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### **2022 BRANSON SHOW GUIDE**

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Andy Williams Moon River Theatre 1 Andy Williams Blvd • 417-334-4500	andywilliams.com	E-8	1, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 23			
Illusionist Rick Thomas	rickthomas.com		1, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 23	Nov-Dec		
Andy Williams Christmas Show	andywilliams.com		1,7,10,11, 12,13,23			
<b>The Americana Theater</b> 2905 W Hwy 76 • 417-544-8700	americanatheatre.com	E-6	12, 10, 20			
CJ Newsome's Classic Country & Comedy	patsyclineandfriends.com		13,18	Nov-Dec		
America's Top Country Hits	americanatheatre.com		24	Nov-Dec		
Awesome 80's	americanatheatre.com		18	Nov-Dec		
The Blackwoods Christmas Show	theblackwoods.com			Nov-Dec		
British Invasion	americanatheatre.com		24	THRU DEC		
Broadway to Buble: George Dyer Christmas Show				Nov-Dec		
Elvis: Story of The King	americanatheatre.com		13, 24	THRU DEC		
Branson Central Theatre 625 St. Hwy 165 • 417-231-4112		F-5				
Faith and Freedom Tribute - starring Dan Keaton	bransoncentraltheatre.com		4	Nov-Dec		
Christmas Serenade in Paris - starring Dan Keaton	<u>AnAmericanTenor.com</u>			Nov-Dec		
The Steve Morris Lunchtime Break: Comedy, Music	bransoncentraltheatre.com			Nov-Dec	L	
<b>Branson Famous Theatre</b> 645 Hwy 165 • <b>417-231-4999</b>	<u>baldknobbers.com</u>	F-4				
Branson's Famous Baldknobbers Christmas	<u>baldknobbers.com</u>		2, 11, 12, 13, 14,15, 18	Nov-Dec		
Vintage Baldknobbers Show	<u>baldknobbers.com</u>		15	Nov-Dec		
The Doug Gabriel Show	douggabriel.com			Nov-Dec		
Reza: Edge of Illusion	<u>rezalive.com</u>			Nov-Dec		
Branson Hot Hits Theatre 206 South Commercial St • 417-337-7426	bransonhothits.com	F-13				
Motown Downtown				Nov-Dec		
Patsy to Patsy, Music of Patsy Cline, Reba & More				THRU DEC		
Marvin Gaye & The Masters of Soul				Nov-Dec		
James Taylor & the Soft Rock of the 70s & 80s				THRU NOV		
Clay Cooper Theatre 3216 W. Hwy 76 ◆ 888-222-8910	<u>claycoopertheatre.com</u>	E-5				
Clay Cooper's Country Express: Christmas Show				Nov-Dec		
#1 Hits of the 60's Christmas Show	1hitsofthe60s.com		12, 13, 18, 25, 27	Nov-Dec		
Dean Z's Rockin' Christmas Show				Nov-Dec		
The Haygoods Christmas Show	thehaygoods.com			Nov-Dec		
Hot Rods & High Heels (Fabulous 50s!)				Nov-Dec		
Copeland Theater at the Meadows 4230 Gretna Rd • 417-332-5338						
All Hands on Deck Show				Nov-Dec		
The Hits starring David Brooks				Nov-Dec		
Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theatre 1600 W. Hwy 76 • 417-339-3003	legendsinconcert.com/Branson	E-10				
Legends in Concert Christmas Show	legendsinconcert.com/Branson		8,22	Nov-Dec	D,A	
SIX Christmas				Nov-Dec		
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A Brett Family Christmas				INOV-DEC		

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Dolly Parton's Stampede Christmas				Nov-Dec	L,D	
The Dutton Family Theatre 3454 W Hwy 76 • 417-332-2772	theduttons.com	E3				
The Duttons Christmas Show Now at the Yakov Theatre (See Yakov listings)				Nov-Dec		
Freedom Encounter Theatre 3220 Falls Parkway • 417-544-0372	FreedomJourneyShow.com	G-5				
The Freedom Journey Show	FreedomJourneyShow.com		5	Nov-Dec		
Grand Country Music Hall 1945 W Hwy 76 • 417-335-2484	<u>GrandCountry.com</u>	E-10				
Amazing Pets!				Nov-Dec		
Branson Country USA live TV Broadcast				Nov-Dec		
Comedy Jamboree Christmas Show				Nov-Dec		
Down Home Country				Nov-Dec		
Grand Jubilee Christmas Show				Nov-Dec		
New South Gospel				Nov-Dec		
Ozarks Gospel				Nov-Dec		
Ozarks Country				Nov-Dec		
Hamner's Variety Theater 3090 Shep. of the Hills Expy ● 417-334-4363	hamnersunbelievable.com	C-6		SEE WEBSITE		
Abba Tribute				Nov-Dec		
Beach Boy "California Dreamin"				Nov-Dec		
Back to the BeeGees				Nov-Dec		
Mike Walker: Lasting Impressions				Nov-Dec		
Oh Happy Day: Goin Back to Gospel!	ohappydaygospel.com			Nov-Dec		
The Hughes Brothers Theatre 3425 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-0076	<u>Hughes-Brothers.com</u>	E-4			L,D	
Cassandre The Voice of an Angel				Nov-Dec		
Hughes Brothers Family Christmas	<u>Hughes-Brothers.com</u>		10, 12, 13,16,17	Nov-Dec		9
Hughes Brothers Country	<u>Hughes-Brothers.com</u>		10, 12, 13, 16, 17	Nov-Dec	L, D	
Escape Reality: Garry & Janine Carson: Comedy Magic Dinner Show	<u>carsonentertainment.com</u>		13, 19, 22	Nov-Dec	D	
Re-Vibe!	<u>Hughes-Brothers.com</u>		16	Nov-Dec	L, D	
Branson's IMAX <sup>TM</sup> Little Opry Theatre 3562 Shep. of the Hills Exp • <b>417-335-4832</b>	<u>bransonimax.com</u>	B-4		SEE WEBSITE		
Christmas with Shoji				Nov-Dec		
Smoke on the Mountain				Nov-Dec		
Sanders Family Christmas				Nov-Dec		
The Petersens Christmas				Nov-Dec		
George Jones & Friends Remembered				Nov-Dec		
The Sons of Britches				Nov-Dec		
Rick McEwen Presents "The Gambler"				Nov-Dec		
Country Evolution				Nov-Dec		
Jackie B Goodes Uptown Café W. Hwy 175 at 65 • 417-336-3535	Bransonuptown.com	E-4				
Free Live Entertainment				Nov-Dec	D,A	
Jerry Presley's God and Country Theatre 1840 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-6806	GodandCountryTheaters.com	E-10	11, 12, 13, 26	SEE WEBSITE		
Cowboy Church	<u>GodandCountryTheaters.com</u>			Nov-Dec		



