

WELCOME TO THE 2020/21 SEASON

For 121 years, the world's best performing arts have had a home on the 400 Block in Downtown Wausau. Over that century plus, our theater and our community have seen World Wars, pandemics, financial and natural disasters and much more, and come out stronger every time. Even in the most challenging of days, that old show-biz adage has always stayed true: "The Show WILL Go On!"

To that end, we have been blown away by the response to the unveiling of our 20/21 season. Once again, we have been reminded that we have the best patrons in the performing arts, so for that, we say thank you! Your support has allowed us to keep moving forward until the time is right for us to gather again in our historic theater.

As we work towards the new season, we will continue to work with health officials, industry leaders and the artists/productions themselves to determine the exact protocols for restarting performances. We also will offer you unprecedented flexibility with ticket purchases: simply put, you will not lose money for any tickets purchased if a show doesn't happen on the date you originally purchased the tickets to attend. Together, we will emerge from this "Intermission" stronger than ever before.

We can't wait to share incredible moments in our theater again: whether it's blockbuster shows such as *Blue Man Group* and *Riverdance*, Broadway hits *Waitress* and *Anastasia*, music legends, holiday favorites or Wausau debuts, we think this season has something for everyone.

We are so grateful for your support and wish you and yours all the best. We look forward to seeing you at The Grand very soon.



Sean Wright
Executive Director

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.



OUR COMMUNITY'S HOME FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Community support allows us to continue our mission to engage the best artists, create meaningful engagement opportunities, keep ticket prices reasonable, and develop experiences for the entire community.

The Grand is proud to be a place that sparks creativity in our community. Your support will help continue this tradition for generations to come. All donations, no matter the size, are appreciated. Thank you!

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Sold-Out Shows



Top Ranked Theater
IN THE WORLD
Based on Market Size



4,450

First-Time Patrons



72,870

Total Tickets Sold



14,000

Students Attended
Matinee Performances



111

Schools Served



691

Access to the Arts
Scholarships Awarded



An Economic Impact of
\$5 million



THREE DOG NIGHT



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Friday, October 2, 2020

Celebrating nearly five decades as one of the world's most legendary rock bands, Three Dog Night opens the 20/21 Season at The Grand! The band remains a household name today with classic hits like "Mama Told Me (Not To Come)," "Joy to the World," "Black and White," "Shambala," and "One" still thrilling audiences worldwide. Don't miss these music legends when they come to The Grand!



WYNONNA & THE BIG NOISE

Thursday, October 8, 2020

Wynonna Judd and her incredible band, The Big Noise, bring a night of country, rock, and more to The Grand! As one-half of the legendary mother/daughter duo "The Judds," Wynonna was once dubbed by Rolling Stone as "the greatest female country singer since Patsy Cline." Don't miss this powerhouse when Wynonna and The Big Noise come to Wausau!



THE TEN TENORS: HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

After a sold-out show in 2018, international superstars The TEN Tenors return to The Grand, opening their North American tour of Home for the Holidays! These talented Australian vocalists will spread holiday cheer with an evening of holiday favorites, featuring everything from "Feliz Navidad" and "O Holy Night" to some of their most-requested songs, such as "Bohemian Rhapsody," all given the signature The TEN Tenors treatment, with incredible 10-part harmonies and smooth choreography.



JUDY COLLINS & ARLO GUTHRIE

Friday, November 20, 2020

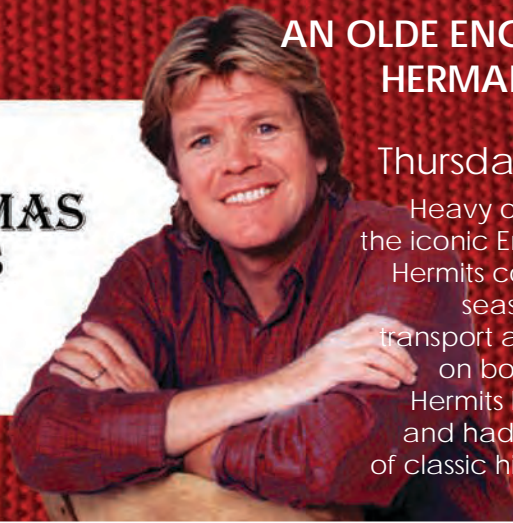
Folk music legends Judy Collins and Arlo Guthrie will join together for one amazing night of music when they come to The Grand this November. These two iconic figures in American Folk Music both bring the experience and artistry of incredible, long-lasting careers, and will share their unforgettable and boldly personal work with audiences. Don't miss your chance to see these two legends as they share the stage for one unforgettable evening!

