

WELCOME BACK! FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Every year about this time, the number one question I get asked is "what show are you most looking forward to this season?". I often try to be diplomatic and say that I'm excited for all of them. But this season, I'm not just being diplomatic—I, and all of us here at The Grand, could not be more excited for everything this season has to offer! It's been a long 17 months for our incredible historic theater to be dark and we are so looking forward to sharing this season with you, in-person!

We do have something for everyone this year—a huge Broadway series with hits like Beautiful and Fiddler on the Roof, plus the Wisconsin premiere of An Officer and a Gentleman! We've got music legends—Three Dog Night, Wynonna, Home Free, Peter Noone and more! Comedy with Cat and Nat, Charlie Berens and Jim Belushi and the Board of Comedy! Blockbuster shows for the entire family, as Blue Man Group and Riverdance return to Wausau! It's our biggest season in years and we can't wait to enjoy these performances with all of you! Tickets are selling fast, so don't delay in order to see these amazing shows!

As we open this 21/22 Season, our intention is that we will deliver all these performances as scheduled, but we will certainly be adaptable and focused on the well-being of all of you, along with our staff, volunteers, and artists. Our

COVID-19 Ticket Guarantee will provide you unprecedented flexibility with your tickets, so that you can purchase tickets with peace of mind.

As always, we thank you for your incredible support of The Grand and look forward to seeing you at the theater!

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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 GRAND'S GHOST LIGHT FUND

BECAUSE OF YOU, OUR LIGHT STILL SHINES

We are thrilled to announce that thanks to the support and generosity of our donors, we have reached and exceeded our goal set for the Ghost Light Fund! Supporters helped us reach the \$100,000 match grant provided by a generous supporter of The Grand, bringing the Ghost Light Fund total to \$750,000!

We truly could not have made it through this incredibly challenging year without your support. Thank you for your patience, your trust, and your generosity -- because of you, our light continues to shine.







18 different states...
THANK YOU!



1,300 donors to Ghost Light Fund



\$148,000 Spent in facility enhancement to enable a safe return



CAT & NAT: THE REUNION TOUR

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | 7:30 PM

What do you do when a global pandemic rocks the entire world and forces you into lockdown for over a year? Well, if you're Cat & Nat, you plan the most epic Reunion Tour imaginable.

This is not just the girls' night you've needed since 2019... This is the most hilarious and highly entertaining comedy show that any woman or mom will ever experience in their lifetime, hosted by the two most honest, unfiltered, pee-your-pants funny moms on the planet. Cat & Nat are rounding up their entourage (including their male dancers) and hopping on their tour bus to REUNITE with you!

FEATURED SPONSORS:







THE PRICE IS RIGHT LIVE!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | 7:30PM

The Price Is Right Live™ is the hit interactive stage show that gives eligible individuals the chance to hear their names called and "Come On Down" to win. Prizes may include appliances, vacations and possibly a new car! Play classic games just like on television's longest running and most popular game show…from Plinko™ to Cliffhangers™ to The Big Wheel™ and even the fabulous Showcase. If you're a fan of The Price Is Right™ on TV, you'll no doubt love this exciting, live (non-televised), onstage version of the show!

FEATURED SPONSORS:







THREE DOG NIGHT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1 | 7:30PM

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!







FEATURED SPONSOR:





WYNONNA & THE BIG NOISE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7 | 7:30PM

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 GRAND THEATER'S 2021/22 SEASON



THE MUSIC OF BILLY JOEL & ELTON JOHN STARRING MICHAEL CAVANAUGH

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14 | 7:30PM

Named "the new voice of the American Rock & Roll Songbook" by Billboard, Michael Cavanaugh brings a night of hits to The Grand. Tony and Grammynominated 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!"















WAITRESS

OCTOBER 20 & 21 | 7:30PM | LIMITED TICKETS

The Broadway smash hit WAITRESS comes to The Grand for two nights!

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.















HOME FREE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28 | 7:30PM | SOLD OUT

Home Free's rich, Southern harmonies from their four vocalists Tim Foust, Rob Lundquist, Austin Brown, Adam Chance, and beatboxer Adam Rupp are coming to town this Spring!

