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# **GOOD NEWS**

We all know you came here to have yerself a time, but we know too that you got one eye on the calendar and the other on the pocket watch—dreadin' that cold-hearted doomsday when you gotta take a deep breath, pack up the bags, round up the wife and youngins, load up the wagon and head back to that sad and sorry place called Real World! Back to the house, where the grass needs mowed, the animals fed, the piled up bills cryin' out for more cookie jar money! Then it's off to that treadmill called work!

Sorry to have to be reminding you good folks of all that, but it's just to set us up for a blast of some Good News to send us high flyin' over all the bad, which nowadays feels like the world comin' to the end—money goin' crazy, the country gone crazy, the news gone crazy and pretty much ever'body all over this ol' world goin' down the pipes!

Now, I don't have to teach you all what's the last resort for some "feel good" news. Bad news is bad enough (or you might say "good" enough) to even drive some of us ornery folks to Sunday church for some kind of a little pick-me-up. Maybe a feel-good song or two, or a feel-good sermon. But then comes them gnawing, fish-outta-water feelings when you get amongst all them happy, chirpy, churchy folks. That's when you know yer stickin' out like a sore thumb. You think.

Even when the music starts it comes plain as day by what you're feelin that you're either "in the club" so to speak, or some kinda outsider who don't belong amongst this bunch bein' as how you're pretty much a mess.

Now for some good news. Forget all that churchy religious stuff. God is real. Jesus is real. But a feller wonders—how can a body know all that Jesus stuff for a fact, bein' as how there's all them other religions out there? If a poor soul picks the wrong religion, does he go down the

hatch to the devil?

Well, wrong religions may kick folks around in this ol' world in a sorry way, but the Good News is that The Good Lord sees our hearts and He's a loving Father. The bad news is that He also sees the games we play with our heads and hearts. If we're ornery all day thinkin' He'll just forgive us when we tell Him we're sorry—well, He sees right through us. And for that, he tells us plain—we get took to the woodshed, so to speak. But if that flicker of evil don't get snuffed out, The Good Lord takes a step back and lets it grow into a roaring blaze the Bible warns us can burn forever!

Gettin' reminded of all that makes a feller wanna take a deep breath, turn over a new leaf, straighten up and fly right! At least try. But try as we will, us adults in the room know that ain't gonna happen! No matter how a body tries, one fine day there's a mess up. Maybe just a little one. Or a monster one. Either way, we're a mess and always will be. Til we repent and once again give our lives and our hearts to our Good Lord. When we ask for forgiveness, Jesus, whose blood paid the price for our sins, answers. He fills our hearts and changes us. We are His child. He loves us. When we believe His promises, prayers get answered. We live forever with Him. Sounds simple. Sounds impossible. But it's true. Millions around the world are proof. Millions all over history are proof.

The beauty of it all is that truth is a real thing. It's a person. (John 14:16) He created everything, including us in His image. We're not robots. We're like Him. We can choose to love Him and follow Him. Or not. It's a choice we gotta make with each other. But when we make it with Him, we live forever.

We won't never be perfect in this old world. But when we're forgiven, in His eyes, we are. Those of us who got youngins', or even grand youngins' understand that better than anybody.

Now just to prove I ain't made all this stuff up, go pick up that ol' Bible of yours and read Psalm 40.

Good News, ain't it? Amen!◆

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# **Show of Shows!**

f 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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# "Liberty or Death!" --Patrick Henry Firebrand reenactor Rick Hinton.

ometimes, 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, 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 for many seasons has roared into towns across America like a modern day Paul Revere! If you've seen the show during Branson's Veterans advised: you are about to witness a never-

# **REVOLUTIONARY PRODUCTIONS!**

before-seen production this Season 2023 at The Freedom Encounter Theatre! Briefly described, The Freedom Journey Show is a combination of live music, story-telling, laughs, and multi-media. But folks, that's

not all! Appearing live, on stage and in person—are thrilling performances by legendary patriots Patrick Henry, Benjamin Franklin, and more!

## **EXPERIENCE NUMBER 2**

Premiering this Season 2023 is yet another riveting production: this one being called The Freedom Journey **Experience!** This all takes place in an area soon to be visible while entering the grand, (and inspiring) theater lobby, where

all eyes will immediately see a new oneroom schoolhouse, the scene of a colonial church and a smaller theater. Here, a new show will include interactive experiences and living history performers in person. Scheduled to open June 1, this shorter production will be performed during the day and can even be scheduled for groups. (Both shows can be purchased in a discounted combo ticket).

## THE ATTRACTION

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 can be life changing! While entertaining us, they also help us rediscover who we are as a people. The result, for most, is an emotional experience that lingers long in both heart and mind. The Homecoming Week in seasons past, then be attraction's overall theme: TYRANNY, FAITH & FREEDOM.

And the surprises keep on comin'! Already there are **refreshments**, an amazing **gift shop**, and a stunning gallery of original art, including works by world renown patriot artist Jack Dawson!



**Continental soldiers stoke the fires of freedom!** 

## 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**, his wife Tammy and their son **Daniel**. But these rebels aren't your in-your-face, fingerpointer types. Much to the contrary—they

#### **SERIOUS AMERICAN STUFF!**

Says show creator 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.

## PERSONAL APPEARANCES!

The show's patriot rebels regularly appear at churches and at venues as various as patriotic and public events, public schools, colleges, club meetings and more. For BOOKING INFO OR DONATIONS: Call (573)-308-7592 OR go to FreedomEncounter.com





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# **MAGIC'S GLOBAL MAESTRO!** ILLUSIONIST STUNNING MAGIC. EXTREME **COMEDY. EXQUISITE DANCERS.** & BREATHTAKING MOMENTS **OF PURE INSPIRATION!**

Magicians all over the world know it, so we'll just go ahead and say it Chere—Illusionist Rick Thomas is an absolute master of performing that art and craft we like to call magic!

What is most obvious to all, is Rick's absolutely unique way of combining his mind-blowing illusions with his brilliant performance of dance. Adding to that is his absolutely delightful comedy, his knack for having fun with his audience—and

his amazing gift to take his audience on a sweeping journey of heartstirring, often breathtaking emotions—all which lead to a grand finale of pure inspiration!

After years of world travels and reigning as the top family show in the history of Las Vegas, Master Illusionist **Rick Thomas** premiered **Mansion of** 

**Dreams** at Branson's iconic Andy Williams Moon River Theater. Having labored on Mansion of Dreams for over twenty-five years, it's appropriate that Rick calls the production his "show of a lifetime".

Audience reactions? Pretty much what one Las Vegas critic wrote: "Wow. Wow! WOW!" And that goes for

PHOTO OPS!

DOG STARS!

OFFICE!

kids, Moms and Dads, Grandmas and Grandpas, fans of magic, and even **MEET RICK, CAST &** folks who, until this show, didn't BACKSTAGE DURING give a hoot about INTERMISSION! magic! It's that DETAILS AT BOX spectacular!

