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- **Jun 7-Aug 3** Summer Celebration Presented by Arvest
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- **Jun 6-8** *Into the Woods Jr* *The Broadway Musical*
- **Jun 26-29** *Wizard of Oz: Youth Editon* *The Broadway Musical*
- **Jul 31-Aug 10** *Footloose* *The Broadway Musical*
- **Oct 16-26** *Shrek: The Musical* *The Broadway Musical*
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Spring/Summer

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2025 Guest Star Dates!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jun 12 *Hozier* *Thunder Ridge Nature Arena*

Jun 13 *Post Malone* with Jelly Roll *Thunder Ridge Nature Arena*

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REAL? OR JUST PRETEND.

Back in the old days, as all us older folks will tell y'all, our movies was just good stories made more on the cheap, since I don't much remember too much of them giant "special effects" gizmos back then. Of course I do remember flying saucer movies a time or two, but that gets me off the subject a tad so let's rope me back into what I was tryin' to talk about here.

What I'm rememberin' right now is that time I took my Saturday

poor souls tryin' to live in this wild and crazy world of us.

When a feller gets old enough to hear ever'body's gods is different and people who believe in them can't seem to see eye to eye on anything about 'em—then I knew it was time for me to figger out this mess for myself since now I'd got wise enough to know the religion I grewed up with was just local notions that the rest of the world had no interest in, since they was satisfied with their own notions they was happy to believe in.

So there does come a day when a young man has got to figger out what he wants his head to believe in. And that day did come, for t'was on that very day that I decided to decide what to believe. Since I thought it would be the spiritual thing to do, I packed up my Army pup tent and went off to a hilltop outside of town. Then, my spiritual

“Even if I was at it long enough to get myself brainwashed, that little flicker of memory would always be there to remind me I was just tryin' to believe in make believe.”

night date to a picture show that to my surprise turned out to be one of them Bible movies. Of course I already knew where the story was goin' since I'd heard it all in Sunday school and church whilst growin' up, so I wasn't too happy to have to sit through all that again with my date, since the mood of that movie made her just brush me off when I'd tried to slip my arm around her shoulder.

But let's get back to things here. I guess all that brings me to the next part of this story where, as a young man tryin' to figger out ever'thing in this ol' world I figgered it was about time to find out if all that Sunday School Bible stuff was real. Or if it was just some old timey bedtime stories to give some comfort to us

plan was to not eat food or drink water for three days. I would just spend them three days, night and day, asking this God of ever'body to just show up and let me know who He is. Or ain't.

I don't know how I come up with the idea that no food and no water was to make ever'thing more spiritual, but anyhow, that was the plan. No food. No water.

So for the longest days and nights of my life, I spent day and night bumblin' around that hilltop by myself and talkin' to whoever might be listenin'. Oh, and this part—I brung a little Bible with me and would ever once in a while start reading it out loud to myself. And to anybody else who was listenin'.



SHOW OF SHOWS!

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

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

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

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

But let's not panic. 'Tho much has changed—for the better, we should

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

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

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



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But after them three days of forever, I was happy to know time was up and I could now go back to town and get somethin' to eat and drink, even tho' bein' hungry had sort of died off along the way.

Back in civilization, ever'thing sounded louder to my ears after all that no eatin' and no drinkin'. But when I went straight to a local restaurant, ordered a meal, and started takin' little bites, which bit by bit started wakin' my belly up again—it was only then when my brain began to come back a tad. That's when I began to remember no god had showed up back at the tent. So I figgered I'd answered that question. But for the time being I didn't much care. I cared more about food and water.

So but afterwards, I didn't actually become a atheist where I didn't

believe in anything. To be honest, I still did kinda believe somebody was up there watchin' ever'thing. I just didn't seem to worry about it anymore. I figgered we'd just find all that out when we got there.

Now but then let's just jump ahead to another time in my life when things changed. I found myself lyin' in my bed one sunny morning. I'd decided to pick up a little Bible I'd got given as a little feller in Sunday School. I then read me a little Bible story or two. After reading awhile, I told myself I'd give my whole life to church if I could believe all them stories. I'd go ever' Sunday. I'd pray. I'd listen to all them sermons. I'd decide to believe 'em. Then I'd become a believer like the rest of 'em. Maybe if I'd just hunker down and be with 'em all long

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

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DUBLIN'S IRISH TENORS & THE CELTIC LADIES

Irish Dance Stars

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

THE ULTIMATE 70's SHOW

Dig out your bellbottoms and put on your dancing shoes: The Ultimate 70's Show returned from Las Vegas to the King's Castle Theatre. Celebrating the Classic #1 Hits of the 70's, this high octane musical fest stars The Castle's international troupe of singers and dancers performing those eternal 70's sounds! Here, we get to groove to disco classics like "Y.M.C.A.", "Disco Inferno", "Play That Funky Music", "Waterloo", "We Are Family", "Superstition", and many more.



