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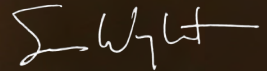


CHICAGO

A dazzling line-up

A year ago, when we announced our 2021/22 season, we wondered (like the rest of our industry) if ticket buyers would return to our venues. Now a year later, we can say—thanks to you—that the resounding answer is yes! We cannot thank you enough. It's because of your support that The Grand has not only persevered through two pandemic years, but is thriving!

We're incredibly excited to share our first "normal" season since 2019/20, which brings 29 world-class performances to the stage. We are thrilled to welcome a great series of Broadway hits, including the nine-time Tony Award winner, *The Book of Mormon!* Beyond Broadway, there's something for everyone: must-see concerts, hilarious comedy, great holiday shows, Wausau debuts, and so much more. We hope you enjoy the upcoming season and look forward to seeing you at The Grand!



Sean Wright, Executive Director

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THE BOOK OF MORMON

October 18 & 19

The New York Times calls it "the best musical of this century." It's THE BOOK OF MORMON, the nine-time Tony Award-winning Best Musical. Contains explicit language.



MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET CHRISTMAS

November 18

Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley come together again to celebrate the most wonderful time of the year. It's a jam-packed evening of holiday hits and classic characters you won't want to miss!



THE MIDTOWN MEN: HOLIDAY HITS

December 7

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HAIRSPRAY

January 16

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CHICAGO

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ADAM JACOBS: RIGHT WHERE I BELONG - SONGS OF ALAN MENKEN

June 2

See Broadway's original Aladdin and Grammy-nominated artist Adam Jacobs as he performs from the prolific songbook of the incomparable Alan Menken.



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**THE ULTIMATE QUEEN CELEBRATION
STARRING MARC MARTEL**

October 13

This highly theatrical, eye-popping production incorporates 23 of the songs that Queen made famous.

LONESTAR

October 20

For 30 years, Lonestar has delivered one chart-topping hit after another.

**THE JOHN ALTENBURGH
CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA**

December 16

Don't miss this Wisconsin Christmas tradition as it returns to The Grand for another year!

CHAMPIONS OF MAGIC

January 12

It's an evening of impossible illusions and spectacular special effects, described by the press as "The Avengers of magic."

**CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE:
PINK FLOYD'S DARK SIDE OF THE
MOON**

February 24

Enjoy one of the most critically acclaimed albums of all time as Classic Albums Live recreates it, note for note, cut for cut.

**COLIN MOCHRIE & BRAD
SHERWOOD: THE SCARED
SCRIPTLESS TOUR**

March 5

Armed with nothing but their sharp wit, comedians Colin and Brad take to the live stage to create hilarious and original scenes.

LORRIE MORGAN

April 21

One of the most eloquent, emotive country vocalists of modern times, Lorie Morgan has achieved it all in her legendary country music career:



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$30

The Doo Wop Project brings this classic music genre into the 21st century and spikes it with an energy for new audiences. Love the sounds of Frankie Valli, The Drifters, or The Del-Vikings? Ever wonder what Maroon 5 or Jason Mraz would sound like in the Doo Wop era? That's the kind of music magic that will happen on stage when The Doo Wop Project opens the 2022/23 season at The Grand!

The Doo Wop Project traces the genre from its inception of groups singing tight harmonies on a street corner, all the way to the biggest hits on the radio today. DWP takes audiences on a journey from foundational tunes of groups like The Crests, The Belmonts, and The Flamingos through their influences on Smokey Robinson, The Temptations, and The Four Seasons. You'll be thrilled by their DooWopified versions of modern songs by Michael Jackson, Jason Mraz, Maroon 5 and even Garth Brooks. The Doo Wop Project uses their vocal excellence to recreate—and in some cases entirely reimagine—some of the greatest music in American pop and rock history!

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THE OK FACTOR & JAERV

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$20

The classical-crossover duo The OK Factor returns to The Grand, this time with the award-winning Swedish quintet Jaerv. The two innovative folk groups collaborated in Sweden last summer, and are touring the U.S. together for the first time this fall. Their stop at The Grand to perform their program "Traditions" will culminate in a residency with local music students. With a genre-bending sound described as "pure magic," this concert will treat you to fresh, creative musicianship that blends vigorous traditional folk with classical, jazz, pop and fascinating instrumentation.



