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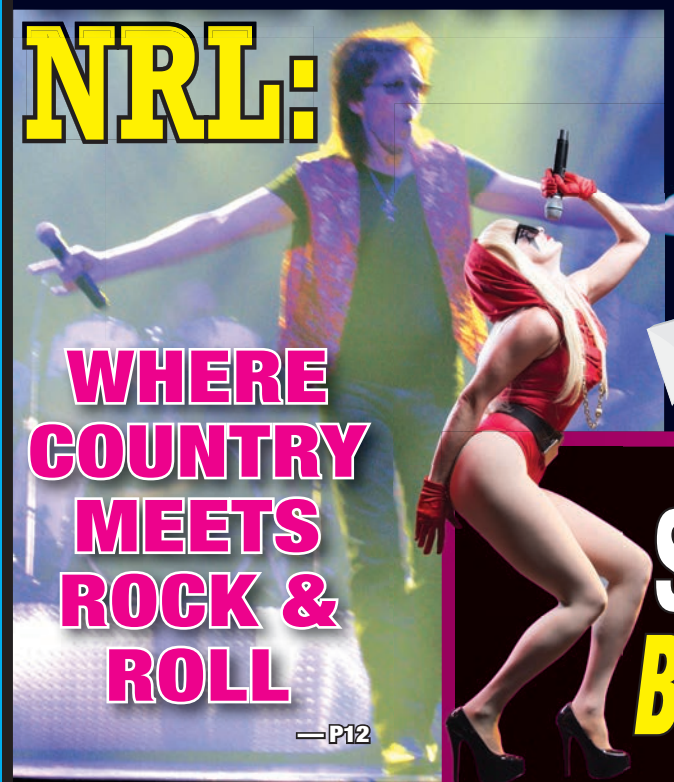
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### VACATION NEWS

One of the good things about runnin' off to some kind of vacation is that we end up spending so much time havin' fun that we got no time left for all the bad news, fake news and goofball celebrity news that seems to beat us up all day long back in Real World Land!

So how's about we preach a little Vacation News here which just might be a tad of music to our ears!

First off, let's take the bad news and tote it out to the trash bin where it belongs!

Money news is bad. We'll take that out to the trash first. World news is bad. It keeps tellin' us the whole world's lined up against us to "level the playin' field", or even just to go off and leave us wallowin' in the dust! So what good vacation news comes out of all that nonsense? Is The Good Lord about to call us all up into the clouds like He promised, or do we need to tribulate awhile down here before we get that "pie-in-the-sky", as some of us silly folks like to say?

Now, don't look at me like that. By now you should be gettin' used to me remindin' us all of the dark we are bumblin' around in before I throw us all a lifeline that will switch on the lightbulb and rope us into Kingdom living in the midst of the storm! You know, that eternally happy place of "righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost" we get to be in right in the middle of now, and not just in our "happily ever after."

So here's some vacation news that seems to not be makin' the Bad News Channels. God is moving mightily throughout the world and the kingdom of darkness is recoiling and bein' flushed out of the shadows where it's been hiding and sneaking around up til now!

Desperate for some "feel good news", millions all over the world are flocking to their churches and reports are pourin' in that The Good Lord is responding in a

mighty way! Revivals everywhere! Even signs, wonders, healings and miracles, just like in The Bible! Multitudes are "coming to Jesus"! (All that, plus the miracles too—is all over The Bible's New Testament! But you all knew that. I'm just sayin' it here for good folks who might not have read that part of The Bible yet, or seen it in some Bible movie. And even if they did, maybe they thought miracles was just to get the religion started, or was just fairy tales to make people feel comfy and happy.)

Of course don't look for much of that good news out there in the news news. To them news folks, that's just religious stuff. Not something to report, if you want to keep your paycheck. Not unless some kind of laws somewhere has a problem with what a church is up to. That's what makes the news.

But now that we got that Internet gadget, we can start lookin' around and findin' out what The Good Lord is doin' and get in on it all, even though like in The Bible, the naysayers and even religious folks come out against it with their sticks and stones, which thankfully are mostly just bad emails and bad talk—for now at least. Not to sound too old timey here, but what's happening is Revival! I like to think of it like what once was kinda dead poppin' back up alive! Maybe it's cause the dark gets so dark, we start gropin' around and followin' anything that looks like a little lightbulb!

All that to say that the bad news is gettin' bad enough to drive folks to some Good News! But it gets even better, for when we repent of ourselves and invite our Lord and Savior into our hearts to forgive us and clean us up, He answers prayers and He changes us in ways we could never change by ourselves! Changin' us is Good News that's maybe the hardest to believe! But according to millions all over the world, and millions and ga-zillions from generations all through history—it really is all true, hand on The Bible!

Read all about it in that Bible of yours! Start in the New Testament. That opens eyes to everything in the Old.

Oh, and one more thing—have a nice vacation! ♦

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### Show of Shows!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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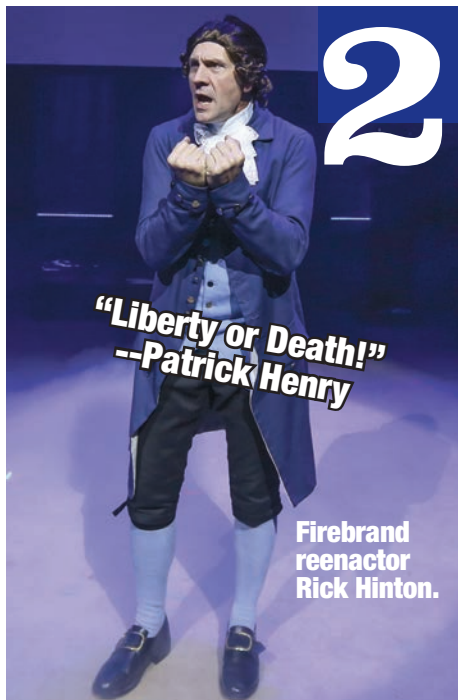
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# 2 REVOLUTIONARY PRODUCTIONS!



