



GRAND THEATER WAUSAU

FALL 2024 newsletter



Masters of musical fusion:
SONS OF MYSTRO



WHOSE LIVE ANYWAY?



Country music star
TERRI CLARK



THE TONY AWARD-WINNING
BEST MUSICAL

DEAR EVAN HANSEN

"THEATRICAL MAGIC."
By Nickolas Butler



BEN FOLDS PAPER AIRPLANE REQUEST TOUR 2024

Winner of eight Tony Awards
including Best Musical:
HADESTOWN





EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SEAN WRIGHT

Packed with amazing shows, our 2024/25 season begins now

What a summer it has been at The Grand, with incredible performances from Lyle Lovett and His Large Band, Straight No Chaser, Justin Willman and more. With those great shows and a record number of subscribers, we cannot wait to officially kick off the 2024/25 season!

We've got so many great shows ahead this fall, with Wausau debuts leading the way. From the Tony-Award winning musical *Dear Evan Hansen* to the music of Ben Folds and more, eight shows will make their first appearance on our historic stage! We haven't forgotten Wausau favorites either, with the returns of *Cirque Dreams Holiday*, *Leonid & Friends*, and other shows back to wow audiences once again.

The fall also features the return of our amazing events that connect our community to the arts in a variety of ways, including Arts In Education, 10x10, the Community Engagement Series and more. Plus, we are working hard as we approach The Grand's 100th Anniversary in 2027

and can't wait to share more details about the transformative plans we have leading up to that exciting event. We are grateful for your support and look forward to an amazing season!



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TICKET OFFICE HOURS:

Mon-Fri 9:00 am-5:30 pm

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



"A BREATHTAKING KNOCKOUT OF A MUSICAL"

The New York Times

Declared "one of the most remarkable shows in musical theater history" by the *Washington Post*, DEAR EVAN HANSEN is the first musical to take a groundbreaking look—from the point of view of both the parents and young people—at our complex, interconnected, and social media-filled lives.

Evan Hansen is a high school student who always feels like he's on the outside looking in. Evan finally gets what so many of us are searching for—the chance to finally fit in. What follows is a poignant, funny, and powerful musical about how even though it can be hard, we can find each other—and ourselves—along the way.

Including some of the most iconic musical theatre songs from the last decade, including "You Will Be Found," "Waving Through A Window," and "For Forever," DEAR EVAN HANSEN features an uplifting score by the Tony®, Grammy®, and Oscar® winning team behind *The Greatest Showman*, *La La Land*, and "Only Murders in the Building," Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, and a book by Tony Award - winner Steven Levenson.

"A BRILLIANT MESSAGE
OF HOPE AND HUMANITY."

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The Washington Post

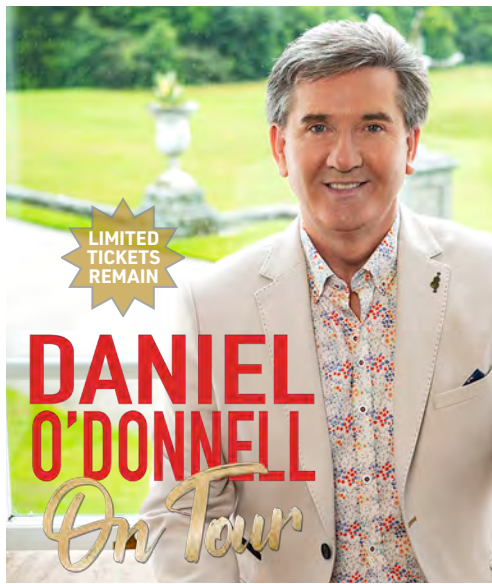
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 • 7:00 PM



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

After five decades as one of the most decorated country-rock bands of all time, the Ozark Mountain Daredevils are out on their "When It Shines" farewell tour. This final tour promises an electrifying experience, showcasing the band's classic hits, fan favorites, and a retrospective journey through their illustrious career from Missouri bars and porches to classic rock hit makers.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 • 7:00 PM

You've watched his incredible specials on PBS for years and now you can see famed Irish singer Daniel O'Donnell perform live at The Grand for the first time! The Donegal-based singer is one of the most prolific and successful recording artists in the UK charts. He has received multiple Entertainer of the Year/Person of the Year Awards in Ireland and the UK - one of the many accolades earned by this charming, one-of-a-kind performer.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Hilarious improvised comedy and song all based on audience suggestions! The current cast of the popular TV show Whose Line Is It Anyway? will leave you gasping with the witty scenes they invent before your eyes. Audience participation is key so bring your suggestions and you might be asked onstage. WHOSE LIVE ANYWAY? features musical direction by Laura Hall. All ages are welcome, but note that some "PG-13" language will be used.