> This season, the "wows" have exploded into oohs, ahhs—and no

shortage of laughs! Mansion of Dreams is simply a masterpiece of entertainment, imagination—and pure joy!

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

# THE TOP FAMILY SHOW IN THE HISTORY OF VEGAS!

### 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. He makes us laugh. He's relaxed. He plays with our heads. He asks for willing volunteers. Every kid's hand goes up. They love this guy! The response is a kid chorus:"Me, me, pick me!!!"

Then it happens again—Rick the spectacular illusionist reappears, complete with mind-bending illusions, the music, the dancers, the theatrics. Once again, jaws drop,

reality blurs, sometimes becoming surreal, sometimes dreamlike, sometimes funny, sometimes eye-popping, astounding—and other times just absolutely beautiful.

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. ♦

Answer: Rick—until he makes his 140 lbs. Great Pyrenees celebrities become the *incredible shrinking dogs!* Trust us, the end result will "wow" the entire family!

## **About Rick Thomas**

Awarded Magician of the World! World Magic Award

Headlined in Las Vegas for 15 years! Tropicana, Bally's, Planet Hollywood, Mandalay Bay, Mirage, Bellagio, Orleans, SunCoast, Sahara, Stardust!

5 World Tours in over 50 countries! 5 Continents!

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Awarded Stage Magician of the Year! Entertainer of the Year!

#### As Seen on TV!

ABC,CBS,NBC, Discovery Channel, MTV,Animal Planet, Hallmark, History Channel and many more!

of 5, earning her the prestigious honor of being Senior Member of the National **Ballet and Tambuka Dance Company Her** dancing career took her to stages and cruise ships throughout the world.

#### **About Tara**

Rick's wife and leading lady! Lead **Dancer, Mansion of Dreams!** Raised in the country of Zimbabwe, Tara has been trained in ballet since the age



Tara, world renown star of dance—plus Mom to the magical couple's son Preston!

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very season, Branson's prestigious awards shows prove what we've been saying all along—the legendary, (and even historic) Branson's Famous Baldknobbers **Show** has been topping itself every season since away back vonder in 1959—but wait. that's not the part that makes history every year!

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 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

Award-winning singing stars: 3rd

**Generation Baldknobber Brandon** 

leading lady Megan!

Mabe and Brandon's lovely wife and

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 vesterday'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

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 2023 PRODUCTION**

Step inside the completely revamped and remodeled theater lobby. That should tell vou 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 sidesplitting comedy and more—the "more" being about the hottest musicians. Warning: Our last chance for some

vocalists and country comedy in this particular galaxy!

#### THE TAKE-**AWAY**

It's uneard 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, make history! +



**BIG LAUGHS WITH** 

**HILARIOUS HARGUS** 



# THE VINTAGE BALDKNOBBERS SHOW

OW! Original songs, Christmas music, comedy and even COSTUMES and SETS from vintage versions of Branson's first show—all the way from the 60s,70s thru the 90s! We're talkin' sequins. shoulder pads, fringe—the works! Plus of course, the

country classics and funny business that sparked the Branson explosion that turned our small Ozarks village into the Showtown we see today!

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 t 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 evolvedfor 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." +



# FIRST IMPRESSIONS

oco Chanel once said, "Dress shabbily and they remember the dress; dress impeccably and they notice the woman." I keep this quote at top of mind each year when I begin the costuming process, and I strive to achieve the level of "impeccable" that will lead our audience to see each cast member for who they are rather than what he or she is wearing.

Costumes are more than costumes. They are a reflection of personality and a vehicle for self-expression. Costumes are an extension of our tastes, our style, and the way in which we desire to be perceived. If the costume is wrong, the song is wrong. The lights are wrong. The band is wrong. The costume is the first impression. Before we sing a note or strum a chord, the costume has already set the tone. It is the one thing that remains constant for the entire length of a three minute song. It can't be corrected by perfect pitch, fancy guitar rides or flashing lights. It is out on stage to stay, and if it is wrong, there is not a shred of talent or production that can

The costume can be the difference between good and great. It is the difference between our talents being embraced by the audience or being overshadowed by the narrative our audience has already created from what some simplify as "just clothes". It only takes one piece of fabric and a few sequins Most entertainers and musicians will tell for our audience members to write our story, and I have the responsibility to make have found this to be true. The next time sure our costumes create the right one.

To many, picking out some sparkly dresses and band shirts seems like an easy task. In today's world, it is a challenge. I must try to find just the right thing that matches the feel and "look" of the song. I must keep in mind current trends and fashion directions. I have to make sure the ultimate costume chosen will match everything and everyone on stage. It needs to coordinate with the lighting. It needs be easily changed in quick-change situations. It needs to pop, sparkle, shimmer. It needs to do everything, while never at the risk of overshadowing the

song or upstaging the performer.

I must consider all of this while remaining true to the Baldknobber legacy of class and professionalism.

Did I mention the entertainer wearing the costume must like the costume, feel comfortable in the costume and fit the costume? As entertainers, we must feel confident in our appearance to perform well. When a singer or musician feels good in what he or she is wearing, it shows immediately. If that individual is uncomfortable or unhappy in a costume, it is glaringly obvious in his or her performance. A plastered smile cannot hide a bad dress any more than it can hide the dislike held for said dress by a performer.

Thankfully, I don't have to take on the task of costuming alone. I have the help of my extremely talented mother. She is my right-hand, sounding board, "hey, I've got an idea" savior. She is always there to help me plan, carry countless bags of clothes back and forth to the theater and to give the "yay or nay" when I most need it. Just as no gal should have to shop alone, no gal should have to costume alone. My mom is the only reason I ever reach the rhinestone finish line of costuming each season. She will never know what a hugely important role she plays in creating each Baldknobber show.

you that people hear with their eyes. I you find yourself at a show, remember someone behind the scenes works tirelessly to make sure that every note you

see sparkles with the sequins of excellence.

"What you wear is how you present yourself to the world, especially today, when human contacts are so quick. Fashion is instant language." -Miuccia Prada- \*\*



# **2023: A LEGENDARY SEASON OF SUPERSTARS!**



Legends in Concert's Stars of Summer: (L. to R.) Michael Jackson, Kenny Chesney, Lady Gaga, The Blues Brothers, and (of course) Elvis!

roduced 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 19

Backing up these superstar legends is a smokin' live band of all-star musicians and a 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!

# **MICHAEL JACKSON!**

Good News: Due to popular demand—he's ba-a-ck! Honestly, who among us can resist exploding into gasps of ooohhs! and ahhhhs! as once again we behold the Moon-walking King of Pop take a leisurely stroll forward to the beat of the music, only to defy the laws of physics by simultaneously sliding backward across our entire field of vision! Not to be missed is this riveting performance recreating the music and dance of one of the most amazing entertainers of our lifetimes! His music has never left us. When it comes to Billie Jean, Beat it, Black or White, Man in the Mirror, We are the World and so many more, even today, we can feel it.

