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10TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

at the **VENICE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**



"The performing arts are more than entertainment; they are the heart of culture, a powerful medium for storytelling, and a bridge that connects us all. Through the arts, we inspire, educate, and create lasting memories that shape our community for generations to come."

Mike & Bonnie Hartley
VIPA Founders

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VENICE INSTITUTE for PERFORMING ARTS



Celebrating 10 Years of Performing Arts in Venice, Florida

The Venice Institute for Performing Arts Welcomes You to the VPAC

This year marks VIPA's 10th anniversary, celebrating a decade of enriching the Venice community with world-class performances and arts education. Over the years, VIPA has grown into a cultural cornerstone, hosting hundreds of performances and inspiring the next generation of artists through our educational programs. As we look back on our journey, we remain dedicated to innovation, inclusivity, and fostering a love for the arts.

Join us as we continue to bring the magic of live performance to Venice for many more years to come.

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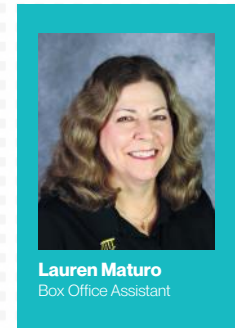
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Lauren Maturo
Box Office Assistant



Letter From Our Executive Director

As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Venice Performing Arts Center (VPAC), my heart is filled with gratitude and pride. Over the past decade, the Venice Institute for Performing Arts (VIPA) has not only become a cultural cornerstone of our community but a beacon of creativity, growth, and connection—all thanks to the unwavering support of our patrons, sponsors, volunteers, and community partners.

Mike and Bonnie Hartley envisioned VIPA as a place where the arts would inspire and educate, a mission that thrives today. Through first-class performances and our impactful Apprenticeship Program, we provide high school students with hands-on experience in theatre management and production, ensuring the next generation of talent is nurtured right here in Venice.

This milestone season is truly special, featuring incredible performances like The Texas Tenors: 15th Anniversary Tour, Live & Let Die: The Music of Paul McCartney, and Rumours: Fleetwood Mac, showcasing the vibrant range of artistry our audiences have come to love.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we're elevating every performance with cutting-edge technology, including our new 25-foot LED wall, which allows us to push the boundaries of live production and create an even more immersive experience for all. Your continued support makes these advancements possible, and we are thrilled to share this exciting season with you.



Derek Blankenship
Executive Director

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- Dave Hershey - Technical Director
- Joel Smith - Assistant Technical Director
- Erin Blankenship - Director of Education
- Eli Jason - Director of Community Outreach
- Genesis Warner - Director of Marketing
- Lauren Maturo - Box Office Assistant

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- 2024/2025 Season Sponsors
- Committed Donors
- Community Advertisers
- Community Partners
- VIPA Volunteers
- The Venice Concert Band
- The Venice Chorale
- The Venice Symphony
- VHS Performing Arts Booster Clubs
- 2024/2025 Apprentice Class
- VIPA Contractors
- Principal Zoltan Kerestely
- Sarasota County School Board
- VHS Administration
- VHS Performing Arts Department
- Most of all, our loyal Patrons!**



Our Talented Student Apprentices

The VIPA Apprenticeship Program serves as an Education Lab for Venice High School juniors and seniors, offering hands-on experience in the performing arts while earning a wage. This immersive program allows students to work in various aspects of theatre production, including lighting, sound, rigging, front of house, box office, and hospitality. New this year is the addition of an AV Team, where students will gain specialized skills in audio-visual technology, a growing field in the industry.

Apprentices work alongside industry professionals, learning in a real-world environment that prepares them for a range of careers, both within and outside of the arts. The program also includes masterclasses and workshops, providing one-on-one mentorship from experts in the field.

As a true Education Lab, the program goes beyond technical skills, fostering creativity, communication, collaboration, and project management. Graduates have gone on to join the stagehands union (IATSE), manage local bands, and pursue degrees in both performing and non-performing arts at the university level. The VIPA Apprenticeship Program remains a key part of our mission to empower the next generation of creative professionals.