**"Liberty or Death!"**  
--Patrick Henry

Firebrand reenactor  
Rick Hinton.

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 one-room 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 re-discover who we are as a people. The result, for most, is an emotional experience that lingers long in both heart and mind. The 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, finger-pointer types. Much to the contrary—they inspire.

## 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](http://FreedomEncounter.com)

**S**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](http://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 Homecoming Week in seasons past, then be advised: you are about to witness a never-



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## ILLUSIONIST RICK THOMAS

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## MANSION DREAMS

Magicians all over the world know it, so we'll just go ahead and say it here—**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 heart-stirring, 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 kids, Moms and Dads, Grandmas and Grandpas, fans of magic, and even folks who, until this show, didn't give a hoot about magic! It's that spectacular!

**PHOTO OPS!  
MEET RICK, CAST &  
DOG STARS!  
BACKSTAGE DURING  
INTERMISSION!  
DETAILS AT BOX  
OFFICE!**

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 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. ♦

## WHO LET THE DOGS OUT?

**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!**  
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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!*

## 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

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.

## FROM ZIMBABWE—



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



**"Epic!"**  
**New York Times**  
**"Stunning!"**  
**LA Times**  
**"Fabulous Entertainment for the Entire Family"**  
**Chicago Tribune**

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# 1959-2023 BRANSON'S FIRST SHOW:

TOPS itself  
**YET AGAIN!**

## BRANSON'S FAMOUS BALDKNOBBERS

Every 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 yonder 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



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

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

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

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



**Ashley Dawn!**



Gospel singer, Nashville recording artist & star vocalist with the MO Natl Guard's 135th Army Band!

**Shane!**



From Nashville: a heart-stealing voice of Country and Gospel!

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 you something.

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

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

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

### THE TAKE-AWAY

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



2021  
Terry  
Awards

# And The Awards go to...

**MORE  
BALDKNOBBER  
STARS!**

The 2022 Branson Terry Music Awards  
**2022 FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE  
YEAR!**

**Ashley Dawn Stanton!**

**Branson's Famous Baldknobbers!**

**2022 LEAD GUITAR PLAYER OF THE  
YEAR!**

**Grant Moody!**

**Branson's Famous Baldknobbers!**

**2021 Female Vocalist  
of the Year  
Megan Mabe,  
Branson's  
Famous Baldknobbers!**

**DAD!**

**NATHAN!**



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

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

## THE VINTAGE BALDKNOBBERS SHOW

**W**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 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!

## THERE IS A SEASON

**M**y grandmother used to always use the phrase, "That was another lifetime ago." As a little girl, I never really understood what she meant. Everyone is gifted one lifetime, right? Not until recently have I started to understand the true meaning behind this saying. As I have aged and grown, I have realized that phases of life—when examined in hindsight—begin to feel like lifetimes. Marked with their own unique achievements, disappointments, and experiences, these lifetimes can only be revisited in memories and photos.

Recently, when looking at our four teenage kiddos, I have come to the sudden realization that we are in a new lifetime.

Gone are the days of playing baseball in the backstage hallway with a homemade tape ball and drumstick. The sounds of wheelchairs racing down the aisles are no more. The dressing room walls covered in scribbled drawings and masterful princess paintings are bare. The days of four giggling faces on the front row watching Megan and Daddy on stage have drifted into memories.

Another lifetime ago.

Today, it's flying into the theater ten minutes until showtime, breathless from watching our oldest play varsity baseball. It's watching what once were four silly goofballs now working in every department of the theater, pushing guests in wheelchairs rather than racing in them. It's hearing arguments about who ran the spotlight better or who made more tips in concessions. It's a shared chuckle between Brandon and me while watching our youngest being trained on how to appropriately mop up a soda spill.

It's a new lifetime.

While I often feel pangs of sadness while looking through pictures from the past or shuffling through the countless piles of crayola drawings made, I know that if I

dwelt too long on the loss of one lifetime, I will miss the one I'm in right now. This phase—this lifetime—will one day find its end as well.

I can't help but wonder, did the original Mabe brothers ever realize how many lifetimes would come through these Baldknobber doors? Did they know their show would be a part of so many stories? So many memories?

There is not a night that passes that we do not meet a guest who relays memories of coming as a child, coming for a special occasion or coming with a beloved husband or wife. We have heard stories from those who have come to carry on family traditions or come in honor of loved ones lost. We have held the hands of those

**"We are part of lifetimes. Beginning ones. Middle ones. End ones. Chapters in the stories of our guests."**

who have come in an effort to mark another experience off their bucket list. We have prayed with those as they have explained a diagnosis with a terminal illness. We have shed tears watching an elderly guest leave after explaining that it may be his or her last trip to Branson.

We are part of lifetimes. Beginning ones. Middle ones. End ones. Chapters in the stories of our guests.

I can't help but feel the need to honor those who have shared lifetimes with us. I do this by trying to squeeze every special moment out of the one I am in. Not taking any lifetime for granted seems the only way to pay tribute to those who have entrusted us with two hours of one of theirs.

We are not guaranteed tomorrow. We are not guaranteed another lifetime on this earth. So I will smile in this one—the one with four rowdy teenagers, a crazy schedule and a lot less sleep—and pray that God grants me a few more lifetimes along the way.

*"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot." Ecclesiastes 3:1-2* ❁



# 2023: A LEGENDARY SEASON OF SUPERSTARS!



## Legends in Concert® live on Stage!

**Legends in Concert's Stars of Spring: (L. to R.) Michael Jackson, Willie Nelson, Adele, The Blues Brothers, and (of course) Elvis!**

**P**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 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 *ahhhs!* 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! Her next album (**21**), released at the age of (you guessed it—*twenty-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**

*the Girls I've Loved Before, Pancho & Lefty, Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain, Always on My Mind*—all of it being music, and a voice that has transcended the generations.

