



FROM OUR MANAGING DIRECTOR MARK THODE

Friends, it's hard to believe the holiday season is just around the corner! We have some wonderful events planned at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center to help you celebrate and get into the spirit of the season.

We'll kick off our holiday lineup with the Al Opland Singers, who will present their Christmas show, "Let Heaven & Nature Sing," during the first weekend in December. The Opland Singers have been sharing their incredible musical talents with our region for more than 47 years. This dedicated group of performers from across Southwest Minnesota has been rehearsing since early September, and their hard work is sure to shine on stage in this botanical Christmas themed production.

Please note, they're performing for one weekend only, December 4th-7th (Thursday through Sunday).

Later in the month, on December 19th, we're excited to welcome back Phil Thompson for "A Michael Bublé Christmas." Phil delighted audiences in October with his Elton John and Billy Joel tribute during our 32nd season kickoff, and we know you'll love his smooth, festive take on Michael Bublé's holiday favorites. Tickets are going fast, so be sure to grab yours early!

As we move into the second quarter of our season, we're thrilled to share that we've raised a little over \$20,000 so far. Our goal for the year is \$80,000 to support arts programming and operations. During this season of giving, we are asking for you to consider making our mission your mission by making a contribution...every gift counts. After all, it is you, our audience, who set the stage and make things possible for our organization. All donations are tax-deductible.

There are many ways to give:

- **Online:** Donate securely by credit or debit card at www.pipestoneperformingartscenter.com
- **By Mail:** Send cash or check to Pipestone Performing Arts Center, P.O. Box 100
- **Other options:** Gifts through IRA distributions, bequests, or even stock market shares

Your support truly makes a difference in keeping the arts alive in our community.

Wishing you and your loved ones a holiday season filled with warmth, light, and joy.



Volunteers

If you're interested in getting involved in volunteering or helping out with our productions, please let us know. We are always looking for volunteers to usher, distribute posters, help paint and sew, and serve on different committees. Our space is run by volunteers, and we could use your help.



LIGHTS & SOUND

Volunteers are responsible for assisting in stage lighting, sound & maintenance.



STAGE HANDS

The crew that works backstage during the show, shifting the scenery, & props.



CARPENTERS

Volunteers that work to assemble set pieces.



SEWING

Assembling pieces into finished costumes.



PAINT

Volunteers help paint and prime the set.



USHERS

Assist in the seating of patrons at performances.



BOX OFFICE

Volunteers that work behind the Box Office desk and assist in selling tickets.



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Oplands Christmas

AN ANNUAL TRADITION

OF THE SEASON WITH MUSIC, DANCE, FAMILY & FRIENDS

Celebrate the beauty of the season with Let Heaven & Nature Sing, the Al Opland Singers' 2025 Christmas concert! This year's show blooms with the warmth and wonder of Christmastime, weaving together cherished sacred carols and festive contemporary favorites, all inspired by the natural beauty and evergreen spirit of the holidays.

This year's concert grows from the deep roots of a beloved tradition. Audiences will be moved by the hushed reverence of "Veni, Veni Emmanuel" and "O Holy Night," and warmed by the gentle glow of "A Light of Hope, A Song of Peace." The delicate harmonies of "Lo, How a Rose" and "Still, Still, Still" bloom alongside contemporary favorites that celebrate love, laughter, and the joy of togetherness. Adding a splash of fun and nostalgia, the group brings laughter to the stage with a lively "Muppet Christmas Carol Medley", sure to charm audiences of all ages.

With rich vocal harmonies, expressive choreography, and the signature warmth that has

made them a Pipestone tradition, the Al Opland Singers once again fill the Pipestone Performing Arts Center with the magic of the season. Like a garden in winter, Let Heaven & Nature Sing reminds us that beauty, joy, and community continue to grow, even in the quietest months of the year. Come share in this heartwarming celebration of music, nature, and the spirit of Christmas!

Show dates are December 4th through the 6th at 7:30 pm, and December 7th at 2:00 pm, at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for students, and can be purchased online at pipestoneperformingartscenter.com, by calling the box office at 507-825-2020, or at the door the day of a performance Tuesday through Friday between 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm. The Al Opland Singers are a group of people from around southwest Minnesota who love to sing and perform and they look forward to bringing you Let Heaven & Nature Sing. We hope to see you there!

DECEMBER 4th through the 7th

Evening Showtimes at 7:30 p.m., Sunday Matinee at 2:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$20 for Adults, \$5 for Students

TICKETS ON SALE *Now.*

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CELEBRATING
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Christmas

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19th AT 7:30 P.M.

The Pipestone Performing Arts Center is thrilled to welcome back internationally acclaimed singer, pianist, and composer Phil Thompson for a special Christmas concert on Friday, December 19th. With a smooth vocal style reminiscent of Michael Bublé and a dynamic stage presence, Phil will bring an unforgettable evening of holiday magic to the PPAC stage.

