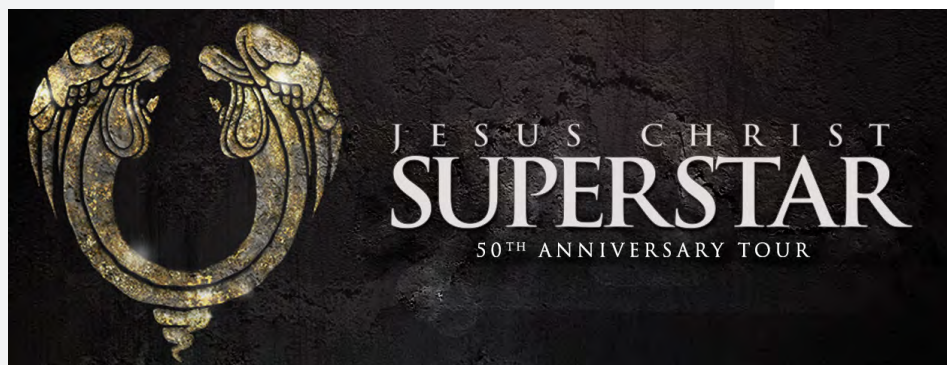
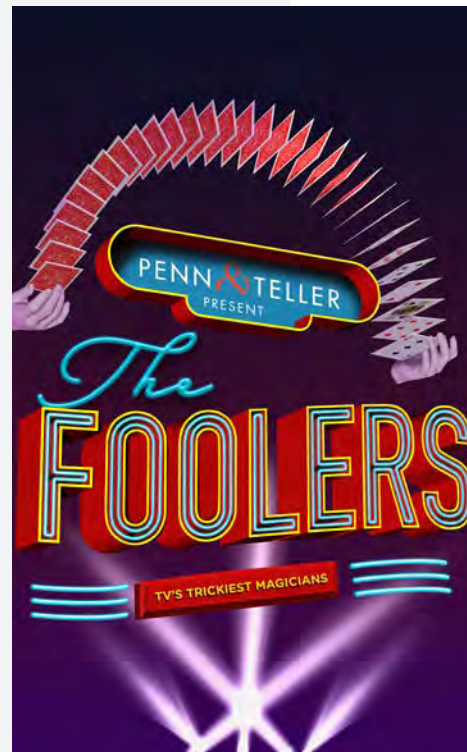


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AT STEPHENS AUDITORIUM





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WELCOME TO THE 2023-2024 SEASON!

We are excited to announce the 2023-2024 Performing Arts Season at Stephens Auditorium. After learning about kanteles and rocking with bagpipes from last season, we are pleased to introduce these new artists/performances to you and welcome back old friends.

With your ticket package, you will lock in the best seats and prices as well as enjoy valuable subscriber benefits. Our Performing Arts Series offers something for everyone, including Broadway, ballet, orchestra, family, comedy, jazz, and contemporary performances.

In this digital brochure, you will find the link to purchase your subscription package online. As in years past, all subscription orders will take place online. The Stephens Auditorium Ticket Office is available to answer questions by email at ticketoffice@iastate.edu, by phone at (515) 294-2479, or by stopping by in person. The ticket office hours are Monday-Friday, 11am-4pm.

And when you come to your first show, you will FINALLY notice new construction—the highly-anticipated restroom addition! We will be constructing new restrooms near the SW Tower Door at stage level, including the addition of eight individually-contained stalls, four of which will be wheelchair accessible. These restrooms are already completely funded, and construction is scheduled to be finished by December 2023.

In May 2024, we hope to begin our second phase by renovating the existing restrooms on the ground floor, towers, and first balcony. We are currently raising money to complete the second phase. Please consider supporting Stephens Auditorium by purchasing a season ticket package, making a gift, and—perhaps most importantly—bringing a friend to help us build our audience so we can continue to bring world class entertainment to the Ames community.

