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NEWSLETTER

# Riverdance 20 Years



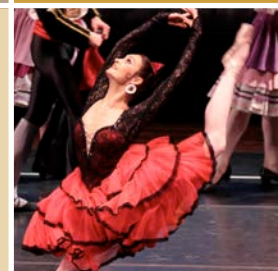
COMING TO THE GRAND FOR THREE NIGHTS



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*Learn more on page #2*



**TICKETS ARE  
GOING FAST;  
GET YOURS  
TODAY!**



## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Another Wisconsin summer is racing by and the 2017-18 season fast approaching. It has certainly been an exciting summer: the response to the upcoming season has been incredible, with over 300 new subscribers and three shows already sold-out! We are counting down the days until we open the season with a sold-out performance of The Simon and Garfunkel Story (and unveil the renovated Great Hall) on October 12th.

Before we turn all of our attention to the new season, I want to offer a word of thanks for your incredible support over the past year. Whether it was as ticket buyers, renters, sponsors or donors, you helped us to one of our best years in history! We are proud to be a part of a community that is so incredibly supportive of the performing arts.

As the new season approaches, we hope you'll stay connected as we announce additional shows, the return of our exciting 10x10 Series showcasing emerging artists, and many other great ways for you to connect with the arts here at The Grand and in the community.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to an amazing season!

The entire season at The Grand is supported by the Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the State of Wisconsin and the National Endowment for the Arts. These performances are also supported by the Community Arts Grant program of the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin, the B.A. & Esther Greenheck Foundation, and the City of Wausau's Room Tax Funding.



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### BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

The Price is Right LIVE returns to the Grand Theater  
**Thursday, November 9!**

The Big Wheel is returning to Wausau! It's the hit interactive stage show that gives you the chance to "Come On Down" to win. Cross it off your bucket list and come see this beloved game show LIVE at the Grand Theater!

**SUBSCRIBER PRE-SALE: AUGUST 1**  
**GENERAL ON-SALE: AUGUST 8**



The Grand would like to thank ASPIRUS for their continued support of our Arts In Education Series and their investment in programs that engage children! Their support helps sustain the high-quality performing arts programs delivered through our matinee series, and ensures the continued existence of our inclusive and comprehensive program at affordable rates for our youngest patrons in public, private, parochial, and home schools.

### PERFORMANCE DATE

|                                      |                                |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Biscuit</i>                       | Tuesday, October 17            |
| <i>My Father's Dragon</i>            | Wednesday, October 18          |
| <i>Bill Blagg's Science of Magic</i> | Friday, January 26 -- SOLD OUT |
| <i>13-Story Treehouse</i>            | Monday, February 12            |
| <i>Guess How Much I Love You</i>     | Thursday, February 15          |
| <i>How I Became A Pirate</i>         | Tuesday, March 13              |
| <i>Go, Dog. Go!</i>                  | Thursday, April 5              |

The Grand would like to thank Janke Book Store for commemorative copies of each book featured in the series.





## MARY CHAPIN CARPENTER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 | 7:30PM

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," "Shut Up and Kiss Me," "He Thinks He'll Keep Her," and more! Over the course of her acclaimed career, Carpenter has won 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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## THE MARTIAL ARTISTS AND ACROBATS OF TIANJIN, CHINA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27 | 7:30PM

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!

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## TAKE ME TO THE RIVER LIVE!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 | 7:30PM

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! Based on 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 rhythm and blues music! You won't want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime chance to see these iconic music legends.

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## 11-11 PART 7 | EVOLUTIONS IN DESIGN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 | 7:00PM

Don't miss Wausau's biggest party! Join *evolutions in design* at the Grand Theater for the seventh annual 11-11 Party. It's a night of entertainment unlike any other, featuring dancing, music from Boogie and the Yo-yoz live onstage, Scott King from Orlando and Underground-DJ's in the Great Hall with an epic video dance party, and the famous balloon drop!

All proceeds benefit the Grand Theater. Tickets go on sale October 2nd, for \$17 in advance and \$34 on the night of the event (if any remain). This event will sell out quickly, so get your tickets early!



# THE GRAND THEATER'S 2017-18 SEASON



## KANSAS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 | 7:30PM

With a legendary career spanning more than forty years, KANSAS has established itself as one of America's iconic classic rock bands!

