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UPSIDE DOWN

Merry Christmas..

A little Christmas message is what you probably came here for so there you go. It's little and it's a Christmas message. I'm glad to get that out of the way so I can now commence what the Good Lord is leanin' on me to preach at you.

If I know you I would expect you're way too busy keepin' things a' goin' to set down and pay much attention to all the shenanigans goin' on in this sorry mess called the news. That bein' said, things has got so crazy I'm pretty sure even you and ever'body else of us has figgered out this ol' world as done gone upside down!

Which reminds me a tale my schoolmarm once taught us back in elementary—a little tidbit that has got stuck in my head ever since. Back when the redcoats surrendered to old George Washington, just for spite, their redcoat band struck up a tune called "The World Turned Upside down." Well, it had, for now here we are without no king and queen, but with about the mightiest piece of work this world has ever seen!

Now most of you already know the Good Lord sent His Son down here to turn the world right side up—but I ain't sure too many of us have figured out how to flip our own crazy little worlds thataway. You may think that I ain' right by sayin' that. You had yer "come to Jesus moment" already, when all your wild and wicked ways was washed away by ever'ything our Good Lord did when he paid off the sentence for your sins so you could go Scott free!

But as time wore on, maybe it also wore some of the shine off, so to speak. When you started getting' schooled by The Lord's Good Word, you still probably saw some ornery goin's on in yerself that wasn't yet right with the Lord. You know, like that jug of hard cider stashed away behind the straw bales that you couldn't stop sneakin' off and nippin' a few swigs of, or that wad of tobacco you hid to chaw along with all them candy mints to cover yer trail. Or worse things. Like them little lies you told, plus the truths you never did tell when you was sellin' that truck, or them wild and wicked

thoughts that seemed to bombard your head if you wasn't payin' attention!

But you knowed that if you could just suck it up, pray and ask forgiveness, you was off the hook. You'd do better next time. You'd pray for the Good Lord's help, then you'd overcome them sins with your will power. And that's where you got things upside down. Sounds good, but it ain't. Don't get mad at me for tellin' you this, but you can forget about your will power. It ain't worth a flip!

So let's flip this world turned upside down and get things right side up for once!

If you think your will power is what you gotta work up to get things right with you, with the Good Lord and with ever'ything and ever'body else, you're upside down! I don't care if you think you got the will power of a Navy Seal! You ain't never gonna get things 100% right with God, at least not if you are human which you probably are if you can read this.

Hows about doin' this, Mr. Willpower—turn to the Good Lord, pray "thy will be done" and put your faith, your hope, and your trust in Him and His power! Truth be told, you and us don't got the power to overcome that sorry outfit which we be. Only HE does. The Good Lord. The "you" forgiver. The "you" changer! It's Him who gets the glory—not "you!"

Here's some simple ideas about praying. *Forgive me. Change me. I want to be like You. I believe in You. I believe you are changing me. I've got faith for that. Thank you for that and for everything else. I like being with you. Here's why. Here are some things I'm thankful to you for.*

Let's talk plain. If you put your faith and trust in you, you ain't gonna be all that thankful to Him. You'll mostly just be thankful for you. Or your friends. Or your good luck. But since deep down you know you ain't perfect, you also ain't never gonna feel like bein' around the Good Lord. He's too holy. It's different when we put our faith and trust in Him to forgive us and change us. It makes us want to talk to Him and be with Him. It makes us love Him. It makes us thankful. Our upside down turns us rightside up. So Happy being thankful Thanksgiving. And Merry Christmas. ♦

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INSIDER Revelations

Richard Freihofer

Wisdom & knowledge from His Majesty
the Editor & Publisher

Ozark Mountain Christmas

Even though your Branson getaway might have sprung the holidays on you a little early—please allow us to treat you to a very merry Ozark Mountain Christmas!

Don't worry about not yet being quite "in the mood" for all the hooplah. Don't torment yourself with your inner holiday deadlines. Don't be annoyed by all the lah-dee-dah festivities that surround you if you've still got some blues on the inside. Don't even pine for loved ones far away, or even for loved ones lost. To all this, we

say—let Branson do its thing for you.

Prepare only for this: a holiday experience that will be very special. One to bring you genuine comfort and joy. One that will lift your spirits, flood you with fond memories and fill your heart with thanksgiving for all the blessings in your life. One that feels like home.

That's what happens when you place yourself among hundreds of talented entertainers, attractions and locals who not only celebrate the season, but who celebrate boldly, loudly and unanimously. Who the season is about.

You feel it. Some call it the "Christmas spirit." Some call it "the reason for the season." Some call it just the spirit of brotherly love. And some call "it" a "Him".

So just allow yourself to kick back, relax—and enjoy the show. Merry Christmas! ♦

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VETERANS HOMECOMING! NOV 5-11

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Ozark Mountain Christmas! The festive time of year when all Branson gets magically transformed into a Christmas wonderland of holiday shows, dazzling lights, Christmas trees, Christmas treats and a shopper's dream! And it all includes honoring "the reason for the season!" Acclaimed by *USA Today*, *The Wall Street Journal* and the *A&E Network* as one of America's top holiday destinations!

- **Veterans Homecoming Week: Nov 5-Nov 11** Although Branson honors Veterans every day of the year, Veterans Homecoming Week is a special annual event for servicemembers and their families. Veterans Homecoming Week will host many different occasions for veterans and their families to be part of including mini reunions, memorials, a military ball and the Veteran's Day Parade. **Nov 5-10: Veterans Village** at Ballparks of America. 9:00 am – 4:00pm, **Traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall** at Welk Resort **Nov 5: Traveling Vietnam Veterans**

Memorial Opening Ceremony, 10:am, Welk Resort, **Nov 5, Vets for Vets Show**, a USO style star-studded production. Free for Vets and spouses at Branson Star Theatre. 2:00 PM. **Opening Ceremonies** 5pm 2905 @ Hwy 76 **Nov 6,7,8,9, 10 IMAX Military Film Fest. Nov 6, Sandbox Party** at Mel's Hard Luck Diner, Grand Village. Breakfast for Vets from Gulf War or after. No admittance charge. RSVP Dee at 870-421-3511 **Vietnam Vets Reunion** 3050 Green Mountain Drive, Noon-3pm RSVP Dee at 870-421-3511 **Nov 7 Worship Service**, Baldknobbers Theatre 10am, **Homefront Hero's Spouses Luncheon** RSVP Dee at 870-421-3511 **Nov 8: POW/MIA Service of Remembrance** 8am Welk Resort **Veterans Show**, Clay Cooper Theatre. Reservations 417-332-2529 **WWII and Korean War Vets Mini Reunion**, Stone Castle, 2-4pm. Call Kathy and Mac, 417-230-1282. **Nov 9: Navy Memorial Service**, Westgate Resort 8:30 am. Call Becky at 417-332-3557. **Gold Star, Silver Star and Blue Star Mother's Afternoon Dessert** at Heroes Taste & Taps Restaurant 2pm Call Rebecca at 618-308-2086 **Medics, Nurses and Combat Vets Mini Reunion** Grand Pavilion at Westgate Resort 2-4pm Contact Becky at 417-332-3557. **Military Gala** and at **Banquet Chateau on the Lake** 5-11pm. Reservations required 417-336-4232. **Nov 10 Tribute to Veterans Show** Pre show, 8:30

am, Main Show 9am. The Mansion Theatre. Lunch: Branson Event Center Call Dee at 870-421-3511. **Nov 11 Veterans Day Sunrise Service** College of the Ozarks 7am **Nov 11 89th Annual Veterans Day Parade** Downtown Branson. 11am.

- **Nov 3-Dec 30 Old Time Christmas** at **Silver Dollar City**, Presented by Humana. New this year at Branson's award-winning 1880s theme park: *Home for Christmas*, a Broadway level production at The Red Gold Heritage Hall! Also, "The City's" classic holiday favorite—*A Dickens Christmas Carol*. All that, plus the legendary theme park's 4-story Christmas Tree, a full buffet of holiday eats and treats, the rides and shopping attractions (of course) and to top it all off—those 6.5 million Christmas lights!
- **Thru Jan 2 Branson's Lights of Joy** New for 2021! This one of a kind drive through features hundreds of animated, larger than life displays set in various themes. Some of the themes take guests on an imaginative trip to Christmas Safari, Santa's Village, and Penguin Holiday while the classics such as 12 Days of Christmas are reminiscent of the joy of the holidays. 700 Expressway Lane 417-233-1769 lightsofjoydrivethru.com
- **Thru Jan 2 Let There Be Lights! Christmas Drive Thru Display & More!** At Branson's Promised Land Zoo. 2751 Shepherd of the Hills Expy 417-337-9453
- **Thru Jan 3 Shepherd of the Hills Trail of Lights** Millions of multi-colored lights, lights and animated displaces. Free hot chocolate afterwards at the outside Snack Shack! (Single axle vehicles only.)
- **Be the Light Community Christmas Tree** Located on West Hwy 76 (The Branson strip) between the Branson Ferris wheel and the Holidays on Ice Skating Rink.
- **Nov 12-Dec 26 North Pole Adventure** at Shepherd of the Hills. Tickets: 417-334-4191
- **Nov 19-21 US Open National Bass Fishing Amateur Team Championship.** At Table Rock Lake. Basspro.com/shop/en/usopen
- **Nov 24 Branson Landing's Black Friday Blowout!** Store sales, raffles and more.

Raffles from 10:00am – 1:00pm

- **Nov 25-29 Tanger Outlets: Branson Moonlight Madness & After Thanksgiving Sale!** Doors open at 6pm and stay open all night long!
- **Nov 25 Hughes Brothers Thanksgiving Show—We're Thankful For You!** Special performance of **The Hughes Brothers Christmas Show** at 10:00 AM. Kids 12 and under FREE! (See page 18)
- **Nov 25 Chateau on the Lake Thanksgiving Brunch** Seating times are 11:00am – 6:15pm (by reservation only) 417-243-1736
- **Nov 25 Turkey Trot 5K Branson** A flat, scenic course at Branson Landing. A great family-friendly event. Sponsored by ozarksrunningclub.com
- **Nov 26-Dec 24 Where is Elfie?** If you find Elfie at Branson Landing, take a selfie with Elfie, then post it on Facebook and/or Instagram with the hashtag #BLElfieSelfie (must be a public post). Prizes for finders! Clues posted daily!
- **Dec 1-Dec 31 Tanger Outlets Happiest Holiday Deal** For sales and coupon info visit tangeroutlets.com/branson/deals
- **Dec 2-12 The Sound of Music** Performed by the Branson Regional Arts Council. At the Historic Owen Theatre in downtown Branson. 417-336-4255
- **Dec 5 Adoration Parade** 5pm Downtown Branson. The parade begins with the annual lighting of the largest area nativity scene overlooking Lake Taneycomo at dusk and culminates with a community gathering like no other. Celebrating the true meaning of Christmas, the parade features marching bands, a variety of floats created by community organizations from several states, and the appearance of St. Nick himself! ♦



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Rhonda Vincent **Nov 17-18, Dec 6-8, 10-12**

Jimmy Fortune **Nov 5 & 11**

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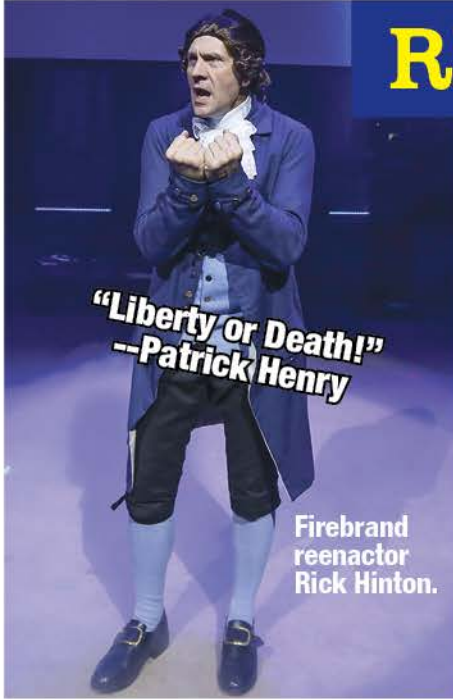
Tony Orlando **Nov 6**

Home Free **Dec 9**



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REVOLUTIONARY PERFORMANCES!



