



# THE GRAND THEATER 2023/24 SEASON





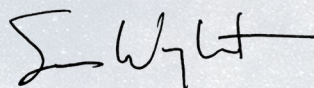
# From Broadway to Mr. Blue Sky, it's an irresistible new season

Spring has finally arrived in Central Wisconsin—even if it didn't seem like it ever would—and that means it's time to unveil another exciting season here at The Grand! The past season was certainly a memorable one, with 25 sellouts, recognition again as one of Pollstar's Top Theaters in the world, and performances from incredible artists on our historic stage!

Our 2023/24 season will inspire even more excitement, bringing over 30 world-class performances to the stage in our biggest season in over a decade! We're thrilled to welcome one of our best Broadway seasons yet, with the Wausau debuts of *Mean Girls* and *Come From Away*, plus the Wisconsin premiere of *The Cher Show*, as well as the return of iconic shows STOMP and *My Fair Lady*!

Beyond Broadway, there's certainly something for everyone: iconic musicians Air Supply and The Guess Who, comedy from Brian Regan and #IMOMSOHARD, four holiday shows featuring artists from around the globe and right here at home, great family shows, the return of some familiar favorites, and much more!

We're so grateful for the support of our donors, sponsors, volunteers, and of course all of you! It's your support that allows The Grand to thrive. We hope you enjoy the upcoming season and look forward to seeing you at The Grand!



Sean Wright, Executive Director

## JUNE 6

### Season subscription orders begin

through the Ticket Office, and online starting June 7. Advance priority seating assigned by best available and/or your preference. Refer to the center tear-out section of this brochure for details.

## JULY 3

### Select-your-seats subscription orders begin

Season packages purchased through our website or Ticket Office include the option to select your own seats (as available) at this time.

## JULY 11

### Single shows on sale to the general public

online, by phone, and in person. This is our biggest ticketing day of the year. It's typical to see limited seats remaining for the most popular shows by the end of this week!

# Why subscribe?

## Subscriptions begin with just FOUR or more shows!

Savings up to 15%. Preferred priority seating. Pre-sale access to most add-on shows and outside promoter events. And more!





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# TDS BROADWAY SERIES

2023/2024

"HILARIOUS, SPLASHY  
AND UNMISTAKABLY BY TINA FEY!"  
—NBC.com

## MEAN GIRLS

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NOVEMBER 19 & 20

Featuring a book by Tina Fey, **MEAN GIRLS** tells the story of a naïve newbie who falls prey to a trio of lionized frenemies. Entertainment Weekly calls it "dazzling and hilarious!"

### A MERRY ROCKIN' CHRISTMAS STARRING MICHAEL CAVANAUGH DECEMBER 12

This stellar performer and Broadway star combines modern Christmas songs like "Last Christmas" and "Wonderful Christmastime" with classic holiday hits to create a fun, rockin' musical show for the yuletide season.

### STOMP

JANUARY 9

**STOMP** is explosive, provocative, utterly unique and appeals to audiences of all ages. The return of the percussive hit brings some new surprises! **STOMP**. See what all the noise is about.

### COME FROM AWAY

FEBRUARY 7 & 8

This uplifting and inspiring musical takes you into the heart of the remarkable true story of the small town in Newfoundland that opened their homes to 7,000 stranded travelers on 9/11.

### MY FAIR LADY

MARCH 5 & 6

Boasting such classic songs as "I Could Have Danced All Night," "The Rain in Spain," and "Wouldn't It Be Lovely," **MY FAIR LADY** is "thrilling, glorious and better than it ever was" (*New York Times*).

### THE CHER SHOW

APRIL 13

Thirty five smash hits, six decades of stardom, two rock-star husbands, and more, all in one unabashedly fabulous new musical that will have audiences dancing in their seats!



COME  
FROM  
AWAY

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## THE HIT MEN: THE ULTIMATE ROCK CONCERT

**October 6**

Relive rock's greatest hits with The Hit Men, five fantastic musicians who have shared the stage with everyone from Foreigner to Billy Joel.

## JOHNNY CASH - THE OFFICIAL CONCERT EXPERIENCE

**November 7**

This multimedia celebration is like nothing you've seen before. Combining archival concert footage of the Man in Black with a live band!

## MJ LIVE

**January 25**

Witness the awesome sound of the #1 Michael Jackson tribute concert in the world, featuring all of his biggest hits!

## THE BARRICADE BOYS

**February 17**

Four dazzling performers take you on a musical journey like no other, with a mix of the greatest Broadway, pop, rock, swing, and Motown hits.

## CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE: FLEETWOOD MAC'S RUMOURS

**March 22**

Wausau favorites Classic Albums Live recreates one of the highest-selling albums of all time, note for note, cut for cut.

## ONE VISION OF QUEEN FEATURING MARC MARTEL

**April 5**

Marc Martel returns to The Grand for a show that rocks you from start to finish with all the songs that Queen made famous.

## THE TEXAS TENORS

**May 16**

Audiences of all ages will delight at The Texas Tenors and their unique blend of country, pop, classical, and Broadway.





# Kocourek



## Kids FAMILY SERIES

The Kocourek Kids Family Series presents five family-friendly shows with discounted kids tickets available so that patrons of all ages and all families can enjoy the arts!

### 2023/2024 SEASON



#### WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR

OCTOBER 24

Celebrate Disney with a jazzy night of songs from *Snow White* to *Toy Story*.



#### VIENNA BOYS CHOIR

NOVEMBER 18

Experience Christmas in Vienna with an extraordinary evening of holiday favorites and classical masterpieces.



#### CIRQUE MECHANICS: ZEPHYR

MARCH 10

This jaw-dropping show combines circus acrobatics with mechanical wonders and a bit of clowning around.



#### ILUMINATE

APRIL 7

Be transported to another world, where the sounds move you and the sights are unlike anything you've seen before.



