



MARION  
*Palace Theatre*  
& MAY PAVILION

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## TJ GEORGE BRINGS MELODIC GROOVE TO THE MAY PAVILION



TJ GEORGE  
**FRI, SEP 30, 2016**  
**@ 7:30PM**

Kicking off the Palace Theatre's 2016-17 Fridays in the May Series will be award winning songwriter TJ George. Hailing from Upper Arlington, TJ chronicles the moments in his life through songs and delivers a stunning performance with his emotions on full display. His melodic tenor vocals convey depth and his lyrics connect universally. Audiences enjoy hearing his collection of original music with song topics that range from celebration, new love, bad love, good love, death and most of all living hope.

When asked to describe his music, TJ responds, "I normally call it "melodic groove." More than anything, it's just a fusion of my influences — Marc Cohn, Ben Folds is excellent, the whole Daryl Hall and Michael McDonald "blue-eyed soul" thing. It's some R&B, a little bit of folk and pop-rock all mixed together."

TJ has written with multiple top ten hit makers and has produced multiple solo CDs including "Melodic Groove," "Abilene" and his most recent release, "Fragmented

Soul: Volume 1." TJ also has a CD which is a shared effort with fellow songwriter and Marion, Ohio native Jasey Schnaars, titled TJC-One.

TJ has shared the stage with award winning songwriter and international touring artist, Jesse Terry and opened for artists such as Maxwell Hughes of The Lumineers and national touring artist Joe Crookston. He also recently performed for the nationally distributed 'Songs at the Center' on PBS.

Learn more about this intriguing artist by visiting his website [www.tjgeorge.com](http://www.tjgeorge.com), then gather your friends and family to see him perform live at the May Pavilion. Tickets are just \$15 and seating will be at tables on the main floor and mezzanine levels creating the ideal place to meet friends for a drink, chat, relax and enjoy the entertainment. Purchase a group of 8 or more tickets in advance and the Palace will reserve a table for you. The Fridays in the May Series is funded by Ohio Arts Council.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SECRET LIFE OF PETS (PG)**

SEP 16, 17, 18

**VOLUNTEER  
ORIENTATION**  
SAT, SEP 17

**TJ GEORGE**  
FRI, SEP 30

**DISNEY'S TARZAN**  
OCT 7, 8, 9

**TARZAN PRESHOW  
TEA PARTY**  
OCT 9

**THE LOVIN' SPOONFUL**  
FRI, OCT 14

**SCHOOL MATINEE  
OUT OF BOUNDS**  
THU, OCT 20

**WILD CARROT**  
FRI, OCT 21

**RONNIE MILSAP**  
FRI, OCT 28

**YOGA WORKSHOP**  
SAT, OCT 29

## TARZAN Swings onto the Palace Stage

With a name that is recognizable the world over, TARZAN will swing his way onto the Palace stage and into audience members hearts October 7, 8, and 9. Whether you were introduced to Tarzan through the classic Edgar Rice Burroughs novels, comic books, television series, this summer's blockbuster film or Disney's animated movie, this stage musical will quickly become a favorite Ape-Man memory to cherish.

In this adaptation of the Disney film, TARZAN tells the moving story of a shipwreck that leaves an infant boy washed up on the shores of West Africa. The orphaned boy is taken in and raised by a tribe of gorillas who name him Tarzan. Against what seems to be incredible odds, Tarzan grows up to become an openhearted, accomplished, and intelligent young man. Beautifully retold for the stage by Tony Award-winning playwright David Henry Hwang, TARZAN delivers a powerful message that true family provides unconditional love, not just biology. Performing this full scale musical production will be over 70 local children. The role of Tarzan is played by 16-year old **Tanner Wink** of Marion. **Madisen Schenk** portrays Jane. In the role of young Tarzan is **Brody Cahill**, with Tarzan's biological parents played by **Sami-Kay Mergy** and **Bryson Hummell** and the apes who

became his adoptive parents played by **Sydeny Schertzer** as Kala and **Wyatt Wells** as Kerchak. Playing the role of Tarzan's sarcastic and lovable ape friend Terk, is **Tyreece Harris** as well as **Carter Rawlins** as young Terk.

Featuring heart-pumping music by rock legend, Phil Collins, TARZAN is teeming with hits, like the Academy Award winning "You'll Be in My Heart," as well as "Son of Man," "Two Worlds" and the show stopping 11-o'clock solo number, "Everything That I Am."

Additional cast members include **Carson Bollinger** as Porter, **Jia Radloff** as Clayton, **Brady Wink** as Snipes, **Delaney Tabbert** as Leopard, **Julian Bishop Johnson**, **Brooklyn Short**, **Macie Snyder** and **Isaiah Wasserbeck** as the Expedition Crew. Rounding out the cast as the Ape Ensemble will be **Mallori Ballenger**, **Hailey Baker**, **Emmaly Bennett**, **Madisen Blankenship**, **Gabby Cametti**, **Madelyn Cheney**, **Emma Chiles**, **Isabelle Combs**, **Abby Coyan**, **Macyn Danals**, **Morgan Elliott**, **Reagan Fitsko**, **Jaylyn Fogle**,

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### IF YOU GO

**WHAT:** Marion Palace Theatre Junior production of Disney's TARZAN The Stage Musical. Book by David Henry Hwang. Music and Lyrics by Phil Collins. Adapted from the story "Tarzan of the Apes" by Edgar Rice Burroughs.

**WHEN:** 7:30 p.m. - Friday, Oct 7  
7:30 p.m. - Saturday, Oct 8  
2:00 p.m. - Sunday, Oct 9

**WHERE:** Marion Palace Theatre, 276 W Center St., Marion OH 43302

**RUNNING TIME:** approximately 90 minutes one intermission

**TICKETS:** \$18 Adults, and \$12 Children age 12 years and under.

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# From the Director's Chair...

Executive Director  
Bev Ford

While I'm sitting in the May Pavilion waiting on UPSIDEDOWN BROADWAY rehearsal to begin, I'm reflecting on the past weekend and anticipating the weekend ahead. We're in full show mode with the season out of the gate. We wrapped up an incredible round of auditions for Disney's Tarzan. There were more than 70 students who came to take a run through the jungle with us. The cast is a strong one and the show is new and exciting. I can't wait for you to see it. These two shows alone are evidence of just how deep the talent runs in Marion and just how blessed we are that they share themselves with all of us by performing here at the Palace.

And speaking of blessings, I still pinch myself when I drive down Center Street and see the restored building façade and new marquees. It's been five months and I still get a grin on my face when the digital signs come into view. I'm not the only one who realizes the magnitude of the work that was accomplished. I received word in early August that Quality Masonry Company's nomination of our project to the Ohio History Connection resulted in the Palace Theatre's restoration project being awarded the OHC's Preservation Award. What an honor. The project will be recognized at a ceremony on October 29. This is the perfect opportunity to once again thank each of you who gave to this transformational project. You are to be commended for this project's success. Thank you.

Since completion of the front façade project, we also tackled the north parking lot area. As you know, it was a mud hole in the spring and treacherous treading in the winter. It is now a beautifully expanded black-topped parking lot with 71 perfectly spaced parking spots. Who knew asphalt could be so exciting? Thank you to the County Commissioners for a CDBG award that helped get this project off the ground and to Honda of America and Rotary for their assistance with this one, too.

We're busy doing what we can to improve our facilities while providing plenty of opportunities for you to enjoy them. I encourage you to check out all the details in this edition of the Applause and tune into our website (marionpalace.org), which, by the way, is also under construction. We are working to create a more user-friendly, mobile-ready site. I think you'll like it once we get it complete. In the meantime, keep checking back and learning about all of our 2016-17 shows and movie weekends.

Lisa tells me I'm out of space so a quick thank you to wrap up my column this month...a BIG shout out to all of our new and renewed members and our matching fund grantor Ray and Charlotte Baldauf Charitable Trust, through Trustee Ron Cramer! You are the life blood to our operations. Because of you, we are able to do what we do. We appreciate your support! Hope to see you soon,

Bev

continued from page 1...Meet the Cast of TARZAN

**Aaron French, Alea French, Tierza Hart, La 'Va' Ea Hendel, Liam Honey, Kennedy Hummel, Reagan Hummel, Abby Isler, Kylie Klaiber, Jules Lacher, Alexander Lisiecki, Mateusz Lisiecki, Quinn Menzie, Zane Menzie, Eva Monahan, Landon Moore, Ariana Osborne, Chase Osborne, Eden Osborne, Elise Osborne, Kylee Parsell, Sarah Perkins, Avery Petrie, Katie Richards, Pippa Rothermel, Alexis Ruth, Sophia Ruth, Halli Schenk, Katie Shoaf, Heather Shoffner, Emiley Shuster, Audrey Simon, Anna Songer, Shelby Stimson, Meleah Tway, Ashley Watkins, Gabrielle Williams and Conner Ziegler.**

Under the direction of **Kristi Wink** the TARZAN artistic team includes Choreographer **Sadie Wink**, Vocal Director & Conductor **Ann Schertzer**, Costume Design **Susan Wenig**, Assistant to the Director **April Short**, Producer **Clare Cooke**, Set Construction and Design **Mike Andrews** and **Adam Radloff**, Set Design Consultant **Andrea Johnston**, Rehearsal Pianist **Dee Ehrman**, Stage Manager **Barb Yaksic**, Assistant Stage Manager **Rhonda Arnold** and Assistant Jr. Stage Managers **Macie Snyder** and **Ashley Watkins**.

Bursting with African jungle adventure, a fresh young love story, and a dramatic journey of self-discovery, Tarzan will delight audience members of all ages. Three performances are scheduled to take place on the main stage at the

Palace Theatre on Friday, October 7 at 7:30pm, Saturday, October 8 at 7:30pm and Sunday, October 9 at 2:00pm. Order your tickets early for the best seats!

Tickets are \$18 Adults, and \$12 Children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased at the Palace Theatre Box Office, 276 W. Center St. in downtown Marion or by phone 740/383-2101 during box office hours (9:00am-5:00pm Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri). Tickets are also available online www.marionpalace.org.

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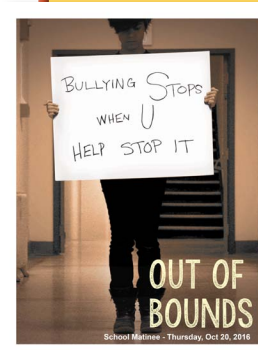
TARZAN is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com

Sunday - October 9, 2016 @ 12:30 p.m.

## A TARZAN TEA PARTY

Swing into the May Pavilion for A TARZAN TEA PARTY before the afternoon performance of TARZAN. Get autographs and have your photo taken with the stars of the show while you enjoy a kid-friendly luncheon with finger sandwiches, sides and drinks. Tea Party tickets are \$6. Show tickets must be purchased separately.

## TAKING THE PALACE STAGE IN OCTOBER



Thursday, October 20  
10 am & 12:45 pm  
School Matinee grades 5-9  
**OUT OF BOUNDS**

OUT OF BOUNDS explores the vicious world of cyber-bullying and the complicated choices young people make when navigating the politics of friendship. This professionally produced show is designed to enhance curriculum and meet Ohio

Academic Content standards for grades 5-9. Admission is \$3.50. Sponsored by Honda and General Mills and supported by Ohio Arts Council.

Friday, October 21 @  
7:30pm in the May Pavilion  
**WILD CARROT**

Pam Temple and Spencer Funk are WILD CARROT. This Cincinnati-based, award-winning group has what it takes to please all types of folk music fans. Rooted in traditional American music, Wild Carrot's diverse song repertoire branches in many directions. Their set ranges from original song selections to traditional, Swing and Blues. Using guitar, mandolin, dulcimer, concertina and vocals, WILD CARROT provides a concert experience steeped in Americana. General Admission \$15. Sponsored by Marion Convention & Visitors Bureau and supported by the Ohio Arts Council.



Country Music Legend **RONNIE MILSAP**  
Friday, October 28 @ 8pm

After four decades in the music business, Grammy Award winner RONNIE MILSAP will perform at the Marion Palace Theatre. Milsap is country music's first successful blind singer, one of the most successful and versatile country "crossover" singers of his time, and ranks as the pre-eminent country soul singer of his generation. Despite all that, he is a humble, overtly friendly fellow with a talent as vast and multi-dimensional as the American South. Some of Ronnie's classics include "I Wouldn't Have Missed It For the World," "It Was Almost Like A Song," "Lost In The Fifties Tonight," and "Smoky Mountain Rain." Reserved Seating \$37, \$42, \$47, \$52. Sponsored by Whirlpool and supported by the Ohio Arts Council.



Friday, Oct 14, 2016  
@ 8pm

Creatively combining folk music and rock and roll, with a touch of jug band, THE LOVIN' SPOONFUL created an historic sound that became known as "GoodTime Music" to masses of concert loving fans in the late 60s.

The group recorded 8 top selling albums and produced some of the most iconic songs of the 60's folk rock revival including:

- ♥ Summer In The City
- ♥ You Didn't Have To Be So Nice
- ♥ Nashville Cats
- ♥ Do You Believe In Magic?
- ♥ Daydream

On **Friday, October 14** the band will take the stage at the Marion Palace Theatre. Playing their very sixties style of rock and roll will be members from the original lineup – singer Joe Butler, bass player Steve Boone, and guitarist Jerry Yester along with drummer Mike Arturi and guitarist Phil Smith.

Inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2000, the band undoubtedly left its imprint on the music scene, but with their sudden departure in 1968, many fans are just getting the opportunity to see them perform live for the first time. The current show is a fun-filled trip back to the carefree days of AM radio, giving fans the signature feel-good sound that they come to hear. As one fan put it, "Wow! I felt 40 years younger for those 75 minutes. They put 'the magic in the music and the music in me.'" Reserved Seating \$20, \$25, \$30.

Stay after the show for a **SPOONFUL OF GOODNESS** in the May Pavilion. Enjoy an ice cream sundae bar with all the toppings. Separate ticket required for admission - \$5.

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