

**Passport to Freedom & The Blairsville Underground Railroad Experience**  
with support by *Indiana First Bank and the Indiana Arts Council.*

present  
Internationally renowned Singer and Actor  
**Charles Kennedy, Jr.**

in  
**A Concert**  
of Songs and Stories honoring the legacy of the  
*Quiet Heroes*  
of the Underground Railroad

7:00 PM Saturday, December 1st,  
Hebron Lutheran Church  
125 North Liberty Street, Blairsville, PA  
\$7.00 Adults \$5.00 Students



"...took (us) soaring to Cloud Nine!"  
The Daily Chautauquan

"Uplifting!" Daily Collegian, Penn State  
University

"You had our full attention.  
All eyes were riveted on you. I've never  
seen people listen like that." SB

"The music filled my soul - it was a  
wonderful afternoon." Thank you.  
JT

"I absolutely loved it.  
Very soulful and beautiful. We both really  
enjoyed it!" SB

"...very relaxing and uplifting. You have a  
unique, mellow voice that can be listened  
to over and over." ES

## **TRIBUTE to NAT KING COLE**

2:00 PM Sunday, December 2nd  
Indiana Theater, 637 Philadelphia Street  
\$7.00 Adults \$5.00 Students

Advance tickets available at the *Indiana County Tourist Bureau,*  
*the Historic Society of the Blairsville Area,* or by calling  
724-459-0580.



Hear Charles sing and get more info at  
[charleskennedyjr.com](http://charleskennedyjr.com)





*Charles Kennedy, Jr., an entertainer who, through his beautiful songs and stories, will challenge, inspire, and show you how to embrace life!*

Charles is a man whose music spans time, genre and geography! He brings songs and stories that appeal to all ages. He will share his gift of music and love of life in two shows: **Tribute to the Quiet Heroes of the Underground Railroad**, and **Tribute to Nat King Cole**, honoring the legendary performer and black leader. These are interactive, with sing-along and even line-dancing! - great for the whole family.

When discussing the inspiration for his "Quiet Heroes" tribute, Charles relates his belief that cultures of the world each have special gifts. Charles believes that, through the enduring, still-relevant songs of the African slaves, Africa's "gift of life" was given to the world.

Charles also pays tribute to Nat King Cole, his music, legendary talent, and inspiration as a leader. Nat, a child prodigy as a pianist, with his silky-smooth voice, used his phenomenal success as a performer and heroically fought discrimination and segregation. Charles uses songs Cole made popular and adds other songs and stories to paint a powerful portrait of one of this great American hero.

Charles Kennedy, Jr. has an incredible musical heritage – he has actually lived the full spectrum of African American music; in addition to his personal experience, his musical lineage is equally rich, reaching back to Brahms and Monteux as well as Benny Goodman, Fred Waring and Maynard Ferguson. And he brings this vast experience and repertoire to his concerts. He has performed several times at the world-renowned Chautauqua Institution and brought joy to audiences from France to Hong Kong and across the United States. Charles sings beautiful and inspiring songs, accompanying himself on the piano, flute, and bass guitar. His passion is to restore beauty to our daily lives.

Charles has lived the many genres of African American music – Reggae & Latin in the Caribbean (he was born in Puerto Rico, he and his wife, Cindy, were missionaries to Belize), African Roots in Liberia, West Africa (where he lived for 7 years with his parents who were missionaries with the Church of God in Christ), Gospel & Blues in backwoods communities by the Mississippi Delta, Urban Gospel as choir director and organist in the gospel powerhouse Church of God in Christ, Hip-Hop & Rap when teaching music at a state penitentiary, and Jazz – studying and performing with Stan Bialomizy (who played with Benny Goodman, Maynard Ferguson, sang and conducted for Fred Waring).