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PHILHARMONIC  
ORCHESTRA AND CHORUSES

2023  
2024

*Extraordinary Moments  
.... Life-long Memories*





David Mitchell, general manager  
Performing Arts Center

**T**hank you for making us your entertainment destination. I invite you to fully experience the Performing Arts Center at Kent State Tuscarawas... where **Extraordinary Moments** lead to **Life-long Memories**.

I believe that every moment of every show has the power to transport, inspire, and touch the soul. In those moments, when we come together as a community, we fully embrace the transformative power of the arts. The magic of a live performance is that the **Extraordinary** happens right in front of your eyes. Each moment is memorably unique, and only occurs for those gathered to share that experience, never to be replicated again. However, those moments will always be shared by those of us who experience it live and will remain in our memories forever.

The following pages of this brochure will guide your discovery of the 23/24 Season, a season full of once-in-a-lifetime moments that you, your family, and your friends will cherish together, forever. We hope you join us for several live performances this season and witness those **Extraordinary Moments** that create **Life-long Memories**.

The Performing Arts Center's educational programs give local students the opportunity to perform side by side with internationally recognized musicians for once-in-a-lifetime experiences on our stage. We'd love nothing more than to enhance that experience with 1,000 audience members adding energy and excitement to their performance. Introducing the **NEW PACK the PAC** pricing where *EVERY* ticket is *ONLY* \$15.



**Support Local Students - attend these great shows without breaking the bank!**

- Indicates a PACK the PAC Educational Experience

**A**s the resident company of the Performing Arts Center, it is with great pleasure and excitement that the Tuscarawas Philharmonic brings to you the 23/24 season. We are honored to continue this artistic journey in collaboration with the Performing Arts Center and alongside each and every one of you, our cherished patrons.



Clare Cannizzaro, executive director  
Tuscarawas Philharmonic Orchestra

An orchestra is a collection of talented musicians; a charismatic conductor who brings life to the music; and numerous other individuals behind the scenes with a passion for sharing the beauty, emotion and pure musical magic that a live performance can bring. The magic, however, goes far beyond the stage. It includes YOU, a vibrant community brought together by a shared love for music. As patrons of the Philharmonic and the Performing Arts Center, you are an integral part of this community, and we are deeply grateful for your unwavering support. Your presence at our concerts, your applause, and your enthusiasm fuel our passion and inspire us to reach new heights of artistry.

Together, let us celebrate the power of music. Together, let us embrace shared experiences in this breathtaking space. Together, let us see beyond the challenges of the everyday and into a realm of beauty, introspection, and unity.

Together.

### Want More Information?

Throughout this brochure you will find QR codes next to each event. Using your smartphone or tablet, focus your camera on these images (you may have to use your digital zoom on some of the smaller codes) and you will be prompted to visit our website where you will find a complete pricing information, description, and video preview(s) of the show.

Scan this to try it out!



The World's #1 Tribute to  
**BRUCE IN THE USA**

*Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band*

Much more than just another tribute... Bruce In The USA is a high-energy, note-perfect, and visually accurate musical experience of a Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band show. Matt Ryan, from the World Famous "Legends In Concert" cast, began playing the Springsteen character in 2000, in Legends "full scale" Las Vegas show. The great success in the famous Las Vegas show brought him to performances across the world, eventually evolving his character into the Bruce In The USA show. This high end, powerhouse, band has taken this genre of performance art to a whole new level, making it the World's #1 Tribute to the E Street Band's musical legacy.



**Saturday, September 9 | 7:30 p.m.**

Tickets start at \$30

Celebrating another season of *Extraordinary Moments*



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



**Tuesday, September 26 | 7:30 p.m.**

Tickets start at \$38

## A Musical World Tour

Dr. Jungho Kim, Conductor



Join the Tuscarawas Philharmonic on a musical journey around the world with tunes from different countries and continents! The journey will include a stop in Germany and will feature clarinetist Dan Gilbert who will perform the clarinet concerto by Carl Maria von Weber.



**October 7 | 7:30 p.m.**

Tickets start at \$28

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# Micky Dolenz: Voice of the Monkees

Micky Dolenz IS the voice of The Monkees. The unmistakable performer that moved a generation and led this pop culture phenomena to a dozen Top 20 singles, four #1 albums and two Emmy Awards. Having entertained audiences his entire life, Micky brings a one-of-a-kind presence to the stage, drawing on his background in television, film broadcasting and Broadway.