#### ADELE!

Experience 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 two chart toppers, **Chasing Pavements** and Make You Feel My **Love** plus a **Grammy Award for Best New Artist!** But that was just the beginning!

released at the age of (vou guessed it—twentv-one) fast became the **best** selling album of the 21st century—31 million copies! That, plus topping Billboard's 200 for an historic 24 weeks—the **longest for** a female artist ever! 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**. Enough already. Just come experience some of the most popular music of the

Her next album (21),

21st century—live on stage!

# KEUUA CHEZUEA: —

Highlighting this epic showcard is that genuine article country superstar who gave us such memorable hits as *There Goes My* Life, You and Teequila, The Good Stuff, Don't Blink, When I See This Bar, When the Sun Goes Down", No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problem, You Had Me from Hello—and dang!—just too many more to list! (BTW, Kenny has recorded 20 albums, 14 which were certified gold!)

# LADY GAGA!

The world definitely went "gaga" when this lady's music, theatrics and outrageous costumes combined for concert events nothing less than legendary! And oh, by the way, this multi-media superstar is one of the best-selling music artists in history!

Add all that to her top tier music career of high profile albums and tours—even with legendary crooner **Tony Bennett!** Then there was that

unforgettable night at

The Academy Awards. where she collected a best actress nomination (A Star is Born) and shared the Academy's Best Original **Song Award** with her screen co-star **Bradley Cooper** for **Shallow!**—(a performance that made global headlines!)

## 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 Mon, Sweet Home Chicago, Rawhide and Gimmie Some Lovin'!

### 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! +



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# THE ULTIMATE 70's SHOW HITS BRANSON

Dig out your bellbottoms and put on your dancing shoes: The Ultimate 70's Show returned from Las Vegas to the King's Castle Theatre. 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 many more.

The Ultimate 70's Show is a show-topping psychedelic kaleidoscope of singing,



dancing and spectacular costumes that gets multitudes singing along and even dancing in the aisles! Get ready to get your groove on at the biggest 70's party ever!



"TheBiggest Rock Party in Branson" showcases the number one Hits from the most famous bands of the 20th century, including *Queen, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Bon Jovi, Led Zeppelin, Journey, Aerosmith*, and many more. Songs include, "Don't Stop Believing", "Another One Bites the Dust", "Dream On", "Jump", and "Hotel California" among others, in this exciting high-energy production that will have you dancing and singing along to the greatest Rock hits of all time in this magnificent Rock experience.

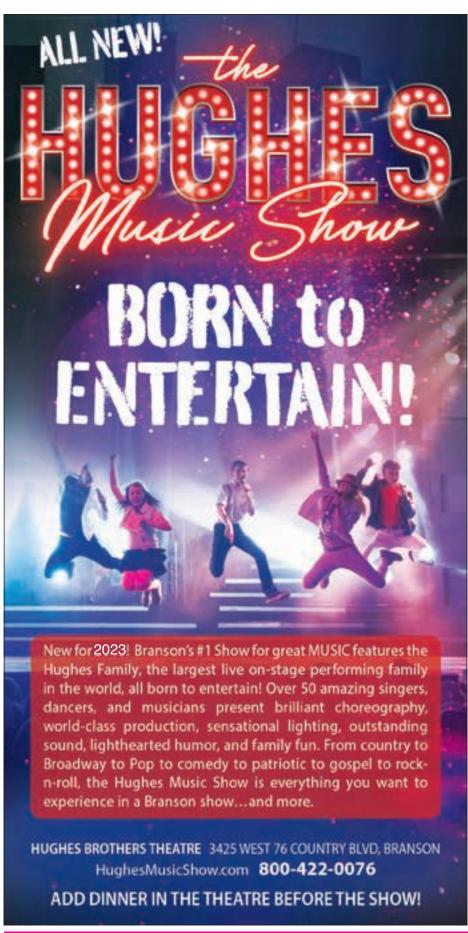


Celebrating its 9th blockbuster season in Branson! A Broadway hit and award-winning movie (Jersey Boys) introduced new generations to the group that stole the hearts of nearly all who came of age in the 1950s and '60s! Backed up by incredible production numbers, the legendary crooners bring us Sherry, Rag Doll, Big Girls Don't Cry, Can't Take My Eyes Off of You, Walk Like a Man and so much more

The sounds of Irish tenors singing harmony taps into a level of musical beauty that is dreamlike. It's no wonder this show has become one of the most popular in Branson --and we haven't even mentioned the Celtic Ladies yet! While The Tenors are dreamlike, we describe the voices of these Celtic Ladies as nothing less than heavenly! If you loved *Riverdance*, you will love this masterpiece of angelic voices and the breathtaking Irish Dance Stars from the awardwinning show *Spirit of the Dance*.









# 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!

an't help sayin' it—if you saw it last season—Surprise! This year's amazing production is a complete renaissance!

Here's another surprise: if you "like" Re-Vibe on Facebook, you've got a "voice"! The group posts new songs almost weekly. Songs that get the most "likes" just may get approved to appear in the show! Depends on you!

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

Check out their

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. For real. +

As stated last season, these 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 musicianship, vocals and dance in a performance extravaganza titled Re-Vibe!

awesome 80s medley shot at New York **Times Square!** 

(Go to Re-Vibe on Facebook, then scroll down to the March 31 post!) **SON INSIDER** 

# Hughes News

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

Season 2023





# THE SHOW YOU NEVER SAW BEFORE!

It's true. This Season 2023 **The Hughes Music Show** is over 50% music, dance, comedy *and more* that we've *never even witnessed before!* 

For openers, (literally), we are treated to an amazing production number written by young Christina and Jacob Hughes and performed by a cast of over 25 singers, dancers, musicians and acrobats! Together, this epic ensemble creates a sweeping spectacle that includes just about every musical genre out there—rock, pop, classical, jazz, Broadway—you name it! But that's just for "openers!"

In the new mix comes yet more absolutely off-the-charts, full-blown production numbers and show segments—including an all-new Broadway revue of music and dance, an 80s medley of pop and rock, and a pretty much all new extravaganza of every genre of music that has captured the hearts of us all, no matter the age!

## UNHEARD OF

here else can you experience a performance from what USA Today calls "the world's largest performing family"? That newsflash 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!

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!

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



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'!

# CHOW AT THE CHUCKWAGON!

an you believe it? It's available at 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 Regnall! 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 opposite page.)





# WHERE COUNTRY MEETS ROCK & ROLL!

Starring Stevie Lee Woods and The NRL Ban

# 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**

eading 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 exampleand 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

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2 "MUST SEE"
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other, and even for us audience types. You can feel it.