### THE AMERICANA THEATRE PRESENTS:



t all began in 1964 when The Beatles landed! For the next several years artists from "across the pond" absolutely invaded the American music scene! Legendary groups like The Who, Queen, the Kinks and The Rolling Stones brought new sounds that truly captivated our great American ears! Now, live on stage, experience the music of those legendary groups, along with the likes of Dusty Springfield, Elton John and many more as this award-winning cast recreates that unforgettable era!



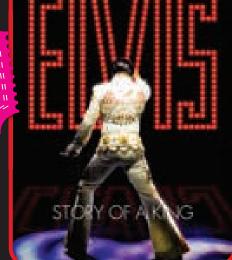
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Country Music brought to life!
Enjoy classic hits from Country's
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Buck Owens, Conway Twitty,
Merle Haggard, George Jones,
Loretta Lynn, Dolly Parton, Glen
Campbell, Waylon Jennings,
Garth Brooks, George Strait,
Brad Paisley—and yes, even
more! Many more.

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elive the life and times of a legend through a show packed with heartwarming stories and hard rocking songs performed by critically acclaimed impersonator Matthew Boyce. Warning: catch the show before Elvis leaves the building.



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Elvis: The Last Concert	GodandCountryTheaters.com		11, 12, 13, 26	Nov-Dec			
Elvis: Aloha from Hawaii	GodandCountryTheaters.com		11, 12, 13, 26	Nov-Dec			
Elvis: Madison Square Garden Concert	GodandCountryTheaters.com		11, 12, 13, 26	Nov-Dec			
Elvis Alive: Gospel Concert			11, 12, 13, 26	Select Dates			
Christmas with Elvis	GodandCountryTheaters.com		11, 12, 13, 26	Nov-Dec			
A Neil Diamond Christmas	aneildiamondtribute.com		26, 29	Nov-Dec			
Best of Neil Sedaka: Tribute			26	Nov-Dec			
Carpenters Christmas Once More	backtothe70stributes.com		18, 26, 28	Nov-Dec			
A Christmas To Remember: Young Original			26, 32	Nov-Dec			
Chicago: A Tribute			26	Nov-Dec			
George Strait: A Country Legend	GodandCountryTheaters.com		26	Nov-Dec			
50 Years of Kenny Rogers	GodandCountryTheaters.com		26	Nov-Dec			
Rocket Man! Elton John Tribute	GodandCountryTheaters.com		11, 13, 26	Nov-Dec			
Waylon, Willie & The Good Ol Boys	GodandCountryTheaters.com		26	Nov-Dec			
King's Castle Theater 2701 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-2500	kingscastletheatre.com	E-8	1, 4, 6, 11, 14, 25				
Anthems of Rock	kingscastletheatre.com		1, 4, 6, 11, 14, 25	Nov-Dec			
Dublin's Irish Tenors & Celtic Ladies	kingscastletheatre.com		1, 4, 6, 11, 14, 25	Nov-Dec			
New Jersey Nights: Music of The Four Seasons	kingscastletheatre.com		1, 4, 6, 11, 14, 25	Nov-Dec			
Branson's Christmas Wonderland	kingscastletheatre.com		1, 4, 6, 11, 14, 25	Nov-Dec			
The Mansion Theatre 189 Expressway Lane •417-385-1118	themansiontheatre.com	B-9	1,3,9				
Guest Stars			1,3,9	Nov-Dec			
Majestic Theatre 2849 Gretna Rd. ● 417-231-2420		C-7					
Doo-Wop & The Drifters The Ruby Room Thtr. & Lounge • 417-231-2420	therubyroomatthemajestic.com		19	Nov-Dec	D,A		
Dancin' in the Street: a Motown Revue The Ruby Room Thtr. & Lounge • 417-231-2420	therubyroomatthemajestic.com		19	Nov-Dec	D,A		
Ballroom Dancing with Derek Ventura	therubyroomatthemajestic.com			Nov-Dec	D,A		
Absolutely Country, Definitely Gospel • 417-218-0808	acdgbranson.com			Nov-Dec			
Milsap - Almost Like a Song				Nov-Dec			
Branson Murder Mystery Dinner Show • 417-849-8331	<u>bransonmurdermystery.com</u>			Nov-Dec	D,A		
Comedy Hypnosis Dinner Show • 417-849-8331	jecobiesmindplay.com			TBA	D,A		
Mickey Gilley Grand Shanghai Theatre 3455 W Hwy 76 • 417-336-0888	amazingacrobats.com	D-3		THRU DEC			
Shanghai Circus				Nov-Dec			
The Texas Tenors				Select Dates			
Nashville Roadhouse Theater at The Branson Star 3750 W 76 Blvd • 417-320-3418	nashvilleroadhouse.com	C-3	1, 10, 11, 13, 19, 20, 21		D,A		
Nashville Roadhouse Live starring Stevie Lee Woods	nashvilleroadhouse.com		1, 10, 11, 13, 19, 20, 21	Nov-Dec			
Phil Dalton: Theatre of Illusion	nashvilleroadhouse.com		10, 30	Nov-Dec			
Trey Dees Dean Martin & Friends	nashvilleroadhouse.com		21	Nov-Dec			
Morace Family: Listen to the Music!	417-320-3418		21	Nov-Dec			
Best of Motown More	nashvilleroadhouse.com		21	Nov-Dec			
Steve Sanders, That Mentalist Guy	nashvilleroadhouse.com		21	Nov-Dec			

