



# *Celebrating 18 Years!*

**2023-2024 Performing Arts Season  
Barry J. Houg lum Auditorium**

**27 2nd Street NW, Ulen, MN 56585  
218-596-8853**

**<https://www.ulenhitterdal.k12.mn.us/page/4284>**

Welcome to our exciting 18th season, which includes seasonal favorites along with some new performers for you to enjoy! This season would not be possible without our Friends of the Theatre, business sponsors, and the school district and we thank them for their continued support. We invite you to enjoy this season and all that it has to offer!

All performances begin at 7 p.m. at the Barry J. Hougum Auditorium, 27 2nd Street North, in Ulen.

In the event a performance is cancelled due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, Top Hat Theatre will make every effort to reschedule the performance. However, we can make no guarantees due to booking schedules of performers. If the weather is questionable, please check Top Hat Theatre's Facebook page or call 218-596-8262 for a recorded message. You can also sign up on Top Hat Theatre's website [www.ulenhitterdal.k12.mn.us/page/4184](http://www.ulenhitterdal.k12.mn.us/page/4184) to receive direct email message updates.

### Season Tickets in Person

Season tickets are available at the Ulen-Hitterdal School office, Northwestern Bank in Ulen, and State Bank of Lake Park in Hitterdal. Cost is \$75 for an individual ticket and \$160 for a family (2 adults and 2 students; add \$5 for each additional student).

### Season Tickets by Mail

Send check to Ulen-Hitterdal School, PO Box 389, Ulen, MN 56585 (see form on pg. 7). You can either pick up opening night, or pay \$2 mailing fee.

### Single Performance Tickets

(\$20 adult, \$10 student) Tickets are available in the school office, or they may be reserved by calling 218-596-8853 or by email to [tophat@ulenhitterdal.k12.mn.us](mailto:tophat@ulenhitterdal.k12.mn.us), and then picked up at the door the night of the show. They may also be ordered by credit card through Top Hat Theatre's website: <https://www.ulenhitterdal.k12.mn.us/page/4296> with no extra fees. Tickets will also be sold at the door unless a performance sells out.



# Monroe Crossing

**Saturday, September 30, 2023**

Monroe Crossing performs an electrifying blend of classic bluegrass, bluegrass gospel, original bluegrass and some surprising selections outside the bluegrass genre. Named in honor of Bill Monroe, the Father of Bluegrass Music, Monroe Crossing's superb musicianship and on-stage rapport have entertained audiences throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. For over 20 years, this Minnesota based band has averaged over 100 shows a year performing in intimate rooms, community theaters, major venues and outdoor festivals. They are favorites among bluegrass connoisseurs and non-bluegrass audiences alike. They love introducing newcomers to bluegrass music! <https://www.monroecrossing.com/>



# Andrew Salgado

**Thursday, November 16, 2023**

Andrew Salgado, who has been signed with Synapse Publishing & Entertainment®, LLC, since 2017, came to prominence winning a national singer-songwriter competition and has penned songs with legends such as Brian Wilson, Darryl Worley, and Kacey Musgraves. He has toured with some of country music's biggest icons such as Eli Young, Clint Black, and Toby Keith, has released several well-received indie albums, and has had his music featured in film and theatre. Andrew is especially thrilled to be able to perform in Ulen for a Veterans Day special show after last year's weather cancellation. Andrew has supported charities and veteran's organization throughout the last 20 years, in a special tribute to his father who served in Vietnam. He and Darryl Worley, also a large supporter of the military, have teamed up on multiple occasions to perform with and for veteran's groups including an all-veteran's choir who performed in his show. He has done performances for VFW, Rotary Club, and Veterans Day events to help raise money for these causes. He even has a song dedicated to veterans and their service. Andrew and his band are looking forward to the performance and saluting all the veterans! <https://www.andrewsalgado.net> The Brady Oberg Legacy Foundation will be providing a limited number of free tickets to veterans and their spouses for this special performance. For more information, please visit <https://bradyoberglegacyfoundation.org/>.



# Mick Sterling Presents "A Grand Ole Opry Christmas"

Friday, December 1, 2023

Mick Sterling presents "A GRAND OLE OPRY CHRISTMAS" features the Christmas songs of the pillars and heroes of traditional Country legends at The Grand Ole Opry in a unique holiday performance. Featuring the lead vocals of Twin Cities favorites Mick Sterling, Cate Fierra and Shalo Lee, they perform songs from Cash, Orbison, Loretta Lynn, George Jones, Glen Campbell along with traditional spiritual songs in this moving holiday experience that the whole family will enjoy. <https://www.micksterlingpresents.com/>



# FMCT Presents "Murder on the Menu" Saturday, January 13, 2024

Since 1946, the Fargo Moorhead Community Theatre (FMCT) has provided a wide range of performance and educational opportunities to Fargo, Moorhead, West Fargo, and the surrounding communities. Through programs like "On The Road", "Silver Follies", Saturday Education Class sessions as well as Summer Musical Productions and Camps, FMCT is proud to offer year-round educational programs featuring a variety of classes and performance opportunities for individuals of all ages and experience levels. Now, FMCT is coming to Ulen and bringing a production of the comedy murder mystery "Murder on the Menu" by Bill Hand!

