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Press Release

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Overture's Rising Stars Expands to Wausau

WAUSAU, WI – May 30, 2019 — The Grand Theater announced that they will be partnering with Overture Center for the Arts in Madison to expand the 2019 Rising Stars talent search to Wausau. Auditions will be held at performing arts centers across the state this summer, and The Grand will host auditions on Saturday, July 20, 2019. [Registration](#) for the free, statewide talent search begins Saturday, June 1 at 10:00 AM.

“We’re thrilled to be a new partner of the Overture Center in the Rising Stars program,” said The Grand’s Executive Director, Sean Wright. “We know there is exceptional talent here in North Central Wisconsin and the expansion of the program will allow us to recognize and celebrate these talented local artists throughout our service region”.

Participants of all skill levels and talents (ages 6+) will have the opportunity to develop their talent with guidance from industry pros. There will be three age categories with \$750 cash prizes and one grand prize winner will receive a \$1k prize, booking opportunities, a digital marketing consultation and the chance to perform at Overture during the 2020/21 season.

Auditions will be held at four statewide locations, each with a panel of local celebrity judges (to be announced). Acts selected from the preliminary auditions will be invited to The Callback on Saturday, August 17. The Workshop on Sunday, August 25 will give those moving on another opportunity to perform and receive constructive feedback from industry professionals before they head to The Finals at Overture Center on Saturday, Sept. 14. The finalists will come together on the grand Overture Hall stage to perform for the community, win cash prizes, be seen by talent buyers, and more.

2019 Overture's Rising Stars Statewide Schedule:

The Auditions

Saturday, July 13 at The Grand Oshkosh, Oshkosh

Saturday, July 20 at The Grand Theater, Wausau | REGISTER AT OVERTURE.ORG/RISINGSTARS

Saturday, July 27 at Overture Center for the Arts, Madison

Saturday, Aug. 3 at Viterbo University Fine Arts Center, La Crosse

The Callback

Saturday, August 17 in Overture Hall at Overture Center for the Arts, Madison

The Workshop

Sunday, August 25 at Overture Center for the Arts, Madison

The Finals

Saturday, September 14 in Overture Hall at Overture Center for the Arts, Madison

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See Overture's Rising Stars at the [Madison Night Market](#) on Thursday, June 13 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.

See Overture's Rising Stars at [Fete de Marquette](#) on Saturday, July 13 from 2 – 2:45 p.m.

See The North Code, the 2018 Grand Prize Winner, perform as the opener for [Kittel & Co.](#) on Friday, Oct. 4!

OVERTURE CENTER FOR THE ARTS in Madison, Wis., features seven state-of-the-art performance spaces and five galleries where national and international touring artists, ten resident companies and hundreds of local artists engage people in nearly 600,000 educational and artistic experiences each year. With the vision to provide “Extraordinary Experiences for All,” Overture’s mission is to support and elevate our community’s creative culture, economy and quality of life through the arts. overture.org