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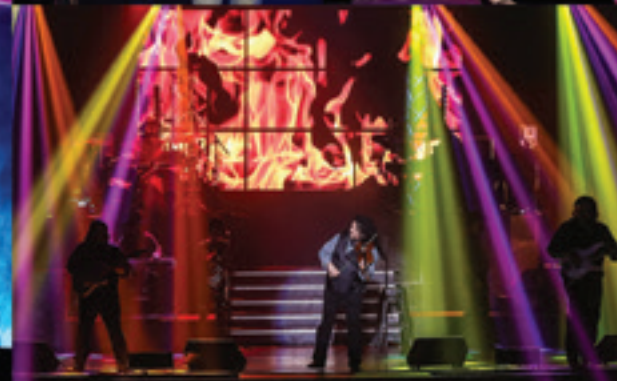
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REMEMBERING A LEGEND

SHOJI TABUCHI

April 16, 1944—August 11, 2023

Branson nation mourns the recent loss of one of its own—legendary Branson entertainer Shoji Tabuchi. Surrounded by his close-knit, loving family, Shoji left us on August 11 after a recent illness. He was 79.

Shoji is remembered by generations of his fans for his spectacular Branson shows, his brilliant musicianship, showmanship and for the kindness, humility and gratitude he always expressed both toward his fans, and for his adopted homeland. His every audience rose to their feet with standing ovations—among them being our nation's veterans, whose hearts were especially touched by Shoji's patriotic salutes and the heartfelt thankfulness he always expressed for their service.

Shoji was born in Ishikawa, Japan during the tumultuous years of World War II. He was just over a year old when the atomic bomb was dropped barely a hundred miles from his home in Okayama. Yet in the years after the war, his father rose to become a prominent businessman, a path Shoji



himself was educated to follow. During his early childhood, however, he was introduced to the violin and to the Suzuki method of instruction. Instantly, it became his passion.

When Shoji came upon the country and bluegrass music of America, he instantly fell in love with it. A turning point in his life came when bluegrass music superstar Roy Acuff ("The King of Country Music") toured Japan and Shoji approached him as an ardent fan. Impressed by the young Japanese musician, Acuff invited him to come visit him some day in America. Little did he know, Shoji was to take him up on

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TRUTH BE TOLD

Howdy, folks! How we all doin'? Hope you'uns are havin' a nice day during all these wobbly times!

I thought I'd just come at you kinda easy-like before I lay out something that might come at you like a sledgehammer or whatnot. Don't want to dump too much on you good folks all at once. Let's just ease into it a tad. So here I go.

In this ol' world that seems to have done gone off the rails, so to speak, there is still such a notion called truth.

I know that don't sound all that shocking to you good folks, but truth be told, it kinda is.

Ever heard of them "laws of nature?" That's just another way of sayin' "truth". The scientist types kinda don't like sayin' things are true, so to speak, 'cause that kind of talk starts to sound religious. And religion is just a bunch of tall tales and wild imaginations. After all, what kind of evidence do we have that any god is real when folks since the beginning of time has come up with so many gods it makes the head feel like a fryin' pan full of scrambled eggs!

But let's talk about some of them "laws" so to speak, (them things folks like me prefer to call *truth*.) For starters, you and I don't float in the air 'cause there's this thing called gravity. That's what them scientists call a *law*. (I call it *truth*.)

Now let's look up at the sky. They call it space. The Good Lord calls it Eternity. Think about it. No end. No wall. And even if there was a wall—how can you have one that don't last forever?

Or what if the end of the universe is just a puff of smoke? Or gas? How can even that not last forever? So here's the thing: forever is real.

Then there's another puff of vapor we need to talk about—this thing called *life*. Who can figger it out? How can it make every human, animal, fish, bird and plant keep on-a tickin'?

Got any ideas, Mr. Scientist? No batteries, plug-ins or fuels, other than plants or animals to eat up. Yet the whole world of us justa keeps on-a-tickin'! At least til our tickin' stops.

Then here comes that religious feller in The Bible tellin' us "*I Am the way, the*

truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6) Big thing to say. But it gets even bigger, for that same book tells us the Creator of the Universe is called "I Am." (Exodus 3:7-8,13,14) No beginning. No end. Just eternal. Always. Forever.

So He says He's eternal. We're created in His image. How are we supposed to believe all that?

Well, the evidence is starin' at us right in the face! Let's look up at that blue, gray, cloudy or starry night sky. That's eternity.

We been told by That Bible we been created to be like our Creator. We ain't robots. We choose everything. We even choose to believe in Him. Or not. He don't show Himself to us 'cause then we'd just fall in line and do what we're told 'cause we'd know He was The Boss. But He wants more than that. He wants love, and love is a choice that never stops havin' to get chose. Love ain't a "*spouse to*". It's a "*want to*" and a "*decide to*". You married folks oughter know what I'm talkin' about here.

So here goes: if we find out Who He is, then choose to surrender our lives to Him today, tomorrow and forever—(pretty much like what we do on wedding day), and we ask forgiveness for all our ornery ways we know about and don't even know about, then He starts opening up and revealin' Himself to us! The more we work to get to know Him, the more we love Him and the more He unfolds about Himself. But if we get lazy about getting' to know Him, the more He fades outta our day.

Kinda reminds me of me and the wife. If we don't stoke the fires of each other often enough, the fires start flickerin' and the embers start growin' a little bit cold. Same thing happens with friends, relatives and even neighbors. Or churches.

This whole country we live in was built on these notions, even though nowadays many is tryin' to shake it all off. But listen to the first sentence they wrote to tell the world they was startin' this country! (Our Declaration of Independence) "*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain, unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.*"

Now here I am near the end of the page already so I better wrap this up quick. Start to get to know The Creator of all this. That's a universe to explore. Follow "*the way, The Truth and the Life*", which is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Give

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Revelations

Richard Freihofer

Wisdom & knowledge from His Majesty
the Editor & Publisher

A WHOLE NEW WORLD!

Aaah. Now is the time of year when it's totally cool to be in Branson. Literally. Friendly temps, cool, sometimes breezy days and evenings, the trees and mountains of these Ozarks glowing with brilliant fall colors on crisp, sunny days of sweater weather...

And the kids...(God love 'em)—wired to have wild and crazy fun all summer long—are now back in school. So the rest of us have the place to ourselves—except on weekends of course, when the families come back. But it's different. The weather cooler, the kids more in the "back to school mode", still here to have fun, but now not so wild and crazy. More like "chill" as they're saying nowadays.

So now we can take a deep breath and completely relax. Enjoy the scenery; the mountains and lakes. Enjoy leisurely shopping in one of America's top shopping destinations. (No pressure, but it'd be more relaxing doing Christmas shopping now, rather than later when the holiday calendar becomes a ticking time bomb!)

