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### **ANNIVERSARY**









2022-2023



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Wisconsin Philharmonic/Waukesha Symphony Orchestra 75th Anniversary Season

#### MORE CLASSIC BROADWAY

Thursday, September 29, 2022 - 7:30 pm - Oconomowoc Arts Center
Enjoy an evening of Broadway showtunes from an array of classic musicals including
Oklahoma, A Chorus Line, Cats, My Fair Lady, Wicked and more!

#### A SYMPHONIC HALLOWE'EN

Sunday, October 16, 2022 - 2:30 pm—Oconomowoc Arts Center Guest Artist: Andrew Russo, piano

Symphonic chills and Hallowe'en treats with Mussorgsky's Night on Bald Mountain,
"Wanderer" Fantasy, for Piano and Orchestra, Suite from Harry Potter and the
Sorcerer's Stone, and A Hallowe'en Symphony by Rachmaninoff

#### IT'S A WONDERFULLIFE: AN AMERICAN CHRISTMAS

Thursday, December 1, 2022 - 7:30 pm—Oconomowoc Arts Center Guest Artists: Adrian Yin, piano Jason Gillette, saxophone

Join us for a holiday celebration of traditional favorites and a carol sing-along featuring the combined choirs of Brookfield Central, Oconomowoc, and Waukesha North High Schools.

#### CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday January 29, 2023 - 2:00 pm - St. Luke's Lutheran Church 300 Carroll Street, Waukesha, WI John Schindler, piano

This season's Annual JanBoree Concert for Families features
Saint-Saens' The Carnival of the Animals presented in English and Spanish

JanBoreeTickets: 262-547-1858; office@wisconsinphilharmonic.org

#### THE GLORY OF SPRING

Thursday, May 11, 2023 - 7:30 pm - Oconomowoc Arts Center Guest Artist: Joshua Roman, cello *Opus 3 Artists* 

A Wisconsin premiere of Debussy's **Printemps** (Spring) for Women's Chorus and Orchestra and Respighi's **Pines and Fountains of Rome** showcases choirs from Brookfield Central and East HS and a selection of area high school brass musicians.

Oconomowoc Arts Center—641 E Forest Street, Oconomowoc Tickets (262) 560-3172 / info@TheOAC.net

Box Office Hours: Mon—9-2 / Tue, Wed, Fri—Noon-5 / Thu—4-7 and 90 minutes before show times



641 East Forest Street
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Box Office **262-560-3172** 

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It is crystal clear - the OAC has reached a milestone! We are presenting our 15th anniversary season, full of amazing entertainment and visual arts for everyone to enjoy! Our Main Stage, Cabaret Café, Special Events, and Oconomowoc Area School District shows and concerts have something to offer no matter where your interests lie. The professional visual art exhibits in the OAC Lobby Art Gallery and student displays in the Imagine

A Day Art Gallery will also bring art to life all year. Beyond that, the OAC provides a home to several district and community groups for performances, ceremonies, services, educational programs, and more.

I want to thank all of the performers, artists, patrons, donors, advertising partners, students, volunteers, teachers, and staff that help us provide high quality programming with hard work, passion, and commitment to this remarkable and vibrant community.

John Cramer
Director, Oconomowoc Arts Center

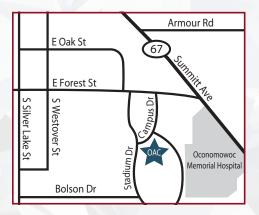






#### Mission Statement

The Oconomowoc Arts Center mission is to provide patrons and artists of all ages, a professional, cultural and educational experience with the highest quality programming opportunities possible.



The OAC is located at 641 E.
Forest Street and is part of the
Oconomowoc High School
campus. It is located in the south
central part of Oconomowoc
immediately west of
Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital,
one block west of Summit Avenue
(Hwy 67) which is the main
north/south artery into the city.

#### Celebrate the Arts!

#### Artrageous - Where the Arts Come Together on One Stage

"World class show!" Sir Richard Branson
"There is something for everyone, whether you are a performer at heart or just
want to be thoroughly entertained." Artrageous website

By Rebecca Seymour

Discover the world of Artrageous where the arts collide on the OAC's Main Stage in a colorful, high octane concert with surprises at every turn! The audience will experience firsthand the thrill of exploring everything the arts have to offer in this multi-faceted and uplifting show.

Based outside of Albuquerque, New Mexico, the troupe of 10 talented artists offers an interactive performance that incorporates many different art forms on the same stage. The magic starts as soon as the audience enters the theater, as they become immersed in an exciting whirlwind of color, splashes of sound, and wildly wonderful movement.

Artrageous visual artists use bold colors with hands and brushes as they work side by side with the troupe's vocalists, musicians, dancers, and lifesize puppets as they race to complete giant masterpieces before the last note. Audience members are invited to join the troupe on stage to interact with artists and dancers.

All the while, live musicians are performing popular musical styles from pop to country to Artrageous original music with powerful vocalists creating smooth harmonies. Artrageous dancers incorporate moves that inspire the audience to dance in the aisles and at their seats.

Performing more than 3,000 shows around the world for theater goers and celebrities alike, Artrageous artists started out as children's theater and street performers during the 1980s in Vancouver, Canada.



"We're very passionate about what we do, and inspiring audiences of all ages through art is an integral part of our existence. Artrageuous is not your normal show. We try to combine as many art forms as possible. The show is so joyful, and we count on the audience to make it a very unique and interactive event," said Lauri Francis of Artrageous.

The artists aren't the only ones having all the fun. Everyone in the audience is encouraged to bring their t-shirts, sneakers, or ball caps, and step into the free Artrageous Splatter Station at the end of the show to get their gear custom splattered by an Artrageous artist and leave the show with their own one-of-a-kind wearable artwork! They will also give away one of the original paintings created during the show.

