# Macomb Center for the Performing Arts

# WE ARE BACK!

Announcing our 2021-22 Season













# **OCTOBER**

# SISTER'S BACK TO SCHOOL CATECHISM: THE HOLY GHOST AND OTHER TERRIFYING TALES

Sunday, October 10 • 1pm & 4pm

\$50.50, \$42.50, \$36.50, \$34.50, \$32.50

It is that time of year again and Sister is preparing her classroom for another long year of Catechism. You are in store for another hysterical lesson as we find out the Church's take on all the familiar Halloween tales of ghosts and goblins. Full of Sister's signature class participation, you may get hands-on experience in how to build a Catholic appropriate Halloween costume.

COMMUNITY PARTNER
MACOMB SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**VIENNESE BON-BONS** 

Friday, October 15 • 8pm

\$24 adult, \$20 senior, \$12 student | Macomb Symphony Orchestra Package—Buy all four & save!

# THE MUSIC OF BILLY JOEL & ELTON JOHN STARRING MICHAEL CAVANAUGH

Saturday, October 16 • 7:30pm

\$58.50, \$52.50, \$46.50, \$44.50, \$42.50

**Back by popular demand!** Joining us live on stage this season, Michael Cavanaugh is a charismatic performer and musician made famous for his piano/lead vocals in the Broadway musical *Movin' Out*. Handpicked by Billy Joel to star in *Movin' Out*, Cavanaugh evokes a style rivaling the Piano Man.

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#### AGUA ES VIDA/ WATER IS LIFE

A Celebration of Dance & Song from Mexico

Virtual Performance—October 18 through November 6

This is a complimentary event. Preregistration is required. Visit MacombCenter.com for additional information regarding registration.

"Why is there fire in the woods? Where did the water go?" The world is out of balance, and we must work together to bring the world, and ourselves, back into balance. Our Indigenous storyteller, Cecilia, guides us on a journey that starts with the magical Danzante and leads to an impossible challenge. Or is it? All along the way dancers and musicians from all parts of Mexico bring their glorious traditions to life. Featuring dances from Veracruz, Guerrero, Michoacán, and more, Agua Es Vida is a dance and storytelling adventure that celebrates Mexican culture with ALEGRIA!

### MARSHALL CHARLOFF & THE PURPLE XPERIENCE

Saturday, October 23 • 7:30pm

\$54.50, \$48.50, \$42.50, \$40.50, \$38.50

This five-piece group has been touring around the country since its inception in 2011 by Dr. Fink and front-man Marshall Charloff – bringing the greatest and most authentic production of Prince and The Revolution in the world to audiences of all generations. Charloff styles the magic of Prince's talent in an uncannily unmatched fashion with his appearance, vocal imitation, and multi-instrumental capacity on guitar and piano.

#### **BUDDY: THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY**

Friday, October 29 • 7:30pm

**\$58.50**, **\$52.50**, \$46.50, \$44.50, \$42.50

Before The Beatles or the Stones ever played a note, popular music was forever changed by the bespectacled kid from Lubbock, Texas. Buddy tells the story of Buddy Holly through his short yet spectacular career, witness his story explode onto the stage in a toe-tapping, handclapping extravaganza.

## **NOVEMBER**

COMMUNITY PARTNER

# WARREN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Sunday, November 7 • 3pm \$23 adult, \$20 senior, \$10 college student, K-12 free

#### THAT GOLDEN GIRLS SHOW

Thursday, November11 • 7:30pm

\$50.50, \$42.50, \$36.50, \$34.50, \$32.50

Set in that sassy Miami house in 1985, 'That Golden Girls Show!' is one of Off Broadway's biggest smash hits that parodies classic Golden Girls moments with puppets! Get set for an evening of cheesecake, laughter, jazzercise, shoulder pads, sex, and the elegant art of the quick-witted put down. Devoted fans will fondly remember our four girls from Miami.

MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE EVENT

THE MACOMBERS: GOT THE MUSIC

Saturday, November 13 • 7:30pm

\$12

Stage II performance

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE

# MIREYA MAYOR, PRIMATOLOGIST PINK BOOTS & A MACHETE

Sunday, November 14 • 3pm

\$35 adult, \$15 student | NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE PACKAGE—BUY ALL THREE & SAVE!