Then, with choices to suit absolutely any and every taste or mood for food, we can here kick back and enjoy a vacation meal.

Then comes the main event—the reason why Branson, Missouri has been one of America's top vacation destinations

Him our ornery selfs, ask forgiveness and receive Him in our hearts—cause He's the one who paid the ultimate price for our sins and only He is the heart changer!

Read all about it in that Bible of yours. Maybe a psalm for breakfast, a proverb for lunch, and a New Testament chapter for dinner, (half a week,) an Old Testament one (for t'other half). You'll grow and be changed. Like an ocean of us all over this world, (which the news


for many a decade—the incredible live entertainment!

But this is not your normal live entertainment. This entertainment is performed by brilliant entertainers who, unlike almost everyone else in the entertainment world—perform nearly every day of the entire year! Each day they perform for a nearly 100% fresh new audience! Because they love what they do, and because they compete with themselves and every other show in town, every performer tries to push the envelope in every performance—making today's better than yesterday's! In the live entertainment world, that's unprecedented! Entertainers tour the world, but how many actually perform nearly every day of the year in the very same place?

No wonder Branson's musicians, singers, dancers, magicians, acrobats, comedians and all-around larger-than-life showbiz personalities dazzle each and every one of us audience types while keeping our awestruck selves comfortably in the palm of their hands, so to speak!



So browse these pages, choose your fun, then have at it. Obviously, you can't do it all this trip. You'll just have to come back. These folks will all be waiting for you with a performance the likes of which you've never seen before—even if you saw them last month!

Oh, and be sure to come back for all the Christmas shows, attractions, shopping and food November/December—for **Branson's Ozark Mountain Christmas** is a whole new world!♦

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should start admitting!) Oh, and talk to the Lord. Always. Share your heart. Listen. Be thankful. Always. Ask Him to change things. Things you heart wants changed in this ol' world. Join others in that heavenly gathering called church. Then you're on your way. Like the rest of us.

So let's do all that and enjoy forever together. Amen?♦

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MAGIC'S GLOBAL MAESTRO!

ILLUSIONIST

RICK THOMAS

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

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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!

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! BACKSTAGE DURING INTERMISSION! DETAILS AT BOX OFFICE!

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

FROM ZIMBABWE—



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

About Rick Thomas

Awarded Magician of the World!
World Magic Award

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

5 World Tours in over 50 countries!
5 Continents!

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

2-Time Branson Entertainer of the Year!

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.



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

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1959-2023 BRANSON'S FIRST SHOW:

TOPS itself
YET AGAIN!

BRANSON'S FAMOUS BALDKNOBBERS

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

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

Now we begin to understand why Branson's Famous Baldknobbers were enshrined in an

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

THE SECRET TO THEIR SUCCESS

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



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

MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT!

FINAL SEASON FOR AWARD-WINNING COMEDY LEGEND JERL "HARGUS" ADAMS!
JUST FOR LAUGHS, HARGIS HAS DECIDED TO KICK BACK & ENJOY THE SHOW WITH HIS FAMILY!
WARNING: OUR LAST CHANCE FOR SOME BIG LAUGHS WITH HILARIOUS HARGUS!

current and timeless—and a celebration of the values which are the bedrock of these Ozarks—faith, family and flag—values which laid the foundation for every Branson show to follow—and for every Branson visitor to experience.

THE 2023 PRODUCTION

Step inside the completely revamped and remodeled theater lobby. That should tell you something.

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

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

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

THE TAKE-AWAY

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



Ashley Dawn!

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



Shane!

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



MEGAN!

MORE
BALDKNOBBER
STARS!

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

Ashley Dawn Stanton!

Branson's Famous Baldknobbers!

2022 LEAD GUITAR PLAYER OF THE YEAR!

Grant Moody!

Branson's Famous Baldknobbers!

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

DAD!

NATHAN!



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

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

THE VINTAGE BALDKNOBBERS SHOW

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

Here's our big chance to experience the spark that blew up into a national and even international sensation! For The Baldknobbers cast, this show is the joy of their lives. "I grew up with this show," says Brandon Mabe, fourth generation member of the family that "started it all". "This is a tribute to my family. I'm doing two songs from my late Uncle **Dennis (Mabe)** who I adored growing up. Everything in this show is a tribute to all those who came before us. It's what helped shape us to

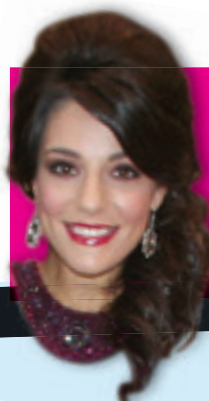


who and what we are. It's our attempt to pay respects to that. It's what started everything we see in Branson today."

Says Megan, Branson's wife and co-star, "I'm going to sing two Dolly Parton songs—two

which **Joy Bilyeu** sang back in the day. I would be far more nervous singing those two songs in front of Joy than if I had to sing t in front of Dolly! Even though Dolly is an idol, those people like Baldknobbers stars **Joy, Dennis, Gene Dove, Bob Leftridge** and all the rest—those folks are **our** idols.

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



My Voice

by Megan McCombs Mabe

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

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

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

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

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

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

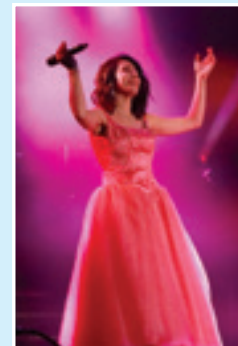
I must consider all of this while remaining true to the Baldknobber legacy of class and professionalism.

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

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

Most entertainers and musicians will tell you that people hear with their eyes. I have found this to be true. The next time you find yourself at a show, remember someone behind the scenes works tirelessly to make sure that every note you see sparkles with the sequins of excellence.

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



FALL STAR REVUE: LEGENDARY SUPERSTARS AT THE MANSION

The Mansion Theatre is home for a wide range of shows and performances for all! Whether it's the kids experiencing holiday shows, or family and friends enjoying some classic country music—all are coming to the right place! Stay tuned for upcoming shows and get tickets for current shows TODAY before they run out!

THE OAK RIDGE BOYS: Sept-Nov - Select Dates!

They created one of the most distinctive and recognizable sounds in the music industry! Their four-part harmonies and upbeat songs have spawned **dozens of Country hits, a Number One Pop smash**, earned them **Grammy, Dove, CMA, and ACM awards** and garnered a host of other industry and fan accolades! Every time they step before an audience, the Oaks bring four decades of charted singles, and 50 years of tradition, to a stage show widely acknowledged as among the most exciting anywhere!.....



Jimmy Fortune Sept-Nov - Select Dates!