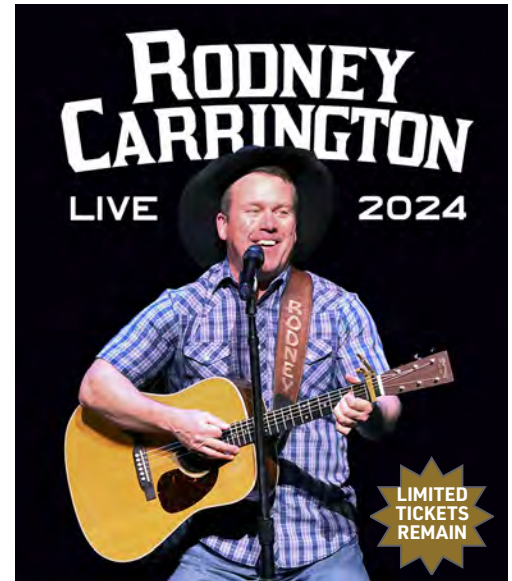
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Few shows garnered as much buzz at The Grand as Leonid & Friends did with its debut concert last year. Prepare to be amazed again by this Chicago tribute band with multiple sold-out U.S. tours under its belt. You'll be blown away by the powerful, authentic sound of these talented musicians from Eastern Europe who capture the spirit, musicality and fire of the American superband Chicago. You'll also hear hits from Earth, Wind & Fire, Steely Dan, and more.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Little River Band has claimed their place as one of the great vocal bands of the 70s and 80s with chart-topping hits including "Reminiscing," "Lady," "Cool Change," "Lonesome Loser," "Take It Easy On Me," and many more! LRB continues to deliver distinctive harmonies and vocal abilities under the direction of 41-year LRB veteran, lead vocalist and bass player Wayne Nelson. Join the Little River Band for a night of fantastic music, memories and more.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 • 7:00 PM

This multi-talented comedian, actor, singer and writer plays sold-out shows around the world as one of the top 10 highest-grossing touring comedians for the past two decades. Over the years, he's starred in his own TV sitcom on ABC, co-wrote and co-starred with Toby Keith in the feature film *Beer for My Horses*, and starred in his own Netflix special. Rodney's also appeared on countless other TV shows including hosting the American Country New Year's Eve Live show.



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BEN FOLDS
PAPER AIRPLANE REQUEST TOUR
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Widely regarded as one of the major music influencers of our generation, this Emmy-nominated singer-songwriter-composer has created an enormous body of genre-bending music that includes his early success with Ben Folds Five, whose acerbic, genre-bending take on piano pop helped define an entire era of alternative rock. For the past three decades, he's toured as a pop artist, releasing multiple solo albums, and numerous collaborative records while also performing with some of the world's greatest symphony orchestras. Known for comedic and bittersweet tunes, engaging anecdotes, and dexterous improvisation, Ben Folds will take song requests sent from the audience via paper airplanes!

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

The world's #1 touring ABBA tribute returns for another stellar concert party. Featuring an extraordinary cast of musicians and performers, Mania delivers an unforgettable tribute to the legendary Swedish band. Stunning visuals, energetic choreography, and impeccable musicianship recreate the magic of ABBA's music in all its glory, from "Dancing Queen" to "Waterloo," and "Mamma Mia," transporting you back to the joyful disco era of the 1970s

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

This is the only authentic reimagining of the legendary Meat Loaf songbook, performed by world-class alumni of Meat Loaf's official band, The Neverland Express – the same musicians who brought his music to life both in the studio and on stage. With lead vocals by American Idol winner Caleb Johnson, the band performs best-loved classics, plus a Halloween bonus of hit songs from *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, in which Meat Loaf starred as Eddie and sang the showstopper "Hot Patootie, Bless My Soul."

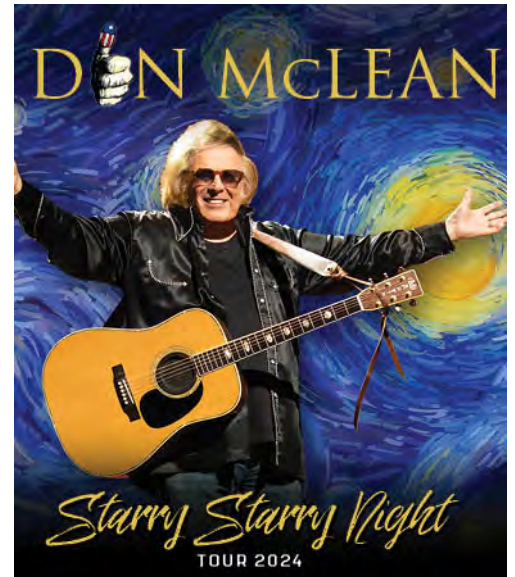
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Rising stars in the music world, Sons of Mystro will fill The Grand with exciting modern sounds and charisma that will have all ages jumping in their seats! Critics hail brothers Malcom and Umaja as "innovators of sound" and "masters of musical fusion." Together, they use their violins to interpret reggae classics, American pop songs and their own creations. Accompanied by a talented DJ and a powerhouse drummer, the Sons of Mystro create an awe-inspiring and emotional experience for their audience.

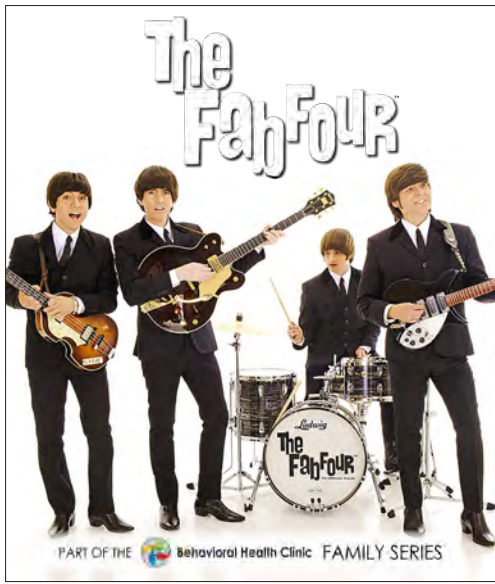
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Join the legendary song-master Don McLean for a night of hits and stories when he returns to The Grand. For over 50 years, Don McLean has established himself as one of America's most enduring singer-songwriters, forever known for classic hits like "Vincent (Starry Starry Night)," "Crying," and one of the biggest songs of the century "American Pie." Still writing and recording music to this day, McLean presents a night of classic hits performed by a master of his craft.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

It's their new **USA MEETS THE BEATLES 60TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT!** If you want to experience the best Beatles tribute ever, you won't want to miss The Fab Four-The Ultimate Tribute. The 2024 tour brings their all-new show to the stage, celebrating The Beatles' first visit to the USA, with performances from the *Ed Sullivan Show* and the *Meet The Beatles* album, as well as The Beatles' greatest hits of every era.