"We encourage the audience to get dressed up artrageously, and be ready to move and interact if they want to. It's the audience's time to shine – it really is their show. Come and have a great time and leave inspired and feeling little lighter," added Francis.

### OAC Info

No Food is permitted in the theaters except for beverages sold at the OAC concession stand, with the cap or cover on, or where allowed in the lobby area.

#### Where Can I Sit?

All 759 seats in the Neudecker Main Stage Theater offer excellent views and acoustics. Our box office can be of service with any questions you may have.



The OAC is ADA compliant. We have a limited number of wheelchair accessible seats. Please let the box

office representative know that you will need accessible seating at the time of purchase. Our circle driveway allows easy drop off and parking that is next to the front entrance. Wheelchair accessible doors and no steps to the front doors make entering and exiting simple. A gradual slope in the theater allows for easy and safe admittance.

The Little Theater is also ADA compliant. Since this space is used for a variety of different set ups from general seating to a cabaret theater, the number of seats depends on the type of show. Again, the box office can answer any questions or aid you with accessibility concerns.

#### When to Arrive

It is recommended that patrons arrive approximately 20 minutes prior to the start of a performance. This allows for time to park, check your coat (a free service at the OAC), use of the restrooms, and finding your seat without feeling rushed.

#### Late Arrivals

Out of courtesy to the performers and audience, patrons arriving after the performance has begun will be seated at the discretion of house management – possibly not until intermission.

Seat selection may not be available 1/2 hour prior to performances.

#### Bringing Children

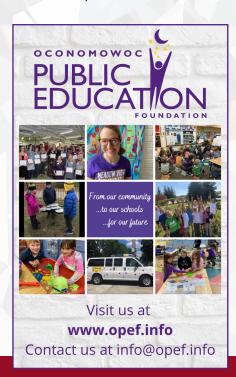
Patrons are discouraged from bringing any child younger than the age of 6 to performances, unless that particular performance is geared toward or appropriate for younger audiences.

Parents are encouraged to contact the box office for information about the appropriateness of a given performance for younger children.

Booster Seats are available. Check with an usher for assistance, first-come-first-served.

### IF YOUR CHILDREN ATTEND A PERFORMANCE WITH YOU, A TICKET WILL NEED TO BE PURCHASED FOR THEM.

This includes children of all ages, including infants. We now offer a Lapsit ticket (not available for all shows) for young children (infants and toddlers) so they can attend age appropriate performances. PLEASE NOTE: parents are responsible to supervise their children when in the theater and lobby.



### Box Office

The Box Office is located in the lobby of the arts center at 641 East Forest Street, Oconomowoc, WI 53066. The OAC is adjacent to Oconomowoc High School and is just west of Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital.

#### To Purchase Tickets

- In Person during regular business hours or 90 minutes before event time.
- Over the Phone by calling 262-560-3172 during regular business hours or 90 minutes before event time.
- Online at www.theOAC.net, 24/7.

### Ways to Save

The OAC offers discounted tickets for seniors ages 60 and older, military personnel, youth ages 6 to 19, and a lapsit ticket (not available for all shows) for young children (infants and toddlers) attending age appropriate performances. We also offer group rates for groups of ten or more patrons attending the same performance.

Call the box office or visit www.TheOAC.net for more information.

#### Payment/Processing

- In Person at the Box Office: Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, cash, and local checks accepted.
- Over the Phone and Online: Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express accepted.
- · All Service Fees and Taxes are included in the price of the ticket.
- Mailing your order requires an additional postage and handling fee of \$2.50, or place your order at will
  call for FREE. The box office will not mail tickets less than one week prior to the event.
- Full payment is required on all orders. ALL SALES FINAL. Sorry, no refunds.
- Exchanges are permitted 48 hours prior to event time subject to availability. Exchanges must be for a ticket for the current season or converted to a gift certificate.
- Accessibility to the OAC is available to everyone. Patrons needing special seating or access should call ahead to 262-560-3172. The OAC will provide assistance.
- Hearing impaired patrons may have FREE access to the OAC's FM assisted listening system. Call the box
  office ahead of time to have one reserved. Visually impaired patrons, requiring signing, should call two
  weeks prior to the performance to make arrangements. This is also a FREE service.
- The OAC rarely cancels events due to weather related conditions.

#### Putting Group Tickets On Hold

A group is defined by ten or more patrons attending the same performance. If you are ordering tickets for a group and would like to have us hold your reservation for a later date, you may place the order with a 20% nonrefundable deposit or a nonrefundable order of 10 tickets (whichever is greater) based on the group rate ticket price and the total number of tickets you would like to put on hold. When finalizing your group order you may do so over the phone or in person no later than six weeks prior to the date of the event (eight weeks for A Kodachrome Christmas). This offer is not available online and applies to group sales only.

Holds do not apply to special events or any shows in the Little Theater.

Occasionally there may be a misprint within this program guide. We will make every effort to correct the error as soon as possible. We reserve the right to change program schedules as needed to accommodate demand or building use conflicts.

#### **Box Office Hours**

Monday - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - Noon to 5 p.m.

Thursday - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

In addition, the box office is open 90 minutes prior to an event through intermission.

#### Summer Hours:

Box office will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from Monday, June 27 through Thursday, July 14, and Monday, August 1 through Friday, August 27.

The box office will be closed Friday, July 15 – Friday July 29 for maintenance.

#### Contact The OAC:

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info@TheOAC.net
www.TheOAC.net

#### E-Mail Newsletter

Sign up for our OAC monthly email news blast and find out what's happening. Coupons, special offers, and up to the minute details of events are just a few of its highlights! To join, contact the box office to have your information added to the list.

#### Rent the OAC!

The Oconomowoc Arts Center is a perfect setting for business meetings, conferences, seminars as well as performances such as recitals, theatrical events and guest speakers. Please call John Cramer at 262-560-2130 for more information and scheduling a tour.

