

marionpalacetheatre

and may pavilion

2015 PERFORMANCE
2016 SCHEDULE



Making Memories Since 1928

Welcome to the 87th year at the Palace Theatre. What an exciting time to be involved at the Palace! This season we will finish the restoration project, complete the digital projection installation which means movies return to the Palace, and we'll stage one of our biggest seasons yet! And we don't want you to miss a single moment of the excitement. Your membership contribution secures some amazing benefits and ensures that you'll be right here "center stage" as it all unfolds. I hope you'll take a few minutes to review our line-up and your membership benefits listed in the center insert of your season booklet. Then, I invite you to become a member of the Palace to be the first in line to



get your tickets for great shows all season long. The Palace... where year after year memories are made and dreams take flight. I look forward to seeing you this season.

Bev Ford-Executive Director

- 2015-16 PCAA Membership Drive begins **May 1**.
- Mary Poppins Patron tickets on sale **May 18**.
- Season tickets on sale to PCAA Members **Jun 1**.
Jun 1 - \$250+ members | **Jun 2** - \$100+ members
Jun 4 - \$50+ members | **Jun 5** - \$25+ and volunteers
- Season tickets on sale to general public **June 29**.



2015-16 Calendar of Events

TOURING ARTISTS BY DATE

Sunday, Oct 4 ⚡ 3pm
TWO ON TAP

Friday, Nov 6 ⚡ 8pm
TRAVIS TRITT

Saturday, Jan 23 ⚡ 7pm
LYNN TREFZGER

Saturday, Feb 13 ⚡ 7:30pm
THE PIANO MAN
FEATURING RYAN J RATLIFF

Saturday, May 14 ⚡ 8pm
KANSAS

FRIDAYS IN THE MAY BY DATE

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UNITED WORSHIP

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JOHN GARNES II & FRIENDS AM/FM

Friday, Feb 26 ⚡ 7:30pm
GRAIL

Friday, May 20 ⚡ 7:30pm
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PALACE PRODUCTIONS BY DATE

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Main Stage Production
MARY POPPINS

October 9, 10, 11
Main Stage Jr. Production
DISNEY'S ALADDIN, JR.

October 23, 24, 25
Pavilion Stage Play
OUR TOWN

December 4, 5, 6
Main Stage Production
CHRISTMAS AT THE PALACE

February 19, 20, 21
Main Stage Jr. Production
CHARLOTTE'S WEB

April 15 & 16
May Pavilion Dinner Theatre
CONTEMPT OF COURT

Saturday, April 23 ⚡ 7pm
Special Event
INFORMATION COMING SOON!

SUNDAY WITH THE ARTS BY DATE

Sunday, Sept 27 ⚡ 3pm
Wurlitzer Organ
PEDALS, PIPES & PIZZA

Sunday, Dec 13 ⚡ 3pm
It's A Wonderful Wurlitzer
HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG

Sunday, Apr 3 ⚡ 3pm
Pavilion Event
TBA

SCHOOL MATINEES BY DATE

Monday, Oct 5
grades PreK-2
DOG LOVES BOOKS

Friday, Oct 30
grades 4-8
ARCATTACK

Monday, Dec 14
grades K-5
MISS NELSON IS MISSING

Monday, Feb 8
grades K-5
JUNIE B'S ESSENTIAL SURVIVAL
GUIDE TO SCHOOL

Main Stage Palace Production

The Marion Palace Theatre proudly kicks off the 2015-16 season with a musical production based on one of the most popular Disney movies of all time, MARY POPPINS!

The jack-of-all trades, Bert, introduces us to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family how to value each other again. Mary Poppins takes the children on many magical and memorable adventures, but Jane and Michael aren't the only ones she has a profound effect upon. Even grown-ups can learn a lesson or two from the nanny who advises, "Anything can happen if you let it."

Bring the whole family to the Palace for an enchanting show featuring local talent, an irresistible story, unforgettable songs, breathtaking dance numbers, and astonishing stagecraft.

