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A gorgeous new musical revival:
MY FAIR LADY



Celtic dance and music:
THE STEPCREW

Joyful spin on songs you know and love:
B2WINS



A tribute to Dolly, Patsy & Loretta:
TRAILBLAZING WOMEN OF COUNTRY



David Bowie tribute experience:
SPACE ODDITY



THE GUESS WHO

A new musical about her incredible life:
THE CHER SHOW





What a start to 2024

it has been here at The Grand, with multiple sold-out shows, Wausau debuts, and incredible free events for the entire community! We're so glad to have shared these moments with you and cannot wait for the rest of

the season. In the months to come, we're excited not just to share our incredible season, but also the talents of artists in our very own community. From the breathtaking *Beauty and the Beast* produced by CWETA, to the Central Wisconsin Jerry Ensemble's Cabaret Concert and more, you will have the opportunity to see some of the finest high school talent in our region perform on our historic stage!

There is so much excitement to come in the season as well, from Tony-Award winning Broadway to incredible spectacle shows for the entire family, the return of Wausau favorites as well as some shows that we are so happy to bring to The Grand for the very first time. With 20 sellouts already this season, don't delay on your chance to see something amazing at The Grand! And of course, we're hard at work on the 24/25 season and can't wait to share that with you.

Thanks for your support of The Grand! We look forward to seeing you at a show!



Got mobile digital tickets? Please follow these instructions for a trouble-free entry into the show

- Retrieve your digital tickets **before arriving** at The Grand. On your mobile browser go to wallet.grandtheater.org and log into your Grand Theater account with your associated email and password.
- Your digital tickets **are not emailed to you**. However, you will find the link and instructions in the confirmation email sent to you shortly after purchasing.
- **Send ("share") a ticket well in advance** if you have purchased for someone, so the recipient has time to successfully log into wallet.grandtheater.org to retrieve the ticket. They may need to create an account and password if they don't already have one.
- We do not recommend sharing tickets just before the show with someone in your party. At that point it may be easier to keep the multiple tickets on your phone for scanning as you enter the theater together.

CALL UP YOUR TICKETS BEFORE ARRIVING!

STEP 1:



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STEP 2:



Select the show(s) you are about to attend on the My Events page. **Do this in advance!**

STEP 3:



Stay logged in and show the QR code to the ticket scanner

- **Increase the brightness** on your phone for ticket scanning.
- Go to the will call ticket booth in the Great Hall if you experience any difficulties. We are happy to help!

Ron Artis II returns!

Join us for a thrilling concert of powerful rhythm and blues and soulful songs with pop/rock energy. Ron Artis II is one of the most exciting rising stars in blues music today. Many of you remember his electrifying 10x10 Series concert back in 2022. Artis and his amazing band have been headlining festivals and performing sold-out shows across the U.S., and we are honored to bring him and his amazing band back to Wausau for a mainstage performance on Friday, March 1. Artis was raised on Oahu, Hawaii as one of eleven children in a creative and religious household led by his musically gifted parents. Having mastered guitar, piano, and many other instruments in his youth, it was quickly apparent Ron was special, even within this prodigious family. His spirit of kindness and love seep into his charismatic performances. In addition to his concert at The Grand, Artis will inspire students and adults across central Wisconsin during his artist residency programs Feb. 28-29 at schools, churches, the Community Partners Campus, and other local organizations.

**"A musical force of nature...
Powerful, masterful,
and deeply soulful."**

-Broadway World

**RON ARTIS II
and THE TRUTH
FRIDAY
MARCH 1**

**Artist residency
February 28-29**





"A sumptuous new production of the most PERFECT MUSICAL of all time"

-Entertainment Weekly

"Thrilling, glorious, and better than it ever was"

-New York Times

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MY FAIR LADY

TUESDAY, MARCH 5 & WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

All ages will adore this enchanting, fun-filled musical revival by Lincoln Center Theater that "takes you to showtune heaven in a new production that's both opulent and daring," says The Daily News. Boasting such classic songs as "I Could Have Danced All Night" and "The Rain in Spain," *My Fair Lady* tells the story of Eliza Doolittle, a penniless young Cockney flower seller, and the upper-class linguistics professor Henry Higgins who wagers that he can transform her into a "proper lady." But who is really being transformed? As New York Stage Review says, "My Fair Lady is absobloominutely lovely, and you can quote me on that."

