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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 yuletide favorites.



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

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

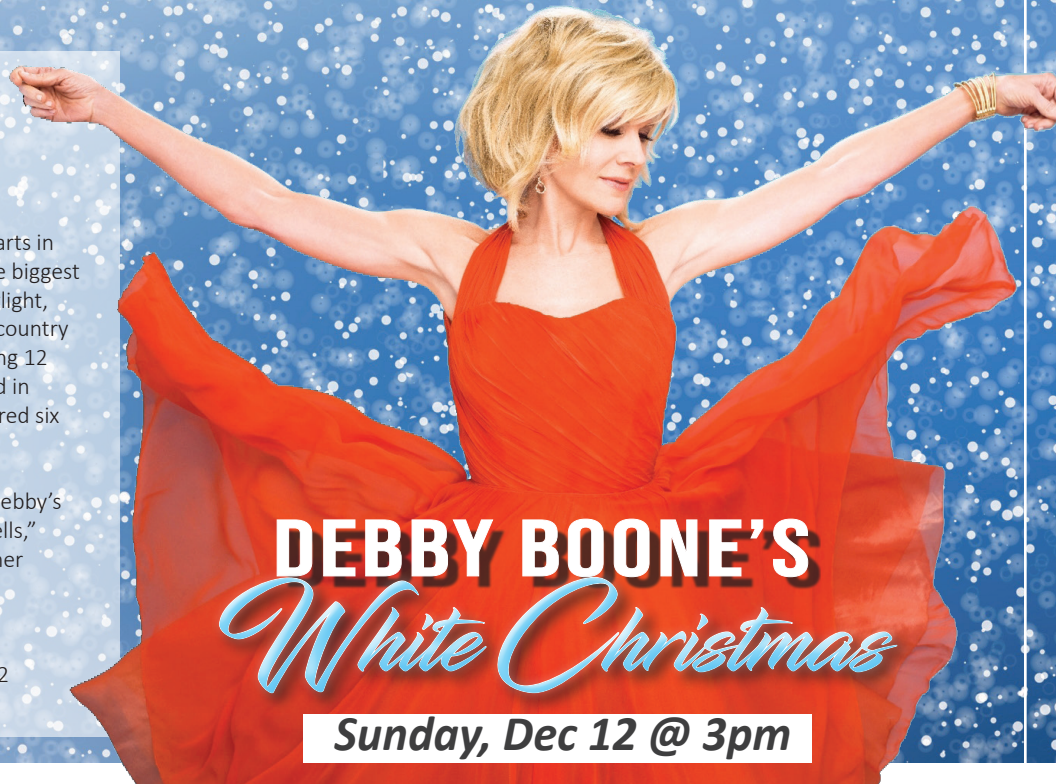
Appropriately themed, "We Need A Little Christmas," **CHRISTMAS AT THE PALACE** gives theatre-goers reasons to celebrate the joy of the season. From scenes of child-like wonder of the North Pole to the miracle of the manger and beyond, community members of all ages will share their talents to lift our 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 Dyaltones, 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



DEBBY BOONE'S

White Christmas

Sunday, Dec 12 @ 3pm

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DUELING PIANOS

SATURDAY, FEB 12, 2022
MAY PAVILION @ 7:30PM

Howl At The Moon Productions brings energetic DUELING PIANOS show to the Palace Theatre's May Pavilion for Valentines.

Get ready for a dueling piano experience unlike any other. Whether you're in the mood for Journey or Lady Gaga – you say it, they play it. These entertainers go head to head singing and playing your favorite music requests from the classics to today's hits. Anything goes during this high energy show and audience participation is a must. Grab your friends; bring your better half! We encourage you to dine in at one of our fabulous downtown eateries, carry out your favorite menu item, or take advantage of food truck dining right here at the May Pavilion. However you choose to do it, we invite you to "Dine & Date" with us for Valentine's weekend!

May Pavilion ♦ Tickets: \$25

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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.

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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

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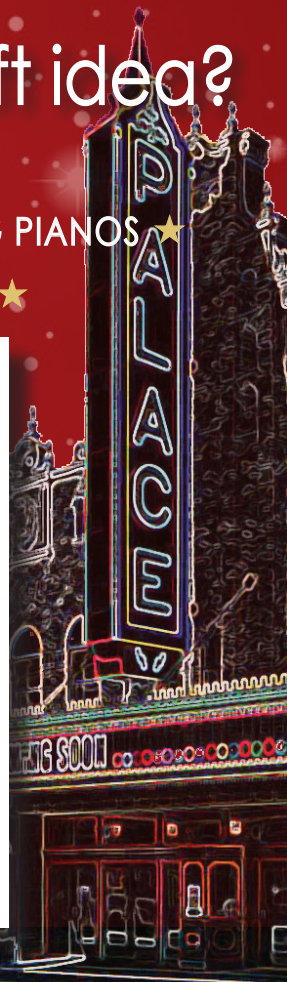
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INTRODUCING KIRK DETWEILER *5 Fast Facts About The New Palace Executive Director*

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 on-board, 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.*