MARY POPPINS

July 11, 12 and July 17, 18, 19

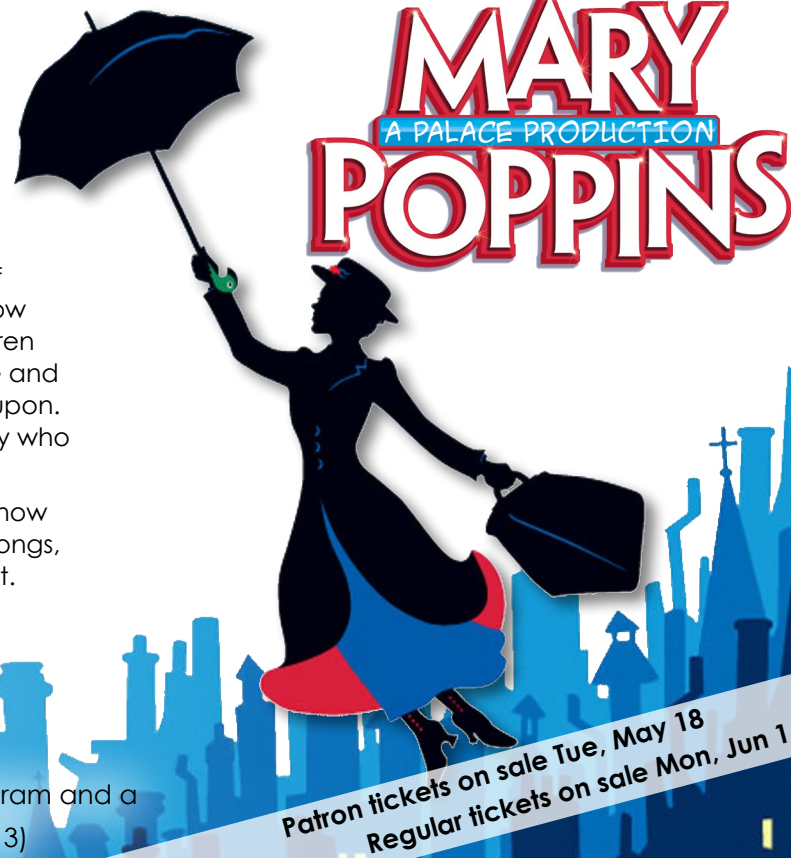
Fri & Sat 7:30pm, Sun 2pm

\$40 PATRON premium seating, name listed in the program and a party on 7/11/15 | \$22, \$18 ADULT, \$12 CHILD (under 13)

Disney and CAMERON MACKINTOSH'S

MARY POPPINS

A PALACE PRODUCTION



Patron tickets on sale Tue, May 18
Regular tickets on sale Mon, Jun 1

Main Stage Touring Artist

If you like Fred and Ginger or Micky and Judy, then you will love "Two on Tap." With the new show TWO ON TAPSM Broadway veterans Melissa Giattino and Ron DeStefano will dazzle the diehard dance fan and make plenty of new ones with exciting additions like a jazz-inspired rendition of "Lullaby of Broadway" and a ballroom-infused performance of the classic "Cheek to Cheek." This incredible song and dance duo will engage your senses with their new "Singin' in the Rain" medley, stir your patriotism with "You're a Grand Old Flag," and grab your heart with their gorgeous duet vocals on "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