Hailed as a "female Indiana Jones," Mireya Mayor has been charged by gorillas, chased by elephants, and survived poisonous insect bites in

some of the wildest and most remote places on earth.



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musical.

ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE PRESENTS

#### DISNEY DESCENDANTS THE MUSICAL

Saturday, November 20 • 11am & 3pm Sunday, November 21 • 1pm & 4pm \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door

Based on the Disney Channel Original Movies written by Josann McGibbon and Sara Parriott. Once upon a time, Kenny Ortega directed a Disney Channel Original Movie that became an unstoppable franchise named High School Musical. And once upon a (far more recent) time, Disney began plucking classic characters out of their animated homes and plopping them into live action screen adaptations. Combine the two elements, and you've got Descendants, an admirable effort to bring fairy tale magic to a modern, well, high school

# **DECEMBER**

# THE MIDTOWN MEN HOLIDAY HITS STARS FROM THE ORIGINAL BROADWAY CAST OF JERSEY BOYS

Friday, December 3 • 7:30pm

\$64.50, \$58.50, \$52.50, \$50.50, \$48.50

The Midtown Men have blended iconic rock 'n roll hits of the 1960s with the all-time greatest Holiday classics adding their trademark sounds to the mix. Enjoy favorites "Winter Wonderland," "Let it Snow," "White Christmas," as the group performs with their dynamic choreography, electrifying rock 'n roll arrangements, and signature four-part harmony.

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MACOMB SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

#### **HOLIDAYS IN ORCHESTRAL COLOR**

Sunday, December 5 • 3pm

\$24 adult, \$20 senior, \$12 student | MACOMB SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PACKAGE—BUY ALL FOUR & SAVE!

**EDUCATION AND OUTREACH EVENT** 

#### YOUTH CHOIR WINTER CONCERT

Monday, December 6 • 7:30pm \$10

MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE EVENT

#### MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE JAZZ BAND

Tuesday, December 7 • 7:30pm \$8 Stage II performance

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PRISM MEN'S CHORUS

# HOLIDAY CONCERT — SIMPLY THE BEST

Friday, December 10 • 8pm

Premium/Gold Circle/Wings: \$40 | Front House/Front Balcony/Mid Balcony: \$35

Rear Main Floor/Upper Balcony: \$25

Join the men of PRISM Men's Chorus on a musical journey through their favorite performances over the past six years. From Motown to Pride to all your favorite Holiday classics PRISM will help you get into the spirit with songs that you know and love.

#### MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 11 • 2pm & 8pm

\$64.50, \$58.50, \$52.50, \$50.50, \$48.50

It's a jam-packed evening of holiday hits and classic characters you won't want to miss! Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley come together again to celebrate the most wonderful time of the year. Follow along with the gang's usual antics as we journey through a story of Christmas past, present, and future.

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MACOMB BALLET COMPANY PRESENTS

#### THE NUTCRACKER

Friday, December 17 • 7pm Saturday, December 18 • 1pm & 7pm Sunday, December 19 • 12pm & 5pm

Main Floor Rows A-K and Wings AA-FF: \$25.00

All remaining seats: \$20.00

Celebrate the spirit of the holiday season with the Macomb Ballet Company, as Artistic Director Amber Megna Michalik, and Assistant Directors Sarah Komara and Mary Sherman bring you the traditional holiday favorite, *The Nutcracker* at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. Travel with Clara on a magical adventure to a land reined by a Snow Queen, and be led by Snowflakes, through an enchanted forest to a Kingdom of Sweets, filled with colorful characters and pure festive delight. *The Nutcracker* will captivate audiences, both young and old, and is sure to keep hearts warm and spirited all season long!

# **JANUARY**

# RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN'S SOUTH PACIFIC

Friday, January 21 • 7:30pm Saturday, January 22 • 3pm

\$64.50, \$58.50, \$52.50, \$50.50, \$48.50

Love transcends the harsh realities of war and prejudice in this sweeping Pulitzer Prize-winning tale centered around two unlikely love affairs. Set on a tropical island during World War II, this timeless Rodgers and Hammerstein classic features some of the most beautiful music ever composed woven into an inspiring story cherished the world over.

