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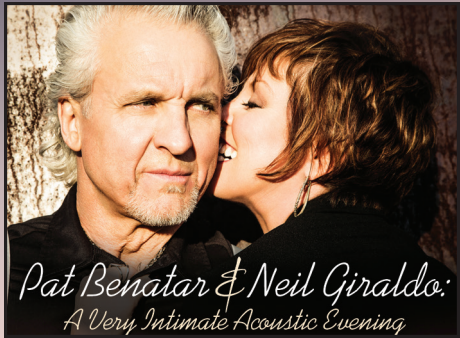
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OCT 7 • 7:30 p.m.  



Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo met each other in 1979 for the first time, in a small rehearsal room at SIR studios in New York City. The rest as they say, "is history." Pat Benatar's staggering vocal range and Neil Giraldo's trailblazing artistry as a guitarist, producer, songwriter and arranger, together forge the undeniable chemistry and unprecedented sound that created some of rock's most memorable hits, including "Love Is a Battlefield," "Heartbreaker," "We Live for Love," "We Belong," and the signature, "Promises in The Dark." Together they have sold over 30 million albums worldwide and won an unprecedented four consecutive Grammy awards. Their rock and roll love affair has endured for more than three and a half decades. Theirs is a chemistry that will undoubtedly be thrilling music fans forever.



OCT 19 • 7:30 p.m.  

Grammy Award-winning, singer-songwriter Lee Greenwood is best known for his patriotic anthem "God Bless the USA." Voted the most recognizable patriotic song in America, "God Bless the USA" has landed in the top 5 on the country singles charts three times (1993, 2001, 2003). Greenwood joins the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra in their performance of "Lee Greenwood: Salute to America," featuring some of Greenwood's most famous songs, including "God Bless the USA." Founded in 1939, the WVSO performs more than 50 concerts annually. WVSO Musical Director Lawrence Loh is in his second season with the Symphony. Loh has an affinity for pops programming and currently leads annual pops programs with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, where he previously served as a resident conductor.



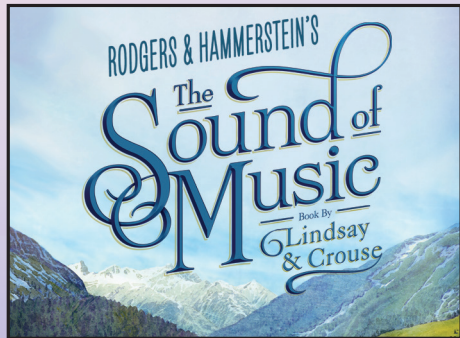
OCT 28 • 6:00 p.m.  

There truly is no place like home as the greatest family musical of all time, the wonderful *The Wizard of Oz*, twists its way to Morgantown! The entire family will be captivated as they travel down the Yellow Brick Road and beyond with Dorothy, Toto and their friends the Cowardly Lion, Tin Man and Scarecrow in this lavish production, featuring breathtaking special effects, dazzling choreography and classic songs. A spectacular celebration of the iconic 1939 MGM film, *The Wizard of Oz* will blow you away from the moment the tornado touches down and transports you to a dazzling Oz, complete with munchkins and flying monkeys. Don't miss the chance to travel "Over the Rainbow" and experience this national treasure on stage.



NOV 6 • 7:30 p.m.  

"Fantastic" Elaine Paige, BBC Radio 2
"Authentic and exciting" -The Stage
The Simon & Garfunkel Story is back! This immersive concert-style theater show chronicles the amazing journey shared by the folk-rock duo Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel. Using huge projection photos and original film footage, this performance features a full live band performing all the hits, including "Mrs. Robinson," "Cecilia," "Bridge Over Troubled Water," "Homeward Bound" and many more. Get your tickets fast as this is an evening not to be missed! More at www.thesimonandgarfunkelstory.com.



NOV 26 • 7:30 p.m.  

"Sparkling, fresh and lively."
- Los Angeles Times


The hills are alive! A brand-new production of *The Sound of Music* is coming to Morgantown. The beloved musical story of Maria and the von Trapp Family will once again thrill audiences with its Tony®, Grammy® and Academy Award®-winning Best Score, including "My Favorite Things," "Edelweiss" and the title song. *The Sound of Music* enjoyed extraordinary success as a live television production when "The Sound of Music Live!" aired on NBC in December 2013 and was seen by over 44 million people. The film version marked its 50th anniversary in 2015 and continues to be the most successful movie musical in history.



DEC 4 • 7:30 p.m.  


Moscow Ballet's "Great Russian Nutcracker - Dove of Peace Tour" is the perfect way to start your holiday season. Watch as 40 classically-trained dancers deliver an unforgettable performance set to Tchaikovsky's complete score. Moscow Ballet's unique two-person Dove of Peace character, with its breathtaking 20-foot wing span, takes Masha (Clara) on a worldwide journey in search of peace and harmony in the performance's second act. Hand-painted sets, lavish costumes, Russian snow maidens and jubilant nesting dolls add wonderment to the experience that *The New York Times* says leaves "kids wide-eyed with delight!"