Firebrand reenactor Rick Hinton.

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 roars into towns across America like a modern day Paul Revere! We'd like to hereby shout out (like Mr. Revere) that **The Freedom Journey Show** kicks off its Branson visitation during **Veterans Homecoming**, and continues its Branson visitation on the dates spelled out in the ticket below!

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 are enough to 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.

Briefly described, the show is a combination of live music, story-telling, laughs, celebrities and multi-media. But folks, that's not all! Appearing live, on stage and in person—are thrilling performances by legendary patriots **Patrick Henry** and **Benjamin Franklin!** We'll also meet a young Pilgrim girl all the way in from Plymouth Rock!

Included among this stellar showcard of celebrity guests is the incredible pre-show piano artistry of **Benjamin Morren**, (renown as a child prodigy), vocalist and cellist **Silas Johnson**, (of Branson's famous **Johnson Strings**), and plenty of other surprises. In this developing new attraction, there is already **refreshments**, an amazing **gift shop**, and a stunning gallery of original art!

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 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!"

THE ROAD SHOW! The show tours America as **Freedom Encounter**, a much sought-after performance that appears in venues as various as patriotic and public events, public schools, colleges, shopping malls, churches, Club meetings—and the list goes on. For **BOOKING INFO OR DONATIONS**: Call (573)-308-7592 OR go to

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.



THE NEW ATTRACTION!

Plans are rapidly developing for transforming Branson's Freedom Encounter Complex into a Disney/like museum attraction in Branson that will take visitors on an immersive, multi-dimensional journey of "We the People" of The United States of America—our foundational beliefs, our values, and our history. The Museum's theme: **TYRANNY, FAITH & FREEDOM**. FOR MORE INFO OR DONATIONS: Call (573)-308-7592 OR go to FreedomEncounter.com

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BRANSON'S Christmas Wonderland



No yuletide trip to Branson would be complete without experiencing this holiday feast of music and dance! Branson's family favorite of the holiday season—Truly a "must see" for Mom and Dad, the youngsters of all ages, and even Grandma & Grandpa! Expect a Christmas wonderland of high-energy dance, elaborate costumes, beautiful scenery, gorgeous production numbers and the highest kicking chorus girls this side of the North Pole!



DUBLIN'S IRISH TENORS & THE CELTIC LADIES PRESENTS A CELTIC CHRISTMAS



The sound of Irish tenors singing in harmony taps into a level of musical beauty that is dreamlike. It's no wonder this show has become one of the most popular in Branson—and we haven't even mentioned the Celtic Ladies yet! While The Tenors are dreamlike, we describe the voices of these Celtic Ladies as nothing less than heavenly! Expect a masterpiece of breathtaking dance and angelic voices—all transporting us to a heart-stirring Christmas in Killareney!

NEW SMASH HIT ROCKS BRANSON!



ANTHEMS OF ROCK

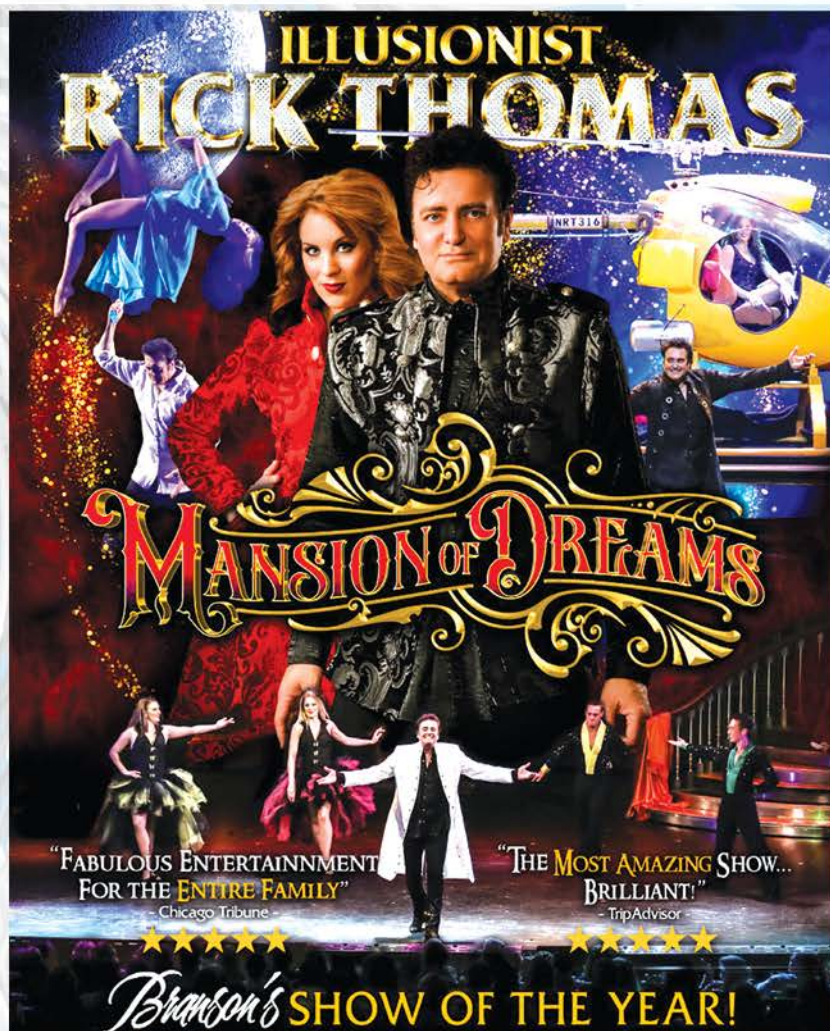
Even though it premiered during our 2020 pandemic season, this Branson-produced rock extravaganza is already on a roll! Fans of every age seem to be ready to rock, for everybody from youngsters to grandfolks are packing out this rockfest of amazing music and explosive dancing! Let's drop some names and let you guess how long it will take for you to rock along with this world class entourage of singers and dancers! How about *Queen*, *The Beatles*, *The Rolling Stones*, *Bon Jovi*, *Led Zeppelin*, *Journey*, *Elton John*, *Aerosmith*—or *Bohemian Rhapsody*. Rock on!

NEW JERSEY NIGHTS

THE MUSIC OF FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS!



Celebrating its 8th 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 performed by an international cast of world class dancers.



OUR OFFICIAL REVIEW:

STUNNING MAGIC. EXTREME COMEDY.
EXQUISITE DANCERS. BREATHTAKING
MOMENTS OF PURE INSPIRATION! IN
CONCLUSION: WOW, WOW, AND MEGA
WOW!

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? Epic! And that goes for kids, Moms and Dads, Grandmas and Grandpas, fans of magic, and even folks who, until this show, didn't give a hoot about magic!

But the show's reactions go even further. Even the magic world is calling Rick's show a "game changer" for the entire industry! It's that

spectacular!

This season, the "wows" have exploded into *oohs*, *ahhs*—and no shortage of laughs! **Mansion of Dreams** is simply a masterpiece of entertainment, imagination—and pure joy! If you've seen this show before, know this: like Einstein's revelation about our universe—the magical wonders here are ever-expanding! They can be surprising, and even astounding, but they don't appear strictly like puzzles to solve. (Trying to figure out illusions can make brains hurt!) On the contrary, this show is just masterfully entertaining. Inspiring. Funny. Dreamlike. Beautiful. The typical audience comment: "Beyond our expectations."

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.

yet he still keeps us laughing. The result: Rick launches our concept of entertainment to a whole new level. We end up both inspired with wonder and sublimely uplifted! Oh, and one more shock—it's Christmas time, so during the show, (even where you are sitting,) don't be surprised if it *snows!*

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

The Top Family Show in Vegas for 15 Years!
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THE SHOCK!

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

We laugh. Then we see the other side of Rick. He's a fun guy. He makes us laugh. He's relaxed. He plays with our heads. He asks for willing volunteers. Every kid's hand goes up. They *love* this guy! The response is a kid chorus: "Me, me, pick me!"

Rick's interaction with us out here in the audience is absolutely brilliant. He has fun with us. We have fun with him. He never makes fun of us,

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 ♦



About Rick Thomas

2-Time Branson
Entertainer of the Year!

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, Sun Coast,
Sahara, Stardust!

5 World Tours in over 50
countries!
5 Continents!

Awarded Stage Magician
of the Year!
Academy of Magical Arts

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

About Tara

Rick's wife and leading
lady!

Lead Dancer, Mansion of
Dreams!

Raised in the country of
Zimbabwe, Tara has been
trained in ballet since
the age of 5, earning her
the prestigious honor of
being Senior Member of
the National Ballet and
Tambuka Dance Company.
She attended Northern
Ballet School in the United
Kingdom, graduating
with Distinction. Her
dancing career took her
throughout the world
before appearing in Rick's
Vegas production as
Dance Company Director.
Eventually, Tara became
Mrs. Rick Thomas, and
later, Mom of the magical
couple's son Preston!

BREAKING NEWS:

Illusionist Rick Thomas
MANSION OF DREAMS
RETURNS TO BRANSON'S LEGENDARY
ANDY WILLIAMS MOON RIVER THEATRE
SEASON 2022!
FIND OUT MORE AT RICKTHOMAS.COM

'Tis The Season: for some "Outta Sight" Holiday Fun!

THE INSIDE SCOOP:

Yes indeed, 'tis the season of Christmas parties, merry-making and good old-fashioned holiday cheer—so to

fulfill all those festive yearnings we heartily recommend a show where good times like that can be had by

one and all—**#1 Hits of the 60s (& 50s too!)**

Besides being a musical feast of all the Christmassy hits of that incredible era, this show is a song and dance party of all those other sixties (& fifties) hits—the ones so good they've been passed down to every generation since! Many of those hits make it nearly impossible to resist dancing, many flood the heart with memories—and many take us on emotional roller coasters that make it hard to resist tears. But it's all good, and with this all-star cast of singers, musicians and dancers—it's more than good—it's a blast of fun that refuses to go away long after the curtain falls!

THE UNRAVELING:

Unraveling this vast musical library is a troupe of singers, dancers and incredible musicians headed up by brilliant musical director and producer

#1 HITS OF THE 60s (& 50s)



Power couple Amber Campbell and Matt Muhoberac.