#### Volunteer Opportunities

Support the OAC by giving your time and talents. Become an usher, join a committee (gala, art gallery, or programming), or help us with a special project. Contact the box office for more information or to join our team.

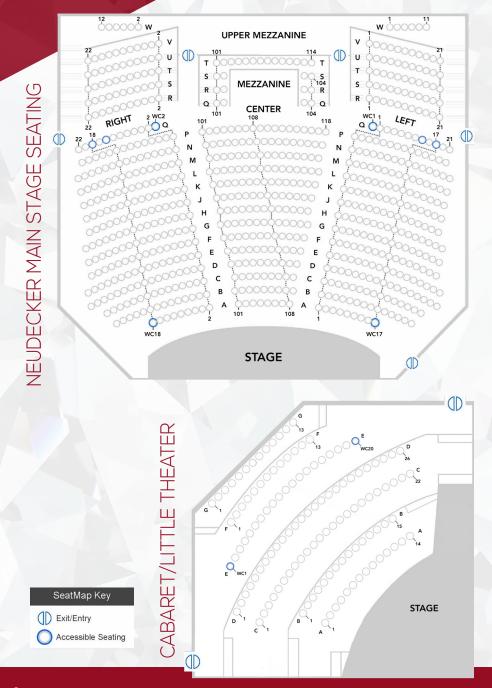
#### Oconomowoc Arts Center Ticket Pricing Structure

Series	Regular	Groups (10+)	Seniors (60+) & Military Personnel (with ID)	Youth (6-19)	Lapsit (5-) (Not Available For All Shows)
Main Stage	\$39.00	\$33.00	\$34.00	\$18.00	\$10.00
Cabaret Café Show Only	\$39.00	\$33.00	\$34.00	\$18.00	N/A
Cabaret Café Meal	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	N/A
ComedySportz	\$23.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$13.00	N/A
Oconomowoc High School	\$18.00	\$15.00	\$18.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
Nature Hill Intermediate	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Silver Lake Intermediate	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$10.00

For Special Event ticket price information not listed above visit www.TheOAC.net or call 262-560-3172.

All OASD concerts are free to the public and begin at 7 pm (subject to change)

### Seating



### Welcome to the Oconomowoc Area School District

In the Oconomowoc Area School District, the arts play a significant role in building and maintaining our vibrant schools and community. Investing in strong arts programs for our students and extending that investment into the community through the Oconomowoc Arts Center is just one of the ways we are working to become an unrivaled school district.

Through participation in the arts, our students learn about problem solving, effective communication in a group, creative and critical thinking skills, and develop a sense of belonging and connection. Knowing that the arts bring added value to learning and community, our district offers a wide range of opportunities to learn about and be involved in performance and visual arts.

Our curriculum includes art and music experiences beginning in 4K and continuing through grade-12. At our intermediate schools and Oconomowoc

High School, students can select classes or clubs in the performing arts, a variety of bands, choirs, orchestras, and a wide range of visual and design arts. Musicals and theatrical productions are annual mainstays at our intermediate schools and high school and our students at these levels hold their performances at the Oconomowoc Arts Center. We're proud that the exploration of the arts available to our OASD students can pave a path to lifetime participation in community arts or the pursuit of excellence in professional work.

We thank each participant, patron, and supporter of the Oconomowoc Arts Center for embracing the arts and the vibrancy and enrichment they bring to our community.







#### **OPEF 15 Year Celebration**

• Special Event | July 14, 2022

The Oconomowoc Public Education Foundation (OPEF) was established in 2007 to support the Oconomowoc Area School District's projects that positively impact students and the community by encouraging leadership, fostering excellence, and nurturing a sense of belonging. Since that time, OPEF has given over \$500,000 in classroom grants made possible by generous donors.

In celebration of OPEF's 15-year anniversary, they will be raising funds to support the purchase of a new audio console for the Oconomowoc Arts Center (OAC). They will be culminating this



campaign with a celebratory event on Thursday, July 14, 2022. The evening will include a buffet style dinner with dessert, entertainment provided by OASD students and a performance by Oconomowoc's own Ben Tajnai, the National Anthem singer for the Milwaukee Bucks. Silent auction items will be available including a painting by local artist Anne Raskopf.

Please visit their website at www.opef.info for more information or to donate to this special campaign.

Tickets:

\$50



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#### Competitive Company

The Competitive Program is by audition only. Dancers train with the goal of competing their dances at regional & national competitions around the US.

Join us for Season 19!

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7 OAC Art	8	9
	nce			Gallery The Tea Party		
	Independence			Collection Exhibit		
				Opening		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				OPEF 15 Year		
				Celebration 5:30PM		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		OHS Pit Orc	hestra Camp			

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### Calendar Event Color Key

OAC Main Stage Series OASD / OHS

OAC Cabaret Café Series

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**OAC Special Events** 

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**OAC Art Gallery** 

Holidays

**Imagine A Day Art Gallery** 

#### **OUR TURN** ... again

• Special Event | August 19-20, 2022

After leaving OHS, many "vintage" drama kids mark their time in "The Aud" as their most memorable moments from high school. They also realize that centerstage has moved across Forest Street from a cherished but dusty auditorium to a state-of-the-art fine arts center.

You may even hear their lament, "We want Our Turn ... again."



Join a collection of more than 25 OHS theater alumni reuniting during Festival Week for two performances. OUR TURN ... again will showcase the talent of theater graduates ... some who are excited to perform again and some who have made a career in the performing arts and are excited to bring it home to Oconomowoc.

Mark your calendars to participate in the reunion and celebration on August 19 and 20.