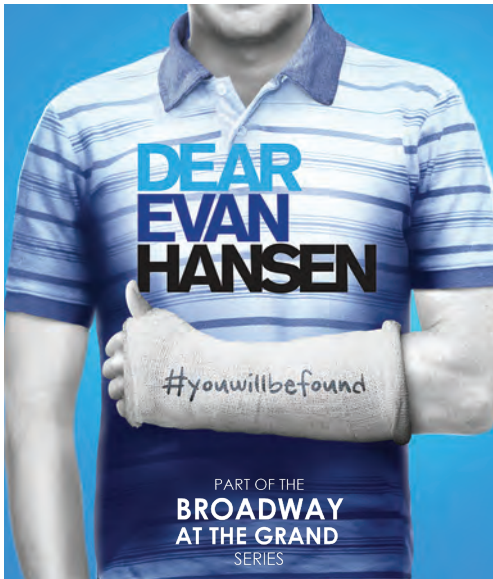
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Country star Terri Clark hits the stage for a night of incredible songs! She holds the honor of being the only Canadian female member of the Grand Ole Opry, was inducted into the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame in 2018, and in 2023, was inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame. With hit singles like "Better Things To Do," "Girls Lie Too," this will be a night of great country you'll always remember.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

One Funny Mother comedian Dena Blizzard's new show "I Love You, Get Away From Me!" is a three-generation comedy show about finding the funny in life's transitions, with her mom, Diana, and her son, Dean. Whether it's becoming a widow at 75, divorcing and empty nesting at 50, or trying to act grown up at 23, there's plenty to laugh (or cry) about. It's perfect for anyone going through some sh*t or just needs people to go away for a minute!



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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Experience the magic of the holidays with the all-vocal country group Home Free, as they bring an evening of incredible harmonies, mixing Christmas classics with Nashville-dipped pop hits and timeless country standards. The a capella group, known for their harmony-laden versions of hits by artists like John Mayer and The Oak Ridge Boys, will bring a heartwarming mix of Christmas and country to the stage. Don't miss this chance to create lasting holiday memories with Home Free.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Johnny's back to fill The Grand's stage with some of the finest and most fun musicians around the state. Nothing says Christmas in Wausau like John Altenburgh's 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 that fill the audience with Christmas spirit.



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COME SEE HOW THE WORLD COULD BE

HADESTOWN

THE TONY-WINNING BEST MUSICAL

MONDAY, JANUARY 6 • 7:30 PM
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7 • 7:00 PM

Welcome to HADESTOWN, where a song can change your fate. Winner of eight 2019 Tony Awards including Best Musical and the 2020 Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album, this acclaimed show from celebrated singer-songwriter Anais Mitchell and innovative director Rachel Chavkin is a love story for today... and always. HADESTOWN intertwines two mythic tales — of young dreamers Orpheus and Eurydice, and of King Hades and his wife Persephone — as it invites you on a hell-raising journey to the underworld and back. Mitchell's beguiling melodies and Chavkin's poetic imagination pit industry against nature, doubt against faith, and fear against love. This haunting and hopeful theatrical experience that grabs you and never lets go.



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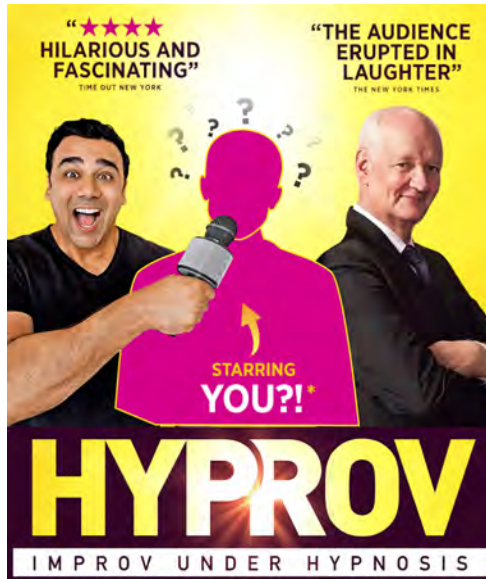


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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Be dazzled by this brilliant and whimsical holiday spectacular. This longest-running cirque holiday theatrical event wraps a Broadway-style production around contemporary circus arts. Fun for all ages, CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE features world-renowned performers, aerial acts, sleight-of-hand jugglers, breath-catching acrobatics, and much more. The music score includes new twists on seasonal favorites amid a backdrop of magical characters!

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ERUPTED IN
LAUGHTER"
THE NEW YORK TIMES

STARRING
YOU?!

