

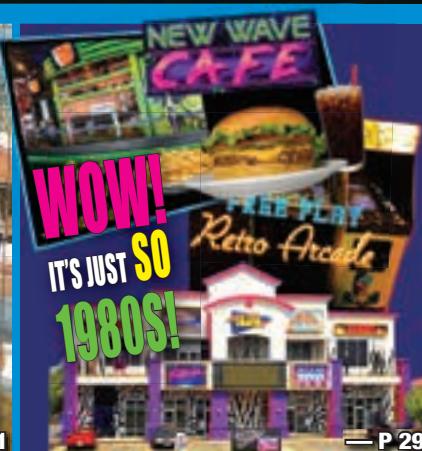
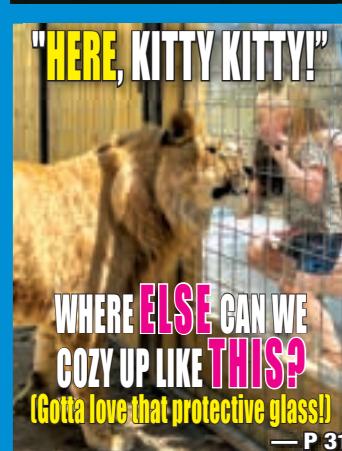
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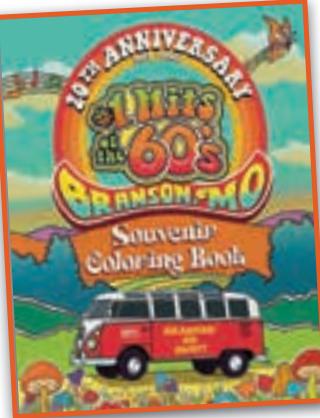
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UPTOWN GIRL!

Shooter's Mrs. Brenda's Old Time Photos is definitely movin' on up, as plainly seen by her awesome new studios in the downtown leg of the Branson Strip! So okay, although "movin' on up" the Branson Strip location-wise, Mrs. Brenda's superstar photo studio is technically and geographically located in Branson's downtown instead of uptown! But as all of her fan base of Branson celebrities and outta town visitors know, olde timey photo fun don't get no better, which makes this downtown locale only for the uppity! Read all about it on pg 34!



MOVIN' & GROOVIN'!

Remember all those irresistible items from The Ozark Craft Mall which was across from Grand Country? Well weep not when you find it all gone, for many of your faves from that locale have become part of that new shopping attraction further up the Branson strip called Branson T-Shirt Co.! (Just a tad East of The Andy Williams Moon River Theater) To help paint a picture, this place is where you'll find all the cool stuff plus cool apparel that you're just not gonna find back home! (Only shoppers on vacay are worthy!) Read all about it on pg 28!

Stuff Happens

JULY/AUGUST

Jul-Aug

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- **Summer Concert Series**
 - July 24 Chris Tomlin
 - July 24-Aug 8 Moonlight Madness
 - August 27-Sept 7 Southern Gospel Picnic Presented by Humana ©

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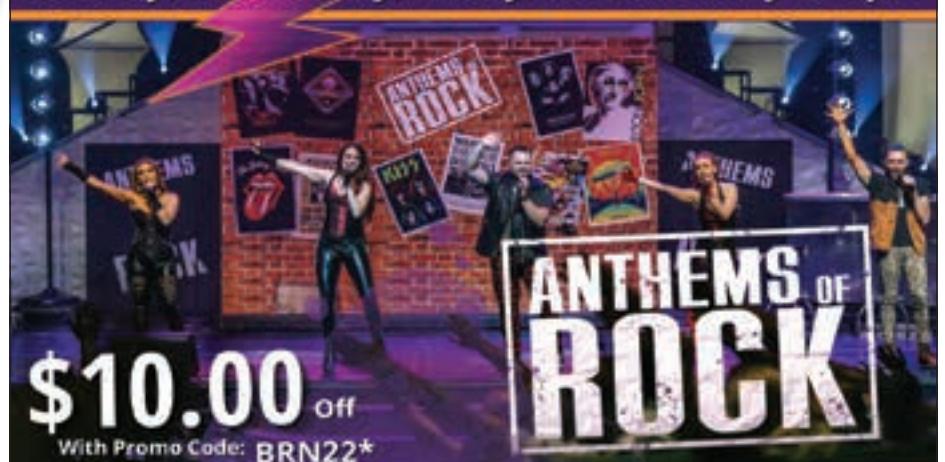


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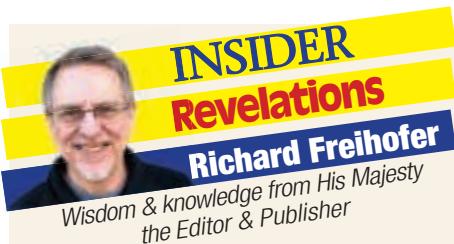


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Show of Shows!

If you haven't been here before—these pages should give you control of the choices you've got for some mighty good times!

But if you *have* been here before, yet not for awhile—like maybe not even since before winter—*can you believe what they've done with the place?*

Old things have either gone off into the sunset, gotten shiny new facelifts, or have been transforming into new stuff for fun! Not only that—a brand new crop of spectacular eye-poppers and jaw-droppers have already sprung up all over!

What we've got going on here is something like that foreign word from our history books that they taught us back in grade school—a *renaissance*, which translates about the same as that Bible notion "born again!"

But let's not panic. 'Tho much has changed—for the better, we should add)—the main things many folks have always appreciated about this place remain alive and well today. What we speak of are the values celebrated here—be they celebrated on stage with music, song and dance, or expressed everywhere folks eat, shop, stay or play. Of course it's those Great American values of faith, family and flag that we're referring to here. At times like these, that's the breath of fresh air we all need—that extra boost not even the lovely surrounding mountains, lakes and outdoor fun can provide alone—but the boost that breathes extra life into it *all!*

To summarize—each one of us here have landed in a wonderful place to recharge our human batteries—a place that's provides a full buffet of excitement and fun, a setting for relaxation and rejuvenation—and even a heart-stirring boost of *inspiration!*

That all being said, browse these pages. Obviously, there's too much fun here to do all in one trip. You'll have to come back. But for now, just choose your fun, kick back—and *enjoy the show!* ♦



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That's the Spirit

Theo N. Cider

Local expert, part-time preacher.



A Penny For These Thoughts

Well, there's so much bad news goin' on in this ol' world right now that it's comin' at us ever' which-away—even if we don't spend a New York minute listenin' to the TV, Radio, them little hand phones or that computer Internet. Me, I get a earful of the radio which I got on for the cows during milking. So far, it don't seem to bother them none, which I'm thankful for.

If ever there was a time when the Good Lord was callin' His people to pray then this is it. We're to pray for God's hand to protect all them poor souls goin' through war, sickness and all this ol' world's other afflictions—poverty, bad storms, lawlessness—you name it.

Now for some Good News. The Good Lord's got a whole book of promises to overcome all them evil curses for any of God's people who got faith no bigger than a mustard seed which, truth be told, is about half the size of a gnat, yet enough, says The Good Lord—to move a mountain for anybody nervy enough to pray to Our Heavenly Father and just believe His good promises. (*Read all about it in Mark 11:22-24, and in plenty other places in The Bible.*)

Oh, but you prayed, sez you—and nothin' happened! You prayed all night for Uncle George and he "went home to the Lord" anyhow, sez you. Or what about that sweet little innocent that the whole church prayed for, believing—only to have their hearts broke?

Well, "Little Children"—(I'm speakin' to us imitatin' our Heavenly Father here—)
—*what you're talkin' about is between them and Me. What I'd love for you children who I love to the moon and back to do for Me is to just do what I say and to want to. Come before Me in a loving way which I like to call worship and thanksgiving. Spend some time with Me. Share your heart. Listen to Me by reading My Word—that thing you call The Bible. Then call on Me to interrupt the god of this world and undo what He's doin'. This is how I want you'uns to pray: take up the weapons I gave y'all. Pick up that "sword of the Spirit" which is My Word, My promises, and start whackin' away at every god-awful thing the evil one is tryin' to do to this world*

I made and gave to My people to rule and reign for My glory! Adam gave it away, My Only Begotten Son paid for your sins and won it back for you, and now you have the authority to call on Me to overrule the laws of sin and death with the rules of eternal life! Read all about that full armor of God I'm talkin' about, over there in The Bible Book of Ephesians, chapter 6—that "helmet of salvation" and that "shield of faith"—and keep a—"fightin' the good fight"—for we "wrestle not with flesh and blood but with powers, principalities and wickedness in high places!" You get to do this and to start seein' victories 'cause you're My Children! (Again, I'm just imitatin' The Good Lord's voice here.)

Now it's back to just me talkin'. Here's somethin' big on our Heavenly Father's heart right now that He's leanin' on me real hard to say, yet He's puttin' a lid on me to keep me from screamin' it too loud. Here it is: He wants us to repent. He wants us to know we're forgiven all day long. And in this dark ol' world He wants our light to shine.

If we believe what God's Word says, then we know we sin every day. (If you need proof of that, go Read 1 John 1:8-10) Some sins we know about. Some only He knows about. But as long as we're down here on this earth of rock and dirt, we need to repent all day, be forgiven all day, be confident (in Him) all day, thankful all day—and let our light shine all day. If we do, then our day will be filled with *righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost*, just like the Good Book says in Romans 14:17, (one of my favorite Bible promises!)

Now let's not forget—they promises of *righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost* was made at a time when all the Lord's people was gettin' persecuted by them ornery Roman Empire hotheads and blind-as-bats religious thugs! Many of God's people laid down their lives "to obtain a better resurrection" as the Bible tells us over in the Book of Hebrews; (11:35)—but others clung to God's promises of protection and deliverance and God performed them as He does today for them who believe with childlike faith. (Psalm 91 has got a full boatload of them promises if you need you some real quick!)

But here's the good news for all God's people in these dark times—as the world goes sideways, "Arise and shine for thy light has come! For darkness shall cover the earth—and deep darkness the peoples; but the Lord shall rise upon you, and His glory shall be upon you. The

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Andy Williams MOON RIVER THEATRE RENAISSANCE of an ICONIC SHOWPLACE!



Master Illusionist Rick Thomas, *Mansion of Dreams*, arguably among the most spectacular, (yet family-friendly) mega productions of magical entertainment on the planet—returns in all its glory to the iconic **Andy Williams Moon River Theater** this season 2022—the storied showplace which as every eye can see is experiencing a glorious renaissance! (Honestly, who can resist being mesmerized by those giant, outdoor TV screens!)

But folks, as every eye can see on this page—that's not all! But wait, there's even **much, much more to come!** (Keep up with all the latest announcements at AndyWilliams.com or on your Branson Insider Facebook page)

**STUNNING MAGIC. FUN COMEDY. EXQUISITE DANCERS.
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AUDIENCE REACTIONS

Epic! And that goes for kids, Moms and Dads, Grandmas and Grandpas, fans of magic, and even folks who, until this show, didn't give a hoot about magic! Even the magic world is calling Rick's show a "game changer" for the entire industry! It's *that* spectacular!

THE EXPERIENCE

The curtain opens. Immediately, things happen. Jaws drop. Reality is suspended. We are stupefied, as one unbelievable event transforms into another at almost breakneck speed. Special effects are astounding. The music, the dancing and theatrics are spectacular. Rick is a world champion ballroom dancer, and it shows,

especially when he takes the hand of the show's lead dancer; **international ballet star Tara**, his dancing (and marriage) partner. The performance is mesmerizing. Then, something happens that is downright shocking.

THE SHOCK!

The music stops. Rick breaks character. He grins. Turns around and looks at the stage, then shrugs, looking almost bewildered. "Wow," he says. "That was pretty cool!"

We laugh. Then we see the other side of Rick. He's a fun guy. Rick's interaction with us out here in the audience is absolutely brilliant. He has fun with us. We have fun with him. The result: Rick launches our concept of entertainment to a whole new level. We end up both inspired with wonder and sublimely uplifted!

We are told by those who know that there is nothing like *Mansion of Dreams*—not here, not in Vegas, not anywhere else in this world. We believe it, for not only are we being entertained by one of the world's most celebrated magicians of our lifetime—

many of us may discover, upon leaving The *Mansion of Dreams*, something else. Due to the show's theme, and to things said and performed for our entertainment, long-forgotten dreams of the heart can very well be awakened anew—almost as if by magic.

About Rick Thomas

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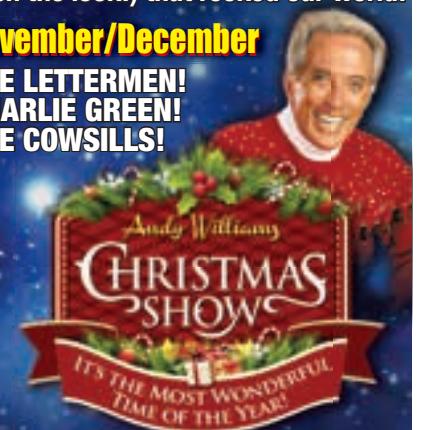
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The fact that a live show performing to audiences almost every night, almost every month, almost every year for an unprecedented **sixty three years** is an accomplishment that in the world of show business is absolutely, positively and historically—well, like we've already said—it's unprecedented! Not even the legendary Sons of the Pioneers, nor The Rockettes of New York's Radio City Music Hall have kept up with The Baldknobbers schedule, even though they too have endured for decades!

Now we begin to understand why Branson's Famous Baldknobbers were enshrined in an historic display at **The Smithsonian**

Award-winning singing stars: 3rd Generation Baldknobber Brandon Mabe and Brandon's lovely wife and leading lady Megan!

Museum, the keeper of our national treasures in Washington, DC! (Those treasures include The Wright Brothers' first aeroplane, Lindbergh's *Spirit of St. Louis*, George Washington's uniform and Dorothy's ruby slippers from *The Wizard of Oz*, to name a few!)

THE SECRET TO THEIR SUCCESS

Here it is in a nutshell folks: their showbiz ethic since Day 1 has been to top themselves in every performance. In other words, to make today's show better than yesterday's. Here's number 2, (looks like we oughta number these.) The show changes with the times and stays current, yet it also "dances with the one who brung ya." Translation: a blend of the old, the new, comedy both

WARNING!

Award-winning comedy star Jerl "Hargus" Adams is up to something. Actually, he's up to plenty. That there's your warning.

current and timeless—and a celebration of the values which are the bedrock of these Ozarks—faith, family and flag—values which

laid the foundation for every Branson show to follow—and for every Branson visitor to experience.

THE 2022 PRODUCTION

Step inside the completely revamped and remodeled theater lobby. That should tell you something.