**EDUCATION AND OUTREACH EVENT** 

#### JUNIOR HIGH WORKSHOP PERFORMANCE

Tuesday, January 25 • 7pm \$10

#### THE WORLD OF MUSICALS

Friday, January 28 • 7:30pm

\$54.50, \$48.50, \$42.50, \$40.50, \$38.50

The World of Musicals brings the very best of musical theatre to life. This captivating production is an emotional journey through the great world of musicals that will leave the audience spell-bound. With beautiful and emotional ballads from *Evita*, *Les Misérables* and *Phantom of the Opera* along with great up-beat favorites from *Dirty Dancing*, *Rock of Ages* and *Mamma Mia*, there is something in this show for everyone.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE

# KOBIE BOYKINS, MECHANICAL ENGINEER AT NASA'S JET PROPULSION LAB EXPLORING MARS

Sunday, January 30 • 3pm

\$35 adult, \$15 student | National Geographic Live Package—Buy all three & save!



Join NASA's senior mechanical engineer Kobie Boykins for an inside look at what Curiosity and other Mars rovers have discovered on the red planet, as well as what's ahead for the future of Mars exploration.

# **FEBRUARY**

# RUSSIAN NATIONAL BALLET presents GISELLE

Saturday, February 12 • 8pm

\$50.50, \$42.50, \$36.50, \$34.50, \$32.50

Giselle is a romantic ballet, a tale of love, betrayal, forgiveness, and redemption. It is among the earliest of the 19th century classical ballets performed by major ballet companies. Giselle portrays a young peasant girl who goes mad and dies of a broken heart. She reappears as one of the supernatural spirits whose mission is to bewitch men to fall under their deadly spells. With achingly beautiful music, brilliant choreography by Marius Petipa, and passion-filled dancing under the direction of the legendary Elena Radchenko, this classical ballet will captivate you from beginning to end.

#### COMMUNITY PARTNER

#### WARREN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Sunday, February 13 • 3pm \$23 adult, \$20 senior, \$10 college student, K-12 free

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#### DON'T LET THE PIGEON DRIVE THE BUS

Tuesday, February 15, 9:30am & 12pm All seats \$6

#### Hop on board for an unforgettable ride with the Pigeon.

Whatever you do, don't let the Pigeon star in his own musical production! It's not easy being the Pigeon—you never get to do ANYTHING! But when the Bus Driver has a crisis that threatens to make her passengers (gasp!) late, maybe that wily bird CAN do something. Starring an innovative mix of actors, puppets, songs, and feathers, *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! (The Musical)* is sure to get everyone's wings flapping.

#### CIRQUE MECHANICS BIRDHOUSE FACTORY

Friday, February 18, 7:30pm

\$50.50, \$42.50, \$36.50, \$34.50, \$32.50

Enter the most unlikely setting for a circus, a factory. One where the workers are acrobats and the machines are circus props. Welcome to Birdhouse Factory! See a contortionist perform on a turntable powered by unicyclists. Be captivated by the trapeze artist powered by the spins of an acrobat inside a giant wheel. Be stunned as the trampoline wall artists defy the laws of physics. Giggle at the antics of the characters, be impressed by the acro-dancing and enchanted by the story of laughter, love, flight and birdhouses.

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#### SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE

Monday, February 28, 9:30am & 12pm

All seats \$6

Academic subjects will never seem boring again when presented through mega-hits like "Conjunction Junction," "Just a Bill," "Interplanet Janet" or "Three is a Magic Number." SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE! explodes onto the stage updated for a whole new generation with imaginative image projections and a rock'n'roll feel.

### MARCH

# I AM KING—THE MICHAEL JACKSON EXPERIENCE

Friday, March 4 • 7:30pm

\$54.50, \$48.50, \$42.50, \$40.50, \$38.50

Featuring Michael Jackson tribute artists who can sing LIVE while mastering the intense dancing that Jackson was so famous for, *I AM KING* takes the audience on a musical and visual journey into the world of the King of Pop. The creators of *I AM KING* have put together an incredible cast of talented musicians and Broadway and Las Vegas dancers to bring Jackson to life in an explosion of unmatched energetic perfection.

