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APPLAUSE

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JEFFERSON STARSHIP

Friday, Sep 24 @ 7:30pm

The music that defined a generation and spanned decades is alive and well and more relevant than ever in pop culture with songs such as "Volunteers," "White Rabbit," "Somebody to Love," "Today," "Miracles," "Count on Me," "Jane," and "Find Your Way Back."

Featuring original members David Freiberg (vocals) and Donny Baldwin (drums), along with longtime members Chris Smith (keyboards), Jude Gold (lead guitar), and Grammy Nominee Cathy Richardson (vocals), the band remains dedicated to breathing new life into the living catalog of the JEFFERSON STARSHIP legacy. In addition to performing their classic hits, fans will hear new songs off their 2020 album, **Mother of the Sun**. Reserved seating tickets are \$34, \$40, \$46, and \$52.

A FOND FAREWELL

Quite a bit has happened with Palace Executive Director Bev Ford at the helm. From building renovations and world-wide pandemics to expansions of local productions and a measurable growth of membership donations, Bev has made an impact not only on the theatre but in this community as well. As Bev prepares to take her final bow from daily life at the theatre, we choose to celebrate her successes and her well-deserved retirement by joining together for "A Fond Farewell."

Palace Board members Clare Cooke and Lindsey Gale, along with the Palace staff, are planning a memorable celebration to take place in the May Pavilion on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21** from 2pm to 4pm. The afternoon will feature some of Bev's favorite entertainers, tasty hors d'oeuvres, and guest speakers who will shine a light on her illustrious tenure at the Palace. More details will be revealed in the coming months....stay tuned!

Those wishing to join the celebration honoring this extraordinary leader, public servant, and friend are asked to RSVP by email to lindseygale98@gmail.com by Friday, Oct 22.

AUDITIONS

Calling singers, musicians, and dancers of all ages! Writer and director Clare Cooke will hold auditions for the annual Palace Production of "Christmas at the Palace" on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17** from 1pm to 4pm. Cooke is seeking local talent (individuals and groups) to showcase in the holiday extravaganza themed, *We Need A Little Christmas*. An accompanist will be provided for vocal auditions. CD's are permitted. Those auditioning should enter through the front theatre doors. "Christmas at the Palace 2021" will take place Dec 3-5.



MADAGASCAR A MUSICAL ADVENTURE, JR.

October 8, 9, & 10
Fri & Sat 7pm | Sun 2pm

Alex the lion is the king of the urban jungle, the main attraction at New York's Central Park Zoo. He and his best friends — Marty the zebra, Melman the giraffe and Gloria the hippo — have spent their whole lives in blissful captivity before an admiring public and with regular meals provided for them. Not content to leave well enough alone, Marty lets his curiosity get the better of him and makes his escape. With the help of some prodigious penguins, the friends set out to explore the world and find themselves in the madcap world of King Julien's Madagascar.

Based on the smash DreamWorks animated motion picture, A Palace Production of MADAGASCAR A MUSICAL ADVENTURE, JR. features a cast of local youth and is directed by Kristi Wink. Reserved seating tickets are \$19 Adults; \$12 children age 12 & younger.



A MESSAGE FROM BEV FORD, *Palace Executive Director*

We haven't published the Applause since June 2020. That realization caused me to pause, reflect, and reread the column I wrote for that edition. Those were some crazy scary times. In the midst of the uncertainty of those months, I was reminded of the encouragement and faithfulness of our members. You were rock solid supporters. Thank you for your support then and now.

As we continue our annual membership campaign, I share a reminder that the generous contributions of our faithful members help put people on stage and in seats. If you haven't joined or renewed, will you? You'll find a membership form inside this Applause. Thank you in advance for making a difference.

You'll find this Applause packed full of information about the exciting shows we have scheduled from September to November. Mark your calendars so you don't miss a single show! In addition to the programming already announced, we are adding two new touring artists for the spring of 2022. We'll publish them as soon as the dates are finalized. Stay tuned!

