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Palace Theatre
& MAY PAVILION

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Upcoming Rental Event.....
Mon, Jan 16, 2017
 Annual Peace & Freedom Breakfast
 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



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 JAN 13-15 ★ JAN 20 & 21 ★ JAN 27-29

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Super-Charged and Revved Up... The GAS PUMP JOCKEYS deliver a fun concert



Mark your calendars to have your tank filled with premium grade fun when THE GAS PUMP JOCKEYS take over the May Pavilion on Friday, January 27 at 7:30 pm!

This super-charged oldies and retro band from Columbus, Ohio takes audiences on a musical journey to simpler times when gas was cheap, the cars were cool, and the music was red hot! Performing a mix of great songs from the 60s and 70s, the group covers the Beatles, Doobie Brothers, Eagles, CCR, Bob Seger and many more. With more songs per gallon than any other band in the Midwest, this nostalgic outfit also incorporates their special brand of comedy and audience interaction making their performance more than a concert, and a super-fun show for all ages.

Sponsored by Wyandot and supported by the Ohio Arts Council. Media sponsor WMRN-AM. Get your tickets in advance by calling 740.383.2101 or ordering online www.marionpalace.org

FRI, JAN 27, 2017
7:30^{PM} • TICKETS \$15



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A CHRISTMAS HOMECOMING



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SAT, JAN 7

SCHOOL MATINEE
PETE THE CAT
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MUTTS GONE NUTS!
SUN, JAN 22

GAS PUMP JOCKEYS
FRI, JAN 27

Canines and Comedy Collide in a Smash Hit Show!

Presented in conjunction with the Marion County Humane Society, the canine comedy show **Mutts Gone Nuts!** will steal your heart and have you sitting up and begging for more! Taking the Palace stage on Sunday, January 22 at 3pm is comedy duo Scott and Joan Houghton along with nine amazing dogs whose talents range from hoop jumping, dancing, catching Frisbees to rope jumping, tight-wire walking and more. But, what makes this hilarious pack of pooches truly unique is that all were once homeless, living in animal shelters or rescue groups.

From shelters to showbiz, now these amazing mutts unleash havoc and hilarity in a breathtaking, action packed, comedy dog spectacular. Deemed 'A Must See' by the Washington Post, the canines are sure to steal your heart, and then your shoes! Audiences across the nation have fallen in love with the stars of the show which includes: **Allie** a 7 year old Papillion/border collie mix who likes to dance, **Fritz** the beautiful 9 year old American Eskimo who jumps rope and **Rusty** the 10 year old Frisbee-dog champion. These three will be joined by some of the world's most talented 4 legged performers.

In addition to bringing audiences a funny and entertaining show, **Mutts Gone Nuts!** also spreads the positive

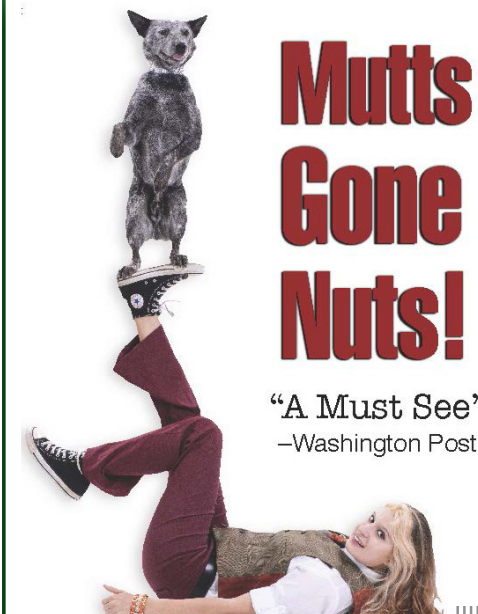
message about animal rescue. Scott and Joan encourage audiences to adopt dogs instead of going to a breeder and wisely advise to carefully select a pet that fits your family and lifestyle.

The mischievous mutts that will perform at the Palace in January are chosen from the Houghtons' group of foster dogs, which currently includes 12 furry friends who enjoy the benefits of living on their 2-acre Damascus, MD farm. The dogs reside indoors and are USDA APHIS registered. Each of the mixed-breeds' individual talents are cultivated through the Houghton's established style of positive reinforcement training, which motivates and rewards the dog's desired behaviors with treats, toys, and praise.

"Most of the dogs we have are too wacky for a regular household," says Scott who's fostered over 60 dogs in the last decade. "But shelters are full of plenty of great, easygoing dogs as well."