Jimmy Fortune toured, sang and performed with the legendary Statler brothers for 21 years. He joined them first as a temporary replacement for Lew DeWitt, after DeWitt heard him singing at a ski resort and recommended him. Due to the debilitating effects of Crohn's Disease, Lew was unable to return to the stage with the Statlers and Jimmy was hired as a permanent replacement in August of 1982.....



LARRY, STEVE & RUDY: THE GATLIN BROTHERS Oct 14

They've received countless awards, appeared on countless stages and TV shows—and have even performed several times at The White House! Early on, Larry caught the attention of **Dottie West, Kris Kristofferson** and **Johnny Cash**. Impressed with Larry's singing and song-writing talent, all three helped open doors for the young artist. Joined by his brothers, Larry and the Gatlins were soon rolling out the Grammy award-winning hits—**Broken Lady, All the Gold in California, Houston (Means I'm One Day Closer to You)**, and so many more. Larry describes the group's latest releases as "A little bid edgy. We don't like to play it safe!".....



THE BELLAMY BROTHERS Oct 20, Nov 18

The Love still flows! Howard and David's 40 years of success began on the pop charts in the '70s—then took a winding turn into country music in the '80's, paving the way for so many other duos to come. Their first smash hit (3 million copies) was **Spiders & Snakes**, written by David and recorded by **Jim Stafford**. The group's 1976 hit **Let Your Love Flow** was the first of many chart-toppers to follow—including over 20 international hits, including **If I Said You Had**

A Beautiful Body (Would You Hold It Over Against Me?), Dancing Cowboys, Sugar Daddy and many more. Their latest project is an album aptly titled **40 Years—an anniversary collection** which contains 20 of their biggest hits and 20 brand new songs!.....

GENE WATSON Sept 22 Oct 21, Nov 11

One of the most masterful voices in country music today, Gene Watson still sings in the same key as 30 years ago and continues to prove why he is rightly referred to as "The Singer's Singer". His powerful voice and multi-octave range allows him to sing some of the most challenging songs with ease that comes from pure, natural talent as well as from his many years performing onstage!



Praisefest Branson Fall Retreat OCT 23-25

A 3 day-event with morning and evening sessions. Appearing this year: **Greater vision, Legacy Five, Triumphant, Ernie Haase, Signature Sound, Babbie Mason, Karen Peck & New River, The Sound, Traranda Greene, The Old Paths, The Steeles, Ken Davis, Kentucky Just Us, Joseph Habledank, Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers.**.....



Daniel O'Donnell Nov Select Dates

Irish singing sensation, PBS star and a legendary Branson favorite, Daniel O'Donnell performs our favorite Irish, American, and international classics in a heart-stirring holiday show that has become a traditional gathering of his multitudes of fans—(whose numbers never stop growing!).....



The Isaacs Oct 25

This multi-award-winning group spent five decades creating the undeniable family harmonies and distinct sound that that has made them a favorite among audiences everywhere. Currently, they are on tour with country superstar **Reba McEntire** and writing for their next album. Celebrating their 50th anniversary, the 2021 Grand Ole Opry inductees and Gospel Music Hall of Famers continue to build on the family legacy. The Isaacs have started non profits for the unfortunate and have raised fortunes for the cause. Says the family, "Our goal is to use the blessings of all the doors God is opening for us to share the message of hope and love to as many people as we can.".....



HEARTS AND HOPES OF HEROES - 3 Heath Brothers NOV 6



A heartwarming youth tribute honoring all veterans right in the heart of Branson's Veterans Homecoming Week! This epic event brings bands and choirs from around the country to perform as part of an inspiring mass ensemble. This year, the wildly popular teen sensations 3 Heath Brothers will add their voices to this patriotic event!
About the 3 Heath Brothers: Re-envisioning what Christian music can be in the 21st century, they have performed for over 20,000 public

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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.

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



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

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



KIDS FREE!

Hughes News

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

Season 2023



THE SHOW YOU NEVER SAW BEFORE!

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

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

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

UNHEARD OF

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

newsflash refers to one particular family of four brothers and a cast of their wives, children, their children's spouses and even their children's children! Together, this outfit performs a music and dance extravaganza—over fifty of them being musicians, dancers and singers who have been studying and performing music and dance together the better part of their entire lives! Pretty unheard of, right? One exception—right here at Branson's **Hughes Family Theatre!**

Psst. Here's a backstage secret: Youngsters in **The Hughes Music Show** have spent three- to four hours a day practicing their music ever since they can remember. Experts say it takes about 10,000 hours to become a master. At this rate for the kids, about 7 years. So get ready. At this place, audiences are entertained by *masters!*

Now about that **Hughes Music Show**, the masterpiece production of Hughes Family Nation which has reigned in Branson for over 20 years and received just about every award in Showtown! As fans all know, this show is way more than just a show of music! Yes, this huge Hughes entourage of performers spanning the ages from babyhood to adulthood are brilliant music makers—(violins, guitars, drums, woodwinds, keyboards and on and on)—but they are also amazing singers, dancers,

acrobats and slapstick comedians!

So what can one expect? This: off-the-charts musicianship, dancemanship—and a full assortment of Pop, Country, Hollywood, Broadway, Forties throwback—oh, we give up! Expect anything and everything from this cast of little kids, big kids, Moms & Dads, teens, young adults, babies, and yes, the legendary **Hughes Brothers themselves!** ♦

THE THROWBACK SHOW

We speak of the new **Hughes Brothers Country Show** which has already kicked up a cyclone of high praises! Yes, it's new, yet only kinda sorta,

since Country Music is what originally stole the hearts of Branson audiences back in the day and made this outfit a showbiz legend! Yet with all the changing whims of us audience types, The Hughes boys expanded into all our musical cravings—but their country roots have always remained.

So here we are, back in the saddle again! Expect Country Music past, present and way cool, plus a whole lotta "horsein' around". In other words, this ain't just no concert—it's a fun fest that's a hoot, helped along by some of the Hughes youngsters singin', pickin' and grinnin'! ♦

CHOW AT THE CHUCKWAGON!

Can you believe it? It's available at every country show, both afternoon or evening! We're talkin' pulled pork sandwich with pickles and onions, home-made BBQ sauce, fresh coleslaw, baked beans

and pork chunks and plenty of cool water! (Other beverages available). Meals can be et at tables before the show, or served during!



