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■ **Silver Dollar City Events** Upcoming festivals at Branson's award-winning 1880s theme park: Voted one of America's Best Amusement Parks by *USA Today* 10 Best readers, Silver Dollar City also offers a special lineup of limited-time Spring entertainment, award-winning restaurants and so much more! silverdollarcity.com

- **Mar 13-31 Spring Break!** Kick off the 2025 season by playing on over 40 thrilling rides & attractions! And be sure to explore the new adventures and incredible new entertainment! For entertainment? How about this for starters: **The Perondi's Stunt Dog Experience, The Rivertown Ramblers, Homestead Pickers, The comedy magic of Chris Stanley**, up and coming **bluegrass pickers and folk singers**—and yeah, that's some *serious* Spring Break Fun!

- **Apr 10-May 12 Spring Exposition!** NEW—Kick up your heels with n old-fashioned hoedown with the **Kinfolk Bluegrass Band!** Visit with **Master Gardeners** as they demonstrate tips and tricks! Explore the fresh flavors of the season at the **Taste of the City** shacks, where we can enjoy Ozarks classics like fish fry, tomato cucumber salad, fried potatoes & onions, refreshing lemonade and more! Yum! Next: head to the **NEW Red Gold Heritage Hall**, now hosting 3 live bands playing **Dixieland, Cajun & Polka** along with tastes from across the Nation, be they Deep South, The Bayou, or even that Upper Midwest! **Entertainment:** the **NEW Down-Home Clogging Jamboree** featuring the **All That percussion dancers** from *America's Got Talent*, plus a New **Rag Time Piano Showman!** And there's even *more to come!* Stay tuned!

Upcoming Events at Silver Dollar City

- **May 14-26** Bluegrass & BBQ Festival Presented by Midwest Ford Dealers
- **Jun 7-Aug 3** Summer Celebration

Presented by Arvest

- **Aug 4-17** Season Pass Appreciation
- **Aug 21-Sept 1** Southern Gospel Picnic Presented by Humana
- **Sept 12-Oct 26** Harvest Festival Presented by Humana
- **Nov 1-Dec 30** An Old Time Christmas

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Thru Mar 9

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Mar-Apr

Live Shows at the Branson's Historic Owen Theater performed by the Branson Arts Council: 205 S. Commercial Street, Branson Phone: 417-336-4255

- **March 21-30** Arsenic and Old Lace
- **April 1- May 11** Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella* (Broadway Version)
- **Jun 6-8** Into the Woods Jr *The Broadway Musical*
- **Jun 26-29** Wizard of Oz: Youth Editon *The Broadway Musical*
- **Jul 31-Aug 10** Footloose *The Broadway Musical*
- **Oct 16-26** Shrek: The Musical *The Broadway Musical*
- **Dec 4-14** Mary Poppins Jr *The Broadway Musical*

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2025 Guest Star Dates!

Not only does Branson sport over 100 live shows of our own during the regular season—we're the "go to" place for these stars! Here are the stars booked so far here in Branson for Season 2025!

Mar 7 Tons of Laughs with John Crist *Star Concert Hall*

Mar 10-12 Praise Fest Spring Prelude (*See list of guest stars in Stuff Happens*) *The Mansion Ttr*

Mar-Jun, Aug-Dec (Select Dates) Matt Gumm & Company Comedy Variety Show *Clay Cooper Thtr*

Mar-Jul, Nov-Dec (Select Dates) The Terry Bradshaw Show *Clay Cooper Thtr*

Mar 10-12 Praise Fest Branson Spring

Prelude Guest Stars See "Stuff Happens" *The Mansion Thtr.*

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Mar 15 The Collingsworth Family *The Mansion Thtr.*

Apr 25-26 Branson Music Fest *Clay Cooper Thtr.*

Apr 26 Bulls Bands and Barrels (Riley Green) *Thunder Ridge Nature Arena*

May 14-26 Silver Dollar City's Bluegrass & BBQ Festival Guest Stars See "Stuff Happens"

May 17 Bohemian Queen *The Mansion Thtr*

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WAKE-UP CALL

As I look out at all them smiley faces of you all, I'm sure you all know I got a Good Word to bring you'uns, which of course is what ever'body comes here for.

I also know how happy you all is now that all our prayers about this wild and crazy world has done got answered in such a big way that it's got the devil's world rockin' and reelin' outta control!

You're happy that mean ol' sick bug that seemed to make this ol' world a

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ghost town has done ridden off into the sunset and left us with a breath of fresh air to get back in the saddle and ride off once again to our wild and crazy dreams! At least for now.

Yes, I know you know or think you know everything's all hunky-dory these days and that it's time to start makin' plans for good times, good deeds and good cook-outs. So let's just tiptoe in with a thought or two to leave us with so as not to put a seed of panic in you or anything.

I know nothin' feels better than baskin' in a cloud of answered prayers that has seemed to almost swaller up so much of the world's bad news. And probably even some of our own.

But I do need to remind you all that there dwelleth a slithering snake among us that's on its way to wrappin' itself 'round our boots to make us bumble and stumble to

the point that it's like falling against a rock that bangs the head 'til we wonder what hit us!

Now I see them smiles on your faces fading away as I sugarcoat you into this subject, but fear not—I'm takin' us all into some mighty good news, so y'all just stick with me here.

What I'm leadin' up to is that it's not the time to just sit on our hands because here's why;—the harvest ain't never ever been so ripe! This whole world is rockin' and reelin', which is plain to see on that TV and smartie phone you all watch and what makes my eyes roll!

So friends, it ain' no time to do nothin'. It's time to go out and start pickin'—for the field is ripe and it's *Harvest Time!*

OK. I see them stares. You're thinkin' you got a tough job to do. It ain't fun. It makes people mad when you throw preachin' from the

Good Book at'em. But here's the Good News: when you just kick back, relax, and speak from your heart, our Good Lord shows up in such a way you can even feel that cloud of peace come on you like a cozy little blanket! And them words you speak, they go deep into the hearts and minds of anybody, no matter how they act!

But don't get too spooked or shocked when the folks you reach out to shy away, wave you off or start goin' off on some temper tantrum all of a sudden! We just got to get used to the fact it sometimes always happens. The Bible proves that. But at the same time, the other thing happens—them Words of Life are seeds that start growing in many a fertile heart—to the point that many are ripe and ready to become part of The Harvest, if you can get my farmer

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 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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terms which I can't help but use.