Matt Muhoberac and his multi-talented wife, co-producer and star vocalist **Amber Campbell**. This **multi-award-winning** power couple is now celebrating their eighteenth season of turning audiences into lifelong fans of #1 Hits of the 60s! (& 50s)!

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

60S CHRISTMAS GIFTS

There are many; everything from *Feliz Navidad* and *The Drifter's* version of *White Christmas* to *Charlie Brown's* legendary 1960s Christmas message—the one that reminded America's TV viewers the true meaning of Who and what we are celebrating during this festive season. The medleys of holiday favorites and heart-stirring carols, brought to us by the angelic voices and masterful performances of this cast—makes it easy to believe that we've all made it home for Christmas.

THE SURPRISE

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

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

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

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



Santa Clause is Comin' to Town!



Goin' to the Chapel!



A hair-raising experience!



BRANSON'S DAZZLING HOLIDAY REVUE: LEGENDARY GUEST STARS AT THE MANSION

THE OAK RIDGE BOYS: SHINE THE LIGHT TOUR Nov 3-4, 10-11

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 Nov 5 & 11 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.



DAILEY & VINCENT Nov 9, 10

Grand Ole Opry Members, Five-time GRAMMY® award winners individually, three-time GRAMMY® award nominees collectively, four-time DOVE Award winners, and winners of 35 IBMA Awards altogether (including 3-time IBMA Entertainer of the Year Award winners and 3-Time Vocal Group of the Year Award winners), Jamie Dailey and Darrin Vincent, backed by one of the best bands on tour today, are some of the most reputable and elite entertainers in American music; bluegrass, traditional country and gospel music. Now on Season 3 of their nationally broadcast television series, *The Dailey & Vincent Show on RFD-TV!*



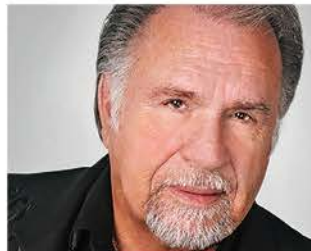
NEAL MCCOY Nov 3-4, 17-18

Neal McCoy has released fifteen studio albums on various labels, and has released 34 singles to country radio. In 1993, Neal McCoy broke through with the back-to-back number 1 singles *No Doubt About It* and *Wink* from his platinum-certified album *No Doubt About It*. His commercial success continued into the late 1990s with two more platinum albums and a gold album, as well as six more Top Ten hits. A seventh Top Ten hit, the number 10 *Billy's Got His Beer Goggles On*, came in 2005 from his self-released *That's Life!*



GENE WATSON Nov 8

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!



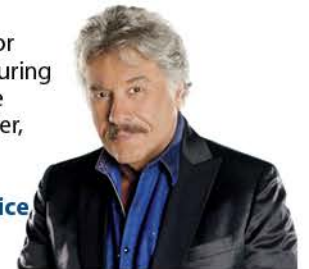
Home Free: Warmest Winter Holiday Tour Dec 9

Vocal-only Country group Home Free is set to bring their joyful harmony heat to the deep freeze of the 2021 holiday season!



TONY ORLANDO Nov 6

Famous for being a longtime champion for veterans causes, Tony returns to Branson for a special show during the week of *Veterans Homecoming*. Tony's resume reads like the history of pop music! As a young New York doo-wop singer, Tony caught the attention of rock pioneer Don Kirschner at the age of 15, becoming a songwriter at the famous Brill building. Eventually, he rose through the ranks to become Vice President of Columbia/CBS Music, where he signed new artists Barry Manlow, James Taylor and Blood Sweat & Tears. But everything changed when Tony recorded *Candida*, his own first hit with a trio called Dawn. After that, came *Sweet Gypsy Rose* and *Tie a Yellow Ribbon 'Round the Ol' Oak Tree*, one of the biggest selling singles of all time! Tony's career soon included his own network TV show, movie and TV roles, and many more hits. Recipient of so many awards, both for his music, and for his work supporting veterans, Tony Orlando's impact has transcended the generations!



Rhonda Vincent Nov 17-18, Christmas in Branson, with Special Guests Jeannie Seely Dec 6-7, Moe Bandy Dec 8 & 10, and Alex Miller from American Idol Season 19 Dec 11-12

Crowned "the new queen of bluegrass" by the Wall Street journal, Vincent is one of the genre's best-selling and most visible artists whose cross-over appeal stretches well into the mainstream media. Among Rhonda's many accolades: 8-time Female Vocalist of the Year (International Bluegrass Music Association) Most Award-Winning Group in Bluegrass Music History, performances on ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox, too many hit records and albums to list here—and as of 2020, an inductee into the prestigious Grand Ole Opry!



The Gatlin Brothers Country & Christmas Nov 20



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 bit edgy. We don't like to play it safe!"

The Simon & Garfunkel Story Nov 26-27



The internationally acclaimed hit theatrical production direct from London! The Simon and Garfunkel Story will take the stage at The Mansion Theatre during their coast-to-coast US Tour. Using state of the art video projection, photos and original film footage, the show also features a full live band performing all of their hits including *Mrs. Robinson* (featured in the 1967 film *The Graduate*), *"Cecilia"*, *Bridge Over Troubled Waters*, *Homeward Bound* and many more.

AWARDS SHOW GALAS!

Branson's festive awards show extravaganzas skipped a beat last year due to all the you-know-what was goin' on, but the show must go on—so looky here! See all the glitz and glam as our showbiz town shows some love and appreciation to honestly, about the best musicians, singers and performers on the planet!

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Sunday, August 28, 2021
Jerry Presley's God & Country Theater

Branson Jerry Music Awards

Sunday, September 26, 2021
Branson's Famous Baldknobbers Theater

RED CARPET ROYALTY!



Posing for Paparazzi:

The international cast of the King's Castle hit show *Anthems of Rock!*

Derek Ventura, legendary star of *The Drifters*, sports a coat that would rival the Broadway version of *Joseph's Technicolor Dreamcoat!* (The Motown star currently headlines *Dancing in the Streets* and *Doo Wop & The Drifters* at The Ruby Room)

A Coat of Many Colors!

Appearing *on*, before disappearing *from* the red carpet—Garry and Janine Carson, the multi award-winning Vegas stars now headlining Branson's *Escape Reality Magic & Illusion!*



Magic Carpet!



ENTOURAGE!

Nashville Roadhouse Live star Stevie Lee Woods and his posse of cast and crew exit their limo and hit the red carpet!

Scotland's Jacqui Bell, (resident show director, dancer plus GM of King's Castle) *rocks* the red carpet with a message for the paparazzi!

Eleven year-old Jael Esther Frost leads her parental stars Michael and Jen Frost to the red carpet. (Note to readers: you no doubt recognize that moustache from both *CJ Newsom's Classic Country and Comedy* and *#1 Hits of the 60s (and 50s too!)*)



Three's Company!

All in the family!



Just a few of the over 50 Hugheses who star in *The Hughes Music Show*, which this November and December is of course better known as *The Hughes Brothers Christmas Show!*

No surprise that our paparazzi would get the peace sign and thumbs up from stars of *#1 Hits of the 60s (& 50s too)* That is because Matt Muhoherac and his wife and leading lady Amber Campbell, are no doubt the most groovy, fab and far out couple on the Branson Strip!



Georgina & Larry Holliday, stars of tribute shows *Creedence Coolwater Review* & *Outlaw Eagles*.



THAT'S Entertainment!

In between the excitement, drama and suspense of awards presentations, the stars in the audience were treated to some interludes of awesome entertainment—the perfect tension reliever! Entertainers being entertained by their fellow entertainers is a rare treat that entertainers absolutely love and look forward to every year! (We hear it can be tough getting a chance to take in somebody else's show when you're too busy performing in your own!) That probably explains why audience reactions to the live performances at these awards shows are pretty much off the charts! (Typically, the crowd roars!)



Stevie Lee Woods and Nashville Roadhouse Live!



Anthems of Rock!



The Hughes Brothers!



Branson's Famous Baldknobbers star Ashley Dawn!

And the 2021 award goes to...



MEGAN!

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

DREAMS!



Tribute Show of the Year
Dreams:Fleetwood Mac
Tribute, God & Country Theatre!
Accepting the award; Dreams'
Stevie Nicks tribute artist
Adrianna Fine.



DAD!

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.)



NATHAN!

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And the Award Goes To...

Award Recipients featured in this issue of *The Branson Insider*:

BRANSON SHOW AWARDS

Evening Show of the Year
Hughes Music show!

Matinee Show of the Year
#1 Hits of the 60s!

Duet of the Year
Michael & Jen Frost!!

Drummer of the Year
Paul Oney! (*Nashville Roadhouse Live*)

Tribute Artist of the Year
Keith Allyn! (*A Neil Diamond Tribute!*)

Comedian of the Year
Terry Wayne Sanders!
(*CJ Newsom's Classic Country & Comedy*)

Female Vocalist of the Year
Georgina Holiday!
(*The Outlaw Eagles Tribute Show*)

Male entertainer of the Year
Stevie Lee Woods!
(*Nashville Roadhouse Live*)

Female Entertainer of the Year
CJ Newsom! (*CJ Newsom's Classic Country and Comedy*)

Branson Terry Music Awards

Female Vocalist of the Year
Megan Mabe!
(*Branson's Famous Baldknobbers*)

Band of the Year
Nashville Roadhouse Live!

Comedian of the Year
Terry Wayne Sanders!
(*CJ Newsom's Classic Country & Comedy*)

Vocal Duo of the Year
Shane Vorhaben & Heather Gentry!
(*Waylon, Willie & The Good Ol' Boys*)

Lead Player of the Year
Josh Carroll! (#1 Hits of the 60s, *CJ Newsom's Classic Country & Comedy*)

Fiddler Player of the Year
Nathan Agdeppa!
(*Branson's Famous Baldknobbers*)

Tribute Show of the Year
Fleetwood Mac!
(*Jerry Presley's God & Country Theatre*)

Steel Player of the Year
Greg Moody!
(*Branson's Famous Baldknobbers*)

Awards: continued from last page.

DOUBLE WHAMMYS!



Stevie Lee Woods, Nashville Roadhouse Live, Male Entertainer of the Year (Branson Show Awards) and Band of the Year (Terry Music Awards). (Left to right) Branson Show Awards Drummer of the Year Paul Oney, Nashville Roadhouse stars Stevie Lee Woods, Robbie Springfield and Mark Boyd.



Terry Wayne Sanders, CJ Newsom's Classic Country & Comedy, Comedian of the Year (Branson Show Awards) and Comedian of the Year (Branson Show Awards)! (Terry is seen here joyfully receiving his award from dancing star Kelly Roberts.)

AFTER SHOW AFTERGLOW!



Female Vocalist of the Year Magen Mabe with her fans—Mom and Dad, (all the way in from Pella, Iowa!), and hubby Brandon, her co-star of Branson's Famous Baldknobbers!



Michael and Jen Frost, showing us their Branson Show Award!



Fellow Branson Show Award recipients Stevie Lee Woods and Stevie's drummer Paul Oney, seen here mugging for the paparazzi!