#### B2WINS

APRIL 23

Fun-loving twin brothers bring one-of-a-kind renditions of everything from Sinatra to Dua Lipa in a feel-good show.



# THE GRAND THEATER'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SERIES



**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, our 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](http://grandtheater.org/programs) for a list of announced Community Engagement Series events.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to be the first to know when new events are announced!





# Leonid & Friends

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$35

You'll be blown away by the authentic sound of this Chicago tribute band. With multiple sold-out U.S. tours under its belt and hundreds of thousands of online fans around the world, Leonid & Friends astound live audiences with their uncanny ability to capture the spirit, musicality, and fire of American supergroup Chicago.

Comprised of the finest musicians in Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, and Belarus, Leonid & Friends replicate the band's complex arrangements note for note. It started in 2014, when Leonid Vorobyev gathered some fellow musicians in Moscow to record a video of them playing his favorite Chicago tune, "Brand New Love Affair." The YouTube video quickly went viral around the globe. In 2019, the band embarked on its first tour outside of Russia that had fans dancing in the aisles at sold-out shows across the U.S. More tours followed, including sensational performances at Summerfest in Milwaukee.

Along with the fantastic songs by Chicago, you'll hear hits from Earth, Wind and Fire, Steely Dan, and more. Come see an incredible concert by a true global sensation!



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# BRIAN REGAN



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4**

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$45

Critics, fans and fellow comedians agree: Brian Regan is one of the most respected comedians in the country. Having built his 30-plus year career on the strength of his material alone, Brian's non-stop theater tour continuously fills beautiful venues across North America, visiting close to 100 cities each year. A TV and film actor as well as stand-up comedian, Regan stars in three Netflix comedy specials, including his own series *Stand Up and Away! With Brian Regan*, produced with Jerry Seinfeld, that combines sketch comedy and stand-up. In 2015, he made history with the first live broadcast of a stand-up special in Comedy Central's history. Regan has distinguished himself as one of the premier comedians in the country with the perfect balance of sophisticated writing and physicality that fills theaters nationwide with fervent fans of all generations.

**YOUR FAVORITE COMEDIAN'S  
FAVORITE  
COMEDIAN**

-Entertainment Weekly

**THE FUNNIEST  
STAND-UP ALIVE**

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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6**

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$28

Relive rock's greatest hits with The Hit Men: The Ultimate Rock Concert! These five fantastic musicians have shared the stage with legendary artists, including members of Foreigner, Cheap Trick, Wings, Alan Parsons, Billy Joel, Sting, Elton John, Journey, The Who and Cream. In this Ultimate Rock Concert, The Hit Men celebrate their associations with these mega-stars, share their first-hand experiences as eyewitnesses to rock history, and perform classic hits you know and love: "Layla," "Don't Stop Believin'," "I Want To Know What Love Is," "Feels Like The First Time," "Eye in the Sky" and many more... just the way you remember them!

In 2019, members of The Hit Men were recognized by the Musicians Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville with the organization's first-ever "Road Warriors Award," given to honor "their years of dedication to the music and the countless miles they have traveled in delivering so many hits throughout the world." With backstage stories, multimedia, and chart-topping classic hits from so many rock legends, a performance by The Hit Men is like seeing ten rock stars for the price of one! Come hear the soundtrack of your life.



**CLASSIC ROCK SUPERGROUP**

**THE HIT MEN**

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**ULTIMATE  
ROCK CONCERT**

# MANIA

## THE ABBA TRIBUTE



**“Close your eyes and it could have been ABBA”**

★★★ Sky News ★★★

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13**

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$35

Take a chance on Mania... and you won't be disappointed! The world's number one touring ABBA tribute returns to The Grand for another stellar concert party. Featuring an extraordinary cast of musicians and performers, Mania: The ABBA Tribute delivers an authentic, unforgettable tribute to the legendary Swedish band. Stunning visuals, energetic choreography, and impeccable musicianship combine to recreate the magic of ABBA's music in all its glory. From “Dancing Queen” to “Waterloo,” “Mamma Mia” to “Take a Chance on Me,” the band performs all of ABBA's greatest hits with passion and precision, transporting audiences back to the joyful disco era of the 1970s. Mania has toured in over 35 countries to sellout crowds, and their electrifying performances bring back fans every year! If you're looking for an excuse to party, reminisce, or simply be entertained by the best music ever, reserve your seat now!

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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20**

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$75

Russell Hitchcock's soaring tenor voice and Graham Russell's simple yet majestic songs created a unique sound that would forever be known as Air Supply. Their 1983 hit "Making Love Out Of Nothing At All" solidified the group as a permanent force in modern music. Other romantic anthems like "Lost in Love," "All Out of Love," "The One That You Love" and "Sweet Dreams" were played endlessly on radio in the 1980s and beyond. However, it is their live shows that continue to hold audiences captive around the world. You will fall in love all over again hearing them perform their iconic songs live on stage at The Grand.



# When You Wish Upon a Star

A Jazz Tribute to  
**100 YEARS**  
of Disney

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24**

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$32

Join us for an unforgettable evening to celebrate 100 years of Disney through the lens of jazz. From *Snow White*, *Lady and the Tramp*, and *Mary Poppins* to *Toy Story* and *The Jungle Book*, popular songs from these famous films have been interpreted and recorded by Louis Armstrong, Miles Davis, Dave Brubeck, Dianne Reeves and many more. "Someday My Prince Will Come," "He's a Tramp," "Everybody Wants to be a Cat" and "The Bare Necessities" are just a few of the iconic songs performed in this look back on the impact of jazz on 100 years of Disney magic! When You Wish Upon a Star is performed by the newly created house band of The National Jazz Museum in Harlem. This Smithsonian-affiliated museum preserves and promotes jazz by inspiring knowledge and appreciation. Music director and pianist Sean Mason leads the five-piece band, which, along with two wonderful singers and storytellers, bring these famous songs to life.

