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One of the hardest things to do in the performance business is to come up with an encore. We certainly know the feeling this year. The 2015-16 season was one of our best ever—a dozen sellouts, recognition as one of Pollstar's Top 225 touring theaters, world-class performances and incredible crowds. It's a season we're extremely proud of, and very happy to have shared with all of you.

The good news is that we feel as though the 2016-17 season you'll find in this publication is more than just a suitable encore—it's a season we are excited about and think you will enjoy. The season features something for everybody—from the Farewell Tour of Broadway's *Mamma Mia*, to the incredible musicianship of *The Time Jumpers*, a trio of great holiday season shows and much more across the 21 performances.

We hope that you'll be a frequent visitor to our newly redesigned (and now mobile-friendly) website (www.grandtheater.org) as well as our social media in the weeks and months to come. We'll be adding performances throughout the year as well as special events around many shows. In addition, you'll want to join our email list if you haven't already to make sure you are the first to know about upcoming events, show-night updates, and exclusive pre-sales, as well as to receive our new monthly e-magazine about everything going on at The Grand, *Encore*.

The season would not be possible without the support of our donors, sponsors, and of course, all of you. We thank you for your continued support, and hope that we'll see you at The Grand frequently this season.

Sean Wright
Executive Director

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OUR VOLUNTEERS

The Grand has over 150 volunteers who work behind the scenes to help ensure that you have the best experience. Whether it is taking tickets at the door, showing you to your seat, greeting you in the Great Hall, or even just offering a smile, our volunteers are here to lend a helping hand.

Volunteers play such an important role in our organization. As we kick off our 16-17 season, The Grand would like to thank the men and women who donate their time. We wouldn't be The Grand without them!

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VOCALOSITY



Tuesday
OCTOBER

11

7:30 PM
FROM \$29

THE ACA-PERFECT CONCERT EXPERIENCE

It's Pitch Perfect meets Broadway with one of the hottest shows in America! Vocalosity is the all-new live concert event from the creative mind of artistic producer Deke Sharon (Pitch Perfect, The Sing-Off) that takes a cappella to a whole new level! This concert spectacular features 12 dynamic voices singing some of today's chart-topping hits in brand-new arrangements too incredible to miss.

From barbershop and doo-wop to The Beatles and Bruno Mars; no genre of music is off limits! Combine that with choreography from Sean Curran (Stomp) and you have an exhilarating evening unlike anything you've ever seen or heard live on stage.



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The Second City **FREE SPEECH**

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Friday
OCTOBER

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7:30 PM
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This October, the renowned comedy group takes aim at politicians in their newest show Free Speech! (While Supplies Last). It's an evening of topical political satire featuring brand new scenes, songs, and improv straight from their sold-out shows in Chicago and Toronto.

Fresh, fast and always spectacularly funny, The Second City has produced some of the biggest and funniest names in comedy, including Jim Belushi, Steve Carell, Tina Fey, Stephen Colbert, Keegan-Michael Key, Amy Poehler, Chris Farley, and so many more!

It's a must-see evening of comedy that features some of Chicago's best and brightest talent. You won't want to miss Second City's irreverent and hysterical look at America's electoral insanity!

AN EVENING
WITH

TRAVIS TRITT

Wednesday
OCTOBER

19

7:30 PM
FROM \$47

Enjoy a special evening with Grammy Award winner and country music legend Travis Tritt as he plays the songs you know and love like you've never heard them before.

Experience the soulful sounds of Travis Tritt in an intimate setting featuring some of his biggest hits, including "Anymore", "T-R-O-U-B-L-E", and "It's A Great Day to Be Alive".

Don't miss this rare up close and personal performance with multi-platinum recording artist Travis Tritt.

Just a man, his guitar and an incredible night of music.

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Thursday
OCTOBER
27

SHANGHAI ACROBATS

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Awe-inspiring feats of acrobatics come to the Grand Theater with the Shanghai Acrobats' brand new show, "Shanghai Nights." This award-winning group cleverly uses acrobatics to tell a magical story of a young man and his dream to find love.

Share the thrills with the whole family as over one hundred acrobats perform jaw-dropping feats of acrobatics and stunts with precision skills. Experience the amazing beauty and thrilling feats with the Shanghai Acrobats.



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Wednesday
NOVEMBER

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THE HAVANA CUBA ALL-STARS

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Their first-ever US Tour, celebrating the new open friendship between the United States and Cuba.

Experience the joy and vibrancy of the Caribbean as The Havana Cuba All-Stars bring their rich musical heritage to The Grand. From the Rumba to the Cha-Cha-Cha to the Habanera, this exciting band creates an authentic Cuban experience, with rhythmic drums and castanets, wailing trumpets, and masterful acoustic guitar.