www.two-on-tap.com

TWO ON TAP
Sunday, Oct 4 8 3pm

Reserved Seating: \$25, \$20, \$15 adult | \$12 child under 13



Main Stage Jr. Palace Production

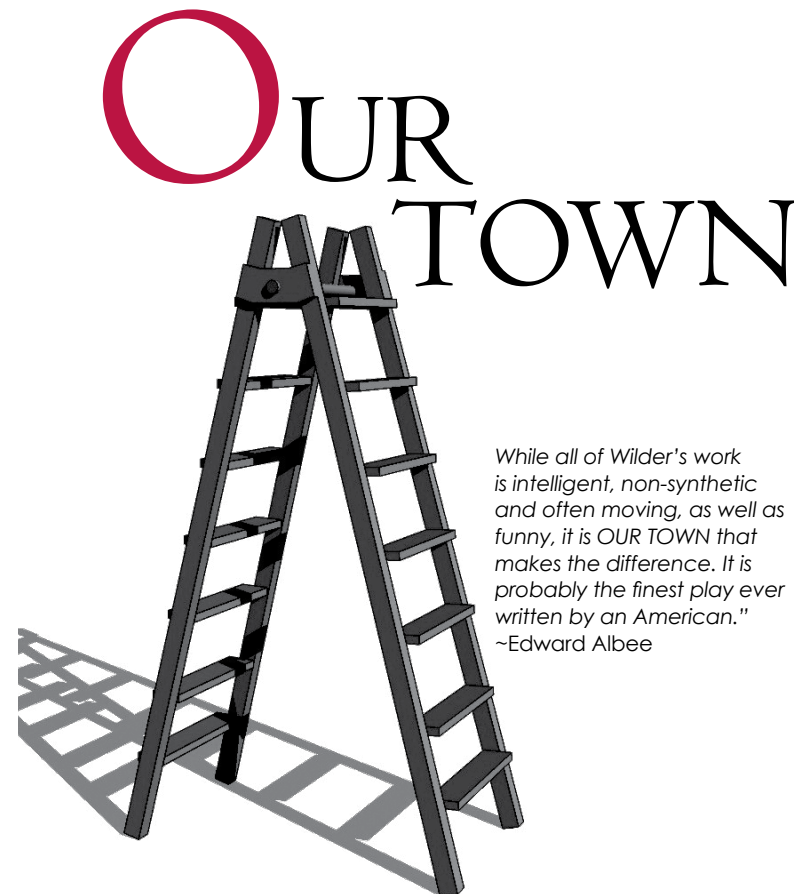
Welcome to the city of Agrabah, City of Enchantment, where every beggar has a story and every camel has a tail! All of your favorite characters from the hit animated film are here including the resourceful young hero Aladdin, the beautiful Jasmine, and of course, the wise-cracking Genie. Audience spirits soar with excitement over magic, mayhem, flying carpet rides and songs including "A Whole New World" and "Friend Like Me." Directed by Kristi Wink and featuring a cast of local youth ages 8-14 years.

Disney's ALADDIN, JR.

October 9, 10, 11

Fri & Sat 7:30pm, Sun 2pm

Reserved Seating: \$18 adult, \$12 child under 13



While all of Wilder's work is intelligent, non-synthetic and often moving, as well as funny, it is OUR TOWN that makes the difference. It is probably the finest play ever written by an American."

~Edward Albee

May Pavilion Palace Production

Thornton Wilder's beloved, Pulitzer Prize-winning classic depicts life, love and death in the quaint American town of Grover's Corners. Centered around one young couple - George and Emily - the play traces their lives as they fall in love, marry, start a family and eventually die. The story opens our eyes to all we take for granted and brings into question life's purpose and meaning. Danielle Knight makes her Palace directorial debut of OUR TOWN. Knight earned her Theatre Performance degree at Belhaven University in Jackson, MS and currently instructs Drama and Culinary Arts at Gilead Christian School.

OUR TOWN

October 23, 24, 25

Fri & Sat 7:30pm, Sun 2pm

General Admission: \$15

Main Stage Touring Artist

Born and raised in Marietta, Georgia, country music legend TRAVIS TRITT began his music career as a high school student. Now 3 decades later, Tritt's music has touched millions. A member of the Grand Ole Opry since 1992, Tritt has 7 Certified Platinum Albums and has won 2 Grammy Awards for his collaboration work with other country artists. His line-up of well-known hits include "T-R-O-U-B-L-E," "It's A Great Day to Be Alive," "Help Me Hold On," "Anymore," "Can I Trust You with My Heart," "Foolish Pride," and "Best of Intentions."

www.travistritt.com

TRAVIS TRITT

Friday, Nov 6 8pm

Reserved Seating: \$55, \$48, \$42, \$34



Main Stage Palace Production

Returning to the historic Marion Palace Theatre stage is the annual production of CHRISTMAS AT THE PALACE. Written and directed by Clare Cooke, this playful, joyous and heartfelt celebration of the season features hundreds of friends, neighbors and family members to delight audience members with song and dance acts which range from traditional holiday favorites to comical and contemporary numbers.