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DALLAS STRING QUARTET

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Fusing classical and pop music, this “Bach meets Bon Jovi” ensemble performs on both traditional and electric strings, backed by drums and guitar! Perfect for a Valentine date night, this concert inspired by the hit Netflix show *Bridgerton* features romantic songs by Taylor Swift, Shawn Mendes, Katy Perry, Dan+Shay, and “Hallelujah” by Leonard Cohen. Then the show kicks into high gear with their incredible arrangements of rock hits by Led Zepppelin and more! Come see the freshest artistry in chamber music!

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

From London’s West End! These stars from *Les Misérables* are taking the world by storm with their electrifying show that will have you grinning from ear to ear. From the heart-wrenching *Les Misérables* to the toe-tapping *Jersey Boys*, The Barricade Boys take you on a musical journey through Broadway, pop, rock, swing, and Motown hits in this ultimate musical mashup party!

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RON ARTIS II & THE TRUTH

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

Quickly gaining fame as one of the biggest talents in the blues world, Ron Artis and his band return to Wausau after a sold-out 10x10 show to make his mainstage debut at The Grand. Artis wows 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.

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CIRQUE MECHANICS: ZEPHYR

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 6:30 PM

Cirque Mechanics tells captivating stories with mechanical wonders, as well as circus acrobatics and a bit of clowning around. In their wind-inspired, Drama Desk-nominated show *Zephyr*, these artists create an exhilarating, emotional tale of human ingenuity, natural resources, and the ingenious beauty of harnessing power like a windmill. Witness breathtaking aerial work, and poetic contortionist displays.

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STEP THE CREW



FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Kick off the St. Patrick's Day season with this evening of stepping, stomping, dance and music! 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 dance combined with traditional Scottish sounds and modern Celtic fusion. You'll have a blast!

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SHOWTIMES 7:30 PM EXCEPT WHERE NOTED



FRIDAY, MARCH 15

The #1 game show of all time, on stage in Wausau! If you're a fan of The Price Is Right™ on TV, you'll love this exciting live (non-televised) on-stage version. Eligible individuals get the chance to hear their names and "Come On Down" to play classic games just like on TV: Cliffhangers, Plinko, The Big Wheel, and even the fabulous Showcase. Prizes may include appliances, vacations and possibly a new car!

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY to register for a chance to be a contestant. For full official rules and eligibility requirements, call or visit the Box Office. Void where prohibited.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Classic Albums Live returns to perform one of the best-selling albums of all time – note for note, cut for cut. Containing many of Fleetwood Mac's greatest hits including "Don't Stop," "Go Your Own Way," and "Dreams," Rumours remains an emotion-filled work that touches people across generations. Forgoing costumes and impersonations, Classic Albums Live concentrates solely on the music. "Think of it as a recital... We want the performance to sound exactly like the album," says CAL founder Craig Martin.

The very first track of the album let's you know that heartache awaits. It's not easy to fall apart, then sing about it, then have 25 million people buy it. It was therapy and it paid great.

This is a tough album for us to perform.

The vocals are tricky, there's nuance and layering and thunder and the guitars are orchestral. Plus the vibe of the album - the feel that's hard to recreate.

I wanted the band to move into an apartment together to prepare for this album but that didn't fly. So we rehearsed our asses off and we got it.

What's cool about this record is that everyone knows all the words, even the ushers.

So when CAL hits the stage and plays this masterpiece, it is joyous.

We love you when we're playing.

