



# THE GRAND THEATER

# WINTER 2021-22 NEWSLETTER



**WHOSE LIVE  
ANYWAY?**



**YAMATO**  
THE DRUMMERS OF JAPAN



**Beautiful** The Carole King Musical



**ANASTASIA**  
THE NEW BROADWAY MUSICAL



## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



It has been another interesting year in the arts and culture venue world, and as 2021 quickly comes to a close, we want to say thank you for your incredible support over the last 19 months. When we closed our doors in March of 2020, we didn't know what the future would hold, but we knew that our amazing community would support us. You've done exactly that—especially as we've navigated reopening our historic theater this fall. We cannot thank you enough for your support.

As the calendar turns, we are very excited about what is to come in 2022. From Broadway hits *Beautiful* and *Blue Man Group*, to visits from Wausau favorites *Whose Live Anyway?*

and *The TEN Tenors*, plus music legends *The Righteous Brothers*, as well as 18 other great shows, there are amazing performances to come. Plus, we've got emerging artists in the 10x10 Series, great events to connect with shows through the Community Engagement Series, and educational opportunities for students of all ages through the Arts in Education Series. It's an incredibly busy year ahead and we are excited to enjoy it with you!

Thanks for your support of The Grand in 2021! Best wishes to you and yours for a wonderful holiday season!

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### FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 | 7:30PM

Audiences across North America are toasting a new production of *FIDDLER ON THE ROOF*!

Rich with musical hits you know and love, including "Tradition," "Sunrise, Sunset," "If I Were a Rich Man," "Matchmaker, Matchmaker," and "To Life (L'Chaim!)," *FIDDLER ON THE ROOF* is the heartwarming story of fathers and daughters, husbands and wives, and life, love, and laughter. *FIDDLER ON THE ROOF* will introduce a new generation to the uplifting celebration that raises its cup to joy! To love! To life!

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16 | 7:30PM

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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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.





## THE JOHN ALTENBURGH CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 | 7:30PM

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!

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## THE HIGH HAWKS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 | 7:30PM

The word supergroup gets overused, but it's apt and well-earned when it comes to The High Hawks. With nearly 150 years of collective touring and playing between them, Vince Herman (Leftover Salmon), Tim Carbone (Railroad Earth, Blue Sparks From Hell), Chad Staehly (Hard Working Americans), Adam Greuel (Horseshoes & Hand Grenades), Brian Adams (DeadPhish Orchestra) and Will Trask (Great American Taxi) have maintained a generation-spanning presence at the forefront of the roots music scene for over two decades.

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## JIM BELUSHI & THE BOARD OF COMEDY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14 | 7:30PM

With more than thirty years of experience as a comedic actor, Belushi is an alumnus of Saturday Night Live and Chicago's famed Second City. In short, he's comedy royalty. Joined by the top-notch comedians of the Board of Comedy, Belushi brings to the stage an improvised comedy sketch show that is never the same twice! This interactive show looks to the audience for suggestions for each scene, and sometimes even to become a part of the show. This hysterical show always sells out quickly, so don't miss your chance to experience a night of comedy you'll never forget!

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## THE CHOIR OF MAN

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19 | 7:30PM

Known across the globe as "the ultimate feel-good show," THE CHOIR OF MAN returns to The Grand for an evening of indisputable joy. It's a party. It's a concert. It's a pint-filled good time set in a working pub that combines hair-raising harmonies, high-energy dance, and live percussion with foot-stomping choreography. The multi-talented cast of nine handsome blokes sings everything – pub tunes, folk, Broadway, classic rock – all to roof-raising heights. It's the best singing, dancing, stomping, pub crawl of a concert you'll ever attend!

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## THE MAGIC OF BILL BLAGG LIVE!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21 | 7:30PM

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! You'll witness objects float in mid-air, vanish in the blink of an eye and so much more! The MAGIC of BILL BLAGG LIVE! is more than a magic show, it's an interactive magic experience! He's changing reality one city at a time and Wausau is next! Get your tickets now to experience it live!

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## THE WORLD OF MUSICALS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26 | 7:30PM

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. 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!

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## CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE: AC/DC'S BACK IN BLACK

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28 | 7:30PM

Classic Albums Live returns to The Grand, and this time, they're shaking things up with one of the most influential and best-selling albums in history: AC/DC's *Back In Black*! Audiences will be treated to the famous album in its entirety, featuring hits like "You Shook Me All Night Long," "Hells Bells," and of course, "Back In Black," as Classic Albums Live recreates the album note for note.

