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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW? - BEV FORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"Can you hear me now?" Do you remember those Verizon commercials? Who doesn't?

Paul Marcarelli, the American actor who is currently the spokesperson for Sprint, is best known for being the "Can you hear me now?" character in those Verizon Wireless commercials that aired from 2002 to 2011. He was everywhere, as was Verizon's message.

At the Palace, we're working to make sure you can "hear" us, and we have a couple of new ways to add to the list of options for learning about Palace events.

Marion Star Editor Ben Lanka has agreed to print a Palace column on the first Sunday of each month. The first edition ran in the August 4 paper; both in print and online. We are incredibly grateful for this new point of contact with Marion Star readers and current and potential Palace patrons. We hope you'll support our local paper and keep us in print. Thanks in advance for checking out the new column. If you read it online, please be sure to share it so others can read it, too.

Many of you told us you listened to our Morning Magazine spot on a weekly basis on WMRN-AM. We were sad to lose that opportunity to connect with listeners when iHeart changed their programming line-up, but I have good news to share! Change isn't bad; it's just different.

iHeart will continue to broadcast what's happening at the Palace via a new format.

Podcasts of interviews between Randy Bigley and me will air bi-monthly. The podcasts will run anywhere from 15-22 minutes in length; about the same length as the Morning Magazine interviews. iHeart will publish the recordings on Wednesdays or Fridays. The Palace podcasts can also work in artist interviews like you heard previously before Palace concerts. It's fun to hear artists' stories in their own words. Once we reach 100 unique listeners, we will have our own podcast under the iHeart umbrella.

While you have to use your computer or cell phone to access the podcasts, rather than your radio, these new podcasts still give us a voice into your home and an opportunity to share all the great things we have planned for you at the Palace this season.

While I hope these new avenues of information are helpful and will get plenty of exposure, this newsletter is a great way to have our message delivered directly to your mailbox or your inbox. If you know of others who are looking to stay in touch with what's happening at the Palace, please have them contact the box office staff. We'd love to add them to our USPS or electronic mailing list.

We have a great season in store so stay tuned, and we'll keep checking in to make sure you can "hear us now." In the meantime, turn the page for all that's coming to YOUR Palace Theatre in the next few weeks.

Warm regards,
Bev

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

September 2019

- 5** **THE BILL FOLEY TRIO**
Presented by Marion Popcorn Festival
- 13-15** **MOVIE WEEKEND**
Title To Be Announced
- 14** **PCAA NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**
- 20** **THE GUESS WHO**
Main Stage Classic Rock Concert
- 21-22** **MOVIE WEEKEND**
Title To Be Announced
- 26** **CUP & CANVAS**
Academy of the Arts Event
- 27** **BEATS & BREWS**
Featuring Omega Kick & Marion Brewing Co.
- 28-29** **MOVIE WEEKEND**
Title To Be Announced

October 2019

- 4-6** **DISNEY'S FROZEN, JR.**
A Palace Production directed by Kristi Wink
- 11-12** **MOVIE WEEKEND**
Title To Be Announced
- 12** **IMPROV IN THE MAY**
Shovel City Improv Group
- 13** **THE FOUR C NOTES**
Music of Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons
- 14** **MY MOUTH IS A VOLCANO**
School Matinee (PreK-4)
- 14** **PALACE ACADEMY OF THE ARTS**
Fall Session II Begins
- 18-20** **MOVIE WEEKEND**
Title To Be Announced
- 19** **A GRAND NIGHT WINE TASTING EVENT**
Music in the May Series
- 20** **AUDITIONS!**
Christmas at the Palace 2019
- 25-27** **MOVIE WEEKEND**
Title To Be Announced
- 26** **MONSTER MASH**
Family Funday in the May

Please note, the views and opinions expressed by those renting the facilities and/or those performing in the program do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Marion Palace Theatre and the Palace Cultural Arts Association.



As the house lights fade down and the stage spots flair up, the sounds of rock and roll with classic sensibilities and progressive nuances permeate the crowd. At first a familiar chord strikes everyone's attention, then comes a catchy chorus followed by a memorable solo, or remarkable moment of improvisation. Such an ear-pleasing arsenal carries into a non-stop evening of precise performance taking fans on a roller coaster ride of electric instrumentation, timeless balladry, unpredictable jamming, and the ultimate sing-a-long experience. It's a position held by a troupe of true musical luminaries who through over five decades in show business have been loaded with more hits than members can count, record sales well into the multimillions, and more drama than a VH1 "Behind the Music" episode and an E! "True Hollywood Story" documentary combined.

