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CELEBRATING THE MUSIC OF Prince LIVE WITH CHASE & OVATION

CELEBRATING season 28

A Salute to the Music of "PRINCE! LIVE!" with Chase & Ovation is the World's Premier Prince Tribute Show based out of Prince's beloved hometown of Minneapolis, MN. The only one of its kind, Chase & Ovation has been performing exclusively the music of Prince (live in concert) for the past 15 years including their decade long Monthly Residency at the world famous Bunkers Music Bar in Minneapolis, and at venues all across North America. Fans of the show include even some of Prince's former bandmates and family members who give Chase & Ovation the highest marks for reproducing Prince's music 'the way it is meant to be played, heard, and felt'.

This high-energy, "Spot On", audio and visually captivating production brings you the very best of Prince throughout his expansive career in this one of a kind arena-caliber concert experience. Performing hits from the 70's, 80's, 90's, and beyond, Chase & Ovation delivers one of the greatest live music performances and shows to represent a generation of music... of all time! ...."A Real Must See!"

"PRINCE Live" will be taking the Pipestone Performing Arts Center stage on Saturday, September 11th at 7:30 p.m. The PPAC is offering a social hour starting at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate the opening of our 28th season - light hors d'oeuvres will be served, and a cash-bar will be available. Tickets are $20 in advance for adults, and $25 at the door the night of the performance. Students are $15. Advance tickets can be purchased by stopping by the Pipestone County Museum or by calling 507-825-2020. This show is general admission.

FROM LEAD VOCALIST TOMMY CHASE

In the decade before his passing, Prince allowed me to travel the world and perform in Tribute and in Reverence to his music. In particular, over the past six years, Chase & Ovation has been allowed and extremely blessed to perform a monthly concert at Prince's favorite hometown/local live music venue ('Bunkers Music Bar') located in our hometown and in the heart of the North Loop of Minneapolis. I have always done this with Prince's knowledge under the name 'Chase & Ovation,' and am frequently joined on stage with many of Prince's former band mates. I wake up filled with gratitude every day and give thanks in prayer for the gift of music that Prince has given to me, but MORE importantly the gift that he has given to the world!

From being babysat by Prince's mother, Mattie, after my adoption into the Chase family, to my work with Prince on the set of his film 'Graffiti Bridge,' to performing for a year with Brown Mark (Bassist for Prince and the Revolution) in the band Cryptic... like SO many of us around the world, the music of Prince and the Minneapolis sound has been the soundtrack to my life.

After a week of heartache in his absence and while considering retirement from the Chase & Ovation Prince Tribute, it has become abundantly clear through the outpouring of unconditional love that we've received from Prince fans all around the world, that discontinuing our performances of his music would be a tremendous disservice to the very one who allowed me to do it in the first place: PRINCE himself!

On a personal note... Why did Prince allow me to perform his music while the world knew how closely he protected his art?

It is only now that I understand how happy he was that I never tried to impersonate him by wearing a purple jacket and the like, but instead that I/we have only ever focused on paying tremendous reverence to his musical genius rather than his wardrobe.

Thank you dear brother, Prince! The band and I will do all we can to honor all you left us here with!

SATURDAY
SEPT.11
7:30 PM SHOWTIME

ADULTS $20 IN ADVANCE
ADULTS $25 AT THE DOOR
$15 STUDENTS
BOX OFFICE // 507.825.2020

28TH SEASON OPENING
LIGHT HORS D'OEUVRES
CASH BAR
STARTING AT 6:30 PM

CLEAN WATER LAND & LEGACY AMENDMENT

MACT announces that MACT*Fest 2021 will take place in Pipestone, Minnesota, September 17th through 19th. Calumet Players and Pipestone Performing Arts Center will host the festival, where audiences will enjoy a wide variety of 60 minute (maximum) plays performed by theatres from across Minnesota, and have the opportunity to attend theatre workshops on topics relevant to actors, directors, technical crews and all fans of community theatre.

The festival will kick off on Friday night at 7:00 PM with "O Romeos, Romeos" from Ole Olson Onstage That will be followed by "How to Host a Muder Mystery Dinner Party (in fifteen simple steps)" from Stage & Spotlights Community Theatre. The final show of the evening will be "After the Flags and Band" from our host theatre company, Calument Players.

Saturday morning will kick off with two workshop sessions. At 9:00 AM you can choose between "Communicatons Between All Aspects of the Production" or "Open Forum on Tech Issues in Theatre". For the 10:30 AM workshops you can choose between "Learning Accents and Dialects" and "The Nuts and Bolts of Directing".