Now for the show. Heading up the show is **Brandon Mabe**, son and grandson of the family that "started it all". At Brandon's side is his lovely wife, leading lady, and **Branson's 2021 Female Vocalist of the Year Megan Mabe!**

Backing up this dynamic duo is a posse of multi-award-winning musicians and vocalists, plus a bona fide comedy legend! Topping it all off is the show's huge new production enhancements of sound, lights and whiz-bang special effects!

Expect top country hits, (including some of that "outlaw country" with "attitude"), traditional country favorites, southern rock, soft rock, old time rock n' roll, bluegrass, gospel, patriotic salutes, hilarious side-splitting comedy and more—the "more" being about the hottest musicians, vocalists and country comedy in this particular galaxy!

THE TAKE-AWAY

It's unheard of for a show to stay popular for over 60 years. That is an historical fact. But this isn't just a show with a history. Whenever the curtain rises, this show aims to **make history!** ♦



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Megan Mabe, Branson's
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**Fiddle Player of the Year Nathan
Agdeppa, (right) Branson's
Famous Baldknobbers! (Presented
by fellow fiddler Wayne
Massengale, of Grand Country.)**



**Steel Player of the Year Greg Moody,
Branson's Famous Baldknobbers—seen
here receiving his award from multi-award
winning Baldknobbers's lead guitarist
Grant Moody. (Greg's son!)**

THE VINTAGE BALDKNOBBERS SHOW

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Here's our big chance to experience the spark that blew up into a national and even international sensation! For The Baldknobbers cast, this show is the joy of their lives. "I grew up with this show," says Brandon Mabe, fourth generation member of the family that "started it all". "This is a tribute to my family. I'm doing two songs from my late Uncle **Dennis (Mabe)** who I adored growing up. Everything in this show is a tribute to all those who came before us. It's what helped shape us to who and what we are. It's our attempt



to pay respects to that. It's what started everything we see in Branson today."

Says Megan, Branson's wife and co-star, "I'm going to sing two Dolly Parton songs—two which **Joy Bilyeu** sang back in the day. I would

be far more nervous singing those two songs in front of Joy than if I had to sing it in front of Dolly! Even though Dolly is an idol, those people like Baldknobbers stars **Joy, Dennis, Gene Dove, Bob Leftridge** and all the rest—those folks are **our** idols.

"Our passion is to carry on what was handed down to us. The history, how it evolved—for us it's paying tribute and honoring all the Baldknobbers performers who came before us. Even though we weren't there in 1959 or 1989, we want to make sure people see how special it is, as we help carry it on and hopefully hand it to someone else to carry on further." ♦



My Voice

by Megan McCombs Mabe

Star of Branson's Famous Baldknobbers and TV's Branson Famous!

THE GIFT

The life of an entertainer looks quite simple to the average show-goer. We roll in, throw on some rhinestones and spend two hours dancing and singing our way to an inspiring and joyful finale. We are problem and stress-free. We get paid to have fun. Compare that to a grueling office job or taxing construction gig, and we seem to be, what some would consider, a spoiled bunch. We have found the equation to avoid the "real job". We have evaded the reality of hard work. We are a privileged kind, void of the grit and know-how it takes to live in the rough landscape of the working class. We are some of the lucky ones.

This perception is grossly inaccurate.

We are indeed lucky. We are blessed beyond measure to do what we love. However, contrary to what many believe, our job is as real as one can get, and the words "grueling" and "stressful" are every bit as prevalent in our world as any other.

You see, as an entertainer, my job is to make others happy. I am to capture the worries and cares of each member in our audience and, with constant smiling enthusiasm, sing them away. A guest's burdens are mine to transcend. I am the "come forget your problems". I am the escape. If I struggle in my performance—if my smile wavers or my happy cracks—I not only fail to be the escape, I become another piece of the problem.

This is the entertainer's "real". This is our stress. This is what requires the grit and know-how in our world of performance.

We are real people. We have an entire day leading up to showtime full of all of the obligations and responsibilities that any "working class" individual endures. We have multiple side jobs, homes to maintain, children for which to care, appointments, meetings—all the stuff. As much as we would love to lounge during our free

hours sipping on cocktails and awaiting our glamorous stage appearances, we are bound to the very same real-world tasks as anyone else. It is not unusual to slide in ten minutes before showtime with makeup half done and a messy hair bun—the result of a stressful day of adulting. Yet, in that ten minutes, we always find a way to transform, set it aside, and become the entertainment our guests pay to see.

We do shows when we are sick. We do shows with broken bones. We do shows, sometimes just hours after some of life's most difficult trials—after losing a loved one, putting a pet down, finding out a grandmother has dementia, having an outpatient surgery, receiving bad news from the doctor. I list these—and there are so many more—because I have witnessed entertainers, and have myself experienced these types of trials mere hours before a show. As an entertainer, you compartmentalize. You find the room, you place the pain within that space, and you find the smile required to take another individual's pain away at the expense of your own.

It's selfless. It's hard. It's grit.

I am so very blessed to perform each and every night. The sacrifices and the determination it takes to maintain "show Megan" can be hard, but worth it. I get to bless others with the joy of music. I get to replace their pains and sorrows with

the beauty of live entertainment, and in doing so, help to heal some of my own.

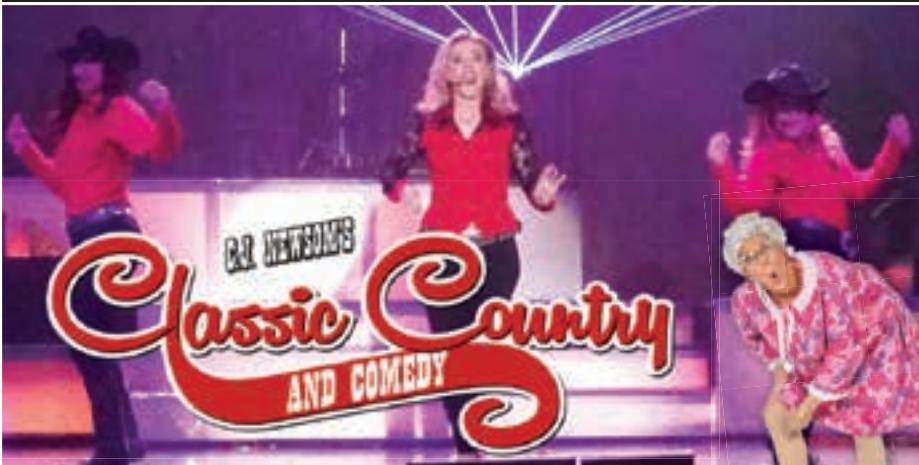
It is a gift.

"Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning."

—Psalm 30:4-5 ❁



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So if you like country, Hall-of-fame comedy, and if you like an inspiring patriotic segment—then you are sure to like a classic Branson show. This one, for example. The real deal.

Comedy Legend Terry Wayne Sanders as "Grandma Beulah".

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Yeah, the 80s were awesome. Totally. Dude, compared to the music of the 80's, everything today is all bogus. (Kidding, of course.) Some say the 80s was the best decade of music for launching songs that both kids and adults still know and love. Well, dudes and dudettes, this show take us on a **Journey** of the groups that will make a body wanna **Jump** out of its "rad" seat!

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nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your glory." (Isaiah 60:1-3)

The world may be goin' one way, but God's people are goin' t'other! The whole world's lookin' "all shook up," like Elvis said, but God's Kingdom is risin' up! The world's gettin' stingy, but God's folks who are stayin' close to Him just keep giving, getting their needs met and enjoyin' that righteousness, peace and joy I can't stop talkin' about! Deception is everywhere—yet all over the world folks are winnin' at the darkness, "seein' the light" and turnin' to the Lord! (Don't look for news about that good news in the news—look for it in church!)

Now here's another newsflash: *Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all!* (Psalm 34:19) Folks, if you ain't been afflicted lately, then I hate to have to give you some bad news—you must not be too righteous! The devil is scared to death of righteousness and he's gonna try and snuff it out wherever he sees a flicker of it. But wait, are you payin' attention to the GOOD news part of what The Good Lord just said? He said plain that He delivers us from it *all!* (That is, if you got that tiny spec of mustard seed faith that can move the Swiss Alps mountains, which I'm told is bigger than these Ozarks ones!)

Here's one thing I learnt—if I can get up earlier than the milkin' and spend a good hour with the Lord, I feel His peace,

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His joy and His presence all day long. The fire darts the devil shoots at me may sting but it just don't seem to hurt much—and it ain't long before they just fade into a puff of smoke, so to speak.

What I have learnt in my many years o' prayin' (and from what Jesus Himself says)—if I just spend time with the Lord, just me and Him, reading His Word, talking and listening, singing to Him even—just spending time in His Presence—then before we wrap things up, here's what I do—I spend no more than the last few minutes praying about all the things at the top of my heart and head. After spending most of my time with Him, all the mustard seed faith I need is right there for them last minutes of prayin' for things to get done.

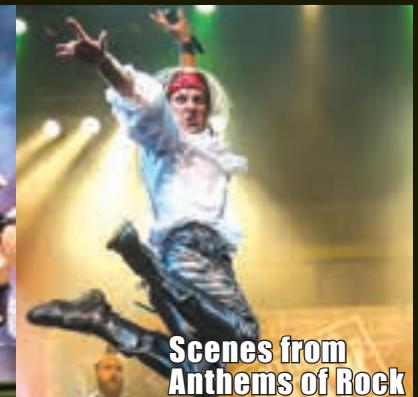
After that, for them problems what may pop up later—bingo, quick prayer, end of story. The main thing is to keep the Good Lord "in the loop" so to speak—all day long. Keep Him in the conversation. Keep Him close.

Now in spite of all the bad news in this good ol' USA that was founded by God seekers who came here to worship our Good Lord freely—here's a penny for my thoughts. I know you can afford it, so go look at one of your Good ol' US pennies yourself—for what this whole sermon is all about is right there for every eye to see—"In God We Trust."

Can I hear an "Amen?" ♦

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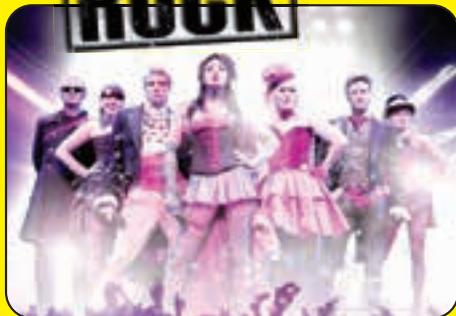
SMASH HIT ROCKS BRANSON!

Kicking off its third blockbuster season, Branson's unique rock extravaganza is definitely on a roll! "It's the biggest rock party in Branson," says Jacqui Bell, King's Castle Theatre General Manager and Resident Director. "If you are a fan of rock and roll, this is the show you cannot miss!"

Truer words have never been spoken! Fans of every age seem to be ready to rock, for everybody from youngsters to grandfolks are packing out this rockfest of amazing music and explosive dancing! The show features a stellar international cast along with on-target costuming and state-of-the-art sound, lighting and special effects. "We have some new cast members this year," says Jacqui, "and I believe it's proving to be the strongest team we've ever had. We'll

have you dancing and singing along to the greatest rock hits of all time. But we just have one question;-- Branson, are you ready to rock?"

**ANTHEMS OF
ROCK**



Well, let's drop some names and guess how long it will take to answer Jacqui's question and rock along with this world class entourage of singers, dancers and musicians! *How about Queen, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Bon Jovi, Led Zeppelin, Journey, Elton John, Aerosmith, or Bohemian Rhapsody!*

Our conclusion: *Rock on!*

VEGAS HIT "BOOGIE'S" INTO SEASON 2022!

The Ultimate 70's Show! *Dancing Queen* is returning from Las Vegas to the King's Castle Theatre this Season 2022! Celebrating the Classic #1 Hits of the 70's, this high octane music fest stars The Castle's international troupe of singers and dancers performing those eternal 70's sounds! Here, we get to groove to disco classics like *Y.M.C.A.*, "*Disco Inferno*," *Play That Funky Music*, *Waterloo*, *We Are Family*, *Superstition*, and wow—can you feel it? *Dancing Queen* is a show-stopping psychedelic kaleidoscope of singing, dancing and spectacular costumes. Get ready to get your groove on at the biggest 70's party ever!



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A KEY TO THE CASTLE!

Ask about King's Castle's multi-show discount! (\$15 off The Castle's 2nd show, \$20 off the 3rd, \$25 off the 4th!) Conclusion: See more, save more!

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No yuletide trip to Branson would be complete without experiencing this holiday feast of music and dance! Expect a Christmas wonderland of high-

energy dance, elaborate costumes, beautiful scenery, gorgeous production numbers and the highest kicking chorus girls this side of the North Pole!



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Music Show
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New for 2022! Branson's #1 Show for great MUSIC features the Hughes Family, the largest live on-stage performing family in the world, all born to entertain! Over 50 amazing singers, dancers, and musicians present brilliant choreography, world-class production, sensational lighting, outstanding sound, lighthearted humor, and family fun. From cuntry to Broadway to Pop to comedy to patriotic to gospel to rock-n-roll, the Hughes Music Show is everything you want to experience in a Branson show...and more.

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Alert to all generations of show-goers:

*Expect a masterful performance of vocals, dance and musicianship that will no doubt tap into the music of your life. Yes, even **YOUR** life!*

In their debut season last year, the up and coming generations of Branson's famous **Hughes Brothers** revealed just how crazy-talented a bunch of cousins can get when they grow up together on stage and take music and dance lessons for the better part of their entire lives! Whaddaya get for a result? An earthquake of

beyond), Hip-Hop, Tap, Drums, Guitars, Fiddles,—*whew!* What are we missing?

Oh yeah, let's add this: Amazing choreography; (translation: dazzling dancing!), hilarious comedy, marvelous harmonies, fun costuming, incredible lighting artistry and great sound that is music to our ears. Literally.

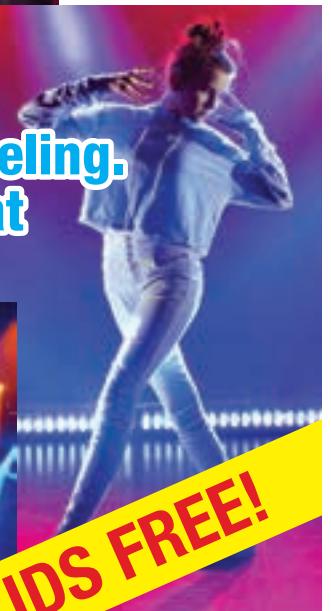
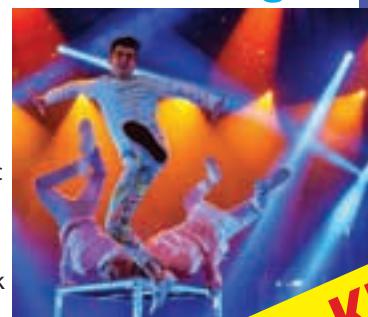


That all pretty much paints a picture. Our prediction: little kids, big kids, youthful teens, and adults of every age, (yes, every age!) will find this show simply irresistible. ♦

musicianship, vocals and dance in a performance extravaganza titled **Re-Vibe!**

Spanning the ages from 14 to 23, Re-Vibe's troupe of brilliant entertainers brings to the stage a full buffet of music adored by a multitude of generations, be it music falling into genres such as Pop, Soul, Disco, Doo-wop, 40's Swing, Jazz, R&B, Country, Rock n' Roll, (50s,60s70s &

**Vibe = good feeling.
 Re-Vibe=repeat
 that feeling!**



KIDS FREE!

