

Children's Theatre of Elgin and Fox Valley Theatre Company

Footloose

Footloose, the musical based on the film of the same name, is a story about finding where you belong and helping others in ways you didn't think possible. Ren McCormack moves from Chicago to the small town of Bomont and right away finds that he does not fit in. But, with courage, heart, and some killer dance moves, Ren finds that you can help people in the most extraordinary ways, just by helping them see a different side of things.

September 9-11
September 16-18
Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.
Sundays at 2 p.m.

\$14 adults
\$12 students and seniors
For more information, visit cteelgin.com.



BFH
 (Ballet Folklórico Huehucoyotl)

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Perseverancia

Saturday, October 1 at 7 p.m.
Sunday, October 2 at 3 p.m.

In advance: \$22 adults, \$20 seniors, \$15 children 10 & under
At the door: \$25 adults, \$23 seniors, \$18 children 10 & under

Celebrating 26 successful years, BFH continues to engage and inspire future leaders through artistic expression and community engagement. With an array of dances, sounds, and colors, award-winning BFH beautifully showcases the varied musical landscape that is Mexico through a diverse array of folkloric dances demonstrating the uniqueness of each cultural region and style. Be mesmerized by this Elgin cultural treasure. Learn more at bfh.org.

Elgin Master Chorale



Join the Elgin Master Chorale as Handel's *Messiah, Part I* returns to the Blizzard Theatre stage. The works of noted Brazilian classical composer José Maurício Nuñez Garcia (1767-1830) will be included in this stirring performance.

Sunday, November 6
3:30 p.m.
\$29 adults
\$24 students and seniors

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Blueprints
Sunday, November 13
2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 7 p.m.

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Dine at Spartan Terrace Before the Show



Enjoy a dinner created by ECC's award-winning Culinary Arts and Hospitality Program students. The dinner symbol means you can add a dinner to that event. Contact the box office for more information on menu options.

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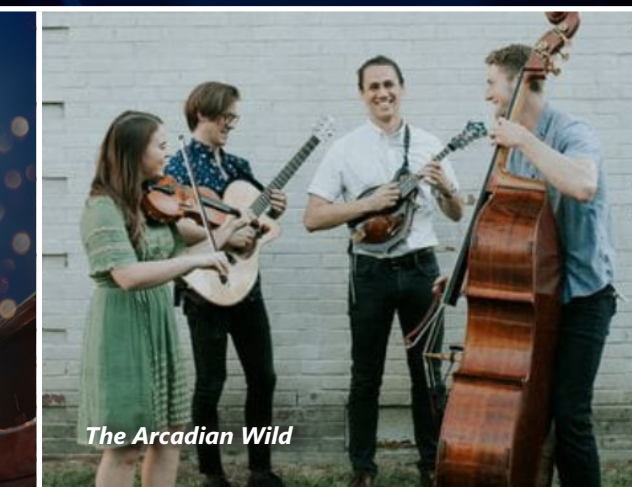
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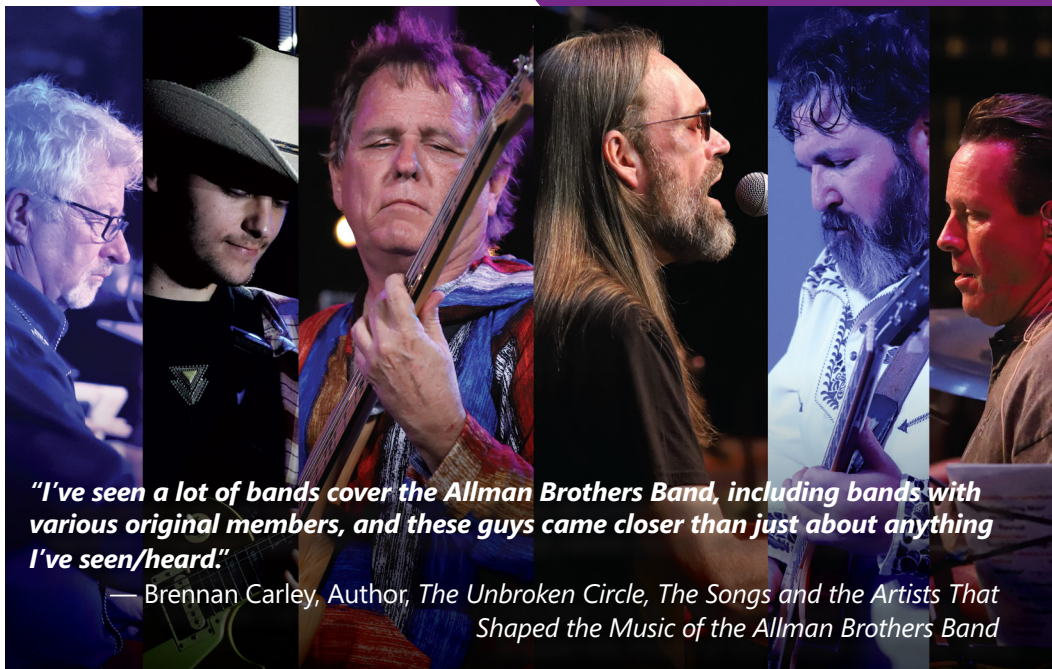
Do Art Differently