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# #IMOMSOHARD LADIES NIGHT!!

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

**7:00 PM | STARTING AT \$42**

Two Moms. Four kids. Two husbands. Six dogs. Minimally, two glasses of wine. Lots of laughs. #IMOMSOHARD began as a popular web-series by real-life best friends, comedians, and moms Kristin and Jen, who decided to speak on camera openly about their fears and failures and prove that the only way to survive motherhood is through laughter and friendship. Their smash-hit videos sparked an online community of 2 million of the most engaged followers social media has ever seen. Kristin and Jen riff on all things woman and mother, from hemorrhoids and nipple hair, to sex after marriage and mom bods. The phenomenon they created has resulted in a TV show, Amazon Prime Video special, children's book series, and sold-out national concert tours. Join Kristin and Jen for an evening to laugh along with everyone who knows what it means to mom so hard!

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*Johnny Cash*

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EXPERIENCE THE MAN IN BLACK LIKE NEVER BEFORE

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$35

Produced in collaboration with the Estate of Johnny Cash, this multi-media celebration is like nothing you've seen before. Using state-of-the-art technology, Johnny Cash's rich, iconic baritone has been lifted from archival concert footage and recordings, enabling the Man in Black to perform his biggest hits – "I Walk the Line," "Ring of Fire" – with a live band again! In addition to never-before-seen footage and on-screen narration by Cash's only son, John Carter Cash, male and female vocalists perform even more Cash hits, plus tunes by artists of the time including The Statler Brothers, Carl Perkins and June Carter Cash.

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# CROCE PLAYS CROCE

*performed by*  
**A.J. CROCE**



## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$35

A.J. Croce performs in this extraordinary night of music and history featuring a complete set of classics by his late father, Jim Croce. This 50th Anniversary Tour is A.J.'s most affectionate look back yet at his father's enduring legacy. The performance promises A.J.'s unique interpretation of Jim's iconic albums, with a full band and visual presentation of the songs, including indelible hits, "Bad, Bad Leroy Brown," "Operator (That's Not The Way It Feels)," "Time In A Bottle," and others. You'll also hear some of A.J.'s own tunes and songs that influenced both father and son.

Jim Croce found long-overdue success in 1972 with his debut album, *You Don't Mess Around With Jim*, which topped the Billboard Album chart for more than a month. He achieved unprecedented record sales for a working-class, solo folk artist, and his music continues to appear in major films, TV shows, and commercials. His son A.J. not only honors his father's legacy, but illuminates the power of the Croce pedigree with an identity all his own.

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# VIENNA BOYS CHOIR

## Christmas in Vienna

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$39

The world-renowned Vienna Boys Choir returns to The Grand for the first time in almost a decade! Christmas in Vienna showcases these gifted musicians with voices of unforgettable beauty in an extraordinary program of Austrian folk songs, classical masterpieces, popular songs and, of course, holiday favorites. The illustrious group of child musicians has been delighting audiences for six centuries with their purity of tone, distinctive charm and popular repertoire. The enormously popular chorus is composed of four touring choirs that hail from dozens of nations, and together give over 300 concerts a year around the world. The Fort Worth Star Telegram raves "There's no more gratifying sound than that of children singing. And there's no more polished ensemble of children's voices than the Vienna Boys Choir."

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SPLASHY  
AND UNMISTAKABLY BY  
TINA FEY!"**

*NEW YORK*

# MEAN GIRLS

**SUNDAY-MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19-20**

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$75

Direct from Broadway, MEAN GIRLS is the hilarious hit musical from book writer TINA FEY ("30 Rock"), composer JEFF RICHMOND ("Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt"), lyricist NELL BENJAMIN (*Legally Blonde*) and original director and choreographer CASEY NICHOLAW (*The Book of Mormon*). The story of a naïve newbie who falls prey to a trio of lionized frenemies, MEAN GIRLS "delivers with immense energy, a wicked sense of humor and joyful inside-jokery." USA Today says, "We'll let you in on a little secret, because we're such good friends: GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!"

# Celtic Angels Christmas



WITH  
**CELTIC KNIGHT DANCERS**  
AND  
**THE TRINITY BAND ENSEMBLE**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6**

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$30

This joyous celebration is sure to awe and entertain audiences of all ages with magical holiday favorites paired with Irish tunes, world-class champion Irish dancing, and a full live band. The beloved vocals of these dynamic divas have delighted audiences from coast to coast with jaw-dropping performances and spine-tingling harmonies. The musical arrangements ingeniously marry the old and new worlds with traditional and contemporary songs, while the Celtic Knight Dancers seem to defy gravity as they command the stage with their powerful, percussive presence. This wonderfully nostalgic journey will have you imagining a Christmas journey to the local snugs of Ireland, where a step is expected, sing-alongs are mandatory, and good craic is had by all.

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**"The AMAZING  
Michael Cavanaugh"**  
-New York Times

**"Brilliant!"**  
-Variety Magazine

# A Merry Rockin' Christmas

**Starring  
Michael Cavanaugh**

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**"A new  
piano man"**  
-Broadway World



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12**

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$39

The charismatic Michael Cavanaugh was made famous after he was hand-picked by Billy Joel to star in the Broadway musical *Movin' Out*. The talented pianist and singer has since performed concerts across the world, including major symphony orchestra specials. His interpretation of the modern rock/pop classics inspired Billboard to call him "The New Voice of the American Rock and Roll Songbook."

He returns to The Grand to help celebrate the season! With a full backing band and Michael's famous showmanship and vocals, this holiday show combines modern Christmas songs like "Last Christmas" and "Wonderful Christmastime" with classic holiday hits like "Jingle Bell Rock," "Winter Wonderland" and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" to create a fun, rockin' musical show for the yuletide season. Sprinkle in a selection of classic pop and rock songs by Billy Joel, Elton John and more, and even Scrooge will be dancing in their seats!



