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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

GIFTS -- FOR GIVING AND RECEIVING - BEV FORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Gifts.

For some, the word "gifts" issues a reminder of shopping to be done. It can mean the hustle and bustle of fighting lines at the checkout or feelings of anxiety at finding just the right thing to give someone at a family gathering you'd rather not attend. What does it stir in you?

The word "gifts" unleashes a host of thoughts for me. Crashing its way into my mind is this -- I love giving gifts!

Yes, physically. Tangibly. I love to give the kinds of gifts people unwrap. But beyond that, some of my favorite gifts come in the forms of a thank you note, a smile, an act of service, or even a compliment given to a complete stranger. These are gifts we all cherish.

The biggest gift giving season is upon us. Here at the Palace, we are often fortunate to be the receivers of many good gifts. One that we celebrate often and remain grateful for is the gift of talent that so many share with us.

Some creative "elves" from the Artisans Guild have given us an early gift. They dressed our lobby tree with this year's theme, peppermint. There are adorable red and white ornaments of varying shapes and sizes. Whatever their theme, and there have been many, we can count on a beautifully decorated tree. We are grateful they choose to share their gift of talent with us here at the Palace.

A giant gift and annual tradition

involves many of your family members, neighbors, co-workers, and friends and the talent they share. They have been busying themselves to unwrap the gift of Christmas at the Palace 2019: "Ring in the Season." Creative mastermind Clare Cooke has put together a fresh story line, novel acts, and music to stir up the peace, love, and joy this season shares. The audience even plays a role in this year's show!

Also, by request of our patrons, we have added a second show option to help create some additional Christmas memories. Touring artist Lisa Rock will be here with her show, A Carpenters Christmas, and she'll be joined by the choirs of Dayspring Wesleyan Church. It's sure to be a spectacular show.

Of all the gifts you can give or receive this season, please consider the arts. Bring your family. Bring a friend. Enjoy your experience with a room full of people you've never met. Give some concert tickets or a gift certificate this Christmas. Together let's celebrate the gift of life enriching experiences that this historic theatre gives to our community throughout the year.

Whether your ideal holiday season opens with visions of sugar plums, city sidewalks -- busy sidewalks, dreams of silent nights, or not a creature stirring, I hope you'll take a few moments to "Ring in the Season" along with us at the Palace.

We wish you joyous and memorable celebrations in the weeks ahead!

Bev

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

December 2019

- 6-8 CHRISTMAS AT THE PALACE**
A Palace Production directed by Clare Cooke
- 09 PALACE ACADEMY OF THE ARTS**
Winter Session III Begins
- 10 & 12 THE ART OF LETTERING**
Academy of the Arts Event
- 13-14 CLASSIC CHRISTMAS MOVIE WEEKEND**
How The Grinch Stole Christmas (PG) 2000
- 15 A CARPENTERS CHRISTMAS**
Featuring Lisa Rock & the Close to You Band
- 27-29 MOVIE WEEKEND**
Title To Be Announced

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Regular Box Office hours are 9a-5p Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri
Offices will be CLOSED on
Tue, Dec 24 • Wed, Dec 25 • Tue, Dec 31 • Wed, Jan 01

January 2020

- 3-5 MOVIE WEEKEND**
Title To Be Announced
- 7-8 AUDITIONS**
Robin Hood and His Merry Men
- 10 IMPROV IN THE MAY**
Shovel City Improv Group
- 10-12 MOVIE WEEKEND**
Title To Be Announced
- 16 THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS**
School Matinee Series
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- 20 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR BREAKFAST**
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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.

CHRISTMAS AT THE PALACE 2019

Written & Directed by Clare Cooke

Choreographed by Kristi Wink

Orchestra Direction by Rick Baird

Vocal Direction by Steve deWeber

"Ring in the Season" with Christmas at the Palace

and re-discover all the things we cherish most about Christmas. The sounds of the holiday season will fill the historic Marion Palace Theatre auditorium in the annual community production of "Christmas at the Palace" on Friday, December 6 at 7:30pm, Saturday, December 7 at 7:30pm, and Sunday, December 8 at 2pm.

