WE NEED A LITTLE

CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS AT THE PALACE December 3, 4, & 5, 2021

Fri & Sat 7:30pm | Sun 2pm

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Don't miss seeing this three-time Grammy award winning artist light up the historic Marion Palace Theatre with a jubilant celebration through story and song.

DEBBY BOONE skyrocketed to the top of the charts in 1977 when "You Light Up My Life" became one of the biggest songs in history. It catapulted the singer into the spotlight, and she's continued to sing and perform around the country throughout her 40-year career. In addition to recording 12 studio albums, Debby has appeared on Broadway and in regional musical theater productions; and also authored six children's books.

This holiday concert marks the 32nd anniversary of Debby's album Home For Christmas, which includes "Silver Bells," "Christmas Time is Here," "White Christmas," and other vuletide favorites.



Main Stage Tickets: \$27, \$32, \$37, \$42

We need a little music; a little dance; a little laughter... We Need a Little Christmas!

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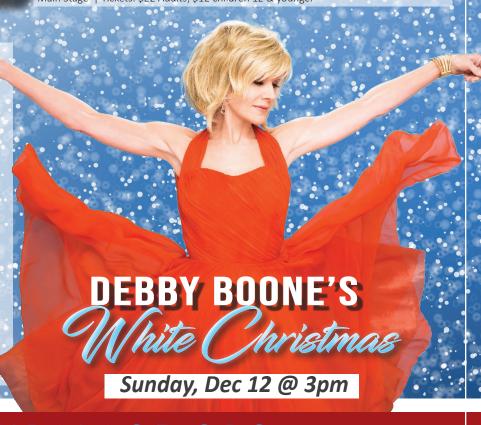
Appropriately themed, "We Need A Little Christmas," CHRISTMAS AT THE PALACE gives theatre-goers reasons to celebrate the joy of the season. From scenes of child-like wonder of the North Pole to the miracle of the manger and beyond, community members of all ages will share their talents to lift our spirits. Written and directed by Clare Cooke, the variety show resumes to a healthy full cast size of 270 performers. (Last season the cast was limited due to COVID.)

A LITTLE MUSIC: Beautiful sounds of the season will fill the auditorium thanks to ten gifted orchestra members led by Mr. Rick Baird-- Parker Baird, Beth Cumbie, Dee Ehrman, Jacob Hartman, Kathy Hill, David Johnston, Yuji Jones, Sara Konvalinka, Steve Patterson, and Bill Swihart. Vocal numbers include performances by The Drama Mamas, The Dialtones, and The Marionaires. And don't miss the must-see piano duet "Sleigh Ride Fantasy!"

A LITTLE DANCE: Dancers provide a visual feast for the eyes in the holiday show. In addition to the beloved Men's and Ladies' Tap Lines, four local dance companies will share their talents-- DiverseMoves Dance Studio, Martha Douce Dance Studio, Center Stage Dance Factory, and PHS Spartans In Motion Dance Team.

A LITTLE LAUGHTER: Audience members enjoy the antics of North Pole residents Santa (Bruce Cudd), Mrs. Claus (Sharon Gale), Sassy the Elf (Julia Vanderhoff), Sparkle the Elf (Sara Grote), and UPS Man (Dustin Rawlins) along with the newest addition to the comedy team, Buddy the Elf (Brady Wink).

Main Stage | Tickets: \$22 Adults; \$12 children 12 & younger



A FOND FAREWELL

SUNDAY, NOV 21, 2021 MAY PAVILION @ 2PM-4PM



Please join the Palace Staff and Board of Directors as we celebrate and honor outgoing Executive Director Bev Ford with "A Fond Farewell." RSVPs are not necessary for this free event but are appreciated. Reservations may be made by email to lindseygale98@gmail.com or by phone through the Palace Box Office (740) 383-2101.

Bev, who retires from the theatre this November, dedicated 22 years of service to the Palace. What began in 1998 as a part-time job selling tickets eventually led to bigger responsibilities. She served eight-years as Director of Operations before moving into her current role as Executive Director in 2011. Under her direction, the historic theatre underwent many improvements including \$2.5 million in exterior renovations to the historic building, upgrading to a digital movie projection system, and improving the venue's sound quality, just to name a few. Additional career highlights include an expansion of local productions and overseeing a measurable growth of membership donations.

NEW SOUND COMING SOON...

Through the generosity of two endowment funds and the oversight of Marion Community Foundation 's management and Board, the Palace will have the means to replace the theatre's failing 20-year old sound structure. The state-of-the-art sound system designed by Eighth Day Sound Systems Inc., a subsidiary of Clair Integration, will give patrons an enjoyable and elevated listening experience at the Marion Palace Theatre. Helping fund this project is \$108,000 from the Marion Community Foundation Marion Palace Theatre Perpetual Care Fund, along with \$90,000 from the Robert and Dorothy Wopat Community Fund at the Marion Community Foundation. Stay tuned for more installment updates!

