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The Wood Brothers to perform at The Grand November 18

The Grammy-nominated, progressive Americana trio makes their first central Wisconsin appearance!



WAUSAU, WI (August 11, 2026) – Grammy-nominated trio The Wood Brothers will make a performance stop at The Grand in Wausau on Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale Friday, August 14 at 10:00 a.m. at The Grand's Aspirus Ticket Office by phone or in person, and online at grandtheater.org. Ticket office hours: weekdays 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., located temporarily at 115 N. Sixth St., Wausau, during Grand Theater construction.

About The Wood Brothers

If you're searching for insights into the state of the human condition, look no further than *Puff of Smoke* (Honey Jar/Thirty Tigers), the highly-anticipated ninth album of original music from Grammy-nominated progressive Americana trio The Wood Brothers.

Less a literal soundtrack to uncertain times or a roadmap showing how to live through them, *Puff of Smoke* posits a happily contrarian outlook: Life can turn on a dime, and all we truly have is the moment at hand. And that's perfectly fine. "We're not in control," says guitarist, vocalist and songwriter Oliver Wood, "and that can be good news."

Between the poetic observations of Oliver and his brother, bassist and vocalist Chris Wood — with percussionist and multi-instrumentalist Jano Rix completing the trio — *Puff of Smoke* is an 11-song collection brimming with joy in the face of challenges, delivering lyrical wisdom with the winking subtlety of John Prine and the musical hive mind of a seasoned group with two decades of shared experiences.

Fans who have hopped aboard at waypoints along the journey that began with their now classic 2006 debut *Ways Not to Lose* already know to expect a new drop from The Wood Brothers will bring inventive songwriting, a grounded lyrical wit, and an adventurous sweep of sonic avenues. Unpredictability is part of the listening experience.

The Wood Brothers have partnered with American Friends of Canadian Conservation so that $1 per ticket will support The Nature Trust of British Columbia (NTBC) in their efforts to conserve ecologically-rich wetlands and protect irreplaceable land from development. Every $1 donated will be matched by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with $2 so more endangered wetlands can be saved. If you'd like to learn more, please visit this link.

The Wood Brothers performance is presented by True Endeavors.

The entire Grand Theater facility is closed this summer and fall for the Second Century construction project. The Grand reopens in November, newly transformed after the $17.5 million renovation throughout the theater, Great Hall, historic lobby, and nearly every space in the facility, including new seats in the theater itself. During construction, the ticketing and administrative offices are operating nearby at 115 N. Sixth Street.

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