"I'm incredibly excited to welcome this new class of apprentices. This program provides our students with a rare opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a professional setting, and it's inspiring to see their creativity and passion come to life. I'm confident this group will not only develop valuable skills but also grow as individuals, ready to make their mark in the world of performing arts and beyond."

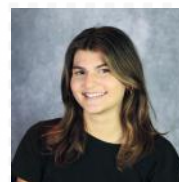
Erin Blankenship,
Education Director



Meet the Students



12 Thomas Singeisen



12 Sofia Spada



12 Shen Miller



12 Robin Moussier



12 Nate Masden



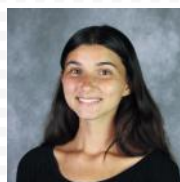
12 Estella Villalba



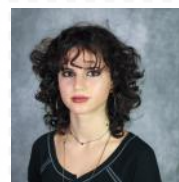
12 Sean Leake



12 Dhriti Patel



12 Berlyn Davis



11 Siena Pellicano



11 Seger Zagst



11 Melina Kokkalas



11 Ella Piotrowski



11 Brian Hendricks

Help empower the next generation of creative professionals by supporting the VIPA Apprenticeship Program. Your donation directly impacts their future success— we thank you for your generosity!





Join Our Volunteer Community

Volunteers are an essential and integral component of the Venice Institute for Performing Arts. From assisting with administrative duties to working on productions, every volunteer plays an important role in the VIPA Cast, helping to create the best experience for each and every patron.

Join us today!

Volunteer Opportunities

box office // ushers // ticket scanners
greeters // security // community events

Visit veniceperformingartscenter.com for more information on volunteering.