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THE ULTIMATE QUEEN CELEBRATION STARRING MARC MARTEL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$43

Few shows have generated as much buzz as The Ultimate Queen Celebration Starring Marc Martel, when they brought their sold-out show to The Grand in 2019. And they return in 2022!

This highly theatrical, eye-popping production incorporates 23 of the songs that Queen made famous: "We Will Rock You," "Radio Gaga," "We are the Champions," "Fat Bottomed Girls," "Another One Bites the Dust," "Somebody to Love," "Bohemian Rhapsody," "Crazy Little Thing Called Love," and many more. In a novel twist, the concert will also include a selection of songs that reflect Freddie Mercury's interest in musical styles beyond rock – including "Ave Maria" and the great operatic aria, "Nessun Dorma" – all performed by Marc Martel, "the vocal doppelganger for the Queen front man." (The New York Times)

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**THE BOOK OF
MORMON**



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$71

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The New York Times calls it “the best musical of this century.” The Washington Post says, “It is the kind of evening that restores your faith in musicals.” And Entertainment Weekly says, “Grade A: the funniest musical of all time.” Jimmy Fallon of The Tonight Show calls it “Genius. Brilliant. Phenomenal.” It’s THE BOOK OF MORMON, the nine-time Tony Award®-winning Best Musical. Contains explicit language. For more information, visit TheBookOfMormonTour.com.

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LONESTAR



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$39

For 30 years, Lonestar has delivered one chart-topping hit after another, and they come to The Grand for the first time this October!

Lonestar found success out of the gate with their self-titled 1995 debut, which spawned the hit "Tequila Talkin'" along with "No News." The band has won many of music's top honors, including Academy of Country Music awards for New Vocal Group in 1996, and Single and Song Of The Year in 2000, along with Humanitarian Of The Year in 2002. They also won Country Music Association's Vocal Group of the Year and International Artist Achievement awards in 2001. All told, Lonestar has sold more than 10.5 million records.

Celebrating their 30th Anniversary, Lonestar embarks on a new tour in support of their forthcoming album *TEN to 1*, which takes a fresh look at 10 of their chart-topping hits including "Smile," "Tell Her," "What About Now," and their smash hit "Amazed." Don't miss Dean Sams, Michael Britt, Keech Rainwater, and Drew Womack as they bring their charismatic stage presence to Wausau!

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$35

The next generation of American Ballet Theatre comes to The Grand! The rising stars of one of the nation's most prestigious ballet companies make their Wausau debut with an evening of incredible artistry. The repertoire features a mix of classical and neoclassical works, contemporary works, and new custom pieces commissioned each season, all showcasing the vibrancy of these young dancers. Over 80% of American Ballet Theatre's dancers are alumni of ABT Studio Company, including superstars like Misty Copeland! It's your chance to see the future of dance right here close to home.

"From the opening pose and throughout this movement there was passion and professionalism... these performers are the next generation of ballet dancers, blossoming before our eyes." -Broadway World

**EXCLUSIVE
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$55

From the creators of the award-winning Broadway hit Million Dollar Quartet comes a brand new holiday musical! Join Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley as they come together again to celebrate the most wonderful time of the year. Sun Records, now donned with a Christmas tree, garland, and mistletoe, rings with the sounds of the season and the chart-toppers that made these four famous. Follow along with the gang's usual antics as we journey through a story of Christmas past, present, and future. It's a jam-packed evening of holiday hits and classic characters you won't want to miss!

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$35

The incomparable Theatre Latté Da brings an incredible holiday story to The Grand. All Is Calm recalls an astounding moment during WWI when Allied and German soldiers met in "No Man's Land" and laid down their arms to celebrate the holiday together by trading carols, sharing meals, and burying the dead. "The joy of 'Peace on Earth' rarely has seemed so real as it does in this sweet story of a Christmas Day when enemies embraced each other," (Star Tribune).

Brought to life by twelve talented artists, traditional holiday songs, and first-hand accounts, this remarkable production has become a must-see holiday classic with critics calling All is Calm "an absolutely stunning piece of art," (Broadway World).