Written and directed by Clare Cooke, "CHRISTMAS AT THE PALACE 2019: RING IN THE SEASON" features the talent of more than 275 individuals. The stories of "Christmas at the Palace" unfold through songs, dances, heart-felt vignettes, silly sketches, and musical numbers all performed by our neighbors, family, friends, and co-workers.

Audience members will journey to the North Pole where residents Santa (Bruce Cudd), Mrs. Claus (Sharon Gale), Sassy the Elf (Julia Vanderhoff), and Sparkle the Elf (Sara Grote) stand ready to greet you. And, travel back in celebration of that Holy Night that changed the lives of humanity.

Marion's favorite traditional holiday show will feature dance numbers performed by Pleasant Spartans Dance Team, Martha Douce Dance Studio Sr. Line and Marti-ettes, and Diverse Moves Dance Studio. The Men's and Ladies' Tap Lines include Sherril Applefeller, Bob Bender, Carson Bollinger, Kim Bradshaw, Gary Branson, Lynette Burris, Chelsea Carbary, Joni Carlson, Jen Chiles, Maria Crawford, Diana Dailey, Steve deWeber, Olivia Davis, Dee Ehrman, Linda Fargo, Brent Gorenflo, Cassie Hartman, Jacob Hartman, Ralph Hill, Katie Isler, Lynn Jamison, John Lewis, Judy Little, Colleen Mauk, David Mauk, Zane Menzie, Dan Nolting, Bobby Petrovski, Dustin Rawlins, Peggy Rittler, Timothy Roston, Shahara Sansotta, Stan Sansotta, Nancy Snyder, Nissa Stump, Bill Tabbert, Owen Williams, Brady Wink, Sadie Wink, and Amanda Zucker.

Performing a piano duet, "Do You Hear What I Hear?," Dee Ehrman and Kathy Hill lend their musical talents to this year's holiday program along with vocal soloists Brody Cahill, John W. Garnes, II, Sarah Perkins, Dustin Rawlins, Madi Schenk, and Eric Julian Walker.

An adorable children's choir will sing "Rudolph, The Red Nosed Reindeer," among many other songs. The adult chorus will perform a mix of traditional and contemporary holiday tunes to please all show-goers. Vocal groups taking the stage in this season's production include the energetic and playful "Drama Mamas" and two new talented a Capella groups: "Quintastic" featuring Zach Abraham, Caleb Lichtenberger, Sami-Kay Mergy, Ryan Roth, Darren Sites, and McKenzie Temple; and "Acapocket" with Gabe Douce, Morgan Elliot, Kennedy Hummel, Abby Isler, Rose Linville, Jaidyn Opuni, Chase Osborne, Gabby Riegel, Mason Self, Miley Turner, and Noah Williams.

Don't miss this annual holiday celebration. Avoid long lines at the door and get the best seating available by ordering your tickets in advance. Reserved seating is \$19, \$23 adult, and \$12 age 12 and younger. Tickets may be purchased at the Palace Box Office, 276 West Center Street, by phone (740) 383-2101, or online at www.marionpalace.org. Online ticketing fees apply.



MARION OB/GYN
DR. DAVID & JUDE FOULK

FRIDAY, DEC 6

@ 730PM

SATURDAY, DEC 7

@ 730PM

SUNDAY, DEC 8

@ 2PM

ACADEMY OF THE ARTS

WINTER SESSION III BEGINS DEC 09

ENROLL: (740) 383-2101 or MARIONPALACE.ORG

Discover your hidden potential or develop your talent at the Palace Academy of the Arts. Registration is now open for private lessons and group classes for Adults (**Acting, Dancercise, Knitting, Tappercize, Yoga**) and Youth (**Acting, Dance, Preschool Music**). 7 weeks. \$84 adult & youth; \$70 preschool; \$56 yoga. Registration & payment deadline 1 week before classes begin. Full details online.

The Art of Lettering

Tue, Dec 10 or Thu, Dec 12 • 6:30pm

Brush Lettering. It's all the rage, and a great DIY just in time for holiday cards and beautiful hand lettered gift ideas. With Morgan Schwartz as your guide, she'll provide demonstrations of lettering techniques and work with you to achieve your desired result. This workshop includes a notebook and lettering pens for each participant...and your first drink is on us! Class sizes are limited so gather your friends and sign up soon. \$35 includes supplies & drink.