Eli Jason
Community Outreach Director



- Abrams, Debra
- Abrams, Jay
- Abrams, Shelley
- Alarie, Ronald
- Anderson, Cheryl
- Anderson, Susie
- Andrews, Denise
- Astorino, Donna
- Bader, Eugene
- Baucus, Ann
- Bauers, Ruth
- Bednarski, Frank
- Belcuore, Francine
- Binder, Karen
- Black, Betty
- Bossinger, Mark
- Bossinger, Vivian
- Boyer, Diana
- Boyer, Richard
- Brinkman, Fran
- Bruns, Sean
- Brunt, John
- Brunt, Kathy
- Burkhalter, Lavonne
- Burns, Lawrence
- Cannata, Judith
- Cannata, James
- Cardillo, Carol
- Carey, Elise
- Case, Susan
- Chaladoff, Eileen
- Chaput, Phillip
- Chisolm, Judith
- Combs, Bonnie
- Cook, Robert
- Cooper, Linda
- Coughlin, Nancy
- Coughlin, Patrick
- Craig, Dale
- Crotty, Rodney
- Crume, Shanette
- Cudia, Carol
- Cullison, Andrew
- D'Agati, Aliza
- D'Agati, Joseph
- Davis, Sarah
- DeSantis, Richard
- Desmarais, Lee Ann
- Desmarais, Maurice (Moe)
- Dice, Sherry
- DiStefano-Nist, Diane
- Dolejs, Karen
- Dunlap, Patricia
- Eve, Mary
- Farrell, James Don
- Farrell, Vickie
- Fettig, Linda
- Finfinger, Diane
- Fleming, Donald
- Flemming, Marlene
- Foley, Theresa
- Foley, Marilyn
- Fontana, Lynn
- Forman, April
- Frontzak, Pamela
- Fusco, Arsie
- Gallaher, Rosanne (Posie)
- Garlock, Pam
- George, Diane
- Gilomen, David
- Gilomen, Joan
- Gonzales, D-Arcy
- Gonzales, Karen
- Gooltz, Edward
- Gould, Ann
- Gregory, Deborah
- Griesi, Jacqueline
- Haines, Paula
- Hale, Susan
- Hallowell, John
- Hallowell, Stephanie
- Hansen, Cindy
- Hansen, Anita
- Hansen, Pamela
- Harper, Lori
- Harvill, Nancy Kane
- Heintzelman, Esther
- Hensley, Kimberly
- Herbst-Ecker, Suzanne
- Herrera, Alicia
- Hilligoss, David
- Holtgreive, Velda
- Horrell, Helene
- Huston, Kathleen
- Izzi, Elaine
- Janovsky, Annette
- Jaquith, Shirley
- Johnston, Gordon (Chip)
- Johnston, Lucinda (Cindy)
- Jung, Robert
- Kampe, Olga
- Kennedy, Joseph
- Kennedy, Karen
- Klopshinske, Doreen
- Knapp, Andrew
- Knapp, Rosemary
- Koloditch, Lynn
- Kreger, Mark
- Kreger, Rose
- Kupper, David
- Kupper, Janaan
- Leach, Joyce
- Leonard, Kathleen
- Leonardo, Maria
- Lettiere, Carrie
- Lockett, Carolyn
- Lodge, Cindy
- Lodge, Gene
- Magstadt, Barbara
- Maresca, Veronica
- Marposon, Karen
- McCarthy, June
- Mcelroy, Barbara
- McQuaid, Barbara
- Mendelson, Nancy
- Mihalopoulos, Josephine
- Miller, Dawn
- Miller, Susannah
- Millner, Lawrence
- Mooyman, Mathilda
- Morello, Barbara
- Moultrie, Linda
- Moultrie, William (Mike)
- Nau, Elaine
- Neahusan, Sandra
- Neudahl, Karen
- Nieves, Alicia
- Nist, Frank
- O'Connor, Arlene
- Paschall, Cherrie
- Potochnick, Carol
- Powers, Kathleen
- Prigg, Ellen
- Roa, Victoria
- Robinson, Arleen
- Robinson, Laura
- Rudler, Paula
- Rundell, Sandra
- Rutherford, Berta
- Hansen, Pamela
- Salomone, Patricia J.
- Salomone, William
- Saporito, Diane
- Schneeloch, Margaret
- Shwed, John
- Silk, Verna
- Stasko, Peggy
- Stasko, Wes
- Stewart, Robyn
- Stewart, David
- Sutherland, Helena
- Swetonic, Diane
- Tangari, Mary
- Thompson, Barbara
- Tibor, George
- Tibor, Linda
- Tobiasz, Anthony
- Trapani, Jean-Ellen
- Troetel, William
- Urquhart, Pat
- Vachon, James
- Vachon, Nancy
- Valentine, Marcia
- Vonderaa-Capsan, Kathie
- Wagner, Mary
- Walsh, Irene
- Welsh, Diane
- Wilkie, Carole
- Wilkie, Gordon
- Wirth, Linda
- Wright, Dee
- Wuetcher, Denise
- Wysocki, Linda
- Zaccari, Lorraine
- Zahn, Cathy
- Zahn, Robert
- Zahn, Maria
- Zahn, Richard



Celebrating 10 Years Because of You

Sponsors

Our sponsors share our passion for promoting the performing arts and our vision of bringing people together. These partnerships are formed with community members who are committed to making Venice a cultural destination, where friends and family can immerse themselves in the arts. By investing in the arts, our sponsors are investing in the future of our community, helping to create a vibrant space for culture to flourish. We are deeply grateful to those who share our vision and contribute to making the arts thrive in Venice.

Donors

We are immensely thankful to our donors, whose generosity has laid the foundation for our students' futures through their support of our educational programming. By sustaining the Institute, our donors are championing a culture of diversity, growth, and open learning. Their commitment helps nurture the next generation of artists and leaders. The future of the Institute is bright, and with the dedication of our donors, we can continue to create meaningful opportunities for our students and the community.

Members

Our members play a vital role in the success of the Venice Institute for Performing Arts. Their ongoing support helps sustain our performances and programs, ensuring the arts remain accessible to everyone in our community. Membership strengthens the bond between our audience and the stage, allowing us to continue offering exceptional performances and educational opportunities. We are deeply grateful to our members for their commitment to keeping the arts vibrant and thriving in Venice.



New to the Venice Performing Arts Center?

Ask About Our Membership Program

Bronze Membership

\$75 A Year

20% off up to 15 tickets to VIPA events and early access to special events and ticket purchases, flexible ticketing with easy exchanges, and access to members only security/will call line for faster entrance to events..