The "Asere Friendship Tour" is The Havana Cuba All-Stars' first-ever U.S. tour and celebrates the new open friendship between the United States and Cuba. Devoted to presenting the wide tapestry of Cuban music, The Havana Cuba All-Stars' Spanish vocals, traditional songs, and sizzling rhythms will fill the theater with the exciting sounds of the Caribbean.



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Thursday
NOVEMBER
17

6:30 PM
TICKETS \$20

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This fall, join The Grand as we kick off ski season in Wausau with our annual Warren Miller Entertainment's 67th Annual Ski Film!

Warren Miller is the preeminent ski and snowboarding filmmaker in the world! This legendary film series take film-goers across the globe to some of the world's most spellbinding skiing outposts!

It's more than a film, it's an entire evening celebrating the winter sports season with local vendors, themed raffles, and Warren Miller Entertainment's 67th Annual Ski Film!

A DARLENE LOVE CHRISTMAS: LOVE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Tuesday
NOVEMBER

29

7:30 PM
FROM \$44



"ONE OF THE GREATEST SINGERS OF ALL TIME."

Rolling Stone



A Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, Darlene Love has long been recognized as "one of the greatest singers of all-time," bringing her thunderbolt voice to wall-of-sound hits including "He's a Rebel," "He's Sure the Boy I Love", "(Today I Met) The Boy I'm Gonna Marry," and many more.

This holiday season, this Sixties legend will bring all those classics and your holiday favorites to The Grand! A Darlene Love Christmas would not be complete without her signature song "Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)", which she sang for 28 consecutive years on the Late Show with David Letterman, and of which, Letterman always said, "Christmas doesn't start until Darlene Love sings that song."

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7:30 PM
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THE KING'S SINGERS CHRISTMAS

“These six singers can do almost anything a full-sized chorus can do, with a degree of perfection that drops the jaw and delights the ear.”

SEATTLE TIMES

It's a holiday celebration with harmonies fit for a king! With a variety of music from Tchaikovsky to Lawson, to all of your holiday favorites, The King's Singers' ability to create a full choir sound will leave you breathless.

For more than 40 years, this remarkable sextet has maintained their place at the top of the choral world, delighting audiences across the globe with their melodies and irresistible charisma. If you enjoyed the sold-out Vienna Boys Choir performance last season, you won't want to miss this holiday gem!



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THE JOHN ALTENBURGH CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA!

THE TRADITION CONTINUES



Friday
DECEMBER

16

7:30 PM
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After decades of sold-out performances, The John Altenburgh Christmas Extravaganza returns to The Grand with an all-new show, featuring Janet Planet, Randy Sabien, Mitch Viegut, Chris O'Keefe, Otis McLennon and Dave Saindon.

The show also features Paula Hall, Ryan Korb, Bruce Lammers, Tom Theabo along with the exciting horn section consisting of Bob Kase, Tom Washatka, and Pat Phalen.

A true Wisconsin Christmas tradition, this has long been the hottest ticket in town. After returning from hiatus two years ago to rave reviews, the show is back again this season. Nothing says Christmas in Wausau like The John Altenburgh Christmas Extravaganza!

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Friday
JANUARY

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8:00 PM
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CANTUS



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“The premier men’s vocal ensemble in the United States.”

Over 600 of the state’s best vocal students will come to Wausau this January for the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association state convention. The Grand is proud to partner with the WCDA to present the convention’s headlining artist, Cantus.

Based out of Minneapolis, the group is recognized around the world for their programmatic versatility, artistic excellence, and charismatic personality. Bringing their “No Greater Love Than This” Tour to Wausau, the performance will explore the camaraderie, bravery, honor, and loss of soldiers in times of both war and peace. With creative themes, engaging performances, and vocal virtuosity, Cantus will deliver an evening of unforgettable music.



Monday
JANUARY

16

7:30 PM
FROM \$35

RUSSIAN NATIONAL BALLET THEATRE SWAN LAKE

This esteemed Russian ballet company brings to the Grand Theater one of the most magical and beloved works from the classical ballet repertoire: Swan Lake.

Standing the test of time, Swan Lake continues to amaze audiences near and far. With majestic choreography by Petipa, unforgettable score by Tchaikovsky, and exquisite costumes and sets, it is easy to see why Swan Lake continues to earn the adoration of classical ballet enthusiasts and attract newcomers to this magnificent art form. Come get lost in the magical story of Swan Lake!



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ACCESSIBILITY

Accessible seating for patrons in wheelchairs and with other needs is available for all performances. The venue's elevator is located on the west wall of the Great Hall. Handicap parking is available behind the Great Hall.