Of course for any of this Good News to happen we need to spend some good time with our Good Lord. I know goin' to church is a big part of all that, but the best part is gettin' by yerself with Him in yer "Garden of Gethsemane" so to speak. That's our time to speak with Him, share our heart, ask questions. Then to listen. Get answers.

But fear not—when you get to the point to where you suck it all up, take a deep breath and just go—you'll be surprised at how our Good Lord shows up and gives us His boost of bold, of wisdom, and even of His *power!*

And yes, many of them "firey darts" in The Bible do come, yet we fast find out The Good Lord puts up some kind of shield around us that kinda just makes them all go "*poof*" in a puff of smoke!

Now I know this part goes against some of you all's religion, but Jesus Christ, as The Word sayeth, "is the same yesterday, today and forever." Which means we have words to speak life, hands to heal sickness and diseases, authority to cast out devils, and power to call on Heaven to invade this wild and crazy world!

So let's get off the hammock and off them tweeter phones and quit being so shy! This is our time! The Harvest is ripe! The world is outta control, but The Kingdom cometh! Amen?

Okay, here's some Bible scriptures to back up this ol' country boy's preachin' at you. Of course, to be honest, the whole Bible backs it all up. Just sayin'. ♦

*Psalm 34:19, John 16:33,
Ephesians 6: 10-18, 2 Corinthians 10:4*



COMING IN September 2025!

Spirit of America will captivate guests with its thrilling performances, showcasing some of the most iconic songs that have shaped American culture. From the patriotic anthems that have defined the nation's spirit, to timeless chart-topping songs, this show is a celebration of the music that has brought Americans together for generations.



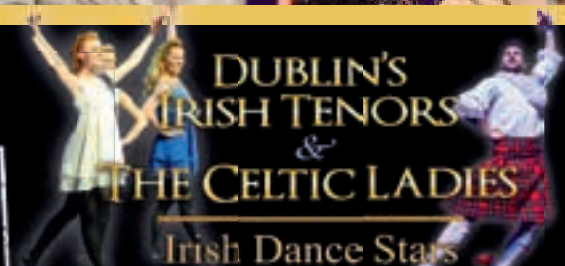
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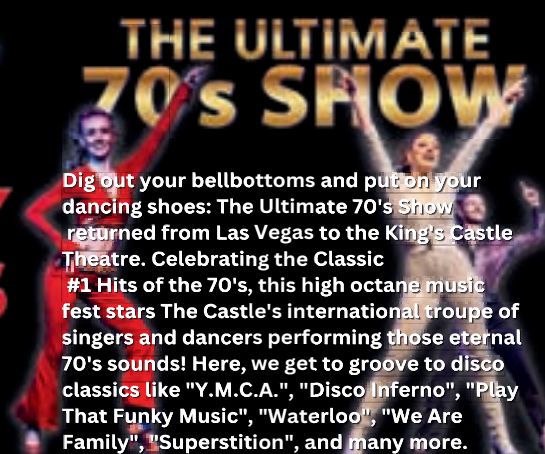
"The Biggest Rock Party in Branson" showcases the number one Hits from the most famous bands of the 20th century, including *Queen*, *The Beatles*, *The Rolling Stones*, *Bon Jovi*, *Led Zeppelin*, *Journey*, *Aerosmith*, and many more. Songs include, "Don't Stop Believing", "Another One Bites the Dust", "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.



An Irish fusion of song and dance hits the stage, as the DUBLIN'S IRISH TENORS & THE CELTIC LADIES welcome a heart pounding ensemble of Irish Dance Stars from Spirit of the Dance! Wonderful harmonies and lilting melodies will fill the air, as you listen in amazement as these talented singers take you on a breathtaking musical journey covering Irish Classics, Opera, Pop and Jazz. Add to that the frenzied skill and military precision of Irish dancers bringing a burst of raw energy to the show.



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.



IT'S A HAPPY BIRTHDAY SEASON 66 FOR BRANSON'S FIRST SHOW!

BRANSON'S FAMOUS
BALDKNOBBERS

Now Performing At

Way back yonder in 1959 (66 years ago), when them tourist folks were pouring into Branson, Missouri to enjoy the mountains, lakes and fun spots here for swimming,

fishing, boating and mountaineering, there honestly wasn't much to do for fun after the sun went down. That's when this talented Mabe family thought to put a show together and entertain those needy folks with some good ol' mountain music from these Ozarks, some hillbilly comedy, and some of the heart and soul of these parts—that being faith in God, love of family and devotion to our Star Spangled Banner!!

Every 66th season since—this show has clung to all that. But here's the catch: the family values of this entertaining Mabe family have included striving to top themselves every season, and even every performance! That's why generations of us folks have never stopped coming back to this show—well, since many of us even showed up on this earth! Yes, each show satisfies our traditional leanings, yet it never stops dazzling us by raising the bar with the music and comedy of these entertaining times

we live in today!

The fact that a live show performing to audiences almost every night, almost every month, almost every year for an unprecedented **sixty-five 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 2025 PRODUCTION

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 hilarious country comedian! 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,



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

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Shane!



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Megan Mabe,
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2022 MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR!
Shane Van Camp!
Branson's Famous Baldknobbers!

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! ♦



THE VINTAGE BALDKNOBBERS SHOW

WOW! Original songs, 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.”

“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!

“Melancholy covered the room.”

MIRACULOUS MOMENTS

As we set out to begin another show season in Branson—our 66th Baldknobbers' season to be exact—I feel it only fair to pay homage to the two months each year that allow us to refresh and re-engage. January and February—known by the entertainment community as “off-season”—provides just enough time to take a breath, escape the stage lights and remind ourselves why we do what we do.

Off-season is sacred. Essential. Special. It's the chance to step outside the fences of a show schedule and play “normal”. We take trips. We watch prime-time television. We catch our kids' games and activities. We experiment just long enough in the nine-to-five world that by the time March rolls around, we are ready to jump back into the creative crazy of show business. It's where we belong.

While we pack as much “everyday” into off-season as we possibly can, we also sprinkle in performance opportunities that we aren't able to fit in while doing a full show schedule. Throughout the past two months, my husband and I have performed in nursing homes, on a cruise ship and across multiple states for various special events. We have performed from Florida to the Bahamas to Philadelphia. A lot of driving, a lot of flying and a lot of “aha” moments.

