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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

ALL ABOARD! - BEV FORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As our 90th anniversary season is rolling to a halt, we excitedly issue the call "All aboard" for a new season. THE MUSIC MAN has pulled into the station at River City Junction to take the Palace stage as our 2019-20 summer musical and season opener.

We've heard from so many of you how thrilled you are for the new season line up. We love hearing your enthusiasm for the shows and educational opportunities we have planned for you. It's an exciting season, for sure!

And if you're wondering what all the fuss is about, last month we released our 2019-20 season line up. If you didn't receive a brochure and you haven't heard about all the great shows we have planned for you, please visit the Palace website at www.marionpalace.org. Once you get to our site, click the "Discover" tab, scroll down to "Virtual Applause Newsletter," and click. There you'll find the link to our new season brochure that has all the details for an outstanding season. If you prefer a hard copy of the brochure, you may choose to call the box office (740) 383-2101.

I also want to take this opportunity to encourage you to become a member of the Palace Cultural Arts Association or, if you're currently a member, to renew your membership. You'll find the membership information in the online brochure right inside the front cover. You can also become a member or renew a current membership

through the website. Click on the "Support" tab and scroll down to "Become a PCAA Member." Your support makes all the difference.

Speaking of making a difference – we're grateful to Ron Cramer, Trustee of the Ray and Charlotte Baldauf Charitable Trust, for agreeing again this year to match any new or increased membership donations up to a combined total of \$15,000. This means your contribution (of new monies) is doubled. How exciting is that?!? A strong membership drive means a strong foundation for this organization.

And a strong foundation means bigger and better things at the Palace, and that's what we're working toward. For you. For your kids and grand kids. For this community and the region at large. We are leaning in to the expansion of downtown Marion and doing what we can to enhance this community, making it an even better place to live, work, and play.

Your support makes it all possible. And because it does, we invite you to get on board as a member and ticket buyer for this season filled with great entertainment.

All Aboard!

Bev



CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

JUNE 2019

- 17 TAKE ONE Academy Workshop Ages 8 & up
- 19 THE ART OF AUDITIONING Academy Workshop Ages 8 & up
- 21-23 MOVIE WEEKEND - Title TBA
- 22 INTERMEDIATE JAZZ Dance Workshop
- 24 BACKSTAGE HEROES Academy Workshop Ages 8 & up
- 26 LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU Academy Workshop Ages 6 & up
- 28-30 MOVIE WEEKEND - Title TBA

JULY 2019

13-21 A Palace Production
THE MUSIC MAN

- 16-Aug13 ADULT TAPPERCIZE
- 22-26 SET THE STAGE 2.0 Theatre Camp Ages 6-14
- 26-28 MOVIE WEEKEND - Title TBA
- 27 BALLET BARRE Dance Workshop
- 29-Aug2 SET THE STAGE 2.0 Theatre Camp Ages 6-14

AUGUST 2019

- 2-4 MOVIE WEEKEND - Title TBA
- 3 BEGINNER SWING DANCE Dance Workshop
- 10 SUMMERAIL presented by Marion Union Station
- 13 TASTE OF MARION presented by Downtown Marion, Inc.
- 16-18 MOVIE WEEKEND - Title TBA
- 17 BEGINNER HIP HOP Dance Workshop
- 18 AUDITIONS - FROZEN, JR.
- 19 PALACE ACADEMY OF THE ARTS Fall Session I Classes Begin
- 23-25 MOVIE WEEKEND - Title TBA
- 25 PEDALS, PIPES & PIZZA

STRIKE UP THE BAND - HERE COMES THE MUSIC MAN!

FUNNY, WARM, AND ROMANTIC - THIS PALACE PRODUCTION IS
FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT AT IT'S BEST

With a cast of more than 70 talented individuals directed by Clare Cooke, THE MUSIC MAN is considered a musical favorite by many theatre-goers. As the New York Times has noted, THE MUSIC MAN is "as American as apple pie and a Fourth of July oration." Featuring quirky characters, charmingly dramatic situations, rousing marches, barbershop quartets, and sentimental ballads, this musical comedy is family entertainment at its best.

