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## **Press Release**

## The Grand Theater and the Central Wisconsin Jerry Ensemble Present The Best of Broadway

WAUSAU, WI – January 5, 2021 – The Grand Theater announced a new virtual series today, which features local high school students performing classic songs from throughout Broadway history.

Episode 1 of The Best of Broadway Series premiers on The Grand's <u>Facebook</u> and <u>YouTube</u> pages on Friday, January 8 at 7:00 PM. The first episode will feature high school students from D.C. Everest Senior High, Wausau West High School, Mosinee High School, Stevens Point Area Senior High School, and Lakeland Union High School singing songs from America's Jazz Age of the 1930s and 1940s.

While the Ensemble has been unable to rehearse in-person as a group this year, nothing will stop these talented students from performing! The group has been conducting virtual rehearsals to prepare for in-person, socially-distanced recording sessions for these solos, duets, and trios on the stage of the historic Grand Theater.

"Even though this year looks a lot different for the Jerry Ensemble than we had expected, we're still finding ways to make the most out of it. I know for me, personally, this has been a great learning experience," said Olivia Mathis, a Jerry Ensemble member and senior at Wausau West High School. "This new, socially distanced way of singing together is definitely new to the group, but it has been a lot of fun, and I'm excited to continue performing and creating."

The public can enjoy all of the Best of Broadway performances from the comfort of home at no cost. The first episode will premier on The Grand's <u>Facebook</u> page and <u>YouTube</u> channel on Friday, January 8 at 7:00 PM, with more episodes to follow this winter and spring.

To learn more about the Central Wisconsin Jerry Ensemble and The Best of Broadway Series, visit <a href="https://www.grandtheater.org/programs/jerry-ensemble">www.grandtheater.org/programs/jerry-ensemble</a> or email The Grand's Director of Education & Community Engagement Katy Lang at <a href="mailto:klang@grandtheater.org">klang@grandtheater.org</a>.