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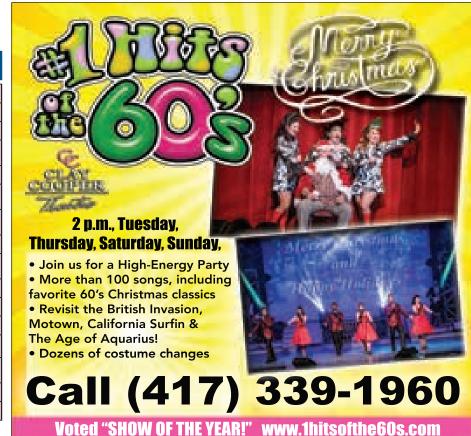
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Ric Steel Show featuring Elena Serykh	nashvilleroadhouse.com		10, 11, 31	Nov-Dec		
The Kendalls	nashvilleroadhouse.com		21	Nov-Dec		
Grand Ladies of Country Music	nashvilleroadhouse.com		21	Nov-Dec		
Pierce Arrow Theatre 3069 Shep. of the Hills Expy • 417-336-8742	piercearrowtheater.com	C-5				
Pierce Arrow				Nov-Dec		
Presleys' Country Jubilee 2920 W. Hwy 76 • 800-336-4874	<u>presleys.com</u>	E-6		Nov-Dec		
Sight & Sound Theatres 1001 Shep. of the Hills Expy • 800-377-1277	sight-sound.com	B-8				
Miracle of Christmas				Nov-Dec		
Shepherd of the Hills Outdoor Thtr. 13260 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-7469	ShepherdoftheHills.com	A-3		SEE WEBSITE		
WhoDunnit Hoedown				Nov-Dec	D	
Shepherd's Chuckwagon				Nov-Dec	D	
A Shepherd's Christmas Carol				Nov-Dec	D	
Showboat Branson Belle 4800 W. Hwy 76 • 800-475-9370	bransonsilverdollarcity.com	J-3		THRU DEC	L,D	
Yakov Theatre 470 St. Hwy 248 • 417-336-3838	<u>yakov.com</u>	B-12				
Comedy Star Yakov Smirnoff				Nov-Dec		
The Duttons Christmas Show	theduttons.com			Nov-Dec		

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8:30 am, Main Show 9am. The Mansion Theatre Lunch following at Branson Meadows, old VF Outlet location: 11:30 am-1:30pm. Info: Dee at 870-421-3511 or <a href="https://www.veteransshow.com">www.veteransshow.com</a> Nov 11 Veterans Day Sunrise Service College of the Oracle Zone Approach Service Page Page 1

- **11 Veterans Day Sunrise Service** College of the Ozarks 7am **Annual Veterans Day Parade** Downtown Branson. 11am.
- Nov 6 Jammin for Jesus for Jesus Concert (benefiting MO Veterans Home )Free Admission with donation of postage stamps and full size personal care items. (Separate love offering will be taken.) A full cast of Branson entertainers. 2pm show. At Branson's Famous Theatre 417-231-4999 bransonjamminforjesus.com
- Nov 6-10 IMAX<sup>™</sup> Military Film Festival
- Nov 11-Dec 31 North Pole Adventure Shepherd of the Hills. A magical walk through experience through thousands of twinkling lights. A Family Adventure! Tickets: 417-334-4191
- Nov 18-20 Branson Market Days Shop over 125 booths inside the Branson Convention Center. Fun treats, awesome new clothing, smell goods Christmas gifts and décor and so much more. One-of-a-kind-vendors from all over the country. It's fun! Branson Conventions Center 417-513-3200
- Nov 24 Hughes Brothers Thanksgiving Show—We're Thankful For You! Special performance of The Hughes Brothers Christmas Show at 10:00 AM. Kids 12 and under FREE! (See page 17)