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# *The John Altenburgh* **CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15**

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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# **STOMP**<sup>TM</sup>

THE INTERNATIONAL SENSATION

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**TUESDAY, JANUARY 9**

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$60

STOMP is explosive, inventive, provocative, witty, and utterly unique—an unforgettable experience for audiences of all ages. The international percussion sensation has garnered armfuls of awards and rave reviews and has appeared on numerous national television shows. The eight-member troupe uses everything but conventional percussion instruments—matchboxes, wooden poles, brooms, garbage cans, Zippo lighters, hubcaps – to fill the stage with magnificent rhythms. Year after year, audiences worldwide keep coming back for more of this pulse-pounding, electrifying show. As the Boston Globe says, “If you haven’t seen STOMP, GO! If you have seen it, take someone and share the pleasure!” STOMP. See what all the noise is about.

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# MJ LIVE

Michael Jackson Tribute Concert

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$30

The #1 Michael Jackson tribute concert in the world features all his biggest hits including "Bad," "Billie Jean," "Beat It," "Dangerous," "Smooth Criminal," "Black & White," "I Want You Back" and many others. Relive the energy, excitement, spectacle and pure joy of this legendary superstar and his music. Witness the awesome sound, lighting and effects. Feel the energy from the MJ LIVE band and mega talented MJ LIVE dancers. Sing along to some of the greatest hits of all time!



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## ALL ACROSS NORTH AMERICA

# COME FROM AWAY

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**WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7-8**

7:30 PM WEDNESDAY, 7:00 PM THURSDAY | STARTING AT \$75

On 9/11, the world stopped. On 9/12, their stories moved us all. This stirring and inspiring musical takes you into the heart of the remarkable true story of the small town in Newfoundland that opened their homes to 7,000 stranded travelers on 9/11. During that fateful week, cultures clashed and nerves ran high—but uneasiness turned into trust, music soared into the night and gratitude grew into enduring friendships. Celebrate the best of humankind and the best in all of us at COME FROM AWAY.

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# DALLAS STRING QUARTET

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$20

As the Wall Street Journal says, this is “not your grandmother’s string quartet.” A fusion of contemporary classical and pop music, DSQ is referred to as “Bach meets Bon Jovi.” Using both traditional and electric strings performing as a quartet with the full accompaniment of drums and guitar, this charismatic ensemble is known for their eclectic renditions of everything from Guns N’ Roses’ “Sweet Child of Mine” to Shawn Mendes hits. DSQ has performed for U.S. presidents and private celebrity parties, to sold out concert venues and symphony halls. This concert, inspired by the hit TV show *Bridgerton*, features songs like “Wildest Dreams” by Taylor Swift, “In My Blood” by Shawn Mendes, “Teenage Dream” by Katy Perry, “10,000 Hours” by Dan+Shay, and “Hallelujah” by Leonard Cohen.

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BACH MEETS  
BON JOVI



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# THE BARRICADE BOYS

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**PHANTOM OF THE OPERA**  
& **MAMMA MIA**  
PLUS SO MUCH MORE

FEATURING MUSIC BY  
**QUEEN, ELTON JOHN**  
**ED SHEERAN, MOTOWN**  
**THE BEATLES**  
& **THE ROLLING STONES**  
PLUS MANY MORE

**"Sen-Bloody-Sational!"**

From start to finish, the Barricade Boys are responsible for one of the slickest, most professional, best put-together concerts this writer has seen on either side of The Atlantic."

- [Broadwayworld.com](http://Broadwayworld.com)

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$39

Get ready to have your socks knocked off and your heart racing with The Barricade Boys! These four dazzling performers are taking the world by storm with their electrifying show that will have you tapping your feet, belting out your favourite tunes, and grinning from ear to ear. From the heart-wrenching emotion of *Les Misérables* to the toe-tapping harmonies of *Jersey Boys*, The Barricade Boys will take you on a musical journey like no other. Throw in a mix of the greatest pop, rock, swing, and Motown hits of all time, and The Barricade Boys create the ultimate West End party musical mashup! But it's not just about the music. These four superstar performers will also share hilarious and inspiring stories from their time on stage touring the world and also in some of the biggest shows in the West End, including *Wicked*, *Billy Elliot*, *The Phantom of the Opera*, *The Sound of Music*, *Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat* and more. Get ready for a night you'll never forget, filled with jaw-dropping vocals, sensational dance routines, and more fun than you can shake a stick at.

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# RON ARTIS II

## & The Truth

The man is **amazing**.  
His intoxicatingly  
**soulful voice**, his simple  
yet **spellbinding**  
arrangements, and  
his **heartfelt** lyrics...

—The Pop Break

**FRIDAY**  
**MARCH 1**

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$25

Ron Artis II is quickly gaining fame as one of the biggest talents in the blues world. He returns to Wausau with his incredible band The Truth after a sold-out 10x10 show to make his mainstage debut at The Grand. From headlining festivals like Bottle Rock to opening for Jack Johnson's North American tour and more, Artis has wowed audiences with his multi-instrumental prowess and full range of musical influences, from Delta blues and gospel to northern soul, high-energy funk and R&B. As Grammy-nominated guitarist Tommy Emmanuel says, "It's like if Bob Dylan and Jimi Hendrix could be one, they'd be Ron."



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*Lerner & Loewe's*

# MY FAIR LADY

*Directed by  
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## "A THING OF BEAUTY.

A MASTERFUL PIECE OF ENTERTAINMENT. A SUMPTUOUS, THRILLING  
NEW REVIVAL OF THE MOST PERFECT MUSICAL OF ALL TIME."