Hughes News

The Latest News From The World's Largest Performing Family!

Season 2022



UNHEARD OF

Where else can you experience a performance from what **USA Today** calls “the world’s largest performing family”? That newswatch refers to one particular family of four brothers and a cast of their wives, children, their children’s spouses and even their children’s children! Together, this outfit performs a music and dance extravaganza—over fifty of them being musicians, dancers and singers who have been studying and performing music and dance together the better part of their entire lives! Pretty unheard of, right? One exception—right here at Branson’s **Hughes Family Theatre!**

Psst. Here’s a backstage secret: Youngsters in **The Hughes Music Show** have spent three-to four hours a day practicing their music ever since they can remember. Experts say it takes about 10,000 hours to become a master. At this rate for the kids, about 7 years. So get ready. At this place, audiences are entertained by *masters!*

Besides starring in **The Hughes Music Show**, we see on the page to our left, that some of the youngsters from the Hughes cast are also starring in their own hit show—**Re-VIBE**. (Read all about it!)

Now about that **Hughes Music Show**, the masterpiece production of Hughes Family Nation which has reigned in Branson for over 20 years and received just about every award in Showtown! As fans all know, this show is way more than just a show of music! Yes, this huge Hughes entourage of performers spanning the ages from babyhood to adulthood are brilliant music makers—(violins, guitars, drums, woodwinds, keyboards and on and on)—but they are also amazing singers, dancers, acrobats and slapstick comedians!

Although the four Hughes Brothers and their ever-expanding family of star performers have been playing to packed out Branson audiences for decades, we are issuing this **ADVISORY**: If you haven’t seen this show lately, then you haven’t seen the latest incarnation of this showbiz treasure!

So what can one expect? This: off-the-charts musicianship, dancemanship—and a

full assortment of Pop, Country, Hollywood, Broadway, Forties throwback—oh, we give up! Expect anything and everything from this cast of little kids, big kids, Moms & Dads, teens, young adults, babies, and yes, the legendary **Hughes Brothers themselves!** ♦

THE THROWBACK SHOW

We speak of the new **Hughes Brothers Country Show** which has already kicked up a cyclone of high praises! Yes, it’s new, yet only kinda sorta, since Country Music is what originally stole the hearts of Branson audiences back in the day and made this outfit a showbiz legend! Yet with all the changing whims of us audience types, The Hughes boys expanded into all our musical cravings—but their country roots have always remained.

So here we are, back in the saddle again! Expect Country Music past, present and way cool, plus a whole lotta “horsein’ around”. In other words, this ain’t just no concert—it’s a fun fest that’s a hoot, helped along by some of the Hughes youngsters singin’, pickin’ and grinnin’! ♦

FREE CHOW AT THE CHUCKWAGON!

Can you believe it? It comes with every country show, both afternoon or evening! We’re talkin’ pulled pork sandwich with pickles and onions, home-made BBQ sauce, fresh coleslaw, baked beans and pork chunks and plenty of cool

water! (Other beverages available). Meals can be et at tables before the show, or served during!



But we’re saving the best for last, so here it is—The harmonies of this band of brothers, these country crooner Hughes Brothers, is a treasure richer than all the gold in California, for brotherly voices in harmony for a lifetime is an experience to behold. ♦



ADD A MEAL AT THE HUGHES MUSIC SHOW

Celebrity Dinner Theatre

Save time, avoid traffic and stress—and enjoy a relaxing gourmet dinner before the show—prepared by acclaimed Swedish chef Reggie Regnal! We will cite the dessert entrée to help paint a picture: luxurious dark chocolate mousse topped with a heavenly light whipped cream & fresh raspberries. Oh Yum. (See ad on p. 10)

KIDS FREE!

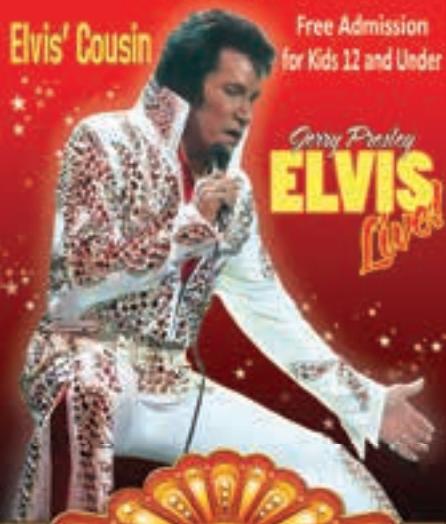


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Elvis & Jerry Presley:

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Wow! Three full-blown productions of authentic Elvis shows—complete with the trademark Elvis entourage of keyboards, horns, electrics, percussion—and OF COURSE lady backup singers and a Gospel quartet! Anyone of any generation who never knew how insanely awesome an Elvis concert was—here's your ticket to rock 'n roll heaven! The most common reaction (and quote) from fans in the know is this: "It's the most authentic Elvis show I've ever seen!"

What other Elvis performer is related to Elvis three ways, hung out with Elvis, was encouraged by Elvis, attended over a dozen Elvis concerts, and even served in the Army like Elvis? But folks, that's not all! Like Elvis—Cousin Jerry even has a twin brother! And it gets even better, for Elvis's original backup singers, (**The Jordanaires**, **The Stamps Quartet** and **The Blackwoods**)—performed with Jerry for years! And just to add another zinger—two members of Jerry's current cast, (singer **Denny Yeary** and trumpeter **Jay Daversa**) **also performed with The King himself!**

What we love most about Jerry's Elvis



concerts is that they are real. No over-the-top Elvis exaggeration and schtick—just amazing performances crafted to recreate Elvis live shows as they really were. We also love the fact that in between numbers, Jerry too is real. He's not Elvis. But what a guy. A gracious host and full of Elvis stories, Jerry has fun with the audience as well as his fellow performers. But when the music starts, Jerry becomes Elvis.

Says Jerry, "I'm not an impersonator, I'm a family member doing the songs of Elvis and I try to keep it as authentic as I can. You will never see me do things that Elvis didn't do."

Elvis couldn't have found a better guy to carry on his legacy. A devout Christian, Jerry's life has not suffered the turbulence that befell

Elvis—yet the kindness, respect, generosity and even heart for God that Elvis was known for—is alive and well in cousin Jerry Presley—the one we believe to be very much the keeper of the flame. ♦

Elvis & Jerry

- Jerry is related to Elvis 3 ways • He was one of the first Elvis tribute artists out there • Elvis's Manager Colonel Parker disapproved of Jerry • Elvis came to Jerry's rescue, encouraging him • Jerry attended over 13 Elvis concerts • He met Elvis at Graceland • He treasures several gifts Elvis gave him • He met briefly with Elvis backstage in June of '77 • In August, he received a note from Elvis apologizing for the short meeting and inviting him back to Graceland • Days later, Elvis died • At Graceland after the funeral, Jerry ran into Elvis's Dad Vester sitting on the stairs. "I guess it will never be the same around here anymore," said Jerry. With tears in his eyes, Vester answered, "No, Son, I guess it never will be." • "Elvis was a humble guy," says Jerry. "He didn't put himself up on a pedestal. He loved people. He was such a giving person. There will never be another Elvis."

Tribute Shows **APPEARING LIVE AT GOD & COUNTRY!**



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HUGHES FAMILY THEATER WELCOMES HIT SHOW!

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UNBELIEVABLE!

When this global sensation swooped into Branson from Vegas, their dinner show was such a smash hit—they ended up swooping up a handful of Branson's top showbiz awards to add to their vast collection! But alas, that was just the beginning, (as we see in the splashy burst on this page!)

The good news is that this extravaganza of magical family fun (with or without dinner) launched Season 2022 from their new theatrical home—The Hughes Family Theatre, which makes absolutely perfect sense, (of course being a family show in the home theater of a legendary performing family!)

The Dinner Option!

A word about that dinner, which you can elect to include. The Show starts at 5 and the dinner starts at 6:30, which is perfect, being as how convenient it is to just relax, dine, then take in an evening performance of one of the epic Hughes family shows,

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(as seen back on pages 10 & 11) As for the menu: fresh garden salad, grilled chicken breast with vegetable ratatouille, pork loin with gravy, roasted potatoes, fresh green beans, heavenly dark chocolate mouse—oh yum!

**Magic's
Highest
Honors!**



Garry and Janine receive their prestigious 2020 Merlin Awards in Las Vegas.

Magic's Top Honors!

Not only did magicians **Garry & Janine Carson** sweep Branson off its feet, (so to speak)—in 2020 the entire magic world bestowed its highest honors upon this dynamic duo! It definitely deserves a drumroll as we make the announcement here: At an international event in Las Vegas, Garry and Janine Carson received the prestigious **Merlin Award** for **"The Best International Magic & Illusion Duo!"**

A Whole New World!

It all changed when Gary met Janine, an EMT nurse with side hobbies that included dancing, costume design and modeling.

For both of these two, it was the beginning of a whole new world! First came love, then came marriage, then came this amazing twosome making magic together all over the world—Janine performing with her husband, designing costumes, managing a blizzard of showbiz details—and eventually adding "backstage Mom" to her resume. That came about by the birth of Sophia, now 3 years old. Which, once again, changed everything.

World tours with wild animals got to be a bit much for these new parents. Although they had several offers for resident shows in Vegas, they were attracted by the family atmosphere and family values championed by Branson. Lucky us, for to us they have come!

**BREAKING
NEWS!**

**NOMINATED: SEASON
2022 BEST MAGIC SHOW!
BEST DINNER SHOW!
BEST FAMILY SHOW!—
THE BEST OF BRANSON**

All in The Family!

Here's a NEWS FLASH: During the performance, you are very likely to see the appearance of three year-old Sophia Carson, the show's rising star. And at the end of many an illusion, you will for sure see Garry and Janine flow into each others arms as they take their bows. But as this behind-the-scenes Insider reporter has observed, that's not just part of the act—it's a glimpse into their lives. *

Garry is the founder of *sponsormagiclink.com*, a huge organization providing entertainers for charity events. Their slogan, appropriately, is: **The Magic of Helping Others!**



3 year-old Sophia makes her grand entrance.



Wild Times!

For decades, international sensation **Garry Carson** reigned in Vegas. His magic astounded viewers on network TV and dazzled multitudes on world tours with his huge entourage of stage hands, props, performing

assistants and (shall we mention?) a supporting cast of tigers, leopards and other wildcats that Vegas legend **Roy Horn** (of **Sigfried & Roy**) helped him train. Besides entertaining, Garry built illusions for other magicians, **David Copperfield** being one of many.

Garry during his "wilder" days!



2022: A LEGENDARY SUPERSTAR SUMMER!



Legends in Concert's
Brooks & Dunn Tribute!

Produced in Las Vegas, Legends in Concert is a dazzling extravaganza of the world's top tribute artists—all appearing live on stage at the iconic Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theatre right in the heart of the Branson strip! (W. Hwy 76, Country Music Blvd!) Refer to ad on page 18

Backing up these superstar legends is a smokin' live band of all-star musicians and a stellar cast of backup singers and amazing dancers!

During evening performances, guests can add to the fun by opting for dinner and cocktails. Now that's entertainment!

Legendary Eats!

Concession include such goodies as Johnsonville Brats, Chili-Cheese Dogs, Ham & Turkey Croissants, Fresh-out-of-the-oven Gourmet Cookies and Chocolate Covered Bananas! Mmmm!

Upstairs Lounge!

Enjoy craft beers, champagne and a variety of fine wines, (before the show or during intermission)—all in a relaxing lounge decorated with Dick Clark's priceless memorabilia. Guests can also choose the VIP balcony, where drinks can be served during the show!

Legends

in Concert

Live on Stage!

THRU SEPT 6:

ADELE

Recreated live for the first time on a Branson stage is the incredible singer and songwriter from Great Britain who fast became a global sensation at the tender age of **19**, (the title of her first blockbuster album). That debut album resulted in a **Grammy Award for Best New Artist!** But that was just the beginning! Her next album (**21**), fast became the **best selling album of the 21st century**—31 million copies! And yet there's more—for she also became the **first female artist in Billboard history to have 3 simultaneous top ten singles**—*Rolling in the Deep*, *Someone Like You* and *Set Fire to the Rain!* Sorry if you're seeing too much red here—there's just so much to highlight! Like her record-tying **6 Grammys** and several list toppers in the **Guinness Book of World Records!** All totaled: **15 Grammys, Billboard's 3-Time Artist of the Year.** Enough already. Just come experience some of the most popular music of the 21st century—*live on stage!*

BROOKS & DUNN

When a major record label paired Shreveport, Louisiana native Kix Brooks with Coleman, Texas native Ronnie Dunn—Country Music history was definitely made! **11 albums, 50 singles, 17 Country Music Association Awards, 26 Academy of Country Music Awards and 2 Grammy Awards!** Oh and these two also won the **Country Music Association Vocal Duo of the Year Award every year between 1992 thru 2005** with only one exception; (2000) Now for a little name dropping. How's about those unforgettable Brooks & Dunn hits such as *Brand New Man*, *My Maria*, *Ain't Nothing 'bout You*, that *Boot Scootin' Boogie* which launched an historic dance craze, *Only in America*, *My Next Broken Heart*, *Hard Workin' Man*, and seriously, when do we stop? Just

come hear some of these and probably others we forgot to mention!

THE BLUES BROTHERS

Of course back by eternally popular demand are those furiously dancing and soulfully singing hipsters from Chicago—the fabulous **Blues Brothers!** Honestly, who can resist getting goosebumps at seeing the almost rubber-like moves this dancing duo channels while singing their signature hits: *Soul Man*, *Sweet Home Chicago*, *Rawhide* and *Gimmie Some Lovin'!* What other act has such a knack for getting us laughing, singing and dancing all at the same time? Answer: these guys!

ELVIS!

Ladies and gentlemen—friends... live on stage, here he is, the One and Only... (a drum-roll) *The King himself...* and folks, you can feel it, that showbiz earthquake the moment this recreated performance of The Legend of Legends hits the stage! Yes it's Elvis himself, not just some of Elvis, but glimpses of *all* of Elvis—Elvis from the Movies, Vegas Elvis, and the ultimate Elvis performing that historic medley of *Dixie* and *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*—that inspirational anthem that leaves us on our feet even after *Elvis has left the building!*



PLUS

Live on stage, (Left to Right), Hot Country legends Brooks & Dunn, The King, (of course), international legend Adele, and those soulful singing and dancing legends—The Blues Brothers!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

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More Stars coming throughout 2022!