This Tony Award-winning Broadway classic by Meredith Willson follows a fast-talking traveling salesman, Harold Hill (played by Ron Boose), as he cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band that he vows to organize – this, despite the fact that he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef. His plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian (Sara Grote), the librarian, who transforms him into a respectable citizen by curtain's fall.

The talented cast includes Morgan Schwartz as the outrageous Eulalie Shinn, John Garnes, II, as blustery politician Mayor Shinn, Dustin Rawlins as Harold's old friend and former con man Marcellus Washburn, and Leah Menzie as the cheerful Mrs. Paroo. Brady Wink will play the part of Tommy Djilas (a young man from the wrong side of town) who is secretly courting Zaneeta Shinn (Madisen Schenk). Playing the part of the youngest Paroo, Winthrop, will be Brody Cahill.

Portrayals in secondary roles are Kain Anderson, Bishop Oldfield, Eric Walker, and Tanner Wink as overly opinionated School Board Members who also happen to make a fantastic Barbershop Quartet; Kara Adkins, Valerie Dunmire, Carina Geissler, Audrey Watkins, and Sadie Wink as town gossips, "Pick-a-Little Ladies;" Bob Sullivan-Neer as Anvil salesman Charlie Cowell; Kevin Emigh as Constable Locke; Katelyn Wicker as Amaryllis; and Elliana Schenk as the Shinn's youngest daughter, Gracie.

Rounding out the cast as Townspeople, Traveling Salesmen, Boys Band members, and River City Ladies will be Kenneth Ash, II, Kenneth Ash, III, Michael Baker, Lynette Burris, Abigail Bush, Liam Bush, Gabby Cametti, Hannah Canon, Elijah Carroll, Hannah Carroll, Olyver Coy, Londyn Danals, Macyn Danals, Kevin Emigh, Linda Fargo, Doug Ford, Sharon Gale, Blake Huffaker, Mitchell Hutchman, Meghan, James, Lilyana Jenkins, Sally Kilburn, Krissy Klaiber, Kylie Klaiber, Justen LaPlante, Caleb Lichtenberger, Judy Little, Alli McCleary, Quinn Menzie, Zane Menzie, Ian Moore, Sophia Raimo, Madeleine Rawlins, Brynn Rudd, Zoey Sayre, Brian Schenk, Halli Schenk, Derek Schoch, Gretchen Schoch, Torin Schoch, Nancy Shaffer, Emma Shetler, Natalie Shetler, Olivia Shirring, Delaney Tabbert, Brody Thomas, Ashley Watkins, Susan Wenig, Ruby Williams, and Kristi Wink.

Under the direction of Clare Cooke the artistic team includes Assistant Director & Choreographer Kristi Wink, Orchestra Director Rick Baird, Vocal Director Blake Huffaker, Set Construction Jeff Baldauf and Baldauf Construction, Costume Director Susan Wenig, Rehearsal & Pit Pianist Dee Ehrman, Stage Manager Barb Yaksic, and Assistant Stage Manager Rhonda Arnold.

Five show dates are scheduled for Saturday, July 13 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, July 14 at 2 p.m.; Friday, July 19 & Saturday, July 20 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, July 21 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$40 Patrons, \$23/\$19 Adults, and \$12 Children 12 and under. Patrons purchasing a \$40 ticket will enjoy premium seating during the show, have their names listed in the summer musical program, and receive an invitation to the THE MUSIC MAN post-show party on opening night. THE MUSIC MAN is sponsored by OhioHealth and supported by Ohio Arts Council.



CASTING CALL FOR ELSA, ANNA, & OLAF

OPEN AUDITIONS FOR
DISNEY'S FROZEN, JR.