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MACOMB SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

#### **BRING BACK THE BAROQUE**

Sunday, March 6 • 3pm

\$24 adult, \$20 senior, \$12 student | MACOMB SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PACKAGE—BUY ALL FOUR & SAVE! Performance held at Trinity Lutheran Church featuring the Macomb Chamber Choir in music by Handel.

#### UNDERWATER BUBBLE SHOW

Sunday, March 6 • 3pm

\$50.50, \$42.50, \$36.50, \$34.50, \$32.50

This show was created to tour the world for adults and children without barriers, especially language. Inspired by *Cirque du Soleil*, the show is rich in many elements of theater that work without speech including mime, puppetry, physical comedy, sand painting, and state-of-the-art special effects. Kindled from childhood classics, this show is a modern fairy tale with one major twist: each classic tale represents the journey of a child who grows up and learns something.

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#### MOANA

Saturday, March 12 • 11am & 3pm

\$13 in advance, \$15 at the door

As the very best animated Disney films often do, *Moana* marries mythology and musical to depict a princess struggling to find her place. However, *Moana* blasts beyond this tried-and-true method by introducing a transformative detail: Moana is more concerned with following her own values than she is on cozying up to a love interest and ruling as a princess.

#### THE MAGIC OF BILL BLAGG LIVE!

Sunday, March 13 • 3pm

\$45.50, \$37.50, \$31.50, \$29.50, \$27.50

Critics and audiences alike rave about Blagg's interactive magic and jaw-dropping illusions that will have you rubbing your eyes in disbelief. This show combines his mind-blowing magical talents along with his trademark off-the-cuff personality to take you on a magical journey you'll never forget! You'll witness objects float in mid-air, vanish in the blink of an eye and so much more! *The Magic of Bill Blagg Live!* is more than a magic show, it's an interactive magic experience!

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#### **BILL BLAGG'S MAGIC IN MOTION**

Monday, March 14 • 9:30am

All seats \$6

Bill Blagg's Magic in Motion melds the fascination of magic with the wonders of physical science to create an unbelievable educational experience! In this highly visual, interactive show, students will be on the edge of their seats as they explore how science creates magic right before their very eyes! Their jaws will drop in amazement as ordinary objects come to life, while others defy gravity with a simple clap of the hands and so much more!

#### THE PEKING ACROBATS

Saturday, March 19 • 7:30pm

\$50.50, \$42.50, \$36.50, \$34.50, \$32.50

Redefining audience perceptions of Chinese acrobatics, this group performs daring maneuvers including trick-cycling, precision tumbling, juggling, somersaulting, and gymnastics. They push the limits of human ability, defying gravity with amazing displays of contortion, flexibility, and control. Don't miss this exuberant event with the festive pageantry of a Chinese carnival.

### **FAIRYTALES ON ICE**

Sunday, March 20 • 3pm

\$50.50, \$42.50, \$36.50, \$34.50, \$32.50

This non-stop thrilling adventure features over the top magic illusions, spectacular special effects, an all original award-winning soundtrack, and thrilling jumps, spins, and pair lifts—**All on ICE!** Welcome to *FairyTales On Ice* where dreams are reality and adventures are around every corner. Our story starts with a grand opening with lots of familiar characters from Rapunzel and Pinocchio to Aladdin and Tinker bell. Not to mention the star of this season's spinning tales: The Little Mermaid. Our adventure begins with the most energetic pirate crew you'll ever meet. Featuring comedy, intense stunts, & more! Once a storm hits the pirate land the Little Mermaid saves the day leading the audience on a memorable under water adventure!

# ONE NIGHT OF QUEEN PERFORMED BY GARY MULLEN & THE WORKS

Saturday, March 26 • 7:30pm

\$58.50, \$52.50, \$46.50, \$44.50, \$42.50

This spectacular live concert recreates the look, sound, pomp and showmanship of arguably the greatest rock band of all time. They have been hailed as the world's premiere Queen Tribute Band and have received rave reviews. Step back in time with mega-hits "Bohemian Rhapsody," "We are the Champions," "You're My Best Friend," "Crazy Little Thing Called Love," "Under Pressure," "Another One Bites the Dust" and many more. **ONE NIGHT OF QUEEN will ROCK YOU!** 

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE

MARK SYNNOTT, CLIMBER LIFE ON THE VERTICAL

Sunday, March 27 • 3pm

\$35 adult, \$15 student | National Geographic Live Package—Buy all three & save!