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



# THIS JUST IN: EVEN MORE AWARDS!

As we've hopefully mentioned more than once before. Nashville RoadhouseLive. although only in appearing in Branson for just the last few seasons, has already chalked up more awards than any other Branson show ever—(unless there's some we forgot—Editor) But folks, that's not all! Adding to the ones we see here, there is a major announcement about another **HUGE** award coming, but we can't blab it yet or they probably would have to "you know what" us! But stay tuned for that good news, which will surely be splashed all over / nashvilleroadhousetheater

plus / TheBransonInsider!

Here they are:

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**Entertainers of the Year!** Nashville Roadhouse Live! Band of the Year! Nashville Roadhouse Live! Steel Player of the Year! Michael Hermsmeyer!

Dranson Jerry Music Awards

Keyboard Player of the Year! Lyman Clark! Congrats, guys! We all SO appreciate your awesomeness!

# THE BIG RECORD

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 Zepplin**) 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."

Your Host Country/Rock Star Stevie Lee Woods

# NASHVILLE ROADHOUSE LIVE! **Starring Stevie Lee Woods** & NRL Band **3rd Weekend of Each Month** THE KENDALLS 4th Weekend of Each Month **GRAND LADIES OF COUNTRY MUSIC** Leona Williams, Mary Lou Turner, **Barbara Fairchild GUEST STARS CALL BOX OFFICE FOR SHOW DATES! SCOTTY AUSTIN** (OF SAVING ABLE) **PENNY GILLEY TIM ATWOOD** RICOCHET **BOBBY MAROUEZ KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS** SEPT 10 **BRANSON SHOW AWARDS** PLUS: (IN THE WORKS...) **VINCE GILL ALISON KRAUSS CALL BOX OFFICE FOR**



Nashville Roadhouse Live's Branson Star had by all! (Including at the awesome after-Theatre has been recently all abuzz as a packed-out audience enjoyed a marathon taping of Nashville RoadHouseLive's new TV show— soon to hit screens all over the

Even though the taping took over eight hours, fans happily dodged cameras, cranes there many more TV episodes to comeand booms to applaud, cheer and wave cell the admission for being in the audience

party, where all were welcomed!)

And here comes the best part—for any of us unfortunate enough to miss the TV entire world! We're talking billions of viewers! taping party of riveting performances, amazing guest stars and plenty of just plain fun—here's your good news: Not only are phones in the dark! Truly, good times were that will be broadcast all over the world is

FREE! No charge! Nada! And there's not even a catch! So—any takers?

Oh yeah, we see those hands!! ♦

# ONE FREE TICKET **NASHVILLE ROADHOUSE LIVE!** Courtesy of Nashville Roadhouse Live! at The Branson Star Theater!

Note: One Free Ticket per party of two or more.

**ONE OF THE MUSIC INDUSTRY'S TOP HONORS:** 

# THE 2022 TELLY AWARD GOES TO STEVIE LEE WOODS & THE NASHVILLE ROADHOUSE LIVE BAND!

'SOMETHING ABOUT THE WAY YOU LOOK TONIGHT"



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## STEVE SANDERS, THAT MENTALIST GUY!

moment in time...that you will remember for the rest of your life! A unique experience that defies all possible explanation! Steve Sanders specializes in stunning feats of mentalism, He creates amazing experiences--all delivered with humor and style. Based in California, Steve has performed across the U.S., Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and Mexico. Recently he was chosen as the official magician of the American Hockey League's Ontario Reign. He has appeared at the Magic Castle, Magic Island and various venues in Las Vegas.



# PHIL DALTON: THEATER OF ILLUSION A TRUE FAMILY SHOW!

ne of the hottest family magic shows out there! All seven members of the Dalton family are literally astounding! Yes, the show is family friendly, yet some of its many entertaining escapes can be real nail biters! But it's all in good fun, as we enjoy watching human sawing, children floating, disappearances and more! Featured on ABC, NBC, FOX, CBS, National Geographic, and throughout our world! Warning: Death-defying escapes, yet still a family-friendly show! Go figure!



### WAYLON, WILLIE & THE GOOD OL' BOYS

The perfect show for any of us itching for some classic country, rocka-billy or even honky tonk! Here we not only get to enjoy the classic hits of Waylon Jennings, Johnny Cash and Willie Nelson—we get some of those heart-stealing chart toppers from Alabama, Chuck Berry, The Eagles, Southern rockers and more! All that speaks of some hot country hits!



# **50 YEARS OF KENNY ROGERS**

tribute of great music, great stories, and first class ntertainment! Journey through the decades that this music legend helped make memorable with hits like Lucille, She believes in Me, Lady, Coward of the Country, Islands of the Stream, and many more, all performed by Branson's popular Heather Gentry and Brother South.



# AMIRICANA THEATRE PRESENTS:



et's get real. If you want the "real deal" in your search for a Country Music Show that serves up everything from classic country all the way up to hot country 2023—this is your show!

But if you also want laughs, then when it comes to laugh-out-loud hilariousness, THIS one is the "show of shows"!

The unbelievably good news is that we get a "two-fer", all in one supershow starring multi-award-winning country singer (and one who channels Patsy Cline like no other) **CJ Newsom!** 

And just for laughs, you also get hall-offame, multi-award-winning comedy legend (and Hee-Haw TV veteran) Terry Wayne

Sanders—all in the same show!

So if you like country, Hallof-fame comedy,

and if you like an inspiring patriotic segment—then

Comedy Legend Terry **Wayne Sanders a** "Grandma Beula

you are sure to like a classic Branson show. This one, for example. The real deal.

# TO ANY OTHER SHO AT THE AMERICANA THEATRE



eah, 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!