All Is Calm

The Christmas Truce of 1914

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THE MIDTOWN MEN

STARS FROM THE ORIGINAL BROADWAY CAST OF JERSEY BOYS



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HOLIDAY HITS LIVE IN CONCERT

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS "SIXTIES STYLE" WITH THE MIDTOWN MEN!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$53

After two sold out shows at The Grand, The Midtown Men return to deck the halls with their classic choreography, vibrant vocals, and captivating chemistry. They took Broadway by storm in one of the biggest hits of all time, and now bring their magic to audiences across America. Ring in the season with this evening of songs and stories, featuring Yuletide classics such as "Winter Wonderland," "Let It Snow," and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," as well as The Midtown Men's signature renditions of the greatest rock and roll hits of the 1960s, from the Four Seasons and the Beatles, to the Temptations, Motown and more!

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The John Altenburgh

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$45

Johnny's back for the holidays to fill The Grand's stage with some of the finest and most fun musicians around the state. Nothing says Christmas in Wausau like the John Altenburgh Christmas Extravaganza. With years of sold-out shows, this true Wisconsin tradition has long been the hottest holiday ticket in town. And with an all-star lineup, it's a night of powerful jazz, blues, rock, gospel, and holiday standards, all performed with a local flair that leaves audiences filled with Christmas spirit.

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CHAMPIONS OF MAGIC

5 WORLD CLASS ILLUSIONISTS - 1 INCREDIBLE SHOW

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$35

Break away from the screen and experience live entertainment like never before with Champions Of Magic. It's an evening of impossible illusions and spectacular special effects, described by the press as "The Avengers of magic." Catch the only team of magicians in the world as they present their original, phenomenal ensemble illusions.

They've sold out across the globe, been featured on every major U.S. television network, and racked up over 50 million views online. But you haven't seen magic until you've seen it live!

The Champions Of Magic cast present incredible interactive magic, a daring escape from Houdini's water torture cell, a mind-blowing prediction that has to be seen to be believed, levitation high above stage, and a finale beyond explanation. The show happens all around the theater and features spectacular illusions that can't be seen anywhere else.

**"You HAVE to
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-Access Hollywood Live

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**YOU
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STOP
THE
BEAT**

BROADWAY'S TONY AWARD-WINNING BEST MUSICAL IS BACK

hairspray

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$70

Broadway's Tony Award-winning musical comedy phenomenon is back on tour! Join 16-year-old Tracy Turnblad in 1960s Baltimore as she sets out to dance her way onto TV's most popular show. Can a girl with big dreams (and even bigger hair) change the world? Featuring the beloved score of hit songs including "Welcome to the 60s," "Good Morning Baltimore" and "You Can't Stop the Beat," HAIRSPRAY is "fresh, winning, and deliriously tuneful!" (*The New York Times*). This all-new touring production reunites Broadway's award-winning creative team led by Director Jack O'Brien and Choreographer Jerry Mitchell to bring HAIRSPRAY to a new generation of theater audiences. Don't miss this "exhilaratingly funny and warm-hearted musical comedy" (*The New Yorker*).

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THE WORLD OF *Musicals*



ALL THE HIT SONGS FROM YOUR FAVORITE MUSICALS,
IN ONE CONCERT

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$25

The World of Musicals brings the very best of musical theatre to life! This captivating journey through the great songs of Broadway and film will leave audiences spellbound. With beautiful and emotional ballads from *Evita*, *Les Misérables*, *Wicked* (pictured above), and *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 showtunes with The World of Musicals!

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WITH THE PERFORMANCES FROM THE ICONIC SHOWS”**

– Broadway World

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JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER PRESENTS

SONGS

WE LOVE



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$30

You'll be mesmerized by this evening of incredible music made famous by iconic singers such as Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland and more. *Songs We Love* is a journey through the first 50 years of jazz song, beginning with the early blues and jazz of the 1920s and ending in the early 1950s. Three amazing vocalists join an all-star band made up of New York's rising stars in the jazz world. Combining their distinct talents, the group will sing their way through some of the most soulful selections of America's classic songbook.

Songs We Love was first presented as the 2016 Season Opener at Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York City. For over three decades, Jazz at Lincoln Center has been a leading advocate for jazz, culture, and arts education globally. Under the direction of Wynton Marsalis, and with guest artists spanning genres and generations, JALC produces thousands of performance, education, and broadcast events each season in New York City and around the world for people of all ages.