AUDIO & VISUAL ASSISTANCE

The Grand is equipped with a hearing assistance system to amplify performances. Devices are available upon request. Large print program are also available upon request. The Sensory Program offers a live audio description during the performance, for more information contact Kent Perrin at 715-370-2694. Child booster seats are available free of charge and are available at coat check.

AMENITIES

Enjoy your beverage as you watch the show! Beverages are available throughout the venue at the Arts Bar in the Great Hall and the Mezzanine Bar in the balcony. Avoid waiting in line during intermission by pre-ordering your beverages before the show. Snacks are available at our Snack Cart in the Great Hall.

ETIQUETTE

Fragrances - We would ask you to politely consider other guests' when applying perfumes or colognes. The Grand is a closed area with many people in close proximity to one another.

Children - We ask parents' discretion in bringing children who may be disruptive to a performance. Municipal Fire Codes require ALL audience members (even those of lap-sitting size) to have a ticket.

Cameras / Recording - Generally, no photography or recording is allowed. On occasion, an artist may give permission from the stage or in advance. All electronic devices (cell phones, smart phones, digital cameras) must be in silence mode before entering the theater.

PLAN YOUR VISIT

We hope you enjoy your experience at The Grand, please know that we are here to help. If you have a question or need assistance of any kind, please just ask a member of our staff. We recommend planning your travel so you arrive at least 30 minutes before show time. The Great Hall doors open 60 minutes prior to show time. This will allow you to arrive with plenty of time to find your seat, see pre-show entertainment, or enjoy a drink or a snack.

TICKET OFFICE INFORMATION

The Grand Theater is located in downtown Wausau. For directions or parking information, please call 715-842-0988 or visit www.grandtheater.org.

Hours

Monday - Friday / 9am-5:30pm

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THE COMPANY MEN

TIMELESS HITS. TODAY'S SOUND.

Thursday
JANUARY

26

7:30 PM
FROM \$25

Unlike any other group touring today, The Company Men uniquely interweave today's Top 40 hits with re-imagined classics of the last six decades by blending songs by your favorite artists, including Sam Smith, Michael Jackson, Katy Perry, Adele, The Temptations, Billy Joel, Prince, Bruno Mars, Michael Bublé and more!

Featuring performers from Broadway and the national touring companies of HAIRSPRAY, THE LION KING, and the Emmy Award winning mini-series The Temptations, The Company Men bring an all-star band, throwback sound, contemporary look, and 60 years of music in one night!



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Monday
FEBRUARY
13

7:30 PM
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THE FIVE IRISH TENORS

The Five Irish Tenors “will whisk
you away for an enchanted visit to
the Emerald Isle!”

The Five Irish Tenors blends Ireland's traditional musical vocal heritage with modern, vibrant contemporary Ireland. Featuring classics such as “Danny Boy” and “My Wild Irish Rose” alongside Bono’s “In a Lifetime” and Brendan Graham’s “You Raise Me Up”.

On their first-ever US Tour, the group presents a thrilling, dynamic program of joy and passion, spirit and love, performed by this magnificent group of Ireland's leading tenors.

Two extraordinary pianists accompany Ireland's most popular ensemble as they perform solos, duets, trios, quartets, and quintets. Let the celestial voices of these virtuoso musicians take you away to the rolling fields of Ireland.

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Friday
FEBRUARY

17

7:30 PM
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SONS OF SERENDIP

Finalists of the hit NBC show,
America's Got Talent!

As seen on "America's Got Talent," this genre-bending, classical-crossover group, Sons of Serendip combines incredible musicianship with their masterful arrangements to create new interpretations of songs you love.

Combining dynamic instrumentation and their classical training, Sons of Serendip recreates your favorite songs like you have never heard them before, including "Purple Rain," "Ordinary World," "Somewhere Only We Know," and many more!

Don't miss this amazing quartet as they transform some of today's top hits in "classical" arrangements that have critics calling them "one of the most talented musical acts performing today".



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“THE BEATLES ARE BACK” -VARIETY

Wednesday
MARCH

8

7:30 PM
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From Ed Sullivan to Abbey Road, this live multi-media spectacular takes you on a musical journey through the life and times of the world's most celebrated band, The Beatles. Going further than before, this new Rain production adds even more hits that you know and love from the vast anthology of Beatles classics. Don't miss the Broadway smash that's taking the world by storm!

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The YOUNG IRELANDERS

MAKING OLD TRADITIONS NEW

Friday
MARCH

17

7:30 PM
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Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with The Young Irelanders, a group of talented performers who have Irish song and dance running through their veins!