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

BRANSON'S FAMOUS
BALDKNOBBERS

Now Performing At

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

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

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

we live in today!

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

up with The Baldknobbers schedule, even though they too have endured for decades!

Now we begin to understand why Branson's Famous Baldknobbers were enshrined in an historic display at **The Smithsonian Museum**, the keeper of our national treasures in Washington, DC! (Those treasures include The Wright Brothers' first aeroplane, Lindbergh's *Spirit of St. Louis*, George Washington's uniform and Dorothy's ruby slippers from *The Wizard of Oz*, to name a few!)

THE 2025 PRODUCTION

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

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

Expect top country hits, (including some of that "outlaw country" with "attitude"), traditional country favorites, southern rock, soft rock, old time rock n' roll, bluegrass,



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

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Megan Mabe,
Branson's Famous Baldknobbers!

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

gospel, patriotic salutes, hilarious side-splitting comedy and more—the “more” being about the hottest musicians, vocalists and country comedy in this particular galaxy!

THE TAKE-AWAY

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



THE VINTAGE BALDKNOBBERS SHOW

WOW! Original songs, music, comedy and even **COSTUMES** and **SETS** from vintage versions of Branson's first show—all the way from the 60s, 70s thru the 90s! We're talkin' sequins, shoulder pads, fringe—the works! Plus of course, the country classics and funny business that sparked the Branson explosion that turned our small Ozarks village into the Showtown we see today!

Here's our big chance to experience the spark that blew up into a national and even international sensation! For The Baldknobbers cast, this show is the joy of their lives. “I grew up with this show,” says Brandon Mabe, fourth generation member of the family that “started it all”. “This is a tribute to my family. I'm doing two



songs from my late Uncle **Dennis (Mabe)** who I adored growing up. Everything in this show is a tribute to all those who came before us. It's what helped shape

us to who and what we are. It's our attempt to pay respects to that. It's what started everything we see in Branson today.”

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

My Voice
 by Megan McCombs Mabe

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

“Melancholy covered the room.”

MIRACULOUS MOMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Music can be quite miraculous.

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

Oh, but what music can do!

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

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MAGIC'S GLOBAL MAESTRO!

ILLUSIONIST
RICK
THOMAS

STUNNING MAGIC. EXTREME
COMEDY. EXQUISITE DANCERS.
& BREATHTAKING MOMENTS
OF PURE INSPIRATION!

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!"

**PHOTO OPS!
MEET RICK, CAST &
DOG STARS!
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The curtain opens. Immediately, things happen. Jaws drop. Reality is suspended. We are stupefied, as one unbelievable event transforms into

another at almost breakneck speed. Special effects are astounding. The music, the dancing and theatrics are spectacular. Rick is a world champion ballroom dancer, and it shows, especially when he takes the hand of the show's lead dancer; **international ballet star Tara**, his dancing (and marriage) partner. The performance is mesmerizing. Then, something happens that is downright shocking.

THE SHOCK!

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

We laugh. Then we see the other side of

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Entertainer of the Year!
Magic Show of the Year!
Production Show of the Year!

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!

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!
World Magic Award

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

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5 Continents!

About Tara

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

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

As Seen on TV!
ABC, CBS, NBC, Discovery Channel, MTV, Animal Planet, Hallmark, History Channel and many more!

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

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



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ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR!



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



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Rick once again
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Her arrival on the country music scene's Grand Ol Opry at the young age of nine was just the beginning of her storied career!

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TOBY KEITH!

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



THROUGHOUT JUNE

LIVERPOOL LEGENDS!

As everybody knows, those four legendary lads from "across the pond" (*jolly olde Liverpool*,



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Yes, young people. That's the way it was during that period in time history records as *Beatlemania!* But later the lads changed.

They grew moustaches and beards, wore colorful clothes, and their fashion statements instantly swept the entire world. As did their music.

For memory triggers, how about these record albums? (back before Internet) *Please Please Me*, *A Hard Day's Night*, *Help!* *Rubber Soul*, *Revolver*, *Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*, *Magical Mystery Tour*, *Abbey Road*, *Let it Be*—

And when it comes to hit songs—well, the list is

pretty much endless. Here's just a few to get the memories flowing: *And I Love Her*, *Can't Buy Me Love*, *Get Back*, *Hey Jude*, *Michelle*, *Something*, *Ticket to Ride*, *Yellow Submarine*, *Yesterday*—and the never-ending list goes on.