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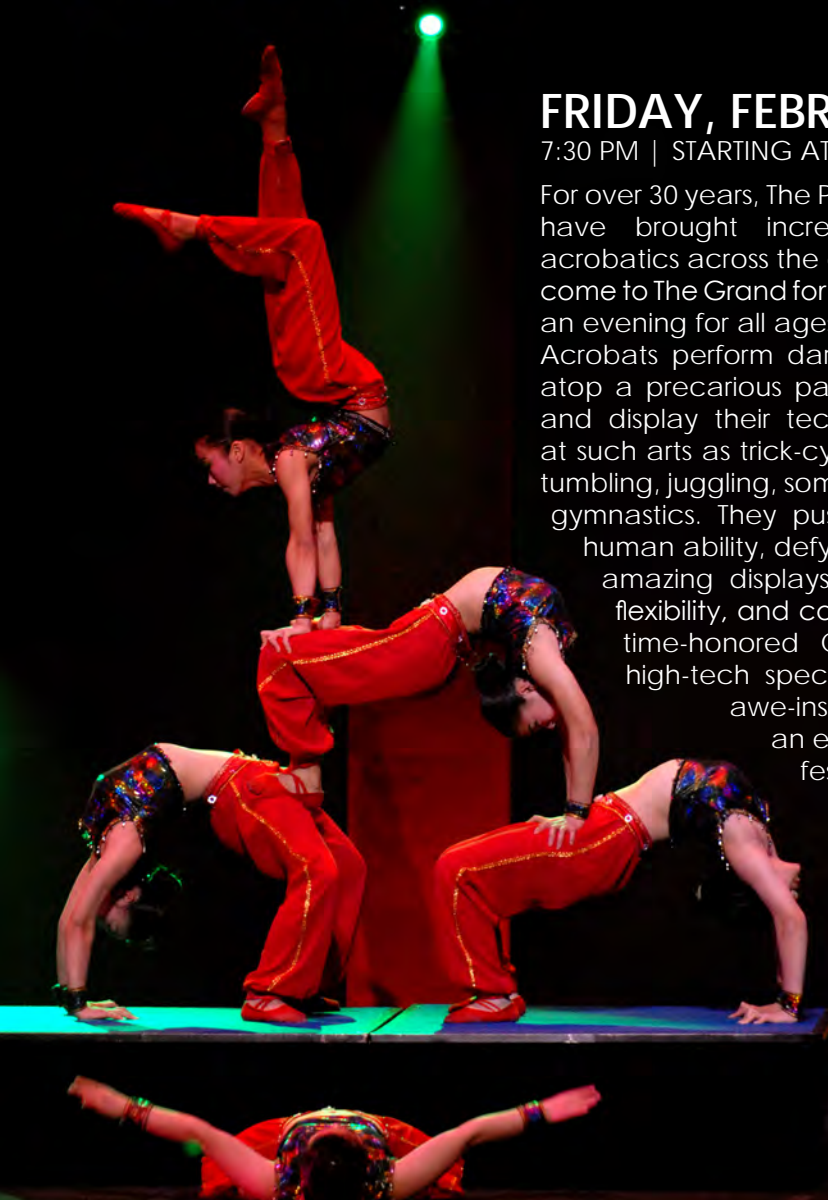
**PUSHING THE ENVELOPE
OF HUMAN POSSIBILITY.
PURE ARTISTRY!**

—The New York Post

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$35

For over 30 years, The Peking Acrobats have brought incredible Chinese acrobatics across the globe and they come to The Grand for the first time! It's an evening for all ages, as The Peking Acrobats perform daring maneuvers atop a precarious pagoda of chairs and display their technical prowess at such arts as trick-cycling, precision tumbling, juggling, somersaulting, and gymnastics. They push the limits of human ability, defying gravity with amazing displays of contortion, flexibility, and control. With time time-honored Chinese music, high-tech special effects and awe-inspiring feats, it's an evening with the festive pageantry of a Chinese Carnival.



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CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE



PINK FLOYD THE DARK SIDE OF THE MOON

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$30

Classic Albums Live has been a perennial favorite of Grand Theater audiences since 2018! This time, these professional, passionate musicians bring an iconic masterpiece celebrating its 50th Anniversary, Pink Floyd's *Dark Side of The Moon*. You'll be treated to one of the most critically acclaimed albums of all time, with classics like "Breathe (In the Air)," "Money," "Brain Damage" and more, as Classic Albums Live recreates the album, note for note, cut for cut.