**AN OLDE ENGLISH CHRISTMAS WITH
HERMAN'S HERMITS STARRING
PETER NOONE**

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Heavy on hits and led by Peter Noone, the iconic English 60s beat band Herman's Hermits comes to The Grand this holiday season, featuring a playlist that will transport audiences back in time! Known on both sides of the pond, Herman's Hermits has sold over 60 million records and had 20 Top 40 hits. It will be a night of classic hits and holiday favorites, and a must-see concert experience!

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WITH HERMAN'S HERMITS
STARRING PETER NOONE**



The John Altenburgh

**CHRISTMAS
EXTRAVAGANZA**

**THE JOHN ALTENBURGH
CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA**

Friday, December 18, 2020

With over two decades of sold-out shows, the John Altenburgh Christmas Extravaganza returns once again to The Grand Theater! A true Wisconsin Christmas tradition, this has long been the hottest ticket in town. With an all-star lineup, it's a night of the best of jazz, blues, and the holiday songs you know and love. The most talked-about show of the year, nothing says Christmas in Wausau like The John Altenburgh Christmas Extravaganza!



**THE MUSIC OF BILLY JOEL
& ELTON JOHN STARRING
MICHAEL CAVANAUGH**

**MICHAEL CAVANAUGH: MUSIC
OF BILLY JOEL & ELTON JOHN**

Friday, January 15, 2021

Named "the new voice of the American Rock & Roll Songbook" by Billboard, Michael Cavanaugh brings a night of hits to The Grand. Tony and Grammy-nominated Cavanaugh was made famous for his piano and vocal skills in *Movin' Out*, the 2002 hit Broadway musical featuring the music of Billy Joel. You'll hear everything from "Rocket Man" to "Piano Man!"



THE MAGIC OF BILL BLAGG LIVE!

Friday, January 22, 2021

The MAGIC of BILL BLAGG LIVE! tour comes to The Grand Theater! Critics and audiences alike rave about Bill's interactive magic & jaw-dropping illusions that will have you rubbing our eyes in disbelief. Blagg's show combines his mind-blowing magical talents along with his trademark off-the-cuff personality to take you on a magical journey you'll never forget! The MAGIC of BILL BLAGG LIVE! is more than a magic show, it's an interactive magic experience!



RUSSIAN NATIONAL BALLET SWAN LAKE

RUSSIAN NATIONAL BALLET: SWAN LAKE

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Selling out The Grand season after season, world-class ballet returns to the stage with the Russian National Ballet's performance of Swan Lake. Some of Russia's finest dancers will treat audiences to the beloved story of Odette, a princess turned into a swan by an evil sorcerer's curse. One of the most famous ballets of all time, Tchaikovsky's masterpiece continues to thrill audiences with its romance, drama, tragedy, and exquisite score, making it the perfect ballet for enthusiasts and newcomers alike.



John Mueller's WINTER DANCE PARTY



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Friday, February 5, 2021

John Mueller's "Winter Dance Party" is the official live and authentic re-creation of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and the Big Bopper's final tour. "Winter Dance Party" is also the only tribute endorsed by Holly, Valens, and Richardson's estates. Each live concert performance includes over two hours of unbridled, high-voltage entertainment featuring all the hit songs of the 50's era: "That'll Be the Day," "Peggy Sue," and many more.



THE WORLD OF MUSICALS

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

The World of Musicals brings the very best of musical theater to life! This captivating production is a journey through the great world of musicals that will leave audiences spellbound. With beautiful and emotional ballads from *Evita*, *Les Misérables*, and *The Phantom of the Opera* as well as exciting and upbeat favorites from *Dirty Dancing*, *Rock of Ages*, and *Mamma Mia!*, this show has something for everyone! It's an unforgettable spectacle for the entire family, so get ready to sing along to all your favorite show tunes with The World of Musicals!

