



2017-2018

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Don't miss a show!*

Performing Arts Schedule

You don't have to know your arias from your arpeggios to experience the city's tempo of encore performances.

Dance and drama. Comedy and concerts. Plays and puppetry. Songs and story-telling. Memphis raises the curtain on another season, featuring the city's incredibly talented and diverse performing arts family.

Listen! The 2017-2018 overture has begun.
Take your seat and enjoy the show!

Ballet Memphis

901-737-7322 · balletmemphis.org

- Oct 14-22: **Take Shape**
Playhouse on the Square
- Dec 15-17: **Nutcracker**
The Orpheum
- Feb 16-18: **Small Places**
Playhouse on the Square
- Apr 6-8: **Peter Pan**
The Orpheum

Bartlett Performing Arts Center

901-385-5588 · bpacc.org

- Sep 20: **Jim Messina**
Singer, songwriter, musician
- Sep 28: **Lorrie Morgan**
Country music star
- Oct 7: **Michael Martin Murphey**
Multiple Grammy nominee
- Oct 13: **Roberta Gambarini**
Best Jazz Vocalist of the Year Grammy winner
- Oct 20: **Hotel California — Tribute to the Eagles**
Eagles' hits
- Oct 22: **Pinkalicious**
Family-fun musical
- Nov 3-5: **Smoke on the Mountain**
Live theater
- Nov 18: **We've Only Just Begun — Carpenters Remembered**
One of the most successful recording acts of all time
- Nov 19: **Super Scientific Circus**
Science can be fun!
- Dec 1: **Snowkus Pokus**
Cirque show meets The Nutcracker
- Dec 3: **Lamb Chop & Mallory Lewis**
Mallory had a little lamb ...
- Dec 9: **Elisabeth Von Trapp**
Granddaughter of Maria Von Trapp of The Sound of Music
- Jan 19: **The Night Owls**
Austin-style classic soul and R&B
- Jan 27: **Gary Morris**
From Les Miserables to Wind Beneath my Wings
- Feb 10: **Tenore**
Canadian Tenors
- Feb 11: **Frederick Douglass**
Freed slave, abolitionist, writer, and statesman brought to life
- Feb 24: **Stephanie Adlington**
Jazzicana from the Siren of the South
- Mar 2: **The High Kings**
Irish folk songs and original tunes

- Mar 9-10: **Godspell**
TheatreKidz: Jesus Christ's parables in a musical
- Mar 16: **Joe Louis Walker**
Legendary, boundary-pushing icon of modern blues
- Apr 6: **Tayla Lynn**
Loretta Lynn's granddaughter
- Apr 14: **Melba Moore**
R&B singer, Broadway actress, Tony Award winner
- Apr 22: **Everly Brothers Experience**
The Bird Dogs bring the Everly Brothers to the stage
- Apr 27-29: **First Baptist of Ivy Gap**
Live theater comedy
- May 10: **Edwin McCain**
Ballad singer-songwriter

Buckman Performing & Fine Arts Center

901-537-1483 · buckmanartscenter.com

- Sep 17: **The Secret Sisters**
Ethereal harmonies take center stage
- Sep. 22: **An Evening with Lily Afshar**
Memphis-made renowned guitarist
- Oct 14: **The James Hunter Six**
Nostalgic and rollicking R&B in 1950s style
- Oct 19: **Jason Vieaux and Julien Labro**
Crossing genres and audiences
- Nov 4: **Keller Williams**
Guitar virtuoso and one-man jam band
- Jan 19: **Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago**
Passionate, celebratory, and high-energy jazz choreography
- Jan 27: **Olate Dogs**
Sit! Stay! Dog-friendly tricks and tail-wagging fun
- Feb 9: **Mindy Smith**
Classic country and folk songstress
- Mar 4: **Cashore Marionettes**
Internationally acclaimed, classical orchestra of puppets
- Mar 25: **Flamenco Vivo Carolota Santana**
Heart-pounding, live music, sizzling duets, and festive ensembles
- Apr 14: **China's HAYA Band**
Award-winning Chinese world-music collective

Cannon Center for the Performing Arts

Box Office: 901-576-1200 · Tickets: 800-745-3000
thecannoncenter.com

- Sep 22: **Memphis Comedy Fest**
Ashima Franklin, Nick Lewis, Tony Tone, Bo P, and Lomax
- Oct 13-14: **Two Can Play That Game**
The stage play
- Nov 21-22: **PAW Patrol Live!**
The Great Pirate Adventure
- Nov 25: **Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker**
25th anniversary tour