### 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



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 21st century—*live on stage!*

### WILLIE NELSON

If ever there was an adored entertainer who literally sailed through a wide landscape of musical genres—country, (and crossover) singer **Willie Nelson** has been pretty much that guy. To think of Willie is to think of country, outlaw country, and all kinds of music in-between, (pop, blues and even Jazz included!) Among his many memorable hits—*Crazy, Hello Walls, On the Road Again, To All*

**Best Original Song Award** with her screen co-star **Bradley Cooper** for *Shallow!*—(a performance that made global headlines!)

### 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 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!)

### 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!

*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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## SMASH HIT ROCKS BRANSON!

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

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

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



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

Our conclusion: **ROCK ON!**



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", Pay That Funky Music, Waterloo, We Are Family, Superstition*, and wow--can you feel it? 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!



Celebrating its 9th blockbuster season in Branson! A Broadway hit ad 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 IrishDance Stars from the award-winning show *Spirit of the Dance*.



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**C**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?



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. ♦

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 post!)

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!**



**KIDS FREE!**



# 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

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!**

*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 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'! ♦

## CHOW AT THE CHUCKWAGON!

Can 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.)

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**BREAKING NEWS!**

THE AWARDS JUST KEEP A-COMIN'!

(See the latest on the next page!!!)

**PLUS!**

NASHVILLE ROADHOUSE LIVE'S NEW TV SHOW GOES GLOBAL!

(Again, read all about it on the next page!!!)



## NASHVILLE ROADHOUSE LIVE

Starring Stevie Lee Woods and The NRL Band

### WHERE COUNTRY MEETS ROCK & ROLL!

#### ABOUT NASHVILLE ROADHOUSE LIVE!

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

#### ABOUT STEVIE LEE WOODS

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

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

Folks, this show is a high energy fun fest that moves fast and furious—but with

plenty of heart, soul and a whole lotta love. The level of performance and musicianship is an absolute showbiz earthquake! It's that awesome! You can see the love the performers have for the music, for each other, and even for us audience types. You can feel it.

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 Roadhouse Live**, 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 [f](https://www.facebook.com/nashvilleroadhouse theater)/nashvilleroadhouse theater plus [f](https://www.facebook.com/TheBransonInsider/)/TheBransonInsider!

Here they are: Read all about it back on pages 10-13!

### Branson Show Awards

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

### Branson Jerry Music Awards

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

## THE BIG RECORD RELEASE!

Branson Star Theatre's **Stevie Lee Woods and Nashville Roadhouse Live** dropped a new record which ever since has been climbing the Country, Pop and EZ-Listening charts all over the globe! **Something About The Way You Look Tonight**, a remake of the Elton John classic, is not only released with **Sir Elton John's blessing**—the pop icon actually appears in the record's music video! But it gets even better, for the song was recorded in Branson, yet was sent to the U.K. where Sir Elton's legendary producer **Stuart Epps** (who also produced classics by such music icons as **George Harrison** and **Led Zeppelin**) assisted in "mixing" and creating the master! Upon hearing it, Sir Elton's legendary 50-year

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



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**Nashville Roadhouse Live's Branson Star 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 entire world!* We're talking *billions* of viewers!

Even though the taping took over eight hours, fans happily dodged cameras, cranes and booms to applaud, cheer and wave cell phones in the dark! Truly, good times were

## 2022 GRAMMY NOMINATION!

The Telly Awards

ONE OF THE MUSIC INDUSTRY'S TOP HONORS:  
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"SOMETHING ABOUT THE WAY YOU LOOK TONIGHT"



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## VARIETY SHOWS!

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**MORACE FAMILY**  
Listen to the Music!

See Story on Page 23!

**B**eautiful harmonies, an amazing live band, hilarious comedy and some heart warming family moments. We get it all in one unforgettable performance! The Morace Family started touring as a Gospel Group when their daughters were small. They enjoyed that time and feel blessed to have a show in Branson together.



### STEVE SANDERS, THAT MENTALIST GUY!

**A** 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!

See Story on Page 22!

**O**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

**T**he perfect show for any of us itching for some classic country, rock-a-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

**A** tribute of great music, great stories, and first class entertainment! 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**.

had by all! (Including at the awesome after-party, where all were welcomed!)

And here comes the best part—for any of us unfortunate enough to miss the TV taping party of riveting performances, amazing guest stars and plenty of just plain fun—here's your good news: Not only are there many more TV episodes to come—the admission for being in the audience 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!* ♦

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**SHOWS**



# A LEGEND PERFORMED BY A LEGEND!

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

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

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

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

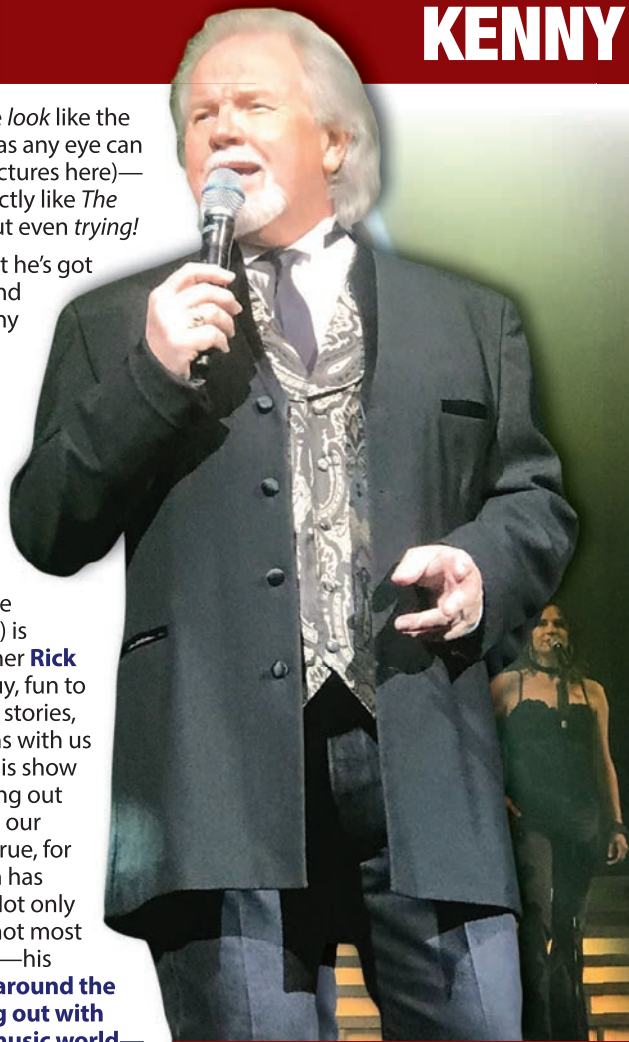
Although a musician, vocalist, recording artist and all-around entertainer for decades, Rick decided a few years back that it was about time to have his own show. So he did, resulting in an instant fan base that took off like a rocket!

