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Performing Arts & Entertainment Series

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The 2017-2018 Performing Arts Series



Jim Salestrom Sunday, 9/17/17 2:30 p.m.

Jim is an Emmy Award-winning songwriter, a gifted guitarist and a seasoned performer who has been writing and recording music since he was 13. He has recorded and performed with such stellar artists as John Denver, Kenny Rogers, and Dolly Parton, has appeared on national TV and awards shows, has performed for four U.S. Presidents and in 31 foreign countries. Salestrom is back by popular demand! Let's kick the 2017-18 Celebrate Wood River Performing Arts Series off with a PACKED HOUSE to welcome Jim "home" to Nebraska again!

Jimmy Weber I Moved A Mountain Sunday, 11/19/17 2:30 p.m.

Having served 24 years in the United States Air Force, I MOVED A MOUNTAIN is Jimmy Weber's collection of stories about the places he has gone and people he has met along the way. This performance features songs from Johnny Cash, George Jones and Glen Campbell, mixed with classic Rock and Roll from the 50's - 70's. During his career, Jimmy has opened for top entertainers such as John Denver, Tim McGraw, Kenny Rogers and the Beach Boys. All Veterans will be recognized during this performance in honor of Veteran's Day.

Offutt Brass Sunday, 2/11/18 2:30 p.m.

Offutt Brass, the brass ensemble of the United States Air Force Heartland of America Band, is stationed at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. Comprised of two trumpets, French horn, trombone, tuba, and percussion, Offutt Brass showcases the Air Force's excellence and precision in every performance with a diverse repertoire featuring classical selections, patriotic favorites, jazz and popular music, new compositions and distinctive arrangements. We just bet you can't get through this concert without tapping your foot or clapping along to a patriotic Souza march!

No Better Cause

Monday, 3/12/18
7:00 p.m.

No Better Cause is an award-winning pop/soul/funk vocal band hailing from Lincoln, Nebraska. Through a combination of jaw-dropping performances and innovative studio musicianship, their music has put them on a national platform since their humble beginnings in 2002. With a unique assortment of both original songs and uniquely arranged covers, No Better Cause is guaranteed to deliver a show that people of all ages can appreciate and enjoy, whether it be of a rock, pop, funk, soul, jazz or gospel influence... and it's all done using NOTHING but their voices!

Adams & Cooley Rat Pack Jazz Sunday, 4/15/18 2:30 p.m.

The crowd loved Rat Pack Jazz when they were last in Wood River so we've invited them back! These gentlemen provide a strong vocal and guitar performance of the musical standards of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tony Bennett and Nat King Cole. These wonderful classics from the golden era of song are delivered by this nationally experienced duo and their band. Johnny and Ron have worked together musically for many years, including collaborating with Mannheim Steam Roller.

LOCAL ARTS

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017, 2:30 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 Center.

Easter Cantata

Sunday, March 25, 2018, 2:30 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

History of Nebraska as told by Peter Sarpy

September 30, 2017

Celebrate Nebraska's 150th! Dressed in period costume and speaking in his native French accent, "Peter Sarpy" describes the transformation of Nebraska from French colony to statehood. This dramatic one-act play uses humor, interactive audience participation and factual historical anecdotes to captivate youth and adult audiences alike. *Funded by Humanities Nebraska*

Hand-crafted Christmas Ornaments

November 11, 2017

A peek into the artistry Donna Moyer has enjoyed for 50+ years...making her "Christmas Balls". Learn how she visualizes the finished piece then transforms a simple styrofoam ball into a work of art with beads and glue. If all goes as planned, you'll get to try your hand at making a miniature version at this session!

Maria Rodaway: Prairie Pioneer

February 24, 2018

Maria (portrayed by her great-great granddaughter in period attire) looks back at her life as a prairie pioneer in Otoe County, Neb., where she homesteaded in 1867. From crossing the Atlantic to grasshoppers, drought, blizzards, and the loss of her husband and several children Maria worked to become a citizen and a land owner in a new country. *Funded by Humanities Nebraska*

Ralph P. Brown April 7, 2018

Ralph P. Brown is a self-taught artist who uses a stipple style to create the pointillistic impressions of his cultural and spiritual ideas. He draws inspiration from his native culture, nature and his unique perspective on the world and his spirituality. He is a Mohawk Indian and acclaimed portrait artist. He was raised on the Akwesasne reservation located in New York and his artwork can be seen in art galleries and shows across the country. Come learn more about his motivation and his work!