CHRISTMAS AT THE PALACE

Dec 4, 5, 6 7:30pm, Sun 2pm

Reserved Seating: \$22, \$17 adult | \$12 child under 13

Main Stage Touring Artist

For over 30 years, comedy ventriloquist LYNN TREFZGER has given life to a trunk full of comical characters. Audiences of all ages are treated to Lynn's vocal illusion talents, when they meet a drunken and lovable camel, a grumpy old man and a feisty little girl. Lynn may even bring audience members on stage to join the fun. Her off-the-wall audience interplay is riotously funny, no two shows are alike! Her performances are tailored for both family and adult audiences.

www.lynnnt.com

LYNN TREFZGER

Saturday, Jan 23 8 7pm

Reserved Seating: \$18 adult | \$12 child under 13



The Palace Cultural Arts Association Mission: To foster appreciation, education and participation in the arts, while preserving and promoting the historic Marion Palace Theatre.
Please support our mission. Join as a PCAA member today!

PALACE CULTURAL ARTS ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP 2015 2016

2015-16 PCAA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

❖ **Cast** \$25-\$49

❖ **Star** \$50-\$99

❖ Musical Director \$100-\$249

❖ **Choreographer** \$250-\$499

❖ **Director** \$500-\$999

❖ **Marquee** \$1,000-\$1,099

❖ **Marquee Plus** \$1,100-1,999

❖ Ruby Marquee \$2,000+

**1 Must submit a request for autographed poster at least 1 week prior to the event*

² *Tour must be scheduled in advance and is subject to theatre and staff availability.*

³Movie pass excludes special events and films presented by outside organizations.

⁴Event may be scheduled Mon-Thur.
Labor and equipment costs apply and
can vary depending on event needs.

								Your name listed in season Playbill
								Opportunity to purchase premium seats before the general public
								10% discount on meals at participating restaurants while dining prior to Palace events
								Free ticket-exchange privileges within a single season
								Subscription to the Applause monthly newsletter (e-mail or print version)
								Invitation to Palace Theatre Annual Event Party held in July
								Voting privileges at the Palace Theatre Annual Meeting
								No Handling Fees (\$2 per order) Does not apply to online sales or rental events
								Dedicated ticket agent exclusively for member ticket purchases at the door on show nights
								\$2 Admission to ALL Palace sponsored films from July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016
								(4) Free boxes of popcorn
								(4) Free non-alcoholic beverages
								(1) 11x17 event poster autographed by your favorite artist this season ^{*1}
								Free "Balcony to Backstage" theatre tour for you and your guests (limit 8) ^{*2}
								Free commemorative Palace Theatre window cling
								Your favorite seats reserved until one week before every Palace-sponsored, reserved-seat show
								Special pricing for adult beverages before select performances
								Invitation to pre or post event Scharer Patron Lounge Marquee Club parties
								Exclusive use of balcony during movies
								Complimentary movie admission for up to four people ^{*3}
								(2) Free boxes of popcorn at any event all season long by simply showing your Marquee Club Card
								(1) Free private use of the Scharer Patron Lounge (SPL) or Rotary Room (RR)
								Your choice of (1) complimentary Palace Logo hat or (1) Palace Logo t-shirt
								10% discount on price of a (Mon-Thu) May Pavilion rental or ½ price on second use of the SPL or RR ^{*4}



As a member supported, **non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization**, the Marion Palace Theatre depends on private contributions to cover expenses such as operations and capital improvements. Like all performing arts theatres, ticket sale revenues cover only a fraction of operating costs. The remainder of our funding comes from the Ohio Arts Council, corporations and foundations, as well as individual donations.

The importance of maintaining and supporting this historic treasure is vital to our success as a community. The theatre directly benefits the local economy by attracting over 85,000 visitors annually. In addition, it also enhances the quality of life for all theatre-goers by presenting a variety of live performances that showcase national touring artists and local talent alike.