Twenty million people bought this album, first on vinyl, then cassette, then CD. Then one day it was on our phones. We've lived a life alongside this album... Classic Albums Live knows how to perform this album. It's complex and full of soul. Just getting the alarm clocks together was a feat, all the little voices. Then you had to find someone that could sing "great gig in the sky." We did, and it's joyous. The musicians care about this album. It was our flagship show in 2003. It's the album that changed everything. It's a masterpiece that will be remembered forever. – Craig Martin, founder of Classic Albums Live

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IRELAND WITH — MICHAEL EL LIVE

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$30

It's a dazzling, delightful travelogue featuring the music, places and stories of the Emerald Isle. The hit PBS show *Ireland with Michael* celebrates the best of Ireland's creators, singers, dancers and artists. Now, the live concert version of the show comes to The Grand! Ireland With Michael LIVE is a multimedia experience, combining a five-piece band, world champion dancers, excerpts from the PBS show, and, of course, the golden voice of Riverdance on Broadway, Michael Londra. You'll be delighted by the songs and stories and electric Irish dance, jigs and reels. With a backdrop of stunning videos of Ireland, this show will transport you to the Emerald Isle just in time for St. Patrick's Day.

**EXCLUSIVE
PRE-SHOW
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**TRADITIONAL
IRISH DINNER**

Enjoy a buffet-style meal catered by The Mint Cafe prior to the evening show. Only \$25 in addition to the performance ticket. On sale October 4.



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COLIN & BRAD

M O C H R I E S H E R W O O D

FROM 'WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY?'

SCARED SCRIPTLESS

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$40

Armed with nothing but their sharp wit, comedians Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood take to the live stage to create hilarious and original scenes in their two-man show. Known by TV audiences for their work on *Whose Line is it Anyway?*, Colin & Brad improvise new material every night from audience suggestions and participation. "Interactive" in every sense of the word, Colin & Brad will take the audience on a comedic high-wire act... just like a live version of *Whose Line!* Get ready for a night of non-stop laughter for all ages!



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25 YEARS OF RAZZLE DAZZLE CHICAGO



SUNDAY, MARCH 12

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$70

After 25 years, CHICAGO is still the one musical with everything that makes Broadway shimmy-shake: a universal tale of fame, fortune and all that jazz, with one show-stopping song after another and the most astonishing dancing you've ever seen. No wonder CHICAGO has been honored with six Tony Awards, two Oliver Awards, a Grammy and thousands of standing ovations. As this musical celebrates its 25th anniversary, you've got to come see why the name on everyone's lips is still... CHICAGO.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 16

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$39

OUR PLANET LIVE IN CONCERT, the landmark Emmy Award-winning Netflix series that took the world by storm, is now a live concert event! OUR PLANET LIVE IN CONCERT combines breathtaking HD cinematography with all-new orchestrations by Oscar-winning composer Steven Price performed by a live onstage orchestra. A journey of discovery across our planet featuring narration by legendary broadcaster David Attenborough, this mesmerizing concert is a spectacular celebration of the planet we call home – welcoming audiences to be fully immersed into the wonders of earth's wildlife and their habitats. Part of the profits from the Our Planet live project will be donated to WWF's education and awareness initiatives.



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Narrated on screen by
DAVID ATTENBOROUGH



ATLANTA
RHYTHM SECTION

PURE PRAIRIE LEAGUE

50 YEARS TOGETHER

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$35

It's an evening of songs, stories and American rock by two legendary bands, both celebrating their 50th Anniversary!

Country rockers Pure Prairie League are known for their hit song "Aime" – perhaps the most beloved country rock song of all time – and "Two Lane Highway," "Let Me Love You Tonight," and "Falling In and Out of Love." With nine straight albums that made the Billboard charts, PPL is considered one of the leading bands of the country rock movement, and 50 years later, continues to sound as good today as it did five decades ago!

Southern rock fans know well Atlanta Rhythm Section's 1978 breakthrough album *Champagne Jam*, which featured the hits "Imaginary Lover" and "I'm Not Gonna Let It Bother Me Tonight." ARS followed that up with two more certified Gold albums and seven additional Top 40 singles to cement their reputation as amazing songwriters and live performers. Today, ARS still embodies everything that the phrase "classic rock" implies.