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\$100 A Year

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\$150 A Year

20% off up to 25 tickets to VIPA events with everything from the Bronze and Silver membership plus, Valet parking.

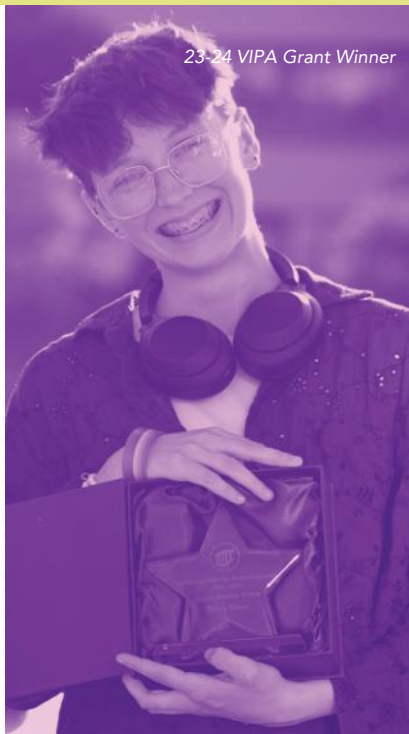
Learn More

Support the arts and the next generation of creative talent by becoming a VIPA member. Your membership fuels performances and educational programs like our Apprenticeship Program. Thank you for making a difference!





Dallas Brass: Master Class



23-24 VIPA Grant Winner



Vienna Boys Choir Concert



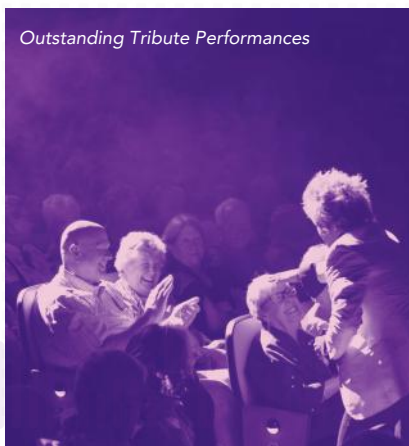
An Evening with Tony Danza



Sarasota County Elementary School Music Masterclass



The Broadway Boys



Outstanding Tribute Performances

A Special Thank You To Our Donors

Our donors, with cumulative lifetime giving of \$500 and above, have played a pivotal role in bringing first-class performances to our venue, supporting innovative technology upgrades, and enriching our student apprentice program and VIPA arts initiatives. Their generosity, listed as of October 2024, has helped cultivate a vibrant cultural hub for the entire community. We are deeply grateful for their ongoing support, which continues to make a lasting impact on the future of the arts in Venice.

Angels | \$125,000 +

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Dave Hershey
Technical Director

Joel Smith
Assistant Technical Director

Our Role in the Arts

As the managing company for the Venice Performing Arts Center (VPAC), the Venice Institute for Performing Arts (VIPA) plays a vital role in supporting the cultural landscape of our community. We work closely with our local performing arts organizations by providing event organization, management, and technical assistance. Our team ensures that performances run smoothly, offering expertise in lighting, rigging, sound, and stage setup. By offering these essential services, we help our partners focus on delivering unforgettable performances while elevating the overall quality of every production. Additionally, we foster collaboration and offer access to cutting-edge technology, ensuring that the arts continue to thrive in Venice for years to come.

Performing Arts Organizations (PAOs)

- The Venice Symphony thevenicesymphony.org
- Venice Concert Band veniceconcertband.com
- The Venice Chorale thevenicechorale.org



VHS Performing Arts Events 2024-2025

Date	Time	Event	Location
December 7th	2:00 PM	Madrigal Dinner	VPAC and VHS Cafeteria
December 7th	7:00 PM	Madrigal Dinner	VPAC and VHS Cafeteria
December 8th	5:00 PM	Madrigal Dinner	VPAC and VHS Cafeteria
December 10th	6:30 PM	Prism Concert	VPAC
February 12th-14th	3:30 PM	Orchestra MPA	VPAC
February 26th	6:00 PM	Band Pre-MPA	VPAC
February 28th	7:00 PM	<i>Junie B Jones</i> - Children's Theatre Play	VPAC
April 11th	7:00 PM	<i>High School Musical</i> VHS Spring Musical	VPAC
April 12th	7:00 PM		
April 13th	2:00 PM		
May 6th	7:00 PM	Chorus Spring Concert	VPAC
May 7th	7:00 PM	Jazz/JV Band Spring Concert	VPAC
May 8th	7:00 PM	Advanced Band Spring Concert	VPAC
May 9th	6:00 PM	Orchestra Spring Concert	VPAC

