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The invitation is open to all. Come laugh with us. Cry with us. Sing with us and soak it all in. Bring your friends or make some new ones. Sit back and reminisce about the first time you heard a song, while letting the music carry you back to that day. Celebrate those old memories but make plenty of new ones.

This line-up includes local companies and artistic teams who will gather around shared projects again this season to bring you their talent and a production they're proud to share.

We'll be serving up laughter with our Improv in the May series and cranking up the music with Music in the May.

Looking for a way to get up and get moving? Join us for the Palace Academy of the Arts, where we are offering opportunities for active involvement. Classes include yoga (beginner and advanced), Tappercize, Broadway Dancercize, acting classes for all ages, Music in Motion for 3-5 year olds, dance basics, voice, piano, and more. If you're not sure which class is for you, we invite you to "Try It On For Size," with a one-time, \$5 trial to the class of your choice.

Whether on stage, in a class, or in your seat, the arts have the power to bring us to a common encounter; yet leave us with a unique impact. This season we invite you to experience the performing arts in a meaningful way, right here at the historic Marion Palace Theatre.

With an exciting season planned for your enjoyment, we think you'll agree the Palace is the place to be.

On behalf of the board, the staff and our volunteers, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 'GREATEST SHOWS.'

Curtain!
Bev

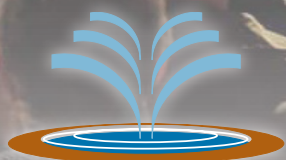
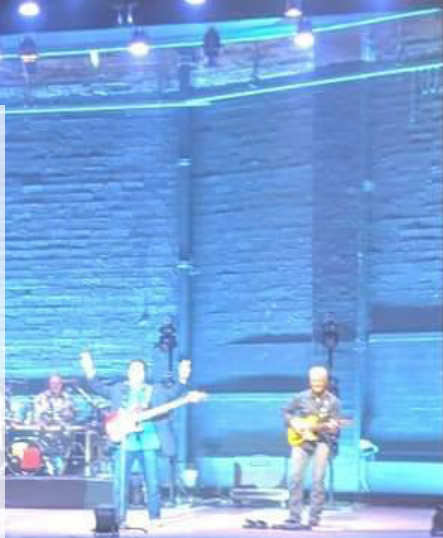
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Through the years we have experienced first-hand the generosity and support of this community and the thousands of individuals who enjoy the very existence of this iconic organization. Many have inquired how they can help keep the Palace an active, thriving facility. We're happy to give you some ideas! The opportunities are many, and we'll use this space to highlight just a few.



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Help create awareness by sporting some of the Theatre's newest logowear. From snugly soft t-shirts to sturdy tote bags, warm cozy blankets, stylish hats, and more, there is a large variety of Marion Palace Theatre gear available through River's Edge Embroidery. Check out all we have in our online store by visiting the website (www.marionpalace.org) and clicking on the SUPPORT tab. Visit the Gift Shop to follow a link to our store.

You'll be glad you did!

RAISE THE ROOF

Capital improvements are on the horizon and you can help make a difference. Without a new roof on the 1928 building, the beauty of our theatre will be lost. The future of this facility-- Marion's home to performing arts events and activities and our gathering place for all of our special memory-making moments-- is at risk. Watch for more details.



PLANNED GIVING

If you've been a faithful supporter of the Palace through ticket buying, membership, sponsorship, or some other means and would like to continue your support into the future, a gift to the Marion Palace Theatre Perpetual Care Fund is a gift that keeps on giving. As an endowment, this fund allows for each donation to have a much greater impact over a longer period of time. In addition to a cash gift to the Palace Perpetual Care fund, donors may make contributions of stock, property, or bequests through estate planning. For further information, please consult with your attorney or contact the Marion Community Foundation, at 504 S State Street, Marion.