Devoted fans and new generations alike will be amazed as these talented musicians bring this legendary album to life on stage at The Grand!

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## RUSSIAN NATIONAL BALLET: SWAN LAKE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 | 7:30 PM

The exquisitely graceful Russian National Ballet returns to The Grand with a performance of *Swan Lake*! These world-renowned dancers will enchant audiences with the beloved tale of Odette, a princess turned into a swan by an evil sorcerer's curse.

**SPECIAL PRE-SHOW EVENT:** The Tasting Barre returns! Join The Grand for an exclusive pre-show reception featuring a wine and whiskey tasting. Tickets available now for \$25.

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## AN OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26 | 7:30PM

AN OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN, based on the Oscar-winning film starring Richard Gere and Debra Winger, is a breathtaking production that celebrates triumph over adversity and includes one of the most iconic and romantic endings ever portrayed on screen. Featuring the Grammy Award winning, #1 hit single "Up Where We Belong," and a score based on the 1980s catalogue of music that gave voice to a generation, the live stage production is a new adaptation that will sweep you off your feet.

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## YAMATO: THE DRUMMERS OF JAPAN

THURSDAY, MARCH 3 | 7:30PM

Strength, spirit, endurance, and virtuosity... Yamato's talented ensemble of Japanese Taiko drummers has captivated audiences worldwide, and is coming to The Grand for the first time!

Bring the whole family and experience Yamato's thunderous music, astounding athleticism, and infectious showmanship that has mesmerized audiences at over 3,500 performances. This explosive production celebrates a traditional art form and will leave you exhilarated!

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## BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL

MONDAY, MARCH 14 | 7:30PM

BEAUTIFUL: The Carole King Musical tells the Tony and Grammy Award winning story of King's remarkable rise to stardom, from being part of a hit songwriting team with her husband Gerry Goffin, to her relationship with fellow writers and best friends Cynthia Weil and Barry Mann, to becoming one of the most successful solo acts in popular music history. Along the way, she made more than beautiful music, she wrote the soundtrack to a generation.

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## CELTIC ANGELS IRELAND

SATURDAY, MARCH 19 | 7:30PM

Celebrate the St. Patrick's Day season at The Grand with an evening of Irish dancing, folk music, and celebration brought to you by the Celtic Angels!

The Celtic Angels showcase the talents of five of Ireland's finest singers, the Celtic Knight dancers, and the Trinity Band Ensemble, teaming up to bring their cherished heritage of Ireland to Wausau!

SPECIAL PRE-SHOW EVENT: Join us for a traditional Irish Dinner catered by The Mint Cafe! Tickets available now.

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## THE TEN TENORS: LOVE IS IN THE AIR

THURSDAY, MARCH 24 | 7:30PM

Open your hearts to The TEN Tenors, because Love Is In the Air! 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. They'll cover many of your favorite romantic tunes, from pop songs with a twist to classic love songs, and even a few of the most famous and touching love arias in existence.

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## WHOSE LIVE ANYWAY?

TUESDAY, APRIL 5 | 7:30PM

WHOSE LIVE ANYWAY? is 90 minutes of hilarious improvised comedy and song all based on audience suggestions. Cast members Ryan Stiles, Greg Proops, Jeff B. Davis, and Joel Murray will leave you gasping with the very witty scenes they invent before your eyes. Audience participation is key to the show so bring your suggestions and you might be asked to join the cast onstage! WHOSE LIVE ANYWAY? showcases some of the improv games made famous on the long-running TV show as well as some exciting new ones, featuring musical direction by Bob Derkach.

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## RAIN: A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES

FRIDAY, MARCH 25 | 7:30PM

RAIN 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. Going further than before, RAIN 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 is the next best thing to the Beatles themselves!

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## THE FOUR PHANTOMS

THURSDAY, APRIL 7 | 7:30PM

An extravagant celebration of the iconic music of Broadway and more, The Four Phantoms In Concert brings together four Phantoms from the Tony Award-winning *The Phantom of the Opera* for an unforgettable night of entertainment. The Four Phantoms features an extraordinary quartet of performers, including Brent Barrett, John Cudia, Franc D'Ambrosio, and Ciarán Sheehan under the music supervision of two-time Grammy Award-winner David Caddick and music direction of Ryan Shirar.