- Dec 4 Adoration Parade Shop over 125 booths inside the Branson Convention Center. Fun treats, awesome new clothing, smell goods Christmas gifts and décor and so much more. One-of-a-kind-vendors from all over the country. It's fun! Branson Conventions Center 417-513-3200
- Thru Dec 31 Branson Landing's Winter Wonderlanding Branson's famous lakeside shopping attraction is transformed for the holidays!)
- Dec 31-Jan 7 New Year's Week in Branson! Shows, parties, fireworks and more! Many shows, attractions museums, shops and lodgings are open for your special getaway.
- New Year's Eve Shows —All over Branson! HAPPY 2023!
- Thru Jan 1 Shepherd of the Hills Trail of Lights Millions of multi-colored lights, themed and animated displaces. Free hot chocolate afterwards at the outside Snack Shack! (Single axle vehicles only.)
- Thru Jan 2 Branson's Lights of Joy Enjoy millions of sparkling lights! This one of a kind drive through features hundreds of animated, larger than life displays set in various themes. Some of the themes take guests on an imaginative trip to Christmas Safari, Santa's Village, and Penguin Holiday while the classics such as 12 Days of Christmas are reminiscent of the joy of the holidays. 700 Expressway Lane 417-233-1769 lightsofioydrivethru.com ◆







# CHRISTMAS WITH E Starring Elvis' Cousin

It certainly could be a **Blue Christmas** without Elvis! But fret not, the music of Elvis has *not* left the building for the holidays! Neither has his cousin Jerry Presley, nor the Elvis trademark entourage of keyboards, horns, electrics, percussion and OF COURSE, lady backup singers and a Gospel quartet!

Be prepared for an Elvis Christmas concert that's about as real as it gets here on this side of Heaven! For starters, the most common reaction (and quote) from fans in the know is this: "It's the most authentic Elvis show I've ever seen!" Maybe that's because Elvis' cousin Jerry Presley is related to Elvis three ways, hung out with Elvis, was encouraged by Elvis, attended over a dozen Elvis concerts, and even served in the Army like Elvis! But folks, that's not all! Like Elvis—Cousin Jerry even has a twin brother! To add vet another "zinger"—two members of Jerry's current

cast, (singer **Denny Yeary** and trumpeter Jay Daverse) also performed with The King himself! What we love most about these amazing performances is the authenticity. No Elvis schtick. Just Elvis concerts as they really were. And are.

**Elvis, Christmas** and Gospel! Those three words together are enough to give anyone in the know a

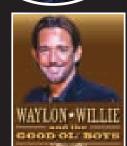
NEIL DIAMOND

fast case of goosebumps! In this show, we get the music closest to Elvis's heart, all in one blockbuster production! Santa Bring My Baby Back to Me, Silver Bells, I'll Be Home for Christmas—Silent Night and too many more to list without getting emotional! But

that's even before we get deeper into that great Elvis heart with a full repertoire of his legendary Gospel favorites—In the Garden, He Touched Me, How Great Thou Art, Help Me, Rock My Soul, Peace in the Valley, Amazina Grace, Crvin in the Chapel—and that's about all we can cite here without crvin' in the chapel ourselves!

For an Elvis experience, be advised: Jerry Presley truly i a "keeper of the flame".









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

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

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

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

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









Awards

2022 ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR! Amber Campbell!

#1 Hits of the 60s! (see page 24,25)

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**Michael Frost!** #1 Hits of the 60s! (See page 24)

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### THE UNRAVELING:

Unpacking this vast musical library is a troupe of singers, dancers and incredible musicians headed up by brilliant musical director and producer Matt Muhoberac and his multi-talented wife, co-producer and star vocalist Amber Campbell. Along

with the show's amazing live music and dance, (more than 115 songs and about a zillion costume changes)--we are treated to a visual buffet of hairdos, clothing styles and iconic characters many of us grew up with—or were! (You know, Bookworms, Nerds, Greasers, Jocks, Hoods, Hippies etc.) Comedy skits of highschool life in the 60s bear witness that there is much to laugh at from those "Happy Days." One of the show's highlights, (there are ga-zillions of them), is when the highschool hop spills into the audience and many of us end up dancing! Fun!



There are many; everything from Feliz Navidad and The Drifter's version of White Christmas to Charlie Brown's legendary 1960s Christmas message—the one that reminded America's TV viewers

the true meaning of Who and what we are celebrating during this festive season. The medleys of holiday favorites and heartstirring carols, brought to us by the angelic voices and masterful performances of this cast—makes it easy to believe that we've all made it home for Christmas.



### THE SURPRISE

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

**Power couple** 

**Amber Campbell and** 

Matt Muhoberac.

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

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

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



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CARPENTERS CHRISTMAS ONCE MORE

MUSIC, AND A LIFE,

THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING!

t's Christmas time! If we stop and listen to the music serenading us these days, whether it be on the radio, at the shopping mall, the hair salon or on earphones plugged into whatever they're plugged into—we will no doubt hear an awful lot of **The Carpenters** once more. To this day, The Carpenters remain prominent on the soundtrack of our lives, ever popular, and ever-uplifting. Bringing to life this music that generations of us all love is multi-award winning singing star **Diana Lynn**.

### **About The Carpenters**

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

### **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!

TINA SIBLEY Background Vocals & Percussion a Springfield,MO native, Tina has performed with Ray Price, Wayne
Newton, Manheim Steamroller and numerous

other artists. She holds a MA in Education, having taught orchestra for over 30 years. Besides performing and conducting she is an avid writer, arranger, and studio musician.