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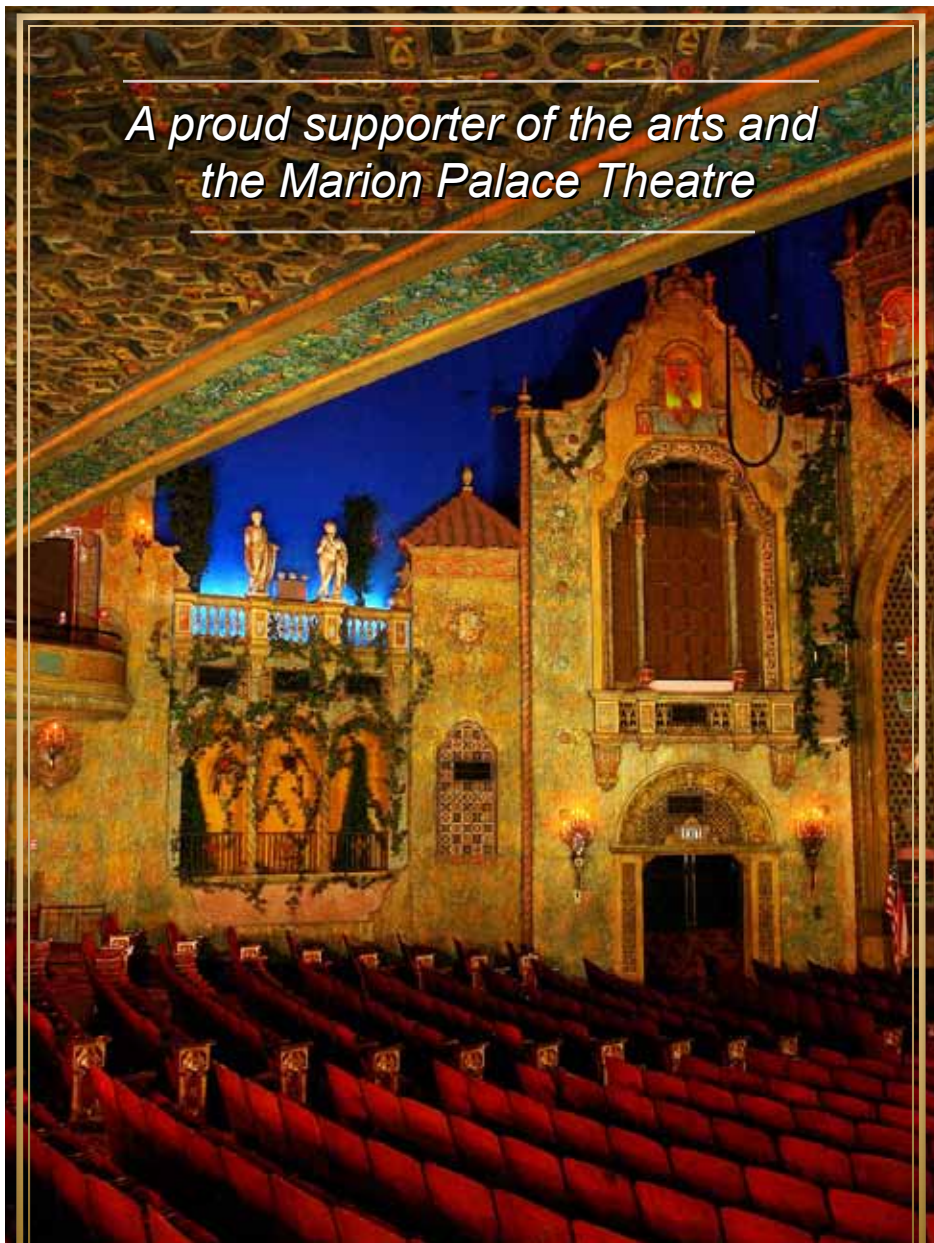


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



FRI, SEP 20 • 7:30PM
THE GUESS WHO



OCTOBER 2019

- 4-6 Palace Production Disney's FROZEN, JR.
- 12 Improv in the May SHOVEL CITY IMPROV
- 13 Touring Artist THE FOUR C NOTES
- 14 Academy of the Arts FALL SESSION II CLASSES BEGIN
- 14 School Matinee MY MOUTH IS A VOLCANO
- 19 Music in the May A GRAND NIGHT/WINE TASTING
- 26 Family Funday MONSTER MASH



FRI, NOV 1 • 7:30PM
JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY

NOVEMBER 2019

- 1 Touring Artist
JOHN MICHAEL
MONTGOMERY



DECEMBER 2019

- 6-8 Palace Production CHRISTMAS AT THE PALACE
- 9 Academy of the Arts WINTER SESSION I CLASSES BEGIN
- 10-12 Academy Event THE ART OF LETTERING
- 13-14 Movie Weekend CLASSIC CHRISTMAS FILM
- 15 Touring Artist A CARPENTERS CHRISTMAS



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SUN, OCT 13 • 2PM
THE FOUR C NOTES



SUN, DEC 15 • 4PM
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FEBRUARY 2020

- 6 Academy Event CUP & CANVAS
- 10 Academy of the Arts WINTER SESSION II CLASSES BEGIN
- 14 Touring Artist TOMMY JAMES & THE SHONDELLS
- 21-23 Palace Production ROBIN HOOD & HIS MERRY MEN
- 24 School Matinee ROSIE REVERE, ENGINEER

JANUARY 2020

- 10 Improv in the May SHOVEL CITY IMPROV
- 16 School Matinee THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS
- 24 Music in the May GAS PUMP JOCKEYS
- 26 Touring Artist POPOVICH COMEDY PET THEATRE



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APRIL 2020

- 3-4 Palace Production NUNSENSE II
- 6 Academy of the Arts SPRING CLASSES BEGIN
- 18 Touring Artist AMY GRANT
- 24 Music in the May HEY MAVIS



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MAY 2020

- 2 Touring Artist JEFFERSON STARSHIP
- 3 Family Funday SUNDAY SOCK HOP
- 15 Improv in the May SHOVEL CITY IMPROV

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Construction of the Marion Palace Theatre began January 1928. The entertainment venue, designed by John Eberson, was complete in just eight short months. The owners opened its remarkable wooden doors to an anxious crowd of over 3200 on August 30, 1928. These patrons became the first to experience the lavish interior and a stage filled with exciting entertainment. Not only was the program captivating, but the building was show-stopping, too. The Spanish design did not disappoint those first theatre-goers. Nor does the atmospheric concept leave modern day visitors wanting. The lobby prepares guests for transport to another place and another time. Entrance into the auditorium reveals the makings of a Spanish courtyard complete with muted stucco walls, crawling vines, and a midnight blue sky with birds in flight, twinkling stars, and clouds afloat overhead. Statues adorn the Palace walls and crests outline the grand proscenium stage.