Through all of our travel and performances, I have been reminded firsthand that music truly is universal. It's a cliché statement, but it couldn't

have shown itself to me more clearly than throughout the past several weeks. I've been left with a heightened awareness that, while easy to forget while in the grind of a show season, what we do comes with a responsibility. God has given us entertainers talents that provide a service to our audience members, and we need to take our job seriously.

Music brings a collective joy. It bonds people. It is a common language. Music is healing. It is therapeutic.

Music can be quite miraculous.

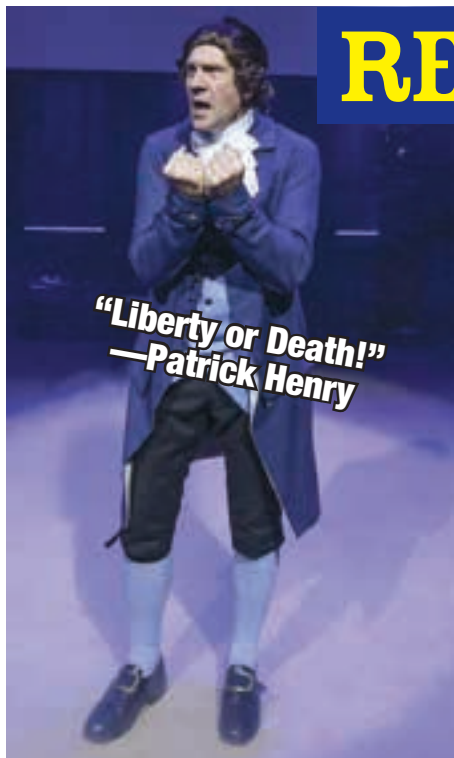
While we were performing for nursing homes last month, I watched an Alzheimer's unit transform after just one hour of music. When we arrived, the room was quiet and unresponsive. The residents were having dinner, and quite frankly, I don't think they were eager for our interruption. There was no conversation, and the sound of scraping utensils was deafening. Melancholy covered the room.

Oh, but what music can do!

By the time we left, there was new life. The residents started singing and clapping. One resident, despite normally relying on her walker, started dancing. The nurse informed us afterward that she had not stood unassisted or been that responsive in weeks. A whole group of individuals struggling to remember pieces of daily life found the familiar in music. They found the joy. They may not have been able to tell me what day

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REVOLUTIONARY PRODUCTIONS!



on an amazing journey through time, allowing you to experience man's struggle for freedom, highlighting the faith required in this epic struggle. Included are modern testimonies of immigrants who escaped tyranny to come to America, as well as a tribute to **Veterans, Law Enforcement, and First Responders.**

NEW THIS SEASON 2025!



JUNE-DECEMBER

Introducing the **Freedom Journey Experience!** This inspiring and educational experience captures our own national heritage in a way that becomes a heart-stirring revelation for us all! Upon entering the grand theater lobby, the journey begins when all eyes

immediately see a new one-room schoolhouse, the scene of a colonial church and a smaller surround-sound theater. There, our tour takes us to interactive experiences and even meeting with living history performers!! We also get to enjoy Dolby Atmos sound in the **Liberty Theater**, a lesson from an 1800's teacher in the **Wilderness School**, and sermon excerpts from the 1700's in the Colonial Church! Now *that's* a great American experience!



JUNE- AUGUST

A Time for Freedom is a **new stage show for families & kids!** Who said learning can't be fun? This unique combination of drama and audience participation will treat all ages to an unforgettable educational experience! Join Jay

& Kay as they team up with a mad scientist and a Colonial messenger! Through games and competitions, the audience must help Sullivan the Scientist fix his time machine in order to find **George Washington** and send him back to the Constitutional Convention in time to save freedom! Fun!



DECEMBER

An American Christmas is a 2 hour concert featuring Timothy and Hosanna Noble. This talented couple will take the audience on a heart-warming journey through America's favorite Christmas songs with some American trivia along the way! Having performed at the National Quartet Convention and alongside Dino Kartsonakis, Timothy and Hosanna's piano, violin, vocals and powerful arrangements will create in unforgettable Christmas this Season 2025! ♦

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

Thru Dec — LIVE ON STAGE!

That video should give you a glimpse of **The Freedom Journey Show**—a stage production that for many seasons has roared into towns across America like a modern day Paul Revere! This production combines live music, powerful videos, and holograms of historic figures like **George Washington** and **William Bradford** giving actual speeches. The show will take you



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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 15**

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!

THRU MAY 31

KENNY CHESNEY!

Highlighting this epic showcard is that genuine article country superstar who gave us such memorable hits as *There Goes My Life*, *You and Tequila*, *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! (By the way, Kenny has recorded 20 albums, 14 which were certified gold!) Portraying Kenny is dead-ringer lookalike/soundalike Todd Bradshaw, a homegrown star certainly no stranger to Branson audiences!



LAINHEY WILSON!

Her arrival on the country music scene's Grand Ol Opry at the young age of nine was just the beginning of her storied career—one the included writing songs in her pre-teen years, becoming a social media sensation—and bringing us songs of both contemporary and classic country that her growing fan base started consistently launching to the top of the charts!

As for a short list of a few of those chart-toppers: *Things a Man Oughta Know*, *Dirty Looks*, *Never Say Never*, *Heart Like a Truck*, *Watermelon Moonshine*, *4X4U*, *Hang Tight Honey*, *Wait in the Truck*, *Country's Cool Again*—(and so how's that for a few memory triggers!)

As for awards—too many to list here, yet we can't help but mention The **CMA Entertainer of the Year in 2023** (the first woman to receive it since **Taylor Swift** in 2009!)

Then there's her other side—the actress side of her in the **TV hit series *Yellowstone***, where both she and her songs literally fire up the show's fan base!

Of course the perfect person to bring us Lainey's music live on stage is award winning



Branson star Ashley Dawn Stanton, (**2022 Female Vocalist of the Year!**) But as all us fans know, when Ashley channels Lainey, well—she's Lainey!

TOBY KEITH!



Such good news that we get to see and hear his music performed live on stage—a true comfort and joy for all us fans after losing our Oklahoma neighbor just last February at the tender

age of 63. Yet thanks to Legends in Concert, spot-on portrayals of his songs and performances live on stage is truly the ultimate tribute!