HYPROV

IMPROV UNDER HYPNOSIS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Hypnosis and improv comedy are art forms that mystify and entertain fans and skeptics worldwide. They combine here for a hilarious experience The Times of London declared "a celebration of the human imagination." Hypnotist Asad Mecci welcomes volunteers on stage to be hypnotized. The most receptive then join Colin Mochrie to improvise the show, while hypnotized. Crafted from the volunteers' uninhibited minds and audience suggestions, each show is an entirely original theatrical event!

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THE SIMON & GARFUNKEL STORY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

Returning to The Grand after two sold-out shows, this critically-acclaimed, concert-style theatre show is about two boys from Queens, New York who became the most successful music duo of all time. Using state-of-the-art video projection, original film footage, incredible lighting, and a live band, this powerful show features all the hits: "Mrs Robinson," "Bridge Over Troubled Water," "Homeward Bound," "Scarborough Fair," "The Sound Of Silence" and more.

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A ROMANTIC COMEDY.
A CONTEMPORARY FAIRY TALE."**



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*Big New Musical.
Big. Huge.*

**PRETTY
WOMAN** THE MUSICAL

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 • 8:00 PM
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 • 7:00 PM**

Based on one of Hollywood's most beloved romantic stories, PRETTY WOMAN: THE MUSICAL springs to life with a powerhouse creative team led by Tony Award-winning director and choreographer Jerry Mitchell (*Hairspray*, *Kinky Boots*, *Legally Blonde*), an original score by Grammy winner Bryan Adams and Jim Vallance, and a book co-written by the movie's legendary director Garry Marshall. PRETTY WOMAN: THE MUSICAL will lift your spirits and light up your heart. "If you love the movie, you'll love the musical!" (BuzzFeed News). Are you ready to fall in love all over again?

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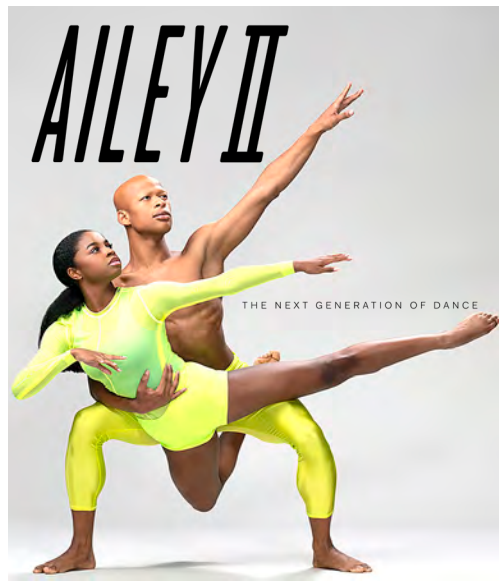
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Audiences are loving the 1987 film's first live film-to-concert experience! Enjoy the digitally remastered hit film like never before on a full-size cinema screen, with a live band and singers performing the iconic songs. Directly following the film, the band and singers throw an encore party that will surely take you back to the time of your life as you sing along to your favorite *Dirty Dancing* songs. Immerse yourself in the timeless romance of the most memorable movies of the past 35 years... now live!

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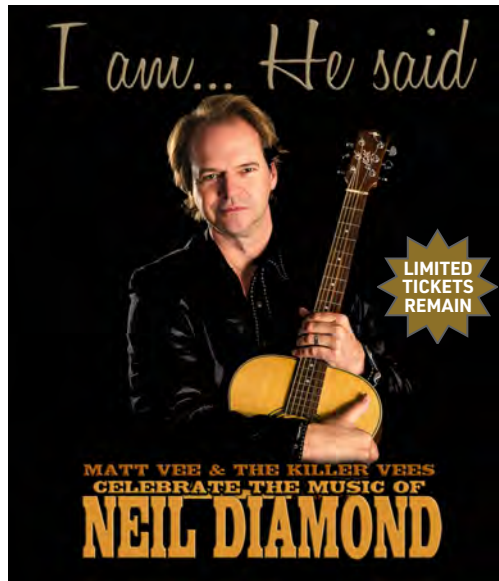
AILEY II

THE NEXT GENERATION OF DANCE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 • 7:00 PM

Ailey II - The Next Generation of Dance has merged the spirit and energy of the finest early-career dance talent with the passion and creative vision of today's most outstanding and emerging choreographers. Founded by Alvin Ailey in 1974, this renowned company embodies his pioneering mission, and has flourished into one of the most popular modern dance companies, combining a rigorous touring schedule with extensive community outreach programs, while nurturing new creative voices.

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LIMITED TICKETS REMAIN

MATT VEE & THE KILLER VEES
CELEBRATE THE MUSIC OF
NEIL DIAMOND

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

This celebration of the pop music icon, Neil Diamond, is selling out across the Midwest! Matt, Jeff, and Tommy Vee (nephew and sons of the legendary Bobby Vee) come together with an all-star band to perform from the timeless catalog of Neil Diamond. Songs like "Cracklin Rosie," "Song Sung Blue" and "Sweet Caroline" became the soundtrack to one generation after another. "This is not a tribute show," Tommy Vee says. "This is a celebration of an amazing musical icon we all love."

