

# 2017-2018 SEASON

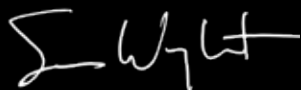
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It's an incredibly exciting time here at The Grand! Our 2016-17 was one for the ages: a record-setting ten sellouts, recognition as the 174th ranked theater in the world according to Pollstar Magazine, world-class performances from all genres, and the debut of our new 10x10 Series. We had amazing audiences of all ages, from every corner of the state (52 counties to be exact), as well as 4,000 new patrons who visited us for the first time ever. It's a season we're extremely proud of, and very happy to have shared with all of you.

We've put that historic season in the rear view mirror, and we can't wait to continue the excitement with our 2017-18 Season, which will bring an incredible 23 productions to the stage. There's something for everybody: the Wausau debuts of Tony Award-winning musicals *Jersey Boys* and *Kinky Boots*, the incredible musicianship of Kenny G and Mary Chapin Carpenter, a trio of great holiday season shows, the return of *Riverdance*, and so much more! There's something to love about each and every show, and we can't wait to get the season started in October! You certainly won't want to miss a single performance, so subscribe today to guarantee your tickets!

The best news is that there is more to come—the 10x10 Series of emerging and local artists will return this Fall, we'll be adding exciting shows to the season, as well as ways to enhance your experience when you come to The Grand. You'll also hear more about the expansion of our community outreach initiatives to help broaden the impact of the arts in our region. There are so many great things going on at The Grand, and I'm thrilled to have the honor to work with a fantastic team to make them all happen!

We are also grateful for the incredible support of our donors, sponsors, and of course, all of you. It's because of your support that The Grand is able to thrive. We hope you enjoy the upcoming season and look forward to seeing you at The Grand!



Sean Wright  
Executive Director

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Volunteers play such an important role in our organization. As we kick off our 2017-18 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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# THE SIMON & GARFUNKEL STORY

"Spine-Tingling Harmonies"

- *The Daily Record*



## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$25

Direct from a sold-out European tour, The Simon and Garfunkel Story opens the 2017-18 season at The Grand on their first-ever US tour. The Simon and Garfunkel Story is a critically-acclaimed, concert-style theatrical experience that tells the journey of Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel and how they became the world's most successful music duo of all time.

Using state of the art video projection, two incredible singers, and a full live band, The Simon and Garfunkel Story is a moving and powerful concert featuring all the hits, such as "Mrs. Robinson," "Bridge Over Troubled Water," "Homeward Bound," "The Sound Of Silence," and many more. Don't miss the show critics are saying is, "a must-see for anyone who is a fan of the musical masters!"

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**Five-Time Grammy  
Award winner including  
Best Country Album and  
Female Country Vocal  
Performance**

# MARY CHAPIN CARPENTER

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13**

7:30PM | STARTING AT \$29.50

Five-time Grammy Award winner Mary Chapin Carpenter comes to The Grand for the first time, showcasing her latest critically-acclaimed record, *The Things That We Are Made Of*, as well as her Top 10 country hits, including "Passionate Kisses," "I Feel Lucky," "Shut Up and Kiss Me," "He Thinks He'll Keep Her," and more!

Over the course of her acclaimed career, Carpenter has sold over 14 million records, winning four consecutive Best Female Country Vocal Performance Grammy Awards, two CMA awards, and two Academy of Country Music awards. The Associated Press calls her latest album, "...an evocative collection of songs," while The Huffington Post declares, "...Carpenter is now at the height of her musical career."

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# JERSEY BOYS

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**THE STORY OF FRANKIE VALLI  
& THE FOUR SEASONS**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24**

7:30PM | STARTING AT \$70

They were just four guys from Jersey, until they sang their very first note. They had a sound nobody had ever heard...and the radio just couldn't get enough of their hit songs.

JERSEY BOYS is the 2006 Tony Award winning Best Musical about Rock and Roll Hall of Famers Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons; and it comes to The Grand for the first time! Winner of four Tonys, a Grammy, and the Laurence Olivier Award, JERSEY BOYS is one of the longest-running shows in the history of Broadway and features all of the classics: "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Rag Doll," "December, 1963 (Oh What A Night)," and "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You." While their harmonies were perfect on stage, off stage it was a very different story -- a story that has made JERSEY BOYS one of the most popular musicals of our time.

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# THE MARTIAL ARTISTS AND ACROBATS OF TIANJIN CHINA

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27**

7:30PM | STARTING AT \$35

One of the best acrobatic troupes from China shows off its superior skill with thrilling acrobatics, circus acts, illusions, and mesmerizing demonstrations of martial arts when the Martial Artists and Acrobats of Tianjin China bring their newest show, "China Soul," to The Grand for the first time!