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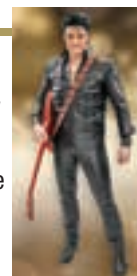
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If we stop and listen to the music serenading us these days, whether it be on the radio, at the shopping mall, the hair salon or on earphones plugged into whatever they're plugged into—we will no doubt hear an awful lot of **The Carpenters** once more. Bringing to life these musical treasures that generations of us all love is multi-award winning singing star **Diana Lynn**. We have much to say about Diana, but first, let's address the shocking Carpenters story.

About The Carpenters

Unusually, **Karen Carpenter** was both a singer and a drummer. She and her brother **Richard**, (**The Carpenters**) used their own voices to create multi-track masterpieces that dominate the airwaves even to this day.

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. 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, Diana 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!



JAY DAVERSA **Music Director, Trumpet** Jay has performed on several legendary TV shows -- **The Mary Tyler Moore Show** and **The Bob Newhart Show**, to name a few. But WOW, Jay has also played with such music icons as **Barbara Streisand** and **Elvis!** **THE Elvis!** As a studio musician, he is featured on numerous albums, including several tunes



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



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



TIM POPE **Music Director, Arranger & Drummer** The Compton, California native originally played with the legendary **Ray Charles!** (He is also featured in Ray's Coke commercials! Check them out on **youtube!**) Tim



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



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



SHANNON KNUDSON **Background Vocals & Percussion** Shannon hails from California and Vegas where she performed with the **Sweet Adeline's** and **The Merry Ole Carolers**. Mother of 5 children and 2 grandchildren, she is married to **Kevin**



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



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



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

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

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

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



10 PIECE ALL-STAR BAND!

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

WHO'S NEIL DIAMOND?

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

WHO'S KEITH ALLYNN?

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

END OF STORY

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

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





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That's the Spirit
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enough, I'd end up in "the club" so to speak.

But inside I'd always know I was a fake. Even if I was at it long enough to get myself brainwashed, that little flicker of memory would always be there to remind me I was just tryin' to believe in make believe. Just a fairy tale to give us some hope and comfort in this wild and crazy world. But I'd give anything if I could just believe in the God of that little Bible of mine. I'd even give my life to it if that's what it took.

Since it was a sunny Saturday morning, I decided it was time to quit hurtin' my brain thinkin' on all that. It was time to get up, feed the hogs, hay the horses and milk the cows. T'was time to start my day and start the animals day.

But something happened. I started to get up, but something stopped me. Then something else happened. He revealed Himself to me. God did. In broad daylight.

I ain't gonna tell you how He did it. You'd just think it was a fairy tale. Or you'd wonder why He didn't show up for you the way He did for me. I don't know. Maybe I was just so hard-headed, I needed to be clobbered like that, which is what we had to do with our stubborn ol' mules back in the day.

But now here's the end of the story. Truth be told, that was the beginning. Ever since that Saturday morning once't upon a time, I'm a

believer. From that day to this very day, I know Who God Is. He's The God of that Bible of ours.

Yes, friends. I know that may sound churchy and religious, but I'm here to tell you all, hand on the Bible, that the God of that book is Who He says He is! But here's the crazy thing that makes no sense—even though He proves Himself to be true by answering prayers—I sometimes still go in and out of putting my trust in Him in this wild and crazy world! But whenever I don't, I have to remind myself of that moment, that day when He revealed Himself to my sorry ol' self. As He has pretty much done ever since!

The moral of this story is that He wouldn't show up that time I spent three days on a hilltop just to see if He would. But when my heart's desire was to give my whole life to Him, as He did for me—then show up He did! For real.

Now below is a few Bible verses what add some proof to my tale for you all this day. My prayer for you is that God will bless you with a life with Him, as He has done with this sorry ol' piece of work that He has pity on and has to rein-in like a buckin' bronco almost ever' day. That be pretty much like so many of us has done with our youngin's, who we can't stop lovin' to the moon and back, no matter how ornery they sometimes is.

OK. Scripture time. A few to maybe help this all makes sense. ♦

Revelation 1:10-11, 21:6-8, 22:13
Exodus 3:13-15, John 8:57-8, 14:6,
Hebrews 13:8

