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Press Release

The Grand's 2021/22 Season Announced!

WAUSAU, WI – May 25, 2021 – After more than a year with empty theater seats, live performances are returning to The Grand Theater! The Grand announced its 2021/22 Season, which features performances audiences have been excitedly waiting for over a year in addition to several new shows!

Monday's virtual announcement highlighted 29 performances that will be held this season. The full broadcast is available on The Grand's Facebook page, YouTube channel, and website at www.grandtheater.org. The Grand's full Season Brochure is also available on The Grand's website.

The new season features touring Broadway productions, Grammy winning musicians, comedy, family programming, and more! The new TDS Fiber Broadway Series will feature seven touring Broadway productions, the most in recent history, including: *Waitress*, *Fiddler On the Roof*, *An Officer and A Gentleman*, *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*, *Blue Man Group*, *Anastasia*, and *Riverdance*. The legendary rock band Three Dog Night and country icon Wynonna Judd and her band The Big Noise are also featured on the season, as well as Wausau favorites The TEN Tenors, the Red Hot Chilli Pipers, Jim Belushi and the Board of Comedy, and more!

"We're so excited to share our 21/22 Season as we move towards gathering together again in our historic space to enjoy incredible performances from around the world," said Sean Wright, Executive Director of The Grand. "We think the season has something for everyone—from Broadway smash hits, to comedy, music, family shows, and more! We can't wait to get it started and share memorable experiences with our amazing community once again!"

The Grand's announcement also featured information on their new Ticket Guarantee. If once the venue is open and performances are once again filling its calendar, patrons feel that COVID-19 conditions make it unsafe for them to attend a performance or event, they should contact the Ticket Office no later than 48 hours prior to the performance to discuss their options. Patrons may exchange their tickets for another event, donate the value of the ticket back to The Grand, receive a gift certificate for the total order amount, or receive a refund. This new policy was put in place as a "thank you" to the community for supporting The Grand during the struggles of the past year, and to ensure that audiences can return to the Theater with peace of mind.

"The health and safety of patrons, volunteers, staff, and artists is forefront in our mind as we plan our reopening, and is at the root of our Ticket Guarantee," said Wright. "We also continue to work with officials and industry leaders to determine specific protocols that might be in place at the time of the performances. Our hope and plan is to deliver all of these performances as scheduled at full capacity, but the last year has certainly taught us how to be adaptable!"

In addition to shows on The Grand's season, the announcement spotlighted several other great shows coming to Wausau, including Cat and Nat, The Price is Right Live, Ron White, Gordon Lightfoot, Home

Free, and Mannheim Steamroller, as well as a slate of emerging artists via the Behavioral Health Clinic 10x10 Series. Tickets for these shows are all on sale now.

Shows in the TDS Fiber Broadway Series are available with season subscription orders of 4 shows or more at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, May 25, and single tickets for all other shows will be available at this time. Tickets and subscriptions are available online at www.grandtheater.org, by phone at 715-842-0988, or at The Grand's Ticket Office in downtown Wausau.

The best way to experience this amazing season is by becoming a Grand Theater Season Subscriber. Season subscription packages start at four shows and feature a discount of up to 15% depending on subscription level. Subscribers also receive refundable tickets, installment billing, subscriber pre-sales, invitations to exclusive events, and more. Contact the Ticket Office at 715-842-0988 or online at www.grandtheater.org to subscribe.

2021/22 Season Lineup

John Mueller's "Winter Dance Party" – August 6, 2021

This evening of nostalgic hits is the official live and authentic re-creation of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and the Big Bopper's final tour, and a fun-filled trip back to the '50s!

The Fab Four – August 12, 2021

Performing perfect recreations of Beatles hits from across the group's entire catalogue, including "Can't Buy Me Love," "Yesterday," "Here Comes the Sun," and "Hey, Jude," The Fab Four will make you think you are watching the real thing!

Three Dog Night – October 1, 2021

Celebrating nearly five decades as one of the world's most legendary rock bands, Three Dog Night will rock The Grand this October with hits like "Joy to the World," "Shambala," and more!

Wynonna & The Big Noise – October 7, 2021

Wynonna Judd and her incredible band, The Big Noise, bring a night of country, rock, and more to The Grand.

The Music of Billy Joel & Elton John starring Michael Cavanaugh – October 14, 2021

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. He'll share all of the classic hits from both Billy Joel and Elton John—from "Rocket Man" to "Piano Man" and so many more!