The name is none other than THE GUESS WHO, a group that's connected with the masses throughout an exultant hit parade spanning fourteen Top 40 hits, including

"These Eyes," "Clap For the Wolfman," "Hand Me Down World," "No Time," "Star Baby" and "Share the Land." Add in fellow classics and double sided singles like their #1 rock anthem *"American Woman"* and *"No Sugar Tonight,"* plus *"Laughing"* and *"Undun,"* and the Canadian bred stateside conquerors are amongst music's most indelible treasures who are eternally etched within the very fabric of pop culture history.

"You're going to see an excellent version of the songs and hear exactly how they should sound or be played," verifies founding member and original drummer/songwriter Garry Peterson. "We're coming at a new generation of fans who are seeing how the band can execute with enthusiasm. And we're also making sure the respect level remains at an all time high for how the music was initially recorded and remains at an all time high for the fans who have been with the band from the beginning."

Joining Peterson onstage are veteran musicians keyboard-saxophone-flute playing-vocalist Leonard Shaw, lead guitarist Will

Evankovich (singer/songwriter with Green Day, Styx, Night Ranger, Don Felder, Dwight Yoakam, and Ted Nugent), bass legend Rudy Sarzo (former band member with Ozzy Osbourne, Quiet Riot, Whitesnake, Blue Oyster Cult, DIO, and Queensryche), and the dynamic lead vocalist/guitarist Derek Sharp (aka D#).

Not only is the band sounding better than ever, but it has scrupulously preserved the past and continues to expand upon its legacy. Fans at the September 20th concert can expect to hear the band's classic hits along with cuts from their 2018 album, "The Future Is What it Used to Be."

THE GUESS WHO

Friday, Sep 20, 2019 • 7:30pm

Main Stage | Tickets \$52, \$46, \$40, \$34

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CUP & CANVAS

PICK UP A PAINT BRUSH, AND A CUP OF YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE, AND GET CREATIVE.

Picasso. Van Gogh. Monet. Admire beautiful art when you see it? Now you, too, can pick up a paint brush and try on some creativity for size. CUP & CANVAS returns to the Palace schedule of events on Thursday, September 26, 2019. With sample paintings as a reference and qualified instructor Anne Quilter to guide you through the process, this is sure to be an enjoyable night out. Never painted before? No worries. This event is fun for everyone! Enjoy your first "cupful" on us.

Thursday, September 26, 2019 • 6:30-8:30pm

Scharer Patron Lounge | \$35 includes supplies & drink.

Sponsored by Whirlpool.

DO YOU WANT TO BUILD A SNOWMAN?

Seventy-six young people from Marion, Cardington, Richwood, Delaware, Kenton, and Galion are coming together to bring a Disney phenomenon to the historic Marion Palace Theatre stage.

The Palace Cultural Arts Association along with show sponsor Jim & Barb Greetham will present Disney's "FROZEN JR." October 4, 5, and 6. The modern classic from Disney is now in rehearsals.

A story of true love and acceptance between sisters, "FROZEN JR." expands upon the relationship journey between Princesses Anna and Elsa. When faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of sisterhood. With a cast of beloved characters and loaded with magic, adventure, and plenty of humor, "FROZEN JR." is sure to thaw even the coldest heart!

Directed by Kristi Wink, this delightful adaptation stars the talents of Macie Snyder as Anna, as well as Valerie Dunmire performing in the role of Elsa. The roles of Kristoff and Hans will be played by Carter Rawlins and Noah Williams, respectively. Queen Iduna will be portrayed by Jaidyn Opuni, with Carter Rawlins as King Agnarr. Olivia Shirring and Lucy Turner will play the roles of Young Anna and Young Elsa; with Elli Schenk and Carly Cruse playing Middle Anna and Middle Elsa.

The cast also includes: Morgan Elliott – Bulda; Quinn Menzie – Pabbie; Ruby Williams – Bishop; Abby Isler – Sven; Brody Cahill – Olaf; Brooklyn Wallace – Oaken; Nathan Rabun – Weselton;

Tanner Miles – Cook; Landon Bauer, Halli Schenk – Guards; Scarlett Roston – Butler; Hannah Carroll – Handmaiden; Katelyn Wicker – Housekeeper; Evie Clark – Steward.