“Art is our one true global language. It knows no nation, it favors no race, and it acknowledges no class. It speaks to our need to reveal, heal, and transform. It transcends our ordinary lives and lets us imagine what is possible.” —Richard Kamler

—Tammy Koolbeck, CVE, Executive Director, Stephens Auditorium



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Please join us in thanking our generous supporters of the 2023-2024 season at Stephens Auditorium! Your support makes it possible for Stephens Auditorium to present great performances and create memorable experiences.

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For more information, contact Tammy Koolbeck at tkool@iastate.edu or 515-294-8809.



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**"HILARIOUS, SPLASHY
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MEAN GIRLS

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024 • 7:30 PM
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PENN AND TELLER PRESENT THE FOOLERS

Sunday, October 1, 2023
7:00pm • Stephens Auditorium

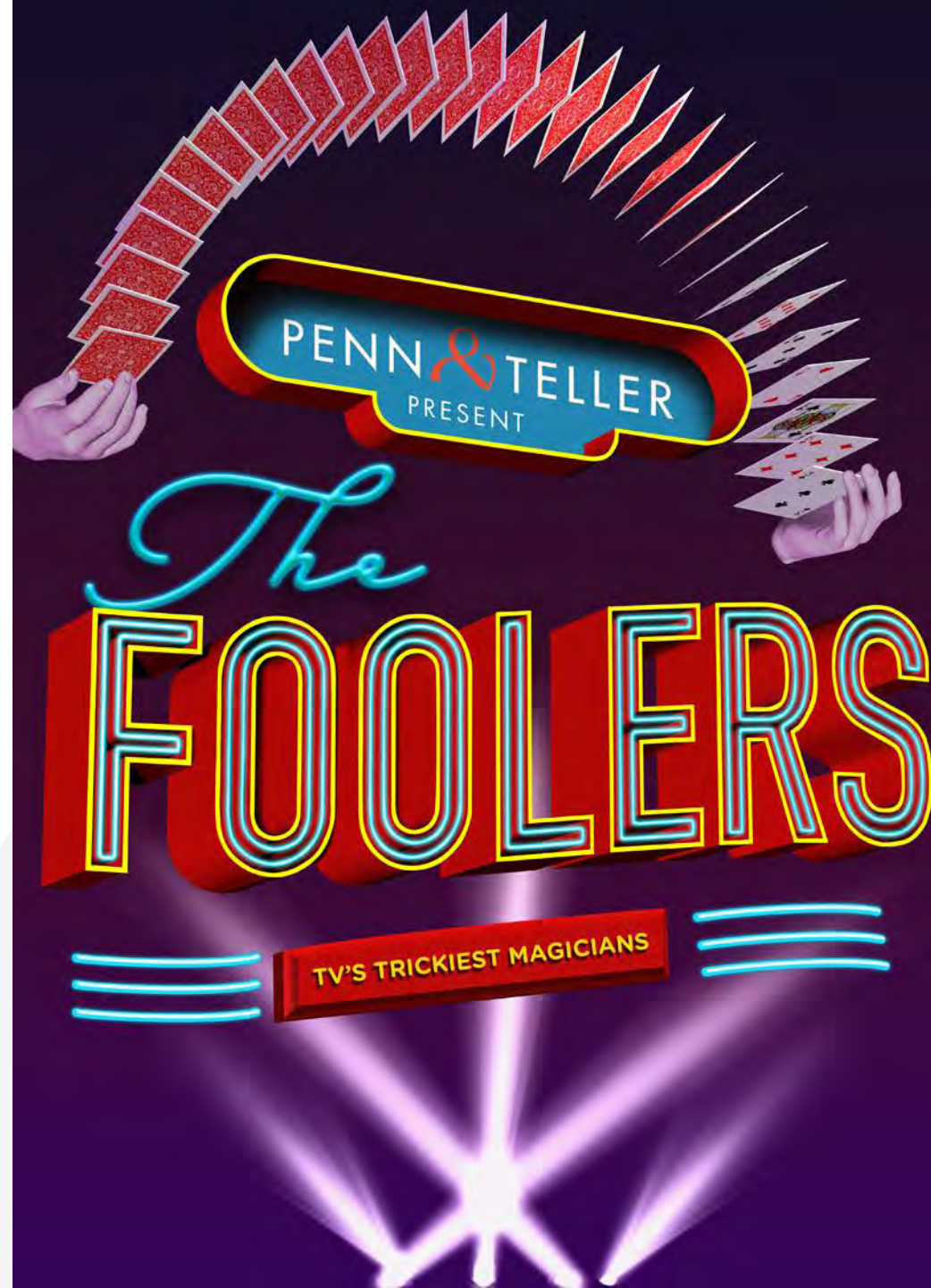
The Foolers brings an evening of jaw-dropping illusions curated by Penn and Teller. Celebrating television's #1 rated magic show, this interactive and irreverent evening presents the Fool Us alumni who share the distinction of being among the few who have impressed the pair with mystifying mind magic and hilarious comedic routines.