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## THE RED HOT CHILLI PIPERS

SATURDAY, APRIL 9 | 7:30PM

Bagpipes with attitude. Drums with a Scottish accent. A blazing rock band and a show so hot, it carries its own health warning! Back by popular demand, the Red Hot Chili 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 Chili Pipers deliver a concert experience unlike any other!

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## THE BRITISH INVASION

FRIDAY, APRIL 22 | 7:30PM

On Sunday night, February 9, 1964, close to 50% of US television viewers tuned into The Ed Sullivan Show to see the American debut of a new band called The Beatles, and the world was never the same since. Don't miss when the British Invasion takes over The Grand! This immersive multi-media show from the producers of the smash hit The Simon & Garfunkel Story puts you in the middle of the excitement of the era, with period photos, original film footage, and an incredible band playing all the hits of the Swinging '60s, the iconic British pop sound that changed America and the world!

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## PORTLAND CELLO PROJECT: PURPLE REIGN

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 | 7:30PM

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.

Crafted through the wildly innovative arrangements that have made Portland Cello Project a perennial favorite all over the world, you won't want to miss this incredible and unique experience as PCP performs classic Prince tributes without missing a beat!

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## BLUE MAN GROUP

THURSDAY, APRIL 28 | 7:30PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 29 | 7:30PM

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! 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.

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## THE RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS

SUNDAY, MAY 8 | 7:30PM

Blue-eyed soul pioneers The Righteous Brothers are back! With a string of #1 classics, including the most played song in radio history, "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'," the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame duo of Bill Medley and Bobby Hatfield topped the charts in four decades.

Devoted fans and new generations alike will be amazed as these talented musicians bring this legendary album to life on stage at The Grand!



## ANASTASIA

TUESDAY, MAY 10 | 7:30PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11 | 7:30PM

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 conman and a lovable ex-aristocrat. Together, they embark on an epic adventure to help her find home, love, and family.

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## RIVERDANCE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 | 7:30PM

THURSDAY, MAY 26 | 7:30PM

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.

Immerse yourself in the extraordinary power and grace of its music and dance—beloved by fans of all ages. Fall in love with the magic of Riverdance all over again!

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## RUMOURS: A FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE

SATURDAY, JUNE 11 | 7:30PM

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.

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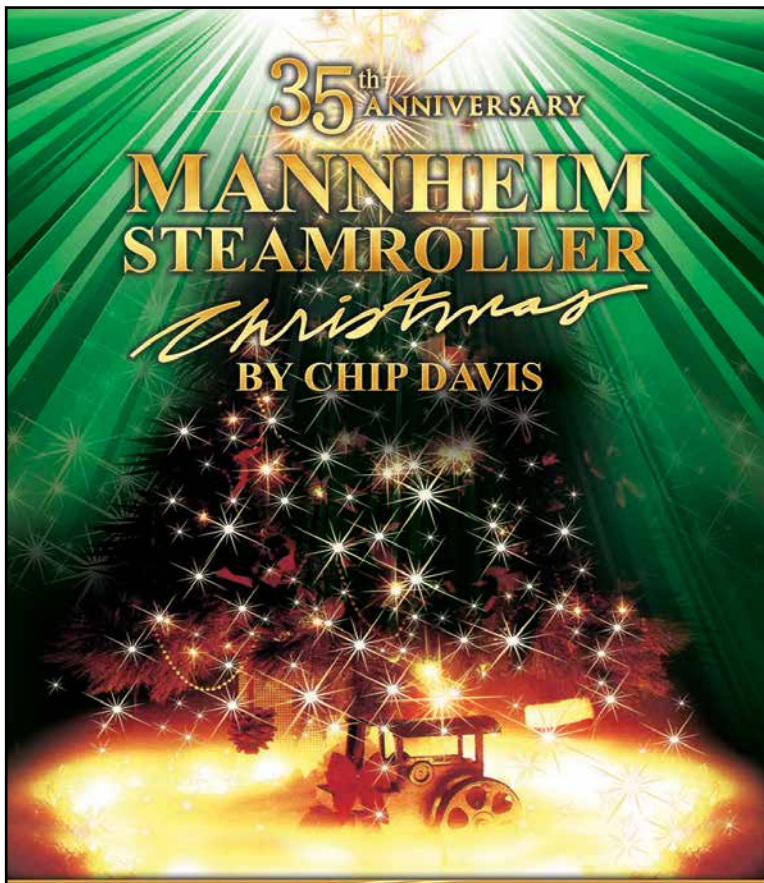


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## 2021/22 ACCESS FOR ALL SERIES

Everyone deserves the opportunity to experience the power and wonder 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 to distribute tickets to individuals and families facing challenging circumstances, we hope to make the performing arts truly accessible for all.

