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## Press Release

### The Grand Theater announces Community Engagement events for fall 2022

WAUSAU, WI – August 22, 2022 – The Grand Theater announces the return of its Bridge Clinic Community Engagement Series, highlighting four free community arts events to take place this fall.

The Bridge Clinic Community Engagement Series pushes the performing arts from the stage out into the community, helping to fulfill The Grand's mission to "Entertain, Educate, and Enrich." Free public events like dance classes, film screenings, pop-up exhibits, lectures, and more create opportunities for audiences to connect with performances in new and exciting ways.

"Building connections and providing opportunities for all to access the arts is central to our mission," said Sean Wright, Executive Director of The Grand Theater. "We are so excited to kick off another great season of the Bridge Clinic Community Engagement Series."

This fall, the series will feature swing dancing, a ballet-inspired fitness class, a chance to watch Broadway crews transform the stage of The Grand, and the ever-popular Broadway Karaoke!

Community members can help The Grand celebrate the kickoff of the 2022-23 Season with a free swing dancing class on Tuesday, September 20. Ballroom dance instructors Julia Barrington and Todd Teeples will provide an hour of swing dance instruction starting at 7:00 pm in The Grand Theater's Great Hall. Participants will then be able to practice their new skills to the vintage-pop music of the Doo Wop Project (who perform at The Grand on October 7) and more! No registration necessary, just show up at 7:00 pm!

On Wednesday, October 12, guests can get moving like a ballerina with a free barre fitness class on the stage of The Grand. This 45-minute class by instructors from Belle Force Barre Studio will fuse movements from ballet, yoga, and pilates for a unique workout. Space is limited; registration required. Sign up starting September 30 at [www.grandtheater.org](http://www.grandtheater.org) or through Facebook.

Everyone can join in the excitement of a Broadway load-in day with Broadway & Bagels on Tuesday, October 18. Community members are invited to stop by The Grand anytime between 8:00 and 11:00 am to have a cup of coffee and a bagel and watch the crews of *The Book of Mormon* and IATSE Local 470 set up the sights and sounds of the show! No registration necessary, just show up!

Thursday, November 10 will bring the return of a Bridge Clinic Community Engagement Series favorite, Broadway Karaoke! Join staff from The Grand at Whitewater Music Hall 7:00-9:00 pm for a laidback karaoke party in the taproom, featuring all your favorite showtunes. No registration necessary, just show up!

"These events are such a powerful way to come together and celebrate the arts," said Katy Lang, Director of Development & Community Engagement at The Grand. "It is so exciting to see members of our community making personal connections with the performances we bring to the stage."

Additional Bridge Community Health Clinic events will be announced throughout the year. Follow The Grand on Facebook and subscribe to the email list for updates on new events. More information, including how to register for events, is available at [www.grandtheater.org/programs/community-engagement](http://www.grandtheater.org/programs/community-engagement).

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