John-Mark McGaha



The Arcadian Wild



"I've seen a lot of bands cover the Allman Brothers Band, including bands with various original members, and these guys came closer than just about anything I've seen/heard."

— Brennan Carley, Author, *The Unbroken Circle, The Songs and the Artists That Shaped the Music of the Allman Brothers Band*

A Brother's Revival

Former members of the Allman Brothers Band and Dickey Betts & Great Southern

Saturday, September 24 | 7 p.m.
\$35



Add dinner at Spartan Terrace Restaurant: \$29

There is one band with the musical roots to properly carry on the music and spirit of the Allman Brothers Band; that band is A Brothers Revival. Led by Allman Brothers' bassist ('78-'82) David "Rook" Goldflies, A Brothers Revival is a legacy Allman Brothers Band whose bandleader spent years learning from and performing with Gregg, Dickey, Butch, and Jaimoe.

American English

Saturday, October 8 | 7 p.m.
\$35

Celebrate all of the Beatles' No. 1 hits with American English! The fab four had 27 songs hit number one on the Billboard charts. This concert will honor those hits with spot-on performances of your favorite songs along with some additional surprises from the Beatles' songbook.



Add dinner at Spartan Terrace Restaurant: \$29

How Sweet It Is!



Grammy-winner Steve Leslie sings James Taylor



Add dinner at Spartan Terrace Restaurant: \$29

Saturday, October 22 | 7 p.m.
\$35

Grammy Award-winning songwriter and recording artist Steve Leslie performs the music of James Taylor during this authentic and spellbinding performance. Leslie will have you singing along to classics like "You've Got a Friend" and "Fire and Rain."



Add dinner at Spartan Terrace Restaurant: \$29

The Arcadian Wild

Saturday, October 29 | 7 p.m.
\$35

Nashville-based, Billboard bluegrass artist The Arcadian Wild confidently inhabits and explores an intersection of genre, blending the traditional with the contemporary in order to create a unique acoustic sound that is simultaneously unified and diverse. With roots in formal vocal music and influences from progressive bluegrass and folk, The Arcadian Wild offer up songs of invitation. It's a call to come and see, to find refuge and rest, or to journey and wonder.



"I was blown away by their genuine love for music and building community. If you are a fan of pop folk music, you will want to join their tribe, too."

— Greg Jones, *Ear to the Ground*

Humanities Scholar Clay S. Jenkinson presents

Shakespeare: The Magic of the Word

Saturday, November 19 | 7 p.m.
\$35

An unforgettable tribute to the life and work of the greatest writer in the English language. This 90-minute performance features the recitation of great moments in Shakespeare, commentary, biographical details, discussions of the great Shakespearean themes, and a practical guide to overcoming "Shakespeare intimidation."



Add dinner at Spartan Terrace Restaurant: \$29

"Clay was funny, poignant, thoughtful. It's a lot of fun to spend the evening listening to Clay ruminate."

— Rick Kennerly



Someday at Christmas

John-Mark McGaha sings Stevie Wonder

"Crystal Clear Perfection"
— Broadway World

Saturday, December 10 | 7 p.m.
\$35

Celebrate the holiday season as acclaimed singer, storyteller, and multi-instrumentalist John-Mark McGaha shares Stevie Wonder's musical messages of joy, love, and peace on earth. Talented, joyful, and generous, McGaha (*The Ray Charles Legacy, Smokey Joe's Cafe*) sheds a personal light upon the miraculous life of one of America's greatest singer/songwriters. Songs include "Someday At Christmas," "My Cherie Amour," "That's What Christmas Means To Me," "For Once in My Life," "Ave Maria," and "I Just Called to Say I Love You."