In addition to bringing Vegas-caliber modern magic to cities across the US, master magicians Alex Ramon, Jessica Jane, Matt Donnelly and Vinny Grosso, collectively known as "The Foolers" pay homage to the classic magic of Penn and Teller. Don't miss this chance to see TV's trickiest magicians for an evening of unforgettable fun!



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*Please note: Penn & Teller
will not be present at this event.*





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iLuminate



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**Saturday, October 21, 2023
7:30pm • Stephens Auditorium**

**“BEST NEW ACT IN AMERICA!
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—America's Got Talent

iLuminate has been a household name since they were called “The BEST NEW ACT in America!” during their run on America's Got Talent in 2011.

iLuminate is based on the fusion of technology and dance. This distinct intermix will reawaken your senses and imagination! iLuminate is a diverse team of experts, and together they create a visual experience unlike anything you've ever seen.

Audiences will see dancers in electrified glow-in-the-dark suits performing dynamic routines and illusions on a darkened stage. It's a show that's incomparable to any other dance performance!



Carlos Miguel Prieto, Artistic Director



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MINERÍA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OF MEXICO

(Orquesta Sinfónica de Minería)

**Tuesday, October 24, 2023
7:30pm • Stephens Auditorium**

Widely regarded as a leading ensemble and musical institution in Mexico, the **Minería Symphony Orchestra of Mexico** (Orquesta Sinfónica de Minería) remains at the musical forefront through eclectic programming, collaborations with renowned soloists and composers, and staunch advocacy of community and educational development.

Founded in the 1970s, the Minería Symphony Orchestra boasts a legacy of excellence that attracts leading international conductors and artists including León Spierer, Peter Maag, Carmen Moral, Nicanor Zabaleta, Renata Scotto, Maxim Shostakovich, Philippe Quint, and more, solidifying its goal of providing a platform to showcase the highest caliber of national artistry.

The program features works by Gabriela Ortiz, Carlos Chavez, Gabriela Montero and Silverstre Revueltas.

WILD KRATTS – LIVE!

