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## Experience the Palace. Experience the Arts! Linking the Arts & Education


**KHALED HOSSEINI**  
**THE KITE RUNNER**

A LITERATURE TO LIFE® Stage Presentation  
**THURSDAY, OCT 12**  
at the historic Marion Palace Theatre

The professional theatre company, Literature to Life®, a program of Young Audiences New York, brings the New York Times bestseller and international classic, THE KITE RUNNER, to life in a stunning solo performance by Sorab Wadia. From the first novel about contemporary Afghanistan to be written in English, this performance dramatically portrays the relationship of two boys – Amir, a privileged Pashtun and Hassan, a Hazara servant. Through the eyes of the young hero, Amir, the actor takes us on a heartbreaking journey of friendship and betrayal in a society of severe class division.

**THE KITE RUNNER Thursday, October 12 @ 7:30pm** Tickets: \$16 adult, \$10 student. Recommended age 14+

After the performance, join the book discussion Thursday, October 19 @ 7pm at the Marion Public Library. Multiple copies of The Kite Runner are available for check out - reserve your copy today at [MarionLibrary.org](http://MarionLibrary.org).

**SCHOOL MATINEE grades: 5-8**  
**MONDAY, OCT 23**  
10am & 12:45pm



Like many of us, comedian Robert Post barely survived middle school. Struggling because of various learning disabilities, he found that making people laugh saved him. In this multimedia performance, kids talk to kids in a compelling, funny, and educational show. The show deals with real issues affecting students today including social media, testing, bullying, and peer pressure, which resonate with students and teachers alike. This School Matinee event is open to the public. Admission is \$3.50. For reservations please contact the Palace Theatre (740) 383-2101. Sponsored by CSX and Honda of America and supported by Ohio Arts Council. **HOW TO SURVIVE MIDDLE SCHOOL Monday, October 23 @ 10am & 12:45pm** is recommended for grades 5-8.

# OCT / NOV 2017 **APPLAUSE**

An official newsletter of the historic Marion Palace Theatre

## Mark Your Calendar!

**FRI, SEP 29**  
**OPEN MIC NITE**

**OCT 6, 7, 8**  
**WILLY WONKA, JR.**

**SUN, OCT 8**  
**OOMPA LOOMPA LUNCHEON**

**THU, OCT 12**  
**THE KITE RUNNER**

**SUN, OCT 15**  
**CHRISTMAS AT THE PALACE AUDITIONS**

**SAT, OCT 21**  
**TRACY LAWRENCE**

**MON, OCT 23**  
**SCHOOL MATINEE**  
**HOW TO SURVIVE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**SAT, OCT 28**  
**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**  
**MONSTER MASH**