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. As Diana reminisces, "You know how when a star passes, you remember exactly where you were? When I learned of Karen's passing on February 4, 1983, I was at home listening to the Carpenters Christmas Album and writing

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 my Carpenters Once More tribute production. I was devastated." Yet Diana's sorrow, thankfully, turned into a living tribute helping to keep Karen's legacy very much alive.

### 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. It's the voice, the stage presence and the captivating personality that draws us into the 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,

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

TERRY LAIRD Lead Guitar Performing in Branson for over 39 years, Terry has been music director for such shows as

The Rankin Brothers and The Chicago Tribute and has worked with The Plummer Family, The Lawrence Welk Show, Silver Dollar City, and Mike Walker.

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

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

(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 performing her music."

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

**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.



# ALL-STARS!

As might be guessed by all genuine Branson Insiders, Keith's return is in the company of his lovely wife Diana Lynn, who opens her own award-winning Carpenters Once More show at the same power-packed performance venue as her husband—namely, Jerry Presley's God & Country Theatre! (More about Diana's show on page 28)

### WHO'S **NEIL DIAMOND?**

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



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—

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.





Some in Keith's backup band have played with Andy Williams, artist Keith Allynn 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!

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

fter

packing out

performance

venues throughout

North America for

the past two years,

**Diamond tribute** 

has landed once

world renown Neil

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!"

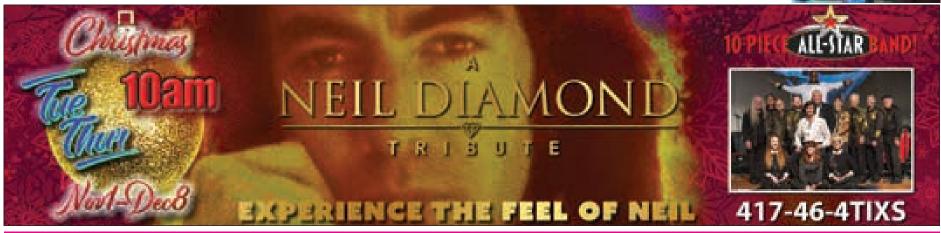
### SOMETHING OUTRAGEOUS!

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!

### **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.



### 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 the

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. ◆





One of Phil's death-defying public stunts.

# NOW THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!



live band of razor-sharp musicians fill

the stage, kicking off a fast-

paced, non-stop fun fest

of music that all ages of us know

and center is a guy with a guitar

who somehow immediately gets

us audience types in the palm

of his hands, (while winning all

hearts to boot)! We're clapping

even know it! And that's before

we are treated to a performance

of adagio dance and ballet that is

this show just about always gets

What we are experiencing is a

world renown entertainer

absolutely own us!

and a Russian ballet

star who is already a

**About Ric Steel:** 

Branson legend:

Ric Steel and

**Elena Serykh!** 

Born in Jackson,

absolutely breathtaking! No wonder

standing ovations! These performers

and singing along before we

almost by heart, (even kids)! Front

of songs for others, continued music and business pursuits, then spent many a happy year headlining shows on cruise ships throughout the world. But after performances fans kept approaching him with a similar demand—"You should be performing in Branson!" All that, before finally landing in Branson and meeting the lady that fast won his heart. But that's just for starters. (More about Rick in "the rest of the story".)

Now let's meet the show's dancing star— Elena Serykh, who we really have to say is not only an authentic global sensation—but for the

past several years a real Branson legend! Elena was born in Poland and raised in the former Soviet Union during years when her survival depended on little more than bread with honey, milk and tea! As Rick tells us, "Elena is a living example of how a person can turn tragedy into victory." Elena's dance training began as a child, schooled in the nearly lost art and discipline of adagio and classical ballet. That soon led to being trained by the masters of Moscow's legendary Bolshoi. After years performing in Branson she founded Branson's New Premiere **Dance Academy**, which trains nearly every dance style, constantly wins awards in the dance world and whose graduates appear on many Branson stages and throughout the world of show business! (See "About Elena" below.)

> Tragedy—and **inen...**Yes, there's been

some tragedy in the lives of these stars. Sadly, the life of Ric's loving wife came to an end all too soon. Elena suffered the same loss, when her loving husband and dance partner died suddenly. Both endured what seemed to be an endless season of grief, until one

**Bolshoi-trained Elena Serykh!** 

day it all began to change when they met each other. And the rest is history. They still keep photos of their first loves prominently displayed at home, yet the love of these two who we see on stage performing together is a living example of wonderful new beginnings.

The Rest of the Story As a teen, Ric's music—dedicated to anti drug and anti violence work (that he likes to call "rock and roll for the soul")—saw over a quarter million lives changed. His storied music career took him throughout the world, yet not without setbacks; a house fire, some near death experiences and health issues,

have many stories of God's miraculous answers..

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



to name a few. Rick's bout with diabetes ultimately resulted in a dramatic victory, all documented in a short book free to all at TheDiabetesBook@Gmail.com Inventor: Ric holds several patents for his inventions. Some he is especially passionate about are a Dissolving Fish Hook and a software that stops texting and driving "in its tracks",

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

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

For Information:

**New Premiere Dance Academy** 

**Phone:** 

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Website:

www.premieredance-branson.com



not long after he could walk and talk. From there, he went on to Opera, Contemporary Christian Music—then to Nashville and Country, where he

Mississippi, Ric grew up in a family of

traveling entertainers and preachers

and first hit the stage performing

charted two songs, became a Grammy nominee, wrote and published scores

# TRUST US, SEE THIS SHOW FOR A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER!

here's no other way to say it. Borrowing an old timey term from way back in the 1970s, this is what you'd call a "supergroup."