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The Americana Theater 2905 W Hwy 76 • 417-544-8700	americanatheatre.com	E-6			
CJ Newsom's Classic Country & Comedy	patsyclineandfriends.com			THRU OCT	
America's Top Country Hits				THRU DEC	
Awesome 80's				THRU DEC	
Aaron Wayne Comedy Hypnosis Show	cleancomedyhypnotist.com			THRU DEC	
Broadway to Buble: George Dyer				OCT	
Southern Gospel Sundays with The Frosts	frostrio.com			THRU DEC	
Branson Hot Hits Theatre 206 South Commercial Street • 417-337-7426	bransonhothits.com	A-9	1, 19		
Best of Dean Martin			1, 19	THRU DEC	
Patsy to Patsy hosted by Ermal "John Wayne"			1, 19	APR-DEC	
Platters Golden Sounds of the 50s			1, 19	THRU DEC	
DooWop & More			1, 19	THRU DEC	
Motown Downtown			1, 19	THRU DEC	
Jukebox Live with Mark Alred			1, 19	THRU OCT 11	
The Cabaret 3292 Shepherd of the Hills Exp • 417-230-7798					
Garry & Janine: Comedy Magic Dinner Show	escaperealitymagic.com			THRU OCT	D
The Columns Concert & Event Center 3750 W 76 Country Blvd • 417-544-1515	bransoncolumns.com	C-3			
Angels of Country Music			1, 10	THRU DEC	
Banachek's Mind Games			1, 10	JUNE-SEPT	
Branson Comedy Factory			1, 10	THRU DEC	
Conway Remembered starring Mike Walker & The C.T.Band			1, 10	THRU DEC	
Madison Galloway Presents GIRLS ROCK (A Tribute to the Legendary Women of Rock)			1, 10	JUNE-SEPT	L,D
Bonjour! The Music of Journey & Bon Jovi			1, 10	THRU DEC	
Lasting Impressions Show starring Mike Walker			1, 10	THRU DEC	
Mike & Laughs: Michael Winslow Show			1, 10	JUNE-SEPT	
Pink Floyd Experience			1, 10	JUNE-SEPT	
Rocky Horror Picture Show			1, 10	JUNE-SEPT	
The Blue Experience			1, 10	JUNE-SEPT	
Under the Sea (Kids Show)			1, 10	JUNE-SEPT	
Clay Cooper Theatre 3216 W. Hwy 76 • 888-222-8910	claycoopertheatre.com	E-5			
Clay Cooper's Country Express				THRU OCT	
#1 Hits of the 60's (& 50's too)!				THRU OCT	
Dean Z - The Ultimate Elvis				THRU OCT	
The Haygoods				THRU OCT	
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Special Shows and Events (See website for info)				THRU DEC	
Matt Gumm & Company (Sel. Dates. See Website for info)				THRU DEC	
Dolly Parton's Stampede 1525 W. Hwy 76 • 417-336-3000		E-10			
Dolly Parton's Stampede	dpstampede.com			THRU OCT	L,D
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The Dutton Family Theatre 3454 W Hwy 76 • 417-332-2772		E-3			
The Duttons	theduttons.com			THRU-OCT	
Where Jesus Walked				THRU NOV	
Freedom Encounter Theatre 3220 Falls Parkway • 417-544-0372	freedomencounter.com	G-5	20		
The Freedom Journey Show			20	THRU NOV 11	
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Pilgrim: The Musical			20	CALL THRU	
An American Christmas			20	DECEMBER	
Grand Country Music Hall 1945 W. Hwy 76 • 417-335-2484	GrandCountry.com	E-10			
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Grand Jubilee				THRU DEC	
New South Gospel				THRU MAY	
Ozarks Gospel				THRU DEC	
Ozarks Country				THRU DEC	
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Hamner's Variety Theater 3090 Shep. of the Hills Expy • 417-334-4363	hamnersunbelievable.com	C-6			
Hamner's Unbelievable Variety Show				THRU OCT	
Abba Tribute: Thank You For the Music	abbatributebranson.com			THRU DEC	
Beach Boys "California Dreamin"	beachboysbranson.com			THRU DEC	
Back to the Bee Gees	backtothebeegees.com			THRU DEC	
The Sound of Simon & Garfunkel				THRU DEC	
The Hughes Brothers Theatre 3425 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-0076	Hughes-Brothers.com	E-4			
The Hughes Music Show				THRU OCT	LD
Hughes Brothers Country & BBQ				THRU JUN JUL-OCT	LD
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Vintage Baldknobbers Show			1,2,6-7	THRU OCT	LD
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Escape Reality Magic Starring Garry Carson				THRU DEC	D
Country Evolution starring Dalena Ditto	countryrevolution.net			THRU-DEC	L
Branson's IMAX™ Little Opry Theatre 3562 Shep. of the Hills Exp • 417-335-4832	bransonimax.com	B-4			
Absolutely Country, Definitely Gospel	acdqbranson.com			THRU-DEC	
George Jones, Haggard & Friends				THRU JULY	
Smoke on the Mountain				THRU OCT	
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Jerry Presley's God and Country Theatres 1840 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-6806	GodandCountryTheaters.com	E-10			
Cowboy Church				THRU DEC	
Elvis LIVE: In Concert -starring Jerry Presley				THRU-DEC	
Elvis LIVE: Aloha from Hawaii -starring Jerry Presley				THRU-DEC	
Elvis LIVE: Madison Square Garden Concert starring Jerry Presley				THRU OCT	
A Neil Diamond Tribute	aneildiamondtribute.com		13	APR-JUN	
A Neil Diamond Christmas	aneildiamondtribute.com		13	NOV-DEC	
Carpenters Once More	backtothe70stributes.com		12	APR-JUN	
Carpenters Christmas Once More	backtothe70stributes.com		12	NOV-DEC	
Crooners Jazzy Christmas				NOV-DEC	
Majestic Crooners Serenade				APR-DEC	
George Strait: Strait to Branson				APR-DEC	
John Denver Songbook				APR-DEC	
The Morace Family: Listen to the Music	moracefamilyshow.com			MAY-OCT	
King's Castle Theater 2701 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-2500	kingscastletheatre.com	E-8	5, 14, 15		
Anthems of Rock			5, 14, 15	THRU DEC	
The Ultimate 70's Show			5, 14, 15	THRU-OCT	
Dublin's Irish Tenors & Celtic Ladies			5, 14, 15	THRU DEC	
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Branson's Christmas Wonderland			5, 14, 15	NOV-DEC	
Pepsi Legends Theatre 1600 W. Hwy 76 • 417-339-3003	legendsinconcert.com/Branson	E-10	11, 15		
Legends in Concert			11, 15	THRU OCT	D,A
Legends of Country			11, 15	DEC 26-30	D,A
Legends Christmas Spectacular Show			11, 15	NOV-JAN 3	D,A
The Man in Black A Tribute to Johnny Cash			11, 15	JUN-AUG	
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sets—this production, trust us here, is about as elaborate as a Hollywood spectacle, a sold-out arena, or a Super Bowl halftime show! Yet we get to experience it *up close and personal!*