### ABOUT RICK'S SHOW: IT'S SHOCKING!

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

And the suit, we might add.

Shocking indeed, especially since Rick's



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

voice and guitar work which recreates one of the music world's major forces for the last 50 years is absolutely spot-on—pretty much at the level of a Kenny Rogers clone! But the funny stories and the fun times—well, that takes things to another level which is kinda off the charts, so to speak!

### THE MUSIC

Again, off the charts! Seriously. Kenny Rogers music has outsold almost everyone in the entire music industry over the past 50-some years. From his days with **The New Christy Minstrels** and his rock days as **Kenny Rogers and The First Edition**, (*Just Dropped in (To See What Condition My Condition Was In)*) to his crossover country days of *Ruby, Don't Take Your Love to Town*, *The Gambler*, *Islands in the Stream*

with **Dolly Parton** and so many more—this rock, country, TV and movie phenomenon won just about every award out there, has become the musical soundtrack for generations—and even spent 1992-1995 entertaining us Branson fans at the **historic Grand Palace!**

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

### KENNY ROGERS

1936-2020. 65 albums. 165 million records. One of the top selling music artists of all time. Most successful crossover artist in history. (jazz, folk, pop, rock, country). **Awards:** Too many to list, however we should mention his induction in *The Country Music Hall of Fame!* **Movie Soundtracks:** *Convoy*, *Urban Cowboy*, *The Big Lebowski*, **Partners in Song:** Dolly Parton, Dottie West, Lionel Richie, Sheena Easton, Kim Carnes many more. **Examples of his Endless Hits:** *Ruben James*, *Something's Burning*, *Lucille*, *Lady*, *Love Lifted Me*, *Coward of the Country*, *Buy Me a Rose* **TV:** *The Gambler Series*, *Host of Real West*, A&E, History Channel **Book:** *Love, or Something Like it: A Memoir.*

### RICK MCEWEN

Rick's showbiz resume and his list of awards is a mile long! A member of the **Traditional Country Music Hall of Fame**, he has starred in dozens of productions during his years in Branson! Prior to Branson, the Mississippi native and Nashville recording artist toured for years with several genuine music legends—**The Blackwoods Singers**, banjo superstar **Earl Scruggs**, then for over nine years with bluegrass icons **The Dillards**, whose fame as *The Darlings* on the iconic **Andy Griffith Show** created a fan base resulting in tours throughout North America and Europe! Rick has called

Branson home for the past several years where he has graced many a Branson stage while enjoying the Branson life with his lovely wife Manya. One of Rick's favorite tales is of working with **Disney** to record the soundtrack of the famous **It's a Small World** ride for **Euro Disney in Paris, France**. Hearing that story, along with the rest of Rick's storied life, inspired a classic response: "what a ride."



# Elvis LIVE! starring JERRY PRESLEY & THE BLACKWOODS!

# WHAT A STORY, WHAT A SHOW!



**Wow!** 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

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!



Left to right:  
(front)  
Donna Blackwood,  
Andrea Blackwood,  
Page Kingsbury.  
(Top)  
Denny Yeary,  
Mark Kingsbury,  
Elvis, (er, technically  
Jerry Presley),  
Clel Petray and  
R.W. Blackwood.

common reaction (and quote) from fans in the know is this: "It's the most authentic Elvis show I've ever seen!"

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."

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

Elvis couldn't have found a better guy to carry on his legacy. A devout Christian,