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Dig THIS: It's their 20th AWARD-WINNING "Far Out" Season!

WOW!!!

Like every one of its past seasons, this show's 20th award-winning season in Branson is amazingly a "brand new bag", so to speak. Oh, and about the latest awards; In Season 2021 this show took home Branson's *Show of the Year Award* plus the *Matinee Show of the Year Award!* (courtesy of The Branson Show Awards and The Terry Music Awards.)

That being said, get ready to dig a show this season that is more outta sight than ever! You can constantly reinvent a show with the music of this era, for it is hard to find any other period in history that exploded with such a diversity of musical brilliance! Its song library is absolutely enormous. And just as impressive, this is music that remains embedded in the hearts and minds of our culture even now—a half century later!

What we have here is a musical feast of that incredible era—a song and dance party of music so groovy it's been adored by every generation since! Many of those hits make it nearly impossible to resist dancing, many flood the heart with memories—and many take us on emotional roller coasters that make it hard to resist tears. But it's all good, and with this **all-star cast of singers, musicians and dancers**—



Power couple Amber Campbell and Matt Muhoberac.

it's more than good—it's a blast that refuses to go away long after the curtain falls!

THE UNRAVELING:

Unpacking this vast musical library is a troupe of singers, dancers and incredible musicians headed up by brilliant musical director and producer **Matt Muhoberac** and his multi-talented wife, co-producer and star vocalist **Amber Campbell**. Along with the show's amazing live music and dance, (more than 115 songs and about a zillion costume changes)—we are treated to a visual buffet of hairdos, clothing styles and iconic characters many of us grew up with—or were! (You know, Bookworms, Nerds, Greasers, Jocks, Hoods, Hippies etc.) Comedy skits of highschool life in the 60s bear witness that there is much to laugh at from those "Happy Days." One of the show's highlights, (there are ga-zillions of them), is when the highschool hop spills into the audience and many of us end up dancing! Fun!

Warning: Some much-beloved hits of the 50s and 70s have also segued into this show. Audiences have been totally

cool with that. In fact, they think it's pretty righteous. That there's your warning.

HOW COOL IS THAT!

We say it's pretty "happening" that show producer **Matt Muhoberac** grew up in LA amongst a family of professional musicians, and that his music career as a composer/arranger/singer/musician has graced iconic TV shows such as *General Hospital*, *NBC Sports* and *Friends*, plus A-list ad campaigns for *McDonald's*, *Budweiser* & *Chevrolet*—not to mention scoring animated series such as *The Addams family*, *Power Puff Girls*, *Life with Louie* and *Bill Cosby's Fatherhood!* Matt is a founding member of

the show, which is where he met the lovely lady who is now his wife PLUS the show's leading lady—powerhouse singing and dancing star **Amber Campbell!** Besides entertaining, the awesome twosome are happily raising their daughter Jade and enjoying their lives working with the amazing entourage of stellar musicians, dancers and singers of #1 Hits of the 60s! Like it is for everyone in the audience—this show for them is just plain fun!

THE SURPRISE We come to that moment in the show which, in our view, qualifies as one destined to be unforgettable.

On the screen are films and photographs of the war in Vietnam. As we watch the faces of those men and women doing their all for Uncle Sam, we are listening to the music they listened to. It isn't the patriotic music we usually hear in **tributes to our veterans**—this is *their* music. For many, the music of that era stirs up a flood of memories.

Some in the audience are taken aback when they suddenly see their own pictures on screen. This is a secret surprise the show's producers like to cook up for veterans groups.

When the faces on screen fade into the words "**To All Our Veterans: Thank You from a Grateful Nation!**"—the message speaks for what dwells in most of our Great American hearts. ♦



Nerd Alert!



Goin' to the Chapel!



A hair-raising experience!



The Troupe: (Front, L to R,) Mike Williamson, Kelly Parrish. Jordan Dickison, Dino Phillips. (Back, L to R) Kaylee Riggins, Michael Jason Frost, Josh Carroll, Matt, Mike Williamson, Amber, Eric Dalton.

MULTI-AWARD-WINNING SUPER STARS AND SUPER SHOWS! SEE IT ALL HERE!



BREAKING NEWS!

The music video for *Something About the Way You Look Tonight*, the international chart-topping single by Stevie Lee Woods and Nashville Roadhouse Live has **RECEIVED (WON!) A 2022 Telly Award!** Check out Stevie and The NRL Band's version of the Elton John classic on youtube, and of course read all about it on the page to your immediate right!



NASHVILLE ROADHOUSE LIVE

Starring Stevie Lee Woods and The NRL Band

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(Left to right) Rick McEwen, Mark Boyd, Stevie Lee Woods, Paul Oney, Steve Leach and Robbie Springfield.

ABOUT NASHVILLE ROADHOUSE LIVE!

This show's first season in Branson was an absolute awards sweep, as plainly seen on the next page! PLUS--it was the debut of Stevie Lee Wood's new single, which is sweeping the globe and climbing the charts even as we speak!

ABOUT STEVIE LEE WOODS

Heading up this all-star supershow is powerhouse performer **Stevie Lee Woods**, whose music career in both country and rock music charted hits all the way to **#1 (Is there anything left?)** for example--and for years had him on the road opening for the likes of **Lorrie Morgan, Martina McBride, Brooks & Dunn, Diamond Rio**

and just about everyone in-between. On stage, he's explosive—consuming it like a hybrid of **Mick Jagger, Garth Brooks** and maybe even **Brooks & Dunn**—all while backed up by a lovely troupe of high-steppin', boot-scootin' dancers and one of the hottest band of all-stars ever assembled, each one a Branson legend with a big league showbiz resume a mile long!

Folks, this show is a high energy fun fest that moves fast and furious—but with plenty of heart, soul and a whole lotta love. The level of performance and musicianship is an absolute showbiz earthquake! It's that awesome! You can see the love the performers have for the music, for each other, and even for us audience types. You can feel it.

During a powerful segment of the show, for all to see, that love is expressed to our veterans, our flag, and to the ideals our nation represents. It's that kind of show. As one prominent musician was overheard saying, "these guys aren't just good, they're crazy good!"

Stevie's showbiz roots run deep. His Dad played guitar with the legendary **Lester Flatt** and **Earl Scruggs**, then later with fellow legend **Eddy Arnold**. In fact, Stevie's whole family is in the music world. Besides charting country hits, Stevie also hosted **Today's Hot Country** on TV's **Nashville Network**.

Looks like the wheel is coming full circle! ♦



MINGLE WITH THE STARS at the After-Show Party!

It's the biggest after-show party in Branson! Have yourself some treats, karaoke, a full service bar and get to visit with the whole cast of stars and guest stars! Ever dreamed of going to a star-studded social in Hollywood or Nashville? Well folks, here's your ticket



Awards Sweeps!

The Cast and crew of Nashville Roadhouse Live hit the "Red Carpet" at Branson's prestigious 2021 Terry Awards!

SHOW'S DEBUT SEASON MAKES HISTORY!

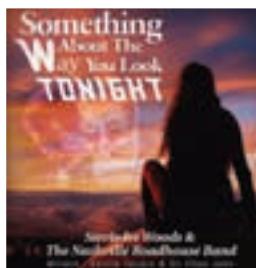
We don't know of any show in Branson's storied history which gobbled up this many awards in one year! In Season 2021 it was **Nashville Roadhouse Live!** that "rang the bell", (so to speak!) Congrats from all of us here to all you award-winning superstars!

Branson Show Awards	Country Show of the Year!
Male Entertainer of the Year!	Variety Show of the Year!
Branson Terry Awards	Emcee of the Year
Male Vocalist of the Year!	Best of Branson Silver
Best of Branson Gold	Concert Venue of the Year!
Best Band!	

THE BIG RECORD RELEASE!

Branson Star Theatre's **Stevie Lee Woods and Nashville Roadhouse Live** dropped a new record which ever since has been climbing the Country, Pop and EZ-Listening charts all over the globe! **Something About The Way You Look Tonight**, a remake of the Elton John classic, is not only released with **Sir Elton John's blessing**—the pop icon actually appears in the record's music video! But it gets even better, for the song was recorded in Branson, yet was sent to the U.K. where Sir Elton's legendary producer **Stuart Epps** (who also produced classics by such music icons as **George Harrison** and **Led Zeppelin**) assisted in "mixing" and creating the master! Upon hearing it, Sir Elton's legendary

50-year writing partner **Bernie Taupin** shot an epic email—"Outstanding! So well done!" said the email. Says Stevie, "that puts a lump in your throat."



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"SOMETHING ABOUT THE WAY YOU LOOK TONIGHT"



(NEW YORK) **The 43rd Annual 2022 Telly Awards**, one of the music industry's highest honors, recently announced this year's winner of the **Best Television Music Video Award** to be Branson's own **Stevie Lee Woods & The Nashville Roadhouse Live Band** for their chart-climbing global sensation **Something About the Way You Look Tonight!**

The NRL Band's rendition of the **Elton John classic** was produced by Elton John's original co/writer and producer **Bernie Taupin** and Nashville Roadhouse Live's lead guitarist **Robbie Springfield!** Honestly, how cool is *that!*

Says the Telly Awards folks: "This is an incredible achievement! With several high-caliber entries submitted (over 12,000), this year's Telly Awards entrants truly represented the most innovative stories being told across all screens. As a

Telly Winner, you are the standard-bearer of excellence in our industry."

British record producer Stuart Epps seconded that emotion, saying, "This is a great version by Stevie Lee Woods. Giving his own interpretation, giving the song new meaning, and not surprisingly, **both Elton and Bernie like it.** I'm sure everyone will."

Since its release in October, the song has become a worldwide hit, racing to the top of the charts on every continent and getting endless Internet plays! Branson audiences are the lucky ones—they get to hear it **played live by the original band** in every performance of Nashville Roadhouse Live at The Branson Star Theater! For now, just **download it on youtube**—and *enjoy!*

About the Telly Awards: The Telly Awards annually showcases the best work created within television and across video, for all screens.



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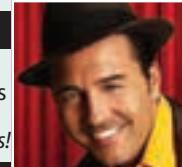
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<i>Andy Williams Moon River Theatre</i> 2905 W Hwy 76 • 417-334-4500	andywilliams.com	E-8				
Illusionist Rick Thomas	rickthomas.com		1, 5, 19	THRU DEC		
Liverpool Legends	liverpoollegends.com		5	THRU OCT		
Andy Williams Christmas Show	andywilliams.com		5	NOV-DEC		
<i>The Americana Theater</i> 2905 W Hwy 76 • 417-544-8700	americanatheatre.com	E-6				
CJ Newsome's Classic Country & Comedy	patsyclineandfriends.com		8	THRU DEC		
America's Top Country Hits	americanatheatre.com		20	THRU DEC		
Awesome 80's	americanatheatre.com		8	NOV-DEC		
The Blackwoods	theblackwoods.com			THRU OCT		
The Blackwoods Christmas Show	theblackwoods.com			NOV-DEC		
British Invasion	americanatheatre.com		20	NOV-DEC		
Broadway to Buble: George Dyer				SEP-OCT		
Broadway to Buble: George Dyer Christmas Show				NOV-DEC		
Elvis: Story of The King	americanatheatre.com		20	THRU DEC		
Branson Central Theatre 625 St. Hwy 165 • 417-231-4112		F-5				
The Steve Morris Lunchtime Break: Comedy, Music	bransoncentraltheatre.com			THRU DEC	L	
<i>Branson Famous Theatre</i> 645 Hwy 165 • 417-231-4999	baldknobbers.com	F-4				
Branson's Famous Baldknobbers	baldknobbers.com		2, 6, 7	THRU OCT		
Branson's Famous Baldknobbers Christmas	baldknobbers.com		2	NOV-DEC		
Vintage Baldknobbers Show	baldknobbers.com		2, 6, 7	AUG-DEC		
The Doug Gabriel Show	douggabriel.com			THRU DEC		
Reza: Edge of Illusion	rezalive.com			THRU DEC		
Branson Hot Hits Theatre 206 South Commercial St • 417-337-7426	bransonhothits.com	F-13				
Motown Downtown				THRU DEC		
Doo Wop & More				THRU DEC		
Patsy to Patsy, Music of Patsy Cline, Reba & More				THRU DEC		
Marvin Gaye & The Masters of Soul				THRU DEC		
Platters Golden Sounds				THRU DEC		
From Broadway to Hollywood to Branson				THRU DEC		
James Taylor & the Soft Rock of the 70s & 80s				THRU DEC		
<i>Clay Cooper Theatre</i> 3216 W. Hwy 76 • 888-222-8910	claycoopertheatre.com	E-5				
Clay Cooper's Country Express				THRU OCT		
Clay Cooper's Country Express: Christmas Show				NOV-DEC		
#1 Hits of the 60's (& 50's too)!	1hitsofthe60s.com		15, 21	THRU OCT		
#1 Hits of the 60's Christmas Show	1hitsofthe60s.com		15, 21	NOV-DEC		
Dean Z - The Ultimate Elvis				THRU JULY SEP-OCT		
Dean Z's Rockin' Christmas Show				NOV-DEC		
The Haygoods	thehaygoods.com			THRU OCT		
The Haygoods Christmas Show	thehaygoods.com			NOV-DEC		
Hot Rods & High Heels (Fabulous 50s!)				AUG-DEC		
<i>Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theatre</i> 1600 W. Hwy 76 • 417-339-3003	legendsinconcert.com/Branson	E-10				