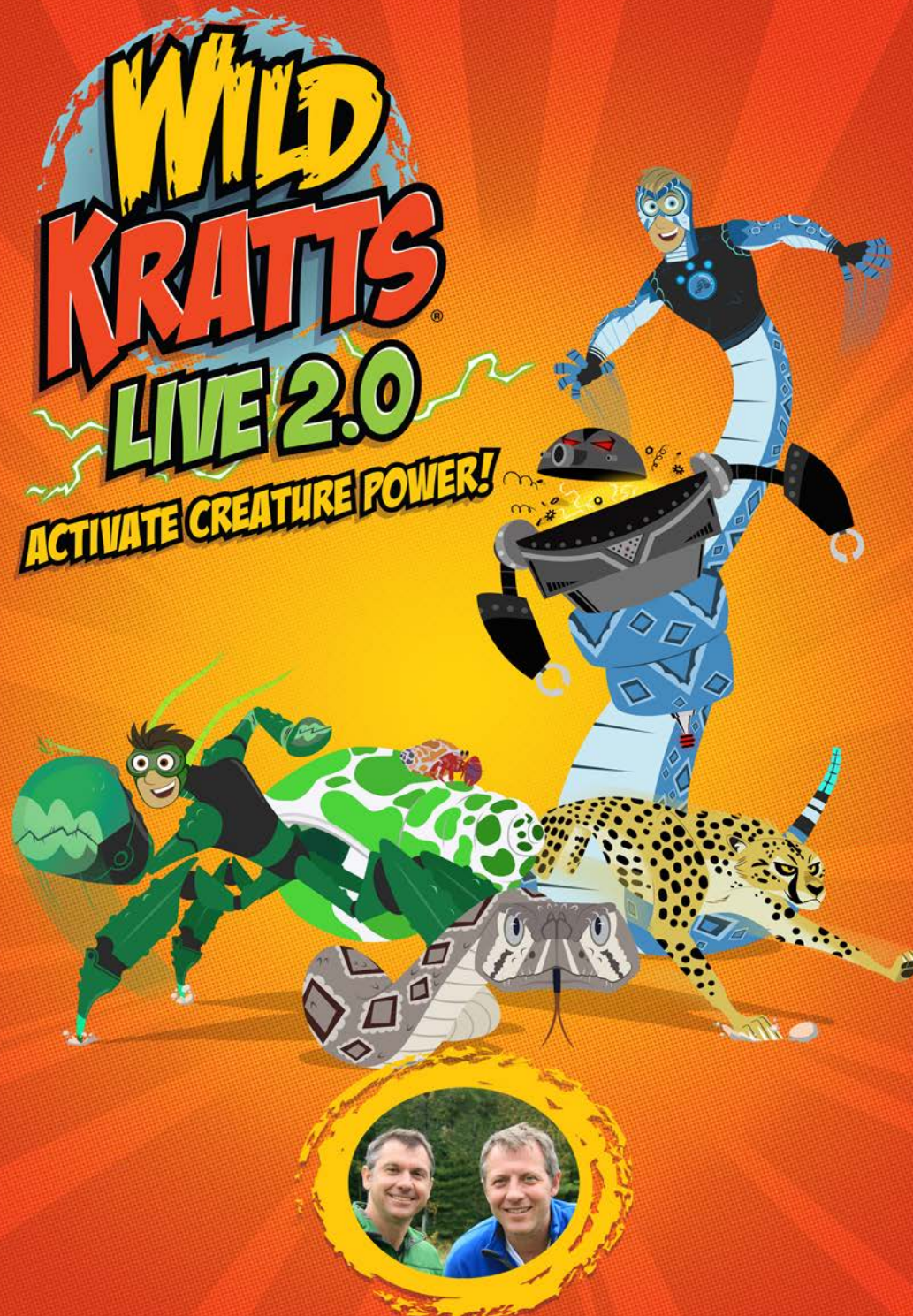
Wednesday, November 15, 2023
6:30pm • Stephens Auditorium

It's going to be WILD! Young fans and their families nationwide are in store for even more adventure on the creature trail when the world-famous Kratt Brothers hit the road with an all-new stage adventure! **Wild Kratts® LIVE 2.0 – Activate Creature Power®!**, the theatrical production starring Martin and Chris Kratt, based on the Emmy-nominated hit PBS KIDS series, will bring audiences along on a “wild” ride with a dynamic mix of live-action and animation.

In Wild Kratts LIVE 2.0, Chris and Martin take to the stage to activate new Creature Powers and go “off to the creature rescue!” With some help from the rest of the Wild Kratts team, who will be animated and on screen at the Tortuga HQ, the brothers confront a comic villain and once again save the day!



