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HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS WITH THE HOLY ROCKA ROLLAZ

Plan to attend our Christmas Presenter Series show at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center with a night of festive, rock 'n' roll music. Take an authentic trip back to the fantastic 50s with **The Holy Rocka Rollaz!** "Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree!" "Jingle Bell Rock!" "Santa Baby!" "Run Rudolph Run!" And MANY more classic Christmas songs delivered LIVE by Minnesota's own 50s rock 'n' roll trio. **The Holy Rocka Rollaz** will take the PPAC stage on **Saturday, December 21st at 7:30 p.m.** A Cash Bar will be available before the performance, and during intermission.

Nothing pleases these rock 'n' roll veterans more than seeing different generations enjoy this classic music together. The Holy Rocka Rollaz play with an immense amount of energy and joy. The trio collectively brings decades of live and studio experience to their shows and music.

Front man Mark Flora says his proudest moments come while playing the Winter Dance Party each year at the legendary Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, IA. "Knowing that my band is regularly on the stage Buddy Holly played his last show, well, it just gives me chills," he said. "And seeing our name annually on the Surf Ballroom's marquee... well...that'll never grow old!"

With fellow musicians, drummer Matt Alexander & stand up bassist/vocalist Lisa Lynn, the three musicians have played many stages; including the Minnesota State Fair, Missouri State Fair, the huge Minnesota Street Rod Association Back To the '50s Car Show, South Dakota State Fair, First Avenue, the Cabooze, the historic Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa, Treasure Island Casino, Mille Lacs Grand Casion, Hinckley Grand Casino Concert Hall, the Redlin Art Center in South Dakota, many Upper Midwest fairs and festivals, Winona Steamboat Days, Slice of Shoreview, the world's largest county fair in Clay County, Iowa, Coon Rapids Concerts By The Dam, Lee's Liquor Lounge, the Uptown Bar, the Fine Line, the 400 Bar, Schooner Tavern, barn dances, car shows, sock hops, private shows and prisons. Mark's wife, Lisa Lynn officially became the bassist in early 2014.

The band's first show together was in the South Dakota State Penitentiary several years ago, serving in a ministry capacity, where Flora has been sharing good news to inmates since 2003. "We were having so much fun playing in the State Pen that we decided to take our music to car shows and other events. We really do enjoy playing 50s rock 'n' roll just the way it was played back in the day. Seeing people light up when we really go for it brings this band a lot of joy. We hope we can do this for many years and for many people," said Flora.

Tickets can be purchased for **The Holy Rocka Rollaz** by visiting the PPAC website at **www.pipestoneperformingartscenter.com**, or by calling the Pipestone County Museum Box Office at **507-825-2020 or 877-722-2787**.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

Showtime at 7:30 p.m. / Doors open at 7:00 p.m. / Adults $15 / Students $10
Cash Bar before performance and during intermission

Al Opland Singers, December 2018

OPLAND SINGERS

The Al Opland Singers are enjoying putting the finishing touches on their 2019 Christmas show and bringing Christmas spirit to the Pipestone Performing Arts Center the first two weekends in December.

There's a magic that comes with Christmas, a magic that fills our hearts and glistens in every window. There will be a medley of familiar carols and some sing-a-longs for everyone's enjoyment. Our Christmas show showcases some wonderful sacred songs as well as many, many more.

We wish you happiness this Christmas and throughout the year. In the air will be sounds of cheer with Christmas songs for all to hear at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center with the Al Opland Singers! Dates are Dec. 6, 7, 8 & 13, 14, 15.

Tickets for "Friends & Family Christmas" are available at the Museum Box Office Monday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm or call 507-825-2020 or 877 722-2787. Tickets are also for sale online at www.pipestoneperformingartscenter.com. The tickets are reserved and are $17 each for Adults & $7 for Students.

COMEDIAN TOMMY RYMAN

Tommy Ryman, a semifinalist on NBC's Last Comic Standing, is an acclaimed comedian. His oddly-adorable stand-up landed him No. 2 on iTunes comedy charts for his album Having the Time of My Life. Named Best of the Midwest at Gilda's Laugh Fest, Tommy grew up in Minnesota jamming on clarinet for his new-age mom and kale-chip-making dad. He performs at top clubs, colleges, and festivals across the nation including the Great American Comedy Festival. Tommy was invited to be on Nickelodeon's NickMom Night Out and has a full comedy special on Dry Bar Comedy. He's worked alongside Nick Swardson, Hannibal Buress, Maria Bamford and Louie Anderson but none wear a cardigan quite like Tommy. Featured on Paste Magazine and regularly heard on SirusXM and iheartradio, Tommy's act can be described as absurdist and clever masked behind an endearing, innocent demeanor. A Last Comic Standing judge raved, "I have never seen anything like [Tommy] before in my whole life, [he is] one-of-a-kind, fantastic!"

Tommy Ryman will be taking the PPAC stage on Saturday, March 7th, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be available soon!

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FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR
MARK THODE

It's hard to believe this is the last newsletter of 2019. Thanksgiving time is quickly approaching at the writing of this column, and Christmas bells will soon be ringing. We have had a good kick-off to the 27th Season here at the PPAC. We hosted "Coyote Wild" and "Machinery Hill" in September, the Calumet Players staged "Calendar Girls" in October (which our audiences really enjoyed), and the "Riverblenders" were just here for their patriotic show to honor Veterans Day.

The Opland Singers have been in rehearsal every week since Labor Day for their annual Christmas production. This year, the show is titled "Family & Friends Christmas". The commitment of our resident performance groups is substantial and it really is heartwarming to see participants from all over the region experiencing and creating the performing arts for the community.

The Opland Singers will be taking our stage on the first two weekends in December, and then we are hosting the "Holy Rocka-Rollaz" on December 21st. This trio started out as a prison ministry, and now they tour the region performing classic 50's rock tunes. They will be presenting a holiday show for us right here in Pipestone. Please note that the ticket price of the "Holy Rocka-Rollaz" has been lowered to $15. The Opland Singers and the "Holy Rocka-Rollaz" have you covered for holiday entertainment. Please join us!

The PPAC is underway with its fundraising. We are at about 36% of our donor's budget of $38,000. It's the end of the year, so please consider us for end-of-the-year giving.

Have a Merry Christmas, blessed New Year...and remember, the arts add to the quality of life in our community.

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