Glittering costumes, breathtaking tricks, and magnificent feats of athletic daring create a tour de force when this magnetic, award-winning troupe takes the stage! It's a night for the whole family, guaranteed to dazzle and delight audiences of all ages!

# TAKE ME TO THE RIVER

## MEMPHIS SOUL AND RHYTHM & BLUES REVUE

**WILLIAM BELL\***  
**CHARLIE MUSSELWHITE\* • BOBBY RUSH\***  
**FRAYSER BOY • AL KAPONE**  
**THE HI RHYTHM SECTION • THE STAX ACADEMY ALUMNI**

**\* GRAMMY AWARD WINNERS**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

7:30PM | STARTING AT \$29

An all-star group of musicians come together for an amazing night of music when Take Me to the River LIVE! comes to The Grand on its first-ever US Tour. The show features three legendary Grammy Award winners—Charlie Musselwhite, Bobby Rush, and William Bell—along with The Hi Rhythm Section, the Stax Academy Alumni Band, and many more! Following in the footsteps of the award-winning 2014 documentary film of the same name, Take Me to the River is a live concert journey through the soul of American music, celebrating the musical influence of Memphis that flourished during a time of discrimination and segregation. You won't want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime chance to see these iconic music legends.

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**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

7:30PM | STARTING AT \$44.50

With a legendary career spanning more than four decades, KANSAS has established itself as one of America's iconic classic rock bands, and they are coming to The Grand for the first time ever! This "garage band" from Topeka released their debut album in 1974 and has never looked back, selling more than 30 million albums worldwide while appearing on the Billboard charts for over 200 weeks.

The legendary catalog of KANSAS includes eight gold albums, and record-breaking singles including "Carry On Wayward Son" and "Dust in the Wind." In celebration of the 40th anniversary of their multi-platinum album *Leftoverture*, the band will present this album in its entirety for the very first time! For more than four decades, KANSAS has played to sold-out arenas and stadiums around the globe, and now it's your chance to see them up close!

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# 68TH ANNUAL SKI FILM



## THE 68TH WARREN MILLER FILM

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

6:30PM | TICKETS \$20

This fall, join The Grand as we kick off ski season in Wausau with the annual Warren Miller Entertainment's 68th Annual Ski Film!

Warren Miller is the preeminent ski and snowboarding filmmaker in the world! This legendary film series takes 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 and Warren Miller Entertainment's 68th Annual Ski Film!

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# ALL IS CALM: THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE OF 1914

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

7:30PM | STARTING AT \$35

The incomparable Theatre Latté Da brings an incredible holiday story to The Grand. All Is Calm recalls an astounding moment during WWI when Allied and German soldiers met in "No Man's Land" and laid down their arms to celebrate the holiday together by trading carols, sharing meals, and burying the dead. "The joy of 'Peace on Earth' rarely has seemed so real as it does in this sweet story of a Christmas Day when enemies embraced each other," (Star Tribune).

Brought to life by twelve talented artists, traditional holiday songs, and firsthand accounts, this remarkable production has become a must-see holiday classic, with critics raving, "All is Calm can transport audiences to parts of the heart rarely explored," (St. Paul Pioneer Press).

**"One of the Top Live Events for  
Christmas in North America."**

- BBC





## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:30PM | STARTING AT \$35

Swing into the holiday season with one of the most popular swing bands on the road today as Big Bad Voodoo Daddy brings their Wild and Swingin' Holiday Party to The Grand. Drawing from a rich catalog of holiday albums, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy creates a fun and quirky take on the holiday classics you love, including "Jingle Bells," "Blue Christmas," and "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch."

All these holiday classics and more are reimagined in the style of a rollicking big band extravaganza, plus some of Big Bad Voodoo Daddy's classic tunes. It's a holiday show that's cool enough to keep a snowman from melting and fun for audiences of all ages.

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# THE JOHN ALTENBURGH CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:30PM | STARTING AT \$42

With over a decade of sold-out performances, John Altenburgh's Christmas Extravaganza returns to The Grand! A true Wisconsin Christmas tradition, this has long been the hottest ticket in town. Nothing says Christmas in Wausau like Altenburgh's Christmas Extravaganza!

With an all-star lineup, the show features Janet Planet, Mitch Viegut, Randy Sabien, Brad Emanuel, Dave Saindon, Chris O'Keefe, and many more! It's a night of the best of jazz, blues, and the holiday songs you know and love! Don't miss the most talked about show of the year; celebrate your holiday with The Grand and The John Altenburgh Christmas Extravaganza!





