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Press Release

Overture's Rising Stars 2019 Judges Announced for Oshkosh, Wausau, Madison and La Crosse

Wausau, Wis. — Overture Center for the Arts, The Grand Oshkosh, The Grand Theater in Wausau and Viterbo University Fine Arts Center in La Crosse announced today the local judges for Overture's Rising Stars talent search.

2019 Overture's Rising Stars Statewide Schedule and Judges:

The Auditions

Saturday, July 13 at The Grand Oshkosh, Oshkosh

- Katharina Abderholden, freelance artist
- Dave Chaimson, VP of marketing & business development at EAA
- Steve March-Tormé, vocalist & touring performer/afternoon host on 91.1 FM The Avenue

Saturday, July 20 at The Grand Theater, Wausau

- **Jeannie Hill, dance professor at UW-Stevens Point**
- **Dave Kallaway, 95.5 WIFC radio personality**
- **Tammy Stezenski, publisher/editor Wausau City Pages**

Saturday, July 27 at Overture Center for the Arts, Madison

- Pacal Bayley (DJ Pain 1), music producer & DJ
- Rachelle Butler, school of Madison Ballet director
- Lo Marie, performer & recording artist

Saturday, Aug. 3 at Viterbo University Fine Arts Center, La Crosse

- Nancy L. Allen, professor of music at Viterbo University
- Grant Golson, producing artistic director for La Crosse Community Theater
- Dustin Luecke, News 19 Daybreak anchor

The Callback

Saturday, Aug. 17 in Overture Hall at Overture Center for the Arts, Madison

- Three Madison judges + one from each partner market (still TBA)

The Workshop

Sunday, Aug. 25 at Overture Center for the Arts, Madison

- Workshop participants will receive guidance from a selection of judges

The Finals

Saturday, Sept. 14 in Overture Hall at Overture Center for the Arts, Madison

- Three Madison judges + one from each partner market (still TBA)

The program, free to participate in, welcomes all skill levels and talents (ages 6+) to audition and develop their talent with guidance from industry pros. There will be three age categories with \$750 cash prizes and one grand prize winner will receive a \$1k prize, booking opportunities, a digital marketing consultation and the chance to perform at Overture during the 2020/21 season.

Acts selected from the preliminary auditions will be invited to The Callback on Saturday, Aug. 17. The Workshop on Sunday, Aug. 25 will give those moving on another opportunity to perform and receive constructive feedback from industry professionals before they head to The Finals at Overture Center on Saturday, Sept. 14. The finalists will come together on the grand Overture Hall stage to perform for the community, win cash prizes, be seen by talent buyers and more.

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See The North Code, the 2018 Grand Prize Winner, perform as the opener for [Kittel & Co.](#) on Friday, Oct. 4!

THE GRAND THEATER in Wausau, Wis., has brought the best of the performing arts to North Central Wisconsin since 1927. With a mission to entertain, educate and enrich the community, The Grand works to develop a lifelong appreciation for the arts and enhance the quality of life in the region. [grandtheater.org](#)

THE GRAND OSHKOSH, built in Oshkosh, Wis., in 1883 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is a collaborative and innovative leader in providing entertainment, social, and educational opportunities for the community. The Grand hosts more than 100 public performances each season, featuring both nationally touring and regional artists. [thegrandoshkosh.org](#)

VITERBO UNIVERSITY FINE ARTS CENTER La Crosse, Wis., as a regional arts center, the mission of the Viterbo University Fine Arts Center is to educate, stimulate, inspire, and challenge the university and local communities through the presentation of diverse and quality programming. Built in 1971, the Fine Arts Center hosts over 80,000 guests each year for a variety of events, including performances, lectures, conferences, and more. [viterbo.edu/fine-arts-center](#)

OVERTURE CENTER FOR THE ARTS in Madison, Wis., features seven state-of-the-art performance spaces and five galleries where national and international touring artists, ten resident companies and hundreds of local artists engage people in nearly 600,000 educational and artistic experiences each year. With the vision to provide “Extraordinary Experiences for All,” Overture’s mission is to support and elevate our community’s creative culture, economy and quality of life through the arts. [overture.org](#)

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