



GRAND  
THEATER  
WAUSAU

WINTER/SPRING  
2022  
NEWSLETTER

*Love Lift Us Up*

AN OFFICER AND A  
GENTLEMAN  
*The Musical*



The **TEN** Tenors

**Beautiful**  
The Carole King Musical





# FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEAN WRIGHT



When I came to Wausau seven years ago, I seemingly was asked two things all the time:

1. "You moved to Wisconsin from Alabama in the dead of winter, is there something wrong with you?"
2. "When are we going to get more Broadway in Wausau?"

While the answer to the first question remains up for debate, I am thrilled about the amazing Broadway coming to The Grand this season! We've got the Wisconsin premiere of *An Officer and a Gentleman*, based on the iconic (and Oscar-winning!) 80s movie in February, while March brings a Tony and Grammy-Award winning musical we've wanted to bring you for years, *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*.

That's just the beginning of a full list of shows that sparkled on The Great White Way and come to Wausau in the coming months, with *Blue Man Group*, *Riverdance*, and *Anastasia* all still to come! And if Broadway isn't your cup of tea, we've got something for everyone: comedy (*Whose Live Anyway*), classic rock (*RAIN: A Tribute to the Beatles*), bluegrass (*The High Hawks*), and Irish (*Celtic Angles Ireland*). Plus, much, much more!

Thanks again for your support of The Grand and we can't wait to see you at a show soon!

*Sean Wright*

## AN OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26 | 7:30PM



PHOTOS BY MATTHEW MURPHY



## AN OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN *The Musical*

*A timeless story  
about love and valor,  
set to iconic songs  
of the '80s.*

Based on the Oscar-winning film starring Richard Gere and Debra Winger, this breathtaking production celebrates triumph over adversity and includes one of the most iconic 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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BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL | MONDAY, MARCH 14 | 7:30PM



## Beautiful The Carole King Musical

*“A joyous  
celebration!”*

– Entertainment Weekly

This is not a one-woman show! This Tony and Grammy Award winning musical features a full cast and orchestra to tell the 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. You'll hear a string of timeless hits songs, including “Some Kind of Wonderful,” “One Fine Day,” “You’ve Got a Friend,” “I Feel the Earth Move,” and of course, “Beautiful.”

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# COMING NEXT IN THE GRAND'S 2021/22 SEASON



## THE HIGH HAWKS

SATURDAY, MARCH 5 | 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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## 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! 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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## 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. 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, delivering a note-for-note theatrical event that is the next best thing to the Beatles themselves!

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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 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 on stage! WHOSE LIVE ANYWAY? showcases some of the improv games made famous on the long-running TV show as well as some exciting new ones.

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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.

FEATURED SPONSORS:



## THE RED HOT CHILLI PIPERS

SATURDAY, APRIL 9 | 7:30PM

Bagpipes with attitude. Drums with a Scottish accent. And a blazing hot rock band. 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. You've never heard "We Will Rock You" or "Smoke on the Water" quite like this! With both traditional Scottish folk tunes and legendary rock hits, Red Hot Chilli Pipers deliver a concert unlike any other!

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## PORTLAND CELLO PROJECT: PURPLE REIGN

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 | 7:30PM

The nation's premiere alt-classical ensemble blends 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 music that influenced or was influenced by The Purple One. Their wildly innovative arrangements have made Portland Cello Project a perennial favorite all over the world. Don't miss this incredible experience as PCP performs classic Prince tributes without missing a beat!

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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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## THE RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS

SUNDAY, MAY 8 | 7:30PM

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 over four decades. After Bobby's death in 2003, fans and friends pleaded with Bill to keep The Righteous Brothers alive. "No one could ever take Bobby's place, but when I caught Bucky Heard's show it all came together – I found the right guy to help me recreate the magic."

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## BLUE MAN GROUP

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

*Still blue.  
The rest is  
all new.*

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, this joyful experience unites audiences of all ages.