Featuring former members of Riverdance and Lord of the Dance, The Young Irelanders is more than a band, it's a full Irish experience! Fusing old world traditions with contemporary flare, The Young Irelanders create a distinctive sound that everyone can enjoy! It's St. Patrick's Day at The Grand with The Young Irelanders!

HOME FREE

VOCAL BAND

Thursday
MARCH

23

7:30 PM
FROM \$35

Country sensations and champions of NBC's 'The Sing Off', Home Free is the world's first all-vocal country band. Using nothing but their voices, this country quintet brings their unique flair to the country songs you know and love; from "Fishin in the Dark" and "Ring of Fire," to "How We Roll" and "Cruise."

Don't miss as Home Free brings their high-energy and quick-witted performance that meshes Nashville standards with country-dipped pop hits to Wausau for the first time!



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THE FUTURIST

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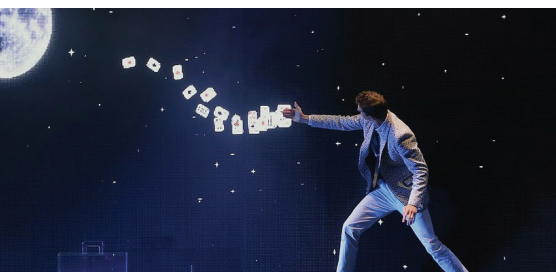
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“Justin Timberlake meets David Copperfield.”

One of the stars of the blockbuster Broadway spectacle THE ILLUSIONISTS, and as seen on “America’s Got Talent”, Adam Trent has taken the magic world by storm as “The Futurist.”

Described as “Justin Timberlake meets David Copperfield,” he’s a star for a new generation of magic fans; melding classic techniques, dancing, comedy, and innovative stage illusions in a show that shatters stereotypes for those who think they’ve seen it all. This is a show you will have to see to believe!

TONY AWARD WINNER FOR BEST MUSICAL REVIVAL

PIPPIN

**"ASTONISHING.
A PIPPIN FOR THE
21ST CENTURY."**
The New York Times

**"CIRQUE-MEETS-
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STYLE GIVES IT WINGS!"**
The Washington Post

Thursday

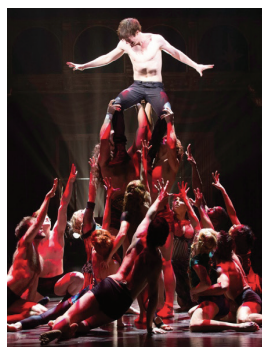
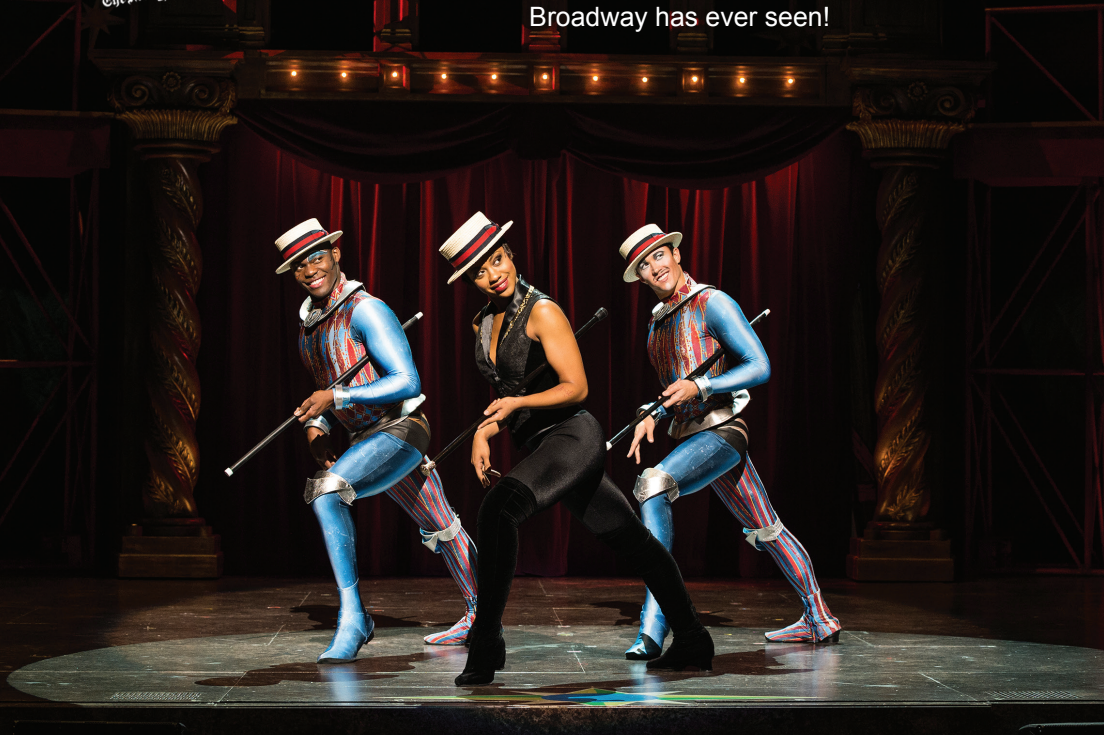
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PIPPIN is a high-flying, death-defying hit musical! Winner of four 2013 Tony Awards including Best Musical Revival, this classic has been reinvented as "Pippin for the 21st century" (New York Times).