Branson Mayor Larry Milton and his wife Lianne—zealous advocates for the Branson show community!



Posing with their *Song of Hope Award*: A few of the 50-plus stars of the *Hughes Music Show* (AND *The Hughes Brothers Christmas Show*) Says presenter Marshall Howden, (4th from left), the award is in recognition of the hard work and advocacy efforts of Hughes Brothers Mom Lena Hughes and the rest of the Hughes family who, in Marshall's words, "are at the forefront of much hard work for the betterment of Branson's show community."

THE FOUNDERS!

Branson Show Awards CEO Michael Wackerly, seen here with the 2021 recipient of The Branson Show Awards *Female Entertainer of the Year* CJ Newsom and her daughter Katelyn. (CJ headlines CJ Newsom's Classic Country and Comedy at Branson's Americana Theatre.) Michael has inherited the prestigious annual awards show from legendary founder and longtime producer Gary R. Wackerly; (Michael's Dad).



Branson Terry Music Awards founder and namesake Terry Beene, (right)--legendary Texas musician, disc jockey, show business impresario, Christian speaker, and co-founder of Living the Lyrics Ministries. Terry's motto: "If you want to get to where you want to be, help someone get to where they want to be first." Terry is seen here on the red carpet with Branson celebs Debbie Herring Wood (left) and artist Tina Richards, (peeking!)



POWERHOUSE PERFORMERS HEADLINE ELEGANT NEW SHOWPLACE FOR RHYTHM & BLUES!



Ruby Room Stars: Left to Right: The Keystone State's Justin Lampkins, (a.k.a. "J"), legendary Drifter Derek Ventura, and Alabama's Michael Loman.

Talk about a Branson trend setter! Introducing: **The Ruby Room Theater and Lounge**, located inside Branson's iconic **Majestic!** Unique to Branson, this elegant new venue seats like a lounge, serves hot appetizers, flatbreads, street tacos and homemade desserts at table side—all during powerhouse performances of rhythm & blues headed up by a true Motown legend! And yet there's more—a full bar offering beer, wine, Starbucks coffee, teas and soft drinks!. Oh, and there's even a small dance floor. Now for the shows.

When they exploded on stage at the prestigious 2018 Terry Awards, the place went nuts! The whole Branson entertainment community was instantly swept away by a riveting performance that rocked like an earthquake and rolled like a shockwave! Made a body wanna "move and groove!"

What Branson experienced that night was a medley of rhythm and blues, some doo-wop and soul, and some Motown memories that lit a fire in every heart! Made it tough to resist leaping up and to just start dancing—. You could *feel it!*

Heading up that unforgettable performance was the amazing **Derek Ventura**, former member of **Motown's** legendary **Drifters!** Now Derek is at it again, this season heading up two electrifying shows and introducing Branson to some of the hottest stars in showbiz—(who Derek was fortunately able to woo here to meet the needs of us entertainment—hungry Midwesterners!)

Little did show owners and producers Derek and his wife Kay know, they would end up recruiting two red hot performers who proved to take both Ruby Room shows to a whole new level! 60 applied—yet two, Michael and Justin, proved to be the most worthy, as Branson audiences fast found out!



A MOTOWN LEGEND IN OUR MIDST!

That's right, folks—not only is our own **Derek Ventura** appearing in both shows at the **Ruby Room**—the former New York City bandleader was actually the lead singer of Motown's legendary doo-wop quartet **The Drifters** from 1972-1984, a singing career that soon had him touring both North America and Europe for over a decade! Generations both past and present continue to dance, groove and cherish the memories and dreams stirred up by such Drifter classics as **Under the Boardwalk**, **Up on the Roof**, and over thirteen other chart hits—all which landed The Drifters in the **Vocal Group Hall of Fame!** Lucky us, for now we get to hear the former Drifters lead singer up close and personal in both the **Doo Wop & The Drifters** show and the **Dancing in the Streets Motown Revue!**



MICHAEL LOMAN

Hailing from the great state of Alabama, Michael Loman spent much of his career as a top notch performer for Carnival Cruise Lines. He brings his skills as a trained dancer, singer and choreographer to an all time high in both shows!



J LAMPKINS

Coming to us from the great keystone state, (a.k.a. Pennsylvania), J is an accomplished stage and screen actor, comedian, dancer, choreographer, singer and songwriter! Whew! Yet another *tour de force* of talent!

THE SHOWS

Dancing in the Streets: A Motown Revue

(which obviously recalls the immortal classic of Motown's Martha & the Vandellas) is aptly described as a production presenting the greatest hits of the biggest Motown artists in history. And to educate all youngsters, we will elaborate by explaining that "Motown"

is that historic "Motor City" record company in Detroit which took rhythm and blues and soul music to the world. What began with one kid, (Barry Gordy) and \$800 became a music explosion—and you'll hear it all here. **Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye, The Supremes, The Temptations, Stevie Wonder, The Four Tops**, and many more. And the songs: **My Girl, I Heard it Through the Grapevine, Tracks of My Tears, I Can't Help Myself, Get Ready, Stop in the Name of Love**, and many more. Oh, and one more thing: surprise guests include **The Supremes!** (Hint, Hint!)

Doo Wop & THE DRIFTERS!

Again, to educate all youngsters, we will explain "DooWop" as that early rock n' roll music style that originated with Harlem teenagers singing four-part harmonies on street-corners back in the 1950s and early 60s. But come to think of it, thanks to the popularity of oldies stations and Internet, kids today are highly educated in popular music, so most everybody under ninety-nine-plus probably knows all about Doo-Wop. This show takes us back to those golden sounds of **The Drifters, Frankie Lymon & The Teenagers, The Five Satins, Dion and the Belmonts, The Del Vikings, The Coasters** and so many more. ♦

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BRANSON'S FAMOUS BALDKNOBBERS

Christmas Show!

Here it is in a nutshell: Award winning musicians, vocalists and comedy, plus huge new production enhancements of sound, lights and whiz-bang special effects!

THE FIRST HALF:

Top country hits, traditional country favorites, southern rock, gospel, patriotic salutes, hilarious side-splitting comedy and more—the “more” being about the hottest musicians, vocalists and country comedy in this particular galaxy! Expect some of that “outlaw country” with “attitude”, some bluegrass, and even some classic rock!



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

THEN COMES CHRISTMAS!

As generations of Baldknobbers fans have known ever since 1959, something always happens to this wild bunch at this time of year. And it happens right before our eyes!

After a full blown funfest of music, laughs and Baldknobbers just being Baldknobbers, the Christmas Spirit suddenly descends on these outfits—first, with a holly, jolly North Pole Revue, then, with words and music that leads all hearts and minds to a starry night, to a holy land, to a tiny village, then to a stable, where inside, in a manger built for animals to feed, there lay a child who would change the world that was, the world that is, and the world that is to be—forever. Feel it. Experience it. Right here. Where it comes alive, and where the comfort, the joy and the “reason for the season remains long after the curtain closes.

WARNING!

Award-winning comedy star Jerl “Hargus” Adams is up to something. Actually, he's up to plenty. That there's your warning.

JUST SAYIN'!

Like they've been doing every year since back in 1959, Branson's Famous Baldknobbers still fights to top themselves! No wonder they've stayed so relevant every single year since way back yonder in the 1900s!

Honestly, we've just got to say it out loud: this outfit absolutely cannot be topped by anything coming out of Nashville, Hollywood, The Big Apple or any other place in the showbiz universe! They're that good! We think it's because unlike other players who perform on sporadic tours, recording sessions and the occasional gig in-between—this crew has been performing nearly every day and night for the better part of their entire lives! We call it the “Branson effect”, one of the things that sets “Showtown” apart from all other musical gatherings!

And who on Planet Earth can compete with the Mabe family's Baldknobbers legacy—one which has dazzled crowds of adoring fans non-stop for an epic and unheard-of *sixty years straight!* That achievement alone got them a Baldknobbers display at the historic **Smithsonian Museum** in our nation's capital of **Washington, D.C.!**

THE BALDKNOBBERS GOSPEL SHOW

This “Rock the House” Gospel show which premiered last season is all about the key element of what would later be known as the Branson show “formula” which Branson's first show pioneered: the straight-up Gospel segment. Now, **Branson's Famous Baldknobbers Gospel Show!** is a full blown show of it's own! In it's first season, **The Branson Show Awards** crowned it **The 2019 Gospel Show of the Year**, as well as the show's legendary vocalist **Dan Keeton The 2019 Male Vocalist of the Year!**



Gospel Hall of Famer!

Legendary Gospel tenor Dan Keeton brings “rock-the-house” Gospel to both big shows!

AWARD WINNING FIDDLER!

Nathan Agdeppa firin' up the fiddle!

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!



THE VINTAGE BALDKNOBBERS SHOW

WOW! Original songs, comedy and even COSTUMES from vintage versions of Branson's first show—all the way from the 50s, 60s—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 take ourselves, the kids, and even the grandkids to experience the spark that blew up into a national and even international sensation! For the Baldknobbers cast, which is headed up by Brandon Mabe, (fourth generation Mabe of the family that "started it all") this new/ old show is the joy of their lives. "I grew up with this show," Branson tells us. "This is a tribute to my family. I'm doing two songs from my 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, Brandon'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 them 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! It's almost nerve-wracking to sing the songs that they sang! And wearing those iconic costumes—wearing what your idols wore is just stunning! Brandon grew up with it, but soon after I fell in love with Brandon, I fell in love with The Baldknobbers! 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. I have a love affair with my husband but I also have a love affair with the legacy of the Baldknobbers. In a very strange yet special way, our life is the Baldknobbers. 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." ♦



Multi-award winning guitarist **Grant Moody** (right), jams with award-winning music legend **Greg Moody**, (his Dad.)

All-Star Duo!



FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR!



My Voice

by Megan McCombs Mabe

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

Christmas in the Heart

Christmas time is nearly here, and that means another year is set to wrap itself up and store itself into the history books.

The holidays truly are my favorite season in Branson—the lights, the decorations and the exciting buzz of anticipation and excitement for the impending celebration of our Savior's birth. It's magical. Yet, I can't help but feel a pang of sadness and nostalgia as another season comes to an end. My grandmother always used the phrase, "That was another lifetime ago," in reference to special times in the past. I have always felt this statement holds true as we move through each new phase of life. As each show season finds its conclusion, a chapter and a "lifetime" lands itself in our review mirror.

Each year, we begin our show planning process with excitement and anticipation. The possibilities are endless, and the hopes for a successful and well-received production are all-consuming. Hours of preparation and rehearsal fill an entire off-season. Nerves, stress, and worry are sprinkled throughout each week. As a new season approaches, the road ahead is unknown. The chapter is unwritten. The thrill of the uncharted is electric. Like riding a roller coaster, we hop on, not knowing what hills and drops are ahead. We will wait for the end to decide if we want to ride again.

We always do. We always ride again.

The sadness comes in knowing the ride will never be the same. The memories and experiences we have during a show season are what lead us to jump on the show train for another go, but we know that the memories are just that, a piece of the past. New memories will be made, but the memories of each "last season" will fade. They will soon become a part of

reminiscent conversations—stories we will tell the next generation. We will look at each experience and story as we do a priceless photo album—with fondness and a twang of pain. Pain from knowing that each beautiful moment is fleeting and often unappreciated until it's gone.