Tuesday, October 10 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$50

# DRY BAR COMEDY LIVE



The wildly popular online series of specials that offer clean “Comedy for Everyone” is expanding to live shows featuring comedians who’ve become Dry Bar fan favorites. Since its launch just last year, Dry Bar comedy specials have generated over ONE BILLION views on social media and generated millions of fans. Dry Bar will maintain its whirlwind momentum by producing live shows across the U.S. These same professional comedians have also performed on many late night shows including The Tonight Show, Jimmy Kimmel, Netflix Comedy, TBS’s Conan, Comedy Central, and more.

Saturday, November 4 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$28



# WILLKOMMEN ZUM OKTOBERFEST

Join us as we celebrate Oktoberfest or “PACtoberfest” (Cheesy? Yes. Beer cheesy). We’ll transport you to Germany and turn the PAC lobby into a German Festplatz - full of music, food, bier and dancing (if you are so inclined). This full immersion experience features music by Cleveland’s own The Shotskis. The evening will also feature a four-course meal of authentic German fare.

Ticket price includes food, two beers and a commemorative beer stein. Non-alcoholic option available which does not include beer tickets.

Saturday, October 14 | 6:30 p.m.

Tickets \$65 / \$55

# blessid UNION of souls



Friday, November 17 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$25

Since their 1995 debut release, ‘Home’, Blessid Union of Souls have sold millions of records worldwide and never stopped living their dream: Creating and performing music that touches the hearts of countless people across the globe. Their iconic first single ‘I Believe’ not only topped the charts; it was the 4th most played song on radio of that year! On this, as well as their other top 40 hits, their message of hope and unity has continued into the next generation. The heart, soul and spirit of this band is still embodied in one simple phrase: Love is the answer.

# Scotty McCreery



After winning Season Ten of American Idol in 2011, Scotty McCreery made history as both the first country artist and the youngest male artist of any genre to debut his first studio album at No. 1 on the all-genre Billboard Top 200 Albums chart.

With his deep, strong, country voice, this ACM, CMT, and ACA award winner achieved new heights in the last few years by earning three back-to-back #1 hits from his Seasons Change album. All four of his albums have debuted at No.1 on a Billboard Albums chart, with current combined sales surpassing 3 million copies. McCreery has ridden the charts with hits like

“Five More Minutes,”  
“This Is It,” “In Between,”  
“I Love You This Big,”  
“Barefootin’,” “The Trouble with Girls,” “See You Tonight,” and “Feelin’ It.”

**Sunday, November 19 | 7:30 p.m.**

**Tickets start at \$63**

# Daniel O'Donnell

The Donegal based singer, who is one of the most prolific and successful recording artists in the UK charts, is the only artist in the world to score a hit in the UK album charts every year since 1988, an unprecedented and unbroken 35-year span, and in doing so, he has outshone everyone from Michael Jackson and Madonna, to U2 and the Rolling Stones. Daniel has now amassed 48 Top 75 albums, including 42 Top 40 albums, 30 Top 30 & 20 Top 10 albums, with 18 of the latter being this century, a feat that has not been achieved by any other recording artist, and has now sold well in excess of 15 million worldwide.



**Tuesday, November 21 | 7:30 p.m.**

**Tickets start at \$53**

# Home for the Holidays

Dr. Scott MacPherson, Associate Conductor

Come home for the holidays with the spectacular sounds of the season performed by the Tuscarawas Philharmonic and ALL the Tuscarawas Philharmonic Choruses. You will be dazzled by familiar and new holiday music, including traditional carols, Hanukkah songs, and carols from around the world.



December 9 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$28



Tuesday, December 12 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$35



Created by the 2009 World Champion of Irish Dance Scott Doherty and worldwide touring Irish musician Chris Smith, Christmas In Killarney combines the excitement of Irish dance with the harmonies of traditional Christmas classics. Set in Killarney, Ireland in the late 1920's, Christmas In Killarney shows what it means to celebrate Christmas the 'Irish' way, where many of our own Christmas traditions originated. Don't miss this unique opportunity to see what will become a holiday classic!