Pure Prairie League



Atlanta Rhythm Section



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“Fantastic”

– Elaine Paige, BBC Radio

“Authentic and exciting”

– The Stage

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$35

The Simon & Garfunkel Story returns to The Grand after a sold-out show in 2017! Using huge projection photos and original film footage, this immersive, concert-style theatrical show features a full live band performing all the hits including “Mrs. Robinson,” “Cecilia,” “Bridge Over Troubled Water,” “Homeward Bound” and many more.

The story chronicles the amazing journey of the folk-rock duo, Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel – from humble beginnings, to their incredible success as one of the best-selling music acts of the 1960s, to their dramatic split in 1970. It culminates with the famed Concert in Central Park reunion in 1981.

With more than 100 million album sales since 1965, Simon & Garfunkel’s perfect harmonies and songs that poignantly captured the times made them one of the most successful folk-rock duos of all time. Over the years, they won 10 Grammy Awards and were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990. In 2003, Simon and Garfunkel were awarded a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award and the following year saw their song “The Sound of Silence” awarded a Grammy Hall of Fame Award.



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SIMON &
GARFUNKEL
STORY**

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THE DRUMMERS OF JAPAN



“SIMPLY CAPTIVATING!”

-The Evening Post

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$35

For over 27 years, Yamato's acclaimed performances of Japanese Taiko drumming have captivated millions of people across the globe. They've brought their thunderous music, astounding athleticism, and infectious showmanship to 54 countries in over 3,500 performances. Yamato's performance will capture the group's virtuosity, strength, spirit, and sheer endurance. They will leave audiences exhilarated by this visually spectacular, high-energy, and explosive production that celebrates this traditional art form while pushing Japanese culture forward.

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THE RUSH TRIBUTE PROJECT

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$25

Combining skilled musicianship with exciting performances, The Rush Tribute Project (known as RTP to its dedicated fanbase) delivers the magic of Rush's famous live concerts. Covering all 40-plus years of Rush's amazing career, RTP painstakingly recreates the sound and energy that made Rush one of the top-selling rock bands of all time.

Using vintage instruments, multi-camera projections, state-of-the-art lighting, and signature virtuosity, RTP delivers an unparalleled concert experience for the casual fan as well as the most discerning Rush loyalist.

"They do make the hair on your arms stand up...
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LORRIE MORGAN

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$25

One of the most eloquent, emotive country vocalists of modern times, Lorrie Morgan has achieved it all in her legendary country music career: Three Number One Hits, 14 Top Ten Hits, Grammy, CMA and ACM awards, and the youngest inductee to The Grand Ole Opry at age 27!

She'll bring all of her biggest hits to The Grand, including "Five Minutes," "What Part of No," and "I Didn't Know My Own Strength," plus other songs from her four decades as country royalty. Morgan has long been the envy of her peers for her lustrous vocal phrasing and the down-to-earth believability of her torchy performances. Her new album, *Letting Go...Slow*, mixes new songs and reinventions of country classics: Morgan takes a cha-cha retro tempo with the Patsy Cline favorite "Strange"; a slow swampy pace with Bobbie Gentry's Southern-gothic saga "Ode to Billie Joe"; and a jaunty reggae groove on Bob Dylan's "Lay, Lady Lay."

"Where I am in my life right now, I'm not afraid to express what I feel, or what I don't feel," she says. "I'm not afraid to express my views on anything, especially on being a woman."

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The Interactive Beatles Experience

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SO MUCH MORE THAN THAT**

– Largo Patch

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$30

Yesterday and Today: The Interactive Beatles Experience is the nation's most innovative and unique show utilizing the works of the Beatles.

This amazing band, anchored by brothers Billy, Matthew and Ryan McGuigan, perform as themselves and leave the song choices in the hands of the audience! Prior to the show, audience members fill out cards with their name, favorite Beatles song, and the reason they chose that song. Those audience-selected songs make up the set list for the evening, with the band sharing the stories behind each song. Through requests and memories, Yesterday and Today tells the audience's story through The Beatles catalogue.

Every show is different. Every show is interactive. Every show has a personal narrative collectively created by individuals in the audience. And with every show, Yesterday and Today: The Interactive Beatles Experience proves that the music of The Beatles is the soundtrack to our lives.

