

Celebrate Wood River

Performing Arts & Entertainment Series

Wood River High School Theater
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The 2016-2017 Performing Arts Series



The String Beans **Thursday, 9/15/16** **7:00 p.m.**

The String Beans make music that makes kids move! Clever lyrics, catchy tunes and crazy antics are the hallmarks of their live show. Mixing country, rock n' roll, pop, polka, and even rap, the 'Beans' perform original, family-friendly songs about the things kids love, and the things parents can't stop laughing about. Wood River Elementary School students will be treated to a quick concert at 2:00 p.m. – come to the evening performance and register for a chance to win a free String Beans CD!



Pippa White **Saints, Soldiers and Spies: Women and War** **Sunday, 11/13/16** **2:30 p.m.**

Pippa White's productions are "part theatre, part storytelling, part history." Audiences call them unique, captivating, and touching! A professional storyteller, White has toured over 30 states. Wood River is thrilled to bring Pippa back for a new performance celebrating female Veterans. The roles women have played in war are many and varied. Hear the experiences from "saints, soldiers and spies"—proof that women in war have never been only on the sidelines...And they have stories to tell.



Something Cool **Sunday, 2/19/17** **2:30 p.m.**

A dynamic performer who transcends stylistic boundaries, Mary Carrick captivates audiences with her shimmering, velvety and powerhouse sounds matched by her charming presence and gift for storytelling through song. With pianist J. Gawf, this compelling chanteuse will take us on a journey through music by some of the most iconic songwriters from the 40s-70s, fusing beloved standards from the American Songbook with classic pop, and country. Based in Omaha, the duo tours regionally. This promises to be an afternoon you won't soon forget!



Comedian Magician Gayle Becwar **Sunday, 4/23/17** **2:30 p.m.**

Gayle's high energy, quick wit and audience participation makes his show a favorite across the country. Growing up in a family of magicians, Gayle Becwar's first introduction to entertainment came as a child in 1967, performing with his Dad's traveling magic show. He has performed in front of thousands of audiences all over the world with his unique brand of clean, interactive, fast-paced magic and comedy for all ages. Laughter does wonders for your health so don't miss this great show!

LOCAL ARTS

Christmas Cantata **Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016, 2:00 pm**

Appreciate the sounds of Christmas as this central Nebraska choir presents their annual cantata event. The Christmas Cantata will be held in the Wood River High School Performing Arts Theater.

Easter Cantata **Sunday, April 9, 2017, 2:00 pm**

Get swept away in the majesty of Easter during this central Nebraska choir's cantata presentation. The Easter Cantata will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wood River.

All School Play **Date: TBA**

A favorite amongst the locals! Enjoy the talented high school thespians and musicians during their annual performance.

Saturday Friendship Gatherings - 9:30 am

Jean Lukesh September 24, 2016

Author of "Secret Brother: Solon Borglum, Sculptor of the Prairie", Jean will share the story of this diversely talented man from central Nebraska whose brother became the sculptor of Mount Rushmore.

Barbara Johnson October 29, 2016

The fascinating art of stained glass windows: how they are produced; the role of immigrants in bringing these works of art to Nebraska; and the interesting meaning and detail in stained glass art found in various settings.

Marvin Rickert March 4, 2017

This local ag producer shares his love of woodworking and music through the years. Marvin is a man of many talents!

Bill Hayes April 1, 2017

Learn about slavery in the U.S. during the 1850's and how the issue affected people moving to the Nebraska Territory. Hayes explores how the Underground Railroad formed in Nebraska and discusses sites where escaping slaves most likely found refuge on their journey north to freedom.