As one of the nation's freshest pop/instrumental crossover artists, Phil Thompson has performed across the globe, from the Royal Imperial Palace in Vienna to the U.S. Open Tennis Tournament in New York, and most recently headlined two sold-out nights at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas during the UFC Championship weekend. He's also shared the stage with acclaimed artists including The Canadian Tenors (as seen on Oprah and Dr. Phil).

Phil's recordings include four full-length albums, *Opening Act*, *Twelve Songs of Christmas*,

Tunes with a Twist, and *Love Themes* from the Silver Screen, as well as his holiday single *The Magic of Christmas Eve*. His music has been featured in television and film, including the PBS documentary *Footsteps: A Journey in Faith* and the Fox series *Blueprint for Green*.

Audiences can expect a concert filled with timeless Christmas favorites and contemporary holiday hits, delivered with Phil's signature charm, soulful vocals, and sparkling piano artistry; the perfect way to celebrate the season.

Tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$12.00 for students. Tickets can be purchased online at pipestoneperformingartscenter.com or by calling the PAC Box Office at 507-825-2020 or 877-722-2787 (open Tuesday through Friday, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.).

Celebrate the holidays in style — join us for Phil Thompson: A Michael Bublé-Style Christmas at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center!

TICKETS ON SALE *Now*.



As a television host, Phil is an articulate and energetic personality who has appeared nationally on numerous programs including Shop NBC for their music and entertainment segments and PBS for some of their high profile pledge drives (including "Pete Seeger's 90th Birthday Party Celebration and concert events such as Yanni Voices, The Canadian Tenors, and Clay Aiken to name a few). On a regional level Phil has been a regular guest on a variety of regional programs including Showcase Minnesota (NBC Affiliate), Twin Cities Live (ABC Affiliate), and

Minnesota Sunday Morning (CBS Affiliate). Areas of expertise include music and entertainment, cooking, home improvement, finance and business, and contemporary lifestyle programming. As an actor Phil continues to build on his theatre experience as an actor throughout high school and in a number of productions while attending the University of Minnesota (BSB 2007). Phil has put his talent to use in a number of commercial and film roles which most recently have included a national Great Clips hair commercial and the lead role in a 48 Hour Film Festival project leading to a "Best Actor" nomination for Phil's role as Paul Williams in the film Topsoil.



WCCO's "Man About Town"

32nd SEASON EVENTS CALENDAR



"My Father Loved Me" *Rachael Kilgour*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th
Showtime at 7:30 p.m.



Southwest Minnesota Arts Council
Annual Celebration & Meeting

Southwest Minnesota
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th
4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



PHIL THOMPSON
A TRIBUTE TO
BILLY & ELTON
THE HITS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4th
Showtime at 7:30 p.m.



THE Pin-Up GIRLS

Calmet PLAYERS Community Theatre Musical

NOVEMBER 7-9 & NOVEMBER 14-16
Evenings at 7:30 p.m., Matinee at 2:00 p.m.



Let Heaven & Nature Sing

AL **OPL&ND**
SINGERS

DECEMBER 4th THROUGH 7th
Evenings at 7:30 p.m., Matinee at 2:00 p.m.



PHIL THOMPSON
A MICHAEL BUBLE' CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19th
Showtime at 7:30 p.m.



Little WOMEN

Calmet PLAYERS

FEBRUARY 13-15 & FEBRUARY 20-22
Evenings at 7:30 p.m., Matinee at 2:00 p.m.
Community Theatre Play



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MARCH 27, 28 & 29
Evenings at 7:00 p.m., Matinee at 2:00 p.m.



Music of the Heart

AL **OPL&ND**
SINGERS

APRIL 9th THROUGH 12th
Evenings at 7:30 p.m., Matinee at 2:00 p.m.



512
The Selena Experience

SATURDAY, MAY 16th
Showtime at 7:30 p.m.



THE WIZARD OF OZ

JUNE 18-21 & JUNE 25-28
Evenings at 7:30 p.m., Matinee at 2:00 p.m.
Community Theatre Musical

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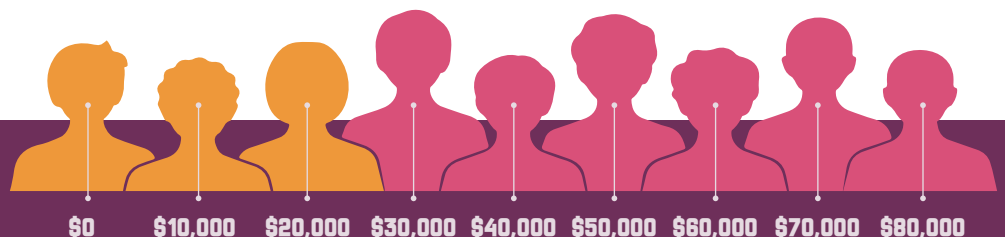


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OUR GOAL
\$80,000



Holiday 2025 Newsletter

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Merry Christmas

Join us for local, holiday entertainment in Historic Downtown Pipestone

The Al Opland Singers Present
“Let Heaven & Nature Sing”
December 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th

Presenter Series
A Michael Buble' Christmas by Phil Thompson
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