We can only guess what we will be treated to in live performances of his legendary hits, being as how that song list is pretty much endless! So how about some of these award-winners to draw from?—*Should've Been a Cowboy*, *How Do You Like Me Now?* (#1 country song of 2000), *Beer For My Horses*, (both the song and the film), *As Good As I Once Was*...oh, so many more!

Among Toby's amazing catalogue of **19 studio albums and 2 Christmas albums**, our live performance here can draw from a song list of **20 #1 hits, 22 Top Tens and 61 charting singles!** (Guess we oughtta just come expecting!)

A few teasers here: *He Ain't Worth Missing*,

A Little Less Talk and a Lot More Action, *Wish I Didn't Know*, *Who's that Man*, *Upstairs Downtown*, *You Ain't Much Fun*, *Big Ol Trucks*, *Does that Blue Moon Ever Shine On You*, *A Woman's Touch*, *We Were in Love*... and the list goes on...

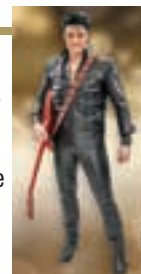
About Toby: He worked in oil fields, played in local bars and roadhouses, played semi pro football, played in honky tonks in Oklahoma—all before he became famous. In conclusion, he was the real deal, (*as is this performance by local Branson legend Shane Vancamp!*)

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'!*

ELVIS!

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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!"

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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."

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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. ♦

WHO LET THE DOGS OUT?

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About Rick Thomas

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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

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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.

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PRESS POSE: Rick faces the cameras with members of his cast, his wife and leading lady **Tara**, and the magical duo's son **Preston**, custodian of the award.



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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. 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

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.

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!



JAY DAVERSA *Music Director, 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

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.

We've Only Just Begun!

The show begins with a gentleman taking a seat at the piano to portray

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!**



MARY ANNE DAVERSA *Vocalist* Mary Anne performed with **Andy Williams** for 15 years! She also has performed with **The Texas Tenors**, **The Lennon Sisters**, **Marvin Hamlisch** and **Mary Wilson** besides serving as **Music Coordinator for 6 PBS Specials!**



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

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. Her showbiz experience comes across the

has played with many greats— including over 20 years with the great **Tony Orlando!**



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!**



BOGIE BOHINC *Lead Guitar* Bogie came to us from California with **Tony Orlando** and later joined **Andy Williams** at Andy's **Moon River Theater**. He also plays for **A Neil Diamond Tribute** and several traveling shows.



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**



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, Diana was taught good. And some dreams do come true. ♦

Knudson, who previously performed with his brothers in **SIX** and currently with **Pierce Arrow**.



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**.



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



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!

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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 the previous page)

After packing out performance venues throughout North America for the past two years, **world renown Neil Diamond tribute artist Keith Allyn** 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!”



10 PIECE ALL-STAR BAND!

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!

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, Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show, Hello Again, Forever in Bluejeans, 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 Allyn 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.

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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The Americana Theater 2905 W Hwy 76 • 417-544-8700	americanatheatre.com	E-6			
CJ Newsom's Classic Country & Comedy	patsyclineandfriends.com			Apr-Oct	
America's Top Country Hits				Apr- Dec	
Awesome 80's				Thru Dec	
Aaron Wayne Comedy Hypnosis Show	cleancomedyhypnotist.com			Mar-Dec	
Broadway to Buble: George Dyer				Oct	
Southern Gospel Sundays with The Frosts	frostrio.com			Apr-Dec	
Branson Hot Hits Theatre 206 South Commercial Street • 417-337-7426	bransonhothits.com	A-9	1,21		
Best of Dean Martin			1,21	Thru-Dec	
Patsy to Patsy hosted by Ermal "John Wayne"			1,21	Apr-Dec	
Platters Golden Sounds of the 50s			1,21	Thru-Dec	
DooWop & More			1,21	Thru-Dec	
Motown Downtown			1,21	Thru Dec	
Jukebox Live with Mark Alred			1,21	Thru Oct 11	
Branson Magic Theater 2527 State Hwy 248		E-3			
El Mago Pop: Antonio Diaz	elmagopop.com			TBD	
The Cabaret 3292 Shepherd of the Hills Exp • 417-230-7798					
Garry & Janine: Comedy Magic Dinner Show	escaperealitymagic.com			Mar-Oct	D
Clay Cooper Theatre 3216 W. Hwy 76 • 888-222-8910	claycoopertheatre.com	E-5			
Clay Cooper's Country Express				Thru Oct	
#1 Hits of the 60's (& 50's too)!				Thru Oct	
Dean Z - The Ultimate Elvis				Thru Oct	
The Haygoods				Thru Oct	
Hot Rods & High Heels (Fabulous 50s!)				Apr-Oct	
Special Shows and Events (See website for info)				Thru Dec	
Matt Gumm & Company (Sel. Dates. See Website for info)				Thru Dec	
Dolly Parton's Stampede 1525 W. Hwy 76 • 417-336-3000		E-10			
Dolly Parton's Stampede	dpstampede.com			Thru Oct	L,D
The Dutton Family Theatre 3454 W Hwy 76 • 417-332-2772		E-3			
The Duttons	theduttons.com			Thru-Oct	
Where Jesus Walked				Thru Nov	
Freedom Encounter Theatre 3220 Falls Parkway • 417-544-0372	freedomencounter.com	G-5	8		
The Freedom Journey Show			8	Thru Nov 11	
Freedom Journey Experience			8		
A Time for Freedom			8	Call Thru	
Pilgrim: The Musical			8	Call Thru	
An American Christmas			8	Call Thru	
Grand Country Music Hall 1945 W. Hwy 76 • 417-335-2484	GrandCountry.com	E-10			
Branson Country USA live TV Broadcast				Thru Dec	
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Down Home Country				Apr-May	

