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**From Our Director,  
Mark Thode**

 Friends, the PAC stage is buzzing nearly every night of the week with creativity, commitment, and heart. The Calumet Players are deep into rehearsals for Little Women, Louisa May Alcott's beloved classic adapted for the stage by Jacqueline Goldfinger. Set against the backdrop of the American Civil War, this production explores family, resilience, hope, and the courage to dream. The cast is exceptional, and the dedication happening on stage is inspiring. We hope you'll join us February 6-8 or February 13-15 to support these remarkable local artists.

At the same time, our Children's Theatre students are rehearsing five nights a week, pouring their energy and imagination into a spring production(s) that will take the stage March 27-29. The Al Opland Singers are also hard at work, rehearsing every Monday night, and soon Tuesdays as well, in preparation for their spring concert, Music of the Heart, presented April 9-12.

This level of artistic activity is exactly why the Pipestone Performing Arts Center exists, and it is only possible because of community support. This season, we set an ambitious but necessary fundraising goal of \$80,000 to sustain our programs and ensure that the arts remain accessible in Pipestone. At this point, we have reached half of that goal.

As we move into the heart of our season, the need is urgent. The lights, the heat, the staff, building and equipment maintenance, and the opportunities we provide to youth and adults alike depend on your generosity. If the PAC has ever inspired you, moved you, or provided a place of belonging, now is the moment to act. A gift today helps ensure that these rehearsals lead not only to performances this spring, but to a thriving arts center for years to come.

Thank you for standing with us, believing in the power of the arts, and investing in our community. I wish you light & hope as we journey through 2026; together.



## *theater update*

We have been making updates to our photo gallery in the Pipestone Performing Arts Center. As you enter the auditorium, the walls are adorned with photographic collages of events past. Musical productions and plays put on by the Calumet Players, children's theatre plays, the Presenter Series events and productions put on by the Al Opland singers make up the gallery of images. These images fabricate a rich history of past events that have taken the PPAC stage - some images even go back 20 years. Different photographers have contributed images to the gallery, including Jim Hintermeister, Dennis Hansen, Rex Tollefson, Lester Landgren & Mark Thode. These updates are made possible by a community grant from the Pipestone County United Way. The PAC Board of Directors expresses its sincerest gratitude to the Pipestone County United Way for their continued support of the arts in our community.



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# Little Women

Based On The Classic Novel By

**Louisa May Alcott**

Written For The Stage By

**Jacqueline Goldfinger**

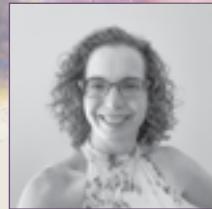
The timeless story of Little Women comes to life at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center in a heartfelt stage adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's beloved novel. Following the journeys of the four March sisters: Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy; the play explores growing up during the American Civil War while celebrating themes of family, resilience, hope, and the pursuit of dreams. This stage adaptation by Jacqueline Goldfinger honors Alcott's original work with warmth and sincerity. Produced by the Calumet Players of Pipestone and directed by Kaitlin Carr, Little Women promises an evening of moving storytelling and memorable performances.

Little Women will take the PPAC stage on February 6–8, 2025, and again on February 13–15, 2026. Friday and Saturday evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m., with a Sunday matinee at 2:00 p.m. All performances will be held at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, located at 104 Main Street East in Pipestone.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.pipestoneperformingartscenter.com](http://www.pipestoneperformingartscenter.com) or by calling the Box Office at 507-825-2020 or 877-722-2787, available Tuesday through Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Don't miss this beautiful theatrical celebration of a literary classic, Little Women is a story for all ages and a perfect night at the theatre.



## The Cast



*Kimberly Fleet*  
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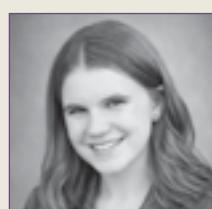
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Jo



*Reagan DeBerry*  
Amy



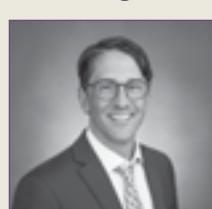
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Beth



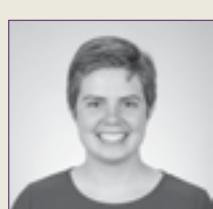
*Maelin Brown*  
Meg



*Mason Thompson*  
Laurie



*Justin DeBerry*  
John



*Kaitlin Carr*  
Director

## February 6-8 & February 13-15

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# Peter Fletcher

Peter Fletcher Brings World-Class Classical Guitar to the Pipestone Performing Arts Center!