794 INDIVIDUALS AND
BUSINESSES SUPPORTED
THE 2014-15 ANNUAL
FUND DRIVE AT A
VARIETY OF GIVING
LEVELS. WILL YOU
HELP US SURPASS
THAT THIS SEASON?

It's back! The Wopat Community Fund has once again issued a matching fund challenge. They will match new & increased memberships to a maximum combined total of \$10,000. Thank you in advance for accepting this challenge and considering how you, or others you know, can help us achieve our goal.



CONTRIBUTING TO THE ANNUAL FUND WILL:

- ☒ Provide over 9,000 young people the benefit of performance art experiences that help develop learning skills in math, science, history and reading
- ☒ Build confidence and enthusiasm in young people and adults through rewarding encounters in on-stage, high-quality, community productions
- ☒ Enrich the lives of this generation and the next through access to cultural opportunities often available only in larger metropolitan areas
- ☒ Keep high-quality arts and entertainment right here at home - no need to spend time and money traveling to out of town venues
- ☒ Secure the operations of this historic theatre for another season





☐ YES! I want to support the Arts in Marion, Ohio...SIGN ME UP

2015-16 PCAA MEMBERSHIP FORM

The PCAA is a non-profit organization. Gifts are tax-deductible. Membership contributions are payable in person at the box office, by phone (740) 383-2101, or you may complete this portion and return to: **The Marion Palace Theatre, 276 W. Center St., Marion, OH 43302**

YOUR INFORMATION

NAME (as it should appear in the playbill)

ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

PHONE

EMAIL

YOUR METHOD OF PAYMENT

___ MY CHECK IS ENCLOSED (CK # _____)

___ APPLY TO MY CREDIT CARD (CIRCLE - VISA - MASTERCARD - DISCOVER)

CC#: _____ EXP: _____

___ PLEASE MAIL ME AN INVOICE: QUARTERLY HALF

YOUR LEVEL OF SUPPORT

___ JR. STAGE MANAGER (\$10-\$24)

___ CAST MEMBER (\$25-\$49)

___ STAR PERFORMER (\$50-\$99)

___ MUSICAL DIRECTOR (\$100-\$249)

___ CHOREOGRAPHER (\$250-\$499)

___ DIRECTOR (\$500-\$999)

___ MARQUEE CLUB (\$1,000 +)

FOR OFFICE USE

DATE RECEIVED: _____

CARD(S) SENT: _____

S DRIVE: _____

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Main Stage Touring Artist



Ryan J. Ratliff will electrify his audience with the great rock and roll singers who conquered the keys including: Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis, Billy Joel, Elton John, Barry Manilow, Stevie Wonder, and others. This tribute features Ryan at the grand piano with a live local band and backup singers and dancers from NYC. Favorites such as *Piano Man*, *Uptown Girl*, *Only The Good Die Young*, *Goodbye Yellow Brick Road*, *Crocodile Rock*, *I Just Called To Say I Love You*, *For Once In My Life*, *Georgia On My Mind*, *Great Balls Of Fire*, *Tutti Frutti*, *You've Got A Friend*, and many more, will have the entire crowd rockin' and rollin'. One night only, so make this a Valentine's event and join Ryan in his final solo show as we all sing and sway along to the great artists who've made the piano rock!

www.ryjproductions.com

THE PIANO MAN
FEATURING RYAN J RATLIFF

Saturday, February 13 & 7:30pm

Reserved Seating: \$26, \$22, \$18

Main Stage Jr. Palace Production

CHARLOTTE'S WEB, a beloved children's classic spins the tale of a clever spider and her friend Wilbur, who happens to be a pig. This play brings to life the friendships of Charlotte — the wise spider, her animal friends, and the young girl Fern. Using teamwork, the animals come together to save Wilbur and make him "some pig" indeed. Emily Yaksic, Theatre Education Graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, makes her Palace directorial debut in this beautiful and meaningful play about friendship. Audience members of all ages will be enchanted by this Junior Palace production which features local talent ages 8 years & up.