The curtain will come up on the Satuday afternoon performance session at 1:00 with "CasaBlanche" from Marshall Area Stage Company. That will be followed by "If the Shoe Fits ..." from Paynesville Community Theatre.

Saturday night's performance session will start at 7:00 with "The 3 Way" from Mindless Mirth Productions. The final show of the festival will be "The Fallen Angel" from Taken for Granite Players. That will be followed by a social event where you can share your thoughts about the shows (or anything else you choose) with fellow festival attendees.

On Sunday morning at 9:30 AM there will be an Awards Brunch where various awards will be presented to the performing companies and individuals, including the two "Best of Fest" shows.

TICKETS AT THE DOOR OR ONLINE AT MACT.NET

$20 FOR A PERFORMANCE SESSION (2 SHOWS) OR $50 FOR ALL 3 SESSIONS

$15 PER WORKSHOP

$150 FOR ALL WORKSHOPS +SHOWS + PARTIES

Events Schedule

FRIDAY EVENING (SEPT. 17)
PERFORMANCE SESSION #1 // 7:00 PM

O ROMEOS, ROMEOS
by Jon Skaalen
Ole Olson Onstage

HOW TO HOST A MURDER MYSTERY DINNER PARTY *(In Fifteen Simple Steps)*
by Brian D. Taylor
Stage & Spotlights Community Theatre

AFTER THE FLAGS & BAND
by Allan Williams
Calumet Players

SATURDAY AFTERNOON (SEPT. 18)
PERFORMANCE SESSION #2 // 1:00 PM

CASABLANCHE
by Maureen Keimig
Marshall Area Stage Company

IF THE SHOE FITS...
by Paynesville Community Students
Paynesville Community Theater

SATURDAY EVENING (SEPT. 18)
PERFORMANCE SESSION #3 // 7:00 PM

THE 3 WAY
by Larry Ripp
Mindless Mirth Productions

THE FALLEN ANGEL
by James H. Leinen
The Taken for Granite Players

PPAC GENERAL FUND / ALL DONORS AS OF AUGUST 1, 2021

The Pipestone Performing Arts Center, Inc. recognizes and is grateful to the individuals, families, businesses, resident arts groups and government agencies that help maintain our facilities by generously supporting our Center's work through contributions to the 2021 Annual Fund Drive that started in September 2020 and runs through August 31, 2021. The list includes current donors and those who have faithfully pledged and contributed for the current year but not yet paid.

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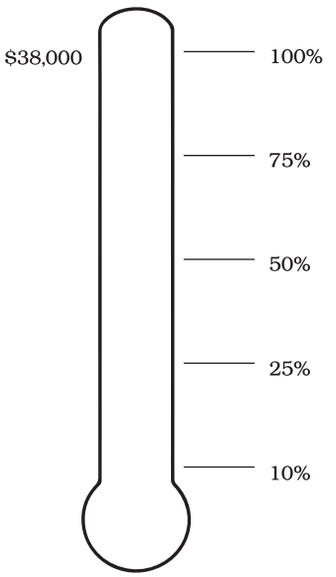
State of Minnesota COVID Relief

The 2022 Annual Fund Drive begins September 1, 2021. Help us reach our goal of $38,000.



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AN EVENING OF ONE ACTS

The Calumet Players will be performing a collection of one-act plays in October this fall. Be it comedy or sentimental there will be a play you will enjoy. Something for everyone on October 15-17 and October 22-24!

Tickets are $12 for adults, and $10 for students. Advance tickets can be purchased by stopping by the Pipestone County Museum or by calling 507-825-2020.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
OCTOBER 15,16,22,23
7:30 PM SHOWTIME

SUNDAY MATINEES
OCTOBER 17 & 24
2:00 PM SHOWTIME

Calumet PLAYERS

TICKETS
$12 FOR ADULTS
$10 FOR STUDENTS
BOX OFFICE // 507.825.2020

AFTER THE FLAGS & BAND
by Allan Williams
Directed by Sylvia Newell

TREED
by Hal Corley
Directed by Jess Potts

TELL ME ANOTHER STORY, SING ME A SONG
by Jean Lenox Toddie
Directed by JaNeil Peschon

A LONG TRIP
by Dan McGeehan
Directed by Beth Reams

THE 146 POINT FLAME
by Matt Thompson
Directed by Brooke VanEssen

COMEDY OF ERRS
by Jim Leonard
Directed by Jess Potts

Produced with special arrangement through Lazy Bee Scripts, Playscripts, Inc., Samuel French, Inc., and Dramatic Publishing.

FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

MARK THODE

After a year marked by loss and ever-shifting tides due to the pandemic, it brings me great hope to share what's upcoming for the PPAC with the community and know that we will be gathering at the theater again this season. We are full of anticipation as we thoughtfully prepare to open our doors and bring our stage back to life. There is much work ahead as we reopen and bring an audience back into our space, but we are grateful for the incredible, generous support we've received from so many and look forward to emerging from these challenging times together.

It's hard to believe that it has been nearly a year and a half since we last released a newsletter. We had just sent our March 2020 newsletter to the printer when the pandemic hit. I made the call to have them stop printing, not knowing it would be another 18 months before sending another. Our theater was dormant for nearly a year due to the state restrictions, with less than a handful of live events since the start of the pandemic. We tried our hand at staying connected with you with some virtual programming and performances. I want to thank Zach Ploeger and Reggie Gorter for their help, generosity and hard-work in helping with the virtual content. I also want to thank the different state and local COVID-19 relief programs, and especially our generous donor base who continued to support us throughout the challenging times.

We have a lot planned for you in the coming months. This is our 28th season and we are kicking it off with a PRINCE tribute band in September. Also in September, it's exciting to share that the PPAC was selected as the host for Minnesota Area Community Theater's annual MACT*Fest. It will be an honor to host the different MN based community theaters as audiences enjoy a wide variety of plays and have the opportunity to attend theatre workshops on topics relevant to actors, directors, technical crews and all fans of community theatre.

Our box office platform/software took a hit during the pandemic, and so we are having to start from scratch in launching a new box office platform and website. More information will come on this later, but for now... tickets are not for sale online. You can purchase advance tickets to the PRINCE tribute show at the Pipestone County Museum. Tickets for other upcoming shows will be on sale soon.

We're grateful for the opportunity to respond to the losses and challenges of the past year or so through theater, allowing us to both experience joy and entertainment while grappling with matters of great significance ***together***. My hope is that this season will celebrate all that the theater is meant to be while extending hope and healing to everyone in our community.

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 during performances.

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Join our board of directors!

virtual arts

During 2020, we missed the artists and volunteers that occupied our stage. Because of the global health crisis, we had to get creative so that we could continue to share the talents of artists and performers with our audience, as well as keeping the mission of the Pipestone Performing Arts Center in the periphery of the community, which is "to continuously engage a passion in the arts". During the time of our venue's shutdown, we worked with local performers in creating a virtual arts experience straight from the PPAC stage. You can still view these virtual arts performances on our YouTube channel.

YouTube

Check out our YouTube Channel

Performing Arts Events Calendar

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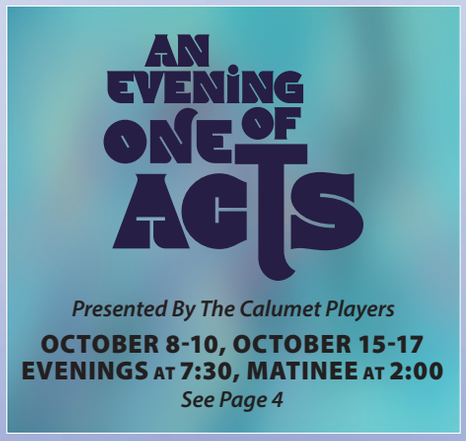

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Ladies of the 80s

Madonna
Tina Turner
Cyndi Lauper

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun ... and so do the rest of us!

Ladies of the 80s is a musical tribute to that Totally Awesome Decade, the 1980s! This high energy Las Vegas style song and dance review features non-stop appearances by your favorite music icons. A favorite at casinos, theaters and festivals, the group brings their own special magic to the genre, engaging a multi-generational demographic with crowd interaction, costumes, props and expert musicianship.

Madonna, Cyndi Lauper, and Dolly Parton, lead off the parade of superstars in this mega star studded extravaganza! Tina Turner, Heart, and Tiffany, join forces with The Go-Gos, the Bangles and Stevie Nicks for a fun filled flash back in time! This fast paced show keeps the audience wondering which musical legend will take the stage next.

From one hit wonders to arena rock standards, Ladies of the 80s takes you on a musical journey through the decade. The addition of our beautiful professional dancers, interactive props and video make for a one-of-a-kind experience!

Ladies of the 80s shows offer something for EVERYONE! This fabulously fantastic family friendly show is appropriate for all ages.

Focused on the music of the fabulous females of the era, Ladies it fronted by 2 multi-talented females who bring their own special magic to each performance. Backed by an ultra-solid male power trio, the group incorporates all genres of the era and offers something for everyone. Strong harmonies are a signature of the group and the Ladies double on keyboard, guitars, saxophone, harmonica and percussion.

SATURDAY
NOV.13
7:30 PM SHOWTIME

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