# MAKING AN IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Grand has an economic impact of

\$4.7 MILLION







Supporting

## 144 FULL TIME JOBS

in the Wausau region

A higher concentration of the arts leads to...

- HIGHER CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
- MORE SOCIAL COHESION
- LOWER POVERTY RATES
- HIGHER CHILD WELFARE

Strong local arts and culture organizations build strong communities





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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.



For over ninety years, community support has helped make The Grand Theater what it is today: a creative home for Central Wisconsin and beyond.

Community Support makes it possible to continue our mission, and create memorable experiences and opportunities for the community to engage in the performing arts. It gives students of all ages a place to learn, perform, and grow through the Arts In Education Series, Jerry Awards, Jerry Ensemble, and artist residencies.

Community Support helps countless performers make The Grand their creative home. From nationally-touring artists like Riverdance and The Beach Boys to talented local actors and performers, the historic Grand Theater has been a cultural home for our community for nearly a century.

The Grand is proud to be a place that sparks creativity in our community. Your support will help continue this tradition for generations to come.

### YEAR AT A GLANCE

A LOOK BACK AT A RECORD-BREAKING YEAR AT THE GRAND THEATER!

#### **ENTERTAIN:**

## top 150 of theaters worldwide

The Grand placed 143rd worldwide and 5th among venues with capacity under 1,300 in Pollstar's 2018 Annual Report.





Total Tickets Sold

70,144

First Time Patrons

4,300



The Grand serves

67 COUNTIES

all over the state, as well as bringing in patrons from across the Midwest



Celebrating a record-breaking year with

19 SOLD-OUT SHOWS

#### **EDUCATE:**



Students Attended
Matinee Performances

17,240

104

Schools Served

890

Access to the Arts Scholarships Awarded



The Central Wisconsin Jerry Ensemble has expanded to feature

16 STUDENTS

from 8 schools across the area

5,500

Served by the Community Engagement Series

64

Community Engagement Events

#### **ENRICH:**



Events & Performances

254

Total Days of Usage

315

**80**Events by Community
Partners

\$134,337

Savings to Community Partners

**\$11,022**Donated to Local

Charities



Patrons through our doors

130,000

Number of Volunteers

210

From vaudeville and silent movies to concerts and Broadway, The Grand Theater has served its community by bringing the best of the performing arts and acting as a cultural home for the arts for

OVER 90 YEARS