

# Second Stage | Amherst

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**Second Stage | Amherst presents film series *Ramblin' Pictures*, Sept. 27-Nov 22, a tribute to bluegrass and folk music in movies.**

**September 17, 2019, Amherst, VA**—Every other Friday from Sept. 27 through Nov. 22, Second Stage | Amherst presents *Ramblin' Pictures: Bluegrass & Folk-Music Movies*, a series of five films celebrating bluegrass and folk music.

From its origins, bluegrass and folk music has represented community. This series is intended to engage, entertain and provide cultural enrichment to residents of Amherst and nearby communities.

The film series opens with *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* (2000), a comedy that uses era-appropriate music to help tell the tale of three escaped convicts (George Clooney, Tim Blake Nelson, John Turturro) in deep south 1930s. The trio records a song for some quick cash, takes the money and runs with the law in pursuit. Unbeknownst to them, the recording becomes a hit, and eventually their salvation.

The biweekly series continues with *Songcatcher* (2000), a thoughtful drama about a musicologist (Janet McTeer) who stumbles upon Appalachian folk music in the early 1900s and is enchanted with the music and the local people; *Once* (2007), a sadly beautiful Irish romance about two struggling musicians (Glen Hansard, Markéta Irglová) as they make folk-pop-rock music in Dublin; *A Mighty Wind* (2003), an inspired mockumentary that traces various 1960s folk acts as they reunite to play a live, televised concert; and *I'm Not There* (2007), an imaginative meditation on folk-rock legend Bob Dylan's character and artistry.

## ***Ramblin' Pictures: Bluegrass & Folk-Music Movies***

All screenings to start at 8 p.m., with doors opening at 7:30 p.m.

### **Fri., Sept. 27**

*O Brother, Where Art Thou?* (Joel and Ethan Coen, 2000)

### **Fri., Oct. 11**

*Songcatcher* (Maggie Greenwald, 2000)

### **Fri., Oct. 25**

*Once* (John Carney, 2007)

### **Fri., Nov. 8**

*A Mighty Wind* (Christopher Guest, 2003)

### **Fri., Nov. 22**

*I'm Not There* (Todd Haynes, 2007)

Tickets for each screening are \$5 per person. Refreshments, including beer and wine, will be available for purchase.

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All screenings to take place at Second Stage | Amherst, located at 194 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Amherst, VA, 24521.

## About Second Stage | Amherst

Second Stage | Amherst is a center for creativity and community in downtown Amherst, VA. Named “Nonprofit Business of the Year” by Amherst County Chamber of Commerce in 2019, Second Stage provides a place where the cultural, civic and economic vitality of Amherst County is encouraged. More information about Second Stage Amherst programming can be found at [www.secondstageamherst.org](http://www.secondstageamherst.org).

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