

resort. David Leonhardt And Shelley Oliver in concert

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There's no business like show business and there's no better place to enjoy it than while on vacation at Deep Creek Lake. The western Maryland resort town held the first event of the 2009 Garrett County Arts Festival with a sensational performance by the David Leonhardt Jazz Group and The Shelley Oliver Tap Dancers. In nothing short of a 1940s supper club performance – the music, dancing, and stage presence sent the audience into continuous rounds of applause and cheers. From the jazz arrangements both new and familiar performed by David Leonhardt's group to the soothing vocals of the Ella-Etta sounding vocalist, Nancy Reed to the flawless floating tap solos and ensemble performances by Shelley Oliver and her troupe – the GLAF gave us a night to remember. Where else can you be entertained with *Fly Me To The Moon* and the theme from *The Flintstones* with 4 tap dancers who are performing from chairs! From beginning to end it was spellbinding! This debut program of the 2009 GLAF season proves that Executive Director of GLAF, Skip Case, gets it. He gets that if you bring in entertainment that actually entertains – ticket sales for the next scheduled event will go through the roof, sponsor participation will increase, fundraising goes up, and the word of mouth by vacationers, locals and for those who love traveling to enjoy quality performing arts shows -- will turn any small town event into a regional happening.