This program was launched in December 2016 with community partners, and we gratefully acknowledge the support of Hadley Family Trust in presenting this season's Access For All series.



## 2021/22 ARTS IN EDUCATION SERIES

Celebrating over three decades of introducing students to the arts, The Grand is proud to present the 2021/2022 ASPIRUS Arts In Education Series! Dedicated to serving schools, teachers, and students through educational and cultural experiences, the Arts In Education Series brings in **over 17,000 students year after year** to experience the transformative power of the arts.

This year at The Grand, students in grades Pre-K through 8 will meet classic characters as well as their current favorites, featuring performances from *Yamato: the Drummers of Japan*, *The Stinky Cheese Man*, *Pout Pout Fish*, and more!

The Grand would like to thank Janke Book Store for commemorative copies of each book featured in the Arts In Education series.



## 2021/22 TDS FIBER BROADWAY SERIES

THE BEST OF BROADWAY AND BEYOND!

**WAITRESS** TWO NIGHTS!  
October 20 & 21

**FIDDLER ON THE ROOF**  
November 24

**AN OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN**  
February 26

**BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL**  
March 14

**BLUE MAN GROUP**  
TWO NIGHTS!  
April 28 & 29

**ANASTASIA** TWO NIGHTS!  
May 10 & 11

**RIVERDANCE 25TH ANNIVERSARY** TWO NIGHTS!  
May 25 & 26



## 2021/22 SPOTLIGHT SERIES



THREE DOG NIGHT

THE JOHN ALTENBURGH  
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THE MAGIC OF BILL  
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"County Materials is proud to support the performing arts in North Central Wisconsin. We believe the arts offer very positive and practical benefits for our community. They inspire each of us by fostering creativity and beauty. They improve well-being and express our values, and even build bridges between cultures. Most importantly, the arts are fundamental to creating a healthy and sustainable community, strengthening it socially, educationally and economically."

Rebecca Sonnentag, Vice President Promotions & Communications,  
County Materials Corp.



## DECEMBER

- 4-5 Central Wisconsin School of Ballet: *The Nutcracker*
- 8 Mannheim Steamroller
- 10-12 Wausau Community Theatre: *A Christmas Carol*
- 16 An Olde English Christmas with Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone
- 17 County Materials Spotlight Series: The John Altenburgh Christmas Extravaganza
- 18 The High Hawks

## JANUARY

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- 21 County Materials Spotlight Series: The Magic of Bill Blagg LIVE!
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- 28 County Materials Spotlight Series: Classic Albums Live: AC/DC's *Back In Black*
- 29 Eaglemania

## FEBRUARY

- 1 Russian National Ballet: *Swan Lake*
- 4 Behavioral Health Clinic 10x10 Series: Genevieve Heyward
- 18 Behavioral Health Clinic 10x10 Series: Tedious & Brief
- 26 TDS Fiber Broadway Series: An Officer and A Gentleman

## MARCH

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- 4 Behavioral Health Clinic 10x10 Series: Adrian + Meredith
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- 28-29 TDS Fiber Broadway Series: Blue Man Group

## MAY

- 8 Righteous Brothers
- 10-11 TDS Fiber Broadway Series: Anastasia
- 25-26 TDS Fiber Broadway Series: Riverdance 25th Anniversary

## JUNE

- 11 Rumours: A Fleetwood Mac Tribute
- 15 Gordon Lightfoot
- 23-25 Wausau Community Theatre: *Pippin*

Schedule and shows subject to change.  
Check [grandtheater.org](http://grandtheater.org) for updates.



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Tickets are limited; contact The Grand's Ticket Office at 715-842-0988 or [www.grandtheater.org](http://www.grandtheater.org) for more information.

# 10x10 SERIES



**BAD BAD HATS**  
NOVEMBER 18



**GENEVIEVE HEYWARD**  
FEBRUARY 4



**TEDIOUS & BRIEF**  
FEBRUARY 18





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