If only we knew how special each moment was while we were in it.

The memories of this show season will remain more bitter-sweet than the rest. We started our season with our beloved bass player, Randy McConnell. A crippling virus entered our world, and now we are approaching the finish line without him. How I wish we had known the path of this season's ride. Perhaps we would have cherished the moments—big and small—just a bit more. Perhaps we would have held on just a bit tighter.

As we settle into this Christmas season, I will soak up every final moment of our 2021 show. I will feel the weight of each experience—big or small. I will enjoy the view a bit longer. I will look forward with anticipation to the next "lifetime," but I will quietly shed a tear as this chapter closes.

"Through the years, we all will be together, if the fates allow..." ♦



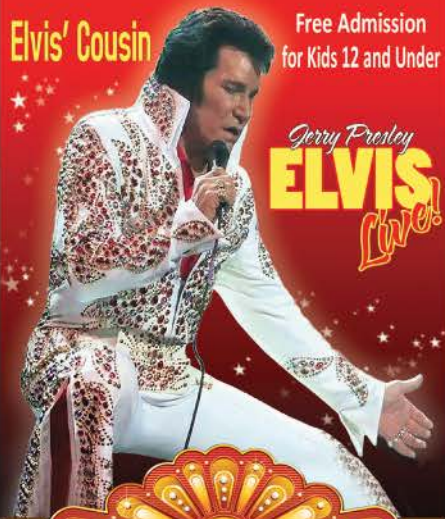
Randy McConnell
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CHRISTMAS WITH ELVIS!
 Starring Elvis' Cousin
JERRY PRESLEY!

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

Be prepared for an Elvis Christmas concert that's about as real as it gets here on this side of Heaven! For starters, the most common reaction (and quote) from fans in the know is this: "It's the most authentic Elvis show I've ever seen!" Maybe that's because Elvis' cousin Jerry Presley is related to Elvis three ways, hung out with Elvis, was encouraged by Elvis, attended over a dozen Elvis concerts, and even served in the Army like Elvis! But folks, that's not all! Like Elvis—Cousin Jerry even has a twin brother! To add yet another "zinger"—two members of Jerry's current cast, (singer **Denny Yeary** and trumpeter **Jay Daverse**) also performed with *The King himself!* What we love most about these amazing performances is the authenticity. No Elvis schtick. Just Elvis concerts as they really were. And are.

Elvis, Christmas and Gospel!

Those three words together are enough to give anyone in the know a fast case of

goosebumps! In this show, we get the music closest to Elvis' heart, all in one blockbuster production! *Santa Bring My Baby Back to Me, Silver Bells, I'll Be Home for Christmas—Silent Night* and too many more to list without getting emotional! But that's even before we get deeper into that great Elvis heart with a full repertoire of his legendary Gospel favorites—*In the Garden, He Touched Me, How Great Thou Art, Help Me, Rock My Soul, Peace in the Valley, Amazing Grace, Cryin in the Chapel*—and that's about all we can cite here without cryin' in the chapel ourselves!

What we love most about Jerry's Elvis concerts is that they are real. No over-the-top Elvis exaggeration—just amazing performances crafted to recreate Elvis live shows as they really were. We also love the fact that in between numbers, Jerry too is real. He's not Elvis. But what a guy. A gracious host and full of Elvis stories, Jerry has fun with the audience as well as his fellow



performers. But when the music starts, Jerry becomes Elvis.

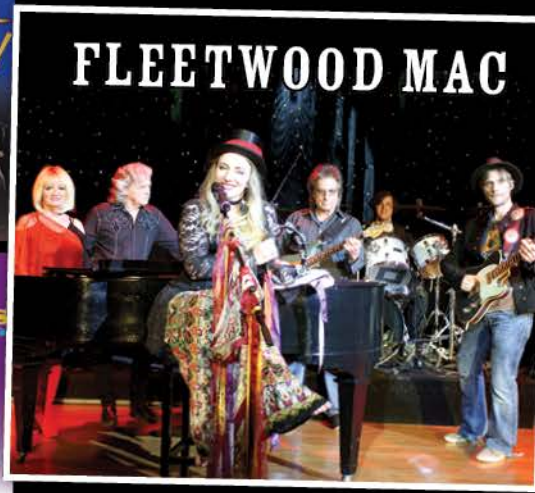
Says Jerry, "I'm not an impersonator, I'm a family member doing the songs of Elvis and I try to keep it as authentic as I can. You will never see me do things that Elvis didn't do."

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

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 hung out with Elvis at Graceland • He treasures several gifts Elvis gave him • He met briefly with Elvis backstage in July 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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2020: Magic's Top Honors!

But wait—that's not all! Not only did magicians **Garry & Janine Carson** sweep Branson off its feet, (so to speak)—in 2020 the entire magic world bestowed its highest honors upon this dynamic duo! It definitely deserves a drumroll as we make the announcement here: At an international event in Las Vegas, Garry and Janine Carson received the prestigious **Merlin Award** for "**The Best International Magic & Illusion Duo!**" To cite the award representing 37,000 members of The International Magician's Society: "*This magical duo has been traveling the world and seen in over 40 countries, performed for military troops overseas and has provided their show as a fundraiser for non-profits & service organizations for children and families for over 14 Years.*"



Garry and Janine receive their prestigious 2020 Merlin Awards in Las Vegas.

Wild Times!

For decades, international sensation **Garry Carson** reigned in Vegas. His magic astounded viewers on network TV and dazzled multitudes on world tours with his huge entourage of stage hands, props, performing assistants and (shall we mention?) a supporting cast of tigers, leopards and other wildcats that Vegas legend **Roy Horn** (of **Sigfried & Roy**) helped him train. Besides entertaining, Garry built illusions for other magicians, **David Copperfield** being one of many. But then, everything changed.

3 year-old Sophia makes her grand entrance.



Magic's Rising Star!

A Whole New World!

It all changed when Gary met Janine, an EMT nurse with side hobbies that included dancing, costume design and modeling. For both of these two, it was the beginning of a whole new world! First came love, then came marriage, then came this amazing twosome making magic together all over the world—Janine performing with her husband, designing costumes, managing a blizzard of showbiz details—and eventually adding "backstage Mom" to her resume. That came about by the birth of Sophia, now 3 years old. Which, once again, changed everything.

World tours with wild animals got to be a bit much for these new parents. Although they had several offers for resident shows in Vegas, they were attracted by the family atmosphere and family values championed by Branson. Lucky us, for to us they have come!



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Garry during his "wilder" days!



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This season 2021 the youngins of Branson's famous Hughes Brothers are revealing just how crazy-talented a bunch of cousins can get when they grow up together on stage and take music and dance lessons for the better part of their entire lives! Whaddaya get for a result? You get this, the kiddos hirin' the dads to help them stage their own show! So VOILÀ **Re-Vibe!**

Here is an exclusive report we have just received from our undercover showbiz critics: Or spies, if you prefer. ● Re-Vibe stars young Hugheses between the ages of 14 and 22. ● There is modern, contemporary, and several varieties of music performed by this trans generational troupe of singers and dancers, (all Hughes cousins). ● The show consists of music young people like. ● It's high energy fun.

● To elaborate, we shall drop some song clues ● *We Will Rock You* ● *Livin' On a Prayer* ● *Carry On Wayward Son* ● *Sail Away* ● *Dynamite* ● *Stayin' Alive* ● *Van Halen's Jump*—We're talkin', soul, disco, doo-wop, 40's, hip-hop, tap, comedy, drums, guitars, fiddles, 70's & 80s rock ● High energy fun ● Yeah, we Know. We already said "high energy fun." Worth sayin' again. ♦



Hughes News

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

Christmas Issue: November, December 2021



HUGHES REVIEWS: THE HUGHES FAMILY CHRISTMAS SHOW

Here's what our show critic has to say about **The Hughes Brothers Christmas Show**: "The show's 50-plus member cast does *everything!* They sing angelically, play instruments brilliantly, they dance magnificently, they do comedy hilariously and they fill the heart with such comfort and joy that around here, Christmas just wouldn't be the same without them! They've also been voted "**Best Christmas Show**" 7 times! And speaking of the holidays, this band of brothers has also scheduled special performances (with holiday eats) for **Thanksgiving Day and New Years Eve!** For New Years, expect noisemakers, balloons, and a dance party with the stars after midnight! (And folks, as our reporters testify: Hughes Nation *really* knows how to party!)"



over 50 brilliant entertainers! Put all that together, and you've got a whole lot more than a Christmas show—you have a Christmas experience to cherish for a lifetime!

Where else can you find a family of over fifty young people of all ages perform heart-stirring Christmas classics in a massive bell choir? Or present the Nativity in a heavenly ballet? Or perform dreamlike renditions of Christmas classics in grand pageantries of singers, dancers, musicians—and angels!

The Hughes family has been rehearsing this Christmas show ever since August, when some of us were still at the lake, at the beach or planning our backyard barbecues. It shows. It's no wonder that the annual awards shows typically bestow the **Branson's Best Christmas Show** title to this spectacular production. Calling it a "must see" show at this time of year—well, that's stating the obvious! ♦



BREATHTAKING!

With what other word can you describe a brilliant, magnificent, glorious and grand Christmas production that dazzles the senses with music, dance and comedy performed by a cast of all ages? Again, it all comes from one amazing family of

A STAR IS BORN!

Each year we can't help but wonder—will The Hughes Family be able to provide yet another contender for the coveted role of the baby Jesus in this year's massive Christmas production?



Well, we are happy to hereby report the following GOOD NEWS! Let's have a drumroll as we announce the rising star who landed the role for the 2021 Hughes Family Christmas Show!

We are proud to be one of the first ones to announce that the role goes to **Gregory Thompson**, who at this writing is going on three weeks old! Gregory is the son of and his wife Maria. As the huge Hughes fan base knows, Maria has performed in the Hughes Family Show ever since little girlhood. She came to us (with two others) all the way from Russia when the threesome were adopted into Hughes Family Nation! (That's another huge Hughes story we will soon tell in these pages—so stay tuned for the next

richer than all the gold in California, for brotherly voices in harmony for a lifetime is an experience to behold.

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It comes with 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 before the show, or served during!