Cirque-infused choreography leaves audiences captivated in a world of extraordinary acrobatics, wondrous magical feats and soaring songs from the composer of WICKED. Hailed by audiences and critics alike this "eye-popping, jaw-dropping extravaganza" (NY1) is unlike anything Broadway has ever seen!



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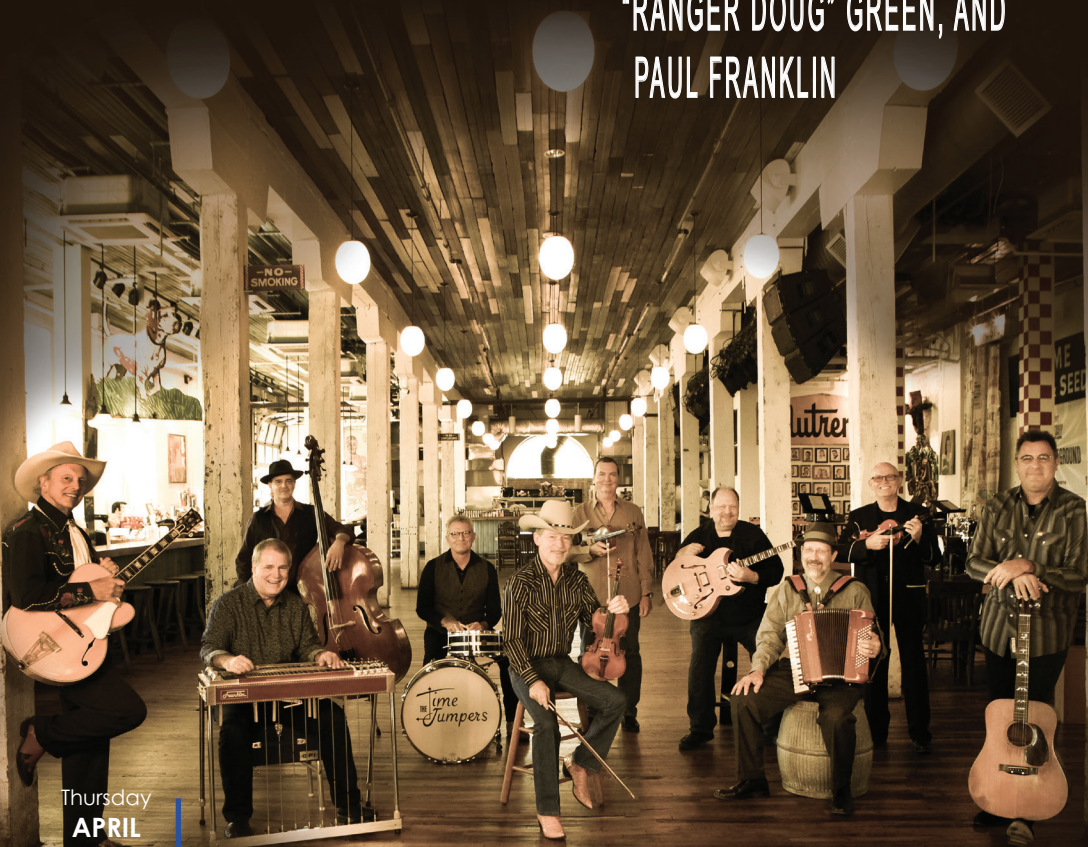
"They represent the best of roots music,
(with) Western swing and pop standards
and real, straight hard-core country...

They can do anything."

-Rosanne Cash

THE *Time Jumpers*

VINCE GILL, KENNY SEARS,
"RANGER DOUG" GREEN, AND
PAUL FRANKLIN



Thursday
APRIL

27

7:30 PM
FROM \$58

When country superstar Vince Gill and his friends started the Time Jumpers in Nashville, it was simply a way for them get together to play music. Little did they know that they had formed a country super group that would develop a rabid following, sell out a weekly Nashville show and earn Grammy nominations for their songs.