But we're saving the best for last, so here it is—The harmonies of this band of brothers, these country crooner Hughes Brothers, is a treasure richer than all the gold in California, for brotherly voices in harmony for a lifetime is an experience to behold. ♦



ADD A MEAL AT THE HUGHES MUSIC SHOW

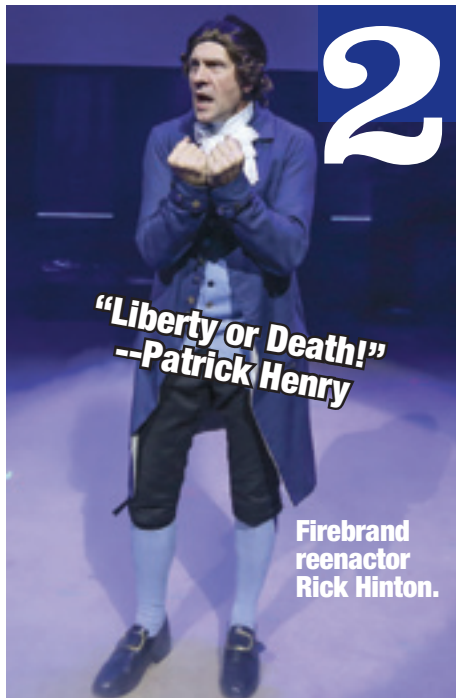
Celebrity Dinner Theatre

Save time, avoid traffic and stress—and enjoy a relaxing gourmet dinner before the show—prepared by acclaimed Swedish chef Reggie Regnal! We will cite the dessert entrée to help paint a picture: luxurious dark chocolate mousse topped with a heavenly light whipped cream & fresh raspberries. Oh Yum. (See ad on opposite page.)

KIDS FREE!



2 REVOLUTIONARY PRODUCTIONS!



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

Firebrand
reenactor
Rick Hinton.

before-seen production this Season 2023 at **The Freedom Encounter Theatre!** Briefly described, The Freedom Journey Show is a combination of live music, story-telling, laughs, and multi-media. But folks, that's not all! Appearing live, on stage and in person—are thrilling performances by legendary patriots **Patrick Henry, Benjamin Franklin,** and more!

EXPERIENCE NUMBER 2

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

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

THE ATTRACTION

This is all taking place in the elegantly refurbished **Freedom Encounter Theater,** (formerly the iconic **Tony Orlando Yellow Ribbon Theatre!**) And here's our **warning:** these performances can be life changing! While entertaining us, they also help us re-discover who we are as a people. The result, for most, is an emotional experience that lingers long in both heart and mind. The attraction's overall theme: **TYRANNY, FAITH & FREEDOM.**

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



Continental soldiers stoke the fires of freedom!

THE REVOLUTIONARIES!

This troupe of revolutionaries are not the fist-shaking flag-wavers we might expect of patriot firebrands. Quite the contrary, they serve up this great awakening with not only an entertaining combo of music, laughs, and theatrics—but with a combo of kindness, inspiration and knowledge that is both deep and profound. Which is

why among the music and laughs, we can expect some tears. Even yours.

The cast consists of a band of patriot rebels led by former pastor **Darren Myers,** his wife **Tammy** and their son **Daniel.** But these rebels aren't your in-your-face, finger-pointer types. Much to the contrary—they inspire.

SERIOUS AMERICAN STUFF!

Says show creator Darren, "We know America is under attack. Not just politically, but morally. Philosophically. Our families are breaking apart. Our values are crumbling. Our young people are confused and empty. We seem to be losing our identity, as we drift further and further into a sea of **socialism.** Opposing world views are competing to undermine America, to misrepresent it and destroy it. The only way to fight back, is with the truth.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES!

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

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: www.freedomfocus.us When you get to the website, scroll down for the video.

LIVE ON STAGE!

That video should give you a glimpse of **The Freedom Journey Show**—a live stage production that for many seasons has roared into towns across America like a modern day Paul Revere! If you've seen the show during Branson's Veterans Homecoming Week in seasons past, then be advised: you are about to witness a never-



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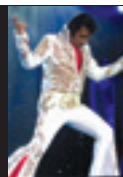
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the Army like Elvis? But folks, that's not all! Like Elvis—Cousin Jerry even has a twin brother! And it gets even better, for this Season 2023, we get the glorious return of **The Blackwoods**—Elvis's *original backup singers!* And just to add another zinger—two members of Jerry's current cast, (singer **Denny Yeary** and trumpeter **Jay Daversa**) *also performed with The King himself!*

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

Jerry's life has not suffered the turbulence that befell Elvis—yet the kindness, respect, generosity and even heart for God that Elvis was known for—is alive and well in cousin Jerry Presley—the one we believe to be very much the keeper of the flame. ♦

THE TCB GROUP!



(Elvis translation: **Takin' Care of Business!**)

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

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

What other Elvis performer is related to Elvis three ways, hung out with Elvis, was encouraged by Elvis, attended over a dozen Elvis concerts, and even served in

family member doing the songs of Elvis and I try to keep it as authentic as I can. You will never see me do things that Elvis didn't do."

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



Elvis & Jerry

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

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Branson Show Awards



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. Truly, they are music to our ears, on so many levels.

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

About The Carpenters

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

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

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

story—one which frankly, changed history.

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

The Shock!

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

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!**



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



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



TIM POPE *Music Director, Arranger & Drummer* The Compton, California native

We've Only Just Begun!

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

The Dream

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

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

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

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

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

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 **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!**



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!**

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(More on that a tad later.) But as we probably too often like to say—"folks, that's not all!"

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



ALL STARS!
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!

power-packed performance venue as her husband—namely, **Jerry Presley's God & Country Theatre!** (More about Diana's show on the previous page)

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!

2023 Nominations for this 8-Time Tribute Artist of the Year!

(Branson's most awarded tribute artist! This Season 2023, Keith is celebrating his 15th year as a Neil Diamond Tribute Artist)

Branson Show Awards

Band of the Year-Neil Diamond Band
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Tribute Show of the Year

Branson Terry Music Awards

Tribute Show of the Year

Prediction: at the end of this show, you'll be on your feet singing your heart out. And at this particular time in our world, you may have to fight to hold back tears. More on that later. Here are some of Neil's songs which create the soundtrack of our lives: **Cherry, Cherry, Sweet Caroline, I am, I said, Solitary Man, Cracklin' Rosie, Holy, Holy, Shilo, Soolaimon, Kentucky Woman, I'm a Believer, Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show, Song Sung blue, Pretty Amazing Grace**, and one we are saving for the end of this story. Stay tuned.

WHO'S KEITH ALLYNN?

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

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. ♦



Lucky us, for world renown Neil Diamond tribute artist Keith Allynn is back in Branson after a summer of packed out/sold out shows on his whirlwind tour of Indiana, Texas and Florida!

Like they've been doing for a whopping ten years straight, Keith's adoring fan base in Branson is ready, willing and able to once again swarm his show throughout Branson's fall and Christmas seasons!

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!