Waitress – October 20 & 21, 2021

After a last-minute postponement in March of 2020, the Broadway smash hit *WAITRESS* returns to The Grand for two nights!

ABBA Mania – October 30, 2021

The world's number one touring ABBA tribute returns to The Grand to bring the biggest hits of the Swedish supergroup to fans old and new!

Fiddler On the Roof – November 24, 2021

Rich with musical hits you know and love, including "Tradition," "Sunrise, Sunset," "Matchmaker, Matchmaker," and "To Life (L'Chaim!)," *Fiddler On the Roof* is the heartwarming story of family, life, love, and laughter.

An Olde English Christmas with Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone – December 16, 2021

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 holiday hits and a playlist that will transport audiences back in time.

The John Altenburgh Christmas Extravaganza – December 17, 2021

With over two decades of sold-out shows, nothing says Christmas in Wausau like The John Altenburgh Christmas Extravaganza. With an all-star lineup, it's a night of the best of jazz, blues, and the holiday songs you know and love.

Jim Belushi and the Board of Comedy – January 14, 2022

A Wausau favorite, Jim Belushi returns to The Grand for a hilarious night of improvisational comedy with the top-notch improvisers of the Board of Comedy.

The Magic of Bill Blagg LIVE! – January 21, 2022

One of the most entertaining magic and illusion shows on the road today, The Magic of Bill Blagg LIVE! is filled with audience participation, unbelievable illusions, and of course Bill's trademark off-the-cuff humor, creating an experience unlike any other!

The World of Musicals – January 26, 2022

The World of Musicals brings the very best of musical theater to life! This captivating production is an emotional journey through the great world of musicals that will leave audiences spellbound.

Classic Albums Live: AC/DC's Back In Black – January 28, 2022

The incredible musicians of Classic Albums Live return to The Grand to shake things up with one of the most influential and best-selling hard rock albums in music history, AC/DC's *Back In Black*.

Russian National Ballet: Swan Lake – February 1, 2022

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.

An Officer and A Gentleman – February 26, 2022

Making its Wisconsin premier, this Broadway performance is based on the Oscar-winning film starring Richard Gere, this breathtaking production celebrates triumph over adversity and includes one of the most iconic and romantic endings ever portrayed on screen.

Yamato: The Drummers of Japan – March 3, 2022

Yamato's acclaimed performances of Japanese Taiko drumming have captivated millions of people across the globe with their visually spectacular, high-energy, and explosive productions.

Beautiful: The Carole King Musical – March 14, 2022

This Tony and Grammy Award-winning musical has thrilled audiences across the globe with the inspiring true story of Carole King's remarkable journey from teenage songwriter to Rock & Roll Hall of Famer.

Celtic Angels Ireland – March 19, 2022

Celtic Angels Ireland showcases the talents of five of Ireland's finest singers, the Celtic Knight Dancers (featuring two former lead dancers of Riverdance), and the Trinity Band Ensemble, who round out the show with flawless interpretations of traditional tunes.

The TEN Tenors: Love Is In the Air – March 24, 2022

One of Australia's hottest touring groups, The TEN Tenors, return to The Grand to sing some of their most popular feel-good love songs and more!

RAIN – A Tribute to The Beatles – March 25, 2022

This stunning concert event takes you back in time with the legendary foursome delivering a note-for-note theatrical event that is the next best thing to the Beatles themselves!

The Four Phantoms – April 7, 2022

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.

Red Hot Chilli Pipers – April 9, 2022

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.

Portland Cello Project: Purple Reign – April 20, 2022

The nation's premiere 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.

The British Invasion – April 22, 2022

This immersive multi-media show puts you in the middle of the excitement of the 1960s when British bands were taking over American airwaves, with period photos, original film footage, and an incredible band playing all the hits of the Swinging '60s, you won't want to miss this Wisconsin premier.

Blue Man Group – April 28 & 29, 2022

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! Featuring pulsing, original music, custom-made instruments, surprise audience interaction, and hilarious absurdity, join the Blue Men in a joyful experience that unites audiences of all ages.

Anastasia – May 10 & 11, 2022

With its opulent settings, dazzling costumes, and a soaring score including the favorite songs from the hit animated film, the Broadway smash hit ANASTASIA is the spectacular new musical about discovering who you are and defining who you're meant to be.

Riverdance 25th Anniversary Show – May 25 & 26, 2022

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.

Rumours: A Fleetwood Mac Tribute – June 11, 2022

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.

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