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STARRING THE KRATT BROTHERS

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THE FAB FOUR

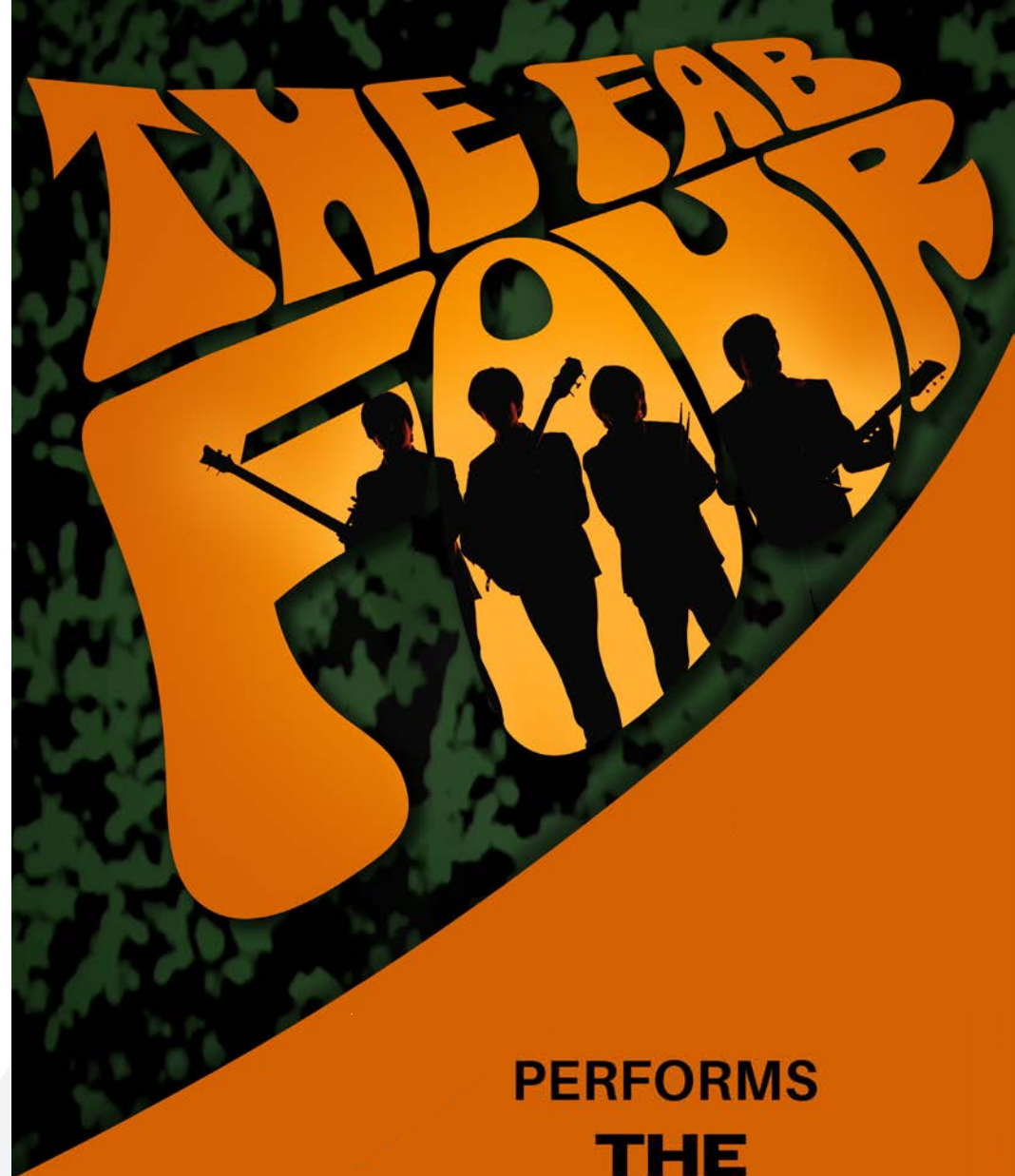
Sunday, November 19, 2023
7:30pm • Stephens Auditorium

If you want to experience the best Beatles tribute ever, you won't want to miss **The Fab Four—The Ultimate Tribute**. The 2023 tour brings their all new show to the stage, with a performance of The Beatles' "Rubber Soul" in its entirety, as well as the Beatles' greatest hits.