Every Breath You Take, you will be

Livin' on a Prayer as you recall the

Glory Days of R.O.C.K. in the USA! Our
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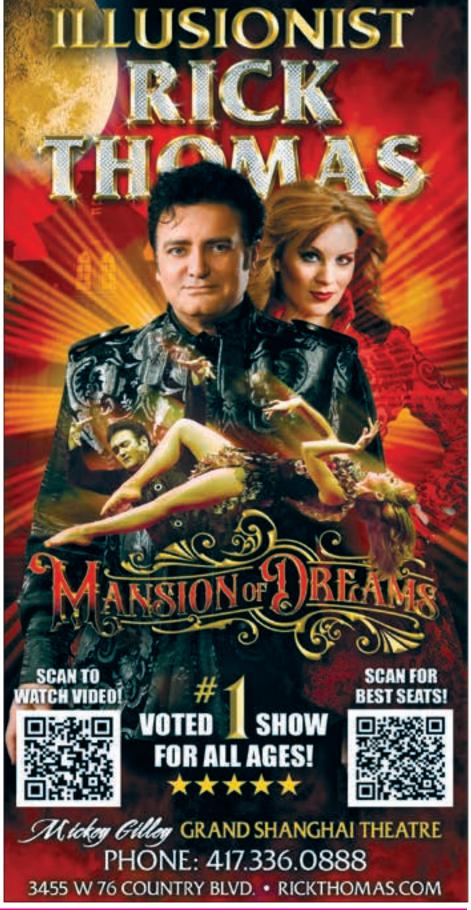
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The Americana Theater 2905 W Hwy 76 ◆ 417-544-8700	americanatheatre.com	E-6				
CJ Newsom's Classic Country & Comedy	patsyclineandfriends.com		14	THRU OCT		
CJ Newsom's Classic Country & Comedy Christmas Show				Nov-Dec		
America's Top Country Hits	americanatheatre.com		14, 16	THRU DEC		
Awesome 80's	americanatheatre.com		14	THRU DEC		
The Best of Motown & More				THRU DEC		
British Invasion	americanatheatre.com			SEP-Nov		
Broadway to Buble: George Dyer				Aug-S₽ 5		
Classic Rock Icons				THRU AUG		
Broadway to Buble: George Dyer: Christmas Show				Nov-Dec		
Elvis: Story of The King	americanatheatre.com		14, 16	THRU DEC		
Once Upon a Fairytale	$\underline{onceupona fairytale branson.com}$			THRU SEP		
Andy Williams Moon River Theatre 2905 W Hwy 76 ● 417-334-4500		E-8				
<b>Branson Famous Theatre</b> 645 Hwy 165 • <b>417-231-4999</b>	<u>baldknobbers.com</u>	F-4				
Branson's Famous Baldknobbers	<u>baldknobbers.com</u>		1, 2, 6, 7, 14	THRU OCT		
Branson's Famous Baldknobbers Christmas	<u>baldknobbers.com</u>			Nov-Dec		
Vintage Baldknobbers Show	<u>baldknobbers.com</u>		2, 6, 7, 14	THRU DEC		
The Doug Gabriel Show	douggabriel.com			THRU OCT		
The Doug Gabriel Christmas Show	douggabriel.com			THRU OCT		
Reza: Edge of Illusion	<u>rezalive.com</u>			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				THRU DEC		
Platters & Golden Sounds of the 50's				THRU DEC		
James Taylor and the Soft Rock of the 70s & 80s				THRU NOV		
Dean Martin and More Tribute				THRU DEC		
Clay Cooper Theatre 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			THRU OCT		
#1 Hits of the 60's Christmas Show	1hitsofthe60s.com			Nov-Dec		
Dean Z - The Ultimate Elvis				THRU OCT		
Dean Z's Rockin' Christmas Show				Nov-Dec		
The Haygoods				Тнги Ост		
The Haygoods Christmas Show				Nov-Dec		
Hot Rods & High Heels (Fabulous 50s!)				THRU OCT		
Hot Rods & High Heels Christmas Show!				Nov-Dec		
Special Shows and Events (See website for info)				THRU DEC		
Copeland Theater at the Meadows • 417-332-5338	<u>copelandtheater.com</u>	C-9				
All Hands On Deck Show				Ост		

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All Hands on Deck Christmas Show				Nov-Dec		
Ray: You Got The Right One Baby				Ост-Оес		
The HITS				THRU DEC		
On Fire: The Jerry Lee Lewis Story				THRU DEC		
New Years Hits On Fire				THRU DEC		
Blaques Magic Show				THRU 7/15		
Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theatre 1600 W. Hwy 76 • 417-339-3003	legendsinconcert.com/Branson	E-10				
Legends in Concert			1, 8, 15, 17	THRU OCT	D,A	
Legends of Country			8, 15, 17	THRU OCT		
Legends Christmas Spectacular Show				Nov-Dec	D,A	
Legends A Merry Country Christmas				Nov-Dec	D,A	
SIX	thesixshow.com			THRU OCT		
SIX Christmas				Nov-Dec		
Buckets N Boards				July-Aug		
Dolly Parton's Stampede 1525 W. Hwy 76 • 800-520-5544	dpstampede.com	E-10		Тнги Ост	L,D	
Dolly Parton's Stampede				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		
Freedom Encounter Theatre 3220 Falls Parkway • 417-544-0372		G-5				
The Freedom Journey Show	FreedomJourneyShow.com		4	THRU DEC		
The Freedom Journey Experience			4	THRU DEC		
Chronicals of Narnia: The Horse Boy				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 DEC		
Down Home Country				SEP-DEC		
Grand Jubilee				THRU DEC		
New South Gospel				THRU DEC		
Ozarks Gospel				THRU DEC		
Ozarks Country				THRU DEC		
Hamner's Variety Theater 3090 Shep. of the Hills Expy • 417-334-4363	hamnersunbelievable.com	C-6		SEE WEBSITE		
Hamner's Unbelievable Variety				THRU OCT		
Hamner's Unbelievable Christmas Spectacular				Nov-Dec		
Abba Tribute: Thank You For the Music				THRU DEC		
Beach Boys "California Dreamin"				THRU DEC		
Back to the BeeGees				THRU DEC		
Mike Walker: Lasting Impressions				THRU DEC		
Oh Happy Day! Goin' Back to Gospel!				CALL THTR		



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Statler Brothers Revisited				CALL THTR		
The Hughes Brothers Theatre 3425 W. Hwy 76 ◆ 417-334-0076	<u>Hughes-Brothers.com</u>	E-4				
The Hughes Music Show			10, 11, 16	Тнги Ост	L, D	
The Hughes Family Christmas Show				Nov-Dec	L, D	
Hughes Brothers Country & BBQ			10, 11, 16	THRU DEC	L, D	
Escape Reality Magic: Dinner Show				THRU DEC	L, D	
Country Evolution	countryevolution.net			THRU DEC	L	
Re-Vibe!			1, 10, 16	THRU DEC	L, D	
Branson's IMAX™ Little Opry Theatre 3562 Shep. of the Hills Exp • 417-335-4832	<u>bransonimax.com</u>	B-4		SEE WEBSITE		
George Jones & Friends Remembered				THRU JUL SEP-DEC		
Smoke on the Mountain				THRU DEC		
Sanders Family Christmas				Nov-Dec		
The Petersens				THRU OCT		
The Petersens Gospel				THRU DEC		
The Petersens Christmas				Nov-Dec		
Sons of Britches				THRU DEC		
Rick McEwen Presents "The Gambler"				THRU DEC		
Todd Oliver & Irving the Talking Dog				THRU DEC		
Jerry Presley's God and Country Theatre 1840 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-6806	GodandCountryTheaters.com	E-10		SEE Website		
Cowboy Church			16, 19	THRU DEC		
Elvis: The Last Concert-Jerry Presley & The Blackwoods			16, 19	THRU NOV		
Elvis: Aloha from Hawaii-Jerry Presley & The Blackwoods			16, 19	Тнги Ост		
Elvis: Madison Square Garden concert- Jerry Presley & The Blackwoods			16, 19	Тнги Ост		
Elvis & The Blackwoods Gospel Show			16, 19	Thru Nov		
Christmas with Elvis—Jerry Presley & The Blackwoods				Nov-Dec		
A Neil Diamond Tribute	aneildiamondtribute.com		16, 19	Sep-Oct		
A Neil Diamond Christmas	aneildiamondtribute.com			Nov-Dec		
Absolutely Country: Definitely Gospel!			16, 19	THRU DEC		
Neil Sedaka Songbook			16, 19	SEP-DEC		
Carpenters Once More	backtothe70stributes.com		16, 19	Sep-Oct		
Carpenters Christmas Once More	backtothe70stributes.com			Nov-Dec		
Chicago: A Tribute			16, 19	THRU DEC		
George Strait: A Country Legend			16, 19	THRU DEC		
Rocket Man! Elton John Tribute			16, 19	Thru Nov		
Sons of Branson: A Musical Tribute			16, 19	THRU DEC		
King's Castle Theater 2701 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-2500	kingscastletheatre.com	E-8				
Anthems of Rock			9, 16	THRU DEC		
The Ultimate 70's Show			1, 9, 16, 17	Тнги Ост		
Dublin's Irish Tenors & Celtic Ladies			3, 9, 16	Ост-Оес		
New Jersey Nights: Music of The Four Seasons			9, 16	THRU DEC		
Branson's Christmas Wonderland			9, 16	Nov-Dec		