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Grand Country's Pets and Giggles				Thru Dec	
Grand Jubilee				Thru Dec	
New South Gospel				Thru May	
Ozarks Gospel				Thru Dec	
Ozarks Country				Thru Dec	
Pets & Giggles				Thru Dec	
Hamner's Variety Theater 3090 Shep. of the Hills Expy • 417-334-4363	hamnersunbelievable.com	C-6			
Hamner's Unbelievable Variety Show				Thru Oct	
Abba Tribute: Thank You For the Music	abbatributebranson.com			Thru Dec	
Beach Boys "California Dreamin"	beachboysbranson.com			Thru Dec	
Back to the Bee Gees	backtothebeegees.com			Thru Dec	
The Sound of Simon & Garfunkel				Thru Dec	
Hot Hits Theater 206 S. Commercial St. • 417-337-7426	bransonhothitstheatre.com	F-13	1,21		
Doo Wop & More			1,21	Thru Dec	
Motown Downtown			1,21	Thru Dec	
Patsy to Patsy			1,21	Apr-Dec	
Platters Golden Sounds of the 50s			1,21	Thru Dec	
Best of Dean Martin			1,21	Thru Dec	
James Taylor Soft Rock of the 70s & 80s Tribute			1,21	Apr-Dec	
Jukebox Live with Mark Alred			1,21	Thru Oct 11	
The Hughes Brothers Theatre 3425 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-0076	Hughes-Brothers.com	E-4	1,18,19		
The Hughes Music Show			1,18,19	Thru Oct	L,D
The Hughes Family Christmas Show			1,18,19	Nov-Jan	L,D
Hughes Brothers Country & BBQ			1,18,19	Apr-May	L,D
Re-Vibe!			1,18,19	Thru Oct	D
Branson's Famous Baldknobbers 417-231-4999	sales@baldknobbers.com		1,2,6,7	Thru-Oct	LD
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Escape Reality Magic Starring Garry Carson				Thru Dec	D
Country Evolution starring Dalena Ditto	countryrevolution.net			Apr-Dec	L
Branson's IMAX™ Little Opry Theatre 3562 Shep. of the Hills Exp • 417-335-4832	bransonimax.com	B-4			
Absolutely Country, Definitely Gospel	acdqbranson.com			Thru-Dec	
George Jones, Haggard & Friends				Thru July	
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The Petersens: American Roots Music	petersenband.com			Thru Oct	
Rick McEwen Presents "The Gambler"				Apr- Dec	
Todd Oliver & Irving the Talking Dog				Feb-May	
Jerry Presley's God and Country Theatres 1840 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-6806	GodandCountryTheaters.com	E-10			
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Elvis LIVE: Aloha from Hawaii -starring Jerry Presley				MAR-DEC	
Elvis LIVE: Madison Square Garden Concert starring Jerry Presley				APR-OCT	
A Neil Diamond Tribute	aneildiamondtribute.com		13	APR-JUN	
A Neil Diamond Christmas	aneildiamondtribute.com		13	NOV-DEC	
Carpenters Once More	backtothe70stributes.com		12	APR-JUN	
Carpenters Christmas Once More	backtothe70stributes.com		12	NOV-DEC	
Majestic Crooners Serenade				APR-DEC	
George Strait: Strait to Branson				APR-DEC	
John Denver Songbook				APR-DEC	
The Morace Family: <i>Listen to the Music</i>	moracefamilyshow.com			MAY-OCT	
King's Castle Theater 2701 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-2500	kingscastletheatre.com	E-8	1,5, 14,15		
Anthems of Rock			1,5, 14,15	THRU DEC	
The Ultimate 70's Show			1,5, 14,15	THRU-OCT	
Dublin's Irish Tenors & Celtic Ladies			1,5, 14,15	THRU DEC	
New Jersey Nights: Music of The Four Seasons			1,5, 14,15	THRU-OCT	
Spirit of America All American Musical Celebration			1,5, 14,15	SEP-NOV	
Branson's Christmas Wonderland			1,5, 14,15	NOV-DEC	
Pepsi Legends Theatre 1600 W. Hwy 76 • 417-339-3003	legendsinconcert.com/Branson	E-10	9,15		
Legends in Concert			9,15	THRU OCT	D,A
Legends of Country			9,15	DEC 26-30	D,A
Legends Christmas Spectacular Show			9,15	NOV-JAN 3	D,A
The Man in Black A Tribute to Johnny Cash			9,15	JUN-AUG	
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Every singer and musician on stage has a boatload of awards—yet they make what they do look so easy! Not only are they fluently brilliant—they are

completely into entertaining us! Every second all are absolutely *dialed in* to having fun with us audience types!

As for the music, it's mind-blowing musicianship and a visual feast of boot-scootin'-cowgirls, poodle-skirt Rock 'N Rollers and stunning ballet that literally takes the breath away!

ABOUT STEVIE LEE WOODS

He's charted hits all the way to #1 (*Is there anything left?*) for example—and for years was 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**.

Much of this comes from the fact that 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**. Besides charting country hits, Stevie also hosted *Today's Hot Country* on **TV's Nashville Network**. Looks like the wheel is coming full circle! ♦

Country & Rock Star
Stevie Lee Woods



Also at Nashville Roadhouse Theatre:



Sade Shine: Queens of Soul!

Sade Shine, (pronounced "Shar-day" Shine), has been captivating audiences ever since her early days singing in church at the age of six!

After years in Branson's *Motown Downtown* show, Sade this season headlines her own! Queens of Soul is a tribute to such music legends as **Aretha Franklin**, **Gladys Knight**, **Etta James**, **Whitney Houston** and *more!* Not only is Sade the first African American woman to own her own production in Branson, she has also been nominated for **Female Vocalist of the Year** and **Best Little Show!** Now *that's* a star!

A Garth Tribute

When our Oklahoma neighbor **Garth Brooks** hit the country/rock music scene, it was nothing less than a tornado, (as was obvious with his hit song "*Ropin' the Wind*")

As for some memory triggers, how about "*No Fences*", "*The Chase*", "*In Pieces*", "*Friends in Low Places*" "*The Thunder Rolls*", "*In Another's Eyes*", (a duet with his country superstar wife **Trisha Yearwood**), and the list goes on and on, as does the list of his awards, some being **Country Music Hall of Fame**, **Songwriters Hall of Fame**, and, well—you name it! Now we get to hear 'em all live on stage, thanks to acclaimed tribute artist Rich Watson!

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**Check out their
awesome 80s medley
shot at New York's
Times Square!**

(Go to Re-Vibe on Facebook, then scroll down to the March 31, 2024 post!)