The Emmy Award Winning Fab Four is elevated far above every other Beatles Tribute due to their precise attention to detail. With uncanny, note-for-note live renditions of Beatles' classics such as "Can't Buy Me Love," "Yesterday," "A Day In The Life," "Twist And Shout," "Here Comes The Sun," and "Hey Jude", the Fab Four will make you think you are watching the real thing. Their incredible stage performances include three costume changes representing every era of the Beatles ever-changing career, and this loving tribute to the Beatles has amazed audiences in countries around the world.



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MANNHHEIM STEAMROLLER *Christmas* BY CHIP DAVIS



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MANNHHEIM STEAMROLLER CHRISTMAS

**Tuesday, December 19, 2023
7:30pm • Stephens Auditorium**

Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis has been America's favorite holiday tradition for over 35 years! Grammy Award winner Chip Davis has created a show that features the beloved Christmas music of Mannheim Steamroller along with dazzling multimedia effects performed in an intimate setting.

Experience the magic as the spirit of the season comes alive with the signature sound of Mannheim Steamroller. Their holiday CDs have become synonymous with Christmas and continue to occupy top spots on Billboards's Seasonal Charts every year!

Chip Davis, founder and creator of Mannheim Steamroller, will celebrate over 35 years of his annual Christmas concert tour, making it the longest running concert tour in the entertainment industry!



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50TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR



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JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

Tuesday, January 30, 2024
7:30pm • Stephens Auditorium

**“A GORGEOUS, THRILLING,
HEAVENLY MUSICAL.”**

—The Guardian

Celebrating its 50th Anniversary, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, a new mesmerizing production of the iconic musical phenomenon returns to the stage. Originally staged by London’s Regent’s Park Open Air Theatre and helmed by the acclaimed director Timothy Sheader (*Crazy for You*, *Into the Woods*) and cutting-edge choreographer Drew McOnie (*King Kong*, *Strictly Ballroom*), this production won the 2017 Olivier Award for Best Musical Revival garnering unprecedented reviews and accolades.



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PERFORMANCE OF
**ASK YOUR MAMA:
12 MOODS FOR JAZZ**



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LANGSTON HUGHES PROJECT

**Thursday, February 8, 2024
7:00pm • Stephens Auditorium**

The **Langston Hughes Project** is a multimedia concert performance of Langston Hughes's kaleidoscopic jazz poem suite, "Ask Your Mama: 12 Moods for Jazz" (Hughes's homage in verse and music to the struggle for artistic and social freedom at home and abroad at the beginning of the 1960s).

It is a twelve-part epic poem which Hughes scored with musical cues drawn from blues and Dixieland, gospel songs, boogie woogie, bebop and progressive jazz, Latin "cha cha" and Afro-Cuban mambo music, German lieder, Jewish liturgy, West Indian calypso and African drumming—a creative masterwork left unperformed at his death.

The Langston Hughes Project is a joyous Multimedia celebration of this masterwork—in music, spoken word and visuals—performed by the impressively versatile Dr. Ron McCurdy and his talented group of musicians.

THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR SHOW

Monday, February 12, 2024
6:30pm • Stephens Auditorium

**“BEDAZZLING!
WILL MESMERIZE AUDIENCES!”**

—*The New
York Times*

The critically acclaimed production of **The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show** created by Jonathan Rockefeller features a menagerie of 75 lovable puppets. The production faithfully adapts four stories by author/illustrator Eric Carle: *Brown Bear, Brown Bear*, *10 Little Rubber Ducks*, *The Very Lonely Firefly* and of course, the star of the show—*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar has delighted generations of readers since it was first published in 1969 selling more than 48 million copies worldwide. *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* - now celebrating 50 years - has sold more than 18.2 million copies.



