "Art." Thursday-Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m., Tuesday-Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Through June 12. Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington. 703-820-9771. 703-573-7328. [www.signature-theatre.org](http://www.signature-theatre.org). \$66-\$80.

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