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, as well as the record breaking singles "Carry On Wayward Son" and "Dust in the Wind." 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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## WARREN MILLER'S 68TH ANNUAL SKI FILM: LINE OF DESCENT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 | FILM BEGINS AT 7:30PM

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

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. Brought to life by twelve talented artists, traditional holiday songs, and firsthand accounts, this remarkable production has become a must-see holiday classic and it comes to Wausau for the first time!

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## BIG BAD VOODOO DADDY'S WILD AND SWINGIN' HOLIDAY PARTY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 7:30PM

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 reimagines the holiday classics you know and love in the style of a rollicking big band extravaganza! 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

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!

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## 3 REDNECK TENORS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5 | 7:30PM

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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# SPECIAL EVENTS

OTHER EVENTS THE GRAND IS PROUD TO BE A PART OF

## THE GRAND'S 10x10 SERIES

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EMERGING ARTISTS | UNIQUE SPACES | SOMETHING DIFFERENT

As part of our mission to keep the arts accessible to all, The Grand is proud to continue the 10x10 Series, a pop-up concert series that brings emerging artists to the historic Grand Theater. General admission tickets are just \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door! Experience The Grand like never before!

To learn more about upcoming shows, follow The Grand on Facebook!



### A VERY JOE.E CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 12, 2017 | JEM PRODUCTIONS

Returning to The Grand for its fourth year, It's a Very Joe.e Christmas brings a night of holiday celebration benefiting Toys for Tots of Marathon County.

Nearly forty artists will take the stage, backed by full video projection, a ten-piece house band, and hundreds of donated toys! Admission for the event is free with a donation to Toys for Tots. All ages are invited.



### STATE CHORAL CONVENTION

JANUARY 12-13, 2018

WISCONSIN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

The WCDA will be hosting their annual choral convention this January at the Grand Theater, bringing over 600 of the state's best vocal students to Wausau.

The weekend will feature a headlining performance by Calmus, hailed as "one of Germany's premier vocal ensembles."



## CALMUS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12 | 8:00PM

One of Germany's most successful vocal groups, Calmus, headlines the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association's 2018 Convention at The Grand.



## MOSCOW FESTIVAL BALLET: ROMEO & JULIET | CARMEN

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 | 7:30PM

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 MAGIC OF BILL BLAGG LIVE!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 | 7:30PM

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.



## CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE - FLEETWOOD MAC'S RUMOURS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 | 7:30PM

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: note for note, cut for cut.



## GOBSMACKED!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 | 7:30PM

Featuring seven incredible singers, including world Beatbox champion Ball Zee, Gobsmacked! is the groundbreaking a cappella show comprised of world-class singing and beatboxing!



## RIVERDANCE

COMING FOR 3 NIGHTS!

FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 1 | 7:30PM

The international Irish dance phenomenon is back by popular demand in Riverdance - The 20th Anniversary World Tour!



## SWITCHBACK

FRIDAY, MARCH 16 | 7:30PM

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.



## RED HOT CHILLI PIPERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 22 | 7:30PM

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 with the Red Hot Chilli Pipers!



## TAO: DRUM HEART

MONDAY, APRIL 2 | 7:30PM

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.



## THE TEXAS TENORS

FRIDAY, APRIL 6 | 7:30PM

The most requested show by our patrons! 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.



## KENNY G

THURSDAY, APRIL 26 | 7:30PM

The most iconic and best-selling instrumental musician of all time, Kenny G comes to The Grand for the very first time.

Follow us online  
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flash sales,  
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# EAGLEMANIA



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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 | 7:30PM**

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**the Price is Right LIVE**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

**TICKETS ON SALE TO GENERAL PUBLIC  
AUGUST 8 AT 9:00AM**

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## Coming to The Grand!

### September

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

### October

7 CVA Fundraiser: *Art of Wine*  
 12 The Simon & Garfunkel Story - SOLD OUT  
 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 - SOLD OUT  
 27 The Martial Artists and Acrobats of Tianjin China

### November

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

### 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 Alenburgh 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

### February

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

### March

1 Riverdance  
 10 WDT Storybook Weekend  
 13 Aspirus Arts in Education: *How I Became a Pirate*  
 16 Switchback  
 22 Red Hot Chilli Pipers  
 23 Vic Ferrari

### 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

### May

2 KINKY BOOTS - SOLD OUT  
 3-5 CWSB: *Student Showcase*  
 12 Heidi Dance Recital  
 19 DDH Dance Recital

Calendar is subject to change.  
 Updates will be found on our website  
 and in upcoming newsletters.

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