The Pipestone Performing Arts Center is pleased to welcome acclaimed classical guitarist Peter Fletcher for a live concert on Monday, March 9, with showtime at 7:00 p.m. Audiences can expect an intimate and engaging evening of solo classical guitar spanning centuries of musical tradition. This performance is presented by the Pipestone Area Friends of the Library and hosted at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center. The concert is free and open to the public.

Peter Fletcher is an American classical guitarist based in Detroit and New York City whose recordings on the Centaur Records and Towerhill Recordings labels have received critical acclaim. A graduate of the prestigious Eastman School of Music, Fletcher is known for his audience-friendly performances and thoughtful programming that brings classical guitar repertoire to life for both seasoned listeners and newcomers alike.

Fletcher's Pipestone recital will showcase music ranging from the Renaissance through the 20th century, while also highlighting selections from his newly released CD, *Peter Fletcher in Concert*. The program features Johann Sebastian Bach's Third Lute Suite and Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring: Prelude and Allegro by Spanish lutenist Santiago de Murcia; and Mauro Giuliani's Variations on "The Harmonious Blacksmith" by George Frideric Handel.

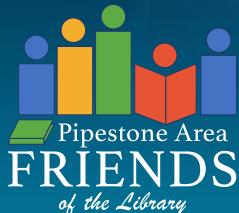
The evening will also include Spanish guitar favorites such as Francisco Tárrega's exquisitely lyrical Capricho Arabe and three studies by Fernando Sor. Fletcher is especially excited to perform Simple Gifts, the traditional Shaker hymn arranged for guitar by legendary guitarist Christopher Parkening.

A dramatic highlight of the program will be Usher – Valse by Russian guitarist and composer Nikita Koshkin, a gripping work inspired by Edgar Allan Poe's The Fall of the House of Usher. The concert will culminate with Isaac Albéniz's Córdoba and Leyenda from Cantos de España, arranged by Fletcher from piano to classical guitar.

When not performing, Fletcher enjoys gardening, running, long-distance cycling, and fountain pens. An avid reader, he favors the works of Cervantes, Proust, Faulkner, and Balzac—interests that reflect the depth and artistry he brings to his music. More information about the artist can be found at [www.peterfletcher.com](http://www.peterfletcher.com).



ENJOY AN  
EVENING  
OF Classical  
Music



MONDAY,  
**MARCH 9**  
7:00 PM SHOWTIME

This performance is made possible by the Pipestone Area Friends of the Library

# Youth Drama Takes The PAC Stage In March

*This year Calumet Players Children's Theater is pleased to present their 2026 Spring Show. Please come out and support the hard work put in by all of the young actresses and actors.*

The Calumet Players Children's Theatre is proud to present three youth theatre productions this March, showcasing the talents of local students from Kindergarten through 8th grade. These fun, family-friendly performances will take place March 27-29 at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center.

Directed by Amberlie Haak and Collene Landgren, the Children's Theatre program offers a supportive, after-school theatrical experience that encourages creativity, confidence, and collaboration among young performers.

This season's productions include:

## ***"Oz – A Journey With Friends"***

*(Kindergarten-1st Grade)*

A kid-friendly trip down the Yellow Brick Road that introduces young audiences to the magic of Oz through friendship and imagination.

## ***"Christmas in the Land of Oz"***

*(2nd-4th Grade)*

A festive adventure set in everyone's favorite magical land, filled with holiday cheer and familiar characters.

## ***"When Bad Things Happen to Good Actors"***

*(5th-8th Grade)*

A fast-paced comedy for older youth, packed with theatrical mishaps, humor, and larger-than-life characters.

Rehearsals for the productions began in January and take place after school, giving students hands-on experience in live theatre while balancing school commitments.

Performance Dates:

***March 27-29***

***Pipestone Performing Arts Center***

***Pipestone, Minnesota***

These performances are perfect for families, friends, and community members looking to support local youth and enjoy an entertaining evening at the theatre.

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, and \$7.00 for students. Advance tickets can be purchased by visiting the PPAC website at [www.pipestoneperformingartscenter.com](http://www.pipestoneperformingartscenter.com), or by calling the Box Office at 507-825-2020 or 877-722-2787 (Tuesday through Friday, 12p-4p).