Every singer and musician on stage has a boatload of awards—yet they make what they do look so easy! Not only are they fluently brilliant—they are completely into entertaining us! Every second all are absolutely *dialed*

in to having fun with us audience types!

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

ABOUT STEVIE LEE WOODS

He's charted hits all the way to #1 (*Is there anything left?*) for

example—and for years was the likes of **Lorrie Morgan, Martina McBride, Dunn, Diamond Rio** and just about everyone in-between. On stage, he's explosive—consuming it like a hybrid of **Mick Jagger, Garth Brooks** and maybe even **Brooks & Dunn**.

Much of this comes from the fact that Stevie's showbiz roots run deep. His Dad played guitar with the legendary **Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs**, then later with fellow legend **Eddy Arnold**. Besides charting country hits, Stevie also hosted **Today's Hot Country** on **TV's Nashville Network**. Looks like the wheel is coming full circle! ♦

Photos by Jennifer Grant

Also at Nashville Roadhouse Theatre:



Sade Shine: Queens of Soul!

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

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

A Garth Tribute

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

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

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Bobby as Roy Orbison

Drawing from legendary crooner Roy Orbison's amazing repertoire, we can now hear amazing Bobby performing as amazing **Roy Orbison** in a *truly* amazing tribute show! It's a pretty special experience to hear Roy's legendary hits performed live on stage—some of those classics being *Oh, Pretty Woman, Blue Bayou, Cryin' (over you), Only the Lonely* or who knows what else. We just gotta come expecting, for not only has Roy's hauntingly beautiful voice very much dominated the soundtrack of those 1960s, and even 1950s, (when many of us came of age), the airwaves even now just can't seem to let go of his music. The reason—it's music that just continues to transcend the generations.

Of course added help comes from that Hollywood classic *Pretty Woman*, which introduced Roy's hit song to more generations. Either way, isn't it great a young crooner somehow discovered the unforgettable voice of that iconic legend, fell in love with it, and couldn't resist re-creating the performances of Roy Orbison live on stage? Lucky us that the torch has been passed! ♦

And that pretty much happened on his birthday, (date of birth, to be precise), when his parents gave him the name Bobby Darin—one of those names written in the stars, so to speak!

Born into a showbiz family, it is of course no surprise that 20 year-old Bobby Darin Allyn is performing as a tribute artist, since (as many Branson fans know) he's been performing in Branson as an Elvis Presley tribute artist ever since he was a youngster in his Mom and Dad's shows. (Those shows over on pages 12 and 13 where one can "read all about it" as they say.)

FLEETWOOD MAC'S STEVIE NICKS

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

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

While capturing the world with her music, her flamboyant fashion statements became the rage of entire generations of women. Then there was the intensity of her stage performance.