Support VHS Talent

Visit www.VenicePerformingArtsCenter.com for ticketing information





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2024 - 2025 Performance Dates

November 4, 2024	February 24, 2025
December 2, 2024	March 24, 2025
January 20, 2025	April 28, 2025

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Sunday, FEB 23 - 7pm

Black & Blue:
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VENICE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

24/25 Season



November

- 1st - VHS Drama *Clue*
- 2nd - VHS Drama *Clue*
- 3rd - VHS Drama *Clue*
- 4th - Home of the Brave
- ★ 9th - **Smokin' Renegade**
- 15th - Instrumental Influences
- 16th - Instrumental Influences
- ★ 23rd - **Wildflowers**

December

- 2nd - Holiday Gems
- 7th - VHS Chorus *Madrigal Feaste*
- 8th - VHS Chorus *Madrigal Feaste*
- 13th - Nutcracker
- 14th - Nutcracker
- 16th - Holiday Extravaganza
- 20th - Home for the Holidays
- 21st - Home for the Holidays
- 22nd - Home for the Holidays

January

- ★ 4th - **The Texas Tenors**
- 10th - Sports Orchestrated
- 11th - Sports Orchestrated
- 20th - Sports Orchestrated
- ★ 21st - **John Denver Tribute**
- 22nd - All My Favorites
- 25th - Shen Yun
- 26th - Shen Yun
- 31st - A Salute to Pops!

February

- 1st - A Salute to Pops!
- ★ 2nd - **Live & Let Die**
- ★ 8th - **Rumors: Fleetwood Mac**
- ★ 5th - **Cash, Killer and the King**
- 21st - Hollywood in Venice
- 22nd - Hollywood in Venice
- 23rd - Stars & Strips
- 24th - See the USA

March

- ★ 1st - Forever Donna
- ★ 7th - Brass Transit
- ★ 8th - Beatles vs Stones
- 14th - Crazy for Gershwin
- 15th - Crazy for Gershwin
- ★ 16th - ***An Evening w/ Norm Lewis**
- ★ 21st - **Abba Revisted**
- 22nd - The Rat Pack is Back
- 24th - Music: The Universal Language

April

- ★ 16th - Eirinn Abu & His Miami Sound Machine
- ★ 19th - Queen Nation
- 25th - Cosmic Worlds
- 26th - Cosmic Worlds
- 27th - Black & Blue
- 28th - Center Stage

May

- ★ 3rd - **Seperate Ways**

- ★ VIPA Production
- Venice Concert Band
- Venice Chorale
- Venice Symphony
- Venice High School
- Rental



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Smokin' Renegade – Tribute to Boston/Styx

South Florida Band
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Smokin' Renegade delivers the soaring vocals, tight harmonies, and signature guitar sound of Boston, performing hits like More Than a Feeling, Hitch a Ride, and Foreplay/Long Time. Then, they transform into a tribute to Styx, bringing classics like Come Sail Away and Renegade to life. Featuring professional musicians with touring experience, Smokin' Renegade has wowed crowds at venues like the Daytona Beach Bandshell and House of Blues. Expect powerful performances that stay true to the legendary sound of both bands. Their attention to detail, from vocals to instrumentation, makes every show a standout. Smokin' Renegade is the perfect tribute for rock fans looking to relive the magic of Boston and Styx.



November
9, 2024
7:00 PM



The Wildflowers: Tom Petty Tribute

Authentic Tribute
Seasoned Musicians
Fan Favorite

The Wildflowers are the leading tribute to Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, capturing the essence of Petty's music across a successful 11-year international tour. Founded by bassist Darryell Stone and lookalike lead vocalist Jonathan Guthrie, the band meticulously replicates Petty's sound with seasoned musicians, including drummer Steve Lucas, multi-instrumentalist Glenn Freeman, and guitarist Curt Granger. Celebrated for their authentic performances, The Wildflowers have delivered over 200 shows, making them a premier concert experience for Petty fans everywhere.