# **March 27-29**

**Evening Performance at 7:00 pm**

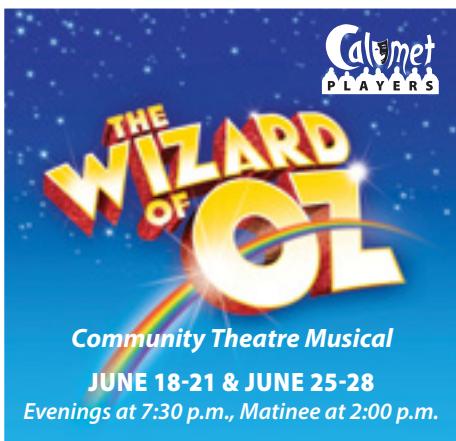
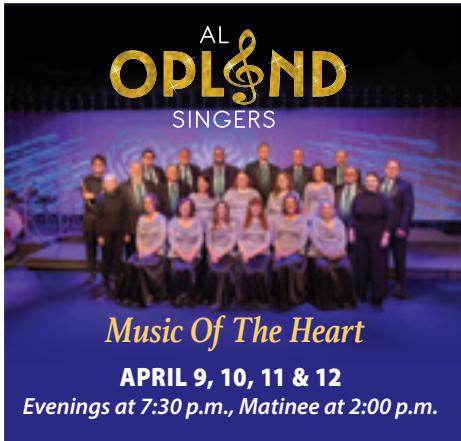
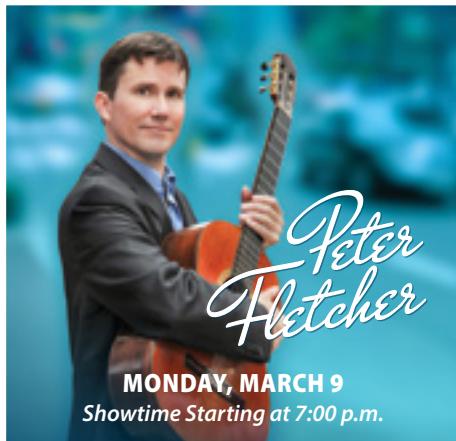
**Sunday Matinee at 2:00 pm**

**Adult: \$10 • Student: \$7**



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# Upcoming Events At The PAC



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Celebrate the power of connection, memory, and love with Music Of The Heart, the Al Opland Singers' Spring 2026 concert. This uplifting show invites audiences on a journey through the many ways music speaks to our deepest emotions, from joy and hope to longing, laughter, and lasting bonds.

Music Of The Heart brings together a rich and varied collection of songs that honor love in all its forms. Audiences will be moved by the emotional depth of "For Good" from the musical WICKED, the heartfelt reflection of "Tears in Heaven," and the tender beauty of "You Are So Beautiful." Songs of hope and connection shine in favorites like "I See the Light" from Disney's TANGLED, "Somewhere Out There" from AN AMERICAN TAIL, and the beloved anthem "Seasons of Love" from the musical RENT.

Adding fun, nostalgia, and a touch of humor, the concert features crowd-pleasing classics such as "All You Need Is Love" by the Beatles, "Stop! In the Name of Love" from the Supremes, and "I'm Gonna Miss Her (The Fishin' Song)." A special medley

from the movie MY BEST FRIEND'S WEDDING brings together "Wishin' and Hopin,'" "I Say a Little Prayer," and "The Way You Look Tonight," while timeless favorites like "Up Where We Belong" from AN OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN and "I Am a Man of Constant Sorrow" round out this heartfelt program.

With rich vocal harmonies, expressive staging, and the signature warmth that has made them a Pipestone tradition, the Al Opland Singers once again fill the Pipestone Performing Arts Center with music that resonates straight from the heart. Music Of The Heart reminds us that songs have the power to connect us, heal us, and bring us together, no matter the season.

Music Of The Heart will be performed April 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center. The Al Opland Singers are a group of performers from around southwest Minnesota who share a love of singing and storytelling, and they look forward to sharing this meaningful musical experience with you. We hope to see you there!

**APRIL 9<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>**

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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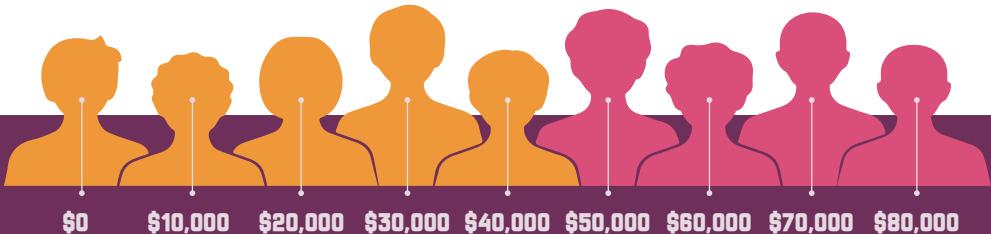