What we're trying to communicate here is that this amazing production is the miraculous result of all-star musicians and vocalists from all over the country meeting each other while performing in Branson shows, then "clicking", becoming close friends, and during late night after-show get-togethers at Denny's, following the irresistible urge to create a supergroup and holiday *supershow* of their own!

And so Voila—A Christmas to Remember has arrived, performed by the new supergoup Young Original. In answer to the show title, yes, this is a show destined to be unforgettable for us all—be we young, old, or even "ahem"—even older!

For you youngsters—you'll find out fast this brilliant group is way cool.

For the adults in the room—expect to experience Christmas classics masterfully performed like you've never heard them before!

These young musical prodigies (ages 19-22) have all been performing their entire young lives, and it so definitely shows! Their command of a whole potpourri of musical instruments is Benjamin & Lily are spending their first jaw-dropping! Their holiday season together with us! Insiders command of all tell us that when the two sing a duet,

genres of holiday

music is equally stunning everything from the sounds of big band, jazz, salsa and popto the heart gripping renditions of Mary, Did You Know? and O Holy Night.

As far as this show's appeal to various musical tastes, here it is in a nutshell: Expect what these young stars call "innovative stuff." Translation: Creative arrangements and a blend of all musical styles tapping into every age group. Yet in the interest of innovation and fun, expect the unexpected—for the musical fluency of these masterful musicians is nothing less than astoundina!

The result: heartwarming, fun, and absolutely breathtaking.

After lifetimes on stage, these absolutely brilliant young performers are not

> only masters of musical instruments, audiences

which is why they love not only entertaining us, they love meeting and fellowshipping with us after the show! So experience—one we're all sure

**The Amazing Cast!** to them feel like family. catch this performance for a delightful holiday to fondly remember! \*

The supergroup: (L to R) Joe, Benjamin, Lily & Silas. (Carver couldn't get into the picture, since his flight from Montana was delayed due to a snowstorm. But that's another story. See Carver in the photo below.

> Silas Johnson Cello. piano, bass, vocalist, sleighbell, foottambourine (made by his brother). Branson audiences of course recognize Silas as being one of Branson's famous Johnson Strings!

Joe Xiques Acoustic and electric guitar, ukulele, piano, tin whistle, mandolin, cello, dobro, banjo, percussion.

the lead singers, piano. cajon (a "boxy, wooden-

looking thing that helps keeps the beat.") His words, not ours.

Benjamin Morren piano, accordian, trumpet, saxophone, guitar, mandolin, and a bunch of other instruments. (He's got over 30 of them at home, but he probably won't bring them *all!*)

Lily Morren creates a mood or "vibe" with percussion: brushes, snare, cajon, then also with piano,

Young Original with Carver, (3rd Carver Bowers One of the lead singers, piano. Fither way, it's Carver.

chimes and glockenspiel. As a vocalist, she's a soprano. She also takes to the piano. Importantly, (according to Silas),

being the only female in the group, she also keeps all the boys "in line."





expect sparks to fly! Awwwwwwww!

f ever there was a signature superstore for North Pole treasures and all things celebrating Heaven's Greatest Gift—that would be Kringles Christmas Shops & Kringles Village Treasures at Branson's Grand Village Shoppes! Let us paint a little picture here, before you find out more on pages 34 and 35!



or some epic holiday fun, let's tour some of the main attractions in this quaint, Dickens-style village right at the heart of the "Branson Strip"! (2800 W. Hwy.76).



### THE QUICK TOUR

First—let's point out Kringles Christmas Shops, which, like we attempt to communicate in our "show 'n tell" on page 38—is pretty much a holiday shopper's Christmas Heaven! Next, it's only a short stroll down the Grand Village street to visit T Charleston & Sons Books & Gifts and Kringles Village Treasures—a treasure trove of collectables, children's gifts, and rare reading treasures, all with a regional and inspirational slant. And during the tour, we musn't miss Reflections: Thomas Kinkade Signature Gallery, where the inspirational masterpieces of this legendary artist are guaranteed to warm the heart!

But wait—if and when the desire strikes for a legendary village treat, delicious meal or some lively entertainment, follow the tantalizing aromas leading to Mel's Hard Luck Diner, home of those multitalented singing servers! Then, kick back, enjoy and savor all the good times of this Heavenly season!

# KRINGLES CHRISTMAS SHOP

We can't avoid saying it—this is the biggest, baddest Christmas store extravaganza this side of the North Pole! They call it a "shop", but like we can't stop saying, it's more like Christmas Heaven! But not to worry, you can ship if you don't want to tote. We will simplify our description of these 9,000 square foot stores within stores by saying—they have everything, as we hope we have visually communicated on page 21! (Phone: 417-337-5426)

# T CHARLESTON & SONS BOOKS & GIFTS & KRINGLES VILLAGE TREASURES

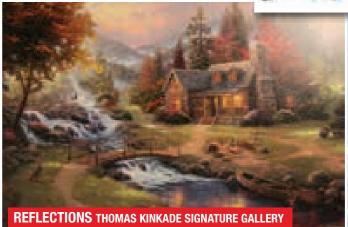
One building. On your left, is **T Charleston** & Sons, and on your right is Kringles

HOLIDAY FUN STARTS HERE!