The Palace Theatre is gearing up to bring the magical land of Arendelle to life on stage this October. In preparations for the fun-filled Disney musical, director Kristi Wink is seeking girls and boys, ages 8 years and up, to fill the roles of Elsa, Anna, and Olaf, among many other beloved characters, for this Junior Palace Production. FROZEN, JR features all of the memorable songs from the animated film, with music and lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, plus five new songs written for the Broadway production. For full character descriptions please visit the Palace Theatre website www.marionpalace.org.



AUDITION DATE:
**SUNDAY
AUGUST 18**
1PM-3PM
& 4PM-6PM

AUDITION DETAILS:

Seeking ages 8 years and up. All participants may audition either time and should enter through the front theatre doors. Auditioners should come dressed in casual clothing and shoes appropriate for performing choreography. Those interested in chorus only will be asked to dance and sing with a group. Individuals wishing to audition for principle roles are asked to come prepared to sing a one-minute audition tune and read from the script. A pianist will be provided. No CDs please.

SHOW DATES: October 4, 5, & 6, 2019 | Main Stage

SHOW TICKETS: \$15 adults; \$12 children.



PEDALS PIPES & PIZZA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 @ 3PM

EXPERIENCE A MOVIE, JUST AS THEATRE-GOERS DID 91 YEARS AGO

We're turning back the hands of time to celebrate the marvels of the theatre's Mighty Wurlitzer organ on Sunday, August 25 at 3pm.

To kick off the fun, we'll play the 1920 Silent Film ONE WEEK, starring Buster Keaton and Sybil Seely. This short comedy film follows Buster and Sybil as they exit a chapel as newlyweds. Among the gifts is a portable house designed to be easily put together in one week. As the couple attempts to build their cozy new home with the prefabricated kit, Buster's rival for Sybil sets out to sabotage their efforts and mischievously switches all the numbers on the crates that contain the house parts.

Renowned resident organist for Detroit's fabulous Fox Theatre, Dave Calendine will accompany the 25 minute film on the theatre's prized 1924 Wurlitzer Organ. To honor the Palace Theatre's 91st Season of "The Greatest Shows," Dave will also play a lively mix of circus theme songs.



Dave Calendine



After the performance, patrons will have the opportunity to get an up close and personal look at the wonderful and mysterious organ, and enjoy pizza in the Palace Pavilion. Tickets are \$18 and include pizza. Patrons are asked to purchase tickets in advance to help the staff plan food and set-up accordingly.

EARLY ENROLLMENT OPEN FOR FALL CLASSES

FROM THEATRE CLASSES TO BROADWAY DANCERCIZE & BEYOND,
DISCOVER YOUR HIDDEN POTENTIAL AT THE PALACE ACADEMY OF THE ARTS



PRESCHOOL CLASSES

MUSIC IN MOTION

AGES 3-5 (Thu 1:30-2:15p)

Help your youngest get out and moving with this energetic, motion-put-to-music, pre-dance class. Instructor Kristi Wink.

Session I \$60; Session II \$70

YOUTH CLASSES

ACTING Students participate in theatre games to explore voice technique and movement, while learning to think on their feet and building acting skills. In addition to improvisation, character development, and pantomime exercises, students work on individual monologues and scene work. Proven to build self confidence and boost communication skills, classes equip students for opportunities onstage and in life. Instructor Kristi Wink. Session I \$72; Session II \$84.

AGE 6-7 YRS: Tue 6-7p

AGE 8-10 YRS: Mon 7-8p

AGE 11-14 YRS: Wed 7-8p

AGE 15+ YRS: Wed 8:15-9:15p

ADULT CLASSES

ACTING (Mon 8:15-9:15p) This class is an opportunity to break out of your shell and try something new. Class instruction includes character development, voice technique, movement, improv, scene work, monologues, and more. Stimulate creativity. Grow confidence. And make new friends while you're at it! Instructor Kristi Wink. Session I \$72; Session II \$84.