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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		16	THRU OCT	
CJ Newsom's Classic Country & Comedy Christmas Show					NOV-DEC	
America's Top Country Hits		americanatheatre.com		18	THRU DEC	
Awesome 80's		americanatheatre.com		16	THRU DEC	
The Best of Motown & More					THRU DEC	
British Invasion		americanatheatre.com			SEP-NOV	
Broadway to Buble: George Dyer					AUG-SEP 5	
Broadway to Buble: George Dyer: Christmas Show					NOV-DEC	
Classic Rock Icons					THRU AUG	
Elvis: Story of The King		americanatheatre.com		18	THRU DEC	
Once Upon a Fairytale		onceuponafairytalebranson.com			THRU SEP 2	
Andy Williams Moon River Theatre 2905 W Hwy 76 • 417-334-4500			E-8			
Branson Famous Theatre 645 Hwy 165 • 417-231-4999		baldknobbers.com	F-4			
Branson's Famous Baldknobbers		baldknobbers.com		1, 2, 6, 7	THRU OCT	
Branson's Famous Baldknobbers Christmas		baldknobbers.com			NOV-DEC	
Vintage Baldknobbers Show		baldknobbers.com		7	THRU DEC	
The Doug Gabriel Show		douggabriel.com			THRU OCT	
The Doug Gabriel Christmas Show		douggabriel.com			THRU OCT	
Reza: Edge of Illusion		rezalive.com			THRU DEC	
Branson Hot Hits Theatre 206 South Commercial St • 417-337-7426		bransonhothits.com	F-13			
Motown Downtown					THRU DEC	
Doo Wop & More					THRU DEC	
Patsy to Patsy Music of Patsy Cline					THRU DEC	
Platters & Golden Sounds of the 50's					THRU DEC	
James Taylor and the Soft Rock of the 70s & 80s					THRU NOV	
Dean Martin and More Tribute					THRU DEC	
Branson Magic Theater 2527 State Hwy 248						
El Mago Pop: Magician Antonio Diaz		elmagopop.com			CONTACT THTR.	
Clay Cooper Theatre 3216 W. Hwy 76 • 888-222-8910		claycoopertheatre.com	E-5			
Clay Cooper's Country Express					THRU OCT	
Clay Cooper's Country Express: Christmas Show					NOV-DEC	
#1 Hits of the 60's (& 50's too)!		1hitsofthe60s.com			THRU OCT	
#1 Hits of the 60's Christmas Show		1hitsofthe60s.com			NOV-DEC	
Dean Z - The Ultimate Elvis					THRU OCT	
Dean Z's Rockin' Christmas Show					NOV-DEC	
The Haygoods					THRU OCT	
The Haygoods Christmas Show					NOV-DEC	
Hot Rods & High Heels (Fabulous 50s!)					THRU OCT	
Hot Rods & High Heels Christmas Show!					NOV-DEC	
Special Shows and Events (See website for info)					THRU DEC	

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Copeland Theater at the Meadows • 417-332-5338	copelandtheater.com	C-9				
All Hands On Deck Show				Oct		
All Hands on Deck Christmas Show				Nov-Dec		
Ray: You Got The Right One Baby...				Oct-Dec		
The HITS				THRU Dec		
On Fire: The Jerry Lee Lewis Story				THRU Dec		
New Years Hits On Fire				THRU Dec		
Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theatre 1600 W. Hwy 76 • 417-339-3003	legendsinconcert.com/Branson	E-10				
Legends in Concert			19, 23	THRU Oct	D,A	
Legends of Country			19, 23	THRU Oct		
Legends Christmas Spectacular Show				Nov-Dec	D,A	
Legends A Merry Country Christmas				Nov-Dec	D,A	
SIX	thesixshow.com			THRU Oct		
SIX Christmas				Nov-Dec		
Dolly Parton's Stampede 1525 W. Hwy 76 • 800-520-5544	dpstampede.com	E-10		THRU Oct	L,D	
Dolly Parton's Stampede				THRU Oct	L,D	
Dolly Parton's Stampede Christmas				Nov-Dec	L,D	
The Dutton Family Theatre 3454 W Hwy 76 • 417-332-2772	theduttons.com	E3				
The Duttons				THRU Oct		
The Duttons Christmas Show				Nov-Dec		
Yakov Smirnoff	Yakov.com			Oct-Nov		
Freedom Encounter Theatre 3220 Falls Parkway • 417-544-0372		G-5				
The Freedom Journey Show	FreedomJourneyShow.com		12	THRU Dec		
The Freedom Journey Experience			12	THRU Dec		
Chronicals of Narnia: The Horse Boy				Dec		
Grand Country Music Hall 1945 W Hwy 76 • 417-335-2484	GrandCountry.com	E-10				
Amazing Pets!				THRU Dec		
Branson Country USA live TV Broadcast				THRU Dec		
Comedy Jamboree				THRU Dec		
Down Home Country				SEP-DEC		
Grand Jubilee				THRU Dec		
New South Gospel				THRU Dec		
Ozarks Gospel				THRU Dec		
Ozarks Country				THRU Dec		
Hamner's Variety Theater 3090 Shep. of the Hills Expy • 417-334-4363	hamnersunbelievable.com	C-6		SEE WEBSITE		
Hamner's Unbelievable Variety				THRU Oct		
Hamner's Unbelievable Christmas Spectacular				Nov-Dec		
Abba Tribute: Thank You For the Music				THRU Dec		
Beach Boys "California Dreamin"				THRU Dec		
Back to the BeeGees				THRU Dec		
Mike Walker: Lasting Impressions				THRU Dec		