Grammy award-winning country super group Diamond Rio is bringing their crowd-pleasing harmonies to New Philadelphia this holiday season! Diamond Rio mixes traditional country, country pop, bluegrass, rock, contemporary Christian, and gospel music influences to flavor its signature vocal harmonies. Since its 1991 debut single "Meet in the Middle" shot to No. 1 on the country charts, the band has won a Grammy Award and multiple Country Music Association and Academy of Country Music Awards. Experience a night of all their hits, plus get warm and cozy with Christmas and holiday cheer for the whole family.

Sunday, December 17 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$53



Tuesday, December 19 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$25



The Ladies take us back to 1959 and the day of the Sunday School Christmas Program. In the midst of holiday preparations and sprinklings of love in the air, the ladies in their witty, down-to-earth style are creating their own memories from Christmases past and present. Content to do things the way they have always been done yet pondering new ideas, the reality of everyday life hits home as they plan the Sunday School Christmas Program. Known for their hilarious antics and subtle charm, they are once again called upon to step in and save the day! Away In The Basement is the perfect show for the whole family this Christmas season!



Buckets N Boards is a hilarious and high-energy show chock-full of amazing percussion, ridiculous songs, spectacular tap dancing, inventive instrumentation and an incredible variety of musical talents! Matthew Livingston and Gareth Sever have hand crafted a fresh and unique clean comedy experience for the entire family to enjoy! Buckets N Boards have toured the world and are currently one of the top requested headlining acts for Disney Cruise Lines!! In 2019 BNB is also heading into their 10th Award Winning season in Branson, MO! Regarded as a must see show for any evening out with the family, their unexpected comedy and upbeat personalities will leave you laughing for the rest of your week!!!

Sunday, January 21 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$25

# BOY BAND REVIEW



Capturing the hearts of fans with their #boyband shows that transport audience members back in time to the days of frosted tips and hunky front-men professing their undying love. Playing your favorite hits from NSYNC, Backstreet Boys, NKOTB, One Direction and more! The #boyband shows are an incredible throwback experience reliving your best years with a full band, choreography and harmonies. Boy Band Review is everyone's favorite show since the 1990s!

Friday, January 19 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$25



This internationally-acclaimed hit is an immersive concert-style theater show chronicling the amazing journey shared by the folk-rock duo, Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel. It tells the story from their humble beginnings as Tom & Jerry, to their incredible success as one of the best-selling music groups of the '60s, and to their dramatic split in 1970. The show culminates with the pair's famous "The Concert in Central Park" reunion in 1981 which had more than half a million fans in attendance. The show features a full live band and uses state-of-the-art video projection, photos and original film footage.

Tuesday, January 23 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$48



# JOE GATTO'S NIGHT OF COMEDY

Well-known comedian, actor, and producer, Joe is best known for the hit TV shows "Impractical Jokers" and "The Misery Index." He is one of the founding members of The Tenderloins Comedy Troupe who has toured with a live comedy show to sold-out crowds across the world, including legendary arenas, such as Madison Square Garden in New York and the O2 Arena in London. Joe also is a co-host of the "Two Cool Moms" Podcast and has also appeared on hit podcasts including This Past Weekend with Theo Von, What A Joke with Papa and Fortune and Life is Short with Justin Long.

*For Mature Audiences - Parental Discretion Advised*

**Saturday, January 27 | 7:30 p.m.**

**Tickets start at \$55**



## Jonathan Scales Fourchestra

Veering from in-your-face, jaw dropping chops and passion, to those quiet moments when the background noise disappears and you hold your breath to take in a soundscape of solitude, the power trio of electric bass (E'Lon JD), drums (Maison Guidry), and steel pans (Jonathan Scales) combines elements of jazz, classical, and progressive rock, peppered with Latin rhythms and soulful outbursts of funk. From club and festival stages across North America and Europe, and tours of Africa, Southeast and Central Asia as a Cultural Ambassador for the US Department of State, to their NPR Tiny Desk Concert featuring Béla Fleck, the Fourchestra's live shows make even the most jaded listeners forget where they are... even if just for a precious moment.



**Tuesday, January 30 | 7:30 p.m.**

**Pack the PAC - All tickets \$15**





THE SUN WILL COME OUT.