STOPS AT GRAND VILLAGE SHOPPES!









**Treasures**. T Charleston's is a unique collection of books and gifts with a regional and inspirational slant, each item hand picked by **Liz Bilbo**.

On the right is **Kringles Village Treasures**We like to describe this wonderland as something of a world headquarters for world famous collectables, (some getting more rare by the day) We'd best drop a few names here: **Dickens Village Series,**, **Department 56 Snow Village, Willow Tree, Precious Moments** and more. Way more! (Phone: 877-316-2368)

# MEL'S HARD LUCK DINER

The reason you are going to love the food and treats at this iconic 50's style eatery is because owner Mel Bilbo is on an endless quest to make it better—some standards of excellence he acquired during his executive career at the Anheuser-Busch theme Parks of Williamsburg and Orlando, at Disney in Burbank, and as CEO of Silver Dollar City!

Now for the main attraction—those famous singing servers, hosts, cooks & bus staff who "sing for your supper" as they say. Now folks, here's our cautionary note: DO NOT FRET! These good folks don't intrude in your space or act beggarly for tips! They're pros, flowing seamlessly throughout the diner while serving all with delicious eats and amazing music! So "Bon Appetit" and enjoy the show! (Phone: 417-332-0150)

# REFLECTIONS: THOMAS KINKADE SIGNATURE GALLERY

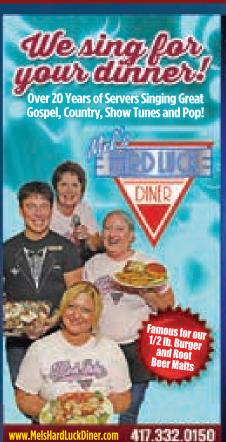
Even if you never heard of one of the most famous American artists of our era, it would be almost impossible to not be familiar with the late painter's work. Known as the "painter of light", Kinkade's work is largely dominated by themes of home, natural beauty and the Christian faith. The gallery features a stunning collection of Thomas Kinkade prints,

many accented by hand-painted highlights performed by artists personally trained by Kinkade himself! (Phone: 800-814-0989)





# It's all at The Grand Village Shoppes!



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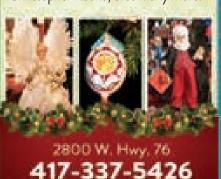
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This Signature Gold gallery features the recent art of the late Thomas Kinkade along with a selection of retired canvases as well. In addition to art canvases from Thomas, the painter of light, many other Kinkade gift items are featured.



Kringles overflows with the warmth and joy of Christmas. From nearly a hundred decorated trees to collectibles, accessories, musicals & more... discover the many themes and collections of Kringles.

Kringles is filled with ornaments and decor for every decorating theme and features a variety of your favorite collectibles including Jim Shore, Dept. 56, Possible Dreams, Fontanini, Christopher Radko, & so many more.



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

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







### THE INSIDE SCOOP

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

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

Ri-miling Bay

Confidence Regained!

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

**47 lbs Down** 

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

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

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



Where else can you find such mouth-watering delicacies as Papa Brown's Home-Made Bar-BQ Sauce, or Papa's irresistible Jam and Butter Barn? Warning: this stuff is deliciously addictive. Just sayin.

Have Jenn do a little "show & tell" at her "Color Me Crazy" blending bar. She'll be glad to demonstrate how she customizes her water-based makeup for the ladies to match skin tone perfectly—plus perform anti-aging wonders! Jenn was trained by a professional who specializes in makeup for the stars. For an appointment call 417-380-4264!

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



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 RELIVE THE BEST DECADE EVERI 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!

### THE INSIDE SCOOP!

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

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

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



ollywood memorabilia—(like Mel

fantabulous entertainment—awesome stuff

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

### STUFF TO DO

### **SLASHER'S HAUNTED HOUSE**

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

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

> well, almost like real people. Like the rest of us!

Karaoke fun at the New Wave Café!

TWO ESCAPE GAMES Fun stuff, but not to panic—technically you can escape at any time, but as all nonscaredy 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! GRÉMLIN'S MOVIE THEATRE** Grab a bag of popcorn and enjoy an 80s classic—no extra charge. You can even leave and come back to catch a later show—FREE! FREE PLAY ARCADE 80s Arcades, no coins needed! Which is AWESOME!

**New Wave Café!** 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

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

**80s hits** appear all season!



forever! Just come see it all! The Simpsons try out their new hand-held remote!

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

hether you've been there before, or never before— Season 2022 is a whole new world at Branson's Wild World!

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

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

### HANDS ON

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

### **ANOTHER** WORLD!

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

their spaces—up close. Very up close.





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



### **CREATING ATTRACTIONS** WORLDWIDE

The designer, owner and operator of our wild world as a leading expert in the design of tourist attractions. After creating over 300 different attractions in decided to call Branson home and make Branson's Wild World their labor of love.

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

Branson's Wild World is known throughout over thirty countries, 47 year-old St. Louis native James Kelly and his wife Lisa have

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! 🔷



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.

Mini-golf the Wild Abyss under

the sea, as real

creatures swim

among you, (real

and unreal)—or

just watch.

