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Press Release

The Grand's 2018-2019 Season Announced!

WAUSAU, WI – June 6, 2018 – After a record-breaking season with 18 sold-out shows, recognition by Pollstar Magazine as one of the Top 150 Theaters in the World, the expansion of the Community Engagement Series, and performances from incredible artists of all kinds, The Grand Theater is proud to announce its 2018-19 Season. The 24 shows in the lineup have earned a combined 13 Grammy Awards, 6 Tony Awards, 86 Top Ten hits, 40 #1 hits, and almost 95 million tickets sold worldwide.

As always, The Grand is bringing world-class Broadway to Central Wisconsin, both heartwarming classics and Wausau premiers. The beloved musical story of Maria and the von Trapp family will thrill audiences when a brand-new production of *THE SOUND OF MUSIC* comes to The Grand in February. Based on the Academy Award winning film of the same name, *FINDING NEVERLAND* tells the incredible story behind one of the world's most treasured characters: Peter Pan. Nominated for five Tony Awards, including Best Musical, a brand-new Tenth Anniversary production *ROCK OF AGES* captures the iconic era that was the big bad 1980s in Hollywood. *THE ILLUSIONISTS – LIVE FROM BROADWAY* features five of the most incredible illusionists on earth performing acts of grand illusion, levitation, mind-reading, disappearance, and more. Back by popular demand, *RAIN – A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES* returns to The Grand to celebrate the anniversary of the release of the legendary album *Abbey Road*.

In addition to legendary Broadway, the 2018-19 Season includes legends of the music and comedy worlds. One of America's most enduring singer-songwriters Don McLean will perform classic hits like "Vincent" and "American Pie" on the stage of the historic Grand Theater. NEA Jazz Master and three-time Grammy Award winning saxophonist Branford Marsalis will perform in April, giving Wisconsin audiences a chance to see the musician that critics have called "the most respected living U.S. jazz instrumentalist" make his Central Wisconsin debut. Wausau favorite Jim Belushi will also return to The Grand with the talented members of the Board of Comedy for a night of hilarious improv comedy.

Some of the hottest-selling theatrical shows will grace the stage this season as well. After producing dozens of viral YouTube videos that have gained over one billion views, Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox will perform their vintage takes on contemporary hits, creating a theatrical experience unlike any other. One of Australia's biggest success stories, The TEN Tenors will wow audiences with their incredible voices and diverse repertoire in a multi-media spectacular of a show. The Midtown Men - the four original stars of Broadway's *Jersey Boys* - will also return with an all-new show featuring rock 'n' roll classics and holiday favorites this December.

Country music fans will be excited to see the Season lineup too. From country's next superstar RaeLynn, to the iconic Tracy Lawrence with his astounding eighteen #1 hit songs, to the return of country legends The Oak Ridge Boys, the Season truly features something for everyone.

Season subscriptions are on sale now. Season packages start at four shows and feature a discount of 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 in Downtown Wausau to subscribe today. Single-show tickets go on sale on July 10, 2018 at 9:00 AM.

2018-2019 Season Lineup

THE ILLUSIONISTS – LIVE FROM BROADWAY – Tuesday, October 2

Straight from Broadway, this mind-blowing spectacular showcases the jaw-dropping talents of five of the most incredible illusionists on earth! Audiences will witness stunning acts of grand illusion, levitation, mindreading, disappearance, and more.

Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox – Tuesday, October 9

With more than one billion views on Youtube and millions of subscribers, Postmodern Jukebox's time-warping performances are a theatrical experience on a whole new level. Comprised of gifted singers and musicians, this group reimagines contemporary pop, rock, and R&B hits in the style of various yesteryears, from swing to doo-wop, ragtime to Motown.

Tracy Lawrence – Wednesday, October 17

An easily recognizable voice in country music, Tracy Lawrence has released an incredible eighteen #1 hit songs, including "Alibis," "Find Out Who Your Friends Are," "Paint Me a Birmingham," and "Time Marches On."

Chinese Warriors of Peking – Friday, October 19

This culturally-enriching performance tells the tale of two rival martial arts disciplines competing in the ancient Chinese capital of Peking with traditional Chinese acrobatics, juggling, live stage combat demonstrations, dazzling costumes, and more.

The TEN Tenors – Tuesday, October 30

One of Australia's most successful musical groups, The TEN Tenors will showcase their colorful repertoire, breathtaking arrangements, and powerful live performances. The show celebrates their new album *Wish You Were Here*, in which they pay tribute to iconic artists who have left us too soon, including Prince, David Bowie, John Lennon, Amy Winehouse, Roy Orbison, and Whitney Houston.

RaeLynn – Wednesday, November 7

At just 23 years old, ACM New Female Vocalist Award Nominee RaeLynn is undoubtedly the next big thing in country music. Since her debut on NBC's *The Voice* at age seventeen, she has become one of the highest-selling female country artists in recent years with hit songs like "God Made Girls," "Love Triangle," and "Queens Don't."

The Music of Cream – 50th Anniversary Tour – Tuesday, November 13

Fifty years after Cream's earth-shaking debut album, Kofi Baker (son of Ginger) and Malcolm Bruce (son of Jack) unite with Will Johns (nephew of Eric Clapton) come together to pay tribute to Cream's legendary four-album reign of the late 1960s.

Volkswagen presents Warren Miller's "Face of Winter" – Saturday, November 17

The Grand celebrates the winter season with the annual event, Volkswagen presents Warren Miller's *Face of Winter*. With a screening of the 69th Annual Warren Miller Ski Film and displays and demonstrations from local vendors, it's a night to welcome winter and the return to the slopes.