#### Tickets: \$10















August 20 & 21, 2022
10am to 5pm
Outdoor In Fowler Park
Rain Or Shine – Free Admission
Over 100 juried Fine Arts artists
Three stages of family entertainment
Children's Art Area
www.oconomowocarts.org

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		OHS Marchin	g Band Camp			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		OHS Musical	Theater Camp	ı		
14	15	16	17	18	19 OUR TURN again 7PM	20 OUR TURN again 7PM
21	22	23	24	25	26 Imagine A Day Art Gallery Donna Lexa Exhibit Opening	27
28	29	30	31			



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#### Forever Simon & Garfunkel

• Main Stage Series | September 10, 2022

Celebrating the bestselling duo in rock 'n' roll history with humor, soaring energy, charm and laser precise harmonies, Forever Simon & Garfunkel will take the OAC audience on a journey from the group's early success as a folk act to their global dominance as hit-makers through the best of Paul Simon's solo career. Iconic songs include "The Sounds of Silence," "Bridge Over Troubled Water," "Mrs. Robinson," "I Am A Rock," "The Boxer," "Homeward Bound," "Cecilia," and many more.



#### Tickets:

\$39 Regular | \$34 Senior (60+) | \$34 Military | \$33 Group (10+) | \$18 Youth (6 to 19)

#### The Wisconsin Philharmonic - More Classic Broadway

• Special Event | September 29, 2022

The Wisconsin Philharmonic/Waukesha Symphony Orchestra celebrates their 75th Diamond Anniversary by bringing the American Musical Theater catalogue to life, conveyed by the lush sounds of a full symphony orchestra and narrated by OAC's director, John Cramer. Featuring timeless tunes from Oklahoma, A Chorus Line, Cats, My Fair Lady, Chicago, Wicked, A Little Night Music, and Beauty and the Beast.



#### Tickets:

\$39 Regular | \$34 Senior (60+) and Military | \$33 Group (10+) | \$18 Youth (6 to 19)

#### 7 Bridges: The Ultimate EAGLES Experience

• Main Stage Series | September 24, 2022

Rolling Stone Magazine called 7 Bridges 'The greatest Eagles tribute on earth!' Considered one of the most authentic Eagles tribute band experiences in the United States, 7 Bridges is a tour de force of talent, combining incredible musicianship, vocal precision, a stage presence that has garnered them nationwide acclaim, faithfully recreating the excitement of an Eagles concert from the band's most prolific period.



#### Tickets:

\$39 Regular | \$34 Senior (60+) and Military | \$33 Group (10+) | \$18 Youth (6 to 19)

#### **Artrageous**

• Main Stage Series | September 30, 2022

The arts collide in a colorful, high-octane concert with surprises at every turn! The audience will experience firsthand the thrill of



exploring everything the arts have to offer in this multifaceted, uplifting, and interactive show. Artrageous visual artists use bold colors with hands and brushes, working alongside the troupe's vocalists, musicians, dancers, and life-size puppets as they race to complete giant masterpieces before the last note.

#### Tickets:

\$39 Regular | \$34 Senior (60+) and Military | \$33 Group (10+) | \$18 Youth (6 to 19) | \$10 Lapsit

September

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				OASD First Day Of School	OAC Art Gallery Michael Stanford Foster Exhibit Opening	3
4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10 Forever Simon & Garfunkel 7PM
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	OHS Homecoming	24 7 Bridges 7PM
25	26	27	28	29 More Classic Broadway 7:30PM	30 Artrageous 7PM	



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### Cabaret Café



Back by popular demand, the Cabaret Café returns to the OAC. With meals served in the OAC lobby amidst the incredible visual art exhibit displayed in the OAC gallery, and performances in the Little Theater, audiences will be treated to an evening of amazing entertainment, paired with tantalizing dishes prepared by OASD Executive Chef Jeff Fliss.

Menus are listed with each show. Tickets can be purchased for the show only, or for the show with dinner.

Please note, this is *not* a buffet meal. The dinner purchase includes one serving each of the entrée, sides, dessert, and beverage. Should additional servings be desired, a la carte items are available for purchase. Audience members that do not purchase a dinner ticket can grab a bite to eat, enjoy a dessert and/or purchase beverages separately.

### The Wisconsin Philharmonic – A Symphonic Hallowe'en

• Special Event | October 16, 2022

The Wisconsin Philharmonic/Waukesha Symphony Orchestra continues to celebrate their 75th Diamond Anniversary with a spooky evening of delightfully dark compositions. Featuring Andrew Russo (piano) and scary renditions of Night on Bald Mountain, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, "Wanderer" Fantasy, Mephisto Waltz, and "A Hallowe'en Symphony" compiled by Alexander Platt.



#### Tickets:

\$39 Regular | \$34 Senior (60+) and Military | \$33 Group (10+) | \$18 Youth (6 to 19)

### Good Morning Bedlam • Cabaret Café | October 21-22, 2022

Good Morning Bedlam has become an innovative force in the Midwest folk scene. Known for their contagious energy, soaring three-part harmonies, and thumping kick-drum, Isaak Gill Elker on guitar and vocals, Victoria Elker on bass and vocals, Sophia Mae on violin and vocals, and Dawson J. Redenius on trumpet and keys captivate the audience with an outpouring of their lyrical storytelling and unique sound. The group has played at festivals alongside artists such as Shakey Graves, Sam Bush, Jason Isabell, The Infamous Stringdusters, Trampled By Turtles, and others.



#### **Show Only Tickets:**

\$39 Regular | \$34 Senior (60+) and Military | \$33 Group (10+) | \$18 Youth (6 to 19)

#### Add Dinner For \$16 | Menu:

Chicken Pumpkin Curry with wild rice accompanied by Brussel sprouts with bacon, Good Morning Bedlam Salad (greens with fresh mozzarella and bacon served with ranch or Italian dressing), and Pumpkin Cheesecake Swirl Brownies.