SAVING THE PALACE - THE PALACE GUARD (1976)

After several decades of changing ownership, the Palace was in need of a great deal of work, if it was to remain the masterpiece Eberson intended and Marion residents had come to enjoy. In the mid seventies, the owner was looking to sell what had become a movie theatre in need of repair. The Marion

Concert Series shared the space and was more than a little interested in seeing the Palace retain its intended uses. Spear-headed by John C. Keggan, the Palace Guard was born. This group of seven Marion businessmen pulled out their wallets and rolled up their sleeves. They rallied the Marion community and invoked the support of area industries. In 1976, the Palace was “re-born” in all its splendor. At that time, the Palace Cultural Arts Association became the Theatre’s operating organization.

CURRENT OPERATIONS (2019)

Today, only 16 Eberson-built atmospheric theatres remain from the hundreds originally constructed. The others have experienced the blow of a wrecking ball or been transformed into multiplexes or storage facilities. To stay current with public demands, the Palace continues to improve and upgrade the facility and the programming. Within the past five years alone, the Palace has upgraded from a 35mm film platter system to a Digital Cinema Projection system, made website improvements and online ticket buying user friendly, paved the north parking lot, opened an online apparel store (palacetheatre.itemorder.com), launched Palace Academy of the Arts, restored the building façade and installed a digital marquee just to name a few. With these changes, the theatre has experienced growth in memberships, ticket sales, and social media presence. We’re busy doing what we can to improve our facilities while providing plenty of opportunities for you to enjoy them. Great programming is always on the horizon so stay tuned to the website, read your Applause and check in on social media channels - Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat or Twitter.



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From theatre classes to Broadway Dancercise & beyond, you can discover your hidden potential or develop your talent at the Palace Academy of the Arts. With a strong focus on the performing arts, the following group classes will be taught by theatre veteran and Palace Academy of the Arts Director Kristi Wink. Adult classes offered include Acting 101, Tappercise Tuesdays, and Broadway Dancercise. Youth programs include Acting for children age 6-7, 8-10, 11-14, and 15-18. Wink also instructs a preschool class for ages 3-5 years titled Music in Motion. In addition to Wink's class offerings, students can enroll in group and private dance classes, yoga classes and workshops, private voice lessons, and private piano lessons with knowledgeable instructors. Current staff includes Terri Malone (piano), Jami Rawlins (voice), Chelsea Sims (dance), and Helene Everson (yoga). Dates, fees, class descriptions and instructor bios can be found on the Palace website page marionpalace.org/classes-camps.



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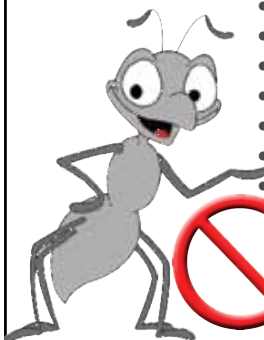
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The Palace was built in _____ by renowned theatre architect _____. The Palace is an _____ theater, giving the feeling of being outdoors under the open sky. Marion's Palace is a _____ design. The architect included birds suspended from the ceiling, floating clouds and twinkling stars for realism. His signature piece, a stuffed _____, is hanging in the southern most portion of the alcove along the west wall of the theatre. The theatre has 1430 _____ and features a cantilevered balcony, offering "every seat the _____ view." The Palace was first built as a _____ movie house. When the Depression hit, the theatre became strictly a _____ palace, first featuring silent films accompanied by the pipe organ (a Page at the time) and later "talkies." The Palace is now home to the mighty _____ pipe organ. A special feature among historic theaters, today the Wurly rises from the orchestra pit for use during shows and tours. The Palace changed hands a number of times and in 1975, the owner was looking to sell. A group of seven men headed by John Keggan, later known as the Palace _____, rallied the community and raised the funds needed to purchase and restore the failing theatre. Of the more than 100 constructed, there are only _____ Eberson atmospheric theatres that remain operational. The Palace "re-opened" in July 1976 as a 501 c 3, the Palace _____ Arts Association. Currently, our programming includes touring artists, Palace produced events, art classes and camps, and _____-_____ movies. The Palace is governed by the Board of Directors, which is comprised of 17 members elected by the PCAA _____ at the annual meeting. A _____ member staff operates the theatre on a daily basis and is assisted by a large _____ organization at live events and movies. In 2008, the PCAA opened the newly constructed _____, a multi-purpose facility for meetings, classes, receptions, and small stage productions. Patrons may purchase tickets in the box office, online at www.marionpalace.org _____ or by calling 740/383-2101. Regular _____ hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from _____ to 5pm. The box office opens one _____ before live events and 45 minutes before films.



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