JESS CAGLE, *Entertainment*

## TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5-6

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$75

From Lincoln Center Theater comes "a sumptuous new production of the most perfect musical of all time" (*Entertainment Weekly*), Lerner & Loewe's MY FAIR LADY. Boasting such classic songs as "I Could Have Danced All Night," "The Rain in Spain," and "Wouldn't It Be Lovely," director Bartlett Sher's glowing production is "thrilling, glorious and better than it ever was" (*New York Times*).

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# STEP THE CREW

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8**

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$30

Kick off the St. Patrick's Day season with incredible Irish song and dance when The StepCrew makes their Wausau debut! This dynamic troupe boasts performers from the likes of The Chieftains, Cherish The Ladies, Loreena McKennit, and Bowfire. Accompanied by virtuosic musicians from the Celtic, traditional and rock genres, this dynamic dance show combines three styles of percussive dance — Irish, tap, and Ottawa Valley — with fresh musical arrangements reflecting the bluesy origins of tap, to traditional Scottish sounds and modern Celtic fusion.

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



Enjoy a buffet-style meal catered by The Mint Cafe prior to the show.  
Only \$30 in addition to the performance ticket. On sale October 3.



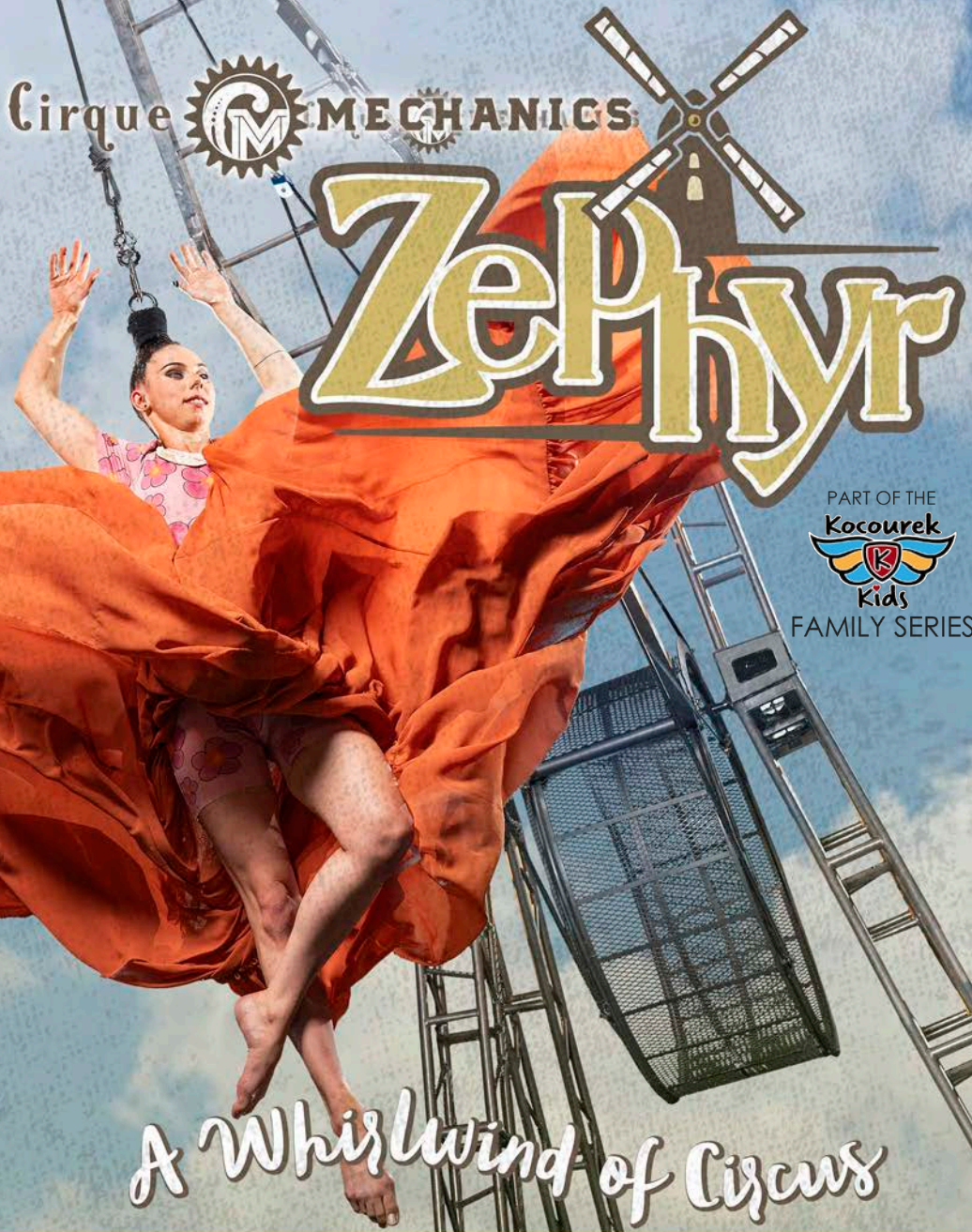
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**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**

**6:30 PM | STARTING AT \$35**

Cirque Mechanics has been hailed by Spectacle Magazine as "the greatest contribution to the American circus since Cirque du Soleil," and they come to The Grand for the first time with their acclaimed new show Zephyr. Although inspired by modern circus, Cirque Mechanics finds its roots in the mechanical and its heart in the stories of American ingenuity. The stories are wrapped in circus acrobatics, mechanical wonders, and a bit of clowning around. In the wind-inspired, Drama Desk-nominated Zephyr, you'll see the incredible artists create an exhilarating, emotional tale about human ingenuity and our natural resources, that features jaw-dropping acrobatics, breathtaking aerial work, and some of the most poetic contortionist displays to be seen anywhere.