November
23, 2024
7:00 PM

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The Texas Tenors are the most successful music group and third highest-selling artist in the history of America's Got Talent. Since appearing on the series in 2009, JC, Marcus, and John have performed over 2000 concerts, recorded 5 studio albums, produced 2 PBS specials, and have written two hit children's books that have earned them impressive recognition including 3 Emmy Awards. They have also received the Gelett Burgess Award for Excellence in Children's Literature and have been recognized as Billboard magazine's #10 classical artist in the world. The tenors' most recent albums "Outside the Lines," "Rise," and "A Collection of Broadway and American Classics" all debuted at #1 on the Billboard charts.

January 4,
2025
7:00 PM



**John Denver: Tribute Chris
Collins & Boulder Canyon**

Authentic Tribute
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January 19,
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3:00 PM



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Live & Let Die: The Music of Paul McCartney

February 2,
2025
7:00 PM

Unmatched Paul McCartney Tribute
Critically Acclaimed
Multimedia Concert Experience

Live and Let Die starring Tony Kishman, veteran of the Broadway hit Beatlemania, is the ultimate tribute to the legendary Paul McCartney. Praised by Sir George Martin and Paul McCartney himself, Kishman perfectly captures McCartney's sound and style in a dynamic, multimedia concert that brings the magic of his music to life. Hear timeless classics like Hey Jude, Live and Let Die, Let It Be, and many more, performed by a world-class band in a visually stunning production. This critically acclaimed show is a must-see for Beatles fans and music lovers alike!

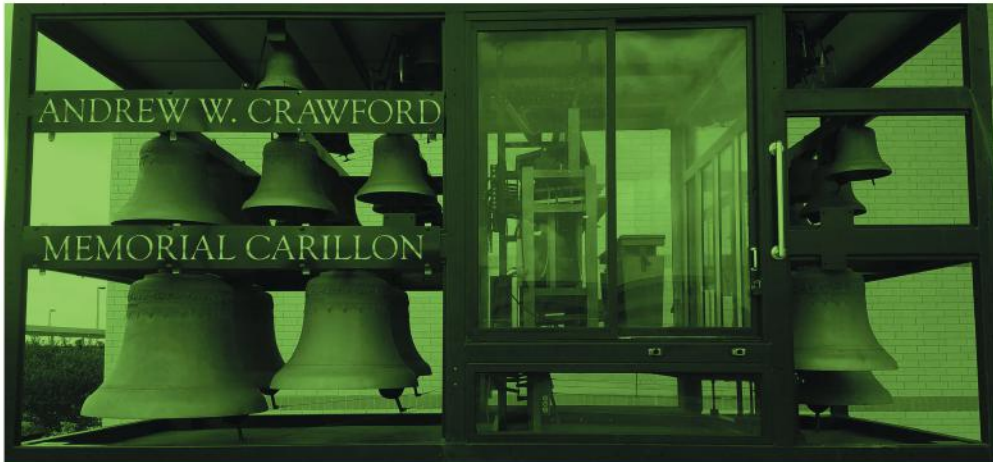


Rumours: Fleetwood Mac

February 8,
2025
7:00 PM

Authentic Recreation
Spot-On Characterizations
Unmatched Rock Experience

Since 2012, Rumours has been captivating audiences across North America with their spot-on tribute to the legendary Fleetwood Mac. From the authentic costumes and period-accurate equipment to their flawless musical performances, Rumours perfectly recreates the magic of Fleetwood Mac's golden era, from 1975 to 1987. With Jesika Miller embodying the iconic Stevie Nicks and a world-class lineup of musicians, this tribute band brings you back to a time when rock and roll was an unbridled cultural experience. Relive the hits like Go Your Own Way, Dreams, and Rhiannon with a performance that promises to take you on a journey through Fleetwood Mac's unforgettable legacy.