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Statler Brothers Revisited				CALL THTR		
<i>The Hughes Brothers Theatre</i> 3425 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-0076		Hughes-Brothers.com	E-4			
The Hughes Music Show				10, 11	THRU OCT	L, D
The Hughes Family Christmas Show					NOV-DEC	L, D
Hughes Brothers Country & BBQ				11	THRU DEC	L, D
Cassandra: Voice of an Angel & Johnson Strings					NOV-DEC	
Escape Reality Magic: Dinner Show					THRU DEC	L, D
Country Evolution		countryevolution.net			THRU DEC	L
Re-Vibe!				10, 11	THRU DEC	L, D
Branson's IMAX™ Little Opry Theatre 3562 Shep. of the Hills Exp • 417-335-4832		bransonimax.com	B-4	SEE WEBSITE		
George Jones & Friends Remembered					THRU JUL SEP-DEC	
Smoke on the Mountain					THRU DEC	
Sanders Family Christmas					NOV-DEC	
The Petersens					THRU OCT	
The Petersens Gospel					THRU DEC	
The Petersens Christmas					NOV-DEC	
Sons of Britches					THRU DEC	
Rick McEwen Presents "The Gambler"					THRU DEC	
Todd Oliver & Irving the Talking Dog					THRU DEC	
<i>Jerry Presley's God and Country Theatre</i> 1840 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-6806		GodandCountryTheaters.com	E-10	SEE WEBSITE		
Cowboy Church				13	THRU DEC	
Elvis: The Last Concert-Jerry Presley & The Blackwoods				13	THRU NOV	
Elvis: Aloha from Hawaii-Jerry Presley & The Blackwoods				13	THRU OCT	
Elvis: Madison Square Garden concert-Jerry Presley & The Blackwoods				13	THRU OCT	
Elvis & The Blackwoods Gospel Show				13	THRU NOV	
Christmas with Elvis—Jerry Presley & The Blackwoods				13	NOV-DEC	
A Neil Diamond Tribute		aneildiamondtribute.com		15	SEP-OCT	
A Neil Diamond Christmas		aneildiamondtribute.com		13	NOV-DEC	
Absolutely Country: Definitely Gospel!				13	THRU DEC	
Neil Sedaka Songbook				13	SEP-DEC	
Carpenters Once More		backtothe70stributes.com		14	SEP-OCT	
Carpenters Christmas Once More		backtothe70stributes.com		13	NOV-DEC	
Chicago: A Tribute				13	THRU DEC	
George Strait: A Country Legend				13	THRU DEC	
Rocket Man! Elton John Tribute				13	THRU NOV	
Sons of Branson: A Musical Tribute				13	THRU DEC	
<i>King's Castle Theater</i> 2701 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-2500		kingscastletheatre.com	E-8			
Anthems of Rock				3, 9	THRU DEC	
The Ultimate 70's Show				1, 9	THRU OCT	
Dublin's Irish Tenors & Celtic Ladies				9	OCT-DEC	
New Jersey Nights: Music of The Four Seasons				9, 19	THRU DEC	

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Branson's Christmas Wonderland			9	Nov-Dec		
Majestic Theatre 2849 Gretna Rd. • 417-231-2420		C-7				
Branson Murder Mystery Dinner Show • 417-849-8331		bransonmurdermystery.com		THRU DEC	D,A	
Murder by Eggnog Christmas Show • 417-849-8331		bransonmurdermystery.com		Nov-Dec	D,A	
The Mansion Theatre 189 Expressway Lane • 417-385-1118		themansiontheatre.com	B-9			
Guest Stars				THRU DEC		
Special Events				THRU DEC		
Mickey Gilley Grand Shanghai Theatre 3455 W Hwy 76 • 417-336-0888		D-3				
Shanghai Circus		amazingacrobats.com		THRU JAN 1		
Johnny Lee				CALL THRU		
The Texas Tenors				SEL. DATES		
Rick Thomas, Illusionist: Mansion of Dreams		rickthomas.com	1,5,17	THRU DEC		
Nashville Roadhouse Theater at The Branson Star 3750 W 76 Blvd • 417-320-3418		nashvilleroadhouse.com	C-3		D,A	
Nashville Roadhouse Live starring Stevie Lee Woods			20,21	THRU DEC		
Grand Ladies of Country Music			21	SEL. DATES		
Phil Dalton, Theatre of Illusion			21	SEL. DATES		
The Kendalls			21	SEL. DATES		
The Morace Family Show: Listen to the Music!		moracefamilyshow@gmail.com	1,21,22	THRU OCT		
The Morace Family Christmas Show			21	Nov-Dec		
Steve Sanders - Than Mentalist Guy			21	THRU DEC		
Waylon, Willie & The Good Ol' Boys			21	THRU DEC		
50 Years of Kenny Rogers			21	THRU DEC		
Pierce Arrow Theatre 3069 Shep. of the Hills Expy • 417-336-8742		piercearrowtheater.com	C-5			
Pierce Arrow Country				THRU DEC		
Pierce Arrow Presents Decades				THRU DEC		
Presleys' Country Jubilee 2920 W. Hwy 76 • 800-336-4874		presleys.com	E-6			
Presley's Country Jubilee				THRU DEC		
Sight & Sound Theatres 1001 Shep. of the Hills Expy • 800-377-1277		sight-sound.com	B-8			
Queen Esther				THRU OCT		
Shepherd of the Hills Outdoor Thtr. 13260 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-7469		ShepherdoftheHills.com	A-3	SEE WEBSITE		
Shepherd of the Hills Outdoor Drama				THRU OCT	D	
Buck's BBQ & Bluegrass Pre-Show Dinner Bash				THRU OCT	D	
Funny Farm Dinner Feud				THRU OCT Dec 27,29	D	
Million Dollar Quartet Dinner Show				THRU DEC		
Jim Stafford Dinner Show				OCT 9-20		
WhoDunnit Hoedown-Murder Mystery Dinner Show				THRU OCT	D	
Goldwing Express Morning Show				OCT-Nov		
Showboat Branson Belle 4800 W. Hwy 76 • 800-475-9370		bransonsilverdollarcity.com	J-3	THRU DEC	L,D	
Yakov Theatre 470 St. Hwy 248 • 417-336-3838		yakov.com	B-12			
Comedy Star Yakov Smirnoff		DUE TO FIRE DAMAGE, SEE YAKOV'S SHOW THIS SEASON AT THE DUTTONS FAMILY THEATRE				

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THE AWARDS JUST KEEP A-COMIN'!

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

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NASHVILLE ROADHOUSE LIVE'S NEW TV SHOW GOES GLOBAL!

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



NASHVILLE
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Starring Stevie Lee Woods and The NRL Band

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ABOUT NASHVILLE ROADHOUSE LIVE!

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

ABOUT STEVIE LEE WOODS

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

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

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

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

Stevie's showbiz roots run deep. His Dad played guitar with the legendary **Lester Flatt** and **Earl Scruggs**, then later with fellow legend **Eddy Arnold**. In fact, Stevie's whole family is in the music world. Besides charting country hits, Stevie also hosted *Today's Hot Country* on TV's **Nashville Network**.

Looks like the wheel is coming full circle! ♦

MINGLE WITH THE STARS at the After-Show Party!

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THIS JUST IN: EVEN MORE AWARDS!

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

Here they are:

Branson Show Awards

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

Branson Jerry Music Awards

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

THE BIG RECORD RELEASE!

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



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

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VARIETY SHOWS!

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MORACE FAMILY
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See Story on Page 22!

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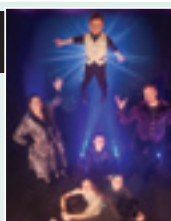
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SATURDAY IN THE PARK



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

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

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Oh yeah, we see those hands! ♦

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SHOWS 21

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MORACE FAMILY LISTEN TO THE MUSIC!



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

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

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SHOW STOPPERS!

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

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

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

Comedy star Cheri Winger serves up the laughs!



ALL IN THE FAMILY!