Dinner option sales close October 13

### October

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2	3	4	5	OAC Art Gallery Unexpected	7	8
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9	10	11	12 OHS Football Awards Banquet	13	14 Imagine A Day Art Gallery OHS Art Student Exhibit Opening	15
16 A Symphonic Hallowe'en 2:30PM	17	18	19	20 OHS Choir Concert*	Good Morning Bedlam 6PM Meal 7PM Show	Good Morning Bedlam 6PM Meal 7PM Show
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		OHS Wind Symphony, Concert Band, and Symphonic Band Concert*	OHS / NHI / SLI Orchestras Concert*			
30	31					
	Halloween					

<sup>\*</sup>All OASD concerts are free to the public and begin at 7 pm (subject to change)

#### Mamma Mia!

• OASD | Oconomowoc High School | November 11-19, 2022

A mother. A daughter. Three possible dads. And a trip down the aisle you'll never forget!

ABBA's hits tell the hilariously touching story of a young woman's search for her birth father. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the Greek island paradise they last visited 20 years ago. The Oconomowoc High School Players and the story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs, including "Super Trouper," "Lay All Your Love on Me," "Dancing Queen," "Knowing Me, Knowing You," "Take a Chance on Me," and many more will propel this enchanting



tale of love, laughter, and friendship onto the OAC's Main Stage, creating an unforgettable show. A large cast, non-stop laughs, and explosive dance numbers combine to make "Mamma Mia!" a must-see musical for all ages.

#### Tickets:

\$18 Regular (20+) | \$15 Group (10+) | \$15 Youth (6 to 19) | \$10 Lapsit

#### It's A Wonderful Life

• Special Event | November 25-26, 2022

Kick off the holiday season with "It's A Wonderful Life" - Frank Capra's amazing classic movie, starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed. Suited for the entire family, Santa will lead the audience in a sing-along prior to the movie, and everyone will get jingle bells to ring during the movie. The timeless classic is incredible to experience in a large theater and the proceeds go to local charities.



#### Tickets:

\$10 Regular | \$5 Youth (ages 19 and under), Seniors (60+), and Military

#### An Intimate Evening With Lorie Line

• Special Event | November 28, 2022

Spend an intimate evening with Lorie Line as she takes the OAC stage in this sentimental, personal, and family friendly show. Suitable for ages four and older.

#### Tickets:

\$64 | \$59 Group (10+)



### November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Mamma Mia! 7PM	12 Mamma Mia! 7PM
13 Mamma Mia! 2PM	14	15	16	Mamma Mia! OASD Student & Staff Show 4PM	18 Mamma Mia! 7PM	19 Mamma Mia! 7PM
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25 It's A Wonderful Life 6:30PM Thanksgiving Breal	26 It's A Wonderful Life 2:30PM
27 Thanksgiving Break	28 An Intimate Evening With Lorie Line 7PM	29	OAC Art Gallery WCAL Exhibit Opening		33	







#### The Wisconsin Philharmonic - It's A Wonderful Life: **An American Christmas**

• Special Event | December 1, 2022

The Wisconsin Philharmonic/Waukesha Symphony Orchestra celebrates their 75th Diamond Anniversary and the holidays with a festive collection of music and special guests. Featuring Adrian Yin (piano), Jason Gillette (saxophone), and the choirs of Brookfield Central High School, Oconomowoc High School, and Waukesha North High School.



#### Tickets:

\$39 Regular | \$34 Senior (60+) and Military | \$33 Group (10+) | \$18 Youth (6 to 19)

#### Behind the Scenes with The Nutcracker

• Special Event | December 3, 2022

Kids ages 4 to 10 are invited to get an exclusive behind the scenes look at what goes into the making of MainStage Academy of Dance's production of The Nutcracker. Meet cast members, learn a few dance movements, create a craft to take home and learn what goes into putting on make-up and styling hair. MSAD reserves the right to move kids from one session to another if needed.



#### Tickets:

\$20 (one child and one accompanying adult)

#### The Nutcracker

• Special Event | December 9-11, 2022

Going to see Tchaikovsky's beloved ballet at the Oconomowoc Arts Center has become a holiday tradition in the Lake Country Area. With Artistic Director Eddy Bray's all-new choreography, amazing set design, and the magical musical score of Peter Tchaikovsky, the production delights audiences of all ages.



#### Tickets:

\$25 Adult (age 20 and over) | \$19 Youth (age 19 and under)

#### A Kodachrome Christmas

• Main Stage Series | December 17-18, 2022

John McGivern returns to the OAC just in time for the holiday season as the colorful cable access TV hostess Earlene Hoople in this hilariously touching "one-woman" show. Fresh baked Christmas cookies, letters to Mrs. Claus, an outrageous slide show of Christmas past, and a visit from the local church hand bell choir set the stage for a picture-perfect experience.



\$39 Regular | \$34 Senior (60+) and Military | \$33 Group (10+) | \$18 Youth (6 to 19)



### December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				lts A Wonderful Life: An American Christmas 7:30PM	2	Behind the Scenes with The Nutcracker 10AM & 12:30PM
4	5	6	7	8	9 The Nutcracker 7PM	The The Nutcracker 2PM & 7PM
11 The Nutcracker 2PM	12	13 OHS Wind Symphony, Concert Band, and Symphonic Band Concert*	14	15 OHS Choir Concert*	16	17 A Kodachrome Christmas 7PM
A Kodachrome Christmas 1PM & 5PM	OHS / NHI / SLI Orchestras Concert*	20	21	22	23	24
					Winter Break	
25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	31







<sup>\*</sup> All OASD concerts are free to the public and begin at 7 pm (subject to change)

#### **Michael Perry**

#### • Cabaret Café | January 6-7, 2023

The OAC is excited to welcome Michael Perry back to our stages because people can't seem to get enough of his home-grown yarn spinning. Join Wisconsin's "New York Times" bestselling author, humorist, musician, and radio host for an evening of hilarious and heartfelt storytelling and a little music to boot. Perry's bestselling memoirs include "Population 485," "Truck: A Love Story," "Coop," to name just a few. He also hosts the nationally-syndicated "Tent Show Radio," writes a weekly column for the "Wisconsin State Journal," performs widely as a humorist, and tours with his band the Long Beds.