You can see a video clip of the dogs' recent performance on "The View" by visiting the Palace's website www.marionpalace.org.

Reserved seating prices for **Mutts Gone Nuts!** are \$15, \$20, \$25 for adults and \$10 for high school students and younger. Tickets can be purchased online, in person or by phone 740.383.2101. Please be sure to stop by the May Pavilion for a pre-show event presented in conjunction with the Marion County Humane Society! Brought to you by MARION ANIMAL HOSPITAL. Media sponsor Majic 95.9.



Sunday, January 22 @ 3pm

From the Director's Chair...

**Executive Director
Bev Ford**

Hello, friends.

As this edition of the Applause makes its way to your mailbox or into your inbox, we are closing in on the holidays--Thanksgiving AND Christmas. And, yes, that means the New Year is not too far off.

What a joyous season. A time to reflect on all we hold dear, even more so than at other times.

One thing that made it to the top of my list this year is that I am grateful to be part of a community where hope is rising and good things are happening. There are efforts being made at many levels to raise our community to a new sense of pride; to restore our belief that Marion is a hometown worth celebrating.

We are 100% behind that message. This year the theme for Christmas at the Palace is "A Christmas Homecoming." You can expect to hear great music and enjoy beautiful dancing. You can count on some laughter and poignant moments, too. But beyond that, we hope you'll get a sense that we treasure our hometown of Marion, Ohio. Some special guests are making their way home to help us make that point.

I invite you to take a moment to think about it. From our historic sites to locally owned shops and restaurants, Marion is unique. From local talent on stage to versatile, cutting-edge educational facilities, Marion leads the way. From established manufacturers to recreational opportunities, Marion is strong.

Marion is our hometown. We invite you to celebrate the hope that is rising in Marion. What's on your "things we hold dear" list?

I hope your holiday season includes some time to CELEBRATE Marion, CELEBRATE the Palace, and CELEBRATE all that you hold dear!

With gratitude, *Bev*

CHRISTMAS AT THE PALACE

Hang the mistletoe and bring out the holiday lights; Christmas is almost here! And nothing declares the arrival of the holiday season like the annual production of CHRISTMAS AT THE PALACE written and directed by Clare Cooke.

This year, Cooke has selected a fabulous line up of talent that features a cast of 350 singers, dancers and performers ages 4 to 80 years. The show, which follows the storyline "A Christmas Homecoming," will feature several theatre friends who will return to their hometown theatre to share their talents in this annual holiday production.

Returning to the Palace stage will be Carly Augenstein, a New York based actress, singer, and comedienne, who was born and raised in Marion and is a 2007 graduate of River Valley High School; NYC resident Jon Baldauf, who also grew up performing on the Palace stage and is a Pleasant High School graduate; and Floridian Patrick Roach, who will re-unite with his Ohio friends and family for Christmas at the Palace 2016.

George Schram will play maestro for the "A Christmas Homecoming." Instrumental numbers by the Palace Theatre Big Band and the Lisiecki Family will fill the auditorium with Christmas favorites. Dance lovers will be enchanted by a range of acts featuring students from Diverse Dance Moves and Douce Dance Studio, as well as striking solo dance numbers. With fresh new performances, the Men's and Ladies' adult tap lines will return center stage as well as putting their feet together for a fun-loving couples number choreographed by Kristi Wink.

Vocal Director Blake Huffaker has perfected beautiful holiday music to be performed by the

adult and children's choirs, favorite past soloists Hailie Crowder, John W. Barnes, II, Jenny Hughes, Brian & Madisen Schenk, and new talent Beau & Nicole Hummel and Tyreece Harris...just to name a few! Bringing more sounds of the season in vocal numbers are Barbershop Harmony Chorus The Marionaires, Logos Christian Ministries Choir directed by Janice Howell, Grace Notes (Nancy Lashey, Linda Rizzo, Robin Weston, Kristine Wolfe), Sassy Seven (Cindy Anderson, Bev Ford, Nicole Hummel, Ashley Irwin, Leah Menzie, Cara Osborne, Rachel Osborne) and the new act, that is sure to leave you feeling as giddy as a kid on Christmas morning, The Drama Mamas.

Traveling from the North Pole with a bag full of big laughs for audience members of all ages will be Santa Claus (Bruce Cudd), Mrs. Claus (Sharon Gale) and Sassy the Elf (Julia Vanderhoff). Rounding out the program will be a heartwarming Veterans and First Responders Recognition and a touching Nativity Scene.