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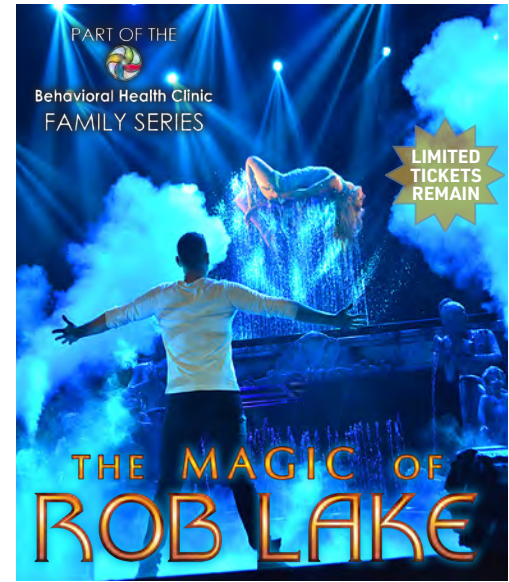
ACADEMY

of ST MARTIN
IN THE FIELDS

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Don't miss this rare opportunity to experience a live performance of one of the most highly esteemed chamber orchestras in the world. Based in London, the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields (ASMF) is renowned for fresh, brilliant interpretations of the world's greatest orchestral music. Since its formation in 1958, unrivalled live performances and a vast recording output — including the 1969 best-seller Vivaldi's Four Seasons and the soundtrack to the film *Amadeus* — have given the orchestra an international reputation for its distinctive, polished sound. On this limited spring tour in the U.S., the orchestra is joined by the 2021 Chopin Piano Competition winner Bruce Liu, who will perform Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 9 "Jeunehomme." This concert also includes Copland's Quiet City, Adams' Shaker Loops, and Hayden's Symphony No. 29.

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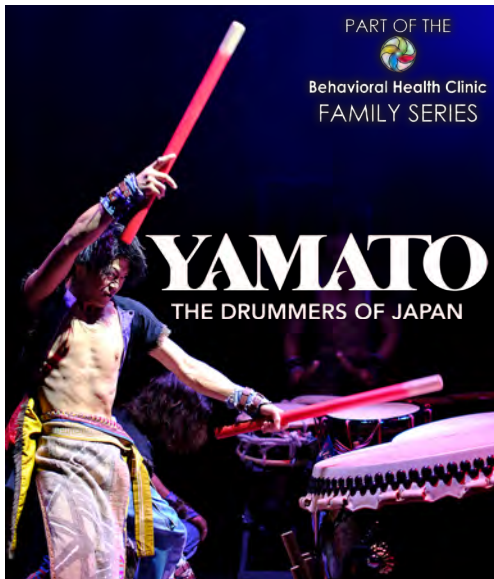
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THE MAGIC OF ROB LAKE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 • 7:00 PM

One of the biggest-selling magicians touring today comes to The Grand for the first time! From his awe-inspiring vanishing acts to levitating objects, Rob Lake has mastered grand illusions, mind-boggling sleight of hand, and mesmerizing storytelling. The America's Got Talent 2018 finalist — named "World's Greatest Illusionist" by NBC — dazzles audiences with his lavish sets, stunning lighting and captivating music in an immersive experience not to be missed!

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YAMATO

THE DRUMMERS OF JAPAN

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

Yamato's acclaimed Japanese Taiko drumming has captivated millions across the globe. Their new show "Hito no Chikara" - The Power of Human Strength, will leave you exhilarated by the spectacular, high energy performance. The Taiko drums explode with sound, but also produce delicate music. YAMATO is sometimes intense, sometimes sad, sometimes comforting, and in the next moment comical. It's an amazing experience for the whole family!

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PURE PRAIRIE LEAGUE

LEGENDS OF COUNTRY ROCK

FIRE FALL

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

It's a night of classic hits as Pure Prairie League and Firefall take the stage to perform their iconic songs. Legends of Country Rock treats you to some of the biggest hits of that golden era of 1970s music, including timeless singles "Amie" and "Let Me Love You Tonight" from Pure Prairie League, and "You Are the Woman" and "Strange Way" from Firefall. With dozens of charting songs between them, you'll be singing along all evening with these true music legends.

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THE SPIRIT OF MARDI GRAS

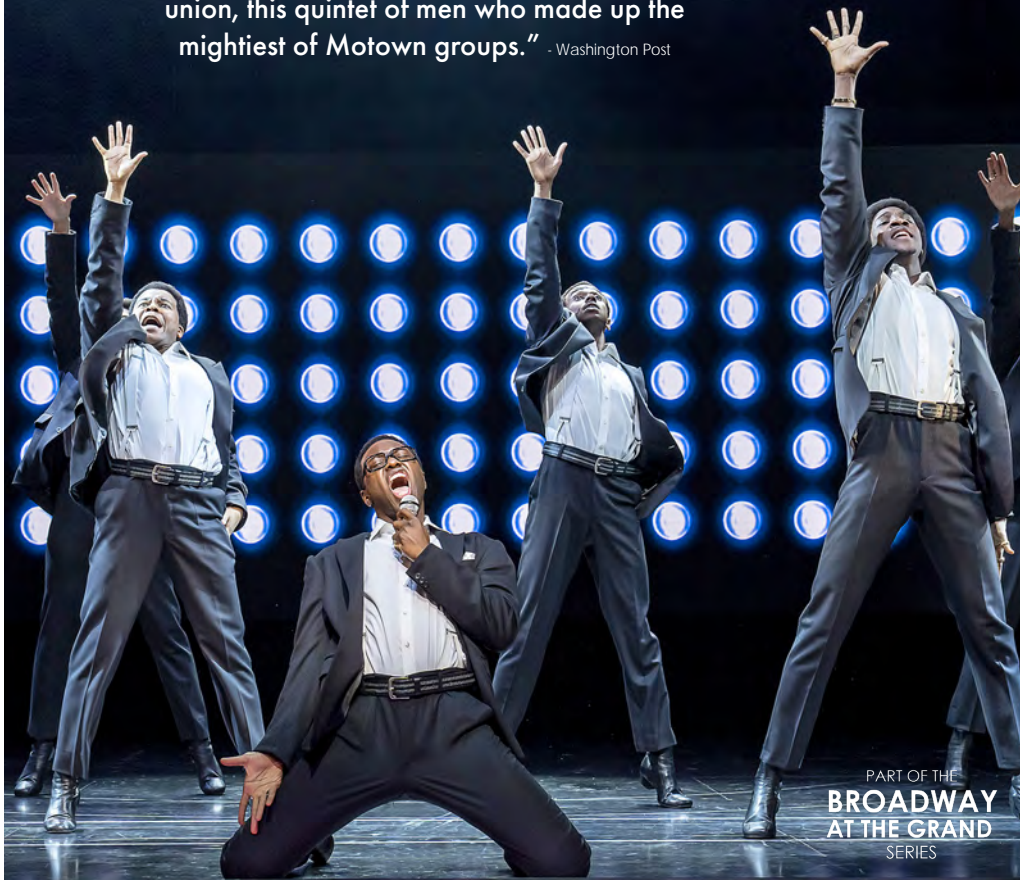
FEATURING MILTON SUGGS, LUTHER ALLISON, & QUIANNA LYNELL