PORTLAND CELLO PROJECT PURPLE REIGN

PORTLAND CELLO PROJECT: PURPLE REIGN

Thursday, February 18, 2021

The nation's premier alt-classical ensemble turns The Grand purple, blending their skilled virtuosity with the artistic power of Prince! Joined by musicians who have worked closely with Prince, Portland Cello Project delivers a lively evening of diversely-curated music that influenced or was influenced by The Purple One. Crafted through the innovative arrangements that have made Portland Cello Project a favorite all over the world, you won't want to miss this incredible performance!





RIVERDANCE 25TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW

February 24 & 25, 2021

Riverdance 25th Anniversary Show is Riverdance as you've never seen it before!

A powerful and stirring reinvention of this beloved favorite, celebrated the world over for its Grammy Award-winning score and the thrilling energy and passion of its Irish and international dance. Twenty-five years later, the original creative team has completely reimagined this groundbreaking and spectacular show.



Queen of Soul: A Tribute to Aretha Franklin

A TRIBUTE TO ARETHA FRANKLIN: THE QUEEN OF SOUL

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

A Tribute to Aretha Franklin: The Queen of Soul pairs the legendary music of an icon with some of the artists who knew her best. Musician, vocalist, and composer Damien Sneed toured along with her for many years and created this brand-new multi-media production to pay tribute to one of the legends of music history. Four-time Grammy winner Karen Clark Sheard leads a group of all-star musicians who deliver a performance that relives some of the biggest hits in music history and honors the iconic figure who delivered them!

THE FOUR PHANTOMS

In Concert



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Friday, March 19, 2021

An extravagant celebration of the iconic music of Broadway and more, The Four Phantoms brings together four former Phantoms from the Tony Award-winning *The Phantom of the Opera* for an unforgettable night of entertainment.

Between them, Brent Barrett, John Cudia, Franc D'Ambrosio, and Ciarán Sheehan have performed as the Phantom over 6,000 times, and now they'll take the stage of The Grand together! No musical theater fan should miss this incredible theatrical experience!



RED HOT CHILLI PIPERS

Thursday, March 25, 2021

Back by popular demand, the Red Hot Chilli Pipers return to The Grand! Audiences love this 9-piece ensemble - consisting of pipers, guitarists, keyboards, and drummers - and their unique fusion of rocked-up bagpipes and clever covers of popular songs from all genres. You've never heard "We Will Rock You," "Smoke on the Water," or AC/DC's "Thunderstruck" quite like this! Equal parts traditional Scottish folk tunes and legendary rock hits, Red Hot Chilli Pipers deliver a concert experience unlike any other!

MUSIC BY SARA BAREILLES
("LOVE SONG", "BRAVE")

WAITRESS

A BROADWAY MUSICAL BAKED FROM THE HEART

WAITRESS

March 26 & 27, 2021

Meet Jenna, a waitress and expert pie-maker who dreams of a way out of her small town and rocky marriage. When a baking contest in a nearby county — and a satisfying encounter with someone new — show Jenna a chance at a fresh start, she must find the courage to seize it. Change is on the menu, as long as Jenna can write her own personal recipe for happiness.



young @heart chorus

YOUNG@HEART CHORUS

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

What started out in 1982 at a Western Massachusetts elderly housing project to joyfully pass the time has developed into the stereotype-defying, generation-crossing, musical extravaganza known as the Young@Heart Chorus. From *The New York Times* to *TIME*, *The Ellen Show* to *The Daily Show*, this fun-loving ensemble has achieved stardom. This group of fearless seniors, ranging in age from 75 to 92, has performed on over 55 tours around the world, proving it's "possible to grow old without growing boring."



MARK O'CONNOR BAND

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Friday, April 16, 2021

The Grammy Award-winning Mark O'Connor Band has quickly become a favorite of country and bluegrass fans across the world. Their debut album *Coming Home* won the group a Grammy Award for Best Bluegrass Album in 2017, and the band is known for their engaging, dynamic live shows showcasing compelling arrangements, virtuosic solos, and tight vocal harmonies. Don't miss one of the biggest names in modern bluegrass when the Mark O'Connor Band comes to The Grand!