CHARLOTTE'S WEB

February 19, 20, 21

Fri & Sat 7:30pm, Sun 2pm

Reserved Seating: \$18 adult, \$12 child under 13



May Pavilion Palace Production

It's a typical night at Judge Judy's People's Night Court where audience members become plaintiffs, defendants, witnesses and jury in some of the most outlandishly funny law suits ever to double cross the bench. This hilarious comedy send up of all those TV court shows proves that some people really have a CONTEMPT OF COURT. Directed by Clare Cooke.

CONTEMPT OF COURT

Comedy Dinner Theatre
April 15 & 16

Fri & Sat Dinner 6pm | Show 7:30pm
Doors open 15 minutes before meal

Dinner & Show: \$35.

Menu includes: Choice of 2 entrees, potato, vegetable, salad, bread, dessert and drink



Main Stage Touring Artist

KANSAS became popular in the 1970s with hit singles such as "Carry On Wayward Son" and "Dust in the Wind." The band boasts 8 gold albums, 3 sextuple-platinum albums (Leftoverture, Point of Know Return, The Best of Kansas), 1 platinum live album (Two for the Show) and a million-selling single, "Dust in the Wind." Kansas appeared on the Billboard charts for over 200 weeks throughout the 1970s and 1980s and played to sold-out arenas and stadiums throughout North America, Europe and Japan. Along with touring, KANSAS continues to remain a fixture of Classic Rock radio. They have reached a whole new audience through their unmistakable presence on the popular video games Rock Band and Guitar Hero, as well as through their songs' inclusion in various television shows ('Supernatural' and 'South Park') and films ('Old School' and 'Anchorman').

KANSAS

Saturday, May 14 8pm

Reserved Seating: \$55, \$48, \$42, \$34



Sunday with the Arts

Featuring the theatre's Mighty Wurlitzer Organ



PEDALS, PIPES & PIZZA

Sun, Sep 27 3pm

Come and explore the theatre's historic Wurlitzer organ which houses more than 700 pipes designed to create the sounds of a full orchestra! After a short silent film accompanied by a guest organist, you'll find out how the organ works (what are all those buttons for anyway?), have the chance to play a piece of music if you'd like, and enjoy musical selections by local organists. Top it all off by enjoying pizza on the Palace stage! \$15 includes pizza.

IT'S A WONDERFUL WURLITZER HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG

Sun, Dec 13 3pm

Back by audience request!! Organists will play a selection of favorite holiday tunes, both as solos and sing-a-longs, on the theatre's Mighty Wurlitzer Organ. Join in and sing-a-long with the music or just sit back and savor the golden voice of the Mighty Wurlitzer. Donations will be received for the organ repair fund.





Fridays in the May

Doors 6:30pm | Concert 7:30pm | Tickets \$15 | Cash Bar

UNITED WORSHIP

Fri, Sep 25

UNITED WORSHIP is a communal effort to bring down the walls between denominations and to join worshippers of all congregations under the one thing we all share...the banner of God's love. Join this group of God loving musicians and unite as one to worship. **Wes Meadows, Matt Brent, Mallory Gleespen, Fermen Yoder, Doug Bowling, Matt Deeren, Andre South, and Ryan Bales** declare Jesus as their love, life force and reason to be United Worship. The group performs original songs from their new CD as well as favorite covers.

UNITED • WORSHIP

JOHN W GARNES, II & FRIENDS-AM/FM

Fri, Jan 15

John W. Garnes, II along with **Ben Zucker, Ryan Cluff, Evan Richardson, Matt Noland** and a few special guests pay homage to the biggest music radio icons from the last 40 years. The group will cover artists from James Taylor, Elton John and Seals and Crofts to Justin Timberlake, Garth Brooks, Sam Smith and Train. Join John and friends for a relaxing night of good music and good company.



Fridays in the May

Doors 6:30pm | Concert 7:30pm | Tickets \$15 | Cash Bar



GRAIL

Fri, Feb 26

Marion's favorite Bluegrass/Gospel band returns to the May Pavilion! The songs, acoustic instrumentation and tight harmonies that define Bluegrass are presented to the contemporary listener for a good time with good music. **Micky Bloomfield, Craig Schertzer, Bruce Seckel and Vern Sizemore** make up GRAIL and welcome you to join the growing family of GRAIL Bluegrass fans!