This will likely be my last Applause column, and with that, I want to share some appreciation. My time at the Palace has been spent with some outstanding people. While some on staff just joined the team, they are already assets and people I am proud to work with. The Palace staff who have shared multiple years with me here are like family. We've celebrated life's wins and grieved life's losses together. They've borne the brunt of my storytelling too many Monday mornings to remember. I count myself blessed for having shared this time with them. They are incredibly talented people giving their best to this organization and making the magic happen for you. The Board of Directors has also committed their time and energy to making the PCAA a success and my time here meaningful in so many ways. I can say I've never been bored at a board (bored) meeting! I'm fortunate that they know how to have fun while accomplishing a great deal of good. Palace volunteers, both on stage and off, have done whatever it takes to meet the needs of the Theatre. They are individually and corporately a gift. Our sponsors, community partners, funders, and members have supported, sustained, and improved the Theatre and encouraged me. To the thousands and thousands of ticket buying audience members, your enthusiasm for what we do here has been the icing on the cake. I have loved seeing your smiling faces and hearing your laughter as you exit the theatre; knowing that your lives have been enriched has added joy to this journey.

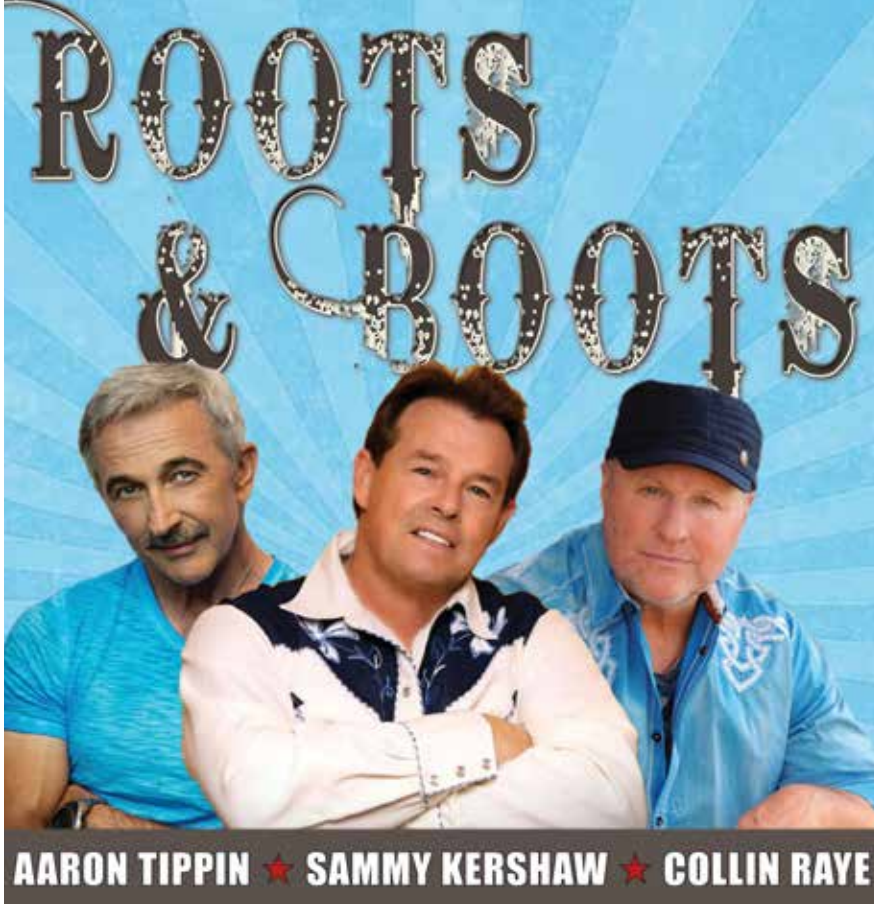
And last but far from least, thank you to my family. My remarkable husband, daughters, sons-in-law, and grandkids -- I say a huge thank you for stepping in to help when the work was too much, for encouraging me when I didn't think I could do it, for waiting patiently during long days and short weekends, and for loving the Theatre like I do.

To you all, your support, on so many levels and in various ways, has helped me accomplish far more than I could have accomplished alone because it truly "takes a village" to run a theatre.

In a year themed "A Season of Love," thank you for filling my heart with so much love. I will carry it with me.

