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Newsletter

The View from The Balcony...

BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *Tina Salamone*

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OVER THE RHINE

In the May Pavilion Friday, Dec. 3 • 8pm • \$15

Described as evocative, earthy, and impassioned, Linford Detweiler and Karin Bergquist, the married couple at the heart of Over The Rhine, are in the music business for keeps. While Over the Rhine may not be a household name....yet, their fans are fanatical followers. And for those who have yet to be converted, a simple indication of interest is enough to have this duo in hot pursuit of yet another convert. Over The Rhine began in 1990 as a more conventional four-piece rock band. Adopting the name the Cincinnati neighborhood Over-The-Rhine, where the foursome found fertile soil, the group quickly became a local sensation and graduated from sold-out weekend club dates to opening tours for Adrian Belew and Bob Dylan. After recording two independent releases and working with a couple of recording labels, the group was pared to its core duo. Their sound has continued to expand beyond rock to encompass elements of country and jazz. Over the Rhine is part of the burgeoning artist series in the May Pavilion. Visit overtherhine.com to hear their music!



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The **PALACE** is pleased to offer a **FREE HOLIDAY MOVIE** on **DECEMBER 4** at the **MARION PALACE THEATRE** following the Downtown Christmas Parade (parade kicks off at 1pm). *The Polar Express* begins when the parade concludes. To climb aboard for fun, pick up your **special ticket** in advance at the Palace box office!
Film sponsored in part by your friends at **PRIMROSE RESIDENCE OF MARION**

*Swing in
the
New Year*

Join us at the Marion Palace Theatre for a Swingin' New Year's Celebration
December 31, 2010 • 7pm

Cost: \$75 per couple / \$40 per person

Music by The Palace Theatre Big Band

Under the Direction of George Schram

Other Musical Artists • Dancing

Heavy hors d'oeuvres • Cash Bar

Balloon Drop • Party Hats • Noisemakers • Auld Lange Syne at Midnight

ALSO AT THE PALACE FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE

FREE FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Enjoy a classic family film, scavenger hunt in the theatre, craft activity, and end the evening with yet another fun flick for the whole family

The **MARION PALACE THEATRE** is pleased to present a **FREE HOLIDAY MOVIE** for **SENIORS** December 3 at 1pm enjoy the film *Christmas in Connecticut* (film title subject to approval)
Please pick up your ticket in advance at the Palace Box Office

Featured Events *On the Palace Stage*



Kenneth von Heidecke Chicago Festival Ballet

THE NUTCRACKER

Friday, December 10 • 8:00pm • \$22/\$18

The Nutcracker is a timeless classic that has proven to be a favorite with Palace patrons. This holiday season, the Marion Palace Theatre is pleased to stage the Chicago Festival Ballet interpretation of this beautiful ballet. Kenneth von Heidecke is founder & director of the Chicago Festival Ballet and School. He is also a renowned choreographer for opera and ballet companies around the world. Artistic Advisor is Maria Tallchief, who is universally known as America's first great Prima Ballerina. She is among six women in the history of ballet to have received the title "Prima Ballerina Assoluta." Dancing in the production are nearly 50 area youth. A special thank you to Edye Cook Skidmore for providing local direction for these young dancers.

The story begins as the curtain rises on the living room of the Silberhaus home in 19th century Germany. It is Christmas Eve and little Clara and her brother Fritz anxiously await the festivities. As the house fills with guests, a huge Christmas tree becomes the center of activity. Drosselmeyer presents the children with two life-sized mechanical dolls. Then to his godchild Clara he gives a special present, a wooden nutcracker. Out of jealousy, Fritz seizes the nutcracker and the toy is broken. Drosselmeyer fixes the broken nutcracker, and the Silberhaus family prepares for bedtime. Clara sneaks back to her broken nutcracker and falls fast asleep on the floor. While she is sleeping, a dream of scurrying little mice, the face of Drosselmeyer in the clock and the presence of a threateningly wicked Mouse King unfolds. A magic journey in the Prince's sleigh follows and Clara comes to the Kingdom of Snow where she meets the Snow Queen and King and journeys on to the court of the Sugar Plum Fairy, where she and the Prince entertained until the court bids her farewell. Moments later Clara awakens in her own living room as she sees Drosselmeyer's face disappear into the clock.

The Nutcracker at the Marion Palace Theatre...a great way to celebrate the holiday season with family and friends. Tickets available in the box office or online (www.marionpalace.org).