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<i>Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theatre</i> con't						
Legends in Concert	legendsinconcert.com/Branson		14, 18	THRU SEPT	DA	
Legends in Concert Christmas Show	legendsinconcert.com/Branson		14, 18	NOV-DEC	DA	
SIX				THRU OCT		
SIX Christmas				NOV-DEC		
A Brett Family Christmas				NOV-DEC		
Dolly Parton's Stampede 1525 W. Hwy 76 • 800-520-5544	dpstampede.com	E-10		THRU OCT	L,D	
Dolly Parton's Stampede Christmas				NOV-DEC	L,D	
The Dutton Family Theatre 3454 W Hwy 76 • 417-332-2772	theduttons.com	E3				
The Duttons				THRU OCT		
The Duttons Christmas Show				NOV-DEC		
Listen to the Music				SEP-DEC		
All Hands on Deck				THRU OCT		
<i>Freedom Encounter Theatre</i> 3220 Falls Parkway • 417-544-0372	FreedomJourneyShow.com	G-5				
The Freedom Journey Show	FreedomJourneyShow.com		24	THRU DEC		
Grand Country Music Hall 1945 W Hwy 76 • 417-335-2484	GrandCountry.com	E-10				
Amazing Pets!				THRU DEC		
Branson Country USA live TV Broadcast				THRU DEC		
Comedy Jamboree				THRU OCT		
Comedy Jamboree Christmas Show				NOV-DEC		
Down Home Country				SEP-DEC		
Grand Jubilee				THRU OCT		
Grand Jubilee Christmas				NOV-DEC		
Ozarks Gospel				THRU DEC		
Ozarks Country				THRU DEC		
Hamner's Variety Theater 3090 Shep. of the Hills Exp • 417-334-4363	hamnersunbelievable.com	C-6		SEE WEBSITE		
Hamner's Unbelievable Variety				THRU OCT		
Abba Tribute				THRU DEC		
Beach Boy "California Dreamin"				THRU DEC		
Back to the BeeGees				THRU DEC		
Mike Walker: Lasting Impressions				THRU DEC		
Oh Happy Day: Go in Back to Gospel!				THRU DEC	L	
<i>The Hughes Brothers Theatre</i> 3425 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-0076	Hughes-Brothers.com	E-4			L,D	
The Hughes Music Show	Hughes-Brothers.com		10,11	THRU DEC	L, D	
Hughes Brothers Family Christmas	Hughes-Brothers.com		10, 11	NOV-DEC		9
Hughes Brothers Country	Hughes-Brothers.com		10,11	SEP-DEC	L, D	
Escape Reality: Garry & Janine Carson: Comedy Magic Dinner Show	carsonentertainment.com		13,18	THRU DEC	D	
Re-Vibe!	Hughes-Brothers.com		10,11	THRU NOV	L, D	
<i>Branson's IMAX™ Little Opry Theatre</i> 3562 Shep. of the Hills Exp • 417-335-4832	bransonimax.com	B-4		SEE WEBSITE		
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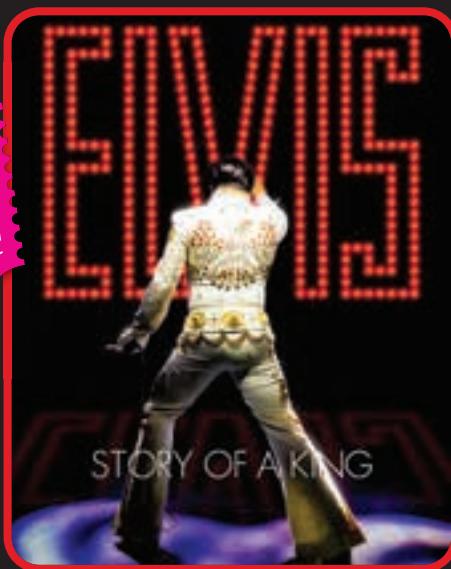
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George Jones & Friends Remembered				THRU JUL SEP-DEC		
Smoke on the Mountain				THRU DEC		
The Petersens				THRU DEC		
The Petersens Gospel				THRU DEC		
Sons of Britches				THRU DEC		
Rick McEwen Presents "The Gambler"			25	THRU DEC		
Country Evolution				THRU DEC		
An Evening with Shoji				SELECT DATES		
Jackie B Goodes Uptown Café W. Hwy 175 at 65 • 417-336-3535	Bransonuptown.com	E-4				
Tribute to George Strait Dinner Show				THRU DEC	D,A	
Jerry Presley's God and Country Theatre 1840 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-6806	GodandCountryTheaters.com	E-10	12	SEE WEBSITE		
Cowboy Church	GodandCountryTheaters.com		12	THRU DEC		
Elvis: The Last Concert	GodandCountryTheaters.com		12	THRU DEC		
Elvis: Aloha from Hawaii	GodandCountryTheaters.com		12	THRU DEC		
Elvis: Madison Square Garden Concert	GodandCountryTheaters.com		12	THRU DEC		
Christmas with Elvis	GodandCountryTheaters.com		12	NOV-DEC		
Neil Diamond Tribute	aneildiamondtribute.com		12,23	AUG-OCT		
A Neil Diamond Christmas	aneildiamondtribute.com		12,23	NOV-DEC		
Carpenters Once More	backtothe70stributes.com		12,22	AUG-OCT		
Carpenters Christmas Once More	backtothe70stributes.com		12,22	NOV-DEC		
George Strait: A Country Legend	GodandCountryTheaters.com		12	THRU DEC		
Rocket Man! Elton John Tribute	GodandCountryTheaters.com		12	THRU DEC		
Waylon, Willie & The Good Ol Boys	GodandCountryTheaters.com		12	THRU DEC		
King's Castle Theater 2701 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-2500	kingscastletheatre.com	E-8	1,3,4,9			
Anthems of Rock	kingscastletheatre.com		1,3,9	THRU DEC		
Dancing Queen	kingscastletheatre.com		9	THRU OCT		
Dublin's Irish Tenors & Celtic Ladies	kingscastletheatre.com		1,4,9	THRU DEC		
New Jersey Nights: Music of The Four Seasons	kingscastletheatre.com		9	THRU DEC		
Branson's Christmas Wonderland	kingscastletheatre.com		9	NOV-DEC		
Majestic Theatre 2849 Gretna Rd. • 417-231-2420		C-7				
Doo-Wop & The Drifters The Ruby Room Thtr. & Lounge • 417-231-2420	therubyroomatthemajestic.com			THRU DEC	D,A	
Dancin' in the Street: a Motown Revue The Ruby Room Thtr. & Lounge • 417-231-2420	therubyroomatthemajestic.com			THRU DEC	D,A	
Ballroom Dancing with Derek Ventura	therubyroomatthemajestic.com			THRU DEC	D,A	
Absolutely Country, Definitely Gospel • 417-218-0808	acdgbanson.com			THRU DEC		
Milsap - Almost Like a Song				THRU DEC		
Sedaka Songbook				THRU DEC		
Branson Murder Mystery Dinner Show • 417-849-8331	bransonmurdermystery.com			THRU DEC	D,A	
Comedy Hypnosis Dinner Show • 417-849-8331	jecobiesmindplay.com			TBA	D,A	
Mickey Gilley Grand Shanghai Theatre 3455 W Hwy 76 • 417-336-0888	amazingacroats.com	D-3		THRU DEC		
Shanghai Circus				THRU DEC		

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Nashville Roadhouse Theater at The Branson Star 3750 W 76 Blvd • 417-320-3418	nashvilleroadhouse.com	C-3	1,16,17		DA	
Nashville Roadhouse Live starring Stevie Lee Woods	nashvilleroadhouse.com		1,16,17	THRU DEC		
Nashville Roadhouse Presents	nashvilleroadhouse.com		1,16,17	SUNDAYS		
Phil Dalton: Theatre of Illusion	nashvilleroadhouse.com		17	THRU DEC		
Trey Dees Dean Martin & Friends	nashvilleroadhouse.com		17	THRU DEC		
Best of Motown More	nashvilleroadhouse.com		17	THRU DEC		
That Mentalist Guy	nashvilleroadhouse.com		17	THRU DEC		
Ric Steel	nashvilleroadhouse.com		17,27	THRU DEC		
The Kendalls	nashvilleroadhouse.com		17	THRU DEC		
Grand Ladies of Country Music	nashvilleroadhouse.com		17	THRU DEC		
Pierce Arrow Theatre 3069 Shep. of the Hills Expy • 417-336-8742	piercearrowtheater.com	C-5				
Pierce Arrow				THRU DEC		
Pierce Arrow Country				THRU SEP		
Presleys' Country Jubilee 2920 W. Hwy 76 • 800-336-4874	presleys.com	E-6		THRU DEC		
Sight & Sound Theatres 1001 Shep. of the Hills Expy • 800-377-1277	sight-sound.com	B-8				
Jesus				THRU OCT		
Miracle of Christmas				NOV-DEC		
Shepherd of the Hills Outdoor Thtr. 13260 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-7469	ShepherdoftheHills.com	A-3		SEE WEBSITE		
Shepherd of the Hills Outdoor Drama				THRU OCT	D	
Ventriloquist Jim Barber & Friends				THRU AUG		
Funny Farm Dinner Feud				THRU DEC	D	
WhoDunnit Hoedown				THRU DEC	D	
Shepherd's Chuckwagon				OCT-DEC	D	
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If we stop and listen to the music serenading us these days, whether it be on the radio, at the shopping mall, the hair salon or on earphones plugged into whatever they're plugged into—we will no doubt hear an awful lot of **The Carpenters** once more. To this day, The Carpenters remain prominent on the soundtrack of our lives, ever popular, and ever-uplifting. Truly, they are music to our ears, on so many levels.

Bringing to life these musical treasures that generations of us all love is multi-award winning singing star **Diana Lynn**. We have much to say about Diana, but first, let's address the shocking Carpenters story.

About The Carpenters

Allow us to educate you youngsters who don't know better.

You might not remember her name, but trust us, you know her hit songs and you know her

THE AMAZING CAST!



WES LARSON - (aka **Richard Carpenter**) *Keyboard & Vocals* Wes has been an actor, musician and a well-rounded entertainer for many years. He has also produced several stage productions—**Two from Galilee**, **Passion plays**, **patriotic productions** and many more. He also loves to teach vocal, keyboard, guitar and bass guitar lessons. Check out **WES LARSON VOCAL COACH** to get started *today!*



SHANNON KNUDSON *Background Vocals & Percussion* Shannon hails from California and Vegas where she performed with the **Sweet Adeline's** and **The Merry Ole Carolers**. Mother of 5 children and 2 grandchildren, she is married to **Kevin Knudson**, who previously performed with his brothers in **SIX** and currently with **Pierce Arrow**.

story—one which frankly, changed history.

Unusually, **Karen Carpenter** was both a singer and a drummer. She and her brother **Richard**, (**The Carpenters**) used their own voices to create multi-track masterpieces that dominate the airwaves even to this day. That innovation literally changed the world of music. A few examples: (**They Long To Be Close to You**, **We've Only Just Begun**, **Top of the World**, **Hurting Each Other**, **Merry Christmas Darling**, and so many more.

The Shock!

When Karen's young life succumbed to the effects of **anorexia nervosa** at the tender age of 33, the world was shocked. Until then, the eating disorder, (**anorexic**) was largely unheard of among the general public. But that was then and this is now. It was the tragic loss of Karen Carpenter that educated us all. It literally changed the world.



JAMES MCCALL *Master Percussionist* His storied musical career includes playing with rock legend **Leon Russell**. Currently, James plays for **A Neil Diamond Tribute**, **Chicago Tribute** and several rock bands.



TIM POPE *Music Director, Arranger & Drummer* The Compton, California native originally played with the legendary

Ray Charles! (He is also featured in Ray's Coke commercials! Check them out on **youtube!**) Tim has played with many greats—including over 20 years with the great **Tony Orlando!**



ROBERT TERRY *Bass Guitar* Robert has played with **The Osmonds**, **The Lennon Sisters** and currently with **A Neil Diamond Tribute** and **The Hughes Brothers**.



BOGIE BOHINC *Lead Guitar* **Bogie** came to us from California with **Tony Orlando** and later joined **Andy Williams** at Andy's

We've Only Just Begun!

The show begins with a gentleman taking a seat at the piano to portray Karen's brother **Richard Carpenter**. He begins to play. Then we hear the real **Karen Carpenter** begin to sing. Diana suddenly appears and Karen's voice becomes hers. It's seamless. Does Diana look like Karen? Well, somewhat, for her clothing style could definitely have parachuted in from Karen's 1970s wardrobe closet, but it's the voice, the stage presence and the captivating personality that draws us into the amazing talent of Karen Carpenter channeled by the amazing talent of Diana Lynn!

The Dream

Diana grew up in a family of entertainers and has been an entertainer all her life, (even during those years as a registered



nurse, but we digress, for that's *another* amazing story.)

Her showbiz experience comes across the moment she takes the stage, for her sunny personality, both warm and upbeat, is literally contagious. Audiences love her.

Throughout her life, Diana has performed in shows of every kind. But her lifelong inspiration, was Karen Carpenter. She and Karen both share the same vocal range. Says Diana, "I always say, I was taught by Karen Carpenter. And I've always dreamed of doing a show of her music."

It's obvious, Karen was taught good. And some dreams do come true. ♦

Moon River Theater. He also plays for **A Neil Diamond Tribute** and several traveling shows.



TERRY LAIRD *Lead Guitar* Performing in Branson for over 39 years, Terry has been music director for such shows as **The Rankin Brothers** and **The Chicago Tribute** and has worked with **The Plummer Family**, **The Lawrence Welk Show**, **Silver Dollar City**, and **Mike Walker**.



JAY PARKS *Trombone* Jay began his career in the **Army Band at West Point!** He went on to play in **several Army Bands** for over 20 years, as well as with **Bobby Vinton** and the **Glenn Miller Orchestra!**



JAY DAVERSA *Trumpet* Jay has performed on several legendary TV shows – **The Mary Tyler Moore Show** and **The Bob Newhart Show**, to name a few. But WOW, Jay has also played with such music icons as **Barbara**

Streisand and **Elvis! THE Elvis!** As a studio musician, he is featured on numerous albums, including several tunes of **The Carpenters!** Yes, **THE Carpenters!** But one of Jay's most memorable performances is in the theme song of the legendary TV show **The Waltons!**

BILL REDER *Flute & Saxophone* Bill was famously

a resident musician at Las Vegas's famous **Caesars Palace!** He has played with **Tony Bennet**, **James Brown**, **Lynyrd Skynyrd**, **Johnny Mathis**, **Glen Campbell**, **Liberace**, **Chuck Berry** and many more!



ADRIANA FINE *Background Vocalist, Percussionist* Formerly the lead vocalist for Branson's **Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band**, Adriana last year had the honor of receiving Branson's coveted **Terry Award for Tribute Show of the Year!** Currently, Adriana also performs in the **Awesome 80s Show**.

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HIT SHOW RETURNS WITH BAND OF ALL-STARS!

As might be guessed by all genuine Branson Insiders, Keith's return is in the company of his lovely wife **Diana Lynn**, who opens her own award-winning **Carpenters Once More** show at the same power-packed performance venue as her husband—namely, **Jerry Presley's God & Country Theatre!** (More about Diana's show on page 22)



Some in Keith's backup band have played with Andy Williams, some with Ray Charles, Tony Orlando—and the list just goes on and on. In conclusion: these backup A-listers have SO got Keith's back!

SOMETHING OUTRAGEOUS!

Yes, we're going to do something outrageous! Actually, it was Keith who came up with the idea. Before his show begins, the *musicians are introduced!* True story, hand on the Bible! It's an awesome statement. *Finally*, we get some clues which reveal just *why* Branson's musicians are so off-the-charts amazing!