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WORLD BALLET SERIES: *Swan Lake*



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WORLD BALLET SERIES: SWAN LAKE

**Thursday, March 21, 2024
7:00pm • Stephens Auditorium**

The new production of **Swan Lake** is choreographed by Nadezhda Kalinina, who lovingly retouched Marius Petipa's version. Featuring over 150 hand-sewn costumes and hand-crafted sets, it is a true delight.

World Ballet Series is a company that attracts many international artists and is comprised of renowned professional dancers representing over ten countries who are united by a passion for entertaining audiences and enriching classical ballet traditions through brilliant, critically-acclaimed new productions of timeless ballet classics.

World Ballet Series is a family-friendly experience accompanied by the timeless score, hand-sewn costumes, hand-crafted sets, and world-class dancers.



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CHANTICLEER

Friday, April 5, 2024

7:30pm • Stephens Auditorium

“THE WORLD’S REIGNING MALE CHORUS!”

—The New Yorker

The GRAMMY® Award-winning vocal ensemble **Chanticleer** is known around the world as “an orchestra of voices” for its wide-ranging repertoire and dazzling virtuosity. Chanticleer quickly took its place as one of the most prolific recording and touring ensembles in the world.

Chanticleer’s repertoire is rooted in the renaissance, and has continued to expand to include a wide range of classical, gospel, jazz, popular music, and a deep commitment to the commissioning of new compositions and arrangements.

MANIA: THE ABBA TRIBUTE

Saturday, April 6, 2024
7:30pm • Stephens Auditorium

In an exhilarating, two-hour recreation of one of ABBA's most memorable concerts, **MANIA: The ABBA Tribute** brings to life the flamboyance of the '70s. The uplifting, dance-inducing and sometimes heart-breaking songs from the iconic Swedish band, with fantastic costumes, staging, lighting and effects returns to the Stephens stage by popular demand.

For lifelong ABBA fans, as well as new generations who never had the opportunity to see the band live, MANIA provides the perfect excuse to party, relive memories and simply feel entertained with the best music ever. So dig out those platforms, dust down those flares and enjoy all your favorite hits, including "Mamma Mia," "Voulez Vous," "Dancing Queen," "Winner Takes It All," "Waterloo," "Fernando," "Super Trouper," and many more.



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MEAN GIRLS

**Thursday, April 11, 2024
7:30pm • Stephens Auditorium**

Direct from Broadway, **Mean Girls** is the hilarious hit musical from an award-winning creative team, including book writer Tina Fey ("30 Rock"), composer Jeff Richmond ("Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt"), lyricist Nell Benjamin (Legally Blonde) and original director and choreographer Casey Nicholaw (The Book of Mormon).

Cady Heron may have grown up on an African savanna, but nothing prepared her for the vicious ways of her strange new home: suburban Illinois. Soon, this naïve newbie falls prey to a trio of lionized frenemies led by the charming but ruthless Regina George. But when Cady devises a plan to end Regina's reign, she learns the hard way that you can't cross a Queen Bee without getting stung.

New York Magazine cheers, "MEAN GIRLS delivers with immense energy, a wicked sense of humor and joyful inside-jokery."

CHICAGO

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

7:30pm • Stephens Auditorium

After 25 years, **CHICAGO** is still the one musical with everything that makes Broadway shimmy-shake: a universal tale of fame, fortune, and all that jazz, with one show stopping song after another and the most astonishing dancing you've ever seen. No wonder **CHICAGO** has been honored with 6 Tony Awards®, 2 Olivier Awards, a Grammy®, and thousands of standing ovations.

As we celebrate our 25th anniversary — you've got to come see why the name on everyone's lips is still...CHICAGO.



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