HEY MAVIS

FRIDAY, JAN 14, 2022
MAY PAVILION @ 7:30PM

From the hills of Cuyahoga Valley, HEY MAVIS brings to the stage a soulful mix of original Appalachian Americana music.

Formed by Laurie and Eddie Caner, the band's blend of string-band music, honky-tonk, folk and Americana has taken it from porch concerts in Cuyahoga Valley to the Palace May Pavilion. Laurie's songwriting tells the story of life—with all of its beauty, heartache, disappointment and joy—weaving a musical tapestry that speaks of love, life and the human condition. Eddie always amazes the audience with his Hendrix-like tone and precision—he can soar beautifully over Laurie's vocals or play a raucous, dirgy groove. Behind their vocals she provides the skillful pickings of a banjo, and he adds the willful wail of a violin. Additional members of the band include Bryan Thomas (bass) and Anthony Taddeo (drummer). In 2018, Melissa Etheridge personally chose Hey Mavis to perform on her music cruise featuring

Etheridge and Sarah McLauchlan.

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May Pavilion ♦ Tickets: \$16



Announcing Two New Shows!

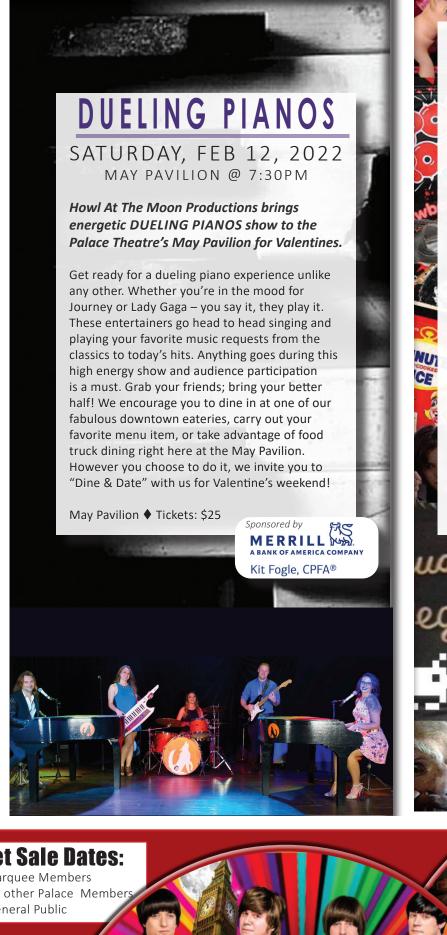
Your favorite unsung heros of the church basement return to the Palace with the original installment of their hit musical comical series. With good, clean laughs and memorable characters, CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES 20TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR is heavenly fun for all. Some may even say, you'll laugh so hard, your side dish will hurt! (Saturday, Apr 23 @ 2p & 7:30p | Tickets \$28, \$32, \$37)

Take a trip back to 1964 with BRITBEAT. With mop tops, retro costumes, vintage instruments and harmonizing vocals, the band performs all of Beatle's hits from the sixties. The entire concert plays to the backdrop of immersive and captivating moving multimedia that intertwines with and emotions of the Beatles' iconic music catalog. (Friday, May 6 @ 7:30pm | Tickets \$20, \$25, \$30)

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BACK TO THE 80S

FEB 18, 19, & 20, 2022 FRI & SAT 7PM | SUN 2PM

Hold on to your hover boards, we're taking a trip
BACK TO THE EIGHTIES!

When modern teen Mary Fitzfry gets sent back in time by an eccentric professor, she finds herself in the middle of a totally tubular cavalcade of 80s pop culture. There's a lot of familiar faces, from the teens in breakfast-time detention to the guys chasing ghosts and dancing zombies, but the biggest surprise of all is Mary's own protective mom as a teen. Turns out she's actually kind of rad - but thanks to Mary's time travel, she's in trouble. Can Mary make things right?

Don't miss out on this adventure that takes you from the mall where everything happens, to a suburban sitcom street, to a cave under the high school. This "Risky, Goonie, Breakfasty" tale of totally tubular time travel is sure to make all ages cheer "I love the 80s!" Performed by a cast of local youth, BACK TO THE EIGHTIES is directed by Emily Yaksic.

