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# The 2019-2020 Performing Arts Series



## The String Beans

Thursday, 9/26/19

7:00 p.m.

Kiddos LOVE "The Beans" so come out and give them a BIG WELCOME BACK to Wood River! 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!



## Jim Salestrom

Sunday, 11/24/19

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, accompanied by his son James. Together they will present a traditional show of beloved favorites & Jim's own pieces. Let's have a PACKED HOUSE to welcome Jim "home" to Nebraska again!



## Tara Vaughn

"She Rocks"

Sunday, 4/19/20

2:30 p.m.

Woven together with songs and stories, SHE ROCKS celebrates women artists and songwriters of the 1960's - 1980's. Backed by an incomparable 4-piece band, Tara Vaughan performs music from artists like Janis Joplin, Linda Ronstadt, Aretha Franklin, Blondie, Heart and many more. In this unique revue, Tara masterfully presents an evening of classic rock and roll with the focus on female artists and songwriters.

## LOCAL ARTS

### Christmas Cantata

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019, 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, April 5, 2020, 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 (1108 Dodd Street).

### All School Play

Date: TBD

The 2020 production from Wood River High School's Music & Drama Department is guaranteed to entertain you. The details are TBA at the time of this printing so watch for updates at [www.woodrivereagles.org](http://www.woodrivereagles.org)!

## Saturday Friendship Gatherings - all at 9:30 am

### Willa Cather and Quilts

September 21, 2019

Willa Cather's earliest memory of art was sitting under quilting frames as a child. This early experience of art as craft — listening to stories and looking at thoughtfully arranged materials of everyday life — remained with Cather. Throughout her life Cather chose to work in places that recalled the small space under the quilting frame, including the attic room in her Red Cloud home, the attic sewing room Isabelle McClung prepared for her in Pittsburgh and the tent where she wrote in Grand Manaan. Slides illustrate quilts Cather names in her fiction as well as related Cather sites and materials.

### Tales from Hans Christian Anderson

March 14, 2020

The delightful stories of Hans Christian Andersen are brought to life in the imaginations of audience members as Lisa Kramme shares tales by this great Danish author. Listeners also learn about the life of Andersen, including his early struggles and later successes.

### Demystifying Meteorology

April 4, 2020

Come hear Mike Moritz from the National Weather Service's Hastings office explain Nebraska's weather phenomena and the meteorology behind the forecasting process.