## Elvis & Jerry

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

## Tribute Shows APPEARING LIVE AT GOD & COUNTRY!

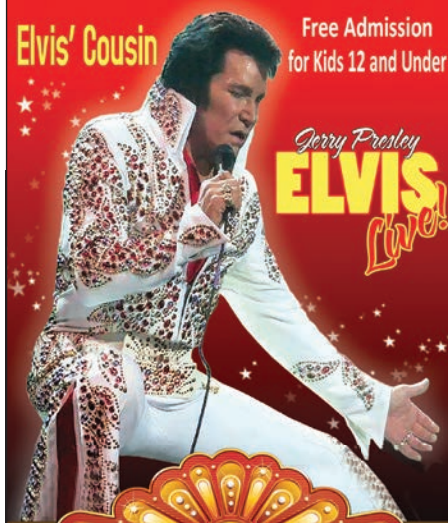


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<i>The Americana Theater</i> 2905 W Hwy 76 • 417-544-8700	<a href="http://americanatheatre.com">americanatheatre.com</a>	E-6				
CJ Newsom's Classic Country & Comedy	<a href="http://patsyclineandfriends.com">patsyclineandfriends.com</a>		16	THRU OCT		
CJ Newsom's Classic Country & Comedy Christmas Show				NOV-DEC		
America's Top Country Hits	<a href="http://americanatheatre.com">americanatheatre.com</a>		18	THRU DEC		
Awesome 80's	<a href="http://americanatheatre.com">americanatheatre.com</a>		16	THRU DEC		
The Best of Motown & More				THRU DEC		
British Invasion	<a href="http://americanatheatre.com">americanatheatre.com</a>			SEP-NOV		
Broadway to Buble: George Dyer				MAY-JUN AUG-SEP 5		
Classic Rock Icons				MAY-AUG		
Broadway to Buble: George Dyer: Christmas Show				NOV-DEC		
Elvis: Story of The King	<a href="http://americanatheatre.com">americanatheatre.com</a>		18	THRU DEC		
Once Upon a Fairytale	<a href="http://onceuponafairytalebranson.com">onceuponafairytalebranson.com</a>			MAY-SEP 2		
Andy Williams Moon River Theatre 2905 W Hwy 76 • 417-334-4500		E-8				
Closed						
Branson Central Theatre 625 St. Hwy 165 • 417-231-4112	TBA	F-5				
Branson Famous Theatre 645 Hwy 165 • 417-231-4999	<a href="http://baldknobbers.com">baldknobbers.com</a>	F-4				
Branson's Famous Baldknobbers	<a href="http://baldknobbers.com">baldknobbers.com</a>		1, 2, 6, 7	THRU OCT		
Branson's Famous Baldknobbers Christmas	<a href="http://baldknobbers.com">baldknobbers.com</a>		2, 6, 7	NOV-DEC		
Vintage Baldknobbers Show	<a href="http://baldknobbers.com">baldknobbers.com</a>		2, 6, 7	AUG-DEC		
The Doug Gabriel Show	<a href="http://douggabriel.com">douggabriel.com</a>			THRU OCT		
The Doug Gabriel Christmas Show	<a href="http://douggabriel.com">douggabriel.com</a>			THRU OCT		
Reza: Edge of Illusion	<a href="http://rezalive.com">rezalive.com</a>			THRU DEC		
Branson Hot Hits Theatre 206 South Commercial St • 417-337-7426	<a href="http://bransonhothits.com">bransonhothits.com</a>	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				JUNE-NOV		
Dean Martin and More Tribute				THRU DEC		
Clay Cooper Theatre 3216 W. Hwy 76 • 888-222-8910	<a href="http://claycoopertheatre.com">claycoopertheatre.com</a>	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!)	<a href="http://1hitsofthe60s.com">1hitsofthe60s.com</a>			THRU OCT		
#1 Hits of the 60's Christmas Show	<a href="http://1hitsofthe60s.com">1hitsofthe60s.com</a>			NOV-DEC		
Dean Z - The Ultimate Elvis				THRU OCT		
Dean Z's Rockin' Christmas Show				NOV-DEC		
The Haygoods				THRU OCT		
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		



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Copeland Theater at the Meadows • 417-332-5338	<a href="http://copelandtheater.com">copelandtheater.com</a>	C-9				
All Hands On Deck Show				Oct		
All Hands on Deck Christmas Show				Nov-Dec		
Ray: You Got The Right One Baby...				Oct-Dec		
Rock U 101				THRU Dec		
On Fire: The Jerry Lee Lewis Story				THRU Dec		
New Years Hits On Fire				31 Dec		
<b>Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theatre</b> 1600 W. Hwy 76 • 417-339-3003	<a href="http://legendsinconcert.com/Branson">legendsinconcert.com/Branson</a>	E-10				
<b>Legends in Concert</b>			1, 8, 19	THRU OCT	D,A	
<b>Legends of Country</b>			1, 8, 19	THRU OCT		
<b>Legends Christmas Spectacular Show</b>				Nov-Dec	D,A	
<b>Legends A Merry Country Christmas</b>				Nov-Dec	D,A	
SIX	<a href="http://thesixshow.com">thesixshow.com</a>			THRU OCT		
SIX Christmas				Nov-Dec		
Buckets N Boards				JUN-AUG		
Dolly Parton's Stampede 1525 W. Hwy 76 • 800-520-5544	<a href="http://dpstampede.com">dpstampede.com</a>	E-10		THRU OCT	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	<a href="http://theduttons.com">theduttons.com</a>	E3				
The Duttons				APR-OCT		
The Duttons Christmas Show				Nov-Dec		
<b>Freedom Encounter Theatre</b> 3220 Falls Parkway • 417-544-0372	<a href="http://FreedomJourneyShow.com">FreedomJourneyShow.com</a>	G-5		Nov		
<b>The Freedom Journey Show</b>	<a href="http://FreedomJourneyShow.com">FreedomJourneyShow.com</a>		4	APR-DEC		
<b>Freedom Journey Experience</b>			4	APR-DEC		
Chronicles of Narnia: The Horse Boy				Dec		
Grand Country Music Hall 1945 W Hwy 76 • 417-335-2484	<a href="http://GrandCountry.com">GrandCountry.com</a>	E-10				
Amazing Pets!				THRU Dec		
Branson Country USA live TV Broadcast				THRU Dec		
Comedy Jamboree				THRU Dec		
Down Home Country				MAY 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	<a href="http://hamnersunbelievable.com">hamnersunbelievable.com</a>	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		