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

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

To help paint a musical picture you can almost hear (if not see) we can drop a few hints by drawing from the show's song list: *There's Dream* by the Everly Brothers, *Love Can Build a Bridge* by the Judds, there are instrumentals from the likes of John Tesh, *There's Danny's Song*, *Walkin' on Sunshine*, *Boondocks*—or simply put, it's a show that includes music we all love, plus a heart stirring patriotic segment and an inspirational Gospel finale. Audience reactions? A pretty much unanimous “thumbs up”!

THEIR STORY

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

Leisa, Robert's wife (and the Mom in the group), also began her career as a child singing in church, (located in a small Louisiana town just a few miles from young Robert's.) Like Robert, Leisa's talent and her love for singing never stopped.

The two met when a group Robert was

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Morning Show of the Year

immediately hit it off. The girl, (Leisa) got the job (of course). Then came love, then came marriage, then came children—and the music never stopped.

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

Finally, this family story (and show) has a happy ending. It comes when the

show's Gospel music finale sings us the good news that today, even today—can be a new beginning. ♦



EXTENDED FAMILY!

Amazing vocalist and drummer Irielle McConnell joins amazing vocalist Kristy McConnell (a.k.a. her Mom) for harmonies nothing less than *angelic!*

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Talk about a *legend!* This "Queen of Country" has headlined the multi-media entertainment world for over *four decades*—a feat for a female country music artist that history confirms to be absolutely unprecedented! Besides an almost endless list of #1 Country hits, this grand lady has headlined Hollywood movies, network television shows, (*sitcoms included!*), Broadway stages, award show hostings—and the list goes on! What this international Superstar country girl from



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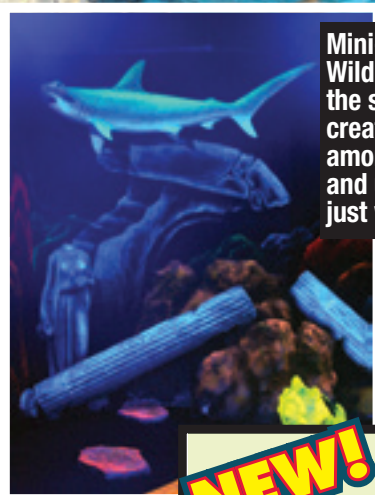
NEW STUFF!

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!



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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!

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.



Snake Hugs!

CREATING ATTRACTIONS WORLDWIDE

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

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



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! ♦

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

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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.

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! ♦

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

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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!



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

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

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

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

The Inside Scoop

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



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

RETRO FUN!



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

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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!

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



\$\$\$!!!

John Deere farm toy expert Ron Klumper (at right) and Allis Chalmers collector John Schulte compare notes as they tour the attraction's vast displays. Were the two nationally known connoisseurs from Rockport, Indiana impressed by what they saw? "Very," said Ron, with a knowing grin. The two then proceeded to give our reporter a short tour of the farm toys, reciting what each one was worth along the way. Turns out, they're worth \$\$\$!!!



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(Thrilling details on page 29!)

NO JOKE!



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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! *

WAY COOL!



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

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

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

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

THE INSIDE SCOOP

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

Let's make some lists. Here we've got both a downstairs and an upstairs where we get to shop custom T-shirts (with zillions of designs to add on site), clothing, (ladies, children's, guys), swimwear, candles, homemade BBQ sauces, jams and butters, house décor, ukuleles, knives, swords, kids toys, collectables, cold sodas—(yeah, cool refreshments even!) And way too much more to try to list here. But those should be some clues.



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

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



SHOJI Continued

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that offer!

Shoji eventually arrived in America with not much more than a small pocket full of money and a violin. He toured for a time with other musicians, but soon arrived in Nashville. To the surprise of Roy Acuff, Shoji soon met him in response to that invitation back in Japan! Amazed by the young Japanese musician's talent, Roy soon had Shoji put on stage at the legendary Grand Ol' Opry. That was the beginning.

After years in Nashville and on the road, Shoji discovered Branson, Missouri. He was immediately struck by the kindness of the people and the multitudes of tourists who came to hear country music. He fell in love with the place. (Not only for those reasons, but for the amazing opportunities the area provided for fishing, golf and tennis--his lifelong passions!)

Before long, Shoji was discovered by legendary Branson show business pioneer Chisai Childs who immediately recognized his talent and got him a theater to headline. That was the next beginning.

Then came marriage with Louisiana native Dorothy, a gifted entertainer, show producer and entrepreneur. Dorothy is largely responsible for the extravagant productions of The Shoji Tabuchi Show, and even for those

legendary bathrooms, (that pool table in the men's room, and amazing furniture and fresh orchids in the lady's room.) Then there were the tuxedo-dressed, white-gloved parking attendants and usher. Shoji's talented wife and daughter Christina also joined him onstage, along with full orchestra, dancers, singers, acrobats, clowns, aerial artists, Japanese taiko drums—the works! In short, The Shoji Tabuchi Show fast became national news which appeared on every network news and entertainment show, including the legendary *60 Minutes!* And the crowds (and buses) came in droves.

Shoji was soon to appear with nearly every major star in the world of country music, a path of success that even led him to performing in The White House for two of our nation's presidents! That briefly describes a stellar career that reigned in Branson for the last four decades. In 2020 he was inducted into the National Fiddler Hall of Fame.

Memorial services were held for Shoji Tabuchi August 20 at The Oak Grove Methodist Church in Oak Grove, Louisiana. He was laid to rest at the Oak Grove Cemetery. He was preceded in death by his son Thomas Jason Lingo. He is survived by his wife Dorothy (Bailey) Tabuchi, son and daughter-in-law John and Jayme Tabuchi, daughter and son-in-law Christina Lingo-Tabuchi and Brad Pride, two grandsons, four granddaughters, and by multitudes of fans throughout America and the world—fans who span the generations. ★

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THE INSIDE SCOOP!

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

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

What is unveiled before our eyes is what creative geniuses have built—*fantabulous* entertainment—*awesome* stuff to do,



80's memorabilia everywhere! Killer cuisine! Trust us, you'll want to take a picture of your serving! 80s faves for every taste. (Alcohol also available) And we're saving the best for last, for **karaoke** is on tap, and **live bands playing nothing but 80s hits** appear all season!

(*totally*), *righteously rad* stuff to see, *bodacious* stuff to eat, and *stellar* 80s stuff to shop through! But people, even *that ain't* all! The attraction's new *bad-to-the-bone* eatery, (**New Wave Café**) will be featuring not only karaoke fun, but **incredible live bands** playing nothing but classic 80s jams! *Woah, dude! That is so fly!*

STUFF TO SEE

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

"CLICK" TO PAGE 27 FOR THE INSIDE SCOOP!



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!