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Experience the soul of New Orleans and the spirit of Mardi Gras in this amazing evening that celebrates the composers and inspired songs of the Crescent City, the historic epicenter of jazz. From Jelly Roll Morton and Louis Armstrong to Ellis Marsalis and James Black, New Orleans has long been an apex of innovation and inspiration. With world-class musicians and infectious energy, New Orleans Songbook immerses audiences in the captivating and timeless spirit of this vibrant city.

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“DAZZLING! The music, of course, is divine, but you’ll love the way they move in hypnotically synchronized union, this quintet of men who made up the mightiest of Motown groups.” - Washington Post



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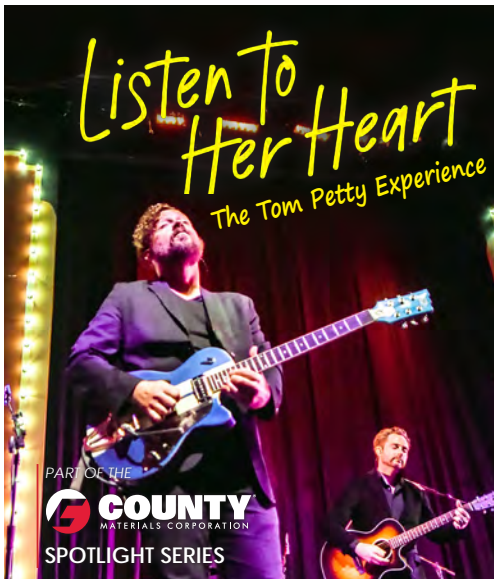
THE LIFE AND TIMES OF
THE TEMPTATIONS

TUESDAY, APRIL 15 • 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 • 7:00 PM

This electrifying smash-hit Broadway musical follows The Temptations' extraordinary journey from the streets of Detroit to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Nominated for 12 Tony Awards and the winner for Best Choreography, it's a thrilling story of brotherhood, family, loyalty, and betrayal during a decade of civil unrest in America. Set to the beat of the group's treasured hits, including "My Girl," "Just My Imagination," "Get Ready," and "Papa Was a Rolling Stone," AIN'T TOO PROUD tells the unforgettable story of the legendary quintet that Billboard Magazine named the greatest R&B group of all time.



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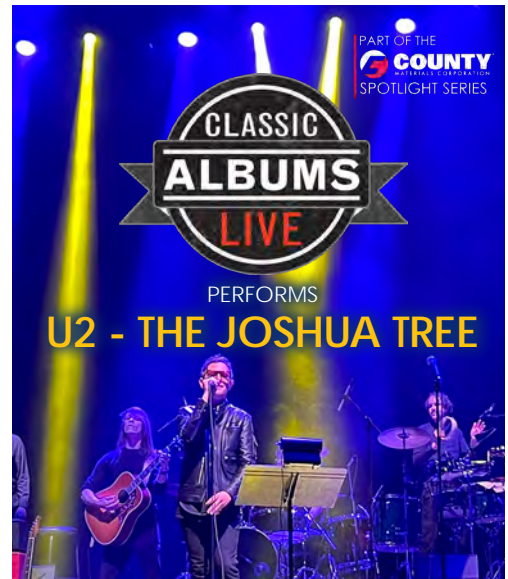
SATURDAY, MARCH 22

This tribute to Tom Petty delivers spot-on renditions and passionate performances to capture the spirit of Tom Petty's sound, taking audiences on a nostalgic journey through his incredible career. Formed by the Atlanta-based group of musicians Georgia Players Guild, the band showcases the breadth and depth of Petty's catalog, recreating the signature guitar riffs, harmonies, and heartfelt lyrics that made Petty a rock and roll icon.



FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Bagpipes with attitude. Drums with a Scottish accent. A blazing hot rock band and show. It's Bagpipes. It's Rock. It's Bagrock. Where rock anthems sit alongside the great tunes from the glens and the mountains of Scotland. It's The Red Hot Chili PIPERS – (NOT the Peppers!) – a 9-piece ensemble consisting of pipers, guitarists, keyboards, and drummers -- who have been rocking the world with a passion for pipes and high musicianship that will leave you breathless.