The Circuit Playhouse

901-726-4656 · playhouseonthesquare.org

- Thru Sep. 10: **The Flick**
A run-down movie theater and three underpaid employees
- Oct 6–29: **Heathers: The Musical**
The cliques at Westerburg High
- Nov 24–Dec 23: **Junie B. Jones, the Musical**
First grade has never been more exciting (and scary)
- Dec 1–23: **The Santaland Diaries**
Crumpet the Elf shares misadventures
- Jan 26–Feb 18: **Perfect Arrangement**
Inspired by the true story of the early gay rights movement
- Mar 16–Apr 8: **James and the Giant Peach**
A journey of enormous proportions
- Apr 20–May 13: **Stupid F#!&ing Bird**
Irreverent, contemporary, humorous remix of The Seagull
- Jun 1–24: **Death of a Street Car Named Virginia Woolf: A Parody**
Will American theater ever be the same?

Concerts International

901-527-3067 · cimemphis.org

- Oct 15: **Juilliard String Quartet**
Opera Memphis
- Nov 8: **Weiss-Kaplan-Stumpf Piano Trio**
Harris Concert Hall
- Nov 18: **Ceruti String Quartet**
Harris Concert Hall
- Feb 15: **Berlin Philharmonic Wind Quintet**
Opera Memphis
- Mar 29: **St. Lawrence String Quartet**
Harris Concert Hall
- Apr 26: **Rastrelli Cello Quartet**
Harris Concert Hall

Evergreen Theatre

901-274-7139 · theatreworksmemphis.org

Visit website for upcoming shows.

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Box Office: 901-205-2640 · Event Line: 901-205-2525

- Sep 17: **Bruno Mars 24K Magic World Tour**
- Oct 24: **Foo Fighters Concrete and Gold Tour**
- Dec 6: **Janet Jackson State of the World Tour**

Germantown Performing Arts Center

901-751-7500 · gpacweb.com

- Sep 15: **Jazz in the Box: Adrian Cunningham**
Vocalist, multi-instrumentalist
- Sep 23: **The Rippingtons**
Grammy-nominated contemporary jazz group
- Sep 29: **Rhiannon Giddens**
Co-founder of Grammy-winning string band Carolina Chocolate Drops
- Oct 6: **Jazz in the Box: trioKAIT**
Kait Dunton's trio of modern, tight, groovy sound
- Oct 24: **The Last Song Before the War**
Feature-length documentary
- Oct 28: **Aspen Santa Fe Ballet**
Top global choreographers with groundbreaking pieces
- Nov 2: **An Evening with Bruce Hornsby**
1987 Best New Artist Grammy winner
- Nov 3: **Jazz in the Box: Polly Gibbons**
UK singer-songwriter
- Nov 16: **Habib Koite & Bamada**
One of Africa's most celebrated musicians
- Nov 17: **Gregory Porter**
Soulful jazz singer-songwriter
- Jan 12: **Jazz in the Box: Russell Hall**
Grammy- and Emmy-nominated bassist, composer, and educator
- Jan 13: **Mark O'Connor Band**
America's rich aural folk tradition and classical music

INDIES

Stand-alone troupes
that tour all over town

American Guild of Organists–Memphis

National professional association serving the organ and choral music fields. agomemphis.org

Chatterbox Audio Theater

Fully soundscaped audio works, recorded live, with manual sound effects. chatterboxtheater.org

Collage Dance Collective

Committed to reaching nontraditional ballet audiences. collagedance.org

Luna Nova Music

Artists devoted to the music of the 20th and 21st centuries. lunanova.org

PRIZM Ensemble

Foremost provider of chamber music performance in the Midsouth. prizmensemble.com

Quark Theatre

New, edgy, thoughtful, and challenging works not produced in Memphis. quarktheatre.com

Tennessee Shakespeare Company

Professional theater organization that provides year-round educational and training programming. tnshakespeare.org