#### **Show Only Tickets:**

\$39 Regular | \$34 Senior (60+) and Military | \$33 Group (10+) | \$18 Youth (6 to 19)

#### Add Dinner For \$16 | Menu:

Bacon-wrapped pork tenderloin with garlic mashed red potatoes and green beans, farm chicken noodle soup, and apple crisp.

Dinner option sales close December 19.

#### Jason Gillette & The Showtime Big Band

• Main Stage Series | January 14, 2023

Jason Gillette & The Showtime Big Band will entertain from the OAC's Main Stage with the finest jazz and big band musicians and vocalists from Milwaukee and Chicago. Their repertoire includes a variety of music including the swinging sounds of the big band, jazz, funk, and more. During the day, Jason Gillette is Oconomowoc High School's director of bands.



\$39 Regular | \$34 Senior (60+) and Military | \$33 Group (10+) | \$18 Youth (6 to 19)

#### **OHS Student Directed Play**

• OASD | Oconomowoc High School | January 26-28, 2023

Two OHS Players, Ava LaBracke and Peyton White, take over the directorial reigns to select, cast, design, publicize, and ultimately direct their own theatrical production! Over the course of the summer and winter of 2022—these two talented seniors will follow in the footsteps of amazing past directors as they begin the year-long preparation for their directorial debut by pouring over hundreds of plays in order to find the title that is a perfect fit for this traditional mid-winter favorite!



#### Tickets:

\$18 Regular (20+) | \$15 Group (10+) | \$15 Youth (6 to 19)

### January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
New Year's Day	2	3	4	OAC Art Gallery Spanning Distance Exhibit Opening	6 Michael Perry 6PM Meal 7PM Show	7 Michael Perry 6PM Meal 7PM Show
8	9	10	11	12	13	Jason Gillette & The Showtime Big Band 7PM
15	16	17	18	19	20 Imagine A Day Gallery NHI Exhibit Opening	21
22	23	24	25	26 OHS Student Directed Play 7PM	27 OHS Student Directed Play 3:30PM & 7PM	28 OHS Student Directed Play 2PM & 7PM
29	30	31				

Disney's Newsies JR

• OASD | Nature Hill Intermediate School | February 9-11, 2023

Seize the day with Disney's Newsies JR based on the 1992 film and inspired by the rousing true story of newsboys in turn-of-the-century New York City. When powerful newspaper publishers raise prices at the newsboys' expense, the charismatic Jack Kelly rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions. Together, the newsies learn that they are



stronger united and create a movement to fight for what's right. Including the now-classic songs "Carrying the Banner," "Seize the Day," and "Santa Fe," Newsies JR is a timeless story full of spirit and heart.

#### Tickets:

\$12 Regular (20+) | \$10 Group (10+) | \$10 Youth (6 to 19) | \$10 Lapsit

#### Disney's The Little Mermaid JR

• OASD | Silver Lake Intermediate School | February 23-25, 2023

In a magical underwater kingdom, the beautiful young mermaid, Ariel, longs to leave her ocean home — and her fins — behind and live in the world above. But first, she'll have to defy her father, King Triton, make a deal with the evil sea witch, Ursula, and convince the handsome Prince Eric that she's the girl whose enchanting voice he's been seeking. Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories, Disney's The Little Mermaid JR is an enchanting look at the sacrifices we all make for love and acceptance.



#### Tickets:

\$12 Regular (20+) | \$10 Group (10+) | \$10 Youth (6 to 19) | \$10 Lapsit







### **February**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Disney's Newsies JR School Shows	9 Disney's Newsies JR 7PM	10 Disney's Newsies JR 7PM	11 Disney's Newsies JR 2PM & 7PM
12	13	Valentine's	15	16	Imagine A Day Gallery SLI Exhibit Opening	18
19	20	21	22 Disney's The Little Mermaid JR School Shows	23 Disney's The Little Mermaid JR 7PM	24 Disney's The Little Mermaid JR 7PM	25 Disney's The Little Mermaid JR 2PM & 7PM
26	27	28				









#### A Rock 'N' Roll Tribute From Elvis To The Beatles Featuring The Neverly Brothers

• Main Stage Series | March 11, 2023

Fasten your seatbelts for a guided musical tour through rock 'n' roll history in a truly one-of-a-kind, high energy stage performances will take the audience on a musical guided tour of rock history from 1955 to 1965. With stories behind the music and vintage wardrobe changes, the group's repertoire consists of

showstopping renditions of early hits by Jerry Lee Lewis, Chuck Berry, Eddie Cochran, Buddy Holly, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Kinks, The Dave Clark, and more!



#### Tickets:

\$39 Regular | \$34 Senior (60+) and Military | \$33 Group (10+) | \$18 Youth (6 to 19)

#### ComedySportz

• Little Theater | March 18, 2022

ComedySportz is their name and improv is their game. All-ages comedy-as-a-sport, complete with referee, featuring two improv teams competing for applause. Arrive early to enjoy a meal, snacks, and refreshments.



#### Tickets:

\$23 Regular | \$20 Senior (60+), Military, and Groups (10+) | \$13 Youth (6 to 19)

#### **Barley Jacks**

Cabaret Café | March 25-26, 2023

The Barley Jacks sing original vocals and play jaw-dropping instrumentals in a spirit of excitement and fun. The first thing an audience notices is how much fun these Minnesota-based musicians have when they perform. They are masters of the fiddle, guitar, bass, and drum, melding their divergent backgrounds of blues and bluegrass, classical and Celtic, R & B and bebop to inspire each other and create something entirely



new. Front man and fiddler Brian Wicklund is joined by Mike Cramer on guitar, Keith Yanes on bass, and Joel Arpin on percussion.