A NEW MUSICAL ADVENTURE

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5**

7:30PM | STARTING AT \$25

The 3 Redneck Tenors are unlike any other artists in the “tenor genre”—their musical comedy features down-home laughs with big city music! It's Larry the Cable Guy meets Pavarotti for a fantastic evening of music and comedy!

Finalists on America's Got Talent, the 3 Redneck Tenors delight audiences with their vocal prowess and a smorgasbord of songs and music ranging from Gospel to Country, Broadway, Pop, and Classical. Critics rave “beautiful singing is combined with humor and costuming to create an entertainment experience that is unique, beautiful, funny, and unforgettable.”



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**"It was stunning. I sat through the performance with my mouth agape and a smile on my lips."**

*-Classical Voice of North Carolina*



# CALMUS | FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

8:00PM | STARTING AT \$25

One of Germany's most successful vocal groups, Calmus, headlines the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association's 2018 Conference at The Grand. This award-winning group embodies the rich choral tradition of its hometown of Leipzig, Germany, while captivating both audiences and critics with their charming stage presence, flawless technique, and entertaining presentations. The Grand is proud to partner with the WCDA to bring this classical a cappella quintet to headline the conference, where the state's best vocal students will come to Wausau for a weekend of workshops and performances.

# FACILITY INFORMATION

## 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 programs 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' sensitivities when applying perfumes or colognes. The Grand is a closed area with many people in close proximity to one another.

**Children** - We ask parental 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 silent 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](http://www.grandtheater.org).

### Hours

Monday - Friday / 9am-5:30pm

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MOSCOW  
FESTIVAL BALLET:

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24**

7:30PM | STARTING AT \$35

# ROMEO & JULIET AND CARMEN

After a sold-out performance of Swan Lake last season, world-class ballet returns to The Grand as the Moscow Festival Ballet performs two of the greatest tragic masterpieces of all time, Romeo & Juliet and Carmen, in this double bill of stunning one-act ballets.

The evening begins with a restaging of Shakespeare's tragedy Romeo & Juliet set to the music of Tchaikovsky and choreographed by legendary Bolshoi principal dancer Elena Radchenko.

The second half of the night features the fiery Carmen, in which Bizet's emotional score is paired with Toni Pimble's choreography in this tragic tale. Spanish-style dance with a dash of reckless abandon will keep your heart pounding until the show's dramatic conclusion.



*Tasting*  
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A man, Bill Blagg, is shown from the waist up, sitting inside a large, transparent, metal cage that is suspended in the air. He is wearing a light blue button-down shirt and dark pants. His hands are pressed against the inner walls of the cage, and he is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting a stage or arena setting.

# The MAGIC of BILL G BLAGG LIVE!

"Houdini times ten!"

-NBC Chicago

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26**

7:30PM | STARTING AT \$25

The Magic of Bill Blagg LIVE! brings grand-scale magic and illusions to The Grand for one show only! Critics and audiences alike rave about this incredible show that will have you rubbing your eyes in disbelief.

Bill Blagg is earning a well-deserved reputation as one of the nation's top illusionists. His brand-new show is packed with mind-blowing illusions and audience interactions that make this show a great family event! People will float in mid-air, vanish in the blink of an eye, and so much more! This is one show you can't afford to miss!

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CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE:

# FLEETWOOD MAC'S RUMOURS

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16**  
7:30PM | STARTING AT \$30

The world-class musicians of Classic Albums Live take on Fleetwood Mac's legendary Grammy Award winning album *Rumours* almost forty years after its release.

Revisit Fleetwood Mac's passionate look at love, loss, breakups, betrayals, and dreams. Go back in time with this perfect recreation of an unforgettable classic album which remains one of rock's most loved, having sold more than 40 million copies and containing some of the band's biggest hits, including "Go Your Own Way," "Don't Stop," and "Dreams." It's one of the world's greatest classic rock albums performed live! This isn't a tribute band, just incredible musicians recreating a classic album: note for note, cut for cut.



**"A must for all music lovers!"**  
*-Musician's Magazine*



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THE AMAZING A CAPPELLA AND BEATBOXING SHOW



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

7:30PM | STARTING AT \$29

Featuring seven incredible singers, including world Beatbox champion Ball Zee, Gobsmacked! is a groundbreaking a cappella show comprised of world-class singing and beatboxing! Direct from a critically-acclaimed run in London and featuring incredible voices, jaw-dropping beatboxing, and heart-stopping harmonies, this all-singing, all-amazing theatrical experience pushes the limits of the human voice. With songs of every genre—from the 60's to today's pop and rock hits—there's something for everyone! Don't miss the show that critics say, "delivered a stupendous hour of high production value, pure unadulterated entertainment."