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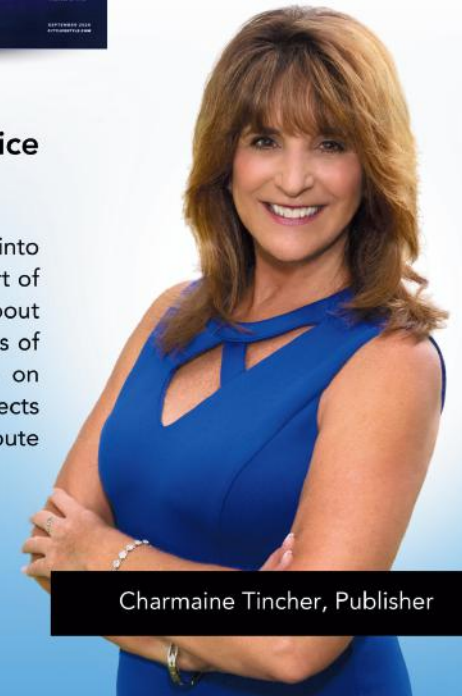


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Cash, Killer, and The King

Tribute to Musical Legends
Sun Records Era and Beyond
Full Band Experience

Cash, Killer, and The King is an exhilarating tribute to three of the biggest musical legends of all time—Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Elvis Presley. This high-octane show takes you back to the golden age of Sun Records, where their careers first exploded, featuring unforgettable hits like “That’s All Right,” “Folsom Prison Blues,” and “Great Balls of Fire.” Backed by a full band, the performance brings the raw energy and excitement of their early days, while also celebrating their greatest hits spanning rockabilly, country, gospel, and rock and roll. Get ready for a foot-stomping, sing-along night that will transport you back to a time when these legends changed the music world forever!

February
15, 2025
7:00 PM



Forever Donna: Featuring Rainere Martin

International Success
Timeless Disco Experience
Versatile and Dynamic Performer

Forever Donna: Featuring Rainere Martin is a dazzling tribute to the Queen of Disco, Donna Summer. With a voice blessed by God and a passion for music inspired by her grandmother, Rainere has been bringing joy to audiences worldwide for over a decade. Her tribute show features all of Donna’s iconic hits, including “Hot Stuff,” which Rainere recorded for the Hot Stuff Wicked Wheel slot machines in casinos nationwide. Beyond disco, Rainere’s versatile repertoire spans pop, soft rock, and torch songs, creating an unforgettable experience for audiences of all ages. From theaters to casinos, her performances continue to captivate and inspire, leaving fans dancing and singing along to the timeless music of Donna Summer and beyond.

March 1,
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7:00 PM



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Brass Transit: Legendary Music of Chicago

Back by Popular Demand
Award-Winning Musicians
Symphonic Arrangements

March 7,
2025
7:00 PM

They're back by popular demand—Brass Transit was formed in 2008 to pay tribute to the legendary band Chicago. Comprised of eight award-winning musicians, the band tours across North America, delivering flawless performances of Chicago's biggest hits like Saturday in the Park, 25 or 6 to 4, and You're the Inspiration. Known for their attention to detail and passion for the music, Brass Transit goes beyond imitation—they embody the sound and spirit of Chicago. With recent symphonic arrangements added to their repertoire, the band has taken their performances to new heights, creating a concert experience that is not to be missed.



Beatles vs Stones

Epic Battle of the Bands
Nostalgic Journey
High-Energy Performance

March 8,
2025
7:00 PM

In February 1964, a performance took place in New York City that changed the world forever. The British Invasion was underway, and at the forefront were two of the greatest musical acts of all time—The Beatles and The Rolling Stones. Beatles vs Stones: The Greatest Show that Never Was reimagines the epic battle-of-the-bands that could have been, as these legendary groups go head-to-head, performing their biggest hits. Fans rave about how these songs were the soundtrack to their most memorable moments—first loves, college days, and pivotal life events. With ever-changing wardrobes, witty on-stage banter, and a thrilling mash-up finale, this show is a nostalgic journey through music history that has audiences on their feet, cheering and singing along.