—Craig Martin, founder Classic Albums Live

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TRAILBLAZING WOMEN OF COUNTRY

A Tribute to Patsy, Loretta and Dolly

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

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, Patsy, Loretta, and Dolly 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 audiences during this pivotal moment in our nation's history, featuring soloists Miko Marks, CMT's 2022 "Next Woman of Country"; and Nashville based singer Kristina Train; supported by a five-piece all-female band.

Cline, Lynn, and Parton harnessed country music's rich storytelling tradition to offer their uniquely empowered—and unmistakably female—perspective on issues faced by women of their day. Their shared legacy of musical excellence, earthy glamour, and unapologetic authenticity continues to resonate with listeners of all ages and backgrounds in the 21st century.

Patsy's assured contralto affirms that a woman can be heartbroken and sure of herself at the same time ("Crazy," "Walkin' After Midnight"); Loretta Lynn's songs exalt autonomy attained through contraception ("The Pill") and self-respect ("Don't Come Home A-Drinkin' with Lovin' On Your Mind"); and Dolly Parton demonstrates that a woman can ascend the career ladder ("9-to-5") while never losing sight of her roots ("Coat of Many Colors"). Through their singular voices and artistry, Patsy Cline, Loretta Lynn, and Dolly Parton defied restrictive gender norms, proving that women can be at once beautiful and strong, vulnerable and powerful.



Miko Marks



Kristina Train



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ONE VISION OF QUEEN

STARRING
MARC MARTEL

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SPOTLIGHT SERIES

LIMITED SEATS REMAIN

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

The world's most spectacular Queen tribute returns after multiple sold-out shows! Marc Martel's highly theatrical, eye-popping production rocks you from start to finish. Known 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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FEW SEATS REMAIN

iLUMINATE

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 6:30 PM

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Charlie Berens

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SUNDAY,
APRIL 14
5:00 & 7:30 PM

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LIMITED SEATS REMAIN

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Cher has been an unstoppable force, for six decades, dominating pop culture, breaking down barriers, pushing boundaries and letting nothing stand in her way. The Grand hosts the Wisconsin premiere of this Tony-winning musical packed with so much Cher that it takes three women to tell her story, from the kid starting out to the glam pop star and the icon. It's 35 smash hits, two rock-star husbands, and enough award-winning gowns to cause a sequin shortage, all in one unabashedly fabulous new musical!

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SHOWTIMES 7:30 PM EXCEPT WHERE NOTED



FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Experience the eternally groovy music of Electric Light Orchestra in a multimedia concert that recreates the heady era of symphonic rock where cellos co-exist with guitars, and where classically tinged rock intersects with pop. Few bands have produced as many iconic songs as ELO that are still heard today in movies, commercials, and TV shows. "Mr. Blue Sky," "Roll Over Beethoven," "Livin' Thing," "Don't Bring Me Down" and "Evil Woman" are among ELO's instantly recognizable hit songs, performed by this impeccable 12-piece tribute band with its own chamber orchestra! Hold on tight to your dream!

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2023/24

BROADWAY SERIES

MEAN GIRLS

TWO NIGHTS! November 19 & 20

A MERRY ROCKIN' CHRISTMAS STARRING MICHAEL CAVANAUGH

December 12

STOMP

TWO NIGHTS! January 8 & 9

COME FROM AWAY

TWO NIGHTS! February 7 & 8

MY FAIR LADY

TWO NIGHTS! March 5 & 6

THE CHER SHOW

April 13



LIFT EVERY VOICE SERIES



A PERFORMANCE SERIES TO CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS AND EXPERIENCES

These FREE concerts showcase incredible performers from a variety of backgrounds, and feature workshops, discussions, and more. Reserve your ticket at grandtheater.org.