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NEW 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! Expect Country Music past, present and way cool, plus a whole lotta "horsein' around". 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



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The Americana Theater 2905 W Hwy 76 • 417-544-8700	americanatheatre.com	E-6				
Awesome 80's			23	Nov-Dec		
The Blackwoods Christmas Show	theblackwoods.com			Nov-Dec		
British Invasion			24	Nov-Dec		
Broadway to Buble: George Dyer Christmas Show				Nov-Dec		
CJ Newsome's Classic Country & Comedy	patsyclineandfriends.com		19	THRU Dec		
A Janice Martin Cirque Show	janicemartinshow.com			Nov		
The Johnson Strings Christmas Show	thejohnsonstrings.com		23	Nov-Dec		
Raiding the Country Vault	raidingthecountryvault.com		24	Nov-Dec		
Rock n' Roll Royalty Christmas Show	rocknrollroyaltybranson.com		24	Nov-Dec		
Branson Central Theatre 625 St. Hwy 165 • 417-231-4112		F-5				
Escape Reality: Up Close Comedy & Magic	carsonentertainment.com		10,17,22	THRU Dec	D	
The Steve Morris Lunchtime Break: Comedy, Music	bransoncentraltheatre.com			THRU Dec	L	
Branson Famous Theatre 645 Hwy 165 • 417-231-4999	baldknobbers.com	F-4				
Branson's Famous Baldknobbers Christmas			2,11,12,14,15	Nov-Dec		
Vintage Baldknobbers Show			2,14	Aug-Dec		
Baldknobbers Gospel Christmas Show			2,11,12,14,15	Nov-Dec		
The Doug Gabriel Show	douggabriel.com			THRU Dec		
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, Reba & More				THRU Dec		
Marvin Gaye & The Masters of Soul				THRU Dec		
Branson Star Theater 3750 W 76 Blvd • 417-320-3418	bransonstartheater.com	C-3	1,22			
Nashville Roadhouse Live starring Stevie Lee Woods			1,10,11,12,28,29	THRU Dec	D,A	
Credence Cool Water Revue			23	THRU Dec		
Famous Impressions			23	THRU Dec		
Outlaw Eagles			10,11,29	THRU Dec		
Credence Cool Water Revue			10,11,29	THRU Dec		
Phil Dalton: Theatre of Illusion			29	THRU Nov		
Steve Sanders, that mentalist guy!			29	THRU Dec		
Famous Impressions			29	Nov-Dec		
Clay Cooper Theatre 3216 W. Hwy 76 • 888-222-8910	claycoopertheatre.com	E-5				
Clay Cooper's Country Express: Christmas Show				Nov-Dec		
#1 Hits of the 60's Christmas Show			8,10	Nov-Dec		
Hot Rods & High Heels				SEP		
Hot Rods & High Heels Christmas				Nov-Dec		
Dean Z's Rockin' Christmas Show				Nov-Dec		
The Haygoods Christmas Show				Nov-Dec		
The Shoji Tabuchi show				TBA		

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Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theatre 1600 W. Hwy 76 • 417-339-3003	legendsinconcert.com/Branson	E-10				
Dolly Parton's Stampede 1525 W. Hwy 76 • 800-520-5544	dpstampede.com	E-10				
Dolly Parton's Stampede Christmas				Nov Dec	LD	
The Dutton Family Theatre 3454 W Hwy 76 • 417-332-2772	theduttons.com	E3				
The Duttons Christmas Show				Nov Dec		
The Magic & Comedy of Taylor Reed	taylorreed.com			THRU Dec		
Leroy New Tribute to Marty Robbins				TBA		
Freedom Encounter Theatre 3220 Falls Parkway • 417-544-0372	FreedomJourneyShow.com	G-5		Nov		
The Freedom Journey Show			5	Nov		
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		
Grand Jubilee Christmas				Nov 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 Christmas Spectacular				Nov Dec		
Abba Tribute				THRU Dec		
Beach Boys "California Dreamin"				THRU Dec		
Back to the BeeGees				THRU Dec		
Magnificent 7 Music Variety Show				THRU Dec		
Mike Walker: Lasting Impressions				THRU Dec		
The Hughes Brothers Theatre 3425 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-0076	Hughes-Brothers.com	E-4	1,11,16			
The Hughes Brother's Christmas Show			1,11,16	Nov Oct	L, D	
Hughes Brothers Country			1,11,16	THRU Dec	L, D	
Oh Happy Day: Goin Back to Gospel!				Nov Dec	L	
Re-Vibe!			1,10,16	THRU Nov	L, D	
Branson's IMAX™ Little Opry Theatre 3562 Shep. of the Hills Exp • 417-335-4832	bransanimax.com	B-4		SEE WEBSITE		
George Jones & Friends Remembered				THRU Dec		
Smoke on the Mountain				THRU Dec		
Sanders Family Christmas				THRU Dec		
The Petersens				THRU Dec		
The Petersens Christmas				Nov Dec		
Sons of Britches				THRU Dec		
Rick McEwen's Big Show			24	THRU Dec		
The Sons: Christmas & Variety Celebration				THRU Dec		
Chris Stanley's Comedy Magic Hour				THRU Dec		
Country Evolution with Dalena				THRU Dec		
Jackie B Goodes Uptown Café W. Hwy 175 at 65 • 417-336-3535	Bransonuptown.com	E-4				
Tribute to George Strait Dinner Show				THRU Dec	DA	
Country Legends				THRU Dec	LA	

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<i>Jerry Presley's God and Country Theatre</i> 1840 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-6806	GodandCountryTheaters.com	E-10	11, 16, 26, 27	SEE WEBSITE		
Cowboy Church			16	THRU DEC		
Elvis Live! Aloha From Hawaii			16	THRU DEC		
Elvis Live! Gospel Concert			16	SELECT DATES		
Christmas with Elvis			16	NOV-DEC		
3 Dog Night: Shambala			16	THRU DEC		
Best of Neil Sedaka: Tribute			16	AUG-DEC		
Carpenters Christmas			16, 26	NOV-DEC		
Neil Diamond Tribute			16, 27	THRU DEC		
50 Yrs of Kenny Rogers			16	THRU DEC		
Fleetwood Mac Dreams			11, 16	THRU DEC		
Waylon, Willie & The Good Ol Boys			16	THRU DEC		
<i>King's Castle Theater</i> 2701 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-2500	kingscastletheatre.com	E-8	6, 10, 11, 20			
Anthems of Rock			6, 10, 11, 20	THRU DEC		
Dublin's Irish Tenors & Celtic Ladies			3, 6, 10, 11	THRU DEC		
New Jersey Nights: Music of The Four Seasons			6	THRU DEC		
Branson's Christmas Wonderland			1, 6	NOV DEC		
<i>Majestic Theatre</i> 2849 Gretna Rd. • 417-231-2420		C-7				
Doo-Wop & The Drifters The Ruby Room Thtr. & Lounge • 417-231-2420	therubyroomatthemajestic.com		10, 13	THRU DEC	D, A	
Dancin' in the Street: a Motown Revue The Ruby Room Thtr. & Lounge • 417-231-2420	therubyroomatthemajestic.com		10, 13	THRU DEC	D, A	
Branson Murder Mystery Dinner Show • 417-849-8331	bransonmurdermystery.com			THRU DEC	D, A	
Murder by Eggnog • 417-849-8331	bransonmurdermystery.com			NOV-DEC	D, A	
Comedy Hypnosis Dinner Show • 417-849-8331	jecobiesmindplay.com			TBA	D, A	
The Sedaka Songbook				THRU DEC		
<i>The Mansion Theatre</i> 189 Expressway Lane • 417-385-1118	themansiontheatre.com	B-9	4, 9	THRU DEC		
Guest Stars			4, 9	THRU DEC		
<i>Mickey Gilley Grand Shanghai Theatre</i> 3455 W Hwy 76 • 417-336-0888	amazingacrobats.com	D-3		THRU DEC		
Rick Thomas, Illusionist: Mansion of Dreams			1, 7, 21	THRU DEC		
Shanghai Circus				THRU DEC		
<i>Pierce Arrow Theatre</i> 3069 Shep. of the Hills Expy • 417-336-8742	piercearrowtheater.com	C-5				
Pierce Arrow Country				THRU SEP		
Presleys' Country Jubilee 2920 W. Hwy 76 • 800-336-4874	presleys.com	E-6		THRU DEC		
Sight & Sound Theatres 1001 Shep. of the Hills Expy • 800-377-1277	sight-sound.com	B-8				
Jesus				THRU DEC		
Shepherd of the Hills Outdoor Thtr. 13260 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-7469	ShepherdoftheHills.com	A-3		SEE WEBSITE		
WhoDunnit Hoedown				THRU DEC	D	
Shepherd's Chuckwagon				SEP-DEC	D	
A Shepherd's Christmas Carol				NOV DEC	D	
Showboat Branson Belle 4800 W. Hwy 76 • 800-475-9370	bransonsilverdollarcity.com	J-3		THRU DEC	L, D	
<i>Yakov Theatre</i> 470 St. Hwy 248 • 417-336-3838	yakov.com	B-12		NOV-DEC		

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Hee-Haw TV veteran) **Terry Wayne Sanders**—all in the same show!

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To describe this country music extravaganza, we are reminded of the **Country Tonite Show**, that dazzling Vegas production that enjoyed several

blockbuster seasons here in Showtown. Likewise, this full blown country variety show comes at us fast and furious with a catalogue of country hits that spans the decades.

About that Terry Wayne Sanders character—honestly, that hilarious outfit represents so many goofy characters its hard to keep track of 'em all! Let's see, there's **Grandma Beulah**, **Barney Fife**, **Fred Smoot**, **Joan**

Rivers—aww, we give up! Terry's 40 year career has accumulated so many characters, (and awards) who can honestly remember them all?

If you like country, Hall-of-Fame comedy, and if you like an inspiring **patriotic segment**,—then you are sure to like a classic Branson show. This one, for example. The real deal.

Who is Terry Wayne Sanders? Answer: all of the above.

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Yeah, the 80s were awesome. Totally. Dude, compared to the music of the 80's, everything today is all bogus. (Kidding, of course) Some say the 80s was the best decade of music for launching songs that both kids and adults still know and love. Well, dudes and dudettes, this show takes us on a **Journey** of the and groups that will make a body wanna **Jump** out of it's "rad" seat! Every **Breath You Take**, you will be **Livin' on a Prayer** as you recall the **Glory Days** of **R.O.C.K. in the USA!** We've **Got the Beat**, but the moment you **Relax, WHAM!**, you are right back in the **Danger Zone!** Yes, the minute the music of this show launches, it's hard for a body to stay seated! It just wants to get **Footloose!** Our recommendation: **Don't Stop Believing** because **Who You Gonna Call** to get tickets? Answer: Call the number you see here!

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Rock n' Roll Royalty



A Tribute to Rock 'n' Roll Icons

So who, one might ask, do we consider to be Rock n' Roll Royalty? Well, here's definitely one way to find out. We can best describe this lively trip back in time by dropping some names. There is not a one among them that isn't a trigger of both memories and music that seem forever embedded in every heart and mind that has been on planet earth for the past seventy odd years. Here goes: **Elvis, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Elton John**. That should give a few clues. Other clues are songs. Songs like **Great Balls of Fire, Hound Dog, Walk the Line** or **Crocodile Rock**. To capture the spirit of that era which has honestly never left us, there's no better way than treating ourselves to an award-winning casts of musicians, vocalists and tribute artists who not only will bring it all back—they will take you there. And here's the cherry on top: after the show, all are invited to a meet 'n greet and photo op' with the stars in the theatre lobby, where in addition, we can browse a vast array of nostalgic merchandise—all which will surely recall a memory or two, or even stir up many a long ago dream.

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Alert to Fan Base: Catch them here in **Rick McEwen's Big Show** at **Little Opry Theatre**, inside **Branson's IMAX™ Entertainment Complex!**

Heading up this supergroup of superstars is local legend (plus music industry legend) **Rick McEwen**, a guy who can sing anything, play anything on guitar and get audiences laughing in a heartbeat!