The multiple award-winning Time Jumpers bring the best of country, western, and swing to the stage; and are made up of ten incredible musicians, including country legends Vince Gill, "Ranger Doug" Green, Kenny Sears, Paul Franklin and more!

You won't want to miss this rare chance to see Vince Gill and The Time Jumpers outside of the Music City! It's a not-to-be-missed, best-of-the-best night of country direct from Nashville!

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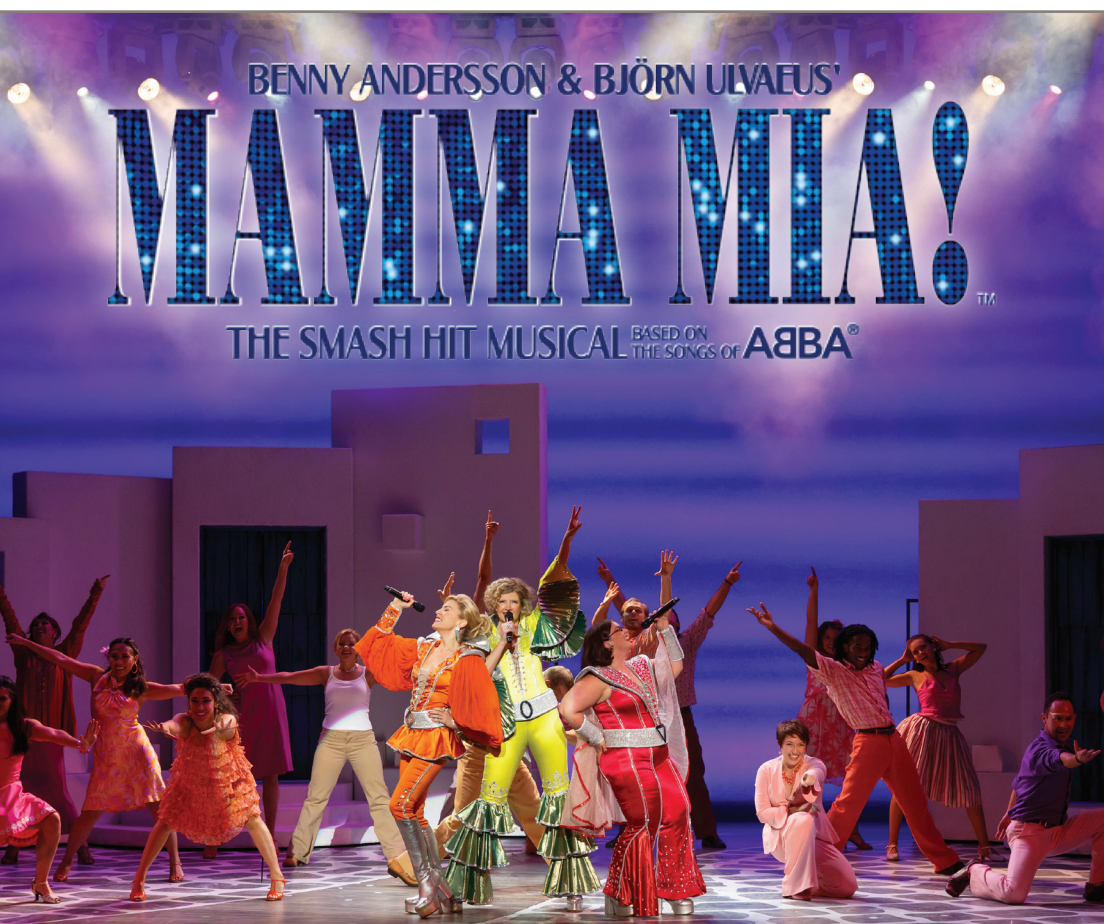


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Fall in love with the music, the story, and the characters that make MAMMA MIA! the ultimate feel good show!

Don't miss your last chance to see MAMMA MIA! on its Farewell Tour. It's the classic show you love: ABBA's greatest hits woven into a smash hit Broadway musical about a daughter's dream, a mother's secret, and a trip down the aisle you'll never forget!

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MAY
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7:30 PM
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“Outstanding beautiful venue for our community. From childhood to all age groups all participants have such a historical place to enjoy the arts.”

Located on the 400 Block, The Grand Theater has been a historic icon of Downtown Wausau for almost a hundred years. Some may know us for our iconic building, others may know us for the shows we present. However The Grand is so much more than a theater.

Acting as a community gathering place the theater is home for **over 300 events per year**, bringing people together from all over the state of Wisconsin. A highlight is our Performing Arts Season, delivering a diverse programming lineup of Broadway, Grammy Award winners, emerging artists, and world-renowned performers to Wausau.