- Jan 19: **Storm Large**
Passionate vocal interpretations and sizzling stage presence
- Jan 20: **John Scofield**
Principal innovator of modern jazz guitar
- Feb 9: **Jazz in the Box: Joe Restivo**
Guitarist, composer, and jazz veteran
- Feb 17: **iCubanismo!**
Cuban orchestra of vintage, big-band son sound
- Feb 20: **Black History Month Session**
Midsouth African-American dance artists
- Feb 22: **Robert Earl Keen**
One of America's greatest storytellers
- Feb 24: **Ronald K. Brown/EVIDENCE**
Integration of traditional African dance and contemporary choreography
- Mar 3: **TAO: Drum Heart**
Athletes of highly expressive arts
- Mar 24: **Eileen Ivers**
The "Jimi Hendrix of the violin"
- Apr 10: **Roots of Gypsy Jazz**
History, culture, and instrumentation of a unique genre
- Apr 13: **Jazz in the Box: Howard Alden**
Deft 7-string master
- Apr 14: **Cyrille Aimee**
French-Dominican vocalist
- Apr 20: **Moscow Festival Ballet: Giselle**
Tragic Russian masterpiece

Halloran Centre for the Performing Arts

901-525-3000 · orpheum-memphis.com

- Sep 8: **Vaneese Thomas: A Tribute to the Women of Soul**
Daughter of Rufus Thomas cultivates a style all her own
- Sep 23: **An Evening with JD Souther**
Songwriter's Hall of Famer and solo artist
- Oct 11: **The Mersey Beatles**
Sgt. Pepper's 50th Anniversary Show
- Oct 13: **Peter Cincotti**
88 keys, a bench, a mic, and a pianist in the cockpit
- Oct 18: **Marty Stuart and His Fabulous Superlatives**
Four decades celebrating American roots music
- Dec 2-3: **Tuesdays with Morrie**
*M*A*S*H star Jamie Farr brings Mitch Albom's bestseller to life*
- Jan 13: **Muddy Magnolias**
Mississippi meets the A-Train by way of Nashville
- Jan 19: **Mandy Gonzalez**
One of the most powerful and versatile contemporary voices of our time
- Feb 3: **An Evening with Naturally 7**
A cappella voices replicate instrumental performances
- Feb 17-18: **Say Goodnight Gracie**
George Burns's fascinating story
- Mar 2: **Raul Midon**
Syncopated, flamenco- and jazz-infused guitar wonder

- Mar 16-17: **Disenchanted!**
Forget the Disney princesses you think you know ...
- Mar 24: **Sam Bush**
The Father of Newgrass and King of Telluride
- Apr 20: **Jim Witter's Fire & Rain**
Multimedia tributes to decades gone by

Harrell Performing Arts Theatre

901-457-2780 · harrelltheatre.org

- Sep 15-24: **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**
- Dec 2-10: **A Charlie Brown Christmas**
- Feb 16-25: **Diary of Anne Frank**
- Jul 13-22: **Beauty and the Beast**

Hattiloo Theatre

901-525-0009 · hattiloo.org

- Thru Sep 3: **Ruined**
A rain-forest bar and brothel matriarch keeps peace in war-torn Congo
- Sep 15-Oct 15: **Fetch Clay, Make Man**
Muhammad Ali forms a bond with Stepin Fetchit
- Sep 29-Oct 22: **Sassy Mamas**
Three longtime girlfriends find themselves living single
- Nov 24-Dec 17: **Take the Soul Train to Christmas**
A trip from slavery through the 1980s hip-hop era
- Jan 12-Feb 11: **Sunset Baby**
Father and daughter try to reconcile their generational divide
- Feb 23-Mar 18: **Selma**
A musical tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- Apr 20-May 13: **Jitney**
Five gypsy cab drivers question how to heal the past and leap into the uncertain future
- Jun 8-Jul 1: **Raisin**
A black family's struggle in the face of change

IRIS Orchestra

901-751-7500 · irisorchestra.org

- Oct 21-22: **From the New World**
Mayu Kishima, 2016 Isaac Stern Shanghai International Violin Competition winner
- Dec 2-3: **Influences and Inspiration**
Pianist Orion Weiss, Classical Recording Foundation's Young Artist of the Year
- Feb 10-11: **Marsalis Returns**
Saxophonist Branford Marsalis, musical director of The Tonight Show Band
- Mar 10-11: **America in Song**
Soprano Julia Bullock, 2016 Sphinx Medal of Excellence
- Apr 21-22: **Catch a Rising Star**
Elena Urioste, winner of the Sphinx and Sion International Violin Competition