Gratefully,





ROOTS & BOOTS ON TOUR

Friday, Oct 22 @ 7:30pm

Combined Sammy Kershaw, Aaron Tippin, and Collin Raye have amassed more than 40 Top 10 radio smash hits and sold more than 25 million albums. Don't miss these iconic country artists as they come together on one stage to swap stories and perform their classic songs.

➤SAMMY KERSHAW has made contributions to more than just the charts. In the course of breaking into the ranks of stardom in country music, his Platinum albums were propelled into the record books by hits such as "She Don't Know She's Beautiful," "I Can't Reach Her Anymore," "National Working Woman's Holiday," "Love of My Life," "Cadillac Style," "Don't Go Near the Water," "Haunted Heart," and many other milestones.

➤AARON TIPPIN has crusaded for the working man and woman since he ripped country music wide open with his uncompromising single "You've Got to Stand for Something." His voice continued to ring loud and clear with such hits as "I Wouldn't Have it any Other Way," "There Ain't Nothin' Wrong with the Radio," "That's as Close as I'll Get to Loving You," "My Blue Angel," and "Kiss This." Five of his albums are certified gold and a sixth CD, "Read Between the Lines," stands at the platinum level. Tippin's honest lyrics and direct, impassioned vocals have built a large and devoted audience.

➤COLLIN RAYE is nothing if not passionate. His soulful delivery has set country standards in searing ballads such as "Love, Me," "In This Life," "Not That Different" and "If I Were You." Always an energizing showman, he has also blazed through such vivid rockers as "My Kind of Girl," "That's My Story," "I Can Still Feel You" and "I Want You Bad." With 24 top ten records, 16 #1 hits, and having been a 10-time male vocalist of the year nominee (5 CMA and 5 ACM), this truly electrifying performer remains one of the great voices of our time.



Tickets prices to see this trio perform at the Marion Palace Theatre are \$32, \$36, \$44, \$50.

AMY GRANT

Fri, Nov 5 @ 7:30pm

Ever since she burst on the scene as a fresh-faced teenager bringing contemporary Christian music to the forefront of American culture, AMY GRANT gained a reputation for creating potent songs that examined life's complexities with an open heart and keen eye.

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 hearing 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 limited number of tickets are available for the AMY GRANT concert. Ticket prices range from \$32 to \$54.



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Since 1928, the Marion Palace Theatre has been a place of wonder, discovery, and excitement. A rare historical treasure located right here in downtown Marion, there are many reasons to celebrate her 93 years. The activities that take place inside the walls of this historic theatre lift our spirits, enrich our lives, and engage our society. But, none of this is possible without the support of the community. The Palace Cultural Arts Association (PCAA) is a 501c3 member-supported, volunteer-assisted organization. We invite you to consider becoming a PCAA member. ALL MEMBERS receive a wide range of privileges throughout the season including reduced movie admission, exclusive access to a dedicated ticket agent at the door on show nights, and discounts at select area restaurants. Additional benefits are determined by giving level and can be viewed online at marionpalace.org/become-a-pcaa-member/. **The deadline to be listed in the Fall 2021 Playbill is September 3.**



2021-2022 Membership Form

NAME (As it should appear in the Playbill and on the Website)

ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP

PHONE/EMAIL

☐ CAST MEMBER (\$25-\$49)

☐ STAR PERFORMER (\$50-\$99)

☐ MUSICAL DIRECTOR (\$100-\$249)

☐ CHOREOGRAPHER (\$250-\$499)

☐ DIRECTOR (\$500-\$999)

☐ MARQUEE CLUB (\$1,000 +)

☐ MARQUEE PLUS (\$1,100 +)

☐ RUBY MARQUEE (\$2,000 +)

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DATE REC'D: _____

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LISTS: _____

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GRANTS: _____

☐ MY CHECK IS ENCLOSED (CK # _____) ☐ APPLY TO MY CREDIT CARD (AMEX - VISA - MASTERCARD - DISCOVER)

CC#: _____ EXP: _____

Name as it appears on card _____ CCV#: _____

The PCAA is a non-profit organization. Please complete this form and return to: **The Marion Palace Theatre, 276 W. Center St., Marion, OH 43302**