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Majestic Theatre 2849 Gretna Rd. ● 417-231-2420		C-7				
Branson Murder Mystery Dinner Show ● 417-849-8331	bransonmurdermystery.com			THRU DEC	D,A	
Murder by Eggnog Christmas Show • 417-849-8331	bransonmurdermystery.com			Nov-Dec	D,A	
The Mansion Theatre	themansiontheatre.com	B-9				
189 Expressway Lane • 417-385-1118  Guest Stars				THRU DEC		
Special Events				THRU DEC		
Mickey Gilley Grand Shanghai Theatre		D-3		THIO DEO		
3455 Ŵ Hwy 76 • 417-336-0888 Shanghai Circus	amazingacrobats.com			THRU JAN 1		
Johnny Lee	<u> </u>			CALL THTR		
The Texas Tenors				SEL DATES		
Rick Thomas, Illusionist: Mansion of Dreams	rickthomas.com		1, 5, 15, 17	THRU DEC		
Nashville Roadhouse Theater at The Branson Star 3750 W 76 Blvd • 417-320-3418	nashvilleroadhouse.com	C-3			D,A	
Nashville Roadhouse Live starring Stevie Lee Woods			1, 12, 13, 17	THRU DEC		
Grand Ladies of Country Music			13, 17	SEL DATES		
Phil Dalton, Theatre of Illusion			13, 17	SEL DATES		
The Kendalls			13, 17	SEL DATES		
The Morace Family Show: Listen to the Music!	moracefamilyshow@gmail.com		1, 13, 18	THRU OCT		
The Morace Family Christmas Show				Nov-Dec		
Steve Sanders -Than Mentalist Guy			13, 17	THRU DEC		
Waylon, Willie & The Good Ol' Boys			13, 17	THRU DEC		
50 Years of Kenny Rogers			13, 17	THRU DEC		
Pierce Arrow Theatre 3069 Shep. of the Hills Expy • 417-336-8742	piercearrowtheater.com	C-5				
Pierce Arrow Country				THRU DEC		
Pierce Arrow Presents Decades				THRU DEC		
Presleys' Country Jubilee 2920 W. Hwy 76 ● 800-336-4874	presleys.com	E-6				
Presley's Country Jubilee				THRU DEC		
Sight & Sound Theatres 1001 Shep. of the Hills Expy • 800-377-1277	sight-sound.com	B-8				
Queen Esther				THRU OCT		
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	
Buck's BBQ & Bluegrass Pre-Show Dinner Bash				THRU OCT	D	
Funny Farm Dinner Feud				THRU OCT DEC 27,29	D	
Million Dollar Quartet Dinner Show				THRU DEC		
Jim Stafford Dinner Show				Ост 9-20		
WhoDunnit Hoedown-Murder Mystery Dinner Show				Тнги Ост	D	
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Enjoy Some AWESOME Summer Fun!





Good Now Branson gets a family show that has been News: captivating audiences of all ages ever since the show's founders became a family—or technically, since the founders found each other, got married, started a family and became a traveling

family show!

For years, this family who hails from South Louisiana—would pack up their reportedly "gigantic" family van and hit the road to perform in churches, public events, recording studios, TV programs, music festivals and more. Then on Sunday nights, the fam would head for home to be back in time for the daughters to wake up and head to school after a good night's sleep in their cozy van home! But a few years back. this performing family discovered Branson, which they fell in love with on day one. And the rest is history.

Now we get to experience what much of America has been treated to for decadesan entire season of The Morace Family's **Listen to the Music Show**—live and in person right here at **Nashville Roadhouse** Live's Branson Star Theatre!

# **SHOW STOPPERS**

When it comes to what "the biz" calls "show stoppers", well, about every piece of music this production performs qualifies. No matter the age, (child, teen, young adult, older adult, or even way older adult) music here is going to tap into "the music of your life" as they say. And wow, what a performance!

For starters, the voices of a family singing in harmony sound amazingly angelic. But wait—it gets even better, for this group fluently switches their parts, alternating between soprano, alto, and both high and low tenor! The results are pretty much this: they can sing anything and make it sound heavenly.

Then come the instruments, (a live band), the accompanying

**Comedy star Cheri** Winger serves up the laughs!

Left to right are Morace Family stars Bethany, Leisa (a.k.a. "Mom"), Tristan, Robert, (a.k.a. "Dad") and Somer.

performers, the comedy, (hilarious) the veterans tribute, and a show segment of pure inspiration.

To help paint a musical picture you can almost hear (if not see) we can drop a few hints by drawing from the show's song list: There's Dream by the Everly Brothers, Love Can Build a Bridge by the Judds, there are instrumentals from the likes of John

> Tesh, There's Danny's Song, Walkin' on Sunshine, Boondocks—or simply put, it's a show that includes music we all love, plus a heart stirring patriotic segment and an inspirational Gospel finale. Audience reactions? A pretty much unanimous "thumbs up"!

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THEIR STORY

Music in the Morace family began, well, pretty much at the beginning. Robert, the husband and Dad of the group, started playing piano in church at the age of 3. Since then, his talent has never stopped growing.

Leisa, Robert's wife (and the Mom in the group), also began her career as a child singing in church, (located in a small Louisiana town just a few miles from

> young Robert's.) Like Robert, Leisa's talent and her love for singing never stopped.

The two met when a group Robert was performing in was in need of a female vocalist. Since the girl trying out for that

role lived in a small town that was on Robert's way to his rehearsal, he was charged with picking up the applicant for her audition. The two immediately hit it off. The girl, (Leisa) got the job (of course). Then came love, then came marriage, then came children—and the music never stopped.

