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ON SALE NOW: TICKETS FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS AT STEPHENS AUDITORIUM PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

AMES, Iowa – Individual tickets for several of the 2024-2025 Performing Arts Series at Stephens Auditorium go on sale at noon on Friday, August 23 at the Stephens Auditorium Ticket Office and at www.ticketmaster.com.

“If you’ve been waiting to purchase tickets for one of our incredible shows in the 2024-25 season, several of the season shows will be available for individual show purchases on August 23,” said Tammy Koolbeck, Executive Director for Stephens Auditorium. “Our subscription ticket packages are still the best way to save on ticket prices, and they’ll still be available for anyone who wants to purchase a subscription through the end of the year.”

Tickets are available for individuals shows that feature a wide array of entertainment, from America’s master of satire, **David Sedaris** to newer Broadway titles like **Dear Evan Hansen** to the drumming sensations of **Yamato: The Drummers of Japan** and Irish favorites from **Shamrock Tenors**.

“With new partnerships with Ballet Des Moines and the Iowa State University Music and Theater Department and returning support from the 4-H Foundation, Ames Commission on the Arts and our growing number of performance underwriters, this season is a big one for us,” said Stephens Auditorium Executive Director Tammy Koolbeck. “We have two nights of Book of Mormon and two world premieres from Ballet Des Moines – See the Music (Hear the Dance), a collaboration that includes the JACK Quartet and the timeless tragedy Romeo & Juliet with a full live orchestra. We are welcoming a full schedule of diverse programming to the Stephens stage with performance choices for everyone.”

The shows available for individual tickets, along with performance descriptions follows below. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.center.iastate.edu/events/>

The 2024-25 Performing Arts Series shows on sale – August 23:

Shrek The Musical - Sunday, October 20, 2024 | 6:00 PM BROADWAY

“Once upon a time, there was a little ogre named Shrek....” And thus begins the tale of an unlikely hero who finds himself on a life-changing journey alongside a wisecracking Donkey and a feisty princess who resists her rescue. Yes, your favorite ogre is back in the hilarious stage spectacle based on the Oscar®-winning, smash hit, DreamWorks animated film. Tony Award-winning duo Jeanine Tesori (music) and David Lindsay-Abaire (book) revisit their first collaboration to deliver a more intimate and engaging experience – a joyful, colorful SHREK that leans into the humanity in all of us that celebrates our differences. With all-new original direction and choreography by Danny Mefford (Choreographer, *Dear Evan Hansen*) filled with lush orchestrations, this

reimagined production brings the show back to its roots – giving it a new kind of love emphasizing the importance of loving ourselves and one another. <https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/060060F46B1A0FC6>

An Evening with David Sedaris - Thursday, October 24, 2024 | 7:30 PM

David Sedaris is one of America's pre-eminent humor writers. He is a master of satire and one of today's most observant writers. Beloved for his personal essays and short stories, David Sedaris is the author of the New York Times best-sellers *Barrel Fever*, *Holidays on Ice*, *Naked*, *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*, *When You Are Engulfed in Flames*, *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls*, and *Calypso*.

Sedaris has been nominated for five Grammy Awards for Best Spoken Word and Best Comedy Album. His audio recordings include "David Sedaris: Live for Your Listening Pleasure" and "David Sedaris Live at Carnegie Hall." A feature film adaptation of his story C.O.G. was released after a premiere at the Sundance Film Festival (2013). Since 2011, he can be heard annually on a series of live recordings on BBC Radio 4 entitled "Meet David Sedaris." In 2019, David Sedaris became a regular contributor to CBS Sunday Morning, and his Masterclass, David Sedaris Teaches Storytelling and Humor, was released. <https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/0600609B8EA635BD>

ARTRAGEOUS - Saturday, November 9, 2024 | 7:00 PM

Imagine witnessing the creativity of an artist creating a masterpiece before your eyes in mere moments. Combined with captivating vocals, intricate choreography and exciting music, Artrageous takes you on a visual journey and a high energy ride of inspiration, creativity, and engagement. Our troupe of artists, musicians, singers and dancers pay tribute to a variety of art forms, icons and musical genres throughout the evening. The result is an uniquely entertaining, masterpiece show culminating in a gallery of fabulous, finished paintings. A signature of the Artrageous Troupe, from the very beginning of their long history, is interaction and engagement... so be prepared to be a part of the show. Each show is as unique as each audience. <https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/060060F46BA81067>

TINA – The Tina Turner Musical - Monday, November 11, 2024 | 7:30 PM BROADWAY

An uplifting comeback story like no other, Tina is the inspiring journey of a woman who broke barriers and became the Queen of Rock n' Roll. Set to the pulse pounding soundtrack of her most beloved hits, this electrifying sensation will send you soaring to the rafters. This musical presents Tina's journey against all odds to become one of the world's most beloved artists of all time. Featuring her much loved songs, the Tina Turner Musical is written by Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Katori Hall. <https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/060060F46C8D10F4>

Dear Evan Hansen - Thursday, December 5, 2024 | 7:30 PM BROADWAY

The Tony and Grammy-Winning Best Musical that Connected the World has been declared "one of the most remarkable shows in musical theater history" by the Washington Post. DEAR EVAN HANSEN is the first musical to take a groundbreaking look — from the point of view of both the parents and young people — at our complex, interconnected, and social media-filled lives.