#### **Show Only Tickets:**

\$39 Regular | \$34 Senior (60+) and Military | \$33 Group (10+) | \$18 Youth (6 to 19)

#### Add Dinner For \$16 | Menu:

"Juicy Lucy" meatballs (cheese-filled meatballs) served with wild rice, spring salad (asparagus, beets, and parmesan cheese), assorted dessert bars. Dinner option sales close March 16

### March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	OAC Art Gallery OHS AP / IB Student Exhibit Opening	4 WSMA District Festival
5	6	7	8	9 OHS Choir Concert*	10	11 A Rock 'N Roll Tribute From Elvis To The Beatles 7PM
12	13	14 OHS Wind Symphony Concert*	0HS Concert Band and Symphonic Band Concert*	16	17	18 ComedySportz 6PM Meal 7PM Show
19	20	21 OHS / NHI / SLI Orchestras Concert*	22	23	24	25 Barley Jacks 6PM Meal 7PM Show
26 Barley Jacks 1PM Meal 2PM Show	27	28	29	30	31	A
		Spring	Break	·		

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#### **OAC Annual Gala - Festival Of Fools**

• Special Event | April 1, 2023

No foolin' around ... join us to celebrate our 15th anniversary season at the Red Circle Inn for a gourmet dinner, silent and live auctions, and live entertainment. It's crystal clear this event is not to be missed!



#### Tickets:

\$80 Early Bird Up To March 10 \$95 Regular After March 10

#### A Midsummer Night's Dream

• OASD | Oconomowoc High School | April 27-29, 2023

The course of true love never did run smooth. One of William Shakespeare's most beloved comedies, A Midsummer Night's Dream weaves a tale about two couples, Hermia and Lysander, and Helena and Demetrius, who run away from Athens only to get lost in the forest. Trouble and misunderstanding ensue as the mischievous sprite Puck uses magic to tangle their



romance through the whims of Oberon and Titania, the king and queen of the fairies. The four run through the forest pursuing each other while Puck helps his master play a trick on the fairy queen. In the end, Puck reverses the enchantment, and the two couples reconcile and marry. The OHS Players are sure to engage their own special magic as they explore the capricious, dream-like, and sometimes ridiculous nature of love in Shakespeare's lighthearted romp through a medieval forest.

#### Tickets:

\$18 Regular (20+) | \$15 Group (10+) | \$15 Youth (6 to 19)



### April

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						OAC Annual Gala - Festival Of Fools 5:30PN
						Spring Break
2	3	4	5	6	7 Imagine A Day Art Gallery OASD Elementary ARTRAGEOUS Student Exhibit Opening	8
Spring Break	10	11	12	13	Holida 14	y Break 15
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Holide	ay Break					
16	OAC Art Gallery WRAP Exhibit Opening	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
				A Midsummer Night's Dream 7PM	A Midsummer Night's Dream 3:30PM & 7PM	A Midsumme Night's Dream 2PM & 7PM
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#### The Wisconsin Philharmonic - The Glory Of Spring

• Special Event | May 11, 2023

The Wisconsin Philharmonic/Waukesha Symphony Orchestra concludes its celebration of their 75th Diamond Anniversary, and welcomes the warm weather back to Wisconsin, with a glorious collection of music and special guests. Featuring Joshua Roman (cello, Opus 3 Artists), the Women's Choirs of Brookfield Central High School and Brookfield East High School, and a selection of area high school brass musicians.

#### Tickets:

\$39 Regular | \$34 Senior (60+) and Military | \$33 Group (10+) | \$18 Youth (6 to 19)

#### Lake Country Film Festival

• OASD | May 19, 2023

Talented high school students from all over the Lake Country area and beyond share their visual expression and creative art in this digital showcase.

#### Tickets:

\$5



#### **Doobie Others**

Main Stage Series | May 20, 2023

Seven of Long Island's top professional musicians have pooled their talents, years of performance experience, and their love of the Doobie Brothers to become the very best Doobie's tribute show in the country today. Inspired by the Doobie Brothers' superior song writing, the Doobie Others deliver powerful harmonies and a funfilled, high-energy performance covering a catalog of hits, including "Listen to the Music," "What a Fool Believes," Long Train Running," "Minute by Minute," "Black Water," to "Takin' it to the Streets," and all the rest.



#### Tickets:

\$39 Regular | \$34 Senior (60+) and Military | \$33 Group (10+) | \$18 Youth (6 to 19)

### May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday	1 International	2	3	4	5	6 TTP Dance Recital 11AM & 4PM
7	8	9	10	11 The Glory Of Spring 7:30PM	12	13 Studio One Dance Recital 2PM & 6PM
Mother's Day	15	16	17 OHS Wind Symphony, Concert Band, and Symphonic Band Concert*	18	19 Lake Country Film Festival 7PM	Doobie Others 7PM
21	22	OHS / NHI / SLI Orchestras Concert*	24 OHS Choir Concert*	OAC Art Gallery The Dancing Landscape Exhibit Opening	26	<b>27</b> y Break
28	Memorial Day	Girl Scouts Of Wisconsin Southeast Awards Ceremony	31			



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### June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Imagine A Day TBD Exhibit Opening	2 OHS Ivy Awards	3
4 MainStage Academy Of Dance Recital 2PM	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	5678 Dance Recital 6PM	5678 Dance Recital 6PM	5678 Dance Recital 2PM & 6PM
18 Father's Day	19 Juneteenth	20	21	22	23	Elation Dance Recital 1PM & 6PM
25 Elation Dance Recital 1PM	26	27	28	29	30	









### Finding That Sweet Spot

New York Times bestselling author. humorist, and musician Michael Perry returns to the OAC stage

By Rebecca Seymour



New York Times bestselling author, musician and radio host Michael Perry returns to the OAC's intimate Cabaret Café in the Little Theater where he will share two evenings of hilarious and heartfelt storytelling and music, hoping (in his words) to find "that sweet spot where self-deprecation, sincerity, and goofiness intertwine."