Main Stage Tickets: \$19 adult

\$12 child age 12 & younger



BACK TO THE 80s AUDITIONS

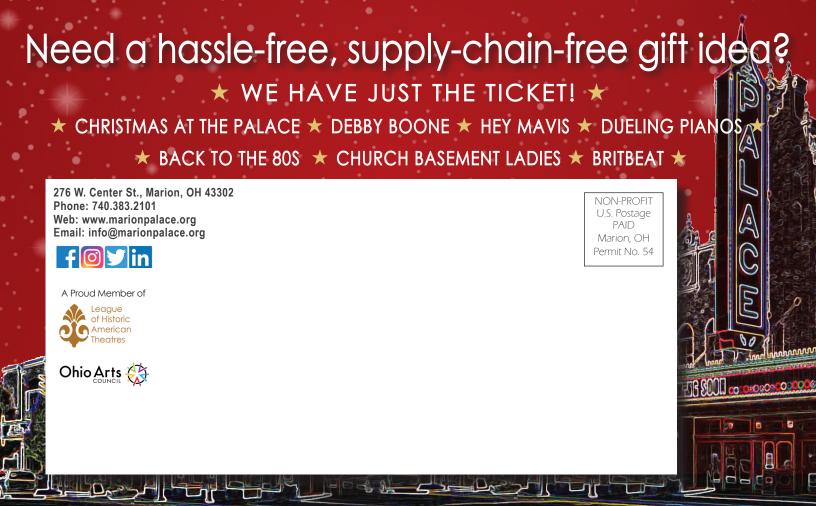
DATES: Tue, Dec 14 & Wed, Dec 15 | 5pm to 7pm

AGES: 7 to 14 years

AUDITION DETAILS: Auditioners may audition either day and should enter through the front doors. Auditioners are asked to come dressed in casual clothing and be prepared to recite a previously memorized monologue or poem.

DIRECTOR: Emily Yaksic





INTRODUCING KIRK DETWEILER 5 Fast Facts About The New Palace Executive Director

After a 36-year career at sea serving in the cruise industry (including 31-years as a Cruise Director), Marion native Kirk Detweiler returns home to regain his land legs and take the helm at the Palace.

FACT 1: HE'S A HOMETOWN BOY

You are leaving a life in the tropics to settle in Marion, Ohio. Why? KIRK: I have wanted to leave the cruise industry for a while and settle down. But, there weren't many great entertainment opportunities in Central Ohio. I could have chosen to live anywhere in the world, but I will always be a hometown boy. I am excited to bring my experience to Marion and give back to the community. I love what is happening with MarionMade! and the revitalization of the downtown. I want to make sure the Palace continues to be part of that growth. And regarding the tropics...I really don't like the heat. I spent 20 summers in Alaska and that is my all-time favorite.

FACT 2: HE HAS A PASSION FOR SUPPORTING YOUTH THEATRE

You previously said the Palace was a special place for you as a kid. What experiences and opportunities do you hope the Palace will provide for children today and for future generations?

KIRK: Definitely continue presenting junior musicals and plays. Those are amazing opportunities for young people to learn and grow. I first performed on the Palace stage at the age of 15, and it was life-changing for me. Set the Stage summer theatre camps will also continue to be part of the program. My daughter has great memories of when she was enrolled in those camps. And I really want to consider bringing back the Palace Academy of the Arts program and offer more classes throughout the year.

FACT 3: HE HAS SPECIAL PLANS FOR NEW PROGRAMMING

Do you have any plans for new or different programming? KIRK: Yes! I want to bring in more people who are in that 30 to 50-year age bracket and couples who are looking for a date night without the kids. I feel this is where my experience as a Cruise Director will come into play. I think the Pavilion is a perfect space for local bands, trivia night, karaoke, adult comedy shows, etc. I am open to suggestions, so I would love to hear what the public wants to have added to the current line-up.

FACT 4: HE LOVES TRIVIA. LIKE, REALLY LOVES TRIVIA

We heard you love trivia. What Trivia Night themes are your favorites? KIRK: I have so many trivia quizzes written that at one time I was considering publishing a book! For Trivia Night events, I like general trivia with a twist. I learned if you narrow it down to sports trivia or movie trivia, you can alienate some people, so I like to present a variety of categories. When I worked for Silversea Cruises, we had Americans, Brits, and Australians onboard, so I really had to be fair to all demographics with my questions. I will do the same with Marionites!

FACT 5: HE HAS TRAVELED THE WORLD, BUT HOME IS WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

You've been fortunate to travel to 147 countries. Any favorites?

KIRK: When I vacation now, it is usually to visit my brother in California, my sister in NYC or my college friend on Kelly's Island. But, some favorite places where I hope to return to are Alaska, Hawaii (especially Maui), Australia/New Zealand and Italy.