Rounding out the cast and performing in the role of Castle Staff, Townspeople, Hidden Folk and Oaken Family will be: Kenneth Ash, Rebecca Baldinger, Lilly Bowers, Anna Bradshaw, Natalie Cameron, Sophie Campbell, Avery Chango, Isabelle Combs, Isabelle Cooper, Kylie Corwin, Charlotte Crabtree, Londyn Danals, Eli Deeren, Eva Deeren, Iris Deeren, Lillian Dunmire, Sophia Dunn, Monica Dutton, Alexes Edens, Macey Harper, Emerson Henry, Austin Hicks, Jasmine Ho, Lilyana Jenkins, Elise Kramp, Kaia Lawson, Zion Lawson, Marissa Loyer, Chloe Lust, Alli McCleary, Quinn Menzie, Zaharra Morris, Kylee Mosley, Averiana Mull, Brooklyn Orians, Avery Parthemore, Sophia Raimo, Erin Ramsey, Hillary Rawlins, Sophia Ruth, Keith Shetler, Kyle Shetler, Natalie Shetler, Valerie Shetler, Ameera Snyder, Ciara Sturm, Matthew Szuch, Miley Turner, Meleah Tway, Kilynn Walter, Waverly Werling, Robbie Whalen, and Claire Wiggins.

Based upon Disney's 2013 Academy Award-winning animated film of the same name, Disney's "Frozen" debuted on Broadway on March 22, 2018. The musical features all of the memorable songs from the animated film, with music and lyrics by Oscar winners Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, plus new songs written for the Broadway production.

Tickets are on sale now for this magical adventure. Call the box office today (740) 383-2101 or go online www.marionpalace.org.

AUDITIONS ANNOUNCED!

Though the leaves have yet to turn and the weather is still warm, we are busy making plans for the biggest holiday event in Marion. "CHRISTMAS AT THE PALACE" returns to the stage December 6, 7, and 8. In preparation for the annual production, writer/director Clare Cooke will be seeking talented community members to perform in the show. Everyone from soloists, dancers, and musicians are invited to audition for what has become a favorite Marion tradition, "CHRISTMAS AT THE PALACE."

CHRISTMAS AT THE PALACE AUDITION DATES:
Sunday, October 20, 2019 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

WHAT TO BRING:

All acts and ages will be considered for this family-friendly holiday show. The production traditionally includes a variety of community members in choirs, dance numbers, and instrumental ensembles. An accompanist will be provided for vocal auditions. CD's are permitted.

SHOW DATES:

Dec 6, 7, & 8, 2019 | Main Stage

TICKET BUYING INFO:

\$19, \$23 Adults; \$12 children age 12 & younger
(no fees, no discounts apply)

Disney FROZEN JR.

OCTOBER 4, 5, & 6, 2019

Fri & Sat 7pm | Sun 2pm | Main Stage

Tickets Adult \$15; Children age 12 & younger \$12
(no fees, no discounts apply)

Disney's Frozen, Jr. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). Sponsored by Jim & Barb Greetham.

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BEATS & BREWS

OMEGA KICK "KICKS" OFF MUSIC IN THE MAY SERIES

Bring back the bands! We heard you and to "kick off" the Music in the May series this season is OMEGA KICK with their high energy performance.

Featuring lead vocalist John Mullins on guitar and keyboard, Alex Mullins on guitar and backing vocals, and Les Tackett on drums, this band is sure to entertain with a cool selection of favorite classic rock standards. OMEGA KICK presents the best of live Rock-n-Roll and Rhythm & Blues by featuring the greatest hits by such bands and artists as The Doobie Brothers, Jimi Hendrix, Led-Zeppelin, Foo Fighters, Eagles, Matchbox 20, Elton John and many more. Adding to the fun will be a craft beer tasting (by **Marion Brewing Company**) and cheese boards. Cash bar available for other drinks of choice.

Friday, Sep 27, 2019 • 7:30pm

May Pavilion | \$16 show; \$5 flight of 4 beers;
\$15 cheese/food board.

Sponsored by United Bank.



Visit the Palace website, www.marionpalace.org, for more information on the entire "Music in the May" series which includes "A Grand Night" wine tasting event on Sat, Oct 19; Gas Pump Jockeys on Fri, Jan 24; Hey Mavis on Fri, Apr 24. Admission for each event is \$16.