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Mike Walker: Lasting Impressions				THRU DEC		
<b>The Hughes Brothers Theatre</b> 3425 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-0076	<a href="http://Hughes-Brothers.com">Hughes-Brothers.com</a>	E-4				
The Hughes Music Show			10, 11	THRU OCT	L, D	
The Hughes Family Christmas Show			10, 11	NOV-DEC	L, D	
Hughes Brothers Country & BBQ			10, 11	THRU DEC	L, D	
Escape Reality Magic: Dinner Show				THRU DEC	L, D	
Country Evolution	<a href="http://countryevolution.net">countryevolution.net</a>			THRU DEC	L	
Re-Vibe!				THRU DEC	L, D	
<b>Branson's IMAX™ Little Opry Theatre</b> 3562 Shep. of the Hills Exp • 417-335-4832	<a href="http://bransonimax.com">bransonimax.com</a>	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"			14	THRU DEC		
Todd Oliver & Irving the Talking Dog				THRU DEC		
<b>Jerry Presley's God and Country Theatre</b> 1840 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-6806	<a href="http://GodandCountryTheaters.com">GodandCountryTheaters.com</a>	E-10		SEE WEBSITE		
Cowboy Church			15	THRU DEC		
Elvis: The Last Concert-Jerry Presley & The Blackwoods			15	THRU NOV		
Elvis: Aloha from Hawaii-Jerry Presley & The Blackwoods			15	THRU OCT		
Elvis: Madison Square Garden concert-Jerry Presley & The Blackwoods			15	THRU OCT		
Elvis & The Blackwoods Gospel Show			15	MAY-NOV		
Christmas with Elvis—Jerry Presley & The Blackwoods			15	NOV-DEC		
Neil Diamond Tribute	<a href="http://aneildiamondtribute.com">aneildiamondtribute.com</a>		15, 21	THRU JUN SEP-OCT		
A Neil Diamond Christmas	<a href="http://aneildiamondtribute.com">aneildiamondtribute.com</a>		15	NOV-DEC		
Absolutely Country: Definitely Gospel!			15	THRU DEC		
Neil Sedaka Songbook			15	SEP-DEC		
Carpenters Once More	<a href="http://backtothe70stributes.com">backtothe70stributes.com</a>		15, 20	THRU JUN SEP-OCT		
Carpenters Christmas Once More	<a href="http://backtothe70stributes.com">backtothe70stributes.com</a>		15	NOV-DEC		
Chicago: A Tribute			15	THRU DEC		
George Strait: A Country Legend			15	THRU DEC		
Rocket Man! Elton John Tribute			15	THRU NOV		
Sons of Branson: A Musical Tribute			15	THRU DEC		
<b>King's Castle Theater</b> 2701 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-2500	<a href="http://kingscastletheatre.com">kingscastletheatre.com</a>	E-8				
Anthems of Rock			1, 3, 9, 19	THRU DEC MAY-DEC		
The Ultimate 70's Show - Dancing Queen			1, 9, 19	THRU OCT		
Dublin's Irish Tenors & Celtic Ladies			3, 9	OCT-DEC		
New Jersey Nights: Music of The Four Seasons			9	THRU DEC		
Branson's Christmas Wonderland			9	NOV-DEC		



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Majestic Theatre 2849 Gretna Rd. • 417-231-2420		C-7				
Branson Murder Mystery Dinner Show • 417-849-8331	<a href="http://bransonmurdermystery.com">bransonmurdermystery.com</a>			THRU DEC	DA	
Murder by Eggnog Christmas Show • 417-849-8331	<a href="http://bransonmurdermystery.com">bransonmurdermystery.com</a>			NOV-DEC	DA	
The Mansion Theatre 189 Expressway Lane • 417-385-1118	<a href="http://themansiontheatre.com">themansiontheatre.com</a>	B-9				
Guest Stars				THRU DEC		
Special Events				THRU DEC		
Mickey Gilley Grand Shanghai Theatre 3455 W Hwy 76 • 417-336-0888		D-3				
Shanghai Circus	<a href="http://amazingacrobats.com">amazingacrobats.com</a>			THRU JAN 1		
Johnny Lee				CALL THTR		
The Texas Tenors				SEL DATES		
<b>Rick Thomas, Illusionist: Mansion of Dreams</b>	<a href="http://rickthomas.com">rickthomas.com</a>		1,5,17	THRU DEC		
<b>Nashville Roadhouse Theater at The Branson Star</b> 3750 W 76 Blvd • 417-320-3418	<a href="http://nashvilleroadhouse.com">nashvilleroadhouse.com</a>	C-3			DA	
<b>Nashville Roadhouse Live</b> <i>starring Stevie Lee Woods</i>			12,13	THRU DEC		
<b>Grand Ladies of Country Music</b>			12,13	SEL DATES		
<b>Phil Dalton, Theatre of Illusion</b>			12,13,22	SEL DATES		
<b>The Kendalls</b>			12,13	SEL DATES		
<b>The Morace Family Show: Listen to the Music!</b>	<a href="mailto:moracefamilyshow@gmail.com">moracefamilyshow@gmail.com</a>		12,13,23	THRU OCT		
<b>The Morace Family Christmas Show</b>			12,13	NOV-DEC		
<b>Steve Sanders -Than Mentalist Guy</b>			12,13	MAY-DEC		
<b>Waylon, Willie &amp; The Good Ol' Boys</b>			12,13	THRU DEC		
<b>50 Years of Kenny Rogers</b>			12,13	THRU DEC		
Pierce Arrow Theatre 3069 Shep. of the Hills Expy • 417-336-8742	<a href="http://piercearrowtheater.com">piercearrowtheater.com</a>	C-5				
Pierce Arrow Country				THRU DEC		
Pierce Arrow Presents Decades				THRU DEC		
Presleys' Country Jubilee 2920 W. Hwy 76 • 800-336-4874	<a href="http://presleys.com">presleys.com</a>	E-6				
Presley's Country Jubilee				THRU DEC		
Sight & Sound Theatres 1001 Shep. of the Hills Expy • 800-377-1277	<a href="http://sight-sound.com">sight-sound.com</a>	B-8				
Queen Esther				THRU OCT		
Shepherd of the Hills Outdoor Thtr. 13260 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-7469	<a href="http://ShepherdoftheHills.com">ShepherdoftheHills.com</a>	A-3		SEE WEBSITE		
Shepherd of the Hills Outdoor Drama				MAY-OCT	D	
Buck's BBQ & Bluegrass Pre-Show Dinner Bash				MAY-OCT	D	
Funny Farm Dinner Feud				THRU OCT DEC 27,29	D	
Million Dollar Quartet Dinner show				JUNE-DEC		
Jim Stafford Dinner Show				OCT 9-20		
WhoDunnit Hoedown-Murder Mystery Dinner Show				THRU OCT	D	
Goldwing Express Morning Show				OCT-NOV		
Showboat Branson Belle 4800 W. Hwy 76 • 800-475-9370	<a href="http://bransonsilverdollarcity.com">bransonsilverdollarcity.com</a>	J-3		THRU DEC	L,D	
Yakov Theatre 470 St. Hwy 248 • 417-336-3838	<a href="http://yakov.com">yakov.com</a>	B-12				
Comedy Star Yakov Smirnoff				THRU NOV		

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

## About The Carpenters

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

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

story—one which frankly, changed history.