RAIN

A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES

RAIN - A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

RAIN - A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES is a live multi-media spectacular that takes you on a musical journey through the life and times of the world's most celebrated band. This new RAIN show adds even more hits that you know and love from the vast anthology of Beatles classics, such as "I Want To Hold Your Hand," "Hard Day's Night," "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," "Let It Be," "Come Together," and "Hey Jude." This stunning concert event takes you back in time with the legendary foursome delivering a note-for-note theatrical event that's the next best thing to the Beatles themselves!



RUMOURS

FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE

RUMOURS

Thursday, May 6, 2021

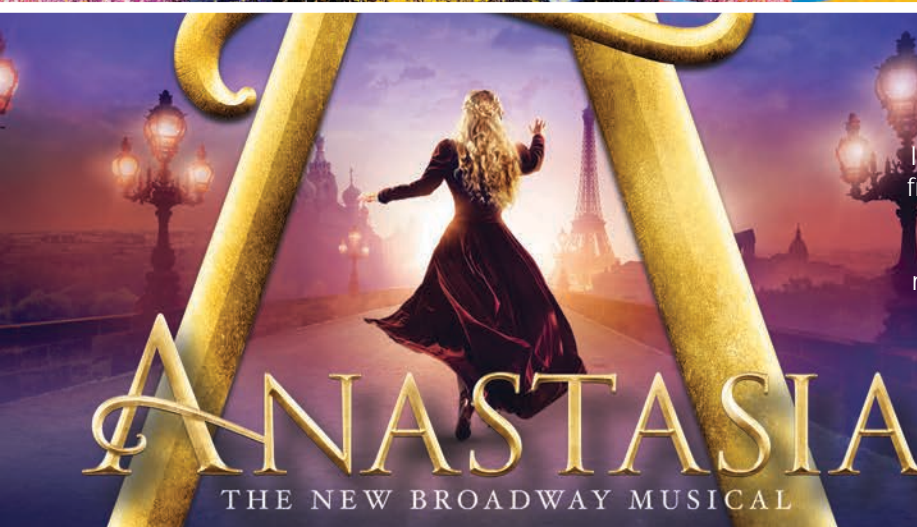
Rumours is the country's premier Fleetwood Mac tribute band. This sensational tribute to one of the most iconic bands of all time captures the energy of Fleetwood Mac at the height of their career by blending perfect harmonies, precise instrumentation, and authentic choreography and costumes, replicating those magical moments in music history that Fleetwood Mac fans cherish and can now relive again and again. Do you believe in miracles? Do you believe in the ways of magic? *Rumours* does!



BLUE MAN GROUP

June 27, 2021 | 2:30 PM & 7:30 PM

The Grand welcomes global sensation Blue Man Group back to Wausau with a brand-new show! 35 million people of all ages, languages, and cultures have experienced the unexpected with the smash hit phenomenon that is Blue Man Group. Now it's your turn to see what all the hype is about! It's everything you know and love about Blue Man Group – signature drumming, colorful moments of creativity, and quirky comedy – the men are still blue but the rest is all new!



ANASTASIA

August 17 & 18, 2021

Inspired by the beloved films, ANASTASIA transports us from the twilight of the Russian Empire to the euphoria of Paris in the 1920s, as a brave young woman sets out to discover the mystery of her past. Pursued by a ruthless Soviet officer determined to silence her, Anya enlists the aid of a dashing con man and a lovable ex-aristocrat. Together, they embark on an epic adventure to help her find home, love, and family. With its opulent settings, dazzling costumes, and a soaring score, ANASTASIA is the spectacular new musical about discovering who you are and defining who you're meant to be.

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ACCESS FOR ALL SERIES

Because **EVERYONE** deserves the opportunity to experience the power of the arts.

As part of our continued commitment to engage the community, the Performing Arts Foundation created the Access For All program. This outreach program engages families and individuals, enabling them to experience the performing arts at The Grand regardless of economic status. By partnering with community groups and organizations to distribute tickets to individuals and families facing challenging circumstances, we hope to make the performing arts truly accessible for all.