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A PARODY BY DAN AND JEFF**

TUESDAY, MAY 2

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$39

“Gloriously irreverent.” – Time Out London, Critics’ Choice

Playing to sold out houses all over the world, the Olivier Award nominated Potted Potter – The Unauthorized Harry Experience – A Parody by Dan and Jeff takes on the ultimate challenge of condensing all seven Harry Potter books into seventy hilarious minutes. Even if you don’t know the difference between a horcrux and a Hufflepuff, Potted Potter will make you roar with laughter. Created by two-time Olivier Award-nominated actors Daniel Clarkson and Jefferson Turner, Potted Potter is perfect for ages six to Dumbledore (who is very old indeed).

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AS HE CELEBRATES THE MUSIC OF ALAN MENKEN
FROM ALADDIN TO LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$20

See Broadway's original Aladdin and Grammy-nominated artist Adam Jacobs as he performs from the prolific songbook of the incomparable Alan Menken. Featuring songs from stage and film hits such as *Newsies*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Hercules*, *Aladdin*, this family-friendly show will leave audiences of all ages inspired. "Adam Jacobs and I have shared the most incredible journey," Menken says. "drawn from all kinds of diverse moments in my composing career, brought fully to life by this amazing and talented young man. I hope everyone will find this experience as richly rewarding as I do."

**"GLEAM, HUNKY AND
LOVABLE"**

—New York Times

**"JACOB PACKS
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SEPT 16, 2022 | ROCK/AMERICANA

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OCT 27, 2022 | SOUL/R&B

If you are looking for a show that will give you more inspiration fuel for self lovin' and world changin', meet this Ripon, WI based group.



RON ARTIS II

NOV 9, 2022 | BLUES/SOUL

To say that Ron Artis II plays music from his heart and soul would be a bit of understatement. His music is at once urgent and timeless.



BARBARO

JAN 20, 2023 | BLUEGRASS

Barbaro's musical vision explores their collective life experiences through intricate instrumentation, bending traditional music into a style all their own.



EMPIRE WILD

APR 1, 2023 | CLASSICAL CROSSOVER

Empire Wild has brought their signature mix of original music, inventive covers and twists on the classical canon to audiences across the country.



TAYLOR ASHTON

APR 25, 2023 | FOLK

Alternately accompanying himself on clawhammer banjo and electric guitar, his music takes influence from Joni Mitchell, Randy Newman, and Celtic folk.

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General tickets just \$10 in advance.

Single tickets to each of the 10x10 Series shows will be available to purchase starting July 12, 2022. Please contact The Grand's Ticket Office for more information.



The Performing Arts Foundation is dedicated to serving students and teachers in the region through educational and cultural experiences. The Grand brings curriculum-based matinee performances to students through the Aspirus Health Arts In Education Series, engaging kids in the arts, social studies, language arts, math, science, and more through the magic of live performances.



In addition to the matinees, this series brings the arts directly to students through in-school residency activities and workshops, allowing them to interact with and learn from professional artists.

The Aspirus Health Arts In Education Series also supports the Jerry Awards in North Central Wisconsin, as well as the Central Wisconsin Jerry Ensemble. The Grand is proud to partner with Overture Center for the Arts in Madison to bring this program that encourages and honors excellence in high school musical theatre to our region. Now in its sixth year, the Central Wisconsin Jerry Ensemble furthers this mission by providing in-depth training and performance opportunities for local students in this premier performance group.



As part of our continued commitment to engage the community, the Performing Arts Foundation created the Access For All program. This outreach program enables families and individuals 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.



"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



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2022-23
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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, free cultural events, and online activities, the Bridge Clinic Community Engagement Series not only makes the arts more accessible to North Central Wisconsin, but also connects our community to the performing arts and to each other.

Show Enhancement Activities:

Pre-show lectures, exhibits, and performances immerse patrons even further in the arts.

Engagement Events:

From film screenings to dance lessons to comedy workshops, these free events explore creative ways to engage our community.

Workshops & Residencies:

Bringing main-stage performers into the community, giving students the opportunity to interact with and learn from professional artists.

Online Activities:

Virtual programs and events like Zoom Trivia keep audiences engaged without having to leave home.

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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JENNIFER SMITH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

OUR MISSION

The Performing Arts Foundation ENTERTAINS, EDUCATES, and ENRICHES the community by offering world-class programming, which develops a lifelong appreciation for the arts in its citizens and enhances the quality of life in the region.