ROBIN HOOD AND HIS MERRY MEN

auditions

AUDITION DATES:

TUE, JAN 7 and WED, JAN 8 from 5pm to 7pm

DIRECTOR: Emily Yaksic

DETAILS: Seeking young performers ages 7 to 14 years for this madcap adventure stage play. Auditioners may audition either day and should enter through the front May Pavilion doors. Auditioners are asked to come dressed in casual clothing and be prepared to recite a previously memorized monologue or poem. A small selection of monologues will be available in the Palace Theatre Box Office in December.

SHOW DATES: Feb 21, 22, & 23, 2020 | Main Stage

LISA ROCK IN

A Carpenters CHRISTMAS



LISA ROCK AND THE CLOSE TO YOU BAND BRING "A CARPENTERS CHRISTMAS" TO TOWN

One of the memorable holiday TV specials in the late 70s was that of The Carpenters. Now, singer Lisa Rock and her 6-piece band complete with back-up singers are keeping the tradition alive and bringing their unforgettable holiday songs and variety show to the stage. Based on the music from The Carpenters' two holiday albums ("Christmas Portrait" and "An Old-Fashioned Christmas") and Christmas variety shows, this concert aims to spread joy and cheer to all!

A CARPENTERS' CHRISTMAS comes from the creative team behind "Close to You: The Music of the Carpenters," who performed for a full house at the Marion Palace Theatre in 2014. The festive show includes holiday classics such as "I'll Be Home for Christmas," "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," "The Christmas Song," "Jingle Bells," "Silent Night," and of course, "Merry Christmas, Darling" among others. Joining Lisa on stage for

select numbers will be Dayspring Wesleyan Church Choirs (ages 11 to 75 years)!

"I hope everyone feels like singing along with us," says Rock, who will be accompanied by other musicians and vocalists to capture the authentic Carpenters sound.

In addition to the collection of Christmas songs, the band will also perform some of the famous duo's classic tunes. Rock's amazing four octave range allows her to sing the hits like "We've Only Just Begun" and "Rainy Days and Mondays" in their original key, keeping the songs genuine and more recognizable for the audience. "When she hits the lower range of her marvelous voice," notes critic Alan Bresloff, "if you close your eyes, you can see Karen Carpenter's face."

SUNDAY, DEC 15 • 4PM

Doors open at 3:15pm

*Tickets \$28, \$24, \$20 adult; \$12 student *PCAA member and group discounts may apply



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CLASSIC CHRISTMAS MOVIE WEEKEND FRIDAY DEC 13 & SATURDAY DEC 14

Join us at the Palace Theatre for a little holiday fun when we show the classic 2000 Christmas film, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" starring Jim Carrey as the green, revenge-seeking Grinch. Rated PG for some crude humor. 1 hr, 44 min. \$4 all ages, \$2 current PCAA members.

Friday, Dec 13 @ 7:30pm

Saturday, Dec 14 @ *10:30am, 2pm & 7:30pm

(Sensory Friendly/Open Captions on Saturday morning)

GET YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING STARTED HERE!

In addition to the large selection of items available through the Palace online store, tickets to an upcoming show make excellent stocking stuffers and are hands-down one of the best presents you can give for any occasion.

New Fall/Winter Logo Apparel Available



<https://palacetheatre2019.itemorder.com>

Tickets to see AMY GRANT in concert (APR 18) are hot items. For animal lovers of all ages, POPOVICH COMEDY PET THEATRE (JAN 26) is an excellent choice. For the Classic Rock music lover on your list, you can't go wrong with tickets to TOMMY JAMES & THE SHONDELLS (FEB 14) or JEFFERSON STARSHIP (MAY 2). For those who enjoy entertainment in a small, intimate setting, tickets to our Music in the May concert series are perfect. This series includes GAS PUMP JOCKEYS (JAN 24) and HEY MAVIS (APR 24). And finally, you can give the gift of laughter with tickets to a junior production of ROBIN HOOD AND HIS MERRY MEN (FEB 21-23) or the comedy musical NUNSENSE II (APR 3 & 4).

If you need help selecting a show, the Palace Box Office ticket agents are happy to assist you. Stop in or contact us by phone during box office hours (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, 9a-5p).