With praise rolling in from the likes of Rolling Stone, Country Living, Perez Hilton, FOX & Friends, and AXS. com, these extraordinary showmen electrify crowds with a one-of-a-kind live show, mixing Nashville standards, soaring originals, and quick witted-humor that brings audiences to their feet with energy and laughter.



ABBA MANIA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30 | 7:30PM

The world's number one touring ABBA tribute concert comes to The Grand! ABBA Mania has been selling out theaters and concert halls internationally for the past decade. The show has toured the world in its quest to bring the music of the Swedish 'supergroup' to their millions of fans, old and new!

If you're looking for an excuse to celebrate, reminisce, or simply be entertained by the music that continues to fill dance floors worldwide, don't miss ABBA Mania at The Grand!









CHARLIE BERENS: THE MIDWEST SURVIVAL GUIDE TOUR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19 | 7:30PM | SOLD OUT

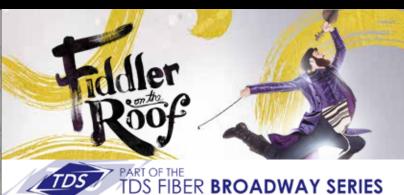
Comedian, host, actor and Emmy-winning journalist Charlie Berens is a dynamic talent in the comedy world. Born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Berens has always had a love for satire. Berens is the creator and star of the Manitowoc Minute. In six months he transformed the viral video series into an hour-long variety show selling out venues, sometimes within minutes. Charlie's career extends beyond the Manitowoc Minute. From creating content for Funny or Die, TBS Digital and Fox Sports 1, to hosting shows for Fox, CBS Sports Network and Variety, Berens' skill set proves invaluable in a rapidly changing media landscape.

PRESENTING SPONSOR:









FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 | 7:30 PM

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!

FEATURED SPONSORS:







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!

FEATURED SPONSOR:





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!











JIM BELUSHI & THE BOARD OF COMEDY FRIDAY, JANUARY 14 | 7:30PM

A Wausau favorite, Jim Belushi returns to The Grand Theater for a hilarious night of improvisational comedy!



CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE: AC/DC'S BACK IN BLACK FRIDAY, JANUARY 28 | 7:30PM

One of the most influential and best-selling hard rock albums in music history, AC/DC's Back in Black, is brought to life on the stage.



AN OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26 | 7:30PM

This breathtaking production celebrates triumph over adversity and includes one of the most romantic endings ever portrayed on screen.



CELTIC ANGELS IRELAND

SATURDAY, MARCH 19 | 7:30PM

It's a joyful celebration of traditional musicianship, rigorous dance, and the stirring songs of Ireland.



THE FOUR PHANTOMS

THURSDAY, APRIL 7 | 7:30PM

The Four Phantoms brings together four former Phantoms from the Tony Award-winning *The Phantom of the Opera* for an unforgettable night of entertainment.



THE MAGIC OF BILL BLAGG LIVE!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21 | 7:30PM

Blagg's mind-blowing magical talents and his trademark off-the-cuff personality take you on a magical journey you'll never forget!



RUSSIAN NATIONAL BALLET: SWAN LAKE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 | 7:30PM

Dazzling dancers will enchant audiences of all ages with this beloved fairy tale.



YAMATO: THE DRUMMERS OF JAPAN

THURSDAY, MARCH 3 | 7:30PM

This high energy show has captivating millions around the world with thunderous music and infectious showmanship.



THE TEN TENORS: LOVE IS IN THE AIR

THURSDAY, MARCH 24 | 7:30PM

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.



RED HOT CHILLI PIPERS

SATURDAY, APRIL 9 | 7:30PM

Equal parts traditional Scottish folk tunes and legendary rock hits, Red Hot Chilli Pipers deliver a concert experience unlike any other!



THE WORLD OF MUSICALS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26 | 7:30PM

This captivating production is a journey through the great world of musicals that will leave audiences spellbound.



THE SECRET SISTERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24 | 7:30PM

The haunting, ethereal folk sound of this Grammy-nominated duo is coming to The Grand for the first time!



BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL

MONDAY, MARCH 14 | 7:30PM

This Broadway musical tells the inspiring, true story of Carole King's remarkable rise to stardom.



RAIN: A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES

FRIDAY, MARCH 25 | 7:30PM

This live multi-media spectacular takes you on a musical journey through the life and times of the world's most celebrated band.