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

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.



animatronics. Sort of a

Disney gone wild. (Our words, not theirs.)

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



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.

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

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

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

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

Oh yeah! ◆





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

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

Let's get one thing straight—yes it truly is the World's Largest Toy Museum, (over 1 million toys), but don't get stuck on that word "museum". This isn't just some relic show. For most folks, a trip here turns into one of the funnest experiences ever whether the folks be Moms and Dads with the kids in tow, the grandfolks—or even (no kidding) newlyweds.! Yes, you heard 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!



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

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

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

### **The Inside Scoop**

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

of **ball and jacks**, or a 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 so you know, this is not just old stuff from flea markets or garage sales. These are enormous collections gathered from all over. We'll explain that later. First, a little namedropping here to help paint a picture of what you can expect to see—a giant Star Wars Collection, Star Trek, Marvell, Barbie, TV Westerns from the 1950s, GI-Joes wearing just about every uniform

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

Miniature Towns.

trains, and even

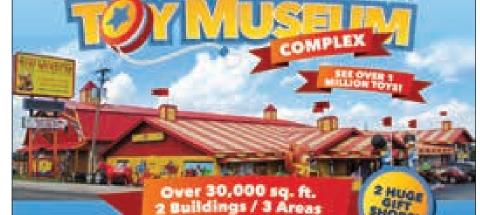
a circus!

**Toy Museum** 

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,

in history, the most spectacular model farm toys, firemen toys, police toys, Care

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

of tinker toys and legos at one of the museum's interactive play areas. 8 year-old Gavin seems to be building upwards while 4 yr. old Gabby works on a new set of wheels.

# 7 MUSEUMS: 1 PRICE!

HAROLD BELL WRIGHT HISTORICAL MUSEUM!

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

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

### **BUY, SELL, TRADE?**

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



# 3 NOSTALGIA TOY SHOPS! JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS!



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

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

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



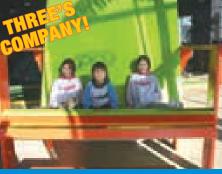
### HOW 'BOUT SOME INDOOR MINI GOLF FUN IN A TROPICAL PARADISE?

NO HEAT. NO CHILLS. NO BUGS. JUST FUN STUFF.

icture this for a vacation dream—relaxing under a palm tree while you watch the kiddos play mini golf or some of those other fun games down at the beach!

Hold that thought. We found a place for you. The palm trees, the beach benches and the ocean waters and wildlife may be a manmade setting, but the fun, the games, the refreshments and the

relaxing is all real! Yes, we're talking Coral Reef Mini Golf down at the indoor beach, which also has beach games such as air hockey, badminton, fuzzball, shuffleboard, pool—oh, and a refreshments stand!



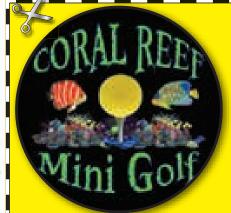
Kiddos lounge in a giant Coral Reef beach chair. All the way from Las Vegas are the Yamaguchi twins (plus 1!) (left to right) Kaylah, 10, Chase, 7 and Jaylah, 10!

We're talking Coral New let's meet your gelf pre-hest who

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

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





# BUY ONE GET ONE FREE I

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### JUST OPENED!

# LOCAL FAYORITES LAUNCH NEW SHOPPING FUNDLE

nd 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)



Choose from ZILLIONS of Designs all custom made right on the spot!

(Note to self: stop here and start checking off the Christmas list!)

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! The doors
swing open Labor Day

weekend, so congrats, you and the fam are the first wave of fun seekers!

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!



# UNBELIEVABLY TRUE! AT THIS AMAZING SHOPPING ATTRACTION EVERYTHING IS

# MADE IN THE \*\*\*\*



ATTENTION CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS:
GREAT STUFF HERE YOU'D BE LUCKY TO FIND BACK HOME!

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

To see for yourself, go directly to Made in the USA General Store, inside The Shoppes at Branson Meadows! Upon arriving you will no doubt be amazed as 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!





### **★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!"









### LOCATOR

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

### At Andy Williams Moon River Thtr E-8

- The Magic of Rick Thomas: Mansion of Dreams
  - The Andy Williams Christmas Show!

### At the Branson Famous Thtr F-4

- Branson's Famous Baldknobbers Christmas
- Vintage Baldknobbers Show

### At The Clay Cooper Thtr E-5

 #1 Hits of the 60s (& 50s too!) Christmas Show!

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

Legends in Concert Christmas Show!

### At Freedom Journey Thtr G5

Freedom Journey Show

### At The Hughes Family Thtr E-4

- The Hughes Family Christmas
- Hughes Brothers Country Show
- ReVibe
- Escape Reality Magic & Illusions Dinner Show, starring Garry & Janine Carson

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

- Christmas with Elvis
- Elvis: The Last Concert
- Elvis: Aloha from Hawaii
- Elvis: Madison Square Garden Show
- Elvis Request Night
- A Christmas To Remember: Young Original
- A Neil Diamond Tribute
- Best of Neil Sedaka
- Carpenters Christmas Once More
- Chicago: A Tribute
- Cowboy Church

- George Strait: A Country Legend
- Neil Diamond Tribute starring Keith Allynn
- Rocket Man: Elton John Tribute
- Waylon, Willie & The Good Ol Boys
- 50 Years of Kenny Rogers

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

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

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

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