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which, trust us, is way more shopping fun than just t-shirts, (yet t-shirt fun is pretty awesome too, as revealed to all who keep reading this!)

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

Inside you're gonna find t-shirts, (of course), which can be custom made, or ordered in bulk—(hundreds of designs to choose from) but you're also gonna find men's, women's & kids clothing, hoodies, gifts, souvenirs—oh we give up—there's just so much we just gotta paint a picture with some pictures! Check out the ad below, then come have fun!

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



**T-SHIRTS
3 FOR \$10!**

Have fun shopping with these famous fun sisters; owner Jennifer Grant, (right) and Sister Tina Sisco!



Boatloads of Fun Hats!

Ozark Mountain T-Shirt Co.
Across from Grand Country!
Branson's Ultimate Souvenir Shop!
1940 W. Hwy 76 417-544-1331

UNBELIEVABLY TRUE! AT THIS AMAZING SHOPPING ATTRACTION EVERYTHING IS

MADE IN THE
★★★★ USA! ★★★★★



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



Brian shows us his star attraction.

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

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

★ 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 time 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!"



YUM ALERT!

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

The old Candy Shop!



GUY STUFF!



TOYS GALORE!



MADE IN THE USA GENERAL STORE

Clothing • Housewares • Bed & Bath
Kitchen • Military • Gifts • Jellies
Candies Toys & Much Much More!

MERCHANDISE

100% MADE IN THE USA!

NEW EXPANDED LOCATION!

4270 N. Gretna Rd.

Visit us at www.mitusageneralstore.com

AT THE SHOPPES AT BRANSON MEADOWS 417-336-USA (8721)

MAP LOCATOR

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SHOWS

At the Americana Thtr E-6

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

At the Branson Famous Thtr F-4

- Branson's Famous Baldknobbers
- Baldknobbers Vintage Country Show

At Dick Clark's American Bandstand Thtr E-10

- Legends in Concert
- Legends of Country

At Freedom Journey Thtr G-5

- Freedom Journey Show
- The Freedom Journey Experience

At The Hughes Family Thtr E-4

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

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

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

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

At King's Castle Thtr E-8

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

At The Mansion Thtr B-9

- Guest Stars

At Mickey Gilley Grand Shanghai Thtr B-3

- The Magic of Rick Thomas: Mansion of Dreams

Nashville Roadhouse Live at The Branson Star Thtr C-3

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

ATTRACTIONS

Branson's Wild World F-9

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SHOPPING

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Ozark Mountain T-Shirt Co E-9

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DINING

New Wave Café at RetroMania E-4

*Come BACK for Ozark Mountain Christmas!
November/December*

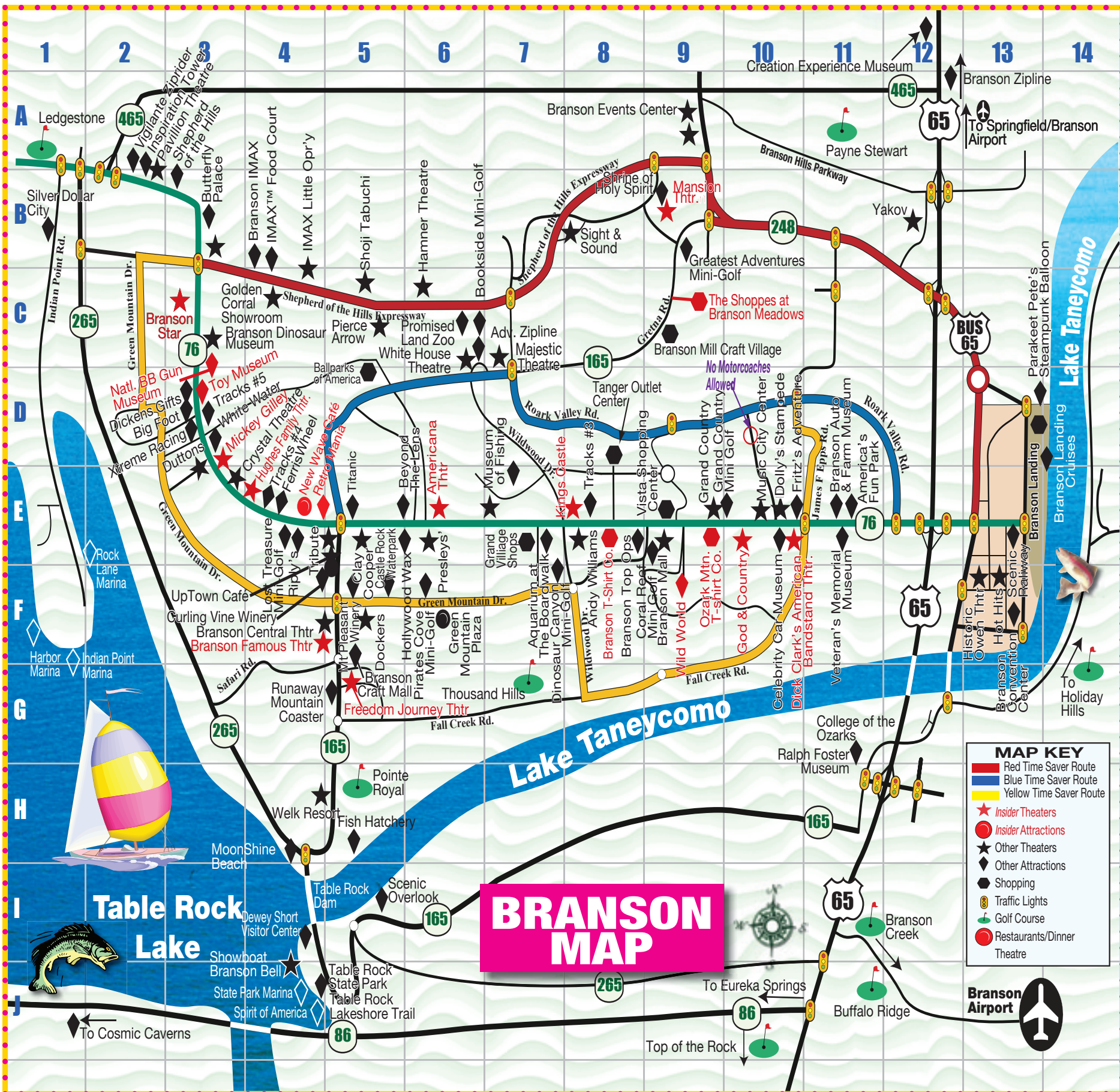
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BRANSON MAP

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- Blue Time Saver Route
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- Insider Attractions
- ★ Other Theaters
- ◆ Other Attractions
- ⬢ Shopping
- ⬢ Traffic Lights
- ⬢ Golf Course
- ⬢ Restaurants/Dinner Theatre