

McCOY'S GRAND
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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HARDY COUNTY'S PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

APRIL 2025

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Concert Series



RAW COUNTRY COMES TO McCOY'S THIS WEEKEND - APRIL 5!

MCCOY'S GRAND SPRING CONCERT SERIES continues this month with local favorite - **RAW COUNTRY** from Petersburg. The show begins at 7pm with doors opening at 6:30pm. Tickets are now on sale on our website at mccoysgrand.org. It's old-time fiddle music and classic country! From Petersburg, WVA, **Raw Country** will have you line dancing down the aisle as they bring the classics to life along with a little fiddling as well!

[RAW COUNTRY TICKETS](#)



JACOB TOLLIVER COMES FROM NASHVILLE TO McCOY'S ON APRIL 11!

Jacob Tolliver is an American singer, songwriter, and pianist known for his energetic performances and genre-blending musical style. Hailing from Portsmouth, Ohio and now living in Nashville, Tolliver's early mastery of the piano and love for classic rock 'n' roll shaped his artistic identity. Tolliver first gained widespread recognition in the Las Vegas production of "Million Dollar Quartet," where his high-octane piano skills as **Jerry Lee Lewis** and dynamic stage presence made him a standout. Following this success, he had the rare opportunity to open on the road for **Jerry Lee Lewis**, further honing his craft and deepening his connection to the roots of rock 'n' roll. Now, Tolliver is moving in an exciting new direction, focusing on his original music. In March, he became the opening act for the **Randy Travis** tour. You don't want to miss this great night of music at McCoy's!

[JACOB TOLLIVER TICKETS](#)

the SpongeBob Musical JULY 18-20 & JULY 25-27, 2025

AUDITIONS BEGIN APRIL 11!

Plunge into this stunning all-singing, all-dancing dynamic show! When the citizens of Bikini Bottom discover that a volcano will soon erupt and destroy their humble home, SpongeBob and his friends must come together to save the fate of the undersea world. With lives hanging in the balance and all hope lost, a most unexpected hero rises. The power of optimism really can save the world!

AUDITIONS

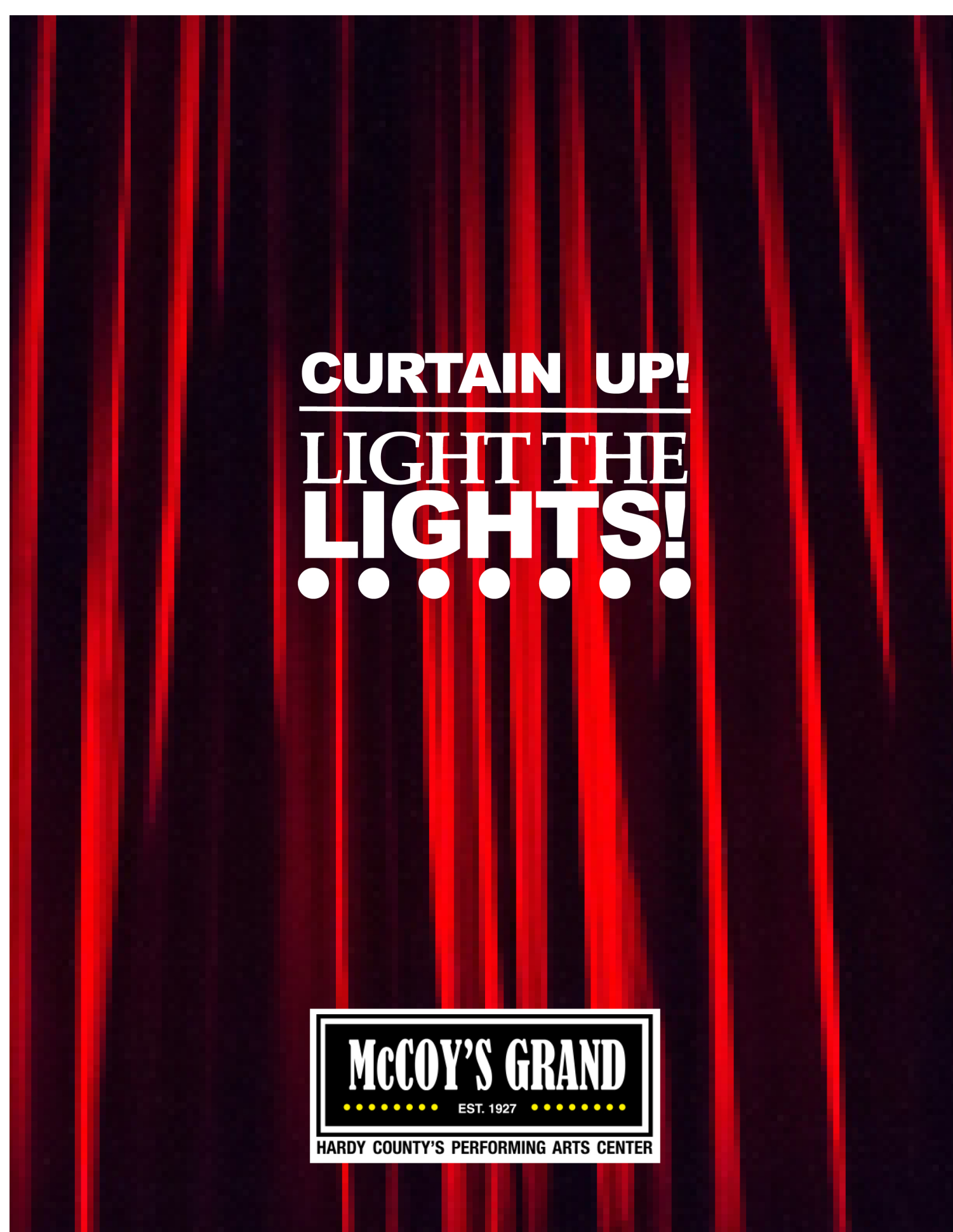
April 11 at 6:00pm April 12 at 10:00am April 13 – TBA Based on Callback Needs

