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Grand Theater Repeats As Top Theatre Venue Worldwide

The Grand Theater has capped off an incredible 2018 with a spot in the 2018 Top 150 Theatre Venues Worldwide as compiled by *Pollstar*. The year has featured a record-setting 19 sold out shows and landed The Grand at the 143rd spot according to the publication's 2018 Year End Edition, marking the second straight year The Grand has appeared in the Top 150 rankings.

In addition to finishing in the Top 150 overall, The Grand shined in comparisons with similar venues and markets, ranking fifth overall for theatres under 1300 seats and second overall in terms of similar market size.

"2018 has been an incredible year at The Grand, and to be recognized in *Pollstar's* Top 150 worldwide for the second consecutive year is a tribute to the hard work done by the entire team. It's especially rewarding to see how supportive this community is in comparison to similarly-sized markets. It's certainly quite an accomplishment, and we are absolutely thrilled," said Sean Wright, Executive Director.

Pollstar is the worldwide trade publication for the concert and performing arts industry. The Grand has been ranked alongside world-renowned theaters such as Radio City Music Hall (New York, NY), Ryman Auditorium (Nashville, TN), and Royal Albert Hall (London, UK).

"We have our outstanding patrons to thank for our success," says executive director Sean Wright. "We have incredibly loyal season subscribers, plus we're excited to see how many new patrons from throughout the region are experiencing The Grand for the first time. It's great to be recognized with some of the elite venues in the world, and it motivates us to continue to present the best in the performing arts for our audiences to enjoy."

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