Tristan gets double-smooched.

Both of the Morace daughters, without any pressure from the parents, wanted to sing with their family from the very "git-go" (as they say in Louisiana). What fast became apparent, was the amazing vocal gifts both girls had. It wasn't long before the family became a family singing group. They began in church, travelled to other churches, then performed at events, festivals, shows, and on TV. In-between, they would hit the recording studios in Nashville to produce their latest album.

As for the girls, both have been singing and dancing, as mentioned, since childhood. But there is another side to both **Bethany** and her younger sister Somer. Both were cheerleaders. Both played girls softball, which in Louisiana society is huge, (as Robert informed us). And now, after lifetimes on stage, each performance of these ladies is nothing less than absolutely amazing.



Bass man Eric Green rocks out with drummer Irielle McConnell. Irielle, who doubles as a vocalist, has a voice we hereby describe as beyond amazing! (Irielle's Mom Kristy is also a featured vocalist in the show—which pretty much explains everything!)

> Then comes the show's superstar, (a title every parent and grandparent would likewise declare of their own.) He's the Morace grandson Tristan, (ten yearold son of Bethany.) Tristan sings, plays keyboards and—well, as seen here, can even endure kisses! (Tough gig!)

Finally, this family story (and show) has a happy ending. It comes when the show's Gospel music finale sings us the good news that today, even today—can be a new beginning. +

# Elvis LIVE! starring JERRY PRESLEY & THE BLACKWOODS!

# WHAT A STORY



ow/Three full blown productions of authentic Elvis shows—complete with the Elvis entourage of keyboards, horns, electrics, percussion and of course his legendary Gospel backup group The Blackwoods! 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

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 this Season 2023, we get the glorious return of **The Blackwoods**—Elvis's original backup singers! 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!

Says Jerry, "I'm not an impersonator, I'm a

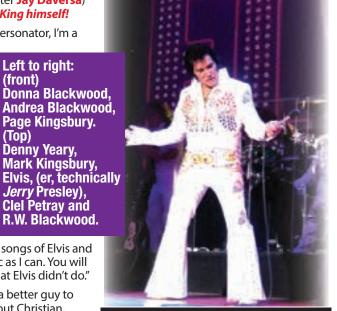
Left to right: (front)

Page Kingsbury.

*Jerry* Presley), Clel Petray and R.W. Blackwood.

(Top)

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.



THE TCB GROUP!

Elvis translation: <u>Taki</u>

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,

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



ON INSIDER

# Elvis & Jerry

 Jerry is related to Elvis 3 ways 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."



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

ait—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!

# 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 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!





# SCOOPS & PIX

from our ROVING REPORTERS & PROWLING PAPARAZZI!

# AWARD-WINNING GUITARIST'S MIRACULOUS STORY!

laying guitar since the age of eleven—nineteen year-old Jacob Nelson left his home in the small Southeastern lowa town of Mediapolis and journeyed to Branson in pursuit of a dream. Yet Jacob's dream to become part of the Branson music scene was soon shattered by a horrific accident!

And that's just the beginning of Jacob's amazing story, for to the surprise, (or even shock) of many—that dream has come back to life in a way that all would have to say, is nothing less than *miraculous*—as we all can see on full display in the **Anthems of Rock Show** at Branson's **King's Castle Theatre!** 

"My inspiration comes from my Dad,"
Jacob tells us,"—and from Angus Young
from ACDC. My father was a guitarist, and
when he passed away, I wanted to have
something else to connect me with him, so
I decided to get into music"

In 2019, a life-changing accident turned the dream that led Jacob to Branson into a nightmare that appeared to never end.

"Basically, my right arm was hanging on by a thread," Jacob tells us. "My right elbow was completely shattered and I broke my ulna in multiple areas, which actually resulted in a compound fracture in two different spots on my arm. Several other things happened, but I don't want to get too graphic. It makes my skin crawl! The ambulance took me to the ER, where I had emergency surgery. Before the operation, the surgeon came in and said to me, 'I understand you play guitar? I want you to know that I will do everything I can to



save your arm, but I cannot promise you anything.' I still think of those words.

"After my surgery, the doctor told my mom that even though he was able to repair my arm, with two titanium plates and almost thirty screws, I still was not out of the clear. He told her that I was at a very high risk of infection, and if my arm were to get infected, he was not sure if he was going to be able to save it. But God had a different plan.

When Mom finally told me what the doctor had said to her, months later, I finally understood that God not only saved my arm, but He saved my life! What should have been the worst moment of my life, ended up being the best day of my life! The accident *saved* my life because it helped me get my heart right with God!"

For anyone wanting to see a miracle live and in person, come to **Anthems of Rock** and experience this guy "shred" lead guitar solos like a rock star—which he is! \*



# IS LIKE 1980s FUN TO THE MAX! HE FASHION. THE MUSIC. THE MOVIES. RELIVE THE BEST DECADE EVER!



walking into scenes from Friday the 13th, or Michael Mevers 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!

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!

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

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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 built—fantabulous entertainment—awesome stuff to do.

Gotally Gubular menu 80's 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

(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**

ollywood 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



but 80s hits appear all season!

# WHOLE NEW WORLD! AT BRANSON'S WILD WORLD!

hether you've been there before, or never before— Season 2023 is a whole new world at Branson's Wild World!

Expect new adventures, stunning new attractions, amazing background music that makes us feel like we're in an epic wildlife adventure, (which, of course actually we are!)—and once again, experience a transformed **shopping area** whose specialty gifts, toys and education items fulfill us animal lovers' wildest dreams!

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.





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.



### **CREATING ATTRACTIONS** WORLDWIDE

The designer, owner and operator of 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 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? More anything?

Branson's Wild World is known throughout native James Kelly and his wife Lisa have

> 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! 🔷



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

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

Mini-golf the Wild Abyss under

the sea, as real

creatures swim

among you, (real

and unreal)—or

just watch.

active at night.

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

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.



words, not theirs.)

# IT'S GOTTEN WAY WILD ERANSON'S WILD WORLD!



hocking 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! ◆





# THE BECK MUSEUMS OF BRANSON PRESENT THE WORLD'S LARGEST TOY MUSE

f 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 rightnewlyweds! 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!

# 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? Yoyos? 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

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!"

Daisy BB gun?

**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 namedropping here to help paint a picture of what you can expect to see—a giant Star Wars Collection, Star Trek, Marvell, 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

US Army Veteran Tom Beck, owner (and host) of The World's Largest

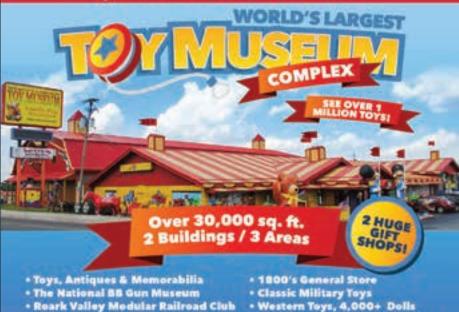
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**Neil and Karen Bruner of Little Rock, Arkansas** help the kiddos discover the fascinating world

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.

