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Press Release

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Individual Tickets on Sale July 12 to The Grand's World-Class Line-Up!

WAUSAU, WI – July 5, 2016 – Individual tickets go on sale July 12 to The Grand's 2016-17 season and you don't want to miss your chance to experience the best of the performing arts right here in Wausau! The wait is almost over! When the ticket office opens at 9:00am on Tuesday, July 12th individual tickets to the Grand Theater's 2016-17 season will go on-sale. This annual event is The Grand's biggest on-sale day of the year where individual tickets to 21 shows go on sale to the general public.

With a new website, staff at every phone and ticket window, there are many ways to get your tickets. You'll want to get your tickets right away as great shows like Broadway's hit *Mama Mia*, holiday favorite *John Alenburgh's Christmas Extravaganza*, country legend Vince Gill and The Time Jumpers, the premier Beatles tribute show: *Rain*, and more are selling quickly! "We had an amazing 2015-16 season with twelve sold-out shows and the response from our subscribers to our 2016-17 season has been outstanding," said Sean Wright, Executive Director of The Grand Theater.

If you've ever wondered what an on-sale day at The Grand is really like, now is your chance to find out! Stay tuned to our Facebook page as we launch The Grand's Snapchat and check out all the excitement that takes place on July 12!

As always, The Grand is North Central Wisconsin's home for Broadway and this season, four outstanding shows come to town. Winner of four 2013 Tony Awards, including Best Musical Revival, *Pippin* is a high-flying, death-defying musical. A classic favorite, *Mamma Mia*, comes to The Grand on its farewell tour giving you the chance to fall in love with the music, the story, and the characters one last time. From Ed Sullivan to Abbey Road, *RAIN: A Tribute to The Beatles*, takes you in a musical journey through the life and times of the world's most celebrated band in this live multi-media spectacular! *Adam Trent: The Futurist*, star of the Broadway hit *The Illusionists*, melds classic techniques, dancing, comedy, and innovative stage illusions in a show that shatters stereotypes for those who think they've seen it all!

Four fantastic shows featuring artists from across the globe will come to The Grand this season. Come see the awe-inspiring feats of acrobatics with the *Shanghai Acrobats* brand new show, "Shanghai Nights". Experience the joy and vibrancy of the Caribbean as *The Havana Cuba All-Stars* bring their tour to the US for the very first time! From the Rumba to the Cha-Cha-Cha, this band brings authentic Cuban music right to Wausau. *The Five Irish Tenors* will provide the sounds of Ireland from yesterday and today in a thrilling,

dynamic program filled with classics, to more contemporary pieces. Complete your artistic trip around the globe with the elegance and grace of the *Russian National Ballet Theatre's Swan Lake*.

A great mix of classic and new country comes to The Grand to get your feet tappin'. Enjoy an evening with Grammy Award winner and country music legend *Travis Tritt*. Country sensations and champions of NBC's 'The Sing Off', *Home Free* is the world's first all vocal country band. You'll be transported to Nashville when multiple award-winning, *The Time Jumpers featuring Vince Gill* comes to The Grand! It's a not-to-be-missed, best-of-the-best night of country direct from the Music City!

Bringing vocal styles for every taste this season are three groups that are as impressive as they are diverse. The season begins with an aca-perfect concert experience when *Vocalosity* hits the stage taking a capella to a whole new level. In conjunction with the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association, the premier men's vocal ensemble in the United States, *Cantus* brings their unforgettable sound to present their, "No Greater Love Than This" Tour. Unlike any other touring group today, *The Company Men* uniquely interweave today's Top 40 hits with re-imagines classics of the last six decades by blending songs by your favorite artists!

To help you escape the winter blues, The Grand presents four shows celebrating the holidays and ski season. The annual *Warren Miller Ski Film*, this year the 67th installment, comes back to The Grand to kick off ski season in Wausau! According to David Letterman, "Christmas doesn't start until *Darlene Love* sings Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)", so you'll want to start your holiday season the right way and come hear the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer bring her thunderbolt voice to that classic right along with her hits. Enjoy a holiday celebration with harmonies fit for a king with *The King's Singers Christmas!* Their ability to create a full choir sound will leave you breathless. After decades of sold-out performances, *The John Altenburgh Christmas Extravaganza* returns to The Grand with an all-new show! A true Wisconsin Christmas tradition, this has long been the hottest ticket in town.

The Grand presents three groups of emerging artists bringing fresh sounds and sights to the season. *The Second City* brings their newest show, *Free Speech! (While Supplies Last)*, for a hysterical evening of topical political satire featuring brand new scenes, songs, and improv straight from their sold out shows in Chicago and Toronto! Finalists of the hit NBC show, *America's Got Talent*, *Sons of Serendip*, combine dynamic instrumentation and their classical training to recreate songs like you've never heard them before! Plan for an exciting St. Patrick's Day when *The Young Irelanders* transport you to Ireland with a full Irish experience! Fusing old world traditions with contemporary flare, *The Young Irelanders* create a distinctive sound for everyone to enjoy!

You can beat the rush on July 12th by becoming a Season Subscriber today! Season packages start at just four shows and feature a discount up to 15% depending on subscription level. Subscribers also receive priority seating, free ticket exchanges, and an invitation to exclusive events. Contact the ticket office at 715.842.0988, online at www.grandtheater.org, or stop in to the Ticket Office at 401 4th Street. Wausau, WI. 54403. Individual tickets go on sale on July 12, 2016.

2016-17 Season

October 11, 2016 *Vocalosity*

October 14, 2016 *The Second City: Free Speech (While Supplies Last)*

October 19, 2016 *An Evening with Travis Tritt*

October 27, 2016 *Shanghai Acrobats*

November 2, 2016 *The Havana Cuba All-Stars*

November 17, 2016 *Warren Miller Event*

November 29, 2016 *A Darlene Love Christmas: Love for the Holidays*

December 7, 2016 *The King's Singers Christmas*

December 16, 2016 *The John Altenburgh Christmas Extravaganza*

January 6, 2017 Cantus
January 16, 2017 Russian National Ballet Theatre: Swan Lake
January 26, 2017 The Company Men
February 13, 2017 The Five Irish Tenors
February 17, 2017 Sons of Serendip
March 8, 2017 Rain: A Tribute to The Beatles
March 17, 2017 The Young Irelanders
March 23, 2017 Home Free
April 7, 2017 Adam Trent: The Futurist
April 20, 2017 Pippin
April 27, 2017 The Time Jumpers featuring Vince Gill
May 11, 2017 Mamma Mia!

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