With a mission to enrich lives of members of our community, The Grand offers more than its shows. In addition to our Performing Arts Season, The Grand features an Arts in Education Series, bringing curriculum-based performances to **over 14,000** of our area's students. Likewise, artist residencies and outreach programs put our professional artists directly into the community, impacting **over 2,500** in the past year.

A cornerstone of the community, the Grand Theater brings the best of the Performing Arts to North Central Wisconsin.

OUR MISSION

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148

SCHOOLS SERVED

14,436

STUDENTS ATTENDED

2,500

ARTIST RESIDENCY
PARTICIPANTS

\$11,644

TICKETS DONATED TO
LOCAL CHARITIES

\$95,950

SAVED COMMUNITY
PARTNERS

378

ACCESS TO THE ARTS
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



Total Sold Out Shows

12

top 225

Of Reported Theaters World-
wide Ticket Sales in Pollstar's
2015 Annual Report.



Total Tickets Sold

49,026

Ticket sales cover only a portion of our total show-related expenses, so your support is vital in order to bring the best in the performing arts to North Central Wisconsin.

Your donation allows us to engage the best artists, to create meaningful engagement opportunities, to keep ticket prices reasonable, and to develop memorable experiences for the entire community.

We invite you to be a part of The Grand's family,
donate today!



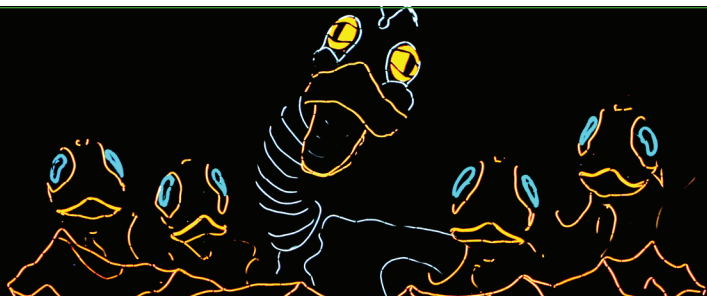
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FACILITY RENTAL

The Grand offers a variety of spaces perfect for any occasion. From weddings to concerts, to corporate outings to parties; No matter the event, make it special with the Grand Theater.

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**The Ugly Duckling &
 The Tortoise and The Hare**
 10/20



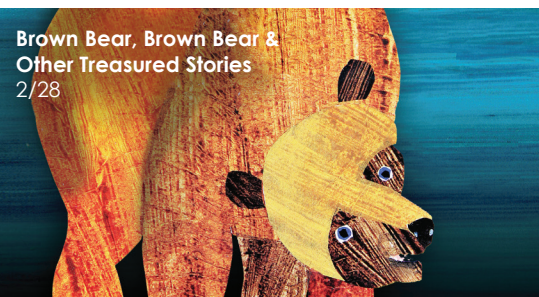
**Ben Franklin
 and His Kite**
 11/14



**Everybody's Hero:
 The Jackie Robinson Story**
 2/24



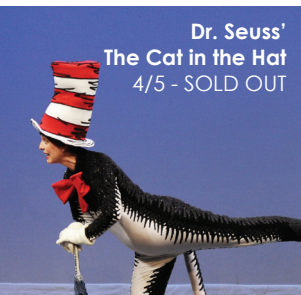
**Brown Bear, Brown Bear &
 Other Treasured Stories**
 2/28



Laura Ingalls Wilder
 3/13



**Dr. Seuss'
 The Cat in the Hat**
 4/5 - SOLD OUT



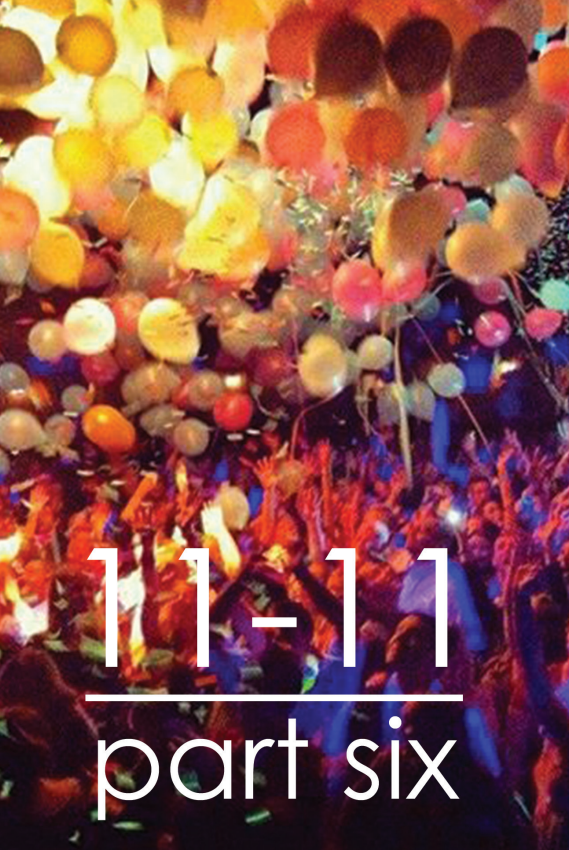
The Mayhem Poets
 4/26



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 715-842-0988 or learn more by visiting our
 website at www.grandtheater.org