Adrianna as Stevie.

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

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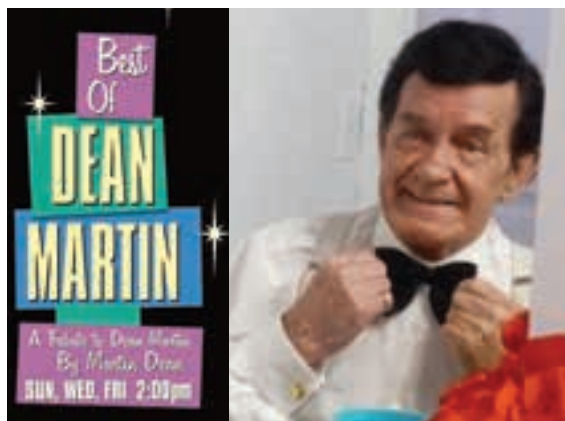
That unforgettable harmony and street corner music of the 50s & 60s! Music of The Drifters, The Coasters, The Platters, The Cadillacs—you know, all that memorable music we danced to at the “sock hop”—or that the youngsters still listen to today!



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



Acclaimed tribute artist Patsy Montana brings us a classic performance of the legendary country music icon Patsy Cline in a show that not only channels Patsy's hits, but adds a little storytelling –PLUS even some international championship yodeling!



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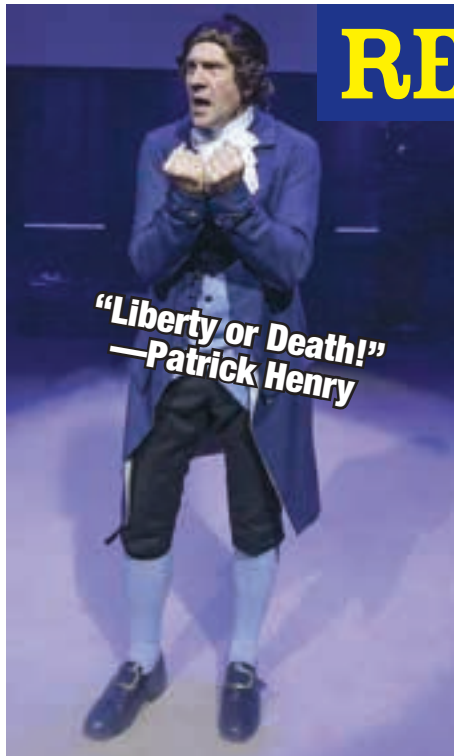


Some of us rocked to these songs on the jukebox down at our favorite soda fountain or local hangout back in the day! The rest of us know them from our movies and TV shows, or even from still hearing them on the radio. Now we get to hear it all live and in person!

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JUNE-DECEMBER

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

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



JUNE- AUGUST

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

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



DECEMBER

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

Sometimes, there are just no words. Before you read any further, see if you can pull out that smart phone of yours and take 2 minutes and 39 seconds of your valuable time to watch a short video that we predict, could very well inspire your Great American heart to the point of tears. Be prepared. Within seconds, you may find yourself awakened, challenged, moved, thankful and energized with a renewed hope—almost all at once! Here goes: freedomfocus.us When you get to the website, scroll down for the video.

Thru Dec — LIVE ON STAGE!

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



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THE INSIDE SCOOP!

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

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

STUFF TO SEE

Hollywood memorabilia—(like **Mel Gibson's** actual motorcycle from **Lethal Weapon 3**, or that car out front from **RoboCop 2**), boatloads of signed *boss* movie posters and *rad* record albums (**Madonna**, **Cyndi Lauper**, **Michael Jackson**)—and ka-gillions more—corridors of movie scenes, movie characters and iconic pop stars that, interestingly, are the *exact same size* as the celebs in *real life!* *Dude*, we thought those stars were so *humongous*, but *woah*, they're like regular, or even smaller, like *us!* Trust us, get a

picture of you beside some! It's *wicked* true! As for 80s memory triggers, should we name names? Okay. **Top Gun**, **Flash Dance**, **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles**, **Batman**, **Star Wars**, **Indiana Jones**, **Terminator**, **Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure**, **Footloose**, **Beetlejuice**,—oh, let's go on to music—**Bon Jovi**, **Van Halen**, **Blondie**, **ACDC**, **U2**, **Prince**, **MC Hammer**, **Bruce Springsteen**, **Whitney Houston**, oh *duh*, this list could go on forever! Just come see it all!

STUFF TO DO

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

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

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

Escape to the future is based on, yeah, you guessed it—that 80s movie franchise **Back to the Future!** The other escape game, **ALIEN**

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

GIFT SHOP! Nostalgic fashions, toys, games, fun stuff—it's all here,

parachuted in from the 80s! *Good Times!* ♦

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

HANDS ON

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

ANOTHER WORLD!