PORTLAND CELLO PROJECT: PURPLE REIGN

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 | 7:30PM

The nation's premier alt-classical ensemble turns The Grand purple, blending their skilled virtuosity with the artistic power of Prince!

TICKETS AVAILABLE

IN PERSON

The Grand Theater 401 N Fourth Street Wausau, WI 54403

PHONE Ticket Office

Ticket Office 715-842-0988 888-239-0421

ONLINE

www.grandtheater.org



THE BRITISH INVASION

FRIDAY, APRIL 22 | 7:30PM

Featuring the music of The Rolling Stones, Dave Clark 5, The Animals, Hollies, Manfred Mann, Dusty Springfield, The Kinks, and dozens more, this is a performance you'll never forget.



RIVERDANCE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 | 7:30PM THURSDAY, MAY 26 | 7:30PM

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



BLUE MAN GROUP

THURSDAY, APRIL 28 | 7:30PM FRIDAY, APRIL 29 | 7:30PM

The Grand welcomes global sensation Blue Man Group back to Wausau with a brand-new show!



RUMOURS: A FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE

SATURDAY, JUNE 11 | 7:30PM

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.



ANASTASIA

TUESDAY, MAY 10 | 7:30PM WEDNESDAY, MAY 11 | 7:30PM

Inspired by the beloved films, ANASTASIA transports us from the Russian Empire to Paris in the 1920s, as a brave young woman sets out to discover the mystery of her past.

Follow us online for giveaways, announcements, and more!







THE GRAND'S TICKET GUARANTEE

If once our venue is open and performances are again filling our calendar, you feel that COVID-19 conditions make it unsafe for you to attend a performance/event, please contact our Ticket Office at 715-842-0988 no later than 48 hours prior to the performance in question to discuss your options.

You may select any of the following options beginning 30 days before your ticketed performance and up to 48 hours before the performance:

- Exchange for another event.
- Donate the value to the Performing Arts Foundation.
 As a non-profit arts organization, The Performing Arts Foundation relies on donations and grants, now more than ever, to continue our mission to strengthen the arts through community engagement, educational opportunities, and world-class performances.
- Receive a gift certificate for your total order amount, including service fees.
- · Receive a refund.

Our COVID-19 Ticket Guarantee applies to performances/events presented by The Grand Theater/Performing Arts Foundation. Some events presented by promoters renting The Grand may not be covered or might have additional restrictions. The guarantee is available to the original ticket buyer who purchased directly from The Grand Theater. Tickets purchased from resellers are not covered.

Behavioral Health Clinic

Discover new artists in an intimate setting on the stage of the historic Grand Theater! These exciting shows are already on our calendar, with more to be announced. General admission tickets are available for just \$10 in advance.

Tickets are limited; contact The Grand's Ticket Office at 715-842-0988 or www.grandtheater.org for more information.





SHAYNA STEELE

AUGUST 17

Not only does Shayna Steele have a charismatic, charming, and truly unique voice, but also impressive technique and a powerful sound you won't soon forget.



TUBA SKINNY

SEPTEMBER 16 | SOLD OUT

Drawing on a wide range of influences, their unique sound evokes the rich musical heritage of their New Orleans home.



ROYAL WOOD OCTOBER 2

Experience this Canadian singer's emotional lyrics, beautiful melodies, and soulful vocals.



BAD BAD HATS NOVEMBER 18

This Minneapolis-based rock group combines nineties-rock influences with a lighthearted feel



While the theater was dark last season, The Grand was certainly not closed.

We continued to live our mission of entertaining, educating, and enriching the community by offering world class programming... online! Last year, The Grand offered over 80 virtual programs that were viewed by patrons in over 25 states!

From world-renowned artists, to local musicians, to student performers, The Grand presented virtual programs that provided hope, creativity, and inspiration. The Grand's Virtual Stage Series brought free world-class performances into audiences' homes each week, The Broadway Cast Reunion Series provided theatre-lovers with exclusive access to behind-the-scenes stories, Broadway Watch Parties brought people together to enjoy musicals from home, the Streaming For All Series provided performances as well as interactive arts opportunities, Virtual Trivia Events provided a fun way for patrons to connect and compete online, and The Grand On Tour Series brought safe, outdoor live music performances back to Wausau last summer. Several of these programs will continue even as we move back toward our traditional programming of in-person shows, and several more are still available online whenever you want to view them!