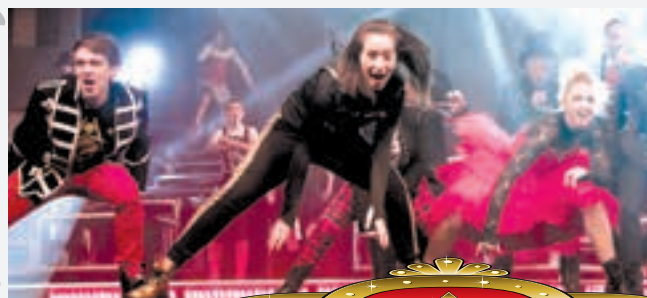


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In the new mix comes yet more absolutely off-the-charts, full-blown production numbers and show segments—including an all-new Broadway revue of music and dance, an 80s medley of pop and rock, and a pretty much all new extravaganza of every genre of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

UNHEARD OF

Where 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!**

Now about that **Hughes Music Show**, the masterpiece production of Hughes Family Nation which has reigned in Branson for over **31 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!

NEW THIS SEASON: RE-VIBE Dinner Show!

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'! ♦

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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. ♦



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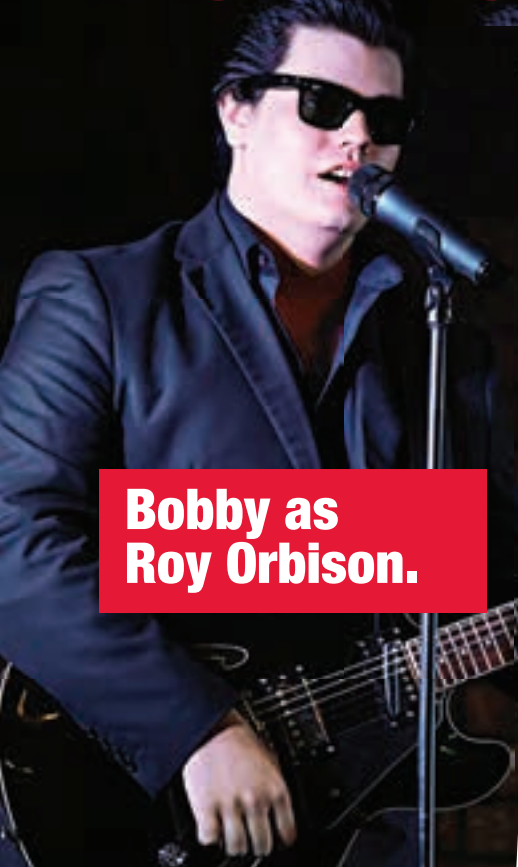
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A STAR IS BORN!



**Bobby as
Roy Orbison.**

Drawing from legendary crooner Roy Orbison's amazing repertoire, we can now hear amazing Bobby performing as amazing **Roy Orbison** in a *truly* amazing tribute show! It's a pretty special experience to hear Roy's legendary hits performed live on stage—some of those classics being ***Oh, Pretty Woman, Blue Bayou, Cryin' (over you), Only the Lonely*** or who knows what else. We just gotta come expecting, for not only has Roy's hauntingly beautiful voice very much dominated the soundtrack of

those 1960s, and even 1950s, (when many of us came of age), the airwaves even now just can't seem to let go of his music. The reason—it's music that just continues to transcend the generations.

Maybe the Internet has helped the youngsters discover the voice that somehow transitioned from country ballads to those beautiful rock and roll ballads many of us loved to dance to back in the day. Of course added help comes from that Hollywood classic ***Pretty Woman***, which introduced Roy's hit song to more generations. Either way, isn't it great a young crooner somehow discovered the unforgettable voice of that iconic legend, fell in love with it, and couldn't resist re-creating the performances of Roy Orbison live on stage? Lucky us that the torch has been passed! ♦

And that pretty much happened on his birthday, (date of birth, to be precise), when his parents gave him the name Bobby Darin—one of those names written in the stars, so to speak! Born into a showbiz family, it is of course no surprise that 20 year-old Bobby Darin Allynn is performing as a tribute artist, since (as many Branson fans know) he's been performing in Branson as an Elvis Presley tribute artist ever since he was a youngster in his Mom and Dad's shows. (Those shows over on pages 12 and 13 where one can "read all about it" as they say.)

FLEETWOOD MAC'S STEVIE NICKS

The music world's prestigious ***Rolling Stone* magazine** famously called her "the reigning queen of Rock & Roll" and one of the "100 greatest singers of all time."

Besides being a legendary solo artist, iconic Rock vocalist **Stevie Nicks** has also been the voice of **Fleetwood Mac**, one of the best selling music acts of all time! Inducted into the ***Rock & Roll Hall of Fame*** with Fleetwood Mac in 1998, Stevie Nicks was amazing **inducted yet again as a solo artist in 2010**, a milestone making her the first woman ever to receive the music industry's highest honor twice! Her incredible vocals launched Fleetwood Mac to the top of the charts with such memorable hits as ***Rumours, Landslide, Rhianon, Dreams, Go Your Own Way***—yet there were more! Stevie soon dominated the charts with her own solo hits—***Edge of Seventeen, Stand Back, Stop Draggin' My Heart Around, Rooms on Fire***—and the list goes on!

While capturing the world with her music, her flamboyant fashion statements became the rage of entire generations of women. Her microphone stands, decorated with flowing scarves, her Bohemian style costumes of shawls, long, festive skirts and her high-heeled boots became styles that literally swept the female world. Then there was the intensity of her stage performance.

That, she credits to the stars who deeply inspired her, they being the flamboyant **Jimi Hendrix** as well as the legendary rock diva **Janis Joplin**.

Bringing us a live performance portraying this global superstar is a Branson star in her own right. For eyes that can see beyond the recreated persona of Stevie, we might recognize the singing star of many a Branson show, that being award-winning performer Adrianna Fine. Capturing the look, the voice and the stage presence of Stevie Nicks is certainly a job well done for Miss Fine, yet bringing us such an authentic Stevie Nicks performance live on stage—well, that's an experience for us here in Branson that's off-the-charts **amazing!** ♦



Adrianna as Stevie.