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

NEW STUFF!

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

YeeeeEEESH!

SHARK TANK!



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



WORLD CHANGERS

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

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, 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*?

Snake Hugs!



GLOBETROTTERS!

World renown attractions designer James Kelly & his wife Lisa.

To that, James shook his head "no."

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

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

NEW!

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

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

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

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

LEMUR LOVE!



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

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

PHOTO OPS!



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

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

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

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

Oh yeah! ♦

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

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

Fun Stuff Galore!

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



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

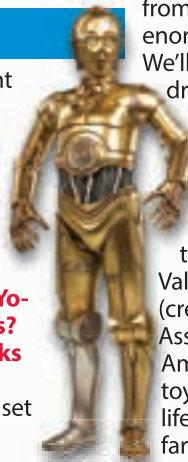
Among all the pleasant background noises of toys and games both mechanical and electronic, you are likely to hear shrieks

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

The Inside Scoop

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

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



Just Go!

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

RETRO FUN!



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

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- DUSTY BARN FINDS MUSEUM!



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

Massive doll collections and doll houses spanning the centuries!



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



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

3 NOSTALGIA TOY SHOPS!



Aisles and aisles of classic toys and games!



Doll house collectibles! And everything else!



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

Here's a shopper's golden opportunity to show the youngsters how fun toys used to be back before all the modern techno gadgets began hypnotizing their attention spans! It's a one stop shoppers dream for retro toys galore!

Peruse 3 different gift shops in the biggest Toyland this side of the North Pole! PLUS: browse some fun apparel and gift items even Mom and Dad will enjoy! *

Stuff Happens

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

May 6-10

Purple Heart Reunion A heartfelt celebration honoring Purple Heart Recipients. This special event features a memorable fishing tournament, as well as exciting live shows and a delightful dinner and dance. Make plans to join us by calling 800-432-4202 for more information. Bransonveterans.com

May 9-11

Volkswagen Car Show (Branson Volkswagen Jamboree) The first Annual Volkswagen Jamboree & Car Show is rolling into Branson! It's happening at the beautiful Thousand Hills Resort Hotel. A full weekend of vintage Volkswagens, custom builds and one-of-a-kind rides on display. Meet other collectors, enjoy live entertainment, great food, fun contests and connect with the VW community! Whether you're showcasing your car or just coming to admire the classics, prepare to have fun! 120 S Wildwood Drive (417) 990-5004

May 23-25

Rally Point Branson A new event designed to bridge the gap between different military support groups and generations. This initiative on Memorial Day Weekend will bring together veterans, their families, and supporters to foster connections and strengthen the community. Live music, family fun & kids activities, network with Veteran resources. Free go-karts for Veterans and families, cornhole tournament, **Live music by Alabama and Eastern Heights.** Contact Kody Petersen, kpetersen@bransoncvb.com or call **The Branson Chamber/CVB at 417-334-4084** rallypointbranson.com

Aug 30-Sep 1

Branson Wings of Pride Air Show At Branson Airport: an epic celebration of military aircraft and world-class aerobatic performers. Tickets will be limited each day. PLEASE NOTE: This is not a tented area and there will be limited shade. Each ticket will be good

only for the day for which it is purchased. Bransonwingsofpride.com

Sep 11

Branson Remembers 9/11 A heartfelt ceremony dedicated to honorin the lives lost and the heroes who emerged on September 11, 2001. Beginning at 6PM at the Branson Landing Fountain Stage. Guest speakers, musical tributes. Bransonveterans.com

Sep 12-14

Shepherd of the Hills Fall Craft Fair Bring the whole family! We will have a wide variety of nearly 100 vendors! Adults cost \$5 for entry while kids 12 & under are free. Little ones can enjoy Lil Pete's Playland with treehouses, playbarn, petting zoon, obstacle course and the whole family can enjoy the mini-golf. Food trucks, Restaurant, Ice Cream Shop and a number of other activities and shows that the whole family can enjoy. Live music daily! 5586 State Hwy 376 (417) 334-4191 shepherdscaffair.com

Nov 1-Jan 4

Let There Be Lights! Christmas Drive-Thru Display At Promised Land Zoo. Over two miles of LED Christmas Lights Drive Thru Displays, Santa and REAL live reindeer on display and available for photos, Christmas Village with Animal Adventure Building, Christmas movies and fully stocked Stocking Stuffer gift shop. Way too much more to describe here, so just head to the website! Plzoo.com/lights/ 2751 Shepherd of the Hills Expressway. (417) 337-9453

Nov 5-10

Veterans Homecoming Veterans Village, Rose Petal Ceremony, Lee Greenwood (Nov 9), Medics, Nurses, Combat Vets Reunion, Navy Memorial, Events all over Branson! Veterans Village at Ball Parks of America, 1000 Pat Nash Drive (417) 332-3557 bransonveterans.com/events

Nov-Dec

Ozark Mountain Christmas! Christmas shows, Christmas attractions, Christmas shopping, Christmas events—and Christmas FUN all over Branson! Y'all come back! (Keep up at TheBransonInsider.com !)