2023/24

SPOTLIGHT SERIES

THE HIT MEN: THE ULTIMATE ROCK CONCERT – October 6

JOHNNY CASH - THE OFFICIAL CONCERT EXPERIENCE – November 7

DEUCES WILD – January 26

THE BARRICADE BOYS – February 17

CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE: FLEETWOOD MAC'S RUMOURS – March 22

ONE VISION OF QUEEN FEATURING MARC MARTEL – April 5

THE TEXAS TENORS – May 16

"County Materials is proud to support the performing arts in North Central Wisconsin. They inspire each of us by fostering creativity and beauty. Most importantly, the arts are fundamental to creating a healthy and sustainable community, strengthening it socially, educationally and economically."

*– Rebecca Sonntag
Vice President Promotions & Communications, County Materials Corp.*



2023/24 ACCESS FOR ALL SERIES

Everyone deserves the opportunity to experience the power and wonder of the arts.

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.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of Hadley Family Fund in presenting this season's Access For All series.



FAMILY SERIES

In The Grand's effort with the Kocourek Kids Foundation to make the arts accessible, the Family Series offers a limited number of \$10 children's tickets to each of these five incredible, world-class shows.

The budget-friendly tickets are intended for families that otherwise would find it difficult to afford bringing their children to The Grand, and are available while supplies last.

When You Wish Upon a Star
OCTOBER 24

Vienna Boys Choir: Christmas in Vienna
NOVEMBER 18

Cirque Mechanics: Zephyr *
MARCH 10

iLuminate * B2Wins
APRIL 7 APRIL 23

* Family-priced tickets sold out



ASPIRUS

2023/24

ARTS IN EDUCATION SERIES

Celebrating over three decades of engaging students in the arts, The Grand is proud to present the 2023/2024 Aspirus Health 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 *The Call of the Wild*, *Giraffes Can't Dance*, *The Magic School Bus*, and more!



TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Led by fun-loving brothers from Brazil, B2wins (pronounced "B-Twins") is taking the world by storm performing songs you know and love with a unique twist using violin and ukulele. All ages will love this unforgettable show that features one-of-a-kind renditions of everything from Frank Sinatra to Ed Sheeran, Louis Armstrong to Dua Lipa, Michael Jackson to Daft Punk. Get ready to sing, dance, and laugh through 40 years of chart-topping hits. After performing over 1,000 shows around the world, B2wins continue to cultivate fans wherever they perform, from hip-hop heads, jazz aficionados and pop enthusiasts, to ravers and reggae fans. B2wins are on a mission to make the world smile. Their high-energy Reimagined Tour combines a host of genres into a delightful rocking concert that's good for the soul.

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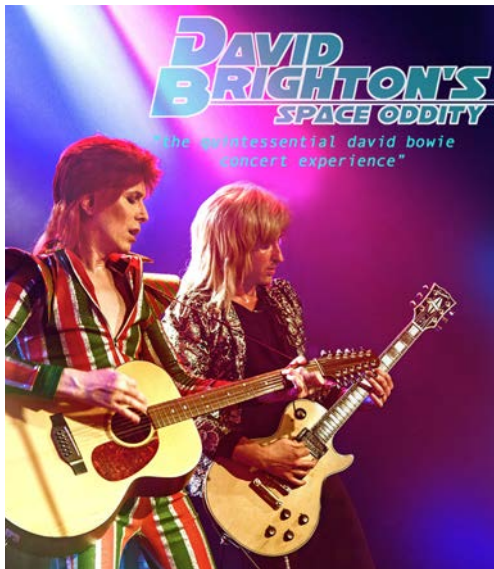


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SHOWTIMES 7:30 PM
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FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Space Oddity's theatrical, elaborately costumed, multimedia spectacle takes you on a journey through David Bowie's career, notable for constant reinvention and visual presentation in both his music and on stage. Widely considered to be the world's premier tribute to Bowie, David Brighton and his band deliver a stunning note-for-note concert event through rock history.