RHYTHM & MOVEMENT (Thu 1:30-2:30p) If you're an older adult and you're looking to add some movement to your routine, join us for this class designed to foster strength, flexibility, and balance. Instructor Kristi Wink. Session I \$72; Session II \$84.

TAPPERCIZE (Tue 7-8p) Looking for a fun new way to get motivated to get out of your chair? This class is for you! Tappercize will have you up and moving with tap steps in sequences meant to raise your heart rate. Tap shoes not required for participation. Instructor Kristi Wink. Session I \$72; Session II \$84.

BROADWAY DANCERCIZE (Thu 7-8p) Regular exercise routines not for you but you need to get up and get moving? This "Jazzercise with a twist" class can help. We invite you to dance your way to better health while enjoying your favorite Broadway show tunes! Instructor Kristi Wink. Session I \$72; Session II \$84.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Private one-on-one lessons are also offered at the Academy.

VOICE lessons with Matthew Downing (ages 8 to adult) and Jami Rawlins (ages 12 to adult) are available for interested participants.

DANCE Instructor Chelsea Sims offers private jazz, tap, hip hop, ballet, contemporary/lyrical lessons for ages 4 and up, as well as couple's ballroom dance, father/daughter dance, and mother/son dance.

PIANO lessons with Music Educator Terri Malone are available for ages 7 and up.

THEATRE lessons with Kristi Wink are offered for any age interested in a variety of skills including, but not limited to, private acting, pageant preparation, job and college interview success, Broadway and theatre auditions, and public speaking.

Private lessons are \$35 per 30 minute class or \$60 per 60 minute class. Couple's dance is \$55 per 30 minute class. Private Sessions are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact the Palace Theatre Box Office (740) 383-2101 for available days and time slots.

YOGA CLASSES

Feel the restorative power that yoga brings to mind and body with Certified Yoga Instructor & Yoga Alliance Member, Helene Everson. Learn yoga poses, meditation, stretching, relaxation, body awareness, and breathing. Students will receive instruction that is geared to personal needs and abilities; learn basic yoga postures and ways to modify the postures for individual body types. Please bring a sticky mat and dress comfortably. All classes meet in the Palace Theatre Scharer Patron Lounge.

BEGINNERS YOGA

(Mon 5:30-7p) Session I \$48; Session II \$56.

ADVANCED YOGA

(Wed 5:30-7p) Session I \$48; Session II \$56.

ONE DAY RESTORATIVE YOGA WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 26, 2019 (1-4p) \$30

FALL 2019

Session I – Classes Begin Week of Aug 19 and End Week of Oct 7. Six Weeks.

Session II – Classes Begin Week of Oct 14 and End Week of Nov 25. Seven Weeks.

Registration deadline is one week before class begins.

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OR CALL (740) 383-2101**



THEATRE CAMP “EXPLODES” WITH CREATIVITY & FUN

Emoji
Explosion

“Set the Stage” is back this summer at the Palace Theatre and with a brand new theme for 2019, “Emoji Explosion!”

For more than twenty years, this popular performing arts camp has provided a creative outlet for young thespians. Registration is now open for students ages 6 through 14 for this 7 hour- a-day, week-long theatre experience. This fun-filled day camp is packed from start to finish with activities geared at linking the thrill of performance with the instruction needed to grow your camper’s passion and skills.

This summer, “Set the Stage” theatre camps will be led by Palace Productions Directors Emily Yaksic (B.A. Theatre Education; Drama teacher, Columbus City Schools) and Kristi Wink (B.F.A. Acting; Choreographer, Marion County & City Schools). Activities include learning to create scenes, perform improv skits, and write dialogue for filming. Lessons to be learned include taking risks, thinking outside the box, creating the “who, what, and where” of a skit or sketch to guarantee the audience laughs, and more. Additional camp time will be spent on vocal quality, physicality, character development, and dance technique. Taught in a fun and creative way, campers will learn to focus on stage presence and proper dance technique, a valuable learning tool in preparation for both school and Palace stage shows.