Y'all be sure to come back November/December for a joy-filled Ozark Mountain Christmas!

2025 Guest Star Dates!

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Jun 29 2025 Outlaw Music Festival (Willie Nelson and Family, Bob Dylan, Nathaniel Rateliff and The Night Sweats) *Thunder Ridge Nature Arena*

July 26 Kane Brown *Thunder Ridge Nature Area*

Jul 27-28 Kidz Rock *Clay Cooper Thtr*

Aug 2 Creed *Thunder Ridge Nature Arena*

Aug 16 *Roots and Boots: Sammy Kershaw, Collin Raye, Aaron Tippin* *Black Oak Amphitheater*

Aug 31 Tim McGraw *Thunder Ridge Nature Arena*

Sep 5 Doobie Brothers *Thunder Ridge Nature Arena*

Sep 25 Kids Bop Live! *Thunder Ridge Nature Arena*

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

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

Oct 11 Bohemian Queen *The Mansion Thtr*

Oct 18, Nov 14 The Gatlin Brothers *The Mansion Thtr*

Oct 24, Nov 21 The Bellamy Brothers *The Mansion Thtr*

Oct 27-29 PraiseFest Fall Retreat : Greater Vision, Jason Crabb, Gold City, Karen Peck & New River, Travis Cottrell, Legacy Five, Chris Golden, Voices of Lee, Dr. Benny Tate, Booth Brothers, The Kramers, Mark Trammell Quartet, Mylon Hayes Family, Jim & Melissa Brady, The Whisnants, Brothers of Heart, Gospel Music Hymn Sing, *The Mansion Thtr*.

Nov 1 TOAST The Ultimate Bread Experience *The Mansion Thtr*.

Nov 3-5, 7-8, 10-12, 14-15, 17-19 Daniel O'Donnell *The Mansion Thtr*.

Nov 4 Veterans Show *Clay Cooper Thtr*.

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

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

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

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

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

— Isaiah 55:12

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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!**

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





Bed, Bath...



...and Everything Else!

★ THE MERCHANDISE ★

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

★ MAN ON A MISSION ★

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

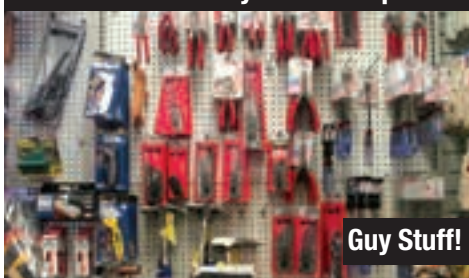


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- Doo Wop & More
- Motown Downtown
- Patsy to Patsy
- Platters Golden Sounds of the 50s
- Best of Dean Martin
- James Taylor Soft Rock of the 70s & 80s Tribute
- Jukebox Live with Mark Alred

At The Columns Event Center C-3

- Angels of Country Music
- Banachek's Mind Games
- The BLUE Experience
- Bonjour! The Music of Journey & Bon Jovi
- Branson Comedy Factory
- Conway Remembered starring Mike Walker
- Girls Rock Dinner Show with Madison Galloway
- Lasting Impressions
- Michael Winslow Show
- Pink Floyd Experience
- The Rocky Horror Picture Show
- Under the Sea Kids Show

At Freedom Encounter Thtr G-5

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

At Mickey Gilley Grand Shanghai Thtr D-3

- Illusionist Rick Thomas "Mansion of Dreams"

At The Hughes Brothers Thtr E-4

- Branson's Famous Baldknobbers
- Branson's Famous Baldknobbers Christmas
- Vintage Baldknobbers Show
- Vintage Baldknobbers Christmas Show

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

- A Neil Diamond Tribute starring Keith Allyn
- A Neil Diamond Christmas starring Keith Allyn
- Carpenters Once More starring Diana Allyn
- Carpenters Christmas Once More starring Diana Allyn

At King's Castle Thtr E-8

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

At Nashville Roadhouse Live! C-5

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

At Pepsi Legends Thtr E-10

- Legends in Concert
- Legends of Country
- Legends Christmas Spectacular
- Branson Elvis Festival

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