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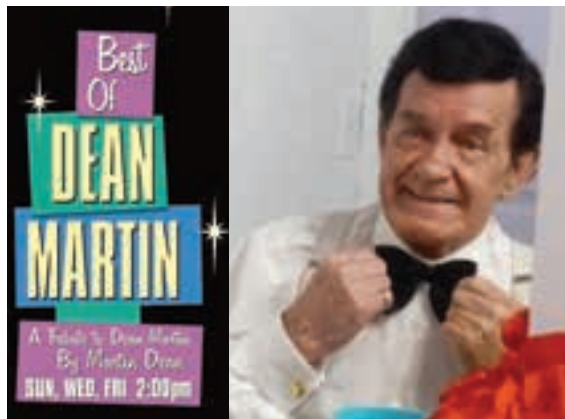
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For this experience of the “golden sounds” of those rock and roll classics from the 1950s, we also get to experience a performance by Branson legend Eddie Stovall, who has been treating Branson fans to these golden sounds for over 30 years! A performance not to miss!



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Some of us rocked to these songs on the jukebox down at our favorite soda fountain or local hangout back in the day! The rest of us know them from our movies and TV shows, or even from still hearing them on the radio. Now we get to hear it all live and in person!

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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, (*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!*

"CLICK" TO PAGE 22 FOR THE INSIDE SCOOP!



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!

TWO ESCAPE GAMES Fun stuff, but not to panic—technically you can escape at any time, but as all non-scarey 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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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.

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!*

PHOTO OPS!



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! ♦

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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!



EXPLORERS: Surrounded on all sides as they explore a wonderland of toys, former kids Mark and Crystal Masters from Sonoma, California appear mesmerized as they gaze at a giant toy version of the Santa Maria. (That was one of those three ships famous explorer Captain Columbus commanded back when he discovered us.)

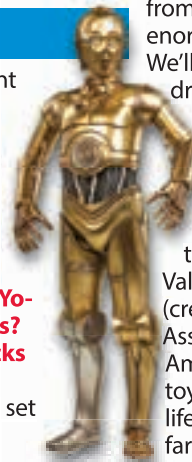
Among all the pleasant background noises of toys and games both mechanical and electronic, you are likely to hear shrieks

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? 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!"



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

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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- PAUL HARVEY Jr. '50s MUSEUM
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- 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!

Massive doll collections and doll houses spanning the centuries!



Then there are these other kinds of toys! The parents and Grandparents would especially like this Royal Rolls Royce which was actually used by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain!



Former kids Michael and Rhonda Springer from Lavaca, Arkansas admire the Roy Rogers & Dale Evans wing adjacent to the National BB Gun Museum.

3 NOSTALGIA TOY SHOPS!



Aisles and aisles of classic toys and games!



Doll house collectibles! And everything else!



Decades of collectable Hot Wheels, Matchbox, Ertl, 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! *

Stuff Happens

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Mar 10-12

PRAISEFEST BRANSON SPRING PRELUDE

A 3 day, 4 session event with evening sessions beginning at 7pm. on Monday & Tuesday. Morning sessions: 10 am -1pm. on Tuesday & Wednesday. Monday Evening: Featured live music by acclaimed Gospel music artists **Booth Brothers, Karen Peck & New River, Legacy Five, Shane & Shane** Tuesday Morning: **Greater Vision, Zane & Donna King, Jamie Jorge, Pastor Jim Cymbala.** Tuesday Evening: **Phillips, Craig & Dean, Scotty Inman, Legacy Five, Greater Vision** Wednesday Morning: **Brian Free & Assurance, Pastor Willy Rice, Peach Goldman, Jamie Jorge.** Optional Bonus Concerts: *(call for tickets)* March 12: **Mark Lowry & Friends with Endless Highway At The Mansion Theatre for the Performing Arts, 189 Expressway Lane, Phone: 417-335-2000, 417-337-7846**

Mar 13-15

PRAISEFEST BRANSON SPRING ENCORE

A 3 day, 4 session event with evening sessions beginning at 7pm. on Thursday and Friday. Morning sessions: 10 am -1pm. on Friday & Saturday.. Thursday Evening, **Legacy Five, Greater Vision, Peach Goldman, Geron Davis & Kindred Souls, TaRanda Greene, Poet Voices, & 170 voice "Praisefest Celebration Choir-On Fire!** Friday morning: **Mark Trammell Quartet, Chuck Wagon Gang, Jamey Ragle, Greater Vision.** Friday Evening: **Triumphant Qt, High Road, The Inspirations, Tim Lovelace** Saturday Morning **Ernie Haase & Signature Sound, Sunday Drive, Jamey Ragle, Greater Vision** March 15: **The Collingsworth Family 7pm** *(Optional bonus concert, call for tickets)* Make plans for **The PRAISEFEST BRANSON FALL RETREAT OCTOBER-27-29, 2025!** At The Mansion Theatre for the Performing Arts, 189 Expressway Lane, Branson Phone: 417-335-2000, 417-337-7846

Apr 4-6

Young Christians Weekend The ultimate Christian Youth Event! Concerts, Workshops & Speakers PLUS Rides! Concerts include **We Are Messengers, Austin French, Leanna Crawford, Thrive Worship, The King Will Come. Reserve by March 27!** 417-336-7170 at Silver Dollar City, Branson

Apr 4-6

KVD Big Bass Tour Kevin Van Dam Big Bass Classic Presented by Explore Branson \$150,000 Guaranteed prizes and payouts! Table Rock Lake Long Creek Marina, Ridgedale, MO (877) 958-8687 Info: bigbasstour.com/tournaments/2024/table-rock-lake-missouri

Apr 9-11

2025 Greater Purpose Conference plus "INSPIRED" Bible Artifacts Exhibit 5 conference sessions with focus on world missions, exclusive exhibit of ancient Bible artifacts, plus FREE mission trip giveaway. An amazing exhibit of archeological discoveries from private collections and museums throughout the world. HURRY! SPACE IS LIMITED! 120 S. Wildwood Drive (417) 231-4131

Apr 11-12

Branson Car Collector Auction – Spring 2025 For all details to consign, register to bid, or buy vehicles go to bransonauction.com/events/42 10% Vehicles Onsite/ Telephone Bidding/13% Vehicles Online Bidding / 15% Memorabilia. Tickets \$15 daily, \$25 2-day pass, (\$10 for Military w/ ID, \$15 for 2-day pass.) Phone: 800-335-3063 Location: Branson Hilton Convention Center 200 E Main St., Branson