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11-11

part six



SPECIAL EVENTS

THREE SPECIAL EVENTS
THE GRAND IS PROUD TO
BE A PART OF

11-11 PART SIX

NOVEMBER 5, 2016

EVOLUTIONS IN DESIGN

Don't miss Wausau's biggest party! Join *evolutions in design* at the Grand Theater for the sixth annual 11-11 Party. It's a night of entertainment unlike any other, featuring dancing, music from Boogie and the Yo-yo'z, and the famous balloon drop!

All proceeds benefit the Grand Theater. Tickets on sale October 1st, for \$16 dollars in advance and \$32 night of event (if any remain). This event will sell out quickly so get your tickets early!

A VERY JOE.E CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 20, 2016

JEM PRODUCTIONS

Returning to The Grand for its third year, It's a Very Joe.e Christmas brings a night of holiday celebration benefitting the Toys for Tots of Marathon County.

Nearly forty artists will take the stage, backed by full video projection, a ten piece house band, and hundreds of donated toys! Admission for the event is free with a donation to Toys for Tots. All ages invited.

STATE CHORAL CONVENTION

JANUARY 6-7, 2017

WISCONSIN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

The WCDA will be hosting their annual choral convention this January at the Grand Theater, bringing over 600 of the state's best vocal students to Wausau.

The weekend will feature a headlining performance by Cantus (pg 16), hailed as the "premier men's vocal ensemble in the United States."

YEAR AT A GLANCE

June

- 12 Wausau Lyric Choir: *Summer Serenade*
16-18 Wausau Community Theatre:
Little Shop of Horrors
-

September

- 8-10 Wausau Community Theatre:
Fiddler on the Roof
29-1 Centerstage Band and Show Choir:
A Night on Broadway
-

October

- 7-9 CWCT Penguin Project: *Seussical Jr.*
11 Vocalosity
14 The Second City: *Free Speech*
(*While Supplies Last*)
19 An Evening With Travis Tritt
20 Aspirus Arts in Education:
The Ugly Duckling
22 Wausau Dance Theatre: *Thriller*
22 CVA Fundraiser: *Art of Wine*
27 Shanghai Acrobats
-

November

- 2 The Havana Cuba All-Stars
5 11-11 Part 6
10-12 Wausau Community Theatre:
Beauty and the Beast
14 Aspirus Arts in Education:
Ben Franklin and His Kite
17 The 67th Warren Miller Ski Film
29 A Darlene Love Christmas:
Love for the Holidays
-

December

- 3-4 Central Wisconsin School of Ballet:
The Nutcracker
5-6 Wausau West Choir Concert
7 The King's Singers Christmas
9-11 Wausau Community Theatre:
A Christmas Carol
14 It's a Very Joe.e Christmas
16 The John Altenburgh
Christmas Extravaganza
21 Lorie Line

January

- 6 Cantus
6-7 WCDA State Choral Convention
13 Stayin' Alive: Tribute to the Bee Gees
16 Russian National Ballet Theatre:
Swan Lake
26 The Company Men
28 Wausau Events: Winterfest
-

February

- 13 The Five Irish Tenors
17 Sons of Serendip
24 Aspirus Arts in Education:
Everybody's Hero: The Jackie Robinson Story
28 Aspirus Arts in Education:
Brown Bear, Brown Bear
-

March

- 2-4 Wausau Community Theatre:
The Who's Tommy
8 Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles
11 WDT Storybook Weekend:
Alice in Wonderland
13 Aspirus Arts in Education:
Laura Ingalls Wilder
17 The Young Irishlanders
23 Home Free
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April

- 5 Aspirus Arts in Education:
Dr. Suess' Cat in the Hat
7 Adam Trent: The Futurist
15 River Valley Harmonizers
20 Pippin
26 Aspirus Arts in Education:
Mayhem Poets
27 The Time Jumpers
29-30 Dance Magic
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May

- 6 CWSB: *Student Showcase*
11 Mamma Mia!
13 Heidi's Dance Recital
20-21 DDH Dance Recital

Calendar is subject to change. Updates will be found on our website and upcoming newsletters.

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