SHOWDATES

July 18-20 & July 25-27, 2025

REQUIREMENTS

Anyone auditioning for a lead character will be required to prepare and sing a cut song (1 minute in length) that will showcase your voice. We will be evaluating your performance on your vocal quality as well as your portrayal of a character while singing. If you download an instrumental version of your song for auditions, we will have a Bluetooth sound system available to link your device. Please bring a bottle of water, tennis or dance (jazz) shoes, and wear comfortable clothing. If you are interested in auditioning but unable to make one of these audition times, please contact the director, Sarah Imboden, on Facebook for arrangements. See our Facebook page for more details on roles available.



McCOY'S GRAND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR NEW LIGHTING AND SOUND

In October, McCoy's Grand embarked on a capital campaign - CURTAIN UP! LIGHT THE LIGHTS! to replace the existing lighting and sound equipment in the theatre. The current lighting instruments are over 30 years old and we can't even find replacement bulbs. The sound equipment is over 25 years old as well. The new campaign is underway with plans to make the new upgrades in August 2025. Working with Pittsburgh Stage, the new lighting and sound will be state of the art LED technology that will help increase productions as well as technical times at the theatre. McCoy's recently was awarded a \$15,000.00 check from the PCB toward our \$250,000.00 goal. We've raised \$143,500.00 so far toward our goal and look forward to completing the project in September. To learn more about the campaign email - mccoysgrand@icloud.com.



Members of PCB along with Board Members of McCoy's Grand celebrate the \$15,000.00 grant.

2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE !

The McCoy Theater Board of Directors is committed to doing its part in bringing culture to and supporting the arts within our community. We encourage the involvement of our youth in all aspects of the performing arts whether it be on stage or behind the scenes. The McCoy's Grand Theatre Scholarship is designed to recognize the talent and potential of area youth in theatrical arts by helping students financially with post-secondary education. Based on the board's discretion, a yearly scholarship may or may not be awarded. The scholarship application is available below for 2025. The deadline for submission is April 1, 2025. Scholarship guidelines and application forms will also be available from guidance counselors at Moorefield and East Hardy high schools.

[Scholarship Application](#)

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Adapted by Michael McGill
MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE
Music & Lyrics by Michael McGill

JUNE 23 - 28, 2025

Our annual summer Missoula Children's Theatre Workshop will be held June 23 - 28, 2025 with a production of **THE SNOW QUEEN**. Children in grades K-12 (ages 6-18) are eligible to participate! This weeklong workshop will conclude with two performances on June 28 at 3pm and 5:30pm. Registration is now open by clicking the button below.

THE SNOW QUEEN

Adapted by Michael McGill Inspired by the book by Hans Christian Andersen
Music and Lyrics by Michael McGill

Although set in a "land of colored ice," this classic tale will warm your heart in its illustrative retelling by a group of fun-loving, imaginative hobgoblins. As they depict the journey of a young girl and her quest to find her best friend, you may just find yourself believing in malevolent mirrors, yetis, talking reindeer, and snow chickens! Blizzards can come at any moment, so strap on some snowshoes and get ready to discover what it takes to overcome chilling obstacles, keep resilience alive, and melt down the Snow Queen's icy walls.

[Missoula Sign-Up](#)



We're remodeling the **McCoy McMechen Museum** for our patrons. It is currently under construction and we look forward to unveiling it in May to our patrons and audience. You'll be able to follow the creation of McCoy's Grand along with artifacts from over the years. You can relive the old films that were shown at the theatre before it became a performing arts center along with changing the building into what it is today. It will be a great trip down memory lane! Special thanks to Walmart's Spark Good program for helping to support this project.

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