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GRAND THEATER 2022-23 CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2022

- 8-10 *Wausau Community Theatre:*
Disney's The Descendants
- 16 *Behavioral Health Clinic 10x10*
Series: Trapper Schoepp
- 22-24 CenterStage Band and Show
Choir
- 29 *Lift Every Voice Series:* Bassel &
The Supernaturals

OCTOBER

- 3 Tom Segura: I'm Coming
Everywhere **(SOLD OUT)**
- 7 The Doo Wop Project
- 11 The OK Factor + Jaerv
- 13 *County Materials Spotlight*
Series: The Ultimate Queen
Celebration Starring Marc
Martel
- 18-19 *TDS Broadway Series:* The
Book of Mormon
- 20 *County Materials Spotlight*
Series: Lonestar
- 22-23 *Wausau Dance Theatre:*
Thriller - 25th Anniversary
- 27 *Behavioral Health Clinic 10x10*
Series: TAE & The Neighborly
- 29 American Ballet Theatre
Studio Company

NOVEMBER

- 3-5 *Wausau Community Theatre:*
Young Frankenstein
- 9 *Behavioral Health Clinic 10x10*
Series: Ron Artis II
- 12 11-11: The Party
- 17 *Aspirus Health Arts In*
Education Series: Click, Clack,
Moo
- 18 *TDS Broadway Series:* Million
Dollar Quartet Christmas
- 22 All Is Calm: The Christmas
Truce of 1914

DECEMBER

- 2-4 *Central Wisconsin School of*
Ballet: Nutcracker
- 6 Christmas with John Berry

- 7 *TDS Broadway Series:* The
Midtown Men: Holiday Hits
- 9-11 *Wausau Community Theatre:*
Christmas Carol
- 13 An Evening with George
Winston
- 14 For Kids from 1-92 featuring
Steve March-Tormé and
Michael Bailey (The Spirit
of Christmas Music, Past &
Present)
- 16 *County Materials Spotlight*
Series: The John Altenburgh
Christmas Extravaganza

JANUARY 2023

- 12 *County Materials Spotlight*
Series: Champions Of Magic
- 16 *TDS Broadway Series:*
Hairspray
- 20 *Behavioral Health Clinic 10x10*
Series: Barbaro

FEBRUARY

- 1 The World of Musicals
- 3 *Aspirus Health Arts In*
Education Series: Pete's Big
Hollywood Adventure
- 15 Jazz at Lincoln Center
presents: Songs We Love
- 17 *Aspirus Health Arts In*
Education Series: The Peking
Acrobats
- 17 The Peking Acrobats
- 24 *County Materials Spotlight*
Series: Classic Albums Live:
Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the
Moon
- 27 *Aspirus Health Arts In*
Education Series: The Magic
School Bus

MARCH

- 3 Ireland with Michael LIVE
- 5 *County Materials Spotlight*
Series: Colin Mochrie &
Brad Sherwood: The Scared
Scriptless Tour

- 9-11 *Wausau Community Theatre:*
Spongebob Squarepants
- 12 *TDS Broadway Series:* Chicago
- 16 Our Planet Live in Concert
- 17 Atlanta Rhythm Section &
Pura Prairie League - 50 Years
Together
- 28 The Simon & Garfunkel Story
- 31 *Aspirus Health Arts In*
Education Series: Yamato: The
Drummers of Japan
- 31 Yamato: The Drummers of
Japan

APRIL

- 1 *Behavioral Health Clinic 10x10*
Series: Empire Wild
- 12 *Lift Every Voice Series:* Gina
Chavez
- 13 *Aspirus Health Arts In*
Education Series: The
Lightning Thief
- 14 The Rush Tribute Project
- 21 *County Materials Spotlight*
Series: Lorrie Morgan
- 25 *Behavioral Health Clinic 10x10*
Series: Taylor Ashton
- 28 Yesterday & Today: The
Interactive Beatles Experience

MAY

- 2 Potted Potter - The
Unauthorized Harry
Experience
- 7 Church Basement Ladies
- Celebrating 50th
Anniversary

JUNE

- 2 *TDS Broadway Series:* Adam
Jacobs: Right Where I Belong
- Songs of Alan Menken
- 22-24 *Wausau Community Theatre:*
Heathers

(shows/dates subject to change)



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