Evan Hansen is a high school student who always feels like he's on the outside looking in. Evan finally gets what so many of us are searching for—the chance to finally fit in. What follows is a poignant, funny, and powerful musical about how even though it can be hard, we can find each other—and ourselves—along the way.

Including some of the most iconic musical theatre songs from the last decade, including "You Will Be Found," "Waving Through A Window," and "For Forever," DEAR EVAN HANSEN features an uplifting score by the Tony®, Grammy®, and Oscar® winning team behind The Greatest Showman and La La Land, Benj Pasek and Justin Paul,

and a book by Tony Award-winner Steven Levenson.

<https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/060060F46D36110B>

Menopause The Musical 2 - Sunday, February 2, 2025 | 3:00 PM

All aboard, sisters! The hysterical sequel to the smash-hit Menopause The Musical® is finally here! Five years after their chance encounter in a department store, we set sail with our beloved ladies for more high jinks on the high seas. Menopause The Musical 2: Cruising Through 'The Change'® is a hilarious and heartfelt look at the joys of menopause and friendship — plus hot flashes, mood swings, and memory lapses! Join us on a trip of self-discovery, backed by a new soundtrack of toe-tapping parodied hits from the 70s, 80s and 90s. For these four ladies, menopause was not the end, but the beginning of a beautiful friendship where love conquers all, and friendships never fail. <https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/06006061BC7B8D94>

Voces8 - Tuesday, February 11, 2025 | 7:00 PM

The 2023 Grammy-nominated British vocal ensemble VOCES8 is proud to inspire people through music and share the joy of singing. Touring globally, the group performs an extensive repertoire both in its a cappella concerts and in collaborations with leading orchestras, conductors and soloists. Versatility and a celebration of diverse musical expression are central to the ensemble's performance and education ethos which is shared both online and in person. In January 2024, they announced their US Tour and released a single, Metallica's *Nothing Else Matters*. <https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/060060F46E241139>

Czech National Philharmonic of Moravia - Saturday, February 15, 2025 | 7:30 PM

The Czech National Philharmonic was founded in 1908, during which the orchestra performed its first concerts under the direction of Bohuslav Martinů. In 1945, it was reconstituted after the Second World War, and awarded the title of 'National' Philharmonic. The orchestra is famous for performing the works of Dvorak, Smetana, Martinů, Beethoven, Brahms, Mozart and Schubert. Over the course of its existence, the Czech National Philharmonic Orchestra has developed an extremely extensive and varied repertoire. Focuses mainly on the great composers of world music of the 19th and 20th centuries, however, it also promotes contemporary Czech and world music, as evidenced by the performance of more than 250 new compositions. The orchestra also ranks among the authentic interpreters of the classics of Czech national music culture: Antonín Dvořák, Bedřich Smetana, Leoše Janáček a Bohuslav Martinů.

The program will include the following works: Smetana's Overture to a Bartered Bride; Dvořák's Piano Concerto, Overture: My home, and Scherzo Capriccioso. <https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/060060F46F4F1168>

Yamato: The Drummers of Japan - Friday, February 28, 2025 | 7:00 PM

YAMATO is a Japanese Taiko drumming group based in Asuka-mura Nara Prefecture which is well known by Japanese people as the hometown of Japan. They call themselves "YAMATO, the Taiko drumming group that travels all over the world".

YAMATO's Taiko work cannot be fully described by the word "performance". On stage, they are standing with more than 40 Taiko drums and all of them are having different characters. Their largest drum called "Odaiko", produced from a huge tree over 400 years old, is approximately two meters in diameter and weighs 500 kg. All other Taiko drums are different sizes and have different sounds. The members of the group have trained their bodies to the limit to beat these massive Taiko drums. This is why YAMATO's original performances are known as "Physical music" and continue to receive high acclaim all over the world. YAMATO is sometimes intense, sometimes sad, sometimes comforting, and in the next moment comical on stage.

<https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/060060F46FC5116E>

Shamrock Tenors - Tuesday, March 25, 2025 | 7:00 PM

The Shamrock Tenors are Irish music's most exciting new international hit! Created by Belfast performer, Raymond Walsh (Les Misérables - West End/UK Tour/Staged Concert) and proudly supported by Tourism Ireland, the group features performers that represent both sides of the community in Northern Ireland, with vocalists from London's West End, the country's best multi-instrumentalists and a champion Irish dancer, their show takes you on a journey through Ireland's most beloved classic songs, in beautiful five part harmony, whilst sharing their love for home and how far it has come in recent years. With all your favorites including Danny Boy, Black Velvet Band, Whiskey in the Jar, and The Wild Rover this is a show for all ages, performed with that cheeky Belfast charm! <https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/060060F47168118F>

The individual tickets will be available for Book of Mormon will be later this Fall. The two shows featuring Ballet Des Moines – See the Music (Hear the Dance) and Romeo and Juliet will go on sale to individuals in January 2025.

Dropbox contains photos/graphics for series performance:

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Stephens Auditorium Ticket Office

Located at the north entrance of Stephens Auditorium at the corner of Lincoln Way and Beach Avenue.
Hours are 11am-4pm Monday-Friday and 90 minutes before show time.

About Stephens Auditorium

Stephens Auditorium, a 2,602-seat hall managed by VenuWorks, hosts a dazzling array of international performances of music, theater and dance, as well as world-class orchestras, popular Broadway musicals, and explosive country and rock concerts. www.center.iastate.edu

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