An Evening with Norm Lewis

Broadway Legend
Screen and Stage Star
History-Maker

March 16,
2025
7:00 PM

Prepare to be amazed as Broadway sensation Norm Lewis takes the stage! Known for his roles in *Les Misérables*, *Porgy and Bess*, and as the first African American actor to portray the Phantom in *The Phantom of the Opera*, Norm Lewis is a force in the world of musical theatre. His talents don't stop at the stage; he's also appeared in major television shows like *Pose* and *Da 5 Bloods*. Norm's journey from church choirs to Broadway stardom is a testament to his passion for music and performance. Don't miss your chance to witness his incredible voice and powerful presence live on March 16, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

This co-production with Venice Theatre promises to be an unforgettable night!



ABBA Revisited

Authentic ABBA Experience
Global Sensation
A Must-See for Fans

March 21,
2025
7:00 PM

ABBA Revisited has been enchanting audiences across the globe since 2001, delivering a flawless tribute to the legendary band ABBA. With authentic costumes that replicate the iconic style of the original group, stunning harmonies, and note-perfect musicianship, the band recreates the magic that made ABBA one of the most beloved bands in the world. From Las Vegas to the Bahamas, Dubai to El Salvador, ABBA Revisited has performed on some of the most renowned stages worldwide. This is a must-see for all ABBA fans, as the show brings the unforgettable hits back to life, from *Dancing Queen* to *Mamma Mia*. Don't miss this amazing tribute that will transport you back to ABBA's golden era!



Eirinn Abu and His Miami Sound Machine

Platinum-Selling Musician
Dynamic and Versatile Performances
Global Acclaim

April 16,
 2025
 7:00 PM

Eirinn Abu, a platinum-selling saxophonist, brings a captivating blend of instrumental pop and classic hits to life with his unique sound. Renowned for his powerful performances, Eirinn’s music spans genres, offering a fresh take on timeless songs. His latest album, ANTHEM, continues to delight fans with epic renditions of beloved tunes. Eirinn has shared the stage with iconic artists and has garnered praise for his soulful saxophone, often compared to the instrumental equivalent of Andrea Bocelli. Backed by the Miami Sound Machine, Eirinn Abu delivers unforgettable performances that are both nostalgic and contemporary. Whether performing original compositions or fan favorites, his music moves audiences across the globe.



Residency Highlight

Renowned saxophonist Eirinn Abu will take part in an exciting residency organized by the Venice Institute for Performing Arts (VIPA), offering local high school musicians a unique educational opportunity. Through this residency, students from Venice High School’s band, choir, and orchestra programs will have the chance to learn from one of the industry’s finest. Eirinn will share his expertise on recording, performing, and navigating a career in the music industry, inspiring the next generation of musicians. This hands-on residency is a rare opportunity for students to gain real-world insights from a platinum-selling artist.





April 19,
2025
7:00 PM

Queen Nation

Returning Artists
California Music Hall of Fame Inductees
Authentic Recreation

Queen Nation, formed in 2004, is a tribute band known for its incredibly accurate recreation of Queen’s legendary 70s-80s concerts. Complete with period costumes and live performances in character, the band delivers note-for-note renditions of Queen’s greatest hits. Frontman Gregory Finsley channels the energy and vocal prowess of Freddie Mercury, capturing the essence of the iconic frontman. Inducted into the California Music Hall of Fame, Queen Nation continues to impress audiences across the U.S. with their dynamic performances. From “Bohemian Rhapsody” to “We Will Rock You,” Queen Nation delivers a must-see experience for any Queen fan.



May 3,
2025
7:00 PM

Separate Ways: Journey Tribute Band

Fan-Favorite Classics
Visual and Musical Spectacle
Journey’s Golden Era

Separate Ways the Band offers the closest experience to Journey’s Steve Perry era. Featuring talented musicians like Danny Gagliano and Michael Corsaro, this tribute band recreates the harmonies, musicianship, and visual elements of Journey’s 80s performances. Performing hits like “Don’t Stop Believin’,” “Faithfully,” and more, the show captures the essence of Journey in its prime and has been hailed as the next best thing to the real band. Prepare for an unforgettable night of music with Separate Ways the Band!

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