# Annie

FEBRUARY 13, 2024

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Holding onto hope when times are tough can take an awful lot of determination, and sometimes, an awful lot of determination comes in a surprisingly small package. Little Orphan Annie has reminded generations of theatergoers that sunshine is always right around the corner, and now the best-loved musical of all time is set to return in a new production – just as you remember it and just when we need it most. Annie, directed by Jenn Thompson, features the iconic book and score, written by Tony Award®-winners Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse and Martin Charnin. This celebration of family, optimism and the American spirit remains the ultimate cure for all the hard knocks life throws your way.

Tuesday, February 13 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$74



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HER VOICE. HIS VISION.  
THEIR STORY.

## ON YOUR FEET!

THE STORY OF EMILIO & GLORIA ESTEFAN



“IT’S A HIT!”

— Chicago Tribune

“EXHILARATING!”

— The Washington Post

Photo: Chad Griffith

ON YOUR FEET! is the inspiring true story about heart, heritage and two people who believed in their talent—and each other—to become an international sensation: Gloria and Emilio Estefan. Now their story is an all-new exhilarating original musical winning the hearts of critics and audiences alike, with the Chicago Tribune declaring “IT’S A HIT!” and The New York Times cheering, “The very air in the room seems to vibrate in this undeniably crowd-pleasing musical!”

ON YOUR FEET! features some of the most iconic songs of the past quarter-century, including “Rhythm is Gonna Get You,” “Conga,” “Get On Your Feet,” “Don’t Want To Lose You Now,” “1-2-3” and “Coming Out of the Dark.” Prepare to be on your feet from start to finish!



Tuesday, February 27 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$69

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# GOOD SHOT JUDY

Harkening back to those formative decades from the 1930s on, when small jazz combos, big brass bands and the crooners who sang on top of them were forging an enduring style and repertoire that would be written into the DNA of American music. Keen to give the classic melodies the respect and attention – as well as the power – that it deserved, the band includes a full complement of horns, percussion and vocals. A Good Shot Judy show offers all those tunes you know just from growing up in America – songs you can at least hum along to, if you don't outright know most of the words. But the music itself is only part of the band's allure; there's something electric in the execution, and it's that vigor that carries the day as much as the pull of recognition.

Thursday, February 29 | 7:30 p.m.



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## Mystical Impressions w/DHS Orchestra

Dr. Scott MacPherson, Associate Conductor

The Tuscarawas Philharmonic is again thrilled to work side by side with the Dover High School String Orchestra in Respighi's exciting *Ancient Airs and Dances Suite 1*. Oboist Danna Sundet shares the stage in Goossens' elegant and virtuosic *Concerto for Oboe in One Movement*. Don't miss this exuberant and ethereal program of mystical music featuring baritone Zac Rusk and the Tuscarawas Philharmonic Adult Choir.



March 2 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$28



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## Christie Lenée



Singer, songwriter and renowned fingerstyle guitarist Christie Lenée is more than a musician – she's an experience. Symphonic compositions flow from her fingertips effortlessly, with sound ranging from transcendental folk-pop to virtuosic instrumentals. Lenée took First Place at the International Fingerstyle Guitar Championship in 2017, was voted Acoustic Guitarist of the Year by England's Music Radar in 2019, and was named "Best Acoustic Guitarists in the World Right Now" by Guitar World in 2020. Christie is currently working on a solo album in

addition to collaborative tracks with artists such as Tommy Emmanuel, Phil Keaggy and Laurence Juber.



Saturday, March 9 | 7:30 p.m.

Pack the PAC - All tickets \$15

# BEYOND BABEL



Inspired by Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet*, *Beyond Babel* is a critically acclaimed dance theatre show about the division of families, friends, and a community of people as authorities decide to build a wall between them. We follow two divinely linked lovers as they reconcile with the rising tensions of a populace cut in half. The show is set to a contemporary soundtrack and features a cast of twelve elite dancers. Created by Keone & Mari Madrid and Josh & Lyndsay Aviner, *Beyond Babel* is described by the *New York Times* as "astonishing and irresistible".

Friday, March 15 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$40

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# JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TOUR

Celebrating its 50th Anniversary, a new mesmerizing production of the iconic musical phenomenon returns to the stage. Appealing to both theater audiences and concert music fans, this production pays tribute to the historic 1971 Billboard Album of the Year while creating a modern, theatrical world that is uniquely fresh and inspiring.