**NOV 3, 4, 5**  
**THE DROWSY CHAPERONE**



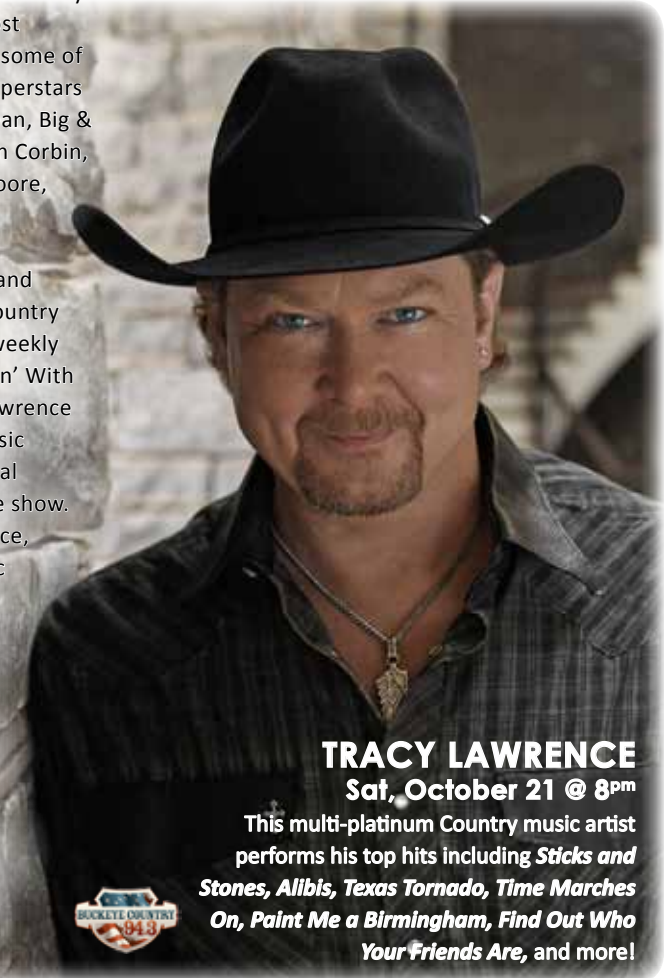
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By nearly every metric, Tracy Lawrence is a mega-watt success story. Thirteen million albums sold. A collection of No. 1 singles. Twenty-two songs on the Billboard Top 10 charts. A slew of CMA and ACM awards. Even a Grammy nomination. Yes, the small-town Arkansas-bred teenager who arrived in Nashville nearly three decades ago with a guitar and \$700 in his pocket has done himself proud. Don't remind him, though. Because despite it all, the "Sticks and Stones" icon has always felt it important to maintain a steadfast workmanlike approach to and sheer reverence for his craft. "I still see myself as that kid that came to town and idolized Merle Haggard and George Strait," says Lawrence, who is set to release his most ambitious album of his career on November 10th titled GOOD OLE DAYS. The new album celebrates the music legend's indelible mark on country music featuring a selection of his most iconic hits performed as a duet with some of Country and Rock's contemporary superstars and newcomers including Jason Aldean, Big & Rich, Luke Bryan, Luke Combs, Easton Corbin, Dustin Lynch, Tim McGraw, Justin Moore, Kellie Pickler and Chris Young.

On Saturday, October 21st the country music star will take the historic Marion Palace Theatre stage. Fans will experience a legendary performance as Lawrence performs his top hits including "Sticks and Stones," "Can't Break it to My Heart," "Alibis," "My Second Home," "If the Good Die Young," "Texas Tornado," "Paint Me A Birmingham," "Time Marches On," and "Find Out Who Your Friends Are." Order your tickets today! Reserved Seating \$34, \$42, \$48, \$55.



In addition to touring with his band and launching a brand new album, the country music super-star is also host to the weekly syndicated radio show, "Honky Tonkin' With Tracy Lawrence." Earlier this year, Lawrence received an Academy of Country Music Radio Awards nomination for National On-Air Personality of the Year for the show. Conceived and developed by Lawrence, "Honky Tonkin" focuses on the music and artists of the 80s, 90s and early-2000s. "I just felt there was such a void in the market because there really wasn't anybody focusing on the music from my era," he explains. "The industry had missed the fact that so many people — and not just the people that had grown up with us, but their kids and younger people too — are getting into it now."



**TRACY LAWRENCE**  
**Sat, October 21 @ 8pm**

This multi-platinum Country music artist performs his top hits including *Sticks and Stones*, *Alibis*, *Texas Tornado*, *Time Marches On*, *Paint Me a Birmingham*, *Find Out Who Your Friends Are*, and more!







## FROM THE Director's Chair

Bev Ford, Executive Director

This is my favorite time of the year – sweatshirts, fireside chats, pots of soup, college football, and cinnamon candles.

In addition, autumn also means we are in full swing at the Palace. October is chock-full of opportunities to visit the Theatre. This issue of the Applause newsletter outlines those details for you.

From our youth musical, Willy Wonka, Jr. to a theatrical portrayal of the book The Kite Runner, from country artist Tracy Lawrence to Christmas at the Palace auditions, and from our school series show, How I Survived Middle

School, to our Halloween costume party, Monster Mash, October is sure to offer your entire family an opportunity for entertainment at the Palace. Add November's local production, The Drowsy Chaperone, and some rental events, and we'll have you on December's doorstep before you know it.

This Applause edition is a good example of the busy schedule at the Palace. As we continue to grow Palace activities and rental uses, we are also growing our staff to assure that we're giving you the best experiences we can.

I'd like to introduce you to our two newest employees, Jodi Cooper and Heather Webb. You'll find Jodi in the box office as she helps coordinate our customer service efforts, in addition to working alongside Marketing Manager Lisa Brammer. Jodi is taking over our Social Media efforts and helping to keep you informed of all the Palace events. Heather was hired as my administrative assistant, which

means she's responsible for filing the mountains of paper I accumulate and for helping me stay on task. You might want to wish her good luck!