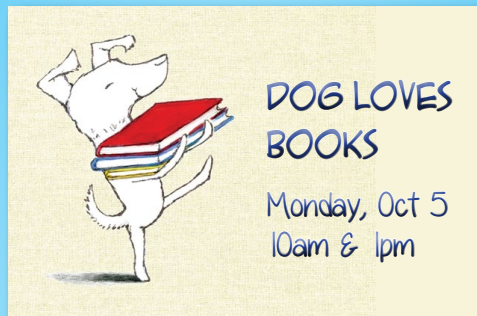
1 FOR THE ROAD

Fri, May 20

There's nothing like being #1. The Billboard Hot 100 has given this distinction to hundreds of songs since 1958. Some are unforgettable tunes and some we'd all like to forget. **Danielle Knight** (vocals), **Daniel Bradshaw** (piano/vocals), **Jacob Schlichting** (bass), and **Zach Cochran** (drums) will take you on a journey through the hits ranging from 1958 to today. From The Beatles to Britney - The Jackson 5 to One Direction - no song or musical style is off limits (and you might be surprised at the twists they put on some contemporary hits).



School Matinee performances are professionally produced children's programs for grades PreK-8. These shows are designed specifically to enhance curriculum and meet Ohio Academic Content standards. Admission is \$3.50 per student and chaperone. For reservations please contact the School Matinee Coordinator - 740/383-2101 or tickets@marionpalace.org. When making reservations, indicate all special seating needs for those with walkers and/or wheelchairs.



Louise Yates' New York Times Best Seller comes to life in ArtsPower's newest musical about the irresistible Dog who loves everything about books. In fact, he loves books SO much that he decides to open up his own bookstore. Once the store opens for business, no customers come. Dog is alone in his store. But, he soon realizes that when he is surrounded by books, he is never truly alone. Dog begins to read the books and discovers that when customers finally come in to his store, he knows exactly which books to recommend. ArtsPower's delightful new musical celebrates the power of the imagination and the satisfaction that comes when you share books with others. Recommended for grades PreK-2.



Part rock concert, part science experiment the creators of ArcAttack unveil the science behind the spectacle. Explore concepts such as electricity, voltage and current, magnetism, robotics, and lightning through a show that's both entertaining and interactive. This group strives to be a leader in educational entertainment inspiring children across the world to pursue their interest in physics, mathematics, chemistry and engineering. In an era where science is no longer deemed "cool" there finally is a show that not only teaches students the fundamentals of science and technology but also sparks their imagination, gets them excited about learning and makes them leap off their feet screaming for more! Recommended for grades 4-8.



MISS NELSON IS MISSING

Monday, Dec 14
10am & 1pm

The students in Room 207 are the worst-behaved class in the whole school! There are spitballs stuck to the ceiling and paper airplanes whizzing through the air – even though they have the sweetest teacher of all, Miss Nelson. But when Miss Nelson unexpectedly does not come to school one day, the class gets the strictest substitute they have ever met...Miss Viola Swamp! The search is on for Miss Nelson, who seems to have vanished. Hopefully the students of Room 207 will find her before it's too late – for them! This lighthearted musical reminds us all to show appreciation to those who we value! Recommended for grades K-5.

Linking Arts and Education



JUNIE B'S ESSENTIAL SURVIVAL GUIDE TO SCHOOL

Monday, Feb 8
10am & 1pm

Now that Junie B. Jones has been going to school for over one-and-a-half years, who better to write the book on EVERYTHING you need to know? From bus rules to band-aids, carpools to cookies, Junie B. and friends deliver the definitive word on surviving and thriving in style. With a jillion tips, tricks and trip-ups, Junie B. shares her hard-won expertise and shows us all how school is sometimes scary, sometimes super-fun, and ALWAYS something to sing about! An all-new musical adventure based on Barbara Park's popular book. Recommended for grades K-5.





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