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Classical Meets Today's Biggest Hits: Black Violin Comes To The Grand

WAUSAU, WI – October 2, 2015 – Black Violin will bring an exciting evening of genre-blending music to The Grand Theater on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 7:30 PM. Black Violin combines classical, hip-hop, rock, R&B, and bluegrass into an unforgettable fusion of sound. Violin and Viola virtuosos, Kev Marcus and Wil Baptiste, met in high school and have been taking the music world by storm ever since. Whether it's Schubert or Sam Smith, Beethoven or Bruno Mars, or their own original compositions, Black Violin is quickly becoming a household name in the world of music.

The classically-trained duo has performed everywhere from the Inaugural Ball and three Super Bowls to South by Southwest and for United States troops stationed in Iraq. They were even invited to perform at both TEDx and Google's "meeting of the minds" event, Zeitgeist.

"Black Violin works hard, but makes it all look like play...Sometimes they play with the intense seriousness of orchestral soloists; at others they fiddle as if at a hoe-down; at still others they strum the violin and viola like guitars," said *The New York Times*.

Black Violin is also receiving rave reviews for their recently released album *Stereotypes*.

"This album works whether you listen to Mozart or not. And it will work if Mozart is the only type of musician you do listen to. Black Violin made [Stereotypes](#) for both listeners. Their one hope is that those listeners can become friends. This album will make for a good ice breaker," says Marc Rivers of A Tribe Called News.

From Bach to Biggie, you'll hear a little bit of everything from Black Violin. Their ability to meticulously blend every genre of music with strings, drums, and their DJ will leave audiences amazed and wanting more. The eloquent juxtaposition is the reason this ground-breaking duo appeals to so many diverse groups of music lovers.

Executive Director Sean Wright says, “This group is breaking Classical Music Stereotypes one song at a time. It’s a show that will appeal to music fans of all genres.”

Black Violin’s performance will have a little bit of everything for everyone. Gather your friends and be ready to enjoy a performance at The Grand like you’ve never seen before.

Tickets are on sale now, at The Grand Ticket Office (401 4th Street in Downtown Wausau), via phone at 715-842-0988 and online at www.grandtheater.org. There is still time to subscribe to 2015-16 season, which features 19 outstanding shows. Select four or more shows to become a subscriber, which includes discounts on tickets, free ticket exchanges and numerous other subscriber-only benefits.

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