After packing out performance venues throughout North America for the past two years, world renown Neil Diamond tribute artist Keith Allynn has landed

once again in the town where adoring fans flocked to his show (**A Neil Diamond Tribute**) for a whopping *ten years straight!*

But wait—*this* time, the fans are in for a surprise, for now Keith is backed up by a band of all-star musicians who, like Keith, are legendary performers in their own right! (More on that a tad later.) But as we probably too often like to say—“folks, that's not all!”

WHO'S NEIL DIAMOND?

When you hear the songs he wrote and sang—our guess is that you'll find yourself singing along and knowing the words that you never even knew you knew! Prediction: at the end of this show, you'll be on your feet singing your heart out. And at this particular time in our world, you may have to fight to hold back tears. More on that later. Here are some of Neil's songs which create the soundtrack of our lives: **Cherry, Cherry, Sweet Caroline, I am, I said, Solitary Man, Cracklin' Rosie, Holy, Holy, Shilo, Soolaimon, Kentucky Woman, I'm a Believer, Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show, Song Sung blue, Pretty Amazing Grace**, and one we are saving for the end of this story. Stay tuned.



WHO'S KEITH ALLYNN?

Besides being an amazing Neil Diamond tribute artist, Keith Allynn is one of the most captivating entertainers you are likely to ever experience. Entertaining is not just his vocation—it's his lifelong passion. He's brilliant, he's warm, he's funny, he's full of mesmerizing Neil Diamond stories, and he literally “owns” not only the stage, but the hearts of most all of us audience types. Example: He recently performed a one-nighter for 5,000 people. No band. Just him and a guitar. The audience was so overwhelmed, the venue pleaded that Keith would stay for another show. Then another. 5,000 packed out each one. That says it all.

SEE IT
IN BRANSON
BEFORE IT'S BACK
“ON THE ROAD AGAIN”!

END OF STORY

At the show's finale, drums begin pounding. On screen is a flag waving. Keith begins singing—“*Far, we've been traveling far, without a home, but now without a star. Free, only want to be free, we huddle close, hang on to a dream. On the boats and on the planes, they're coming to America. Never looking back again, they're coming to America. Home, don't it seem so far away, Oh, we're traveling light today, in the eye of the storm, in the eye of the storm. Freedom's light burning warm. Got a dream to take them there, they're coming to America. Got a dream they've come to share, they're coming to America. My Country 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing—*”

During these times in which we live, the words, the music, of Neil Diamond's **America**-resonates deep in our heart of hearts. The drums are pounding as the music swells, the audience rising to their feet. Many are wiping away tears. There is scarcely a dry eye in the house. End of story. ♦



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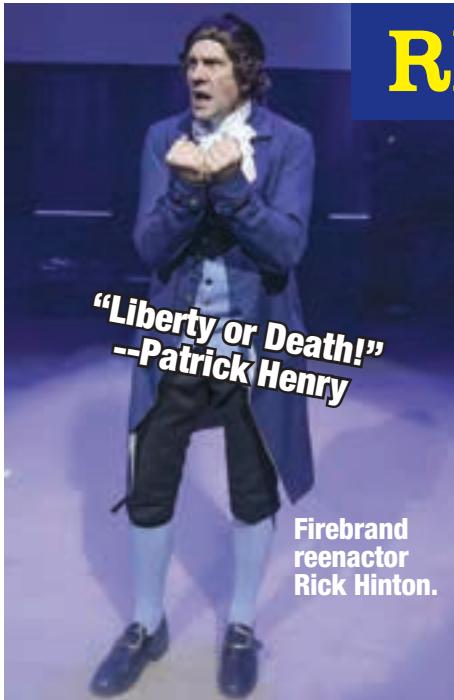
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thankful and energized with a renewed hope—almost all at once! Here goes: www.freedomfocus.us When you get to the website, scroll down for the video.

LIVE ON STAGE!

That video should give you a glimpse of **The Freedom Journey Show**—a live stage production that roars into towns across America like a modern day Paul Revere! We'd like to hereby shout out (like Mr. Revere) that **The Freedom Journey Show** kicks off its Branson visitation during **Veterans Homecoming**, and continues its Branson visitation on the dates spelled out in the ticket below!

This is all taking place in the elegantly refurbished **Freedom Encounter Theater**, (formerly the iconic **Tony Orlando Yellow Ribbon Theatre!**) And here's our **warning**: these performances are enough to be life changing. While entertaining us, they also help us re-discover who we are as a people. The result, for most, is an emotional experience that lingers long in both heart and mind.

Briefly described, the show is a combination of live music, story-telling, laughs, celebrities and multi-media. But folks, that's not all! Appearing live, on stage and in person—are thrilling performances by legendary patriots **Patrick Henry** and an occasional surprise guest; (**Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, a young Pilgrim girl**)—to



Continental soldiers stoke the fires of freedom!

name a few) Included among this stellar showcard is the incredible piano artistry of **Benjamin Morren** (renown as a child prodigy), singer and versatile musician **Joe Xiques** from Miami Florida, and exceptional vocalist, documentary producer plus former US Representative **Carver Bowers!** And there are plenty of other surprises! In this developing new attraction, already there are refreshments, an amazing gift shop, and a stunning gallery of original art!

THE REVOLUTIONARIES!

This troupe of revolutionaries are not the

fist-shaking flag-wavers we might expect of patriot firebrands. Quite the contrary, they serve up this great awakening with not only an entertaining combo of music, laughs, and theatrics—but with a combo of kindness, inspiration and knowledge that is both deep and profound. Which is why among the music and laughs, we can expect some tears. Even yours.

The cast consists of a band of patriot rebels led by former pastor **Darren Myers** and his wife **Tammy**. But these rebels aren't your in-your-face, finger-pointer types. Much to the contrary—they inspire.

SERIOUS AMERICAN STUFF!

Says Darren, "We know America is under attack. Not just politically, but morally. Philosophically. Our families are breaking apart. Our values are crumbling. Our young people are confused and empty. We seem to be losing our identity, as we drift further and further into a sea of **socialism**. Opposing world views are competing to undermine America, to misrepresent it and destroy it. The only way to fight back, is with the truth."

THE ROAD SHOW! The show tours America as **Freedom Encounter**, a much sought-after performance that appears in venues as various as patriotic and public events, public schools, colleges, shopping malls, churches, Club meetings—and the list goes on. For **BOOKING INFO OR DONATIONS**: Call (573)-308-7592 OR (417)-544-0372, or connect online at FreedomJourneyShow.com.

Sometimes, there are just no words. Before you read any further, see if you can pull out that smart phone of yours and take 2 minutes and 39 seconds of your valuable time to watch a short video that we predict, could very well inspire your Great American heart to the point of tears. Be prepared. Within seconds, you may find yourself awakened, challenged, moved,



THE NEW ATTRACTION!

Plans are rapidly developing for transforming Branson's Freedom Encounter Complex into a Disney/like museum attraction in Branson that will take visitors on an immersive, multi-dimensional journey of "We the People" of The United States of America—our foundational beliefs, our values, and our history. The Museum's theme: **TYRANNY, FAITH & FREEDOM**. FOR MORE INFO OR DONATIONS: Call (573)-308-7592 OR go to FreedomEncounter.com.



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A LEGEND PERFORMED BY A LEGEND!

KENNY ROGERS (A.K.A.) RICK MCEWEN

Wait—not only does he *look* like the legendary superstar, (as any eye can plainly see from the pictures here)—this guy actually sounds exactly like *The Kenny Rogers*—and without even *trying*!

How does this happen—that he’s got the same voice, same face and even the same outfit as Kenny Rogers! (Well, the outfit is a no-brainer—but *still!*)

Folks, even *that’s* not all! Here’s the cherry on top—even though he’s a clone of Kenny Rogers in every song—he goes back to being just who he is *between* those songs. And who he is, (as if longtime Branson visitors didn’t know) is legendary Branson entertainer **Rick McEwen**, an entertaining guy, fun to have fun with and full of fun stories, jokes and even conversations with us audience types! Attending his show pretty much feels like hanging out with a famous entertainer in our own living room! Which be true, for besides Kenny, Rick McEwen has got some fame of his own! Not only has he played with many if not most of the big names in Branson—his showbiz career has led him **around the world playing and hanging out with the biggest names in the music world—once being the late, great Kenny Rogers himself!**

Although a musician, vocalist, recording artist and all-around entertainer for decades, Rick decided a few years back that it was about time to have his own show. So he did, resulting in an instant fan base that took off like a rocket!

ABOUT RICK’S SHOW: IT’S SHOCKING!

In a nutshell, it’s this: if you love Kenny Rogers music you’ll love this show. Says Rick, “After the show people constantly come up to me saying they came just expecting a guy to do Kenny Rogers songs, which they of course love. What ends up shocking them is how much my voice sounds like Kenny Rogers, along with of course the beard and everything.”

And the suit, we might add.

Shocking indeed, especially since Rick’s voice and guitar work which recreates one of the music world’s major forces for the last 50 years is absolutely spot-on—pretty much at the level of a Kenny Rogers clone!



Kenny Rogers—er, no, make that legendary entertainer Rick McEwen. Honestly, the resemblance of those two is just so confusing!

But the funny stories and the fun times—well, that takes things to another level which is kinda off the charts, so to speak!

THE MUSIC

Again, off the charts! Seriously. Kenny Rogers music has outsold almost everyone in the entire music industry over the past 50-some years. From his days with **The New Christy Minstrels** and his rock days as **Kenny Rogers and The First Edition**, (*Just Dropped in (To See What Condition My Condition Was In*), to his crossover country days of **Ruby, Don’t Take Your Love to Town**, **The Gambler**, **Islands in the Stream with Dolly Parton** and so many more—this rock, country, TV and movie phenomenon won just about every award out there, has become the musical soundtrack for generations—and even spent

Rick as Rick, (not Kenny), seen here with his lovely wife Manya.



1992-1995 entertaining us Branson fans at the **historic Grand Palace!**

To refresh the memory cells, read some of our highlights about Kenny below. And of course read about Rick. Then come to the show. Right now.

KENNY ROGERS

1936-2020. 65 albums. 165 million records. One of the top selling music artists of all time. Most successful crossover artist in history. (jazz, folk, pop, rock, country).

Awards: Too many to list, however we should mention his induction in *The Country Music Hall of Fame!*

Movie Soundtracks: *Convoy, Urban Cowboy, The Big Lebowski, Partners in Song;*

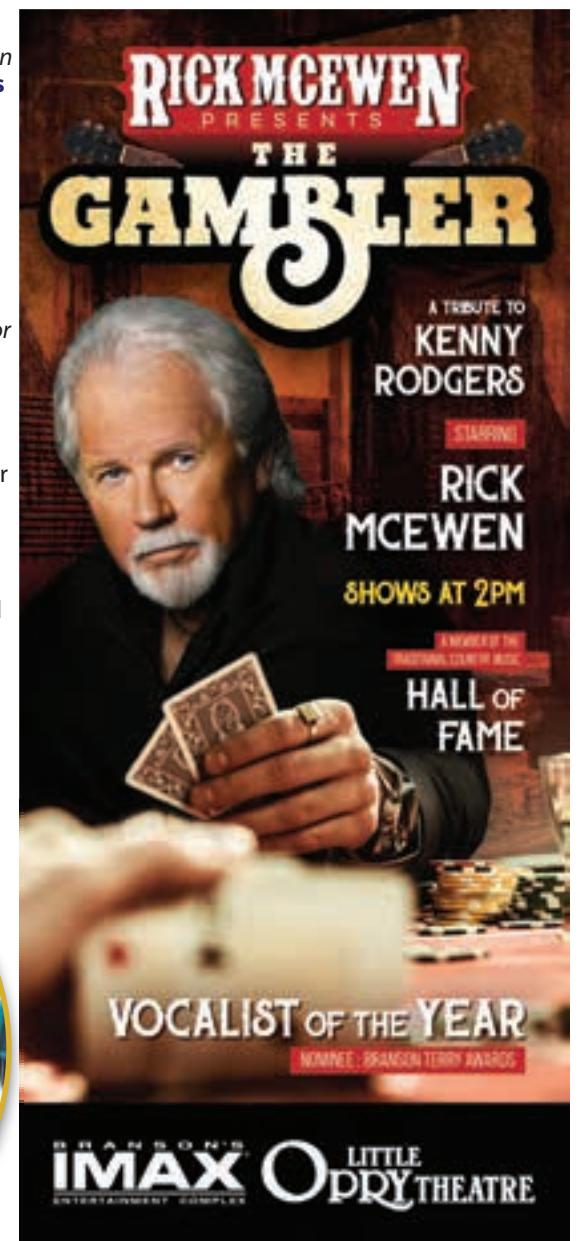
Dolly Parton, Dottie West, Lionel Richie, Sheena Easton, Kim Carnes many more. **Examples of his Endless Hits:** *Ruben James, Something’s Burning, Lucille, Lady.*

Love Lifted Me, Coward of the Country, Buy Me a Rose **TV:** *The Gambler Series, Host of Real West, A&E, History Channel* **Book:** *Love, or Something Like it: A Memoir.*

RICK MCEWEN

Rick’s showbiz resume and his list of awards is a mile long! A member of the **Traditional Country Music Hall of Fame**, he has starred in dozens of productions during his years in Branson! Prior to Branson, the Mississippi native and Nashville recording artist toured for years with several genuine music legends—**The Blackwoods Singers**, banjo superstar **Earl Scruggs**, then for over nine years with bluegrass icons **The**

Dillard’s, whose fame as *The Darlings on the iconic Andy Griffith Show* created a fan base resulting in tours throughout North America and Europe! Rick has called Branson home for the past several years where he has graced many a Branson stage while enjoying the Branson life with his lovely wife Manya. One of Rick’s favorite tales is of working with **Disney** to record the soundtrack of the famous **It’s a Small World** ride for **Euro Disney in Paris, France**. Hearing that story, along with the rest of Rick’s storied life, inspired a classic response: “what a ride.”





THE BOSS WITH THE SAUCE!

Just so you know—at the **Branson's Famous Baldknobbers Theater**, not *all* the entertainment comes from those shows on stage—you know, The Branson's Famous Baldknobbers Show, The Baldknobbers Vintage Show, The Doug Gabriel Show and Reza: Edge of Illusion). For yet *another* boost of fun, you absolutely need to stop by that gift shop on the Ladies Room side of that newly remodeled Baldknobbers lobby. It's here that you'll find more snacks and

drinks—yet trust us, get ready for a whole lot more!

What you'll discover is an awesome souvenir shop full of exotic items you're sure to never find back home, (stuff flying off the shelves so fast we hope they're not empty when you arrive!) We'll describe all that here a tad further, but first and foremost we need to highlight how fun your visit is sure to be. The friendly boss of this shop not only welcomes arrivals with sunny smiles and friendly banter, she's nothing less than an instant friend that loves meeting us, visiting with us and even welcomes any invitation to *pray* for us! (*Yup, you heard right!*)

RANDY'S GIFT So don't fail to meet **Kristy McConnell**, whose husband **Randy McConnell** was Branson's legendary bass guitarist for The Baldknobbers and so many other Branson shows. As us Branson insiders know, we lost Randy in 2019, yet those of us who know Randy's Lord and Savior Jesus Christ are comforted knowing Randy is truly in the ultimate "better place." Before leaving, however, Randy left something not only for his family, but for the rest of us—and Kristy's eyes are sure to light up the minute you ask her to talk about it!