April 13

Wedding Venue Open House – Vendors, Food and Raffles Get a headstart on wedding planning and meet a variety of amazing vendors for all your wedding day needs! Enter to win special offers and discounts. Food, vendors, and wedding advice. 1060 Crows Next Trl 417-338-2524

Apr 25-26

Branson Music Fest and Company at Clay Cooper Theatre A sampling of the best of Branson! (Over 20 acts!) Entertainers come together to give the performance of a lifetime! 417-332-2529

May 2-4

Branson Elvis™ Festival Festival

Highlights: Live performances by the world's top Elvis Tribute Artists, Elvis Meet & Greet Dinner, Elvis Vendor Village, Youth Tribute Showcase, Festival Happy Hour, After Party, and of course **The Ultimate Elvis™ Tribute Artist Contest.** BransonElvisFestival.com 417-339-3003 at Pepsi Legends in Concert Theater. 1600 W. Hwy. 76, Branson ♦

2025 Guest Star Dates!

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May 24-25 Vicki Lawrence & Mama: a Two Woman Show Star Concert Hall

May 11 The More Life Tour starring Randy Travis, with Guest Vocalist James Dupre Clay Cooper Thtr

May 17 Bohemian Queen The Mansion Thtr

Jun 6 Yacht Rock the Dock, with Ambrosia and special guests John Ford Coley (England Dan and John Ford Coley) Peter Beckett (The voice of Player – Baby Come Back) and Elliot Lurie (Looking Glass – Brandy You're a Fine Girl) The Mansion Thtr.

Jun 7 Styx, Kevin Cronin and Don Felder Thunder Ridge Nature Arena

Jun 12 Hozier Thunder Ridge Nature Arena

Jun 13 Post Malone with Jelly Roll Thunder Ridge Nature Arena

Jun 29 2025 Outlaw Music Festival (Willie Nelson and Family, Bob Dylan, Nathaniel

Ratelliff and The Night Sweats) Thunder Ridge Nature Arena

July 26 Kane Brown Thunder Ridge Nature Area

Jul 27-28 Kidz Rock Clay Cooper Thtr

Aug 2 Creed Thunder Ridge Nature Arena

Aug 31 Tim McGraw Thunder Ridge Nature Arena

Sep 5 Doobie Brothers Thunder Ridge Nature Arena

Sep 25 Kids Bop Live! Thunder Ridge Nature Arena

Sept 26, Oct 9, 16, 23 Nov 6, 13, 20 Jimmy Fortune The Mansion Thtr

Oct 10, 22 Nov 8, 22 Gene Watson The Mansion Thtr

Oct 11 Bohemian Queen The Mansion Thtr

Oct 18, Nov 14 The Gatlin Brothers The Mansion Thtr

Oct 24, Nov 21 The Bellamy Brothers The Mansion Thtr **More to Come!**

My Voice

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it was, but they knew every word to the songs we sang. They were connected, through music, to their memories and to one another.

Weeks later, while singing on a cruise ship, I watched an audience of strangers become a family through their love for music. After seven days of performances, they left with a shared joy and connection that only live music can inspire. Together, they felt the gamut of emotions. They experienced highs and lows of every song... the goosebumps inspired by unexpected notes...the magic of a perfectly written lyric. As we left the ship, there was a shared understanding that we had been gifted the most special of memories—the beauty of a shared song.

So often, in the heights of our show season, I have nights when I am not always enthusiastic to perform. Life can make emotions high, sickness can plague the voice and sometimes I'm just plain tired. This off-season has reminded me that even on those nights, I have a job to do. I have a responsibility to use the tools God gave me to create smiles, joy, laughter and memories. I have the ability to change someone's day, and in doing so, I can change my own. This off-season has reminded me that I am blessed beyond measure to carry the job title of entertainer.

Hats off to you January and February! You did your job, and now it is time for me to do mine! The break was much needed, but the stage lights are calling. There is much joy to be spread. ♦

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

— Isaiah 55:12

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Forget 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!



Brian shows us his star attraction.

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 AMERICAN MADE MILITARY THEMED MERCH ANYWHERE!**

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

A shock for VETERANS! and all Patriots! SEE BELOW!





Bed, Bath...



...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!"

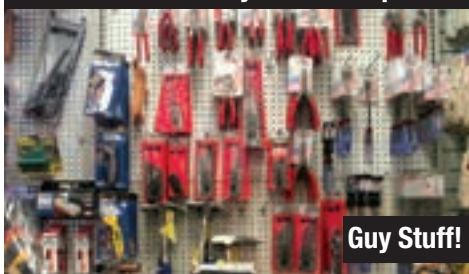


TOYS GALORE!



YUM ALERT!

Brian serves up all-American treats at the store's old timey ice cream parlor!



Guy Stuff!



The old Candy Shop!



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- Doo Wop & More
- Motown Downtown
- Patsy to Patsy
- Platters Golden Sounds of the 50s
- Best of Dean Martin
- James Taylor Soft Rock of the 70s & 80s Tribute
- Jukebox Live with Mark Alred

At Freedom Encounter Thtr G-5

- Freedom Journey Show
- Freedom Journey Experience
- A Time for Freedom
- Pilgrim: The Musical
- An American Christmas

At Mickey Gilley Grand Shanghai Thtr D-3

- Illusionist Rick Thomas "Mansion of Dreams"

At The Hughes Brothers Thtr E-4

- Hughes Music Show
- Hughes Brothers Country Show
- Hughes Brothers Christmas Show
- Re-Vibe
- Branson's Famous Baldknobbers
- Branson's Famous Baldknobbers Christmas
- Vintage Baldknobbers Show
- Vintage Baldknobbers Christmas Show

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

- A Neil Diamond Tribute starring Keith Allyn
- A Neil Diamond Christmas starring Keith Allyn

- Carpenters Once More starring Diana Allyn
- Carpenters Christmas Once More starring Diana Allyn

At King's Castle Thtr E-8

- Anthems of Rock
- The Ultimate 70s Show
- Dublin's Irish Tenors & The Celtic Ladies
- New Jersey Nights: Music of The Four Seasons
- Spirit of America All American Musical Celebration
- Branson's Christmas Wonderland

At Nashville Roadhouse Live! C-5

- Nashville Roadhouse Live!
- A Garth Tribute!
- Sade Shine!

At Pepsi Legends Thtr E-10

- Legends in Concert
- Legends of Country
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