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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

MIND BLOWN! - BEV FORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Have you seen the emoji with the puff of smoke coming out of its head? Mind blown is the message. I can relate and maybe you've even seen that puff of smoke over my head recently. What a season!



You spoke. We listened.

Bigger names, you said. Bigger names were booked, and the response has been overwhelming! Thank you for your support of this 2019-2020 season.

From The Guess Who to John Michael Montgomery, Frozen, Jr. to Christmas at the Palace, and Popovich Pet Theatre to Tommy James, we have seen huge audience turn-outs with sell-outs and near sell-outs. And the season isn't over yet!

In the pages of this edition you will read about our local production of Nunsense II: The Second Coming. This show has a crazy talented and uniquely comical cast that you won't want to miss. Get your tickets early to get the best seats!

And with just about 100 tickets remaining, Amy Grant will take the Palace stage on April 18. We're headed to another sell-out, and you don't want to miss this concert so act quickly to enjoy an evening of amazing music with this Grammy-award winning artist.

The season will wrap up in early May with a powerful concert by Jefferson Starship and just in time for the new 2020-2021 season announcement. It is going to be an outstanding line-up again next season!

If you want in on the early announcement and access to tickets before the general public on sale date, be sure to join as a Palace Cultural Arts Association member. Your membership with the PCAA creates special ticket access along with numerous other perks. Be sure to check out all the benefits on our website and call or sign up online.

Membership is valuable to you, and it is incredibly important to the operation of the Palace Theatre. With your support, you can take pride knowing you are sustaining the future of this historic venue and providing a foundation for the activities that take place within these walls.

From all of us here at the Palace, thank you. Thank you for your membership support. Thank you for being ticket buyers and audience members. And thank you for valuing and supporting the Palace and the performing arts in our community!

Bev

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Title to be Announced
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- 29-31 MOVIE WEEKEND**
Title to be Announced

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.



HOLY MOLY!

Those wacky Nunsense Nuns are back.

And it would simply be a SIN to miss this habit forming musical comedy. Directed by Kristi Wink and performed by a local cast on the Palace Theatre main stage, **NUNSENSE 2: THE SECOND COMING** will take place on Friday, April 3

and Saturday, April 4. In addition to the performance, a catered buffet dinner will take place in the May Pavilion at 6:30pm before each show.

The "Nunsense" concept originated as a line of popular greeting cards featuring a nun who offers the reader clever quips with a religious slant. Inspired by the card's quirky characters, "Nunsense" creator Dan Goggin wrote the concept into a cabaret show. After a successful run in New York for 38 weeks, Goggin expanded the story into a full-length theater production, which has delighted audiences worldwide since 1985. The show's astounding success prompted six sequels. The first of those sequels, **NUNSENSE 2: THE SECOND COMING**, takes place six weeks after the sisters have staged their first benefit.

In this second installment, the Little Sisters of Hoboken are presenting a "thank-you" show for all the people who supported them in the past. Things get off to a rousing start as the sisters sing "Nunsense, the Magic Word," but before long, chaos erupts. Two Franciscans come to claim Sister Mary Amnesia (who has won the Publishers Clearing House Sweepstakes) as one of their own. At the same time, the nuns hear that a talent scout is in the audience to see them strut their stuff. From the riotous BINGO game run by Sister Amnesia to the hilarious duet, "What Would Elvis Do?," to the finale, "There's Only One Way to End Your Prayers and That's to Say Amen," these wacky Nunsense nuns will have you rolling with laughter.

Kristi Wink directs this fun filled local production with a cast led by **Julia Vanderhoff**, reprising her 2015 Nunsense role as the former circus performer turned nun - Sister Mary Regina, Mother Superior; **Leah Menzie** as Sister Mary Hubert, the Mistress of Novices; **Morgan Schwartz** as the streetwise nun from Brooklyn named Sister Robert Anne; **Sami-Kay Mergy** as Sister Mary Leo, the newly appointed nun who is a wannabe ballerina; and **Kelly Andrews** plays the delightfully wacky Sister Mary Amnesia, the nun who lost her memory when a crucifix fell on her head.

Also in the cast are **Eric Mosley** as Father Virgil, **Melinda Meginness** as Sister Mary Wilhelm, **Joni Carlson** as Sister Julia, Child of God, **Lindsey Gale** as Sister Mary Brendan, **Sharon Gale** as Sister Mary Luke, **Bruce Cudd** as Brother Timothy, **Linda Lindsey** as Sister Mary Margaret, and **Cameron Williams** as Brother Sebastian.

NUNSENSE 2 is sponsored by Jim and Barb Greetham. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$20 (show only) and \$42 (dinner & show).

**JIM & BARB
GREETHAM**



**Fri & Sat
APR 3-4
Dinner 6:30pm
Show 7:30pm**

Featured Palace Academy Class Lights, Camera, Action!



The Palace Academy of the Arts director Kristi Wink, is excited to announce a new opportunity for home school students. This daytime class will focus on many performance aspects of musical theatre including acting, singing, and dancing while teaching valuable lessons in team building, leadership and self confidence. The 7 week session will culminate with a small performance of musical theatre numbers. This class is available to students of all skill levels ages 8 to 18. Classes take place on the Palace Theatre stage **WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 8-MAY 20 from 10-11:30AM**. Students may bring a snack to enjoy during the mid-day break. Instructor Kristi Wink. \$84.