NATIONAL LIVE

Legendary climber and National Geographic adventure writer Mark Synnott made his name as a big wall pioneer with numerous first ascents. Today, he helps scientists make significant findings in distant,

inaccessible places. Through it all, he's stayed on the leading edge of discovery.

**EDUCATION & OUTREACH EVENT** 

#### **GARFIELD SINGERS & MAGIC COMPANY CONCERT**

Wednesday, March 30 • 7pm \$10

# APRIL

MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE EVENT

# THE MACOMBERS SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA

Friday, April 1 • 7:30pm \$18 adult, \$12 student Main Stage performance.

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MACOMB SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

# **COLORFUL IMAGES—PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION**

Friday, April 8 • 8pm

\$24 adult, \$20 senior, \$12 student | MACOMB SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PACKAGE—BUY ALL FOUR & SAVE!

#### **DEBBY BOONE**

Saturday, April 9 • 7:30pm

\$58.50, \$52.50, \$46.50, \$44.50, \$42.50

Three-time Grammy Award®-winner Debby Boone takes you on a new musical journey, singing everything from pop music, country, Broadway, and jazz. With her warmth and personal style, she weaves in stories of her famous family and the show business royalty she has been privileged to work with throughout her incredible career.

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#### TWEET! TWEET!

# **A Sensory-Friendly Performance**

Sunday, April 10 • 2pm & 4pm

All seats \$6

Stage II performance.

Tweet Tweet! is a 30-minute contemporary circus performance experience for our youngest audience, ages 0-5 years and their caregivers. The show takes place on a magical tree apparatus with two nests and two wood swings hanging from the branches. The performers move from the nests, up into the aerial tree canopy, through the rope tree trunk, and on the floor. There is a large forest floor carpet that lies under the tree branches for the audience to nestle up on and to watch the story unfold.

MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE EVENT

MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE JAZZ BAND

Tuesday, April 12 • 7:30pm

\$8

Stage II performance

# CHRIS PERONDI'S STUNT DOG EXPERIENCE

Friday, April 22 • 7:30pm

\$45.50, \$37.50, \$31.50, \$29.50, \$27.50

This cast of performers and dogs will delight audiences of all ages, with high energy excitement from beginning to end. During the Stunt Dog Experience, you will witness some of the most incredible stunts and behaviors ever performed by dogs. The experience has amazing tricks, big air stunts, comedy antics, dancing dogs, athletic feats, and is the most entertaining show of its kind!

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#### WARREN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Sunday, April 24 • 3pm \$23 adult, \$20 senior, \$10 college student, K-12 free

**EDUCATION AND OUTREACH EVENT** 

#### YOUTH CHOIR SPRING CONCERT

Monday, April 25 • 7pm \$10

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MACOMB BALLET COMPANY PRESENTS

#### THE WIZARD OF OZ

Friday, April 29 • 10am & 1pm Saturday, April 30 • 1pm & 7pm \$20

Travel down the yellow brick road like never before, as the Macomb Ballet Company proudly presents The Wizard of Oz. Based on the novel by Frank Baum, this audience favorite is sure to leave you feeling that there is no place like home!

COMMUNITY PARTNER PRISM MEN'S CHORUS

# LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES!

Friday, June 3 • 8pm

Premium/Gold Circle/Wings: \$40 | Front House/Front Balcony/Mid Balcony: \$35 Rear Main Floor/Upper Balcony: \$25

Join the men of PRISM Men's Chorus on a musical journey through the gorgeous soundtracks of stage and film. From Broadway to Hollywood, the chorus of 150 men will transport the audience from the Golden Era to today. The songs you know and love from Titanic, White Christmas, The Bodyguard, Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory and more will be performed. You'll find yourself "in a world of pure imagination!"