Levitt Shell

901-272-2722 · levittshell.org

- Sep 7: North Mississippi Allstars
- Sep 8: Lady Wray
- Sep 9: Brian Owens & The Deacons of Soul
- Sep 10: John Kilzer
- Sep 14: Alex Cuba
- Sep 15: Jonathan Blanchard
- Sep 16: Country Blues Festival
- Sep 17: Trout Fishing in America
- Sep 21: Southern Avenue
- Sep 22: Memphis Renaissance: Going on from Here
- Sep 23: DeeDee Bridgewater
- Sep 24: Dirty Dozen Brass Band
- Sep 28: Opera Memphis
- Sep 29: Bruce Sudano
- Oct 1: Sam Outlaw
- Oct 5: Shaun Johnson Big Band Experience
- Oct 6: Dylan LeBlanc
- Oct 8: Lady Rizo
- Oct 12: Love Light Orchestra
- Oct 13: Freeworld
- Oct 14: Royal Studios 60th Anniversary
- Oct 15: Emily Barker
- Oct 20: The Blue Stones

Memphis Symphony Orchestra

901-537-2500 · memphissymphony.org

- Sep 30-Oct 1: Opening Weekend: The Promise of America
Cannon Center & GPAC
- Oct 28-29: Rachmaninoff's Paganini Rhapsody
Cannon Center & GPAC
- Nov 11-12: The U.S. Naval Academy Glee Club in Concert!
Cannon Center & GPAC
- Dec 1, 3: Magic of Memphis Holiday Spectacular
Cannon Center

- Dec 18-19: Handel's Messiah
Lindenwood Christian
- Jan 6: Elvis's Memphis
Cannon Center
- Jan 13-14: Percussion Explosion
Cannon Center & GPAC
- Jan 20-21: Bach Brandenburg
GPAC & Harris Concert Hall
- Feb 17-18: Tchaikovsky's Fifth
Cannon Center & GPAC
- Feb 24-25: Beethoven Seven
Harris Concert Hall & GPAC
- Mar 3-4: Bernstein at 100
Cannon Center & GPAC
- Apr 21: Tribute to Prince
Cannon Center
- May 5-6: Choral & Organ Spectacular
Cannon Center & GPAC
- May 19-20: Double Piano Concerto!
Harris Concert Hall & GPAC

Minglewood Hall

901-312-6058 · minglewoodhall.com

- Sep 28: The Marshall Tucker Band
- Oct 3: Portugal, The Man
- Oct 4: Lecrae: All Things Work Together Tour
- Oct 7: Judah & The Lion
- Oct 13: Maren Morris: The Hero Tour
- Oct 18: Spoon
- Oct 26: Chase Rice: Lambs & Lions Tour
- Nov 28: Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox
- Apr 18: Nightwish Decades North America 2018

Mud Island Amphitheater

901-576-7241 · mudisland.com

- Sep 16: NeedToBreathe: All the Feels Tour
- Sep 22: The Avett Brothers

UNIVERSITIES

Universities that are
leading the bands and
teaching the troupes!

Christian Brothers University

650 E. Parkway S. · 901-321-3000 · cbu.edu

LeMoyné-Owen College

807 Walker · 901-435-1000 · loc.edu

Rhodes College: Theater

McCoy Theatre · 2000 N. Parkway
901-843-3839 · rhodes.edu/mccoy

Rhodes College: Music

Tuthill Performance Hall / Hassell Hall
2000 N. Parkway · 901-843-3775 · rhodes.edu

Southwest Tennessee Community College

737 Union · 901-333-5000 · southwest.tn.edu/theater

University of Memphis: Music

Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music
3775 Central · 901-678-2541 · memphis.edu/music

University of Memphis: Theatre

3745 Central · 901-678-2576
memphis.edu/theatre

Visible Music College

200 Madison · 901-381-3939 · visible.edu

Opera Memphis

901-202-4533 · operamemphis.org

- Oct 13-14: **La Traviata**
Lavish parties, forbidden love, betrayal, and death — Verdi's best-loved opera
- Oct 27: **Music to Chill Your Blood**
Of ghouls, goblins, and ghosts
- Feb 2-3: **The Italian Girl in Algiers**
A mess of love triangles
- Feb 9: **That's Amore! ... Right?**
A celebration of love (or not)
- Mar 15: **Blarney, Ballads, and Beer**
A toast to the Luck of the Irish
- Apr 7, 14: **The Opera 901 Showcase**
A series of original operas, all set in Memphis
- Apr 13-14: **The Triumph of Honor**
Alessandro Scarlatti's only known comic opera
- Apr 29: **Celebrating the Season**
In honor of seasons past and future