In addition to the class mentioned above, the Academy offers group and private lessons for all ages. Please visit marionpalace.org/classes-camps for full details.

Spring Classes Begin week of APRIL 6

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

**Thursday
APR 9
6pm**

The Palace staff is always pleased to have new people who wish to give back to the community join our team of volunteers. Volunteers of all ages (minimum age 16), backgrounds, and interests provide a tremendous helping hand in the theatre's activities and are always welcome.

To get started volunteering, interested participants are required to attend an orientation where they receive a volunteer handbook and a sign up sheet for volunteering at upcoming events. Training sessions will last approximately one hour and cover the various ways volunteers can lend a helping hand. Topics to be covered are dress code, procedures, and how individuals sign up to help at the Theatre.

For those who cannot make the **6PM** meeting on **THURSDAY, APRIL 9**, future orientations will occur at least once per quarter so that everyone who wants to be a part of the Palace gets the opportunity to serve. Interested participants and those with questions are asked to contact Volunteer Coordinator Morgan Schwartz at (740) 383-2101 to reserve a space for this orientation.

AMY GRANT

Saturday
APR 18
7:30pm

Limited AMY GRANT tickets available.

Performing for the first time in Marion, Ohio, "The Queen of Christian Pop" is ready to take the historic Palace stage.

AMY GRANT has built a long, successful career on music that matters. Ever since she burst on the scene as a fresh-faced teenager bringing contemporary Christian music to the forefront of American culture, the Nashville native gained a reputation for creating potent songs that examined life's complexities with an open heart and keen eye. She became the first artist in Christian music to have a platinum record and went on to become a crossover sensation and a household name with her albums "Heart In Motion" and "House Of Love."

She has earned six Grammy Awards and numerous Gospel Music Association Dove Awards as well as three multi-platinum albums, six platinum albums, and four gold albums. She has achieved 10 Top 40 pop singles and placed 17 hits on the Top 40 Adult Contemporary chart as well as scoring numerous hits on the contemporary Christian charts.

Fans can expect an evening of their favorite Amy Grant hits including "That's What Love Is For," "I Will Remember You," "Baby, Baby," "El Shaddai," and "Every Heartbeat," along with cuts off her most recent album, "How Mercy Looks from Here."

A longtime and active Nashville resident, Grant is as well known for her philanthropy as her music. She and husband, Vince Gill, are tireless in their efforts to aid worthy causes.

Tickets are selling very fast for this concert. Reserve your seats today before they are gone. Tickets \$54, \$47, \$39, \$32 *Member & group discounts may apply. Sponsored by:



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Friday
APR 24
7:30pm

Music in the
May featuring

HEY MAVIS

From the hills of Cuyahoga Valley a soulful mix of original Appalachian Americana music is born.

For nearly ten years, North coast Americana band HEY MAVIS has been weaving a musical tapestry and igniting a following of dedicated fans. With heartfelt vocals, honest song writing, blazing instrumental solos, and an undeniable on stage musical chemistry, this quartet is the definition of great Americana music.

HEY MAVIS has appeared on NPR's Mountain Stage, NPR's Whad'ya Know?, and PBS's Songs from the Center. The group has performed standing-room-only shows at the Xerox Rochester International Jazz Festival as well as nine consecutive sell-out concerts in their hometown of Akron Ohio. In 2018, Melissa Etheridge personally chose HEY MAVIS to perform on her music cruise featuring Etheridge and Sarah McLachlan. In the summer of 2019, HEY MAVIS received a "best of" award by the editors of Akron Life Magazine. Tickets \$16. Sponsored by Ohio Arts Council Ohio Artists on Tour.



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JOIN THE CAUSE & HELP RAISE THE ROOF!

*To help finance the theatre's
\$1.1 million roofing project campaign,*

a local philanthropist has issued a matching fund challenge to the community.

This unique opportunity promises to more than double contributions through a generous matching fund challenge valued up to \$45,000! This challenge comes with three new groups of Palace supporters dedicated to our roofing project. The Palace Fund-raising Committee is seeking 100 donors to join in this campaign as a PALACE GUARDIAN by giving \$250, 100 individuals to become a PALACE CENTURION with a gift of \$100, and 400 people to join the ranks of our PALACE 400 with a gift of \$25. Which group will raise the most funds and receive special recognition? A visual display for each group's fund-raising progress will be available in the main theatre lobby.

The roofing project, which will begin this summer, includes removing the existing roof, bringing everything up to code, and re-roofing the historic Marion Palace Theatre. Additional repairs will be made to the exterior walls – tuck pointing and sealing the brick, replacing steel lintels, flashings, copings, broken terra cotta, and more.

If you have made a pledge or written a check, thank you! Your gift to this project is appreciated. If you've not done so, will you join in this campaign as a PALACE GUARDIAN, a PALACE CENTURION, or become a PALACE 400? Please help us preserve Marion's home to performing arts events and activities and our gathering place for all of life's special memory-making moments. The Palace Cultural Arts Association of Marion, Ohio is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by IRS code. To help restore the Palace, please send designated contributions to Marion Palace Theatre RAISE THE ROOF Campaign, 276 W Center St, Marion, OH 43302. For full details on the campaign, please visit www.marionpalace.org and click on the "Support" tab.