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

## The Shock!

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

## We've Only Just Begun!

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

## The Dream

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



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

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

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

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

## THE AMAZING CAST!



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



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



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



**TIM POPE** **Music Director, Arranger & Drummer** The Compton, California native originally played with the legendary **Ray Charles!** (He is also featured in Ray's Coke commercials! Check them out on **youtube!**) Tim has played with many greats— including over 20 years with the great **Tony Orlando!**



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



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



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



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



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

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

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

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



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

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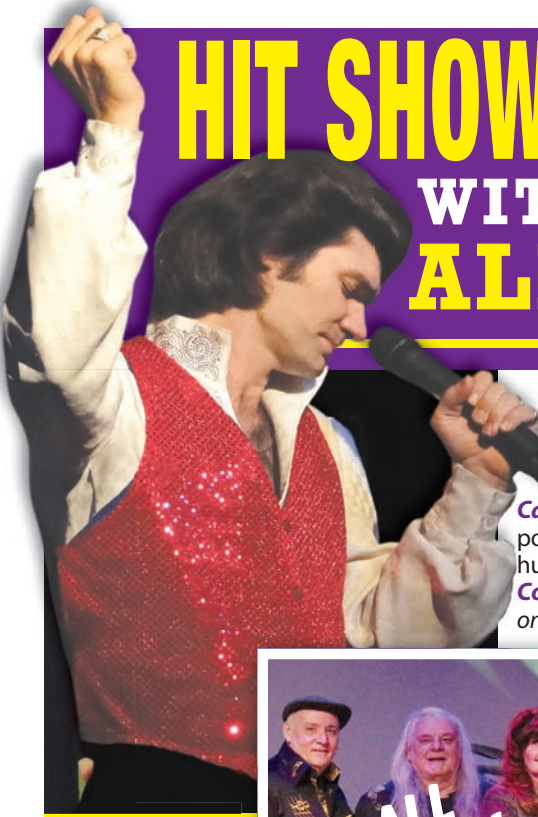
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# HIT SHOW RETURNS WITH BAND OF ALL-STARS!



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



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

## SOMETHING OUTRAGEOUS!

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

**A**fter packing out performance venues throughout North America for the past two years, world renown Neil Diamond tribute artist Keith Allynn has landed once again in the town where adoring fans flocked to his show (**A Neil Diamond Tribute**) for a whopping *ten years straight!*

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

## WHO'S NEIL DIAMOND?

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



## WHO'S KEITH ALLYNN?

**B**esides being an amazing Neil Diamond tribute artist, Keith Allynn is one of the most captivating entertainers you are likely to ever experience. Entertaining is not just his vocation—it's his lifelong passion. He's brilliant, he's warm, he's funny, he's full of mesmerizing

Neil Diamond stories, and he literally “owns” not only the stage, but the hearts of most all of us audience types. Example: He recently performed a one-nighter for 5,000 people. No band. Just him and a guitar. The audience was so overwhelmed, the venue pleaded that Keith would stay for another show. Then another. 5,000 packed out each one. That says it all.

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

## END OF STORY

**A**t 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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# ALL-STAR FAMILY BRINGS TOP-TIER PRODUCTION TO BRANSON!

Yes, it's a family show, but let's add a word to that description. To be more accurate, it's a *spectacular* family show!

The young people performing in this widely acclaimed Vegas-style magic show literally grew up on stage, (and on the road)—appearing every year at the top performance venues in every state of our Union, (yes, Alaska and Hawaii included!) But that's just the beginning of this astonishing tale—for not only were they raised in a Christian home, (a travelling one,) and homeschooled by their Mom—the eldest daughter graduating from college at the age of 19—they all take turns both onstage and *backstage*—running sound, lights, handling props—and even greeting the “folks” and taking tickets! A true family show! No accessory employees needed!

Introducing to Branson: **Phil Dalton Theater of Illusion**, now playing at **The Nashville Roadhouse Theater at The Branson Star!** And we've just got to say—it's truly a miraculous arrival!

It all began when A-list magician **Phil Dalton** (a.k.a. Dad) received a call from a friend who suggested, “hey, you really ought to come and check out Branson, Missouri!” Phil, his wife Paula and the fam did. From the git-go, all in the family were fast captivated by the community, whose values of “faith, family, and flag” resonated deeply with theirs. Soon the alignment connected to the Nashville Roadhouse Theatre at The Branson Star, which, at the time, was looking for an A-list act to fill their showcard. So *voila!* That was the connection that brought this all-star travelling family to their new Branson home!

## About The Show

Spectacular illusions that we've never seen before come at us non-stop! There's a reason for that. Magician Phil Dalton's zeal for creating illusions began at the age of five and has never ceased. It's his passion. His joy. His fun. He never stops doing it. In whatever spare time he has, he conceives, he designs,



**All in the family: (Left to Right) Paula (a.k.a. Mom), Lydia, 13, Clay, (middle) 17, Silas, 15, Eli (floating above) 5, --and, oh yeah, on the far right, Phil Dalton, (the magician!)**

then uses his carpentry skills to build. His illusions are all his own. His only frustration is that he can't squeeze as many as he wants into each performance. Yet it explains why the illusions we saw in last season's show are completely replaced by new ones. Which means we can only expect—the unexpected.

## The Experience

Some moments of death-defying feats are definitely nail-biters—but remember, it's a family show. There are moments of high drama, moments of comedy, and many fun moments of audience participation. Much of the show feels like friends entertaining family and friends. And then there are other moments, when Phil and his family perform illusions that illustrate the values that unites their hearts—love of God, love of family, and love of

our country.

## Cheating Death

Taking a tip from the great Houdini's playbook, Phil Dalton has garnered much publicity over the years performing astounding, and even death-defying stunts to vast crowds right out in the public. Examples: Hanging upside down in a straight jacket 100 feet in the air from ropes that are set on fire. Being locked in a crate that was chained up, then dropped into a frozen lake. Jumping out of an airplane chained up. Escaping from a bomb containment vessel. And that one back on page 27. Yet the good news is that each stunt is meticulously planned to the nth detail and is (as he puts it), “as safe as driving the family car.”