CHRISTMAS AT THE PALACE 2016 promises to be packed with talent and entertainment creating a holiday experience you don't want to miss. Avoid long lines at the door and order your tickets in advance at the Palace Box Office, 276 West Center Street, by phone (740) 383-2101 or online www.marionpalace.org. Tickets \$18, \$22 adult, \$12 child under age 13. Sponsored by OhioHealth and supported by the Ohio Arts Council.

DEC 2, 3 & 4
Fri & Sat 7:30pm ♦ Sun 2pm



With the holidays just around the corner, it's time to start thinking about gift ideas for all of those special people in our lives and begin prepping and planning for those big holiday dinners.

- Tickets to an upcoming show make excellent stocking stuffers and are hands-down one of the best presents you can give for any occasion. Check out our website for a comprehensive list of upcoming events or contact the box office and a friendly ticket agent will happily assist you in selecting a show.
- The Palace box office also sells gift certificates, logo-wear, light-bulb ornaments and the recently released book, "A Theatre History of Marion, Ohio: John Ebersson's Palace and Beyond."



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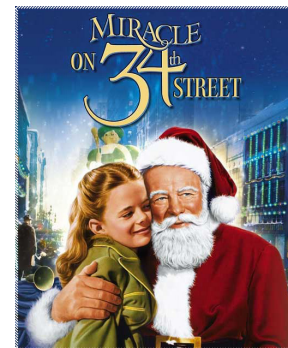


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MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET



There aren't many better things than enjoying a box of fresh Palace popcorn and seeing our favorite classic Christmas

films on the big screen! Make plans to treat yourself to a movie experience you won't forget. The 1947 film, *Miracle on 34th Street* will show:

Friday, Dec 9 @ 7:30pm

Saturday, Dec 10 @ 2pm & 7:30pm

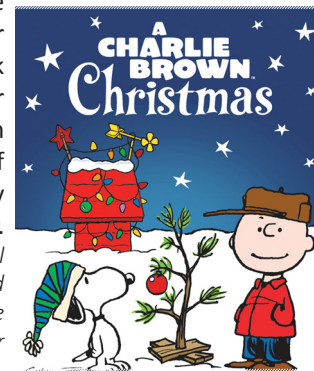
Sunday, Dec 11 @ 7:30pm

Admission \$4 for all ages, \$2 PCAA members presenting a valid membership card.

WURLITZER ORGAN HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG

Sunday, Dec 11, 2016 @ 3pm

Sunday afternoon's free event starts at 3pm with a special showing of *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. After the short film, organists will play a selection of favorite holiday tunes 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.



AUDITIONS

**Tue, Dec 27 &
Wed, Dec 28**
5pm-7pm



Children age 7-14 years are invited to audition for the upcoming Palace Theatre Junior Play, *JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH*. This light-hearted stage adaptation of Roald Dahl's classic tale will feature James and the insect characters – Miss Spider, Old-Green-Grasshopper, Centipede, Ladybird, and Earthworm. Director Emily Yaksic will hold auditions on the Palace stage December 27 and 28 from 5-7 pm. Auditioners may come either day and should come prepared with a short, memorized monologue or poem. Monologues from the play will be available in the Palace Box Office beginning on December 1st. Children should dress comfortably and be prepared to read from the script. Those auditioning should enter through the front theatre doors. *JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH* performance dates are February 17, 18 & 19 2017.



Pete the Cat School Matinee

Friday, Jan 20, 2017 @ 10:00 am & 12:45 pm | Grades Pre-K through 3rd

Pete the Cat never loses his cool. Jimmy Biddle never strays from his routine. That is, until the groovy blue cat moves in with The Biddles for the summer. Can cat and boy ever be friends? When Jimmy draws a blank in art class, Pete's the perfect pal to lead the mission to help Jimmy find his inspiration. Join Jimmy and Pete on a new adventure of friendship, all the way to Paris and back again in a VW Bus. School Matinee productions are open to the general public. Tickets are \$3.50. Reservations are required in advance - please contact the School Matinee Coordinator- 740/383-2101 or tickets@marionpalace.org. Note NEW afternoon performance time is now 12:45pm to better accommodate busing schedules. *The School Matinee Series is sponsored by HONDA and GENERAL MILLS and supported by OHIO ARTS COUNCIL.