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# Riverda



Coming to the  
Grand Theater for  
3 Nights!

**FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 1**

7:30PM | STARTING AT \$74

# Riverdance 20 YEARS



The international Irish dance phenomenon is back by popular demand in Riverdance - The 20th Anniversary World Tour. Drawing on Irish traditions, the combined talents of the performers propel Irish dancing and music into the present day, capturing the imagination of audiences across all ages and cultures in an innovative and exciting blend of dance, music, and song. Of all the performances to emerge from Ireland - in rock, music, theatre and film - nothing has carried the energy, the sensuality, and the spectacle of Riverdance. Riverdance - The 20th Anniversary World Tour is composed by Bill Whelan, produced by Moya Doherty and directed by John McCollgan, and returns directly to North America from a sold-out run across Europe and Asia. Returning to The Grand after three SOLD-OUT shows 10 years ago, you won't want to miss Riverdance!

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# SWITCHBACK

## AMERICAN ROOTS & CELTIC SOUL

**FRIDAY, MARCH 16**

7:30PM | STARTING AT \$25

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Grand Theater! Switchback is the award-winning trio drawing on traditional Celtic music and original Americana songs that reflect their Irish heritage and Midwestern roots.

Featuring an exciting mix of mandolin, guitar, and bass, their harmonies have won them comparisons to famous duos, such as the Louvin Brothers, Everly Brothers, and Simon & Garfunkel. Their music is not just authentically Irish, but also touches on classic country, pop and Americana. If you like the Chieftains, the Waterboys, or Van Morrison, you'll love Switchback!



**"There is no denying the stunning vocal blends that are achieved by this duo."**

*-Music Connection Magazine*

**ST PATRICK'S DAY**  
DINNER AT THE GRAND

**EXCLUSIVE PRE-SHOW EVENT!**

Includes a traditional Irish dinner from The Mint Cafe.

Only \$25.00 with performance ticket.  
On sale November 1st.



## THURSDAY, MARCH 22

7:30PM | STARTING AT \$25

Bagpipes with attitude, drums with a Scottish accent, a blazing rock band, and a show so hot it should carry its own health warning! It's a night of fantastic music, featuring a nine-piece ensemble of pipers, guitarists, keyboards, and drummers who have sold out shows across the globe! The Red Hot Chilli Pipers sound is a fusion of traditional pipe tunes and contemporary anthems, including "Clocks" by Coldplay, "Chasing Cars" by Snow Patrol, "We Will Rock You" by Queen, and "Thunderstruck" by AC/DC. The show will also feature traditional folk songs such as "Flower of Scotland," "Amazing Grace," and "The Hills of Argyll" all remastered Chilli style!

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# TAO:

## DRUM HEART

# MONDAY, APRIL 2

7:30PM | STARTING AT \$35

Enthralling audiences in sold-out halls throughout the world, TAO brings a fusion of explosive Japanese Taiko drumming, contemporary costumes, and dynamic choreography to The Grand. Their newest show, Drum Heart, features 27 drummers in a spectacular tour de force, melding incredible athleticism with fiery rhythm. With eye-popping colors and choreography, highly physical, large-scale drumming, and innovative visuals, TAO creates an energetic and unforgettable production. Critics rave that TAO is "stunning... extraordinary...unforgettable" and audiences agree, as every single show on TAO's last North American tour sold out! You'll want to act quickly to see this exhilarating group at The Grand!

"Stunning...  
Extraordinary...  
Unforgettable."





***The most requested show  
— by our patrons! —***



## **THE TEXAS TENORS** | **FRIDAY, APRIL 6** 7:30PM | STARTING AT \$38

Few vocal groups have captured the imagination of audiences across the globe like The Texas Tenors, who will bring their incredible harmonies to The Grand's stage. From their appearance on America's Got Talent, Emmy Award winning TV specials, Billboard Top 10 albums, and the best-selling residency in Branson, the Texas Tenors have truly become America's favorite new tenors. The Texas Tenors treat audiences to a unique blend of Country, Classical, Broadway and Pop music. They use breathtaking vocals, humor, and a touch of cowboy charm to create an unforgettable live show!