Presented by Michael Ingersoll's Artists Lounge Live.

ECC Theatre

SILENT SKY
by Lauren Gunderson

November 11 – November 20
Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.
Sundays at 3 p.m.

\$12 adults
\$10 students and seniors



The true story of 19th-century astronomer Henrietta Leavitt explores a woman's place in society during a time of immense scientific discoveries, when women's ideas were dismissed until men claimed credit for them. Social progress, like scientific progress, can be hard to see when one is trapped among earthly complications. Henrietta Leavitt and her female peers believe in both, and their dedication changed the way we understand both the heavens and Earth.

ECC Concert Band

October 19 | 7:30 p.m. December 7 | 7:30 p.m.



ECC Hip Hop Ensemble

Tuesday, December 6
7:30 p.m.

ECC Steel Bands

Thursday, December 8
7:30 p.m.

\$10 adults | \$8 students and seniors

ECC Concert Choir

Tuesday, December 13
7:30 p.m.

ECC Jazz Ensemble

Thursday, December 15
7:30 p.m.

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The Music Man

It's a classic for a reason. Ever since the revival opened last year on Broadway, audiences are re-discovering the joy, whimsy, and heart of this beloved musical. It tells the story of Harold Hill, a fly-by-night salesman who makes his living capitalizing on the trust and good hearts of small-town folks. He is all set to do his routine in River City, Iowa,—until he meets Marian the Librarian, her brother Winthrop, and all the others he must swindle in order to make his plan work. Slowly, he finds that his heart is being lost to a beautiful, musical, clever librarian, and the town she calls home. Presented through an arrangement with Music Theatre International.

July 14-16
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The Ordering of Moses

Join EMC for this beautiful work by noted Black Canadian-American composer, R. Nathaniel Dett. This sweeping oratorio of Moses being called by God to lead the Israelites premiered at the Cincinnati May Festival in 1937 and was simulcast to a national radio audience.



Saturday, April 15
7:30 p.m.

\$29 adults
\$24 students and seniors



American Grands 28

Join hundreds of performers from dozens of area communities for the piano event of the year. Held annually at the ECC Arts Center, American Grands brings pianists from all levels together for the music extravaganza of the year.

Saturday, January 14, 2023
2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

\$24 adults
\$15 children 12 and under

Enjoy a pre-show dinner. Contact box office for menu options.



The Elgin Community College Arts Center is a 156,000 square-foot instructional, performance, and visual art exhibition facility. We specialize in the languages everyone understands—laughter, applause, tears, cheers, a song, and a grin. And here, not far from home, we bring you the performances and experiences you may have thought could only be found at the end of a long drive into Chicago or beyond.



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Master Illusionist Vitaly



Comedian Jen Kober



"When she hits the lower range of her marvelous voice, if you close your eyes, you can see Karen Carpenter's face."
 – Alan Bresloff, Cabaret Critic, Around the Town Chicago

Close to You: The Music of the Carpenters

Saturday, February 11
 7 p.m.
 \$35

Enjoy a pre-show dinner created by ECC's award-winning Culinary Arts and Hospitality Program Students. Contact box office for menu options.

Considered one of the best vocalists of all time, Karen Carpenter captured the attention of a generation with the surprisingly deep material of her unabashedly catchy pop music. Singer and playwright Lisa Rock has compiled a moving tribute to the music and life of Carpenter, and brings it to the stage with her six-piece backing band.

Comedy with Jen Kober

Saturday, February 18
 7 p.m.
 \$35

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SMALL-TOWN GIRL.
 BIG-TIME FUNNY.

Jen Kober is originally from Lake Charles, Louisiana, and has energetically bounded onto the national stage bringing crowds to their feet with her original blend of stand-up, storytelling, and improvised rock-n-roll comedy. Jen was the 2017 Winner of NPR's Snap Judgement Comedic Performance of the Year for her *Girl Scout Cookie Caper* story which went viral upon its release earlier that year. Kober received the 2018 Comedic Performance of the Year for her story titled *Nana Vs. OJ*. Jen has made appearances on notable TV shows like *American Horror Story*, *Dead to Me*, *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, and RuPaul's sitcom *AJ & The Queen*.