The Midtown Men – Holiday Hits – Wednesday, December 5

The Midtown Men – the four stars from the original cast of Broadway's *Jersey Boys* – return to The Grand to ring in the Holiday Season with tunes from all of your favorite '60s legends. This evening of Holiday songs and stories will feature the iconic Yuletide classics you know and love, in addition to signature renditions of the greatest rock 'n' roll hits of the 1960s.

Altenburgh Christmas Extravaganza – Friday, December 14

After decades of sold-out shows, the Altenburgh Christmas Extravaganza returns to The Grand. With an all-star lineup, it's a night of the best of jazz, blues, and the Holiday songs you know and love.

Russian National Ballet: *Giselle* – Thursday, January 17

World-class ballet returns to The Grand with the Russian National Ballet's spellbinding performance *Giselle*. Under the direction of the company's legendary founder Elena Radchenko, fifty of Russia's finest dancers will enchant audiences of all ages with the haunting romantic story, stirring score, and sumptuous choreography of this renowned ballet.

Live from Laurel Canyon – Friday, January 25

Live from Laurel Canyon is a multi-media journey through a very special time in American popular music. Experience the songs and stories of this neighborhood, and of the legendary artists that called it home, such as James Taylor, Joni Mitchell, Carole King, Jackson Browne, the Eagles, and many more.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC – Tuesday, February 12

This brand-new Broadway production of the spirited, romantic, and beloved musical story of Maria and the von Trapp Family will thrill audiences with its Tony, Grammy, and Academy Award winning Best Score, including "My Favorite Things," "Do-Re-Mi," "Edelweiss," and the title song.

Don McLean – Friday, February 15

Don McLean is one of America's most enduring singer-songwriters. Forever known for classic hits like "Vincent (Starry Starry Night)," "Crying," and, one of the most successful songs of the century, "American Pie," He has sold out arenas worldwide, undertaken 14 world tours, and made more than 4,000 concert appearances across the globe.

LUMA: Art in Darkness – Sunday, February 17

LUMA is an exhilarating light spectacle that creates colorful illuminated illusions by using the dark as the canvas and light as the brush. With a combination of rhythmic gymnastics, dance, magic, puppetry, and physics, LUMA's newest show, "Art in Darkness," will leave audiences of all ages mesmerized and full of wonder.

Jim Belushi and the Board of Comedy – Tuesday, February 26

Joined by the top-notch comedians of the Board of Comedy, Wausau favorite Jim Belushi returns to The Grand! These talented comedians bring to the stage an improvised sketch comedy show that is never the same twice!

Celtic Nights – Friday, March 1

Featuring dozens of Ireland's most talented dancers, singers, and musicians, Celtic Nights' new show "Oceans of Hope" uses music, song, and dance to capture the very essence of Irish history. These incredible performers bring audiences on the epic journey of their ancestors, who left their homeland to build new lives for themselves in America and across the globe.

Classic Albums Live: Creedence Clearwater Revival's *Chronicle, Vol. 1* – Thursday, March 14

The talented musicians of Classic Albums Live will treat audiences to all of Creedence Clearwater Revival's greatest hits - including "Fortunate Son," "Have You Ever Seen the Rain?," "Proud Mary," "Travelin' Band," and many more – by performing the classic album *Chronicle, Vol. 1*, note for note, cut for cut.

Havana Cuba All-Stars: *Asere! A Fiesta Cubana* – Wednesday, March 20

Showcasing classic rhythms and melodies from the *cha-cha* to the *rumba*, from the Son Cubano style to salsa, the Havana Cuba All-Stars will highlight a wide variety of Cuban beats in their brand-new show *Asere! A Fiesta Cubana!* This show is a spirited spectacle of song and dance, exemplifying Cuba's greatest musical traditions.

RAIN – A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES – Saturday, April 6

In celebration of the anniversary of the release of *Abbey Road*, RAIN will bring the greatest Beatles hits to life onstage. This mind-blowing performance takes you back in time with the legendary foursome, delivering a note-for-note theatrical event that is the next best thing to seeing the Beatles live.

An Evening with Branford Marsalis – Wednesday, April 10

Three-time Grammy Award winning saxophonist and Tony Award nominated composer Branford Marsalis is one of the most revered instrumentalists of his time. He's played with all the giants of the jazz world, from Miles Davis to Dizzy Gillespie, and now he's making his Central Wisconsin debut at The Grand.

The Oak Ridge Boys – Tuesday, April 16

Few country music groups have had the enduring popularity, cultural significance, or crossover appeal of The Oak Ridge Boys. With one of the most distinctive and recognizable sounds in the music industry today, The Oak Ridge Boys have spawned dozens of country hits, including "Elvira," "Bobbie Sue," "Dream On," "Thank God For Kids," "American Made," and countless others.

Finding Neverland – Wednesday, May 8

Directed by visionary Tony winner Diane Paulus and based on the critically-acclaimed Academy Award winning film, Broadway's FINDING NEVERLAND tells the incredible story behind one of the world's most beloved characters: Peter Pan. The magic of playwright J.M. Barrie's classic tale springs spectacularly to life in this heartwarming theatrical event.

Rock of Ages – Tuesday, May 28

Nominated for five Tony Awards, including Best Musical, ROCK OF AGES captures the iconic era that was the big bad 1980s in Hollywood. Featuring the music of hit bands such as Styx, Poison, Twisted Sister, and Whitesnake, among many others, this Tenth Anniversary production features a dynamic new cast revisiting the larger-than-life characters and exhilarating story that turned ROCK OF AGES into a global phenomenon.

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