With lyrics and music by Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony winners Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber, Jesus Christ Superstar is set against the backdrop of an extraordinary series of events during the final weeks in the life of Jesus Christ as seen through the eyes of Judas. Reflecting the rock roots that defined a generation, the legendary score includes 'I Don't Know How to Love Him', 'Gethsemane' and 'Superstar'.

Monday, March 25 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$74



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## Garrison Keillor Tonight

An evening of stand-up, storytelling, audience song, and poetry. One man, one microphone. There are sung sonnets, limericks and musical jokes, and the thread that runs through it is the beauty of growing old. There is the News from Lake Wobegon, a town booming with new entrepreneurs, makers of artisanal firewood and gourmet meatloaf, breeders of composting worms, and dogs trained to do childcare. But some things endure, such as the formation of the Living Flag on Main Street, citizens in tight formation wearing red, white or blue caps, and Mr. Keillor among them, standing close to old neighbors, Myrtle Krebsbach and Julie Christensen and Clint Bunsen. And an a cappella sing-along with the audience singing from memory an odd medley of patriotic songs, pop standards, hymns, and ending with the national anthem.



Tuesday, April 2 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$30

## THE TEXAS TENORS

**TUSCARAWAS  
PHILHARMONIC**  
ORCHESTRA AND CHORUSES  
Dr. Jungho Kim, Music Director and Conductor

The Texas Tenors are the most successful music group and third highest selling artist in the history of America's Got Talent! Since appearing on the series in 2009, JC, Marcus and John have released 5 studio albums, 2 PBS Specials, 4 DVDs, multiple singles and a children's book that have earned them impressive recognition including 3 Emmy Awards, The Gelett Burgess Award for Excellence in Children's Literature and the distinction of being Billboard Magazine's #10 Classical Artist in the World.

Joining The Texas Tenors on stage is our very own Tuscarawas Philharmonic and Chorus, led by Dr. Scott MacPherson, Associate Conductor.

*Tuscarawas Philharmonic discounts do not apply.*

Friday, April 5 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$45



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# Puddles Pity Party

The 7-foot sad clown, whose golden voice is comparable to rock legends like Tom Jones and Freddie Mercury, has amassed nearly 900K YouTube subscribers and performed sold out shows all over the globe including The Kennedy Center in D.C., San Francisco's Palace of Fine Arts, London's Soho Theatre, and a residency at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

Deftly combining melancholy with the absurd, Puddles has received endorsements and accolades from musical comedy legends like Jack Black, Michael McKean, Weird Al Yankovic, Drew Carey, Nick Offerman and Paul Reubens.

Thursday, April 25 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$32

## The Three B's

Dr. Jungho Kim, Conductor

Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms are often referred to as "The Three B's" in the Western Classical music tradition. They are three of the most important composers that mark the highlights of the Baroque, Classical, and Romantic eras. Violinist Jessica Lee and cellist Dane Johansen from The Cleveland Orchestra will join the Tuscarawas Philharmonic Orchestra in the Double Concerto by Brahms in a spectacular season finale.



June 1 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$28



## Season Ticket Package

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Pick between four and seven events from our entire season and **SAVE \$5 per ticket**. Mix and match to tailor this package specifically for you!

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Pick eight or more events from our entire season and **SAVE \$10 per ticket**. Mix and match to tailor this package specifically for you!

## Philharmonic Pricing Discounts

Keeping the Philharmonic accessible is vital to being a long-term, essential contributor to our cultural community. With this in mind several discounts are available to all season events, including **Senior** pricing (for those aged 60 years or more) and **Student** pricing (for any full-time college student).

In addition to these long-time discounts above, three new discounts have been established for Philharmonic concerts on the 23/24 Season:

### Child - \$15

Children over the age of three through their Senior year in High School

### Super Saver - \$15

Experience the Philharmonic from the first two rows of the Orchestra section for an incredibly low price

### Family Package - \$50 (PAC \$3 per ticket service fee not included)

Bring your immediate family (up to 5 people, max 3 adults) for one flat rate

## Ticket Information

Box Office Phone: 330-308-6400

Box Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed Saturday and Sunday

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