Next, is **Kari Garrison**, who we can't resist saying—is a country and bluegrass singer with a voice that can simply not be topped, period. There. We said it out loud. (In Branson, awards get showered upon her pretty much annually.)

Finally, more or less a new kid on the block, (here in Branson at least), is masterful performer **Christian Cole Lee**, grandson of country music icon **Charlie Rich**. In this young man, the talent genes of Grandpa definitely took, for he can sing anything, play just about any stringed instrument out there, (guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, upright bass etc. etc.) and he has toured with plenty of the so-called "Big Boys," you know, the **Keith Urbans**, the **Blake Sheltons**, etc. etc. etc.

A-LISTERS!



The Show

To say these three are musically fluent is putting it mildly. Almost every performance consists of a completely different repertoire of **Classic Country, Classic Rock, Bluegrass, Gospel**—you name it. Literally, you name it. In every show all three take song requests shouted out from the audience. So far, nothing has stumped the band. Not only can they play anything, they even seem able to remember most if not all the lyrics! (So far, at least!)

Want some fun? It's fun hearing all genres of music and enjoying a relaxing dose of belly laughs. It's also a moving experience. Come see what we mean.

Rick McEwen

Rick's showbiz resume and his list of awards is a mile long. A member of the **Traditional Country Music Hall of Fame**, he has starred in dozens of productions during his 37 years in Branson. Prior to Branson, he toured for years with several genuine music legends—**The Blackwoods Singers**, banjo superstar **Earl Scruggs**, then for over nine years with bluegrass icons **The Dillards**, whose fame as **The Darlings** on the iconic **Andy Griffith Show** created a fan base resulting in tours throughout North America and Europe. One of Rick's favorite tales is working with **Disney** to record the soundtrack of the famous **It's a Small World** ride for **Euro Disney in Paris, France**. Hearing that story, along with the rest of Rick's storied life, inspired a classic response: "what a ride." ♦

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It's Christmas time. If we stop and listen to

the music serenading us these days, whether it be on the radio, at the shopping mall, the hair salon or on earphones plugged into whatever they're plugged into—we will no doubt hear an awful lot of **The Carpenters** once more. To this day, The Carpenters remain prominent on the soundtrack of our lives, ever popular, and ever-uplifting. Truly, they are music to our ears, on so many levels.

Bringing to life these musical holiday treasures that generations of us all love is multi-award winning singing star **Diana Lynn**. Diana is certainly no stranger to Branson, (nor these pages), for as us real Branson Insiders all know, Diana is the wife and frequent co-star of the gentleman we see on the page to our immediate left, who is of course **Neil Diamond**.

Correction: Diana is, on the contrary, married to **Keith Allyn**, the multi-award winning tribute artist who *performs as* Neil Diamond! Sorry for the fake news.



About The Carpenters

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

You might not remember her name, but trust us, you know her hit songs and you know her story—one which frankly, changed history.

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

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

We've Only Just Begun!

The show begins with a gentleman taking a seat at the piano to portray Karen's brother **Richard Carpenter**. He begins to play. Then we hear the real **Karen Carpenter** begin to sing. For some, that little voice in the head starts asking, "will Diana look like Karen Carpenter? Will she sound like Karen Carpenter?" But those inner monologues get shut down in a heartbeat when 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!

Diana is no stranger to Branson, having



Holiday characters: Diana with you-know-who, and Wes Larson, who plays Richard Carpenter, as well as just about every instrument there is. Wes is a musician, actor, minister, music teacher, show producer, entertainer, businessman, and so much more. We're not sure if he sleeps, however.



starred in several shows of her own and having appeared along with her husband Keith in some of Showtown's premiere showplaces. After several years in Branson, the two stars decided to expand their winter road tour, a decision which suddenly morphed into packed out shows throughout America for over two years! The stars did keep their home in Branson for a little vacay, but their Branson home became a full time residence with the arrival of COVID-19. For Diana, however, COVID was a setback which would eventually result in a dream fulfilled!

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. ♦

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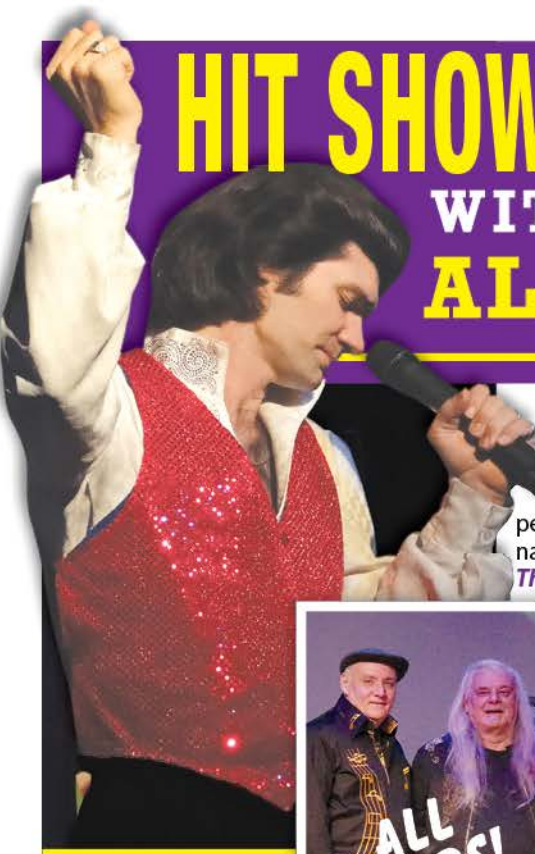
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Insiders, Keith's return is in the company of his lovely wife **Diana Lynn**, who opens her own award-winning **Carpenters Once More** show at the same power-packed performance venue as her husband—namely, **Jerry Presley's God & Country Theatre!** (More about Diana's show on page 20)



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

SOMETHING OUTRAGEOUS!

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



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

WHO'S NEIL DIAMOND?

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

WHO'S KEITH ALLYNN?

Besides being an amazing Neil Diamond tribute artist, Keith Allyn is one of the most captivating entertainers you are likely to ever experience. Entertaining is not just his vocation—it's his lifelong passion. He's brilliant, he's warm, he's funny, he's full of mesmerizing Neil Diamond stories, and he literally "owns" not only the stage, but the hearts of most

out each one. That says it all.

END OF STORY

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

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



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(Left to right) Rick McEwen, Mark Boyd, Stevie Lee Woods, Paul Oney,
Steve Leach and Robbie Springfield.

ABOUT NASHVILLE ROADHOUSE LIVE!

This show's first season in Branson is already winning awards, bringing in the A-List superstars and launching Branson into the wide world via the international release of Stevie Lee Woods' new record! (See "Breaking News" on next page!)

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.

During a powerful segment of the show, for all to see, that love is expressed to our veterans, our flag, and to the ideals our nation represents. It's that kind of show. As one prominent musician was overheard saying, "these guys aren't just good, they're crazy good!"

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! ♦



BRANSON STAR THEATER AMENITIES!

DINNER: Pot Roast, bourbon street chicken, seasoned red potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, Apple cobbler, yeast roll, iced tea and water.

CONCESSIONS: Yes
BEVERAGES:

Beer, wine, spirits, Soft drinks, bottled waters, coffee, tea, etc. (all can be taken into the theater) Enjoy!



BREAKING NEWS!

This just in: Branson Star Theatre's **Stevie Lee Woods** and **Nashville Roadhouse Live** dropped a new record the first week of October which was launched across all radio genres, (Country, Pop and Easy Listening)—and is being distributed throughout both the US and Europe! **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 new release's accompanying music video, which will soon hit all the video outlets around the world! 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 of the recording! As our INSIDER reporter interviewed Stevie, the Branson star had just received an email from the office of the song's co-writer and 50 year writing

partner of Sir Elton, **the legendary Bernie Taupin!** "Outstanding! So well done!" said Mr. Taupin's email!

Says Stevie, "that puts a lump in your throat." That and more, for while the song was being mixed in London, a woman who heard it in the studio suddenly let out a shriek of delight! Turns out, the lady was music promoter **Lisa Davies of Epic Records and CBS**, a lady credited as being largely responsible for the success of **Michael Jackson's Thriller** and **Bad**, which, as the world knows, became the most successful records of all time! Not only that, Ms Davies has also been a promoter of **Abba**, and is largely credited for getting **Sir Paul McCartney's** last two albums and his classical album to the perch of #1! But we've saved the best for last, for Ms Davies quickly got on the phone "across The Pond" and contacted Stevie to sign him up exclusively for all of Europe! "I thank God," Stevie tells The Insider. "We'll just see how it goes."

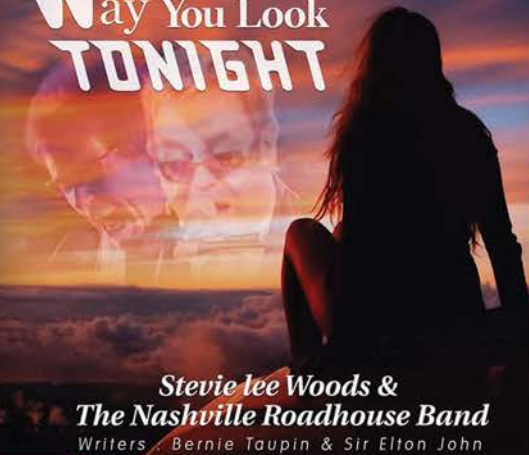
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AUTOGRAPH TABLE!



Stevie and the Nashville Roadhouse crew autographing their new single for fans at the record release party in Branson!

Something About The Way You Look TONIGHT



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BRANSON STAR'S VARIETY SHOWS!

Phil Dalton

Theater of Illusion A True Family Show!

One of the hottest family magic shows out there! All seven members of the Dalton family are literally astounding! Yes, the show is family friendly, yet some of its many entertaining escapes can be real nail biters! But it's all in good fun, as we enjoy watching master illusionist Phil hilariously divide himself in half, (while still standing up), or as we watch young Silas float effortlessly in the air, or Eli suddenly appearing from somewhere "out there", if not from "nowhere!" It's all in the family, but no, this isn't just kids stuff, for these stars have been featured on **ABC, NBC, FOX, CBS, National Geographic**, and in many other venues far and wide. **Warning:** You shall see Phil attempt three death-defying escapes—(one underwater!) This is the guy who is the only illusionist ever to be buried alive *twice!* And yet here he is—father of a family show, still alive and well in Branson! Go figure!



Credence Cool Water Review

The music of the legendary **Credence Clearwater Revival** (a.k.a. "Credence") couldn't be in better hands, for who can better present dead-on accurate, live performances of Credence's timeless hits than some of the hottest musicians and singers in Branson, (as well as the entire music industry, as audiences discover in a heartbeat!) All have showbiz resumes "a mile long" as we too often like to say. We're glad we caught Georgina in the shot, for when not with her husband Larry (seen here at her right) and Credence, she's often out singing with country legends **Johnny Lee** and **Mickey Gilley!** About the show: *Have You Ever Seen The Rain? Fortunate Son, Bad Moon Rising, Run thru the Jungle, Born on the Bayou, Down on the Corner, Lookin' Out My Back Door, Suzy Q, and of course, Proud Mary!* Welcome to the soundtrack of the last two or three generations!