Camps are offered the week of **JULY 22 THROUGH JULY 26** and the week of **JULY 29 THROUGH AUGUST 2**. Camp meets daily from 9:30am to 4:30pm. Mid-day will afford camp goers the opportunity to enjoy their brown bag lunches brought from home. Mid afternoon, the Palace will provide a snack to keep campers at full steam for their closing session. Friday afternoon includes pizza for the campers to refuel before the final performance presented for family and friends! Camp Fees: \$165; \$150 sibling; \$145 PCAA member (Musical Director level and above).

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SUMMER WORKSHOPS & ACADEMY CLASSES

Looking for a fun way to spend your summer? Palace Academy of the Arts Director Kristi Wink will share her knowledge with students ages 6 & up interested in the performing arts. Each one-day, three-hour class listed below meets from 9a to 12p, costs \$25, and includes a snack.

Mon, Jun 17 TAKE ONE - Master the cold read and character development (ages 8 & up)

Wed, Jun 19 THE ART OF AUDITIONING - Techniques to put your best foot forward (ages 8 & up)

Mon, Jun 24 BACKSTAGE HEROES - Learn the ropes of how to crew a show (ages 8 & up)

Wed, Jun 26 LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU - Fun with theatre games (ages 6 & up)

In addition to the classes listed above, the theatre’s Summer Dance Workshop Series is great for any age looking to get moving and have some fun. These opportunities are a perfect fit whether you’re new to dance or a more experienced dancer looking to continue your training during the summer months. Chelsea Sims will lead workshop participants through warm-ups, techniques, and dance combinations. All workshops meet from 10:00-11:30a on the Palace Theatre stage. The cost for each dance workshop is \$20.

Sat, Jun 22 INTERMEDIATE JAZZ

Sat, Jul 27 BALLET BARRE CLASS

Sat, Aug 3 BEGINNER SWING DANCE - couples and individuals welcome

Sat, Aug 17 BEGINNER HIP HOP

Adults looking for a creative way to get exercise this summer are invited to enroll in **ADULT TAPPERCIZE** with Kristi. Classes meet from 7p to 8p for five weeks beginning **Tuesday, July 16**. This class is designed to raise participant’s heart rates by means of sequenced tap steps. All dance skill levels may join and tap shoes not required for participation. The five week session cost is \$60.

Enroll for any of the classes or camps mentioned here by calling the Palace Theatre Box Office at (740) 383.2101 or enroll online 24/7 at www.marionpalace.org.

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SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS PALACE AMBASSADORS

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT PALACE EVENTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

On average, over 14,000 volunteer hours

are logged each season at the Marion Palace Theatre. Every minute invested in the Palace and the arts by these loyal individuals is greatly appreciated. Without them, the Palace would have no ushers, ticket takers, concession workers, actors, crew, set constructors, board members, spot light operators, and the list goes on and on.

Simply put, the dedication of our volunteers is a crucial element to the theatre's operation.

Volunteers of all ages (minimum age 16), backgrounds, and interests provide a tremendous helping hand in the theatre's activities and are always welcome! With a small paid staff at the theatre, our committed volunteers provide a truly invaluable service.

We invite you to join this mighty team and discover that by becoming a volunteer there are many wonderful ways to enjoy a show up close and personal besides sitting in the seats!

In addition to volunteering during events, the Palace is in need of individuals to serve as Palace Ambassador volunteers in our surrounding communities. We are seeking individuals who live and/or

work in the following areas: Delaware, Marysville, Bucyrus, Upper Sandusky, Kenton, and Mount Gilead. Palace Ambassadors will be responsible for initiating contact in their local area with restaurants, businesses, and gathering places to display Palace posters or table-tents. The Ambassador will be asked to deliver posters and/or table tents to those locations on a regular basis (approximately every 5 weeks).

To get started volunteering at the Palace Theatre, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Morgan Schwartz by phone (740) 383.2101, or email volunteers@marionpalace.org to RSVP for an upcoming orientation.