Orpheum Theatre

901-525-3000 · orpheum-memphis.com

- Sep 7: **Classic Concert**
Southern Heritage Classic Cultural Celebration
- Sep 19-24: **Broadway: Rodgers & Hammerstein's The King and I**
2015 Tony Award for Best Musical Revival
- Sep 29: **Trevor Noah** *The most successful comedian in Africa*
- Sep 30: **Ryan Adams and Band**
Prisoner: all new, original material
- Oct 5: **Wilco** *Classics and beyond*
- Oct 7: **The Legend of Zelda**
Symphony of the Goddesses
- Oct 17: **John Mulaney** *Emmy-winning writer and comedian*
- Oct 20-21: **Momma's Boy**
What happens when a mother holds on to her son too long?
- Oct 24-29: **Broadway: An American in Paris**
An American soldier, a mysterious French girl, and an indomitable city
- Nov 2: **The Beach Boys** *California dreamin' ...*
- Nov. 4: **Michael McDonald**
Two notes. That's all it takes to recognize his voice.
- Nov 17: **Alton Brown Live: Eat Your Science**
Dangerous food demonstrations
- Nov 29-Dec 10: **Broadway: The Phantom of the Opera**
A beloved story and thrilling score
- Dec 22: **Drew and Ellie Holcomb's Neighborly Christmas**
Christmas standards and original holiday tunes
- Jan 23-28: **Broadway: Finding Neverland**
The story behind Peter Pan
- Feb 13-18: **Broadway: The Color Purple**
An exhilarating new spirit to the Pulitzer Prize-winning story
- Mar 7-25: **Broadway: Wicked**
A look at the Land of Oz — long before Dorothy arrives
- Apr 10-15: **Broadway: Something Rotten!**
Two would-be playwrights contend with "rock star" Shakespeare

Playhouse on the Square

901-726-4656 · playhouseonthesquare.org

- Thru Sep 3: **9 to 5** *Fed-up co-workers give their boss the boot*
- Sep 22-Oct 8: **Shakespeare in Love**
Young Will has writer's block. Enter Viola.
- Nov 17-Dec 31: **Peter Pan** *Visit Neverland and discover the true power of friendship*
- Jan 5-28: **All Saints in the Old Colony**
Irish immigrants struggle to assimilate
- Jan 19-Feb 11: **Once** *A Dublin street musician finds help with his dream*
- Mar 2-25: **Laughter on the 23rd Floor**
Wacky antics and crazy arguments in the writer's room
- May 4-27: **Fun Home** *An honest musical about seeing parents through grown-up eyes*
- Jun 15-Jul 8: **Dreamgirls** *Show business and stardom aren't always as glamorous as they seem*
- Jul 13-29: **Crib** *An African-American professor and a star basketball player*

Theatre Memphis

901-682-8323 · theatrememphis.org

- Thru Sep 10: **Shrek the Musical** *An embittered ogre and his loyal steed embark on a comedic quest*
- Sep 15-Oct 1: **12 Angry Jurors**
A character study of America at its best ... and worst
- Oct 6-22: **Stage Kiss**
What happens when lovers share a stage kiss?
- Nov 3-18: **Falsettos** *Beautiful reminders that love can tell a million stories*
- Dec 1-23: **A Christmas Carol** *Ebenezer Scrooge and his ghosts journey to holiday joy*
- Jan 19-Feb 4: **Fences** *A father's disappointments take toll on his son*
- Feb 9-25: **Souvenir**
The musical odd couple of Florence Foster Jenkins and Cosme McMoon
- Mar 9-31: **The Drowsy Chaperone** *A masterful madcap evening, poking fun at the musical theater genre*
- Apr 6-22: **An Act of God** *A God-forsaken comedy*
- Apr 27-May 13: **August Osage County** *An unflinching expose of a Midwestern American family's dark side*
- Jun 8-Jul 1: **42nd Street** *An Allenstown girl conquers the cit to become a Broadway star.*

TheatreWorks

901-274-7139 · theatreworksmemphis.org

Resident Companies Include:

- Bluff City Tri-Art Theatre: bluffcitytriartheatre.zohosites.com
- Cazateatro Bilingual Theatre Group: cazateatro.org
- CentreStage Theatre: centrestagetheatre.net
- Emerald Theatre: etcmemphistheater.