SATURDAY, APRIL 5

They've played multiple sold out shows at The Grand, and this time Classic Albums Live returns to perform U2's 1987 album *The Joshua Tree* – note for note, cut for cut. One of the most acclaimed albums of all time and containing hits such as "Where the Streets Have No Name" and "With Or Without You," the Grammy-winning album remains a powerful work of music to this day. As CAL founder Craig Martin says, "It's a sonic tarp that covered a generation."





TUESDAY, APRIL 22

This is the power of the performing arts. This incredible show will stay in your hearts forever. Step Afrika! performances are much more than dance shows. They integrate songs, storytelling, humor and audience participation. The blend of technique, agility, and pure energy leaves the audience with their hearts pounding. Step Afrika! blends percussive dance styles practiced by historically African American fraternities and sororities; traditional West and Southern African dances; and an array of contemporary dance and art forms into a compelling artistic experience. Founded in 1994 by C. Brian Williams, Step Afrika! is the first professional company dedicated to the tradition of stepping, which has evolved into one of America's cultural exports being performed across the globe.

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FRIDAY, MAY 2

Take a deep dive into Americana when this five-time Grammy winner and Country Music Hall of Famer performs with his revered, long-time band. Rolling Stone calls Stuart "one of the last remaining links to traditional country, roots music and the generation of greats like George Jones and Hank Williams." With a crossover sound of rockabilly, honky tonk, bluegrass and traditional country, Stuart continues to advance the legacy of country music.

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SATURDAY, MAY 3

Enter the electrifying world of Michael Jackson's artistry, where every step, every beat, and every note resonates with his iconic presence. This extraordinary production captures the heart and soul of Michael's greatest hits and dance moves, meticulously crafted under the masterful choreography of Jackson's longtime collaborator, Lavelle Smith Jr. With state-of-the-art visuals and a powerhouse cast, INVINCIBLE promises an evening of pure entertainment!

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 14
THURSDAY, MAY 15

This fusion of Irish and international dance and Grammy-winning music has captured the hearts of millions worldwide. Now celebrating its 30th year, Riverdance's special anniversary production rejuvenates the original show with innovative new choreography and costumes, lighting, motion graphics and projection.

Separate tickets to Thursday's TRADITIONAL IRISH DINNER preshow event go on sale Oct. 8.

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SUNDAY, MAY 18 • 7:00 PM

With skilled musicianship and commanding, charismatic performances, The Rush Tribute Project (RTP to its fanbase) delivers the magic of Rush's famous live concerts, and they return after a sold-out show last year! Covering all 40-plus years of Rush's amazing career, RTP painstakingly recreates the sound and energy that made Rush one of the top-selling rock bands of all time.

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SHOWTIMES 7:30 PM EXCEPT WHERE NOTED



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THREE MORE ARTISTS TO BE
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THE TWO TRACKS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
COUNTRY/FOLK

Their work traverses emotional and natural images of American life. Every arrangement highlights the direct connection between song and listener.



BRASS QUEENS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10
JAZZ/POP

This 10-piece female-led, New York-based brass band's signature sound sits right at the intersection of the Big Apple and the Big Easy.



SISTER WINCHESTER

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
BLUES ROCK

This Wisconsin-based, small-town sister duo showcases vocal harmonies and a mix of influences from rock and blues to folk.



MARIELLE KRAFT

THURSDAY, MARCH 13
INDIE/POP

This self-taught singer-songwriter displays craftsmanship beyond her years through salient detail, raw emotion, and poignant lyrics.



**SYMPHONY
ROCKS**

SYMPHONY ON THE ROCKS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 | 7:00 PM

A holiday concert benefitting the Blue Hearts of Wausau.



GRAND
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WAUSAU

It's a Jingle Ball that will Rock the Hall! Featuring Mike, Tom, Ron, and Kathy of Vic Ferrari alongside STEEM!

Playing rock hits by The Beatles, The Who, Imagine Dragons, ELO, and more PLUS holiday tunes.

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JOURNEY

From the Heart

PERFORMING THE HITS YOU LOVE:
 "DON'T STOP BELIEVIN'," "BARRACUDA,"
 "ANY WAY YOU WANT IT," "ALONE,"
 "SEPARATE WAYS," AND SO MUCH MORE!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

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"Take The Long Way Home," "Bloody Well Right,"
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17
GRAND THEATER WASUSAU

The
Supertramp
 TRIBUTE



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THE NUTCRACKER

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Wausau's Favorite Holiday Classic

"Nine most notable nutcrackers" - Newsweek Magazine

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SEPTEMBER 27, 2024



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2024/25 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.



"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."

- DEB & MARK HADLEY

ASPIRUS HEALTH

2024/25 ARTS IN EDUCATION SERIES

Celebrating over three decades of engaging students in the arts, The Grand is proud to present the 2024/2025 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 of *Charlotte's Web*, *Goodnight Moon*, *Yamato: The Drummers of Japan* and more!



Behavioral Health Clinic 2024/25 FAMILY SERIES

The Behavioral Health Clinic 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!