Jim Witter – The Piano Men



The Piano Men is a musical celebration of the 1970s—year by year, hit by hit—from the songbooks of Billy Joel and Elton John.

Saturday, February 25
 7 p.m.
 \$35

Award-winning Canadian recording artist Jim Witter and his incredible band lead an expertly crafted tour of an entire decade that begins with "Your Song" and winds us along on a musical time machine, saluting two of the century's most popular contemporary songwriters, Billy Joel and Elton John.

Vitaly: An Evening of Wonders

Saturday, March 18
 7 p.m.
 \$35

Master illusionist Vitaly mystifies audiences with a magical experience that blends art and illusion, inspiring audiences to find beauty and wonder in everyday life. He stumped Penn & Teller twice on their hit TV show "Fool Us." He has amazed and entertained audiences from all over the world, including his own off-Broadway run. He is hailed as one of the most unique and innovative illusionists in the world. Now Vitaly Beckman brings his latest and most ambitious production to the stage with *An Evening of Wonders*.



"Amazing magic! Ingenious"
 – Penn & Teller



Hiplet Ballerinas

Friday, April 28
 7:30 p.m.
 \$35

Chicago-based Hiplet Ballerinas fuse classical pointe technique with urban dance styles including African, Latin, and hip-hop. Their show was specifically designed to make ballet accessible to all by mixing the traditional dance style with current, popular songs. Hiplet's performances incorporate the rhythms of African drums with Tchaikovsky, arabesques, beat-boxing, and Tango en pointe with recognizable popular music including Black Violin, Beyoncé, and Prince. Meanwhile, they showcase their trademark sass, hip movements, and struts.

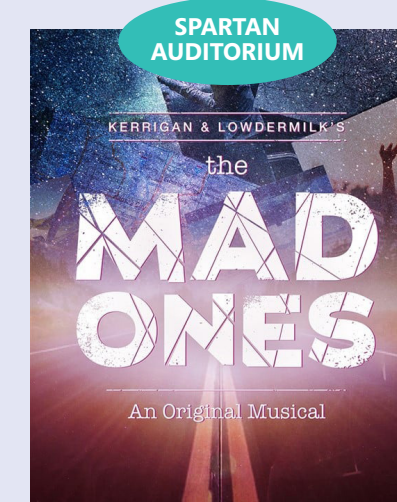


John Waters: The End of the World

Saturday, May 6
 7 p.m.
 \$35

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Water's rapid-fire, one-man, spoken word "vaudeville" act celebrates the film career and joyously appalling taste of the man William Burroughs once called "The Pope of Trash." It is updated and expanded from the original film version that enjoyed critical success at the Edinburgh, Toronto, and Berlin Film Festivals. This performance focuses on Waters' early negative artistic influences; his fascination with true crime, exploitation films, fashion lunacy, the extremes of the art world, Catholicism and sexual deviancy; and a love of reading.



ECC Musical

The Mad Ones
 By Kait Kerrigan and Bree Lowdermilk
 (Based on an idea by Zach Altman and Bree Lowdermilk)

February 24-March 5
 Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday at 3 p.m.

\$20 adults
 \$18 students and seniors

Samantha Brown balances on the edge of her future, car keys in hand. As she sits in the driver's seat, she faces a choice—will she follow in her mother's footsteps, or take the dare of her impetuous best friend and chart a new path?

ECC Theater

William Shakespeare's
A Midsummer Night's Dream

April 28-May 7
 Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday at 3 p.m.

\$12 adults
 \$10 students and seniors



A Midsummer Night's Dream is the magical story of star-crossed lovers, overly ambitious homespun clowns, and misadventures with the fairies.

Hip-Hop Ensemble

Tuesday, May 2
 7:30 p.m.

Concert Band

Wednesday, May 3
 7:30 p.m.

Steel Bands

Friday, May 5
 7:30 p.m.

\$10 adults
 \$8 students and seniors

Concert Choir

Monday, May 8
 7:30 p.m.

Jazz Ensemble

Thursday, May 11
 7:30 p.m.

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