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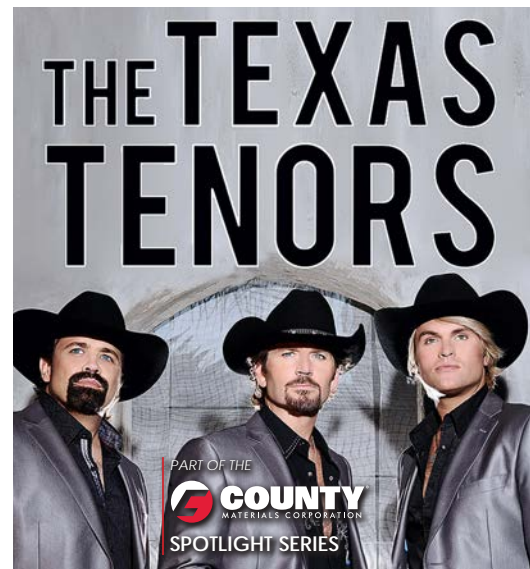
SUNDAY, MAY 5

You know this legendary band for its many chart topping hits in the late 60s and early 70s, including "American Woman," "These Eyes," and "No Time." Few bands have survived member changes — let alone having smash hits with each lineup — but The Guess Who's motto is "the music is the message" and their concert is a celebration of life, being alive, and thriving.

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THURSDAY, MAY 16

The trio returns 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. These classically trained, versatile tenors will have you cheering for more!

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OTHER SHOWS COMING TO THE GRAND THEATER

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HIGHWAY TO HELL, BACK IN BLACK, SHOOT TO THRILL,
DIRTY DEEDS DONE DIRTY CHEAP, HELLS BELLS,
AND SO MUCH MORE!

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AMERICA'S AC/DC TRIBUTE!
THURSDAY, MAY 9




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The Musical



Cruising Through 'The Change'

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NORTH AMERICA'S PREMIER
PINK FLOYD TRIBUTE



FRIDAY, MAY 31

GRAND THEATER WAUSAU

Authentic performances of your
favorite Pink Floyd tunes:
The Dark Side of the Moon
The Wall, Wish You Were Here,
Meddle, and more!

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GRAND THEATER CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Behavioral Health Clinic

10x10 SERIES

Discover today's nationally touring **SINGER SONGWRITERS** and exciting emerging artists in an intimate cabaret-style setting on the stage of the historic Grand Theater.

General admission, **ALL WITH TABLE SEATING**, is just **\$10** in advance. Seats are limited. Tickets \$15 at the door if available.



PEGASIS

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Pulsing rhythms, world beats from boldero to funk, folk & jazz



MAY ERLEWINE

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Ethereal voice, soulful folk ballads



TREYA LAM

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Chamber folk with guitar, viola, Nina Simone-inspired piano

FEBRUARY

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- 16 *Aspirus Health Arts In Education Series:* Dot Dot Dot
- 17 *County Materials Spotlight Series:* The Barricade Boys
- 21-25 *Central Wisconsin Educational Theater Alliance:* Beauty & the Beast
- 26 Indigo Girls
- 29 *Aspirus Health Arts In Education Series:* The Magic School Bus

MARCH

- 1 Ron Artis II & The Truth
- 3 *Bridge Clinic Lift Every Voice Series:* UW-Madison Artist in Residence Community Conversation
- 5-6 *TDS Broadway Series:* My Fair Lady
- 8 The StepCrew
- 10 *Kocourek Kids Family Series:* Cirque Mechanics - Zephyr (LOW TICKETS)
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- 16 *Behavioral Health Clinic 10x10 Series:* Pegasus
- 19 World Ballet Series: Swan Lake
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- 22 *County Materials Spotlight Series:* Classic Albums Live: Rumours

APRIL

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- 5 *County Materials Spotlight Series:* One Vision of Queen (LOW TICKETS)
- 7 *Kocourek Kids Family Series:* iLuminate (LOW TICKETS)
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- 14 Charlie Berens (SOLD OUT)
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THE TEXAS TENORS



THURSDAY
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