JAN 13 • 6:00 p.m.   


STOMP is explosive, inventive, provocative, witty, and utterly unique—an unforgettable experience for audiences of all ages. The international percussion sensation has garnered armfuls of awards and rave reviews and has appeared on numerous national television shows. The eight-member troupe uses everything but conventional percussion instruments – matchboxes, wooden poles, brooms, garbage cans, Zippos lighters, hubcaps – to fill the stage with magnificent rhythms. Year after year, audiences worldwide keep coming back for more of this pulse-pounding electrifying show. As the Boston Globe says, "If you haven't seen STOMP, GO! If you have seen it, take someone and share the pleasure!" STOMP. See what all the noise is about.



JAN 20 • 7:00 p.m. 
APR 28 • 7:00 p.m. 



Mountain Stage with Larry Groce has been the home of live music on public radio for more than 30 years. Each two-hour episode is produced weekly by West Virginia Public Broadcasting and distributed by NPR Music on more than 240 stations across America. While most of the shows are recorded in Charleston, WVU is proud to have served as the show's second home for the last decade. The show features performances from seasoned legends and emerging stars in genres ranging from folk, blues, and country to indie rock, synth pop, world, alternative and beyond. Each event showcases five artists as well as songs from the Mountain Stage band and soloist Julie Adams. The show culminates in the finale number where all five acts come together to perform a special song chosen by the show's producers. If you love live music, you won't want to miss *Mountain Stage!*



FEB 17 • 3:30 p.m. 

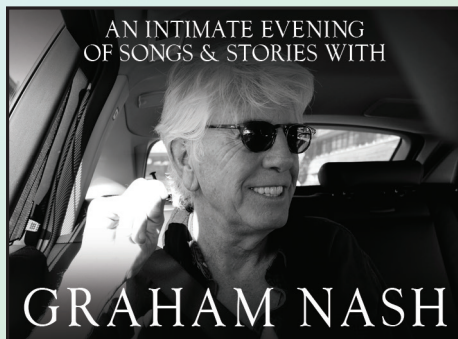
Commemorate Black History Month with The Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh's performance of "Let My People Go: A Spiritual Journey Along the Underground Railroad." This dramatic work interweaves spirituals, first and third narrative texts, and "code songs" to depict the African American slave's struggle for freedom. "Code songs" inspired fellow slaves to seek freedom and provided instructions to use the Underground Railroad. The Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh, under the direction of Matthew Mehaffey, is known for its mastery of the great choral classics as well as masterfully tackling more contemporary works. Renowned for its excellence, the MCP combines the clarity of words with the mystical power of music so the deepest and most universal of human expressions are magnified through a community of voices.





MAR 27 • 7:30 p.m.  

They were just four guys from Jersey, until they sang their very first note. They had a sound nobody had ever heard ... and the radio just couldn't get enough of. But while their harmonies were perfect on stage, off stage it was a very different story – a story that has made them an international sensation all over again. Go behind the music and inside the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons in the Tony Award®-winning true-life musical phenomenon, *Jersey Boys*. From the streets of New Jersey to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, this is the musical that's just too good to be true. Featuring the legendary top ten hits: "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Walk Like A Man," "Can't Take My Eyes Off You," and "December, 1963 (Oh What A Night)."



Jersey Boys contains authentic, "profane Jersey language" and is recommended for ages 12+.



MAR 29 • 7:30 p.m.  

Graham Nash is a two-time Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee – with Crosby, Stills, and Nash and with the Hollies. He is a two-time Songwriter's Hall of Fame inductee – as a solo artist and with CSN – and he is a Grammy Award winner as well. His multi-faceted career has given birth to a litany of songs that he has written and introduced into the soundtrack of the past half-century. From his work with the Hollies and then with Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young to his beloved solo recordings, that list of songs is almost unending. "This Path Tonight," "Chicago/We Can Change the World," "Our House," "Simple Man," "Just a Song Before I Go," "Teach Your Children" and more. This evening of unforgettable music also promises stories from Nash's legendary career.



APR 22 • 7:30 p.m.  

There's never been a better time to experience *Chicago*, Broadway's razzle-dazzle smash. This triumphant hit musical is the recipient of six Tony Awards®, two Olivier Awards, a Grammy®, thousands of standing ovations and now the No. 1 longest-running American musical in Broadway history. *Chicago* has everything that makes Broadway great: a universal tale of fame, fortune and all that jazz; one show-stopping song after another; and the most astonishing dancing you've ever seen. It's no surprise that *Chicago* has wowed audiences from Mexico City to Moscow, from Sao Paulo to South Africa. And now it's coming to your town! Whether you're looking for your first Broadway musical, whether you've seen the Academy Award®-winning film and want to experience the show live on stage, or whether you've seen it before and want to recapture the magic, *Chicago* always delivers!

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