THE CENTRAL WISCONSIN JERRY ENSEMBLE PRESENTS "THE BEST OF BROADWAY"

In this virtual performance series, filmed live on the stage of the historic Grand Theater, members of the Central Wisconsin Jerry Ensemble walk audiences through America's rich musical theater history. All five episodes in the series, "The Jazz Age," "The Golden Age," "Broadway Firsts," "Broadway's Heavy Hitters," and "11 O'Clock Numbers" are available in full at https://bit.ly/JerryEnsemblePlaylist

QUARAN-TUNES

Quaran-Tunes is a virtual concert series that premiered in Spring of 2020 to help support emerging artists while supporting the COVID-19 Community Response Fund. Online performances from Nick Anderson, Ilan Blanck, Brady Luke, Sammy & Molly Miller, Halie Loren, David McMillin of Fort Frances, Kirstie Kraus, Lost Lakes, and The OK Factor are available on The Grand's Facebook page.

SOCIAL DISTANCE SPOTLIGHTS

This video series was dedicated to providing online performance opportunities for talented students and local performers who had their Spring 2020 performances cancelled. These performances are available at https://bit.ly/SocialDistanceSpotlight

THE NEW NORMAL FESTIVAL

"The New Normal" was a two-night online festival that allowed artists to share new works and engage with audiences. The event served as a community-based celebration of creativity in "uncertain, unprecedented" times as well as a chance to re-frame the idea of a "new normal;" not as something scary and uncertain, but as a chance to push ourselves outside our comfort zones and celebrate the "new" instead of fearing it. The full festival can be viewed at https://bit.ly/GrandNewNormal

HADLEY FAMILY TRUST PRESENTS STREAMING FOR ALL

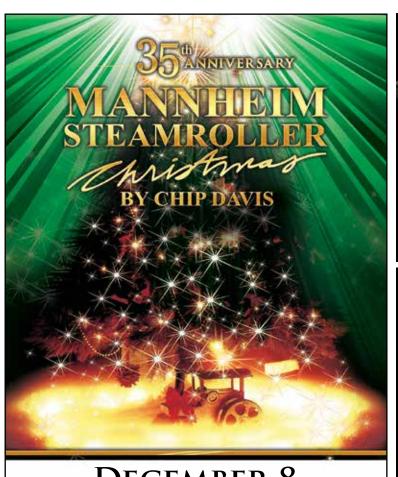
We were proud to feature many amazing performances with this series, including J. Robert Spencer's "7,000 Miles to Broadway!" This exclusive performance from Broadway star and Midtown Men performer J. Robert Spencer covered everything from Spencer's childhood musical influences to his time on Broadway in Jersey Boys and Next to Normal. He even took the time to answer audience questions! The performance and Q&A is available here https://bit.ly/Grand7000Miles









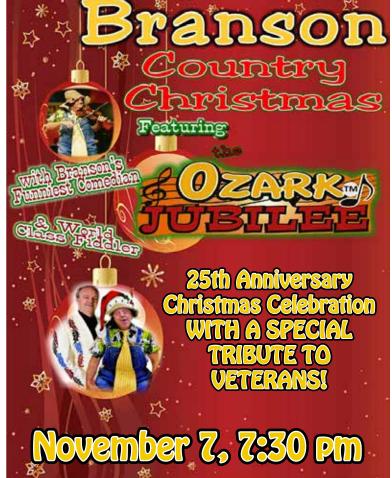














As part of our continued commitment to engage the community, the Performing Arts Foundation created the Access For All program. This outreach program engages families and individuals, enabling them to experience the performing arts at The Grand regardless of economic status. By partnering with community 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.





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 **ARTS IN EDUCATION SFRIFS**

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.







OTLIGHT



THREE DOG NIGHT

THE JOHN ALTENBURGH **CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA**

THE MAGIC OF BILL BLAGG LIVE!



CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE: THE TEN TENORS: AC/DC'S BACK IN BLACK LOVE IS IN THE AIR



PORTLAND CELLO PROJECT: PURPLE REIGN

"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 wellbeing 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.

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11/11: THE PARTY RETURNS ON NOVEMBER 13! **DON'T MISS THE BEST PARTY IN WAUSAU!**

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