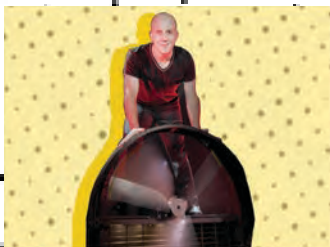
The Boys & Girls Club of the Wausau Area at a pre-show Meet and Greet with Black Violin.

"We are proud to be able to support this program giving opportunities to the community to experience the performing arts. We are honored to give back to the community that supported our business and family for over 51 years."

-MARK & DEB HADLEY



Black Violin performs at The Grand in 2019.



Learn More

By contacting
The Grand's
Ticket Office at
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at grandtheater.org

The Performing Arts Foundation is dedicated to serving schools, teachers, and students of the region through educational and cultural experiences. The Grand brings curriculum-based performing arts to our area's students, engaging students in the arts, social studies, language arts, math, science, and more. This series ensures the arts remain accessible to our youngest patrons in public, private, parochial, and home schools.



2020/21
**Community
Engagement
Series**

With a mission to ENTERTAIN, EDUCATE, and ENRICH North Central Wisconsin, The Grand Theater pushes the performing arts from the stage into our community. Through workshops, pre-show activities, and free cultural events, the Bridge Clinic Community Engagement Series not only makes the arts more accessible to North Central Wisconsin, but also creates unique experiences to bring our community closer to the arts in new and exciting ways.

Don't miss out on our next karaoke night, fitness class, or pop-up exhibit!

Visit The Grand online at grandtheater.org/ programs for a complete list of announced Bridge Clinic Community Engagement Series events.

Like us on Facebook to be the first to know when new events are announced!



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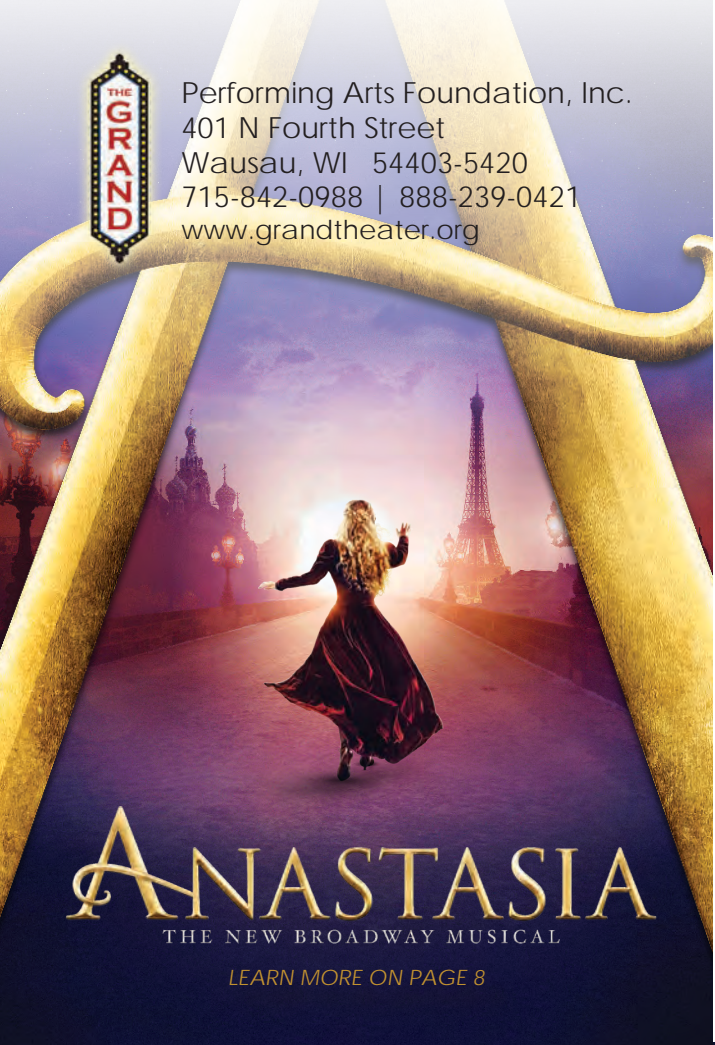


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