# 7 MUSEUMS: 1 PRIC

HAROLD BELL WRIGHT HISTORICAL MUSEUM!

- NATIONAL BB GUN MUSEUM!
   PAUL HARVEY Jr. '50s MUSEUM
- STEARNSY BEAR MUSEUM
   WORLD OF CHECKERS MUSEUM

MEMORY BARN MUSEUM
 DUSTY BARN FINDS MUSEUM!

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!

# **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. +





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!

# **Tom & Wendy's Toy Story**

Let' meet the people behind all this: Tom and Wendy Beck. Seriously—go ahead and meet them. They're usually right there! Besides being a Veteran, Tom had a long career in the retail store business. Wendy taught school. "I wanted to do something that was fun," Tom tells The Insider. "Sowhat could be more fun than toys?" \

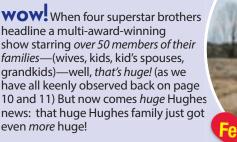


# from our ROVING REPORTERS & PROWLING PAPARAZZI!

HUGE HUGHES WEDDING

It's a Legendary Wedding Season for The World's Largest Performing Family"

headline a multi-award-winning show starring over 50 members of their families—(wives, kids, kid's spouses, grandkids)—well, that's huge! (as we have all keenly observed back on page 10 and 11) But now comes huge Hughes news: that huge Hughes family just got even *more* huge!



# Derek & Shiri!

erek is the son of Hughes Brother Marty and singing and dancing star Cindy. Derek sings, dances, and "kills it" on the viola in both **The Hughes Music Show** and Re-vibe, while Shiri, his lovely bride, lights up the stage with breathtaking performances of dance and an absolutely captivating singing voice—all in the **Hughes** Music Show! When the music and dance brings these newlyweds

together on stage—well, that's a moment to behold!

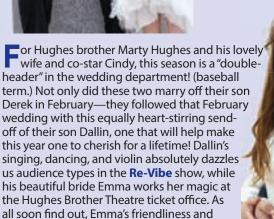


helpful advice makes every ticket to every

show simply irresistible!

# Mason & Emeline!

ason Smith is what makes show business work! (He works in the business end!) Meanwhile, his beautiful bride Emeline, (daughter of Hughes Brother Jason and singing and dancing star Mara) plays the violin and both sings and dances—as so many of us in the Hughes Brothers fan base know all too well! (We literally watched Emeline grow up on stage!) We now get to enjoy Emeline's amazing showbiz talents in The Hughes Music Show!





# OCAL FAVORITES LAUNCH IEW SHOPPING E I I N

nd yeah, we mean fun for all—guvs and gals, kiddos and Grandfolks—the whole enchilada (so to speak)!

Step inside a brand new fun spot put together by some of Branson's most popular locals! Introducing (a drumroll, please) Ozark Mountain T-Shirt Co., which, trust us, is way more shopping fun than just t-shirts, (yet t-shirt fun is pretty awesome too, as revealed to all who keep reading this!)

Look for it right on the Branson strip, across from Grand Country and right next door to that big Duck boat!

Inside you're gonna find t-shirts, (of



course), which can be custom made, or ordered in bulk-(hundreds of designs

to choose from) but you're also gonna find men's, women's & kids clothing, hoodies, gifts, souvenirs—oh we give up—there's just so much we just gotta paint a picture with some pictures! Check out the ad below, then come have fun!

Oh, and us Branson Insiders, (maybe you too) can probably guess who those fun local owners are, (hint, hint). It might even be fun to let them know you knew! ◆





# AT THIS AMAZING SHOPPING ATTRACTION

# MADE IN THE

orget imports. What better time is there to BUY AMERICAN than during these pandemically, politically, and economically challenging times? The answer is: there is no better time to buy American than TODAY! But wait—this is no charity appeal! An old timey styled General Store right here in Branson, Missouri offers a bona-fide shopper's wonderland loaded with just about everything you can think of-and here's the catch--every item, repeat, every

item is made right here in the Good Ol'USA! Hard to believe, but it's true!

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 vou 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!◆



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 **★**

When was the last time you saw veterans' merchandise, Americana items, or even American flags that were actually MADE IN THE USA? Well, you will here! We're gonna even shout out a shocking statement: THIS IS THE LARGEST SELECTION OF

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#### $\star$ The Merchandise $\star$

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





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## SHOWS

#### At the Americana Thtr E-6

- **CJ Newsome's** Classic Country & Comedy
- **America's Top Country Hits**
- **Awesome 80s**
- **Elvis: Story of the King**

#### At the Branson Famous Thtr F-4

- **Branson's Famous Baldknobbers**
- **Baldknobbers Vintage Country Show**

#### At Dick Clark's American Bandstand Thtr E-10

- Legends in Concert
- Legends of Country

#### At Freedom Journey Thtr G-5

- **Freedom Journey Show**
- **The Freedom Journey Experience**

#### At The Hughes Family Thtr E-4

- **The Hughes Music Show**
- **Hughes Brothers** Country & BBQ Show

#### At Jerry Presley's God & Country Thtr E-10

- Elvis/Blackwoods LIVE!
- Aloha From Hawaii
- Elvis/Blackwoods LIVE! The Last Concert
- **Elvis/Blackwoods LIVE! Madison Square Garden Concert**
- Elvis/Blackwoods LIVE! Christmas
- Elvis/Blackwoods LIVE! **Gospel Concert**
- **Absolutely Country, Definitely Gospel**
- **Neil Sedaka Songbook**
- Chicago: A Tribute

#### **Cowboy Church**

- **George Strait: A Country Legend**
- The Sons, Music Celebration
- **Rocket Man: Elton John Tribute**

#### At King's Castle Thtr E-8

- **Anthems of Rock**
- The Ultimate 70s Show
- **Dublin's Irish Tenors** & The Celtic Ladies
- **New Jersey Nights: The Four Seasons**
- **Branson's Christmas Wonderland**

#### At Mickey Gilley Grand Shanghai Thtr B-3

The Magic of Rick Thomas: **Mansion of Dreams** 

#### Nashville Roadhouse Live at The Branson Star Thtr C-3

- **Nashville Roadhouse Live** starring Stevie Lee Woods
- Phil Dalton: Theatre of Illusion
- **50 Years of Kenny Rogers**
- **Grand Ladies of Country Music**
- The Kendalls
- **Listen to the Music:** The Morace Family
- The Best of Motown & More!
- **Steve Sanders That Mentalist Guy**
- Waylon, Willie & The Good OI Boys

#### ATTRACTIONS

Branson's Wild World F-9 New Wave Café E-5 Retro Mania E-4

**World's Largest Toy Museum D-3** 

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#### DINING

New Wave Café at RetroMania E-4

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