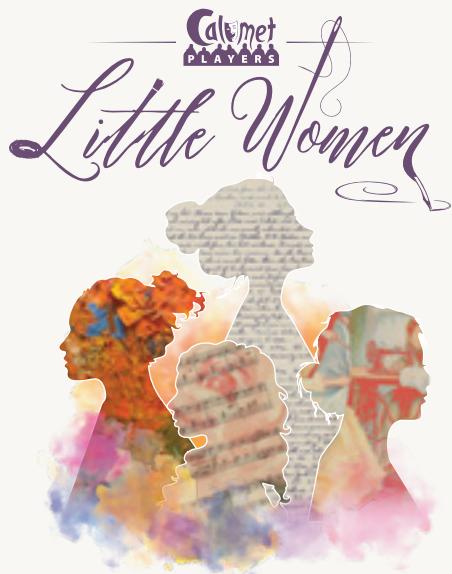
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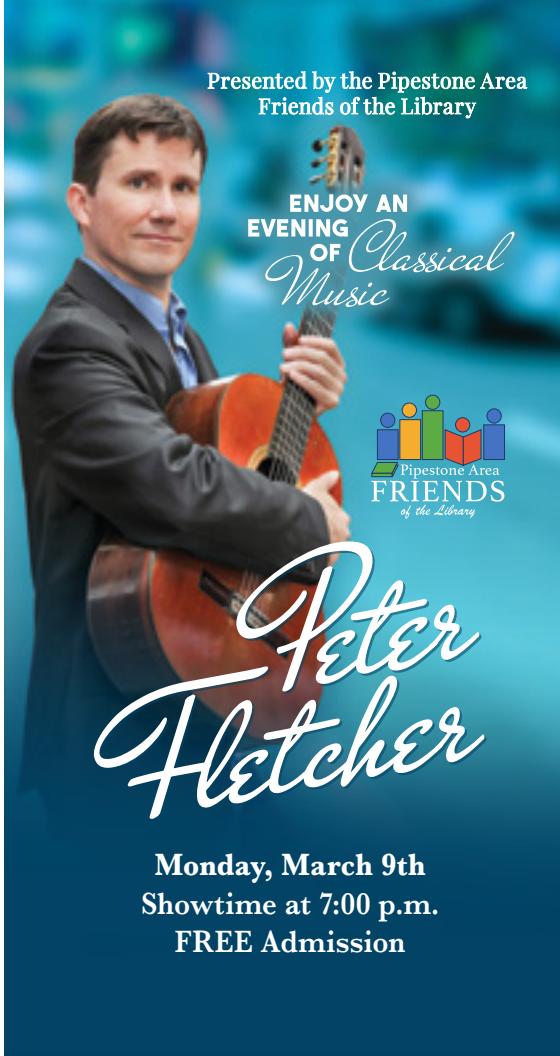




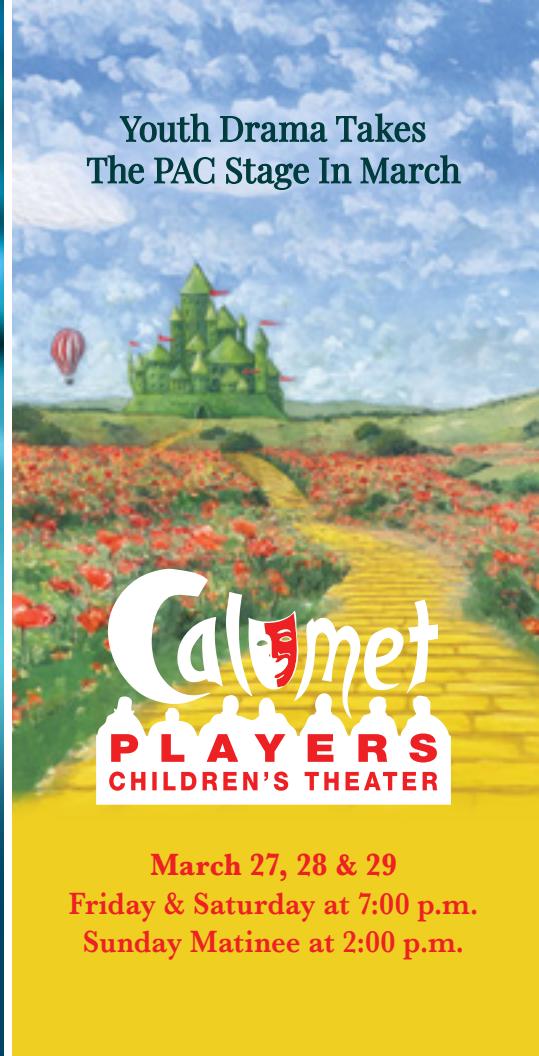
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**Youth Drama Takes  
The PAC Stage In March**



**March 27, 28 & 29**

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