## All in the Family

Not only is this family show *performed* by a family and tailored to entertain families of all ages—many of the show's illusions actually come from ideas hatched at the family dinner table. (Phil credits many to his wife and co-star Paula) Parents may cringe, but one show bit has young Silas taking up a bullwhip and knocking targets out of his sister's mouth! We'll see five year old Eli fly in the air like Iron Man. Dad gets sawed in half, *standing up!* But there's more to this family. Clay is the show's main tech, a computer guy who not only puts on an amazing light show—he does the same for other shows in Branson! Faith graduated college at age 19, was a competition gymnast, but found

her calling in sports medicine after being treated for her own injuries. Says Dad, “We're incredibly blessed to be doing something that we love to do and to do it as a family. That, first and foremost is the greatest thing. With the “danger” elements in the show, we're very safety conscious. No one has ever gotten hurt in any way. However, on the road in 2017 I did break a rib from coughing too hard (yes, that can actually happen)! But truly, the greatest joy in doing what we do is the joy of working together as a family.”

## Cool Surprise

“We're always adding new magic to the show,” says Phil. We have our favorite illusions, of course, but if you haven't seen the show lately, you'll be sure to experience something new.”

For the ultimate cool surprise—we're not going to reveal it here. But it's awesome. Audiences love it. Come find out. ♦



**Phil and Lydia making magic together.**



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**AT THE BRANSON STAR**



# The Show of Their Lifetimes!

## MORACE FAMILY LISTEN TO THE MUSIC!

**Good News:** Now Branson gets a family show that has been 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 decades—an 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!**



**ALL  
IN THE  
FAMILY!**

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”!

### 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.

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



**Bass man Eric Green rocks out with drummer Irielle McConnell. Irielle, who doubles as a vocalist, has a voice the Morace parents describe as “beyond amazing!”**

**Tristan gets double-smooched.**



Robert informed us). And now, after lifetimes on stage, each performance of these ladies is nothing less than absolutely amazing.

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 year-old 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. ♦

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

**W**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!



**47 lbs Down**



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



## THE INSIDE SCOOP

**N**ow 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!*)

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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,



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 but 80s hits** appear all season!

(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

**H**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

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

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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!

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Good Times! ♦

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

## HANDS ON

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

## ANOTHER WORLD!

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

Very up close.

## NEW STUFF!

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

**YeeeeEEESH!**



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

## NEW!

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

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

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

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



## WORLD CHANGERS

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



## CREATING ATTRACTIONS WORLDWIDE

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

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



To that, James shook his head "no."

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

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



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

Thanks to  
**Wild Valley**

**NEW Outside Foot Safari!  
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**UP CLOSE  
& PERSONAL!**

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.

**S**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! ♦

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

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# THE BECK MUSEUMS OF BRANSON PRESENT THE WORLD'S LARGEST TOY MUSEUM PLUS:

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!



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

## Just Go!

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



## The Inside Scoop

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

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



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

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- 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!

## BUY, SELL, TRADE?

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



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

## 3 NOSTALGIA TOY SHOPS!



Aisles and aisles of classic toys and games!

Doll house collectibles! And everything else!

Decades of collectable Hot Wheels, Matchbox, 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!)

## Tom & Wendy's Toy Story

Let's 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*. "So—what could be more fun than toys?" ♦



Tom & Wendy.

## SCOOPS & PIX

from our ROVING REPORTERS & PROWLING PAPARAZZI!

## GOOD TIMES at



(Thrilling details back on page 25!)

## NO JOKE!



I, The Joker, welcome you to the 1980s!

## ESCAPE ROOM HQ!

EZ in, not-so-EZ out!

Mini Golf anyone? Trust us, it'd be totally rad, especially with that awesome 80's background music!



## KARAOKE FUN!

Lucky us, for we all get a chance to sing our fave 80's hits at the New Wave Café—backed up by the legendary Alvin and The Chipmunks!



## HEAD SHOT!

In the Gift Shop, browse all things 1980s: clothes, memorabilia, games, the works. (Even Freddy Krueger's head!)



## FREE 80's FLICKS!

Join Gremlins watching *Gremlins*, or one of your other fave 80's flicks. Catch one at a time of your choosing, no extra charge!

## WAY COOL!



Indiana Jones invites us into his latest adventure. Where stuff happens.

A round of pool would be like totally cool at New Wave Café!



**JUST OPENED!** LOCAL FAVORITES LAUNCH  
NEW SHOPPING FUN!

And yeah, we mean fun for all—guys 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! ♦



Clothing, swim suits, and (oh yes, even T-shirts!)



Boatloads of Branson souvenirs. Way too many to show here, (obviously.) Just come see!

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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.

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

★ **MUSIC TO A HOMEMAKER'S EARS!** ★

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

ears! Most want at least two, or three, or a handful! Need a gift idea? *Voila!*

★ **A SHOCKER FOR VETERANS & PATRIOTS** ★

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!**







**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!"



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

**The old Candy Shop!**



**GUY STUFF!**



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- America's Top Country Hits
- Awesome 80s
- Elvis: Story of the King

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

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**At Freedom Journey Thtr G-5**

- Freedom Journey Show

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

- The Hughes Music Show
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- Elvis/Blackwoods Elvis LIVE! Aloha Concert
- Elvis/Blackwoods Elvis LIVE! Madison Square Garden Garden Concert
- Elvis/Blackwoods Elvis LIVE! Christmas
- Elvis/Blackwoods Elvis LIVE! Gospel Concert with The Blackwood Singers
- Absolutely Country, Definitely Gospel starring Keith Allyn
- A Neil Diamond Tribute
- Neil Sedaka Songbook

- Carpenters Once More starring Diana Allyn
- Chicago: A Tribute
- Cowboy Church
- George Strait: A Country Legend
- Sons of Branson Show
- Rocket Man: Elton John Tribute

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