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# KENNY G

Grammy & American Music Award Winner  
75 Million Records Sold Worldwide  
7 #1 Albums & 7 #1 Singles



**THURSDAY, APRIL 26**

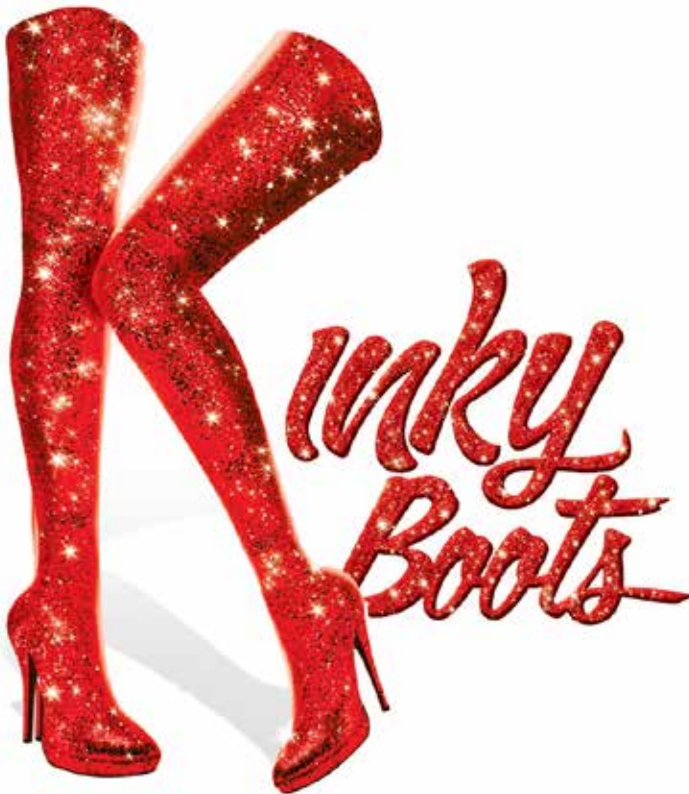
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# YEAR AT A GLANCE

## June

15-17 Wausau Community Theatre:  
*West Side Story*

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## September

21-23 Wausau Community Theatre: *Evita*  
28-30 Centerstage Band and Show Choir

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## October

7 CVA Fundraiser: *Art of Wine*  
12 The Simon & Garfunkel Story  
13 Mary Chapin Carpenter  
17 Aspirus Arts in Education: *Biscuit*  
18 Aspirus Arts in Education:  
*My Father's Dragon*  
19 Eaglemania  
21 Wausau Dance Theatre: *Thriller*  
24 JERSEY BOYS  
27 The Martial Artists and Acrobats of Tianjin

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## November

2-4 Wausau Community Theatre: 1776  
7 Take Me to the River LIVE!  
8 The Veterans Tribute Christmas  
11 11-11 Part 7  
15 KANSAS  
18 Warren Miller Ski Event  
21 All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914

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## December

1-3 Central Wisconsin School of Ballet:  
*The Nutcracker*  
4-5 Wausau West Choir Concert  
6 Big Bad Voodoo Daddy's  
Wild & Swingin' Holiday Party  
8-10 Wausau Community Theatre:  
*A Christmas Carol*  
12 It's a Very Joe.e Christmas  
15 The John Altenburgh  
Christmas Extravaganza  
21 Lorie Line

## January

5 3 Redneck Tenors  
12 Calmus  
12-13 WCDA State Choral Convention  
24 Moscow Festival Ballet:  
*Romeo & Juliet and Carmen*  
26 Aspirus Arts in Education:  
*Bill Blagg and the Science of Magic*  
26 The Magic of Bill Blagg LIVE!  
27 Wausau Events: Winterfest

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## February

12 Aspirus Arts in Education:  
*The 13-Story Treehouse*  
13 Aspirus Arts in Education:  
*How I Became a Pirate*  
15 Aspirus Arts in Education:  
*Guess How Much I Love You*  
16 Classic Albums Live -  
Fleetwood Mac's *Rumours*  
23 Gobsmaeked!  
27-28 Riverdance

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## March

1 Riverdance  
10 WDT Storybook Weekend  
16 Switchback  
22 Red Hot Chilli Pipers  
23 Vic Ferrari

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## April

2 TAO: Drum Heart  
5 Aspirus Arts in Education:  
*Go, Dog. Go!*  
6 The Texas Tenors  
12-14 Wausau Community Theatre:  
*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*  
19 An Evening with David Sedaris  
26 Kenny G

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## May

2 KINKY BOOTS  
3-5 CWSB: *Student Showcase*

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