THE DARE It all started on a dare when Kristy constantly refused barbecue sauce on her food. The California girl couldn't stand it, typically choosing ranch dressing for her taste booster. Then one day Randy dared her. "I'm



Kristy points out her favorite Turkish/Swedish lamp before it too flies off the shelf!

Editor's Note: If you can't make it to the Baldknobbers Theater, you can order Branson's Famous BBQ Sauce online:  BRANSON'S FAMOUS BBQ or just CALL: 417-598-3839

going to create a barbecue sauce," Randy announced. "And I dare you to try it and *not* like it. If you don't like it—well, we'll think of something to make me pay."

Kristy took the dare—and the rest is history. It was of course love at first taste. Yet that was just the beginning of Randy's gift, for today Randy's original **Branson's Famous BBQ Sauce** is flying off the shelves, creating an Internet fan base, (demand growing for buckets rather than bottles) and retail chains competing to bring it to *their* shelves! Truly, it's a surprise blessing that Randy left for his family.

The sauce's fan base is literally exploding. "Everybody loves it," Kristy tells us. "They put pictures online and show off how they use it. They put it on meat, eggs, chicken, nachos—almost anything. It's packed with flavor, but not thick and

of course doesn't leave that awful chemical after-taste in your mouth that I always hated! It's what barbecue sauce *should* taste like, which is kind of a slogan I think we'll use." (*Kristy claims our Branson Insider reporter came up with that slogan, but he has no memory of it, so who knows?—Editor*)

AND YET THERE'S MORE! Kristy has some truly

spectacular light-up balloons which she calls "BOBOS". These ones can last pretty much forever—their batteries also defying age. They come packaged for travel and can be artfully decorated by Kristy with Happy Birthdays or Happy "whatever message we want!"

And there's those exciting Turkish lamps which get sent to Sweden to be wired for outlets in our "good ol' USA!"—another shelf flyer-offer!

Then there's the candies and drinks, scrubs, show videos and tapes, t-shirts, one-of-a-kind aprons—and to quote Kristy—that "OMGOSH *amazing* popcorn!"

To all this, our editorial position is that Randy is Up There smiling.



SURPRISE!
Randy and Kristy's daughter Irielle dropped into the shop (and story, maybe for a photo op) to say "hi". She stays pretty busy, serving as theater usher, sometimes working the light board, concessions or whatever is needed. Meanwhile she's studying college courses online, and will soon attend Evangel College in Springfield to study music (*of course!*)



Kristy, the sauce, and those "BOBOS".



Randy McConnell
1961-2021

NOW

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!



Our Entertainer: Ric Steel, brilliant performer, fun guy.

approaching him with a similar demand—*"You should be performing in Branson!"* All that, before finally landing in Branson and meeting the lady that fast won his heart. But that's just for starters. (More about Rick in "the rest of the story".)

Now let's meet the show's dancing star—**Elena Serykh**, who we really have to say is not only an authentic global sensation—but for the past several years a real Branson legend!

Elena was born in Poland and raised in the former Soviet Union during years when her survival depended on little more than bread with honey, milk and tea! As Rick tells us, "Elena is a living example of how a person can turn tragedy into victory." Elena's

dance training began as a child, schooled in the nearly lost art and discipline of **adagio** and **classical ballet**. That soon led to being trained by the masters of **Moscow's legendary Bolshoi**. After years performing in Branson she founded Branson's **New Premiere Dance Academy**, which trains nearly every dance style, constantly wins awards in the dance world and whose graduates appear on many Branson stages and throughout the world of show business! (See "About Elena" below.)

Tragedy—and then... Yes, there's been some tragedy in the lives of these stars. Sadly, the life of Ric's loving wife came to an end all too soon. Elena suffered the same loss, when her loving husband and dance partner died suddenly. Both endured what seemed to be an endless season of grief, until one day it all began to change when they met each other. And the rest is history. They still keep photos of their first loves prominently displayed at home, yet the love of these two who we see on stage

Bolshoi-trained Elena Serykh!

performing together is a living example of wonderful new beginnings.

The Rest of the Story As a teen, Ric's music—dedicated to anti drug and anti violence work (that he likes to call "rock and roll for the soul")—saw over a quarter million lives changed. His storied music career took him throughout the world, yet not without setbacks; a house fire, some near death experiences and health issues, to name a few. Rick's bout with **diabetes** ultimately resulted in a dramatic victory, all documented in a short book free to all at TheDiabetesBook@Gmail.com **Inventor:** Ric holds several patents for his inventions. Some he is especially passionate about are a **Dissolving Fish Hook** and a **software** that stops texting and driving "in its tracks", plus provides automated calls

together during the day, and both have many stories of God's miraculous answers..

About Elena: Elena's dance career resulted in numerous awards and honors in the Soviet Union, the Russian Federation, and even from President George W. Bush! She also performed many times for the President of Russia and for functions at The Kremlin. Her local dance academy has a vast showcase of her American Dance awards, and is famous not only for teaching all forms of dance, but for being guided by Elena's kindness and patience in turning her students of all ages into accomplished (and even professional) dancers.

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A live band of razor-sharp musicians fill the stage, kicking off a fast-paced, non-stop fun fest of music that all ages of us know almost by heart, (even kids!) Front and center is a guy with a guitar who somehow immediately gets us audience types in the palm of his hands, (while winning all hearts to boot!) We're clapping and singing along before we even know it! And that's before we are treated to a performance of adagio dance and ballet that is absolutely breathtaking! No wonder this show just about always gets standing ovations! These performers absolutely *own* us!

What we are experiencing is a world renown entertainer and a Russian ballet star who is already a Branson legend: **Ric Steel** and **Elena Serykh!**

About Ric Steel: Born in Jackson, Mississippi, Ric grew up in a family of traveling entertainers and preachers and first hit the stage performing not long after he could walk and talk. From there, he went on to Opera, Contemporary Christian Music—then to Nashville and Country, where he charted two songs, became a Grammy nominee, wrote and published scores of songs for others, continued music and business pursuits, then spent many a happy year headlining shows on cruise ships throughout the world. But after performances fans kept

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for help to family and emergency services when needed. He's also got a patent pending for **corn flakes** that are coated with no fat dry milk and honey, which all come alive by just adding water. Says Rick, "The potential for its use in a humanitarian crisis is incredible. But it's not about the money. These are humanitarian problems which can have solutions."

Besides entertaining in Branson, Rick enjoys singing and sharing his story at meetings, churches and events. Devout Christians, both he and Elena often pray



BRILLIANT CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The awesome twosome!

GOODBYE OZARK MOUNTAIN CRAFT MALL: HELLO BRANSON T-SHIRT CO.!

Wait—before you panic—here's the news: Many of your favorite vendors from the **Ozark Mountain Craft Mall** have NOT, repeat NOT ridden off into the sunset, as their former location might visibly, yet wrongfully suggest! Quite to the contrary, many of those popular vendors have followed their friendly craft mall owners and operators (Mark & Jennifer Grant plus their family, friends and puppies) to the **BRANSON T-SHIRT CO.**, their quaint and classy new Victorian-style shopping attraction just a short ways up The Branson Strip and just 2 doors East of the Andy Williams Moon River Theater! If you can't find it with the help of those directions and the picture we're giving you here...well, then, you might just have to be suffering from some sort of that vacation derangement syndrome or something! But no worries. Finding it should be Easy-Breezy!



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*Confidence
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Jenn will be happy to tell you all about it! And also about that Grandbaby of hers who we see here! (LOL!)

butters, house décor, ukuleles, knives, swords, kids toys, collectables, cold sodas—(yeah, cool refreshments even!) And way too much more to try to list here. But those should be some clues.

Warning: Don't miss exploring the upstairs! Up there it's more cool stuff galore! (Honestly, some folks get their eyes so glued on the downstairs, they leave not even knowing *whassup!*)

"Whassup" is this: vacation shopping fun at THE BRANSON T-SHIRT CO!



**AWESOME
APPAREL**

**GUY
STUFF**

THE INSIDE SCOOP

Now let's give you a few Branson Insider hints of what you'll find on the *inside*. Some of it you'll surely recognize—yet boatloads of it are vast collections of apparel, guy stuff, specialty items, souvenirs, amazing things you just won't ever find back home, and plenty of other things designed for folks having fun on vacation!

Let's make some lists. Here we've got both a downstairs and an upstairs where we get to shop custom T-shirts (with zillions of designs to add on site), clothing, (ladies, children's, guys), swimwear, candles, homemade BBQ sauces, jams and



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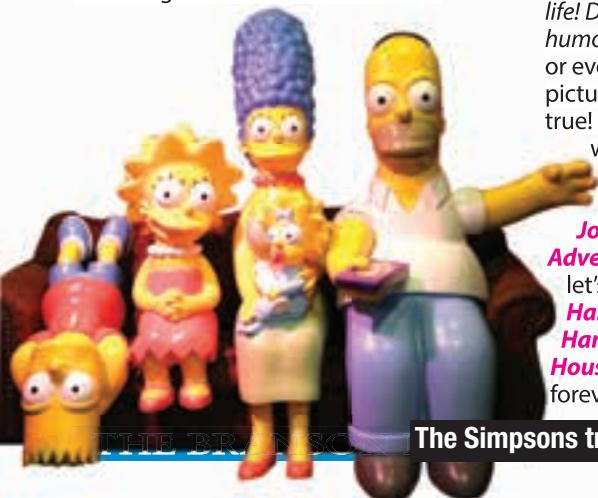
Take a trip back to the **1980s!**
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THE INSIDE SCOOP!

Want some fun for all ages? Well, here you go—that totally awesome **Retro Mania** at the hub of The Branson Strip! The outside looks interesting, so let's get you the Inside scoop! ('Tis what we do.)

Right away, our eyes behold a whole new world. Yet many of us are not exactly strangers in a strange land. Many of us have been to this world at other points in time and space—but today, here we are—**back in the 1980s!**

What is unveiled before our eyes is what creative geniuses have been built—



The Simpsons try out their new hand-held remote!

fantabulous entertainment—awesome stuff to do, (totally), righteously rad stuff to see, bodacious stuff to eat, and stellar 80s stuff to shop through! But people, even *that ain't* all! The attraction's new *bad-to-the-bone* eatery, (**New Wave Café**) will be featuring not only karaoke fun, but **incredible live bands** playing nothing but classic 80s jams! *Woah, dude! That is so fly!*

STUFF TO SEE

Hollywood memorabilia—(like **Mel Gibson's** actual motorcycle from **Lethal Weapon 3**, or that car out front from **RoboCop 2**), boatloads of signed *boss* movie posters and *rad* record albums (**Madonna, Cyndi Lauper, Michael Jackson**—and ka-gillions more—corridors of movie scenes, movie characters and iconic pop stars that, interestingly, are the *exact same size* as the celebs in *real life!* *Dude, we thought those stars were so humongous, but woah, they're like regular, or even smaller, like us!* Trust us, get a picture of you beside some! It's *wicked true!* As for 80s memory triggers, should we name names? Okay. **Top Gun, Flash Dance, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Batman, Star Wars, Indiana Jones, Terminator, Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure, Footloose, Beetlejuice**,—oh, let's go on to music—**Bon Jovi, Van Halen, Blondie, ACDC, U2, Prince, MC Hammer, Bruce Springsteen, Whitney Houston**, oh *duh*, this list could go on forever! Just come see it all!

STUFF TO DO

SLASHER'S HAUNTED HOUSE

(Gulp), not gonna lie, it's creepy in there! No, nobody's gonna grab you or anything, but walking into scenes from **Friday the 13th**, or **Michael Meyers Halloween**, or seeing those scenes from **Chuckie**—well, y'all have fun in there! It's fun walking into Hollywood movie scenes, as long as you can walk out at any time! We promise, hand on the Bible—you *can*, unless you prefer to just enjoy the creepy stuff as long as you want!

RETRO ROCKER MINI GOLF Play amongst your favorite 80s rock stars, while your ears enjoy a never-ending soundtrack of 80s classics. We've said it before—seeing these characters in almost real life standing before you at their exact height, makes them feel—well, almost like real people. Like the rest of us!



Karaoke fun at the New Wave Café!

TWO ESCAPE GAMES Fun stuff, but not to panic—technically you can escape at any time, but as all non-scaredy cats know, it's more fun to just try and figure it out!

Escape to the future is based on, yeah, you guessed it—that 80s movie franchise **Back to the Future!** The other escape game, **ALIEN ENCOUNTER** is based on, yeah, you guessed it again—**Alien!** **GREMLIN'S MOVIE THEATRE** Grab a bag of popcorn and enjoy an 80s classic—no extra charge. You can even leave and come back to catch a later show—FREE! **FREE PLAY ARCADE** 80s Arcades, no coins needed! Which is AWESOME!

New Wave Café! 80s memorabilia everywhere! Killer cuisine! Trust us, you'll want to take a picture of your serving! 80s faves for every taste. (Alcohol also available) And we're saving the best for last, for **karaoke** is on tap, and **live bands playing nothing but 80s hits** appear all season!

GIFT SHOP! Nostalgic fashions, toys, games, fun stuff—it's all here, parachuted in from the 80s! *Good Times!* ♦

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Oh, and one more thing—expect new wildlife. *Much* new wildlife!

HANDS ON

Feed sharks. Real sharks. Get eyeball to eyeball with howling wolves, mountain lions, living dinosaurs—all returning stares mere inches away! Hold a boa. Pet dingos. Enter an undersea world and try a round of mini-golf, while sea creatures swim among you. Or just watch you.

ANOTHER WORLD!

As you will quickly discover during your website investigation, Branson's Wild World is no typical zoo and aquarium attraction. Here, wild animals are not hiding under rocks or snoozing in the dark shadows of some faraway corner. Instead, they inhabit beautifully crafted habitat that keeps them comfortable, active and happy while you visit their spaces—up close. Very up close.

