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Wood River

Performing Arts & Entertainment Series

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LOCAL ARTS

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023, 2:30 pm

Appreciate the sounds of Christmas as this central Nebraska choir presents their annual cantata event. The Christmas Cantata will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church (1108 Dodd St, Wood River).

Easter Cantata

Sunday, March 17, 2024, 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 (1108 Dodd Street, Wood River).

All School Play

March 22-24, 2024

The spring 2024 production from Wood River High School's Music & Drama Department is guaranteed to entertain you. Details are available at www.woodrivereagles.org early 2024.

SATURDAY FRIENDSHIP GATHERINGS

all at 9:30 am in theater lobby

Dr. Nathan Tye

September 30, 2023

Hear this UNK Professor's fascinating research dubbed "A Dust-Begrimed and Dirty Looking Set of Men: Hobos and Tramps in NE, 1870-1930s"

Rowe Sanctuary Naturalists

October 14, 2023

Audubon's Rowe Sanctuary Naturalists will enlighten us regarding native plants, birds in our area, and share an update on their visitor center renovation project.

Howard Uhrich

February 24, 2024

Local historian, Howard Uhrich, will share "Employment at the Grand Island Ordnance Plant: A Personal Experience"

Michelle Setlik

April 13, 2024

Perennial favorite and Hall County historian, Michelle Setlik, will present her research into "The David Kaufmann Story"

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The 2023-2024 Performing Arts Series

Pippa White: "I Can't Give You Anything But Songs: The Life and Work of Dorothy Fields"

Sunday, 9/24/23 at 2:30 p.m.

From 1926 to 1972, Dorothy Fields wrote lyrics. She wrote for Broadway and Hollywood and worked with the leading composers of her day. The films and musicals she wrote for featured some of the biggest stars of the 20th Century. Her standards include I'm in the Mood for Love, A Fine Romance, On the Sunny Side of the Street, The Way You Look Tonight and I Can't Give You Anything But Love. All this, and yet most people don't know her name!

In I Can't Give You Anything But Songs: The Life and Work of Dorothy Fields, Pippa White, accompanied and supported by Vince Learned, shares the life and work of a fascinating and talented woman who made her way in a business that belonged to men and gave us some of our greatest American songs.



UNL's "Bathtub Dogs"

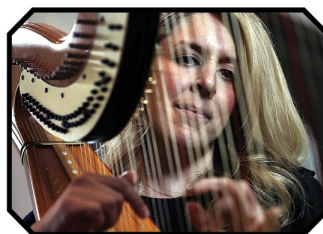
Sunday, 11/5/23 at 2:30 p.m.

Come enjoy a fantastic musical performance by UNL's Premier All-Male A Cappella Group. Back in 2002, Scott Wilson and Aaron Hurlbut gathered their most talented buddies to sing together. Since then, they have developed into a nationally-recognized a cappella group known as the "Bathtub Dogs". Their goal as a performing ensemble is simple: To entertain. There will be no shortage of fun on stage so don't miss out!

The String Beans

Monday, 3/11/24 at 6:00 p.m.

With a hilarious stage show and hundreds of catchy, original songs for kids, The String Beans have been a favorite choice for family-friendly entertainment in Nebraska since 2004! From pop and country to rap and rock n' roll, The String Beans perform a wide variety of original songs about all the things kids love: animals, books, cartoons, food, history, play, science, sports and lots more! Each show is engaging, inclusive and spontaneous, and each catchy tune is designed to get every audience dancing and singing along!



Musical Medley

Sunday, 4/7/24 at 2:30 p.m.

Lauren Meier, Harpist, has been playing the harp for over 30 years. She has enjoyed performing with orchestras from several states, including Central Nebraska's very own Hastings Symphony Orchestra. Lauren has partnered with Grand Island Public Schools to form a harp program in both the high school and middle schools, and enjoys teaching private lessons to a group of students in her home. She encourages the growth of the harp platform in Nebraska communities by sharing her talents through community events, both public and private, and by teaching children and families about the unique aspects of the harp. Lauren finds it to truly be a gift to bring this unique & divine instrument to life!

Meier's 45-minute concert is followed by a medley of Wood River High School instrumental musicians presenting their pieces in preparation for District Music Contest. Let's celebrate our local talent!

Circle Theater: "My Broken Doll"

Monday, 4/22/24 at 7:00 p.m.

"My Broken Doll: The true childhood story of NE Holocaust survivor Bea Karp" begins as teenage Beatrice Karp learns she must leave post-war London to begin life anew in the United States. As Bea packs for the journey, each object she places in her suitcase floods her with memories of her life during the war. Audiences are instantly transported to the train rides, concentration camps and Nazi guards of Bea's memory. Though tragic, this is also a story of acceptance, love and resilience. The play illustrates to audiences the importance of standing up for what they believe is right. "My Broken Doll" is based on the memoir of the same name written by Deborah Pappenheimer and adapted by Ernie Nolan. The play is produced in collaboration with the Institute for Holocaust Education in Omaha, Nebraska.