A Palace Production of
A CHRISTMAS CAROL
 Saturdays, December 11 & 18
 2:00pm & 7:00pm
 \$5 Adults/\$3 Children

A Christmas Carol, adapted from the holiday classic by Charles Dickens, will be presented on the Marion Palace Theatre main stage. "We want everyone to have the opportunity to enjoy this Palace-produced show. We knew the only way to do that was to make the ticket prices as affordable as we could," said Tina Salamone, director of the piece, "and the only way to do that was to spend as little as possible on the production elements. We are pulling all of the costuming from our own wardrobe department and we are building minimal pieces of

scenery. That scenery is all representational, merely suggesting Dickensian times, without creating a full Victorian village." Salamone feels the focus of the show should be on the story. "Charles Dickens wrote a beautiful, dialogue-rich book, so most stage and film adaptations lift those words directly from the novella. This version is no exception. Not only do we experience his original brilliance, we also have an immediate level of comfort in hearing words we expect. That familiarity is part of the reason why audiences can enjoy this production as an annual tradition." She credits wardrobe department coordinators Jeannette Ferguson and Deb Moodie with establishing the right look for the show. "These women do an amazing job organizing and orchestrating their department. Beyond the clerical aspects, however, they are versed in clothing by era and are able to pull a show together so it isn't visually disruptive. As they were pulling potential costumes for this show, I would hear one say, 'wrong color' or 'wrong fabric' and I knew we were in good hands." Audiences will get a chance to see some area favorites, some new folks, some veteran performers and some novices. Like all Palace-produced shows, the cast is comprised of local performers who are all committed to telling a great story. Whether you're coming to support family or friends, because you love the timeless tale of redemption or you want to start a new holiday tradition with an old classic, we hope to see you at one of the performances of A Christmas Carol.

AWAY IN A BASEMENT: A CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 12 • 2:00pm • \$22/\$18

It is 1959 and the day of the Sunday School Christmas Program. In the midst of holiday preparations, the ladies in their witty, down-to-earth style are creating their own memories from Christmases past and present. Content to do things "the way they have always been done," yet pondering new ideas, the reality of everyday life hits home as they plan the Sunday School Christmas Program. As the children rehearse up in the sanctuary, several of the ladies of the kitchen are finishing the treat bags filled with apples, peanuts and ribbon candy, while the others put the final touches on the nativity pieces. As they mend old bathrobe costumes and discuss the politics of who will play the various roles, little do the ladies know what surprises are in store for them. Known for their hilarious antics and subtle charm, they are once again called upon to step in and save the day!



Don't miss the excitement and laughter when the Marion Palace Theatre looks to the Church Basement Ladies for more great holiday fun. Ticket purchases by groups of 20 or more receive a 10% discount on tickets....so gather your friends and get in on the fun!



ROY CLARK CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 17 • 8:00pm • \$28

The Marion Palace Theatre welcomes to its Christmas line-up Virginia born, multi-award winning virtuoso, actor, vocalist, philanthropist and "all 'round great human being" Roy Clark!

Roy has headlined some of the world's most prestigious venues such as Carnegie Hall, Madison Square Garden, Grand Palace in Brussels and the Rossiya Theatre in Moscow. A partial list of his many awards include: Entertainer of the Year, Academy of Country Music; Comedy Act of the Year, Academy of Country Music; Picker of the Year, Playboy Magazine's Reader Poll; Best Country Guitarist, Guitar Magazine; and Grammy Award for "Alabama Jubilee." Roy became a Grand Ole Opry member in 1987. He was a favorite recurring actor on the classic television sitcom "The Beverly Hillbillies," which spawned several acting roles on television and the big screen. Roy was the first country music artist to guest host Johnny Carson's Tonight Show. He also hosted the incomparable "Hee Haw" show for

over two decades. He and wife Barbara live in Oklahoma where he finds time to fish, fly his airplanes and ride motorcycles.

More importantly, Roy Clark is STILL wowing audiences and releasing new CD's. This show is sure to be a hit with guitar music lovers, country music fans, and those with an appreciation for the legendary Roy Clark. Roy's show will include traditional Christmas songs along with his most popular songs. It is a well-blended concert that feature's the Roy Clark everyone is familiar with and the spirit of Christmas. Tickets are on sale now and available in the box office or online (www.marionpalace.org).

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

**Marion Civic Chorus & Orchestra
 Under the Direction of Gary Iams**

*Sunday, December 5, 7pm at the Marion Palace Theatre
 Free Admission / An offering will be received*

MARION CONCERT BAND

Christmas Concert

*Sunday, December 19, 3pm
 Tickets: \$5.00*