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Fleetwood Mac's

# RUMOURS

NOTE FOR NOTE - CUT FOR CUT



**FRIDAY, MARCH 22**

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$30

After a sold-out show last season, Classic Albums Live returns, this time to perform the great Fleetwood Mac album *Rumours*. One of the best-selling albums of all time and containing many of the band's greatest hits including "Don't Stop," "Go Your Own Way," and "Dreams," *Rumours* remains an emotion-filled work of art that touches people across generations. Without costumes or impersonations, Classic Albums Live performs each song perfectly, note for note. "Think of it as a recital," says founder Craig Martin. "These albums are historic and stand the test of time."

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# TRAILBLAZING WOMEN OF COUNTRY

A Tribute to Patsy, Loretta and Dolly

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4**

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$30

Patsy Cline, Loretta Lynn, and Dolly Parton revolutionized country music and blazed a trail for future generations of female artists. With their chart-topping hits and record-breaking sales, they wove threads of contemporary womanhood throughout the tapestry of country music, resulting in unprecedented commercial success and earning each a place in the Country Music Hall of Fame. Trailblazing Women of Country will entertain and inspire you as it takes us back to this pivotal era in our nation's history, with featured soloists Miko Marks (CMT's 2022 "Next Woman of Country") and Nashville-based singer Kristina Train, supported by a five-member, all-female band. Through their singular voices and artistry, Patsy, Loretta, and Dolly defied restrictive gender norms, proving that women can be at once beautiful and strong, vulnerable and powerful.



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The World's Most Spectacular Queen Tribute Show

# ONE VISION OF QUEEN

feat. MARC MARTEL



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**FRIDAY, APRIL 5**

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$45

The incredible Marc Martel returns to The Grand after multiple sold-out shows! This highly-theatrical, eye-popping production rocks you from start to finish with all the songs that Queen made famous. Known around the world as "the vocal doppelganger of the Queen frontman,"

Martel delivers a show so entertaining and impressive, we had to bring him back by popular demand!

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

**6:30 PM | STARTING AT \$35**

"WINNER!" (Best of Las Vegas)  
 "Magical! Sensational!" raves  
 the New York Times. This family-  
 friendly, exhilarating blend  
 of music, dance, illusion,  
 technology and comedy  
 transports you into another  
 world, where the sounds move  
 you and the visuals are unlike  
 anything you've seen before.  
 It's an experience that's sure  
 to be the most fun you'll  
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# iLuminate

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# the cher show

a new musical

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$80

Superstars come and go. Cher is forever. For six straight decades, only one unstoppable force has flat-out dominated popular culture – breaking down barriers, pushing boundaries and letting nothing and no one stand in her way. The Grand brings the Wisconsin premiere of this Tony Award-winning musical of her story, packed with so much Cher that it takes three women to play her: the kid starting out, the glam pop star, and the icon. The Cher Show is 35 smash hits, six decades of stardom, two rock-star husbands, a Grammy, an Oscar, an Emmy, and enough Tony Award-winning Bob Mackie gowns to cause a sequin shortage in New York City, all in one unabashedly fabulous new musical that will have you dancing in your seat!

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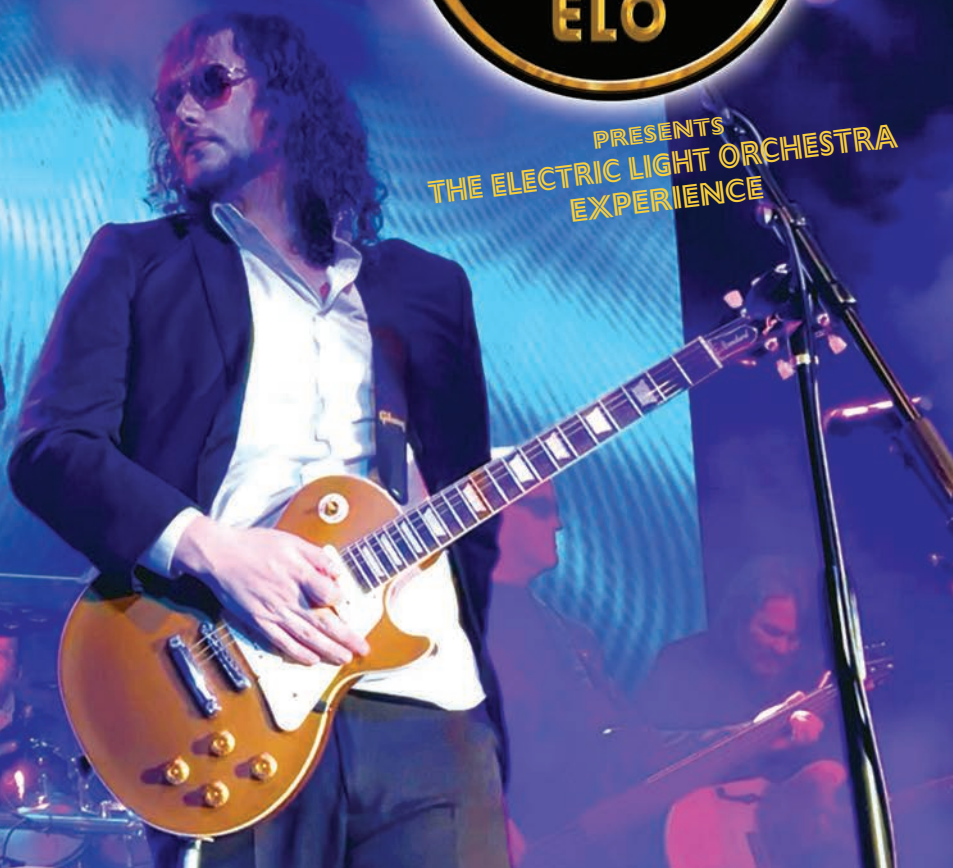
# FRIDAY, APRIL 19

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$30

Evil Woman—The American ELO performs the eternally groovy music of Electric Light Orchestra in a multimedia concert that transports you to the heady era of symphonic rock. Few bands have created more iconic songs as ELO, many of which are newly beloved by younger generations today thanks to the soundtracks of blockbuster movies like *Guardians of the Galaxy*. "Mr. Blue Sky," "Roll Over Beethoven," "Livin' Thing" and "Evil Woman" are among the many instantly recognizable, chart-topping hit songs. You will be spellbound by the flawless musicianship and vocals of Evil Woman's 12 musicians as well as the fusion of Beatlesque pop and classical arrangements where cellos co-exist with guitars, and classically tinged rock intersects with pop. Hold on tight to your dreams!