Outlaw Eagles

THEY'RE BACK!!!! That great Eagles Tribute Show that was in Branson for so long is back with a **NEW** name and **NEW** Show, featuring Larry Holiday, **2019 lead guitar player of the year** from the Branson Terry Music Awards—and his **Award Winning Vocalist** wife Georgina Holiday—as we remember from the Credence write-up way back in the last paragraph!) The group is rounded out with Aaron Napier on guitar and vocals as well as seasoned pros Doug Clifford on drums, Kenny Christenson on piano and vocals and Steve Leach on bass and vocals. Along with a full repertoire of Eagles classics, the show highlights a few other megahits from the era—coming from the likes of **Linda Ronstadt, Jackson Browne, and Joe Walsh.** Want some Eagles memory triggers? Hows about *Peaceful, Easy Feeling, Hotel California, Take it to The Limit, Take it Easy, or Lyrin Eyes?* Of course there are many more, but we expect those ones are already calling your name!



FAMOUS IMPRESSIONS

New to Branson: Amazing singing and vocal impressions, plus hilarious comedy! **Family Fun! That's right! Families love this show. Even kids find it hilarious! Here's the shocker—the star of the show is legally blind!** Famous Impressions began entertaining crowds in the Las Vegas area almost 2 decades ago. The show mesmerizes and amazes audiences of all ages with outstanding vocal and singing impressions along with hilarious comedy. Expect to hear Legendary Country, Rock-n-Roll, Motown, Gospel and a few surprises along the way. With a multitude of voices in the celebrity vault, no two performances are alike. A must see show you do not want to miss. 5 rating on TripAdvisor!



STEVE SANDERS, THAT MENTALIST GUY!

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SHOW

RETURN OF THE SUPERSTAR CRAFTERS!

Good News! Some of Branson's most popular, (and world-famous) crafters continue to be sought out and welcomed to their new home at the new **Ozark Mountain Craft Mall**, located right across from Grand Country on W. Highway 76, (the Branson strip!) For that we can high-five the efforts of Ozark craft connoisseurs Mark and Jennifer Grant, who have managed to re-gather Branson's superstar crafters and working vendors from such legendary Branson venues as **Engler Block**, (razed after the 2013 Leap Day Tornado), and the popular **Branson Mill**, (later converted by developers into a trampoline Park). But the good news, like we said, is—they're back! For this we can thank the aforementioned

venue owners Mark and Jennifer, who also own **Mrs. Brenda's Old Time Photos** just a few doors down and just a few pages ahead, (page 35). As Mark tells us, "Jennifer and I also had an old time photo attraction at The Branson Mill. A lot of real friendships with other vendors came out of that. We were like family."

"When we saw that we could bring part of that family of vendors back together in a new location, we jumped on it. Having these crafters, artisans and working vendors come back together, each with their own talents and uniqueness—is something really special. It's representing the heritage of Branson."

Briefly described, every booth in the **Ozark Mountain Craft Mall** features unique items not found elsewhere. Some include classes offered by the crafters themselves. Manning

the attraction is Mark's wife Jennifer, a self-described, life-long fan of working with retail items she personally enjoys. When it comes to

customer service, Jennifer has no equal. "We really care about our

customers," she tells us. "If you're looking for something, we will do whatever we can to help track it down. We'll answer questions. We just want to create a great experience for all ages."

Our conclusion is this: Mission Accomplished. ♦

"Shop small (business) and shop local!"

—Wise saying we heard from Jenn!



Local resident Heather Anderson shops quilts.



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



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THE INSIDE SCOOP!

Want some fun for all ages? Well, here you go. The outside looks interesting. So let's get the *Insider* scoop! ('Tis what we do.)

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

What is unveiled before our eyes is what creative geniuses have been built—*fantabulous* entertainment—*awesome* stuff to do, (*totally*), *righteously rad* stuff to see,



The Simpsons try out their new hand-held remote!

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!



Karaoke fun at the New Wave Café!

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



Gremlins enjoying *Gremlins* in their Gremlins Movie Theatre.

fun in there! It's fun walking into Hollywood movie scenes, as long as you can walk out at any time! We promise, hand on the Bible—you *can*, unless you prefer to just enjoy the creepy stuff as long as you want!

RETRO ROCKER MINI GOLF Play amongst your favorite 80s rock stars, while your ears enjoy a never-ending soundtrack of 80s classics. We've said it before—seeing these characters in almost real life standing before you at their exact height, makes them feel—well, almost like real people. Like the rest of us! **TWO ESCAPE GAMES** Fun stuff, but not to panic—technically you can escape at any time, but as all non-scaredy cats know, it's more fun to just try and figure it out!

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



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!

GIFT SHOP!

Nostalgic fashions, toys, games, fun stuff—it's all here, parachuted in from the 80s! *Good Times!* ♦

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

Thanks to Wild Valley

**NEW Outside Foot Safari!
Wildier Animals. No Extra Charge!**



**UP CLOSE
& PERSONAL!**

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


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

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

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

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

Oh yeah! ♦



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Efrain shows us the jeep attraction which should be done by press time. Here, families can pose for pictures in the jeep with real, living lions and tigers in the back seat, (thanks to that sturdy, yet invisible glass!) We officially rate that option as "simply irresistible!"



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

Whether you've been there before, or never before--Season 2021 is a whole new world at **Branson's Wild World!**

Expect new adventures, stunning new attractions and **a transformed shopping area** whose specialty gifts, toys, and educational items fulfill us animal lovers' wildest dreams!

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

HANDS ON

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

ANOTHER WORLD!

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



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



WORLD CHANGERS

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



CREATING ATTRACTIONS WORLDWIDE

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

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

To that, James shook his head "no." "I do it 'cause it's fun."

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



Creature Comforts

Indoor safaris here are wheelchair accessible and resting benches are plentiful. Safari Guides also remain close to help with animal interactions, feedings, or educational info.



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.)



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

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

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

Fun Stuff Galore!

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



Seven year-old Ralphie Grim of Branson engineers the attraction's 37 foot long HO gauge train complex. That involves running the switchyard for three main lines and controlling the direction and speed of each train. *Go Ralphie!*

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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Museum Host Michael Morgan shows us Daisy's latest signature model in The National BB Gun Museum's gift shop.

Just Go!

Just so you know, this is not just old stuff from flea markets or garage sales. These are enormous collections gathered from all over. We'll explain that later. First, a little name-dropping here to help paint a picture of what you can expect to see—a giant **Star Wars** Collection, **Star Trek**, **Marvell**, **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**

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!"



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

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- DUSTY BARN FINDS MUSEUM!

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

BUY, SELL, TRADE?

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



Massive doll collections and doll houses spanning the centuries!

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

3 NOSTALGIA TOY SHOPS! JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS!



Aisles and aisles of classic toys and games!

Doll house collectibles! And everything else!

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

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

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



FOR OLDE TIMEY PHOTO FUN MRS. BRENDA'S GOTCHA COVERED!



As plainly seen here, Mrs. Brenda's paparazzi caught some Wild West varmints acting up at the local saloon!

Photos, which you'll easily find right across the street from Grand Country. (Whew—that was a long sentence!)

We gladly recommend this cool place for three good reasons: One. Those high-pressure sales tactics to get you to spend big bucks on pictures of yourself are not allowed here. Two. This high class photo studios have amazing costumes and sets that will make you feel like

In our not-so-humble opinion, your best shot for having some photo fun will come by heading Easterly down the Branson strip to **Mr. Brenda's Old Time**

you're in a Hollywood movie! And three: The folks taking the pictures are an absolute hoot!

YOUR BEST SHOT!

Saturday night in the Ozarks!



We agree with **Trip Advisor**, who rates **Mrs. Brenda's Old Time Photos** right up there at the top of the list for old timey photo fun!

A Victorian belle primps with perfume....

The folks here are creative nuts and funnier than a herd of cats eating jalapenos—plus they are fun to have fun with!

Check out the ad below, see some of the foto pun on their facebook page and website—then let the good folks at Mrs. Brenda's give you and your good folks their best shot. ♦

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4 STOPS AT GRAND VILLAGE SHOPPES!

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

THE QUICK TOUR

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

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

KRINGLES CHRISTMAS SHOP

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

T CHARLESTON & SONS BOOKS & GIFTS & KRINGLES VILLAGE TREASURES

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



KRINGLES CHRISTMAS SHOP



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REFLECTIONS THOMAS KINKADE SIGNATURE GALLERY



MEL'S HARD LUCK DINER

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

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

MEL'S HARD LUCK DINER

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

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

REFLECTIONS: THOMAS KINKADE SIGNATURE GALLERY

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

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If ever there was a signature superstore for North Pole treasures and all things celebrating Heaven's Greatest Gift—that would be **Kringles Christmas Shops & Kringles Village Treasures** at Branson's **Grand Village Shoppes!** Let us paint a little picture here, before you find out more back on pages 36 and 37!



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ATTENTION CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS!

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Forget imports. Wanna see what awesome products your clever fellow Americans are capable of coming up with? Then look no further! Go directly to **Made in the USA General Store**, inside The Shoppes at Branson Meadows. Upon arriving at this shopping attraction styled like an old-timey general store, you will no doubt be amazed as you discover here a full buffet of incredible merchandise—all Made-in-the-USA!

gear, collectables, décor, memorabilia & more! Let's shout out a shocking statement here: **OVER 24,000 OF THESE HAVE BEEN SOLD HERE!**

STAR ATTRACTION

One item, for real, has been selling like hotcakes ever since our Branson visitors first got wind of it. So far, over 24,000 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! Most homemakers want at least two, or three, or a handful! Need a gift idea? *Voilà!*

Brian shows us his star attraction.



A SHOCKER FOR VETERANS!

When was the last time you saw veterans' merchandise or even American flags that were actually MADE IN THE USA? Well, you will in this store's entire department of veterans items! Included is clothing, hats, all kinds of veterans

TOYS GALORE!



Kids discover the toy department!

THE MERCHANDISE:

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

MAN ON A MISSION

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

MAP LOCATOR

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- Raiding the Country Vault
- The Johnson Strings Christmas
- Awesome 80s
- British Invasion
- Rock 'N Roll Royalty Christmas Show

At The Branson Central Thtr F-4

- Escape Reality, Magic & Illusions, Dinner Show, starring Garry & Janine Carson

At the Branson Famous Thtr F-4

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

At The Branson Star Thtr C-3

- Nashville Roadhouse Live
- Guest Stars
- Credence Cool Water Revue
- Famous Impressions
- The Outlaw Eagles
- Phil Dalton Magic
- Steve Sanders-that mentalist guy!

At The Clay Cooper Thtr E-5

- #1 Hits of the 60's! (and 50's Too!) Christmas Show!

At The Hughes Family Thtr E-4

- The Hughes Brothers Christmas Show
- Hughes Brothers Country Show
- ReVibe

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

- Christmas With Elvis
- Elvis Live! Aloha from Hawaii
- Elvis Request Night
- 3 Dog Night Show
- 50 Years of Kenny Rogers
- Carpenters Once More
- Fleetwood Mac Tribute
- Neil Diamond Tribute starring Keith Allyn
- Neil Sedaka: His Music, His Legacy
- Waylon, Willie & The Good Ol Boys

At King's Castle Thtr E-8

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