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ANASTASIA | TUESDAY, MAY 10 &amp; WEDNESDAY, MAY 11 | 7:30PM

# ANASTASIA

THE NEW BROADWAY MUSICAL

*“One of the most  
gorgeous shows  
in years!”*

– New York Observer

This spectacular new musical is inspired by the beloved films and popular folk legend of a czar's daughter who might have escaped the deadly Russian revolution. 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.

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



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



*“Magical, moving and  
utterly memorable”*

– The Arts Review

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 reimaged 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 all over again with the magic of Riverdance, as you’ve never seen it before!

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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.

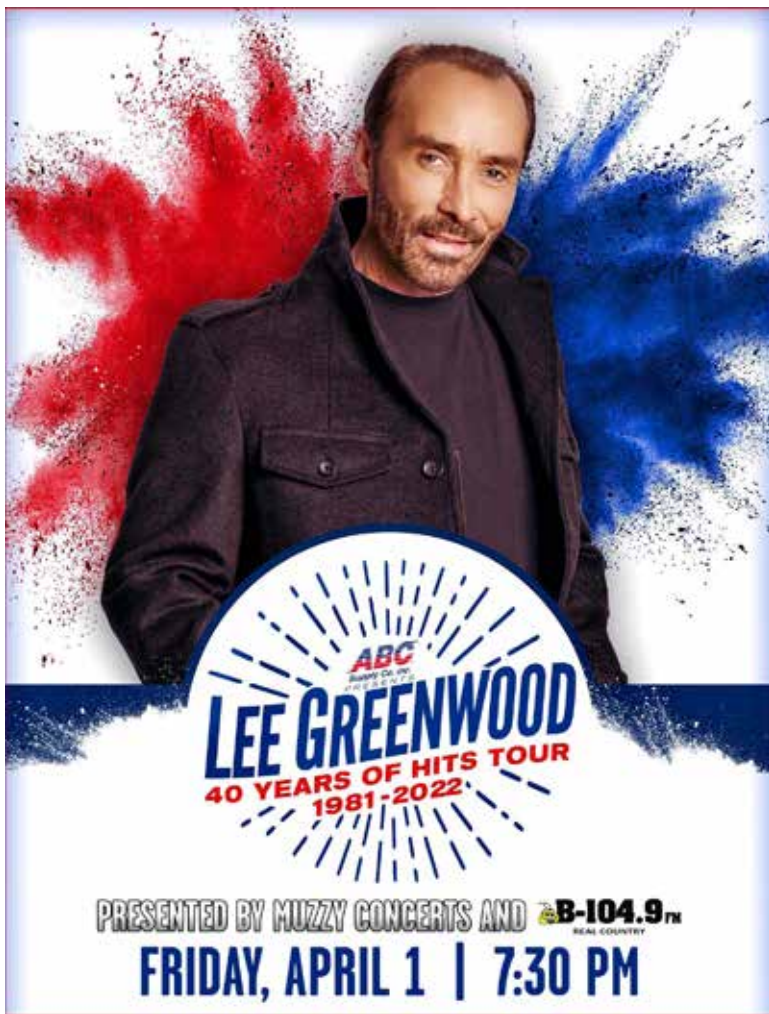
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## JIM BELUSHI & THE BOARD OF COMEDY



### NEW DATE!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13 | 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!

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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 season at The Grand, students in grades Pre-K through 8 will meet classic characters as well as their current favorites, featuring performances such as *The Stinky Cheese Man*, *Pout Pout Fish*, *School House Rock Live*, and more!




## BridgeCommunity HEALTH CLINIC COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SERIES 2021-2022

**"We're proud to be the Community Engagement Series sponsor. Access is at the heart of our work, whether for health, wellness, or community connectedness."**

JENNIFER SMITH, BRIDGE COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**The Grand Theater's mission to ENTERTAIN, EDUCATE, and ENRICH North Central Wisconsin 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 connects our community to the performing arts and to each other.