## EVIL WOMAN THE AMERICAN ELO

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# B2wins

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Kids  
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**TUESDAY, APRIL 23**

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$20

Led by fun-loving twin brothers from Brazil, B2wins (pronounced "B-Twins") is taking the world by storm performing songs you know and love with a unique twist. All ages will love this unforgettable, engaging show that features one-of-a-kind renditions of everything from Sinatra to Ed Sheeran, Louis Armstrong to Dua Lipa, Michael Jackson to Daft Punk. Get ready to sing, dance, laugh and take your soul on a feel-good ride through 40 years of chart topping hits. Their high-energy Reimagined Tour combines a plethora of genres into a feel-good performance that is equal parts rock concert, dance party, jam session and vacation for the soul.

Growing up in the violent, impoverished slums of Rio De Janeiro, the twins began playing classical music on violins their father made by hand. In 2008, the twins were invited to the U.S. on full music scholarships and have since performed more than 1,000 shows around the world, gaining loyal fans from hip-hop heads to jazz aficionados, pop enthusiasts and ravers, rockers to reggae fans. Using music as the tool, the B2wins are on a mission to make the world smile.



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***"David Brighton... the  
only person who could  
actually step in for  
David Bowie..."***

***– Vice Magazine***

# ***David Brighton's SPACE ODDITY***

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26**

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$30

It's the quintessential David Bowie experience! Space Oddity's theatrically staged, elaborately costumed, multimedia spectacle transports audiences on a musical journey through the constantly metamorphosing career of David Bowie, which was notable for constant reinvention and visual presentation in both his music and on stage.

Space Oddity starring David Brighton has performed across the globe and is widely considered to be the world's premier tribute to David Bowie. David Brighton and his amazing band deliver a stunning note-for-note theatrical concert event through some of the most exciting moments in the history of rock music. Experience Bowie's miraculous transformation from space-age rock idol to polished mainstream media star... and the timeless classics that forever changed the face of pop culture, with this salute to the most electrifying performer of our time. David Brighton is credited as the world's best David Bowie impersonator, with one of the most entertaining acts ever to hit the stage!

***"What Brighton and band give is nothing short  
of the opportunity to go back in time...  
[His] charisma keeps the audience mesmerized  
and his vocals are flawless"*** – LA Review

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# SUNDAY, MAY 5

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$45

You know this legendary Canadian band for its many chart topping hits in the late 60s and early 70s, including "American Woman," "These Eyes," and "No Time." During the course of its career, the band charted 14 Top 40 hit singles, two of which went to number one in the U.S. Their fan base spans multiple generations. Very few bands have survived numerous member changes — let alone having smash hits with each lineup — but The Guess Who's motto is "the music is the message." The most recent version of the band has mastered a wildly entertaining romp of the early hits mixed in with their current creations. The Guess Who manages to take the whole experience to a new level: sophisticated, emotional, and musically eclectic, while remaining eminently sing-along-able. Their live concert is a celebration of life, being alive, and thriving.



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# THE TEXAS TENORS

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## THURSDAY, MAY 16

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$39

The Texas Tenors return to The Grand by popular demand after multiple sold-out performances! All ages will delight in their unique blend of country, classical, Broadway, and current pop music, all performed with breathtaking vocals, humor and cowboy charm to boot! They're the most successful music group in the history of *America's Got Talent*, and since appearing on the TV series in 2009, JC, Marcus and John have earned impressive recognition, including three Emmy Awards and being named *Billboard Magazine's* #10 Classical Artist in the World. These classically trained, versatile tenors have celebrated our nation at such prestigious events as The White House National Tree Lighting, and themselves honor our nation's veterans at each of their concerts.

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## BETH BOMBARA

SEPT 14, 2023 | FOLK/ROCK

With a voice that connects on a raw, emotional level, Bombara's work is a mix of contemporary folk & electric heartland rock.



## TAYLOR ASHTON

OCT 10, 2023 | FOLK/POP

Alternately accompanying himself on banjo & electric guitar, Taylor's work takes influence from Joni Mitchell, Celtic folk, and more.



## MELODY ANGEL

NOV 14, 2023 | BLUES/ROCK

Melody Angel is the complete package: a gifted guitarist, multi-instrumentalist, & songwriter called "the Future of Blues."



## FORT FRANCES

JAN 19, 2024 | FOLK/ROCK

Finding optimism in chaos and conflict, Fort Frances combines synth, pop, and hip-hop influences to bring joy to audiences.



## TREYA LAM

APR 25, 2024 | CHAMBER-FOLK

With a strident voice informed by socially charged songwriting, treya's work recalls Nina Simone and Andrew Bird.

## PLUS TWO MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED!

General admission tickets just \$10 in advance.

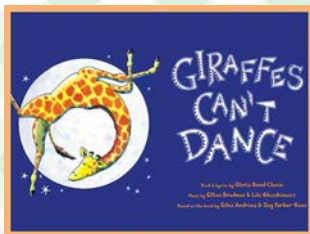
Single tickets to each of the 10x10 Series shows will be available to purchase starting July 11, 2023. Please contact The Grand's Ticket Office for more information.



# 2023/24 ARTS IN EDUCATION SERIES

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 young people in the arts, social studies, language arts, math, science, and more through the magic of live performances.