SONS OF MYSTRO
October 29



THE FAB FOUR: USA MEETS THE BEATLES
November 14



THE MAGIC OF ROB LAKE
February 23



YAMATO: THE DRUMMERS OF JAPAN
March 7



STEP AFRIKA!
April 22

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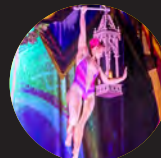
2024/25 SPOTLIGHT SERIES



LITTLE RIVER BAND
October 4



TERRI CLARK
November 16



CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE
December 18 & 19



DIRTY DANCING IN CONCERT
February 8



LISTEN TO HER HEART: THE TOM PETTY EXPERIENCE
March 22



CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE: U2'S THE JOSHUA TREE
April 5



INVINCIBLE: A GLORIOUS TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL JACKSON
May 3

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

GRAND THEATER CALENDAR * 2024/25

SEPTEMBER 2024

- 13 The Ozark Mountain Daredevils (LOW TICKETS)
- 17 *Hougum Law Firm 10x10 Series:*
The Two Tracks
- 20 Daniel O'Donnell (LOW TICKETS)
- 21 Whose Live Anyway? (LOW TICKETS)
- 26-28 CenterStage Band and Show Choir

OCTOBER

- 1 Leonid & Friends
- 4 *County Materials Spotlight Series:*
Little River Band (LOW TICKETS)
- 5 Rodney Carrington (LOW TICKETS)
- 8 Ben Folds
- 10 *Hougum Law Firm 10x10 Series:*
Brass Queens
- 11 Mania: A Tribute to ABBA
- 12 Journey From The Heart
- 17 The Supertramp Tribute
- 19 *Wausau Dance Theatre:*
Thriller
- 25 Celebrating Meat Loaf
- 29 *Aspirus Health Arts In Education Series:*
Sons of Mystro
- 29 *Behavioral Health Clinic Family Series:*
Sons of Mystro

NOVEMBER

- 1 Don McLean
- 2 The Prince Experience
- 9 11-11: The Party
- 12 *Hougum Law Firm 10x10 Series:*
Sister Winchester
- 14 *Behavioral Health Clinic Family Series:*
The Fab Four
- 16 *County Materials Spotlight Series:*
Terri Clark
- 23 Dena Blizzard: I Love You, Get Away From Me!

DECEMBER

- 7-8 *Central Wisconsin School of Ballet:*
The Nutcracker
- 9-10 *Broadway at The Grand Series:*
Dear Evan Hansen
- 11 Home Free: Any Kind of Christmas
- 13 The Altenburgh Christmas Extravaganza
- 18-19 *County Materials Spotlight Series:*
Cirque Dreams Holiday
- 22 Symphony on the Rocks

JANUARY 2025

- 6-7 *Broadway at the Grand Series:*
Hadestown
- 9 Stayin' Alive
- 25 Hyprov: Improv Under Hypnosis
- 30 *Broadway at The Grand Series:*
The Simon & Garfunkel Story

FEBRUARY

- 7 *Aspirus Health Arts In Education Series:*
Doktor Kaboom!
- 8 *County Materials Spotlight Series:*
Dirty Dancing in Concert
- 13-14 *Broadway at The Grand Series:*
Pretty Woman: The Musical
- 16 Ailey II
- 20 I Am... He Said: A Celebration of the Music of Neil Diamond
- 23 *Behavioral Health Clinic Family Series:*
The Magic of Rob Lake
- 25 *Aspirus Health Arts In Education Series:*
Goodnight Moon & The Runaway Bunny

MARCH

- 1 *Chester L. Suski Art Fund Presents:*
Academy of St. Martin in the Fields
- 7 *Aspirus Health Arts In Education Series:*
Yamato: The Drummers of Japan
- 7 *Behavioral Health Clinic Family Series:*
Yamato: The Drummers of Japan

- 13 *Hougum Law Firm 10x10 Series:*
Marielle Kraft
- 14 Legends of Country Rock: Pure Prairie League & Firefall
- 19 *Aspirus Health Arts In Education Series:*
Don't Let The Pigeon Drive The Bus! The Musical! (SOLD OUT)
- 21 Jazz at Lincoln Center Presents:
New Orleans Songbook
- 22 *County Materials Spotlight Series:*
Listen to Her Heart: The Tom Petty Experience
- 28 Red Hot Chili Pipers

APRIL

- 5 *County Materials Spotlight Series:*
Classic Albums Live: U2's The Joshua Tree
- 15-16 *Broadway at The Grand Series:*
Ain't Too Proud - The Life and Times of The Temptations
- 19 Wausau Lyric Choir:
'Music and the Mind'
- 22 *Aspirus Health Arts In Education Series:*
Step Afrika! (SOLD OUT)
- 22 *Behavioral Health Clinic Family Series:*
Step Afrika!

MAY

- 2 Marty Stuart & His Fabulous Superlatives
- 3 *County Materials Spotlight Series:*
Invincible: A Glorious Tribute to Michael Jackson
- 6 *Aspirus Health Arts In Education Series:*
Charlotte's Web
- 14-15 *Broadway at The Grand Series:*
Riverdance
- 18 The Rush Tribute Project

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



THE GRAND'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SERIES

PUSHING THE PERFORMING ARTS FROM **THE STAGE** INTO OUR **COMMUNITY**

Through our Community Engagement series, we are pleased to offer FREE concerts, workshops, karaoke nights, dance classes, pop-up exhibits, and much more to our community. With a mission to ENTERTAIN, EDUCATE, and ENRICH North Central Wisconsin, our Community Engagement series creates a space for all patrons to come together and enjoy the many benefits of the performing arts.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for event announcements!





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