**Engagement Events:** Film screenings, free dance lessons, comedy workshops, karaoke, InstaChoir and more!

**Workshops & Residencies:** Bringing main-stage performers into schools, giving students the opportunity to interact with and learn from professional artists.

**Online:** Virtual events like Zoom Trivia keep audiences engaged without having to leave home.

**Show Enhancements:** Pre-show lectures, exhibits and performances immerse patrons further in the arts.

**Don't miss out our next karaoke night, fitness class, or pop-up exhibit!**

Visit [grandtheater.org/programs/](http://grandtheater.org/programs/) and like us on Facebook to be the first to know when new events are announced!



## 2021/22 SPOTLIGHT SERIES



**THREE DOG NIGHT**      **THE JOHN ALTENBURGH CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA**      **THE MAGIC OF BILL BLAGG LIVE!**

**CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE: AC/DC'S BACK IN BLACK**      **THE TEN TENORS: 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 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.**



# GRAND THEATER CALENDAR

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

## FEBRUARY

- 18 Behavioral Health Clinic 10x10 Series:  
Tedious & Brief
- 26 TDS Fiber Broadway Series: An Officer  
and A Gentleman

## MARCH

- 4 Behavioral Health Clinic 10x10 Series:  
Adrian + Meredith
- 5 The High Hawks
- 10-12 Wausau Community Theatre: *Cinderella*
- 13 Behavioral Health Clinic 10x10 Series:  
Huntertones
- 14 TDS Fiber Broadway Series: Beautiful:  
The Carole King Musical
- 18 Vic Ferrari: Symphony on the Rocks
- 19 Celtic Angels Ireland
- 24 County Materials Spotlight Series:  
The TEN Tenors: Love is in the Air
- 25 RAIN: A Tribute to The Beatles

## APRIL

- 1 Lee Greenwood
- 5 Whose Live Anyway?
- 7 The Four Phantoms
- 9 Red Hot Chili Pipers
- 13 Jim Belushi and the Board of Comedy
- 19 An Evening with Michael J. Fox:  
"No Time Like the Future"
- 20 County Materials Spotlight Series:  
Portland Cello Project: Purple Reign
- 22 The British Invasion
- 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



Discover new, exciting artists in an intimate, cabaret-style setting on the stage of the historic Grand Theater! General admission tickets are just \$10 in advance. Season table reservations are also available, but tend to sell out fast. Contact The Grand's Ticket Office at 715-842-0988 or [www.grandtheater.org](http://www.grandtheater.org) for more information.

Four shows (one TBA) remain in the current 2021-2022 season, with only a few tickets available:



### TEDIOUS & BRIEF

**FEBRUARY 18**  
Chicago-based alt indie artist whose airy synth and smooth vocals create nostalgic anthems.



### ADRIAN+MEREDITH

**MARCH 4**  
Their brand of Americana has the spirit of punk, the twang of folk, the flavor of polka, and the bounce of swing.



### HUNTERTONES

**MARCH 13**  
Fun, imaginative, horn-driven sound features genre bending compositions.

**WATCH FOR OUR ANNOUNCEMENT IN SPRING ABOUT  
SEASON TABLE RESERVATIONS AND THE EXCITING  
10X10 SHOWS COMING IN FALL 2022!**

The entire season at The Grand is supported, in part, by the Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the State of Wisconsin and the National Endowment for the Arts. These performances are also supported, in part, 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.



# BUY TICKETS

## IN PERSON

Ticket Office  
401 N Fourth Street  
Wausau, WI 54403

**HOURS: Mon-Fri 9:00 am-5:30 pm, Sat 9:00 am-noon**

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## ONLINE

[www.grandtheater.org](http://www.grandtheater.org)





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# Riverdance

## 25

ANNIVERSARY SHOW



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