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 seventh 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.



## BRINGING 11 PERFORMANCES OF 6 INCREDIBLE SHOWS THIS SEASON!



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**



**Because EVERYONE  
deserves the opportunity  
to experience the power of  
the arts.**



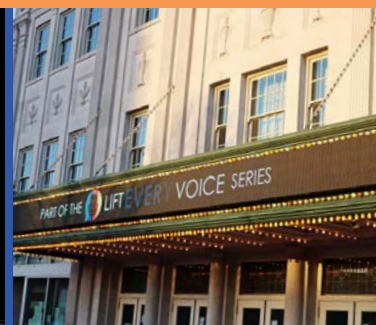




## A PERFORMANCE SERIES TO **CELEBRATE** OUR DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS AND EXPERIENCES

Showcasing incredible performers from a variety of backgrounds who share their unique experiences through their art, the Bridge Clinic Lift Every Voice Series brings a variety of FREE concerts to Wausau.

Because it is so important to keep the arts accessible and to engage people in our community, the LEV Series will also feature workshops, discussions, and more to allow audiences to explore perspectives different from their own. Providing free tickets and opportunities, as well as showcasing artists from underrepresented groups, is a step toward welcoming audiences that more accurately represent all members of our community.



STAY TUNED FOR MORE ON  
THE **LIFT EVERY VOICE** SERIES ARTISTS  
COMING IN 2023/24!

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# 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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LIFE WITH THE AFTERLIFE  
TRUE TALES OF THE PARANORMAL WITH GHOST HUNTER

# AMY BRUNI

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26**

7:30 PM | STARTING AT \$30

This paranormal investigator, author, podcaster and star of the TV series *Kindred Spirits* and *Ghost Hunters* shares hair-raising tales from her countless hours hunting ghosts at America's most haunted locations. You'll hear about Amy's unique approach to interacting with the spirits of the dead and those who encounter them. By the end of the night, you will question everything you thought you knew about the spirit world, and life after death.

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**KANSAS**

**FRIDAY, JULY 21**

7:30 PM

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**50TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR**

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# GRAND THEATER CALENDAR

## JULY 2023

- 21 KANSAS
- 30 Tommy Emmanuel

## AUGUST

- 12 Zach Williams
- 30 Happy Together Tour

## SEPTEMBER

- 7-9 Wausau Community Theatre: The Prom
- 12 Leonid & Friends
- 14 Behavioral Health Clinic 10x10 Series: Beth Bombara
- 28-30 CenterStage Band and Show Choir

## OCTOBER

- 4 Brian Regan
- 6 County Materials Spotlight Series: The Hit Men
- 10 Behavioral Health Clinic 10x10 Series: Taylor Ashton
- 13 Mania: A Tribute to ABBA
- 20 Air Supply
- 23 Aspirus Health Arts In Education Series: Giraffes Can't Dance
- 24 Kocourek Kids Family Series: When You Wish Upon A Star
- 26 Amy Bruni: Ghost Hunter
- 28 Wausau Dance Theatre: Thriller

## NOVEMBER

- 2-4 Wausau Community Theatre: The Addams Family
- 5 #IMOMSOHARD
- 7 County Materials Spotlight Series: Johnny Cash - The Official Concert Experience
- 11 11-11 The Party
- 14 Behavioral Health Clinic 10x10 Series: Melody Angel

- 16 Croce Plays Croce
- 18 Kocourek Kids Family Series: Vienna Boys Choir Christmas
- 19-20 TDS Broadway Series: Mean Girls

## DECEMBER

- 1-3 Central Wisconsin School of Ballet: The Nutcracker
- 6 Celtic Angels Christmas
- 8-10 Wausau Community Theatre: A Christmas Carol
- 12 TDS Broadway Series: Michael Cavanaugh - A Merry Rockin' Christmas
- 15 The John Altenburgh Christmas Extravaganza

## JANUARY 2024

- 9 TDS Broadway Series: STOMP
- 11 Stayin' Alive
- 17 Aspirus Health Arts In Education Series: Call of the Wild
- 19 Behavioral Health Clinic 10x10 Series: Fort Frances
- 20 Wisconsin Singers
- 25 County Materials Spotlight Series: MJ Live

## FEBRUARY

- 1 Aspirus Health Arts In Education Series: Catapult - Magic Shadows
- 7-8 TDS Broadway Series: Come From Away
- 15 Dallas String Quartet
- 16 Aspirus Health Arts In Education Series: Dot Dot Dot
- 17 County Materials Spotlight Series: The Barricade Boys
- 22-24 Wausau Community Theatre: She Loves Me
- 29 Aspirus Health Arts In Education Series: The Magic School Bus

## MARCH

- 1 Ron Artis II & The Truth
- 5-6 TDS Broadway Series: My Fair Lady
- 8 The StepCrew
- 9 Kocourek Kids Family Series: Cirque Mechanics - Zephyr
- 10 Aspirus Health Arts In Education Series: Cirque Mechanics - Zephyr
- 22 County Materials Spotlight Series: Classic Albums Live: Rumours

## APRIL

- 4 Trailblazing Women of Country
- 5 County Materials Spotlight Series: One Vision of Queen featuring Marc Martel
- 7 Kocourek Kids Family Series: iLuminate
- 13 TDS Broadway Series: The Cher Show
- 19 Evil Woman: The American ELO
- 23 Kocourek Kids Family Series: B2wins
- 25 Behavioral Health Clinic 10x10 Series: treya lam
- 26 Space Oddity: A Tribute to David Bowie

## MAY

- 5 The Guess Who
- 16 County Materials Spotlight Series: The Texas Tenors

## JUNE

- 20-22 Wausau Community Theatre: Anything Goes

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Calendar is subject to change.  
Updates can be found on our website and upcoming newsletters.

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