

PERFORMING *Arts* ASSOCIATION

Historic Saint Joseph, Missouri

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Dear Arts Patron,

What an unusual start to our 2023/2024 Season! We had to cancel our first performance at the Missouri Theatre. Early that morning, I received a phone call on my cell phone. I was actually walking my dog and the agent for *Celebrate the Music of Neil Diamond, I am, He said*, told me that the whole band was ravaged with sickness and the lead singer, Matt Vee has pneumonia. Ugh...! All I could think of doing was to get on my phone and start calling and emailing as many people as I could. I'm so thankful that most of our audience was understanding and kept their tickets for the new rescheduled date of **Friday, May 10, 2024**. If you haven't purchased tickets, they are already on sale for the new date, and if you kept your tickets and didn't ask for a credit or refund, your tickets are good for the new date.

We are encouraging you to come out for the rest of our season. Did you know that attending arts events helps lower anxiety, and you are less likely to suffer from depression? Let's be healthier together and mark your calendar now with this season's events:

- **Forever Motown**, October 7, performed by Broadway veterans and former members of the Marvelettes and the Main Ingredient.
- **Boy Band Review**, November 4, This full stage production has dynamic choreography and great harmonies that will transport you back to the 90's with songs from NSYNC, Backstreet Boys and many more.
- **TAKE3**, March 9, Where Rock Meets Bach - Dinner & Show held at the Scottish Rite Temple, 515 North 6th. Three classically trained musicians mix the classics with rock for an unforgettable evening.
- **Brass Transit**, March 23, paying tribute to one of the greatest pop/rock groups, CHICAGO.
- **Alice Dreaming of Wonderland**, April 13, An experience for the whole family, this theatrical circus show from Eastern Europe is full of acrobatics and surprising stunts.
- **Evil Woman, The American ELO** April 27, this multi-media concert celebrating the music of ELO, is full of chart-topping hit songs.
- **Celebrate the Music of Neil Diamond** May 10, Matt Vee & the Killer Vees will be joined by the St. Joseph Youth Chorale and two local trumpeters to celebrate the musical icon, Neil Diamond.

In order for us to keep bringing these amazing shows we need your help. Ticket sales are an important source of revenue, but they only cover a small portion of the shows production and educational activities. This season, in order to keep our budget balanced, we need to raise, \$30,000. **Please check out the insert concerning our current raffle. Any gift of \$500 or more will give you a free chance to win the Chef's Table at the St. Joseph Country Club.** Thank you for considering your gift. You can send your gift back with the remit envelope, or drop it by the office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Performing Arts office at 816-279-1225 or message us online at paastjo.org.

Yours Respectfully,



Beth Sharp, Director



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