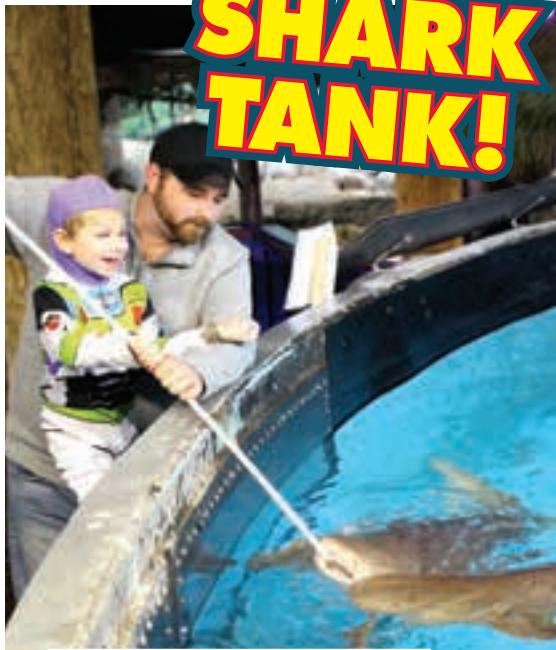
NEW STUFF!

The Abyss: The Search for The Lost City of Atlantis! More crazy-looking sea creatures, like that 20' giant eel, or those 16' manta rays, or that "gulp" monster croc! Lots of new wild and crazy wildlife. Lots of new giant animatronics. Sort of a Disney gone wild. (Our words, not theirs.)



YeeeeEEESH!

SHARK TANK!

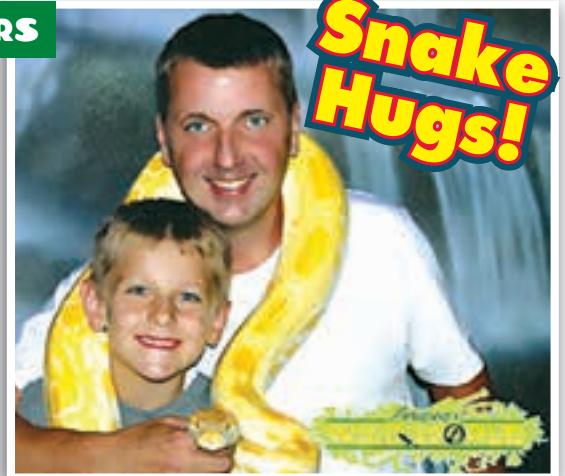


Mini-golf the Wild Abyss under the sea, as real creatures swim among you, (real and unreal)—or just watch.



WORLD CHANGERS

All winter long Branson's Wild World transformed the environment of this amazing attraction into an all-encompassing, immersive experience. As far as the scenery and theatrical effects, you might at first feel like you've entered a Disney creation. That notion soon evaporates, as the sights, sounds, and atmospheres transport you beyond the realm of fantasy and imagination and into the very worlds where those wild things dwell — a world you can feel, and even touch.



Snake Hugs!

CREATING ATTRACTIONS WORLDWIDE

The designer, owner and operator of Branson's Wild World is known throughout our wild world as a leading expert in the design of tourist attractions. After creating over 300 different attractions in over thirty countries, 47 year-old St. Louis native **James Kelly and his wife Lisa** have decided to call Branson home and make Branson's Wild World their labor of love.

A creative visionary much like **Disney**, James seems to be constantly adding new animals and new attractions to Branson's Wild World. As we studiously observed, he seems very "hands on" and "24-7". We couldn't resist asking him—what's the motivation? More visitors? More money? More fame?



GLOBETROTTERS!

World renown attractions designer James Kelly & his wife Lisa.

More *anything*?

To that, James shook his head "no."

"I do it 'cause it's fun."

And there you have it: the very reason why this place is so fun! ♦

NEW!

Have some hands-on fun with our rare and exotic Lemours! **Lemurs** (from Latin *lemures* – ghosts or spirits) are mammals native only to the island of Madagascar. They chiefly live in trees and are active at night.

Until shortly after humans arrived on the island around 2,000 years ago, there were lemurs as large as a male gorilla.

Modern studies of lemurs did not begin in earnest until the 1950s and 1960s. Initially hindered by political issues on Madagascar during the mid-1970s, field studies resumed in the 1980s.

Many lemur species have already gone extinct in the last 2000 years due to human activity. Because of these threats and their declining numbers, environmentalist groups consider lemurs to be the world's most endangered mammals, noting that as of 2013 up to 90% of all lemur species confront the threat of extinction in the wild within the next 20 to 25 years. Many efforts try to preserve lemur habitats as well as promote public awareness and appreciation for lemurs.

LEMUR LOVE!



IT'S GOTTEN WAY WILDER AT BRANSON'S WILD WORLD!

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Yes, all of us can get as close to lions and tigers as caretaker Efrain Malagon, who is seen here offering free head massages to two takers—yet alas, a see-through protective shield now keeps the rest of us from offering that service. But we still get to cozy up.

Shocking news: Just now, for no extra charge, we can step into a lovely new outdoor safari at **Branson's Wild World**,—and get face to face and eyeball to eyeball with some lovable lions, tigers, wolves, cougars, jackals, dingoes, arctic foxes and more! **Goosebump alert:** These animals are adorable—until it suddenly dawns on one's self that folks like us, to them, could look kinda delicious!

Welcome to **Wild Valley**—the outdoor world of the indoor **Branson's Wild World!**

Follow us as we step outside of Branson's Wild World and enter a wild valley where we can get inches away from some magnificent beasts. By the time we read this, however, a beast-resistant see-thru super shield will keep our flesh from their paws, claws and jaws. So now we can safely charm them with sweet talk and stare admiringly into their deep, alluring eyes. And watch them stare back. Lock eyes. Lick teeth. Roar. (*Gulp.*)

This place was already one of the price friendliest animal attractions out there. So—with all these exciting new add-ons—are we ready to take a walk on the outdoor *wild side*?

Oh yeah! ♦

A young adventurer poses for his Mom, (plus our paparazzi) while on safari at Branson's Wild World. (Note the curious passenger in the back of the SUV. Yikes.) But fear not, visitors can safely pose for this "money shot" with their ferocious hitchhikers thanks to a sturdy glass barrier. *Whew!*

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If you haven't been there lately, then you haven't been there. Giant new add-ons to this mega attraction have been rolling out over the last few months faster than a 1925 Lionel freight train!

Let's get one thing straight—yes it truly is the **World's Largest Toy Museum**, (over 1 million toys), but don't get stuck on that word "museum". This isn't just some relic show. For most folks, a trip here turns into one of the funnest experiences ever—whether the folks be Moms and Dads with the kids in tow, the grandfolks—or even (no kidding) newlyweds! Yes, you heard right—*newlyweds!* Seems toys spark memories that the newbies begin to vocalize—pretty much a giant leap in their new life of getting to know each other!

Fun Stuff Galore!

The minute you step inside this monster attraction comprised of six different inside pavilions, you'll feel more like you've walked into a lively theme park than some still-life-of-a museum!



The family of Doug and Andrea Fritz from Lakeland, Florida gazes excitedly at the attraction's 37 foot long HO gauge train complex. Four year-old Julia looks particularly fascinated, while little one-year-old Olivia appears borderline mesmerized! The exciting "show" includes switchyards running three main lines, freight loading, tunnels through mountains and valleys, and of course the sounds of those chugging locomotives and those "lonesome" whistles!

Among all the pleasant background noises of toys and games both mechanical and electronic, you are likely to hear shrieks

of delight, giggling kiddos—and the unmistakable soundtrack of voices telling the stories this place so magically inspires!

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Just Go!

Just so you know, this is not just old stuff from flea markets or garage sales. These are enormous collections gathered from all over. We'll explain that later. First, a little name-dropping here to help paint a picture of what you can expect to see—a giant Star Wars Collection, Star Trek, Marvel, Barbie, TV Westerns from the 1950s, GI-Joes wearing just about every uniform in history, the most spectacular model train set up ever, courtesy of The Roark Valley Modular Railroad Club, model circuses (created by The Circus Model Builders Association), sports memorabilia, Native American artifacts, bicycles, cap guns, car toys, (probably more than you'll see in your lifetime,) planes toys, pedal toys, models, farm toys, firemen toys, police toys, Care

The Inside Scoop

Let's take a look around. To orient ourselves in this huge toyland, know that there are six distinct areas located in three adjoined buildings on three levels, each with amazing gift shops that you're going to love. (A set of chattering teeth, anyone? How about some **Pez? Hot Wheels? Yo-yos? Tinker Toys? Retro Barbies? Lincoln Logs?** Some **magic tricks** the store hosts will be glad to demonstrate for you? Perhaps a set of **ball and jacks**, or a **Daisy BB gun?**

Says longtime museum host Ron Howard, (not the Opie guy), "We've got lots of nostalgia items you won't find anywhere else. Some don't have buttons or screens or batteries," he laughs,—"so kids today sometimes don't know what to do with them!"



RETRO FUN!



Neil and Karen Bruner of Little Rock, Arkansas help the kiddos discover the fascinating world of tinker toys and legos at one of the museum's interactive play areas. 8 year-old Gavin seems to be building upwards while 4 yr. old Gabby works on a new set of wheels.

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Bears, Trolls, Shirley Temple, metal toys, cast iron toys, Red Ryder, Stearnsy Bears—Disney, and then there's big stuff, like a real stagecoach, a real car used by Queen Elizabeth II—the toy collection from the household of legendary broadcaster Paul Harvey—oh, we give up! There's no way to describe this place! Just go!



Massive doll collections and doll houses spanning the centuries!



Four year-old Meera Musharaafieh from Houston, Texas plays with one of the attraction's many dollhouses.

BUY, SELL, TRADE?

Perhaps. This place is on the hot list of both TV's American Pickers and The Antiques Roadshow, so anything can happen. To be appraised by toy expert Tom Beck, toys must appear in person and be arranged for appraisal in advance. Offers to purchase any museum item will be considered.*

Mom teaches 8 year-old Amelie all about Raggedy Ann & Andy while 2-year-old Cecily kicks back in a Raggedy Ann EZ chair!



3 NOSTALGIA TOY SHOPS!



Aisles and aisles of classic toys and games!



Doll house collectibles! And everything else!



Decades of collectable Hot Wheels, Matchbox, Ertle, Tonka and much, much more! (Cars, trucks, airplanes, trains, fire engines, police cars, tractors, antique vehicles—oh, where do we stop? Y'all just come see for yourselves!

Here's a shopper's golden opportunity to show the youngsters how fun toys used to be back before all the modern techno gadgets began hypnotizing their attention spans! It's a one stop shoppers dream for retro toys galore! Peruse 3 different gift shops in the biggest Toyland this side of the North Pole! PLUS: browse some fun apparel and gift items even Mom and Dad will enjoy! *

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Now let's meet your golf pro host, who folks, is a legitimate golf pro for real! Want some mini golf tips? Ask this guy—**Eric Feige**. Eric is a competitive golfer on the **US Mini Golf Circuit**, who last year competed in 32 events throughout the country and is a **2 time Major Champion** in the **Show Me Putter's Tour**. He's also a fun guy, always glad to show either you or the kiddoes some of those mini-golf tips that will give you the edge!

So yeah, don't even think you've fulfilled your mini-golf dreams 'til you've spent part of your dream vacation here! (See coupon below) ♦

Your tropically attired golf pro host.



Kiddos lounge in a giant Coral Reef beach chair. All the way from Las Vegas are the Yamaguchi twins (plus 1!) (left to right) Kaylah, 10, Chase, 7 and Jaylah, 10!



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As plainly seen here, Mrs. Brenda's paparazzi caught some Wild West varmints acting up at the local saloon!

We gladly recommend this cool place for three good reasons: One. Those high-pressure sales tactics to get you to spend big bucks on pictures of yourself are not allowed here. Two. This high class photo studios have amazing costumes and sets that will make

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Brian shows us his star attraction.

To see for yourself, go directly to **Made in the USA General Store**, inside **The Shoppes at Branson Meadows**! Upon arriving you will no doubt be amazed as you discover here a full buffet of incredible merchandise! And here's an added treat: if you drop everything and head there right now, bargains will await you, as well as a vast treasure trove of awesome items you'd be lucky to find back home! ♦

★ MUSIC TO A HOMEMAKER'S EARS! ★

One item in particular is a genuine **star attraction** in this shopper's dream! It's also been selling like hotcakes ever since our Branson visitors first got wind of it! So far, over **25,000** of these have been sold here!—probably because nobody has reported seeing them anywhere else! We're talking about a colorful collection of cotton dish cloths and dish towels which **NEVER** sour, mildew or stink—attributes which, going by the expressions seen on many faces, are music to a homemaker's ears! Most want at least two, or three, or a handful!

Need a gift idea? *Voila!*

★ A SHOCKER FOR VETERANS & PATRIOTS ★

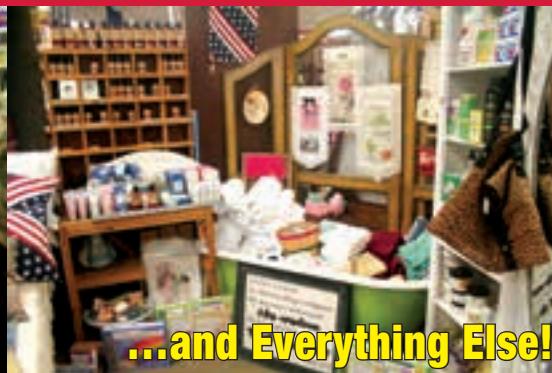
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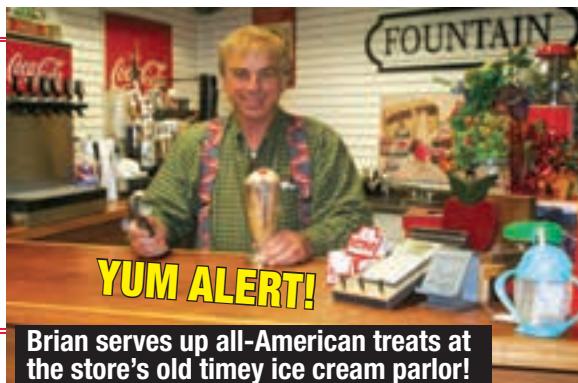
...and Everything Else!

★ THE MERCHANDISE ★

Folks like you will also enjoy perusing the Men's, Women's & Children's clothing, the kitchen department's high-grade cast iron cookware, the bed and bath area, the home décor, the Christian themed area, the vast toy department, the tools, the old timey candies, spices, gourmet food, gifts, jams, jellies... the old time ice-cream parlor & soda shop and—wow, where do we stop?

★ MAN ON A MISSION ★

Made in the USA's owner Brian Karn aims to do his part to bring back American manufacturing and create new jobs in our good ol' USA! To that idea, we throw in a hearty "Amen!"

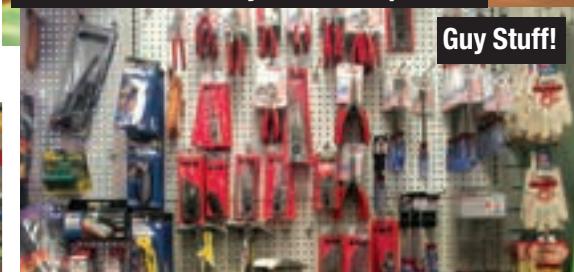


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