## Show Description "Murder on the Menu"

Artemus Ward, head of the lucrative family publishing business, falls face first into his mashed potatoes, revealing a knife in his back! It's hard to say who did it considering



everyone has a motive. Reginald, heir to the business? Major, who wrote the company's bestseller but hasn't received his royalties? Alexis, four time widow of husbands who died at the dinner table? The destitute nephew, Bernie, from the mailroom? Or Eileen Morrow, a backstabbing attorney? <https://fmct.org/>

# Lehto & Wright

**Saturday, March 2, 2024**

Lehto & Wright is a MN-based Folk-Rock and Progressive Rock band whose first live performance was in 1999 and has continued, non-stop, to this day. They have performed at many different concert series and festivals including the Minnesota State Fair, Syracuse Irish Festival, Minnesota Irish Festival, The Ark, The Focal Point and many other venues of note. Lehto & Wright have a sound that is a unique blend of traditional and modern styles. By taking cues from the British Isles and American folk traditions and interpreting them with contemporary guitar-based arrangements, Lehto & Wright have taken a unique approach to the world of Folk, Folk Rock and Progressive Rock. <https://lehtoandwright.com/home>



# Kathie Brekke & the 42nd Street Jazz Band -

**Present A Tribute to Peggy Lee & Big Band Favorites  
Friday, May 3, 2024**

Kathie Brekke & The 42nd Street Jazz Band will get you IN THE MOOD with a fabulous show tributing North Dakota's own Peggy Lee and jazz crooners like Frank Sinatra and more! Kathie Brekke has entertained around the region for over 30 years, most notably at Jasper's Theater in Park Rapids, MN, and as the host of Jazz@Delta in Fargo for over 20 years! The band includes the incredible talent of Russ Peterson, Sax; Shawn Brekke, trumpet; Biff on the Bass; Joe Riewer, Drums; and Matt Seidel, guitar. They love performing the songs you want to hear in a jazzy fashion full of fun! <https://www.kathiebrekke.com/>



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support of Top Hat Theater! As we welcome our 18th season, full of familiar favorites and new ideas, we would like to thank each of you for making Top Hat possible. Every person, from our first time attendee to our season ticket holders to our corporate sponsors is vital to the mission of Top Hat Theater.

Each year, we take special care to plan a season that is both enriching and entertaining. We aim to bring in high quality performers at an affordable price for all. As with everything, the cost of our productions is rising. We continually work to bring in new sponsorships and look for grant opportunities, but sometimes a price increase is inevitable. For this reason, you will notice a smaller season and a slight increase in adult ticket prices at the door. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to continuing to offer an exceptional season at an incredible value.

Thank you again for your patronage and we sincerely hope you enjoy this 18th season of Top Hat!

The Top Hat Committee

## Become a "Friend of the Theatre"

An annual contribution is an important way for you to show your support of the arts in our community and to contribute to the experiences that have been close to your heart. Consider making a donation. Please complete the membership form below and return with your donation.

If you or your business or a combination of businesses would like to sponsor a specific show at a higher level, please contact Carrie! We would have other business recognition ideas available.

	Soloist	Chorus	Director	Producer	Corporate
Benefits of Membership:	\$25-\$49	\$50-\$99	\$100-\$199	\$200-\$499	\$500 & Over
Tax-Deductible Donation	x	x	x	x	x
Name on Plaque		x	x	x	x
Name in Program			x	x small	x large
Two Single Complimentary Tickets			x	x	x
Two Season Tickets					x



Find us on  
**facebook**

Check out Top Hat Theatre's Facebook page throughout the season for updates, performer photos and weather information.

## Season Tickets Available Through November 16, 2023

### Mail Ticket Order Form

\_\_\_\_\_ individual season @ \$75 each      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ family season @ \$160      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$2 mailing fee (or pick up at the door)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to  
Ulen-Hitterdal School and mail  
or drop off to

**Ulen-Hitterdal School**  
**Attention: Top Hat Theatre**  
**P.O. Box 389**  
**Ulen, MN 56585**

Thank you for your support!

### Friend of the Theatre

#### 2023-2024 Membership Form

Yes, I/we wish to support the Top Hat Theatre.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your level of support below. Please check one.

Soloist	Chorus	Director	Producer	Corporate
\$25-\$49	\$50-\$99	\$100-\$199	\$200-\$499	\$500 & Over
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

How would you like your program listing to read?

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we do not wish to be listed on programs.

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