Perry is no stranger to the Lake Country area, nor the OAC stage, as people are drawn to the humorist's home-grown yarn spinning about life and the strength of a Midwest community. His bestselling memoirs include "Population: 485, "Truck: A Love Story," "Coop," "Visiting Tom," "The Jesus Cow," "Montaigne in Barn Boots" and more.

Raised on a small Midwestern dairy farm, Perry put himself through nursing school while working on a ranch in Wyoming, then detoured into writing by happy accident. He lives with his wife and two

daughters in rural northwestern Wisconsin, where he serves on the local volunteer fire and rescue service and has a handful of chickens.

Perry performs widely as a humorist, tours with his band the Long Beds, hosts the nationally-syndicated "Tent Show Radio," and also writes his "Roughneck Grace" weekly column for the "Wisconsin State Journal." A collection of his short stories and newspaper columns titled "Hunker: Essays on Human Connection" will be released in early 2023.

"Sometimes we have to hunker down, like we did the last two years of the pandemic. It's a way of taking care of others around you and also preparing for something better. We're all too connected on-line. My show is about how we're all just trying to make real human connections," explained Perry.

This night will be special, so he may wear a clean shirt. Well, a shirt anyway.

"I get to show up as if I just wandered into my neighbor's kitchen just to shoot the breeze. I love the beauty of language and also the jokes and blue collar humor that I was raised on. It's how we dealt with life in the country and I'm hoping the audience is willing to come along for the ride," Perry added.

Prior shows have sold out, so get those tickets early.

### Visual Arts



The OAC is proud to have a full season of visual arts programming. These events are open to the public, free of charge and available for viewing during regular box office hours, 90 minutes prior to show times, and while shows are in progress. Exhibits are located in the OAC lobby area, including both the north and south hallways. For more information, please call the box office at 262-560-3172.

### OAC Lobby Art Gallery, featuring local, regional, and national professional artists

The Tea Party Collection Artist: Finley Peterson July 7 to August 28, 2022

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Unexpected Tangents
Artist: Rosalie Robison
October 6 to November 20, 2022

Waukesha Creative Arts League
Artists: Waukesha Creative Arts League members
November 30, 2022 to January 1, 2023

Spanning Distance
Artists: Heidi Hallett, John Hallett, and Anne Raskopf
January 5 to February 26, 2023

Oconomowoc High School IB / AP Student Exhibit Artists: OHS IB / AP Art Students March 3 to April 9, 2023

Wisconsin Regional Art Program (WRAP)
Artists: Amateur artists from SE Wisconsin
April 17 to May 20, 2023

The Dancing Landscape Artist: Local Plein Air Artists May 20 to June 25, 2023

















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October 14, 2022 to January 8, 2023

Nature Hill Intermediate Student Exhibit

Artists: NHI Students

January 13 to February 12, 2023

Silver Lake Intermediate Student Exhibit

Artists: SLI Students

February 17 to April 2, 2023

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#### John McGivern returns to the OAC in A Kodachrome Christmas

By Rebecca Seymour

Popular Milwaukee TV and radio personality, prolific actor on both stage and screen and all-around nice guy, John McGivern returns to Oconomowoc to help celebrate the OAC's 15th anniversary season in A Kodachrome Christmas.

Starring McGivern as the colorful cable access TV hostess, Earlene Hoople, the hilariously touching "one-woman" show will take place just in time for the holiday season at 7 p.m. Saturday, December 17, and 1 and 5 p.m. Sunday, December 18.

"The first time I did the show was in 2011. It was originally written for a woman, and I thought, 'I could do that!' I was so excited because the show is so funny and much more than about me dressing up as a woman. The character of Earlene is very real, and she is not over the top. Her career as a TV hostess connects with what I do for a living, so it's very sweet," said McGivern.

A Kodachrome Christmas was written and directed by Pat Hazell. One of the original writers for NBC's "Seinfeld" and a "Tonight Show" veteran, the critically acclaimed playwright and contributing commentator to "National Public Radio, Hazell is recognized for his genuinely funny Americana humor and his salute to nostalgia.

OAC patrons are warned to fasten their seatbelts as they become the live studio audience for Earlene, the self-proclaimed "Queen of Rural Media," as she records her Christmas special. Fresh baked Christmas cookies, letters to Mrs. Claus, an outrageous slide show of Christmas past, and a visit from the local church hand bell choir set the stage for a picture-perfect live theater experience for all ages.

"Working together with Pat in this role has been an amazing collaboration. He always dives in and is really gifted at finding a universal voice. We've changed some of the commercials and updated references to offer something a little different, but the audience will still really recognize themselves in these stories," added McGivern.



This is the seventh time the OAC has welcomed McGivern to its Main Stage as sold-out audiences can't seem to get enough of his personal anecdotes and quirky reflections on bygone days and relatable experiences growing up in Wisconsin.

McGivern's other one-man shows, "The Wonder Bread Years," "The Early Years of John McGivern," "Midsummer Night McGivern" and "Home for the Holidays" tell stories of being the third born of six kids in a working-class Irish Catholic family in Milwaukee.

His latest project, "John McGivern's Main Streets" is a destination travel show that takes his unique style of storytelling throughout the Midwest. He and his team just started filming season two in June.

Of course, the residents of Oconomowoc will never forget when their own main street and community were featured in an episode of his Emmy Award-winning work "Around the Corner with John McGivern" in March 2014.

"Oconomowoc is a lovely community, and I am really happy to be back. I love that people just keep showing up," said McGivern. "The people of this community take pride and ownership of the OAC, and support everything the arts have to offer."

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