In addition to our new employees, some current staff members are shaking things up a bit. Jill Rinker has served as both Volunteer and Event Coordinator for several years. Jill is electing to semi-retire and will be sharing her event duties with Kitty Rasmussen. Jill will still oversee all things related to our volunteers, while Kitty moves from my administrative assistant to handling all event related activities – both Palace and rental details.

These folks, along with the rest of the staff, do an incredible job carrying out the business of the arts here at the Palace Theatre. We're blessed to have such a talented team of people.

We invite you to come meet the staff and join us for some great entertainment. We look forward to seeing you soon at the Palace!

Bev

## THE DROWSY CHAPERONE

If you are in need of laughter in your life, want to see a talented collection of actors and actresses on stage, and love local Palace productions mixed with slap-stick and silliness, make plans now to see THE DROWSY CHAPERONE in the May Pavilion on November 3, 4, and 5!

Winner of five Tony Awards, including Best Book and Best Original Score, THE DROWSY CHAPERONE is a loving send-up of the Jazz Age, poking fun at all the clichés that surround the musical theatre genre. The show is a parody of an American musical from the 1920's and is filled with mistaken identities, dream sequences, and a cast of colorful characters including an inebriated oddball who is capable of breaking into over-the-top performances, a savvy butler who knows all, goofy gangsters, a ditzy dame, and a clueless male lead. Topped off with audience participation and high energy dance routines, what more could you ask for in a musical comedy?

Directed by Charles Groth with Musical Direction by Daniel Bradshaw THE DROWSY CHAPERONE cast includes Mandy Bour, Mike Cochran, Bruce Cudd, Hannah Fuller, John Garnes II, Charles Groth, Kyle Kirby, Tim Lutz, Melinda Meginness, Kevin Orth, Hannah Schlichting, Bob Sullivan-Neer, and Amanda Zucker.

Seating is reserved for THE DROWSY CHAPERONE. Don't miss the fun and order your tickets today! \$16

★ FRIDAY, NOV 3 @ 7:30pm  
★ SATURDAY, NOV 4 @ 7:30pm  
★ SUNDAY, NOV 5 @ 2pm

THE DROWSY CHAPERONE  
★ Music & Lyrics by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison  
★ Book by Bob Martin and Don McKellar  
★ Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).  
★ All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com



NOV 3, 4, & 5 IN THE MAY PAVILION



SAT, OCT 28. 5PM-7PM

Dig out a costume for everyone in the family and come to the Palace for a Monster Mash dance party! Games, music, food, and fun will tickle everyone's skeletal funny-bone. Hit the dance floor with music by a live DJ, play carnival games, create a take-home craft, and enter the costume contest for a chance to win a prize! Affordable and fun....don't miss this spooky, but not too spooky, celebration!

ADMISSION COST: \$10 per family (up to 4 people)  
– Additional family members \$1 each

FOOD COST: \$10 per family (up to 4 people) for food purchased in advance (sandwich, sides, dessert, and drink).  
– Additional family members \$2.50 each. Additional a la carte food items will be available for purchase during the event. For advance tickets, please contact the Palace Box Office, (740) 383-2101.



Join us for a delicious adventure October 6, 7, and 8 at the Marion Palace Theatre as Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory bubbles to life on stage! Starring over 80 local children ages 8 to 14 years, this captivating adaptation of Roald Dahl's fantastical tale features enchanting scenery, dancing Oompa Loompas, and memorable songs from the classic family film including Pure Imagination, I Want It Now, Candy Man, and Burping Song.

Directed by Kristi Wink, the well known tale stars Willy Wonka (played by Jahki Henderson) as he stages a contest by hiding golden tickets in five of his scrumptious candy bars. The winning children earn a free tour of the Wonka factory, as well as a lifetime supply of candy. Four of the five winning children are insufferable brats, but the fifth is a likeable young lad named Charlie Bucket (played by Brody Cahill), who takes the tour with the company of his equally amiable grandfather, Grandpa Joe (Derek Schoch). Accompanying Charlie on his journey through the chocolate factory will also be Carter Rawlins as Augustus Gloop, Sami-Kay Mergy as Mrs. Gloop, Zane Menzie as Mike Teavee, Kylie Klaiber as Mrs. Teavee, Macie Snyder as Violet Beauregarde, Abby Isler as Mrs. Beauregarde, Shelby Stimson as Veruca Salt, Isaiah Wasserbeck as Mr. Salt. Along the way, the children learn to follow Mr. Wonka's rules in the factory – or suffer the consequences.

Supporting roles cast in the production are Chase Osborne as Candy Man, Nathan Rabun as Mr. Bucket, Mallori Ballinger as Mrs. Bucket, Gabby Cametti as Phineous Trout, Katie Shoaf as Grandma Josephina, Brooklynn Short as Grandma Georgina, Kade Ebert as Grandpa George, Joey Karrick as James, Anna Songer as Matilda.

Rounding out the talented cast are Cooks, Squirrels, Candy Man Kids and Oompa Loompas are Rebecca Baldinger, Mallori Ballinger, Hailey Baker, Landon Bauer, Emmaly Bennett, Kaia Berry, Madelyn Cheney, Emma Chiles, Isabelle Combs, Patrick Cooper, Abby Coyan, Carly Cruse, Liam Curtis, Macyn Danals, Jady Darling, Kade Ebert, Morgan Elliott, Reagan Fitsko, Jaylyn Fogle, Emery Gorenflo, Emily Holsinger, Liam Honey, Kennedy Hummel, Reagan Hummel, Meghan James, Julian Johnson, Joey Karrick, Abbey Knight, Ian Linville, Rose Linville, Vivienne Linville, Marissa Loyer, Brennan McCoy, Quinn Menzie, Landon Mohn, Megan Montgomery, Landon Moore, Madison Moore, Kylee Mosley, Ariana Osborne, Chase Osborne, Colette Osborne, Elise Osborne, Jayde Pineda, Nathan Rabun, Emily Ratliff, Hillary Rawlins, Scarlett Roston, Sophia Ruth, Elli Schenk, Halli Schenk,

Emiley Schuster, Katie Shoaf, Brooklynn Short, Audrey Simon, Anna Songer, Regan Stanley, Reese Thompson, Meleah Tway, Brooklyn Wallace, Waverly Werling, Katelyn Wicker and Ruby Williams.

Patrons attending the final performance of WILLY WONKA, JR. may also purchase a separate ticket in advance to the kid-friendly OOMPA LOOMPA LUNCHEON in the May Pavilion, which begins at 12:30pm. Attendees will enjoy a kid friendly meal while getting autographs and taking photos with cast members. Tickets for the luncheon are just \$6 and must be ordered in advance.

Don't forget to satisfy your sweet tooth before the show (and during intermission) with a scrumdilumptious treat when you visit the "Willy Wonka Candy Shoppe" in the concession room. At the show, be sure to enter the "Golden Ticket" drawing to win a \$50 gift card from Shirks Candy! One lucky winner will receive the prize at each performance.

Performance dates and times for WILLY WONKA, JR are Friday, October 6 at 7:30pm, Saturday, October 7 at 7:30pm and Sunday, October 8 at 2:00pm. For the best seats, order your tickets early in person at the Palace Theatre Box Office, 276 W Center Street, by phone (740) 383-2101 or online www.marionpalace.org. Ticket prices for the show are \$18 adults, \$12 children age 12 & younger. Oompa Loompa Luncheon tickets are \$6.

WILLY WONKA, JR. is sponsored by Jim & Barb Greetham.

WILLY WONKA, JR. Words and Music by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newly  
• Adapted for the Stage by Leslie Bricusse and Timothy A. McDonald • Based on the book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl • Roald Dahl's WILLY WONKA JR. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI) • All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

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## AUDITIONS ANNOUNCED FOR CHRISTMAS AT THE PALACE 2017 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017 1PM TO 4PM

All acts and ages will be considered for this family-friendly holiday show directed by Clare Cooke. The production traditionally includes a variety of community members in choirs, dance numbers, and instrumentally ensembles. An accompanist will be provided for vocal auditions. CD's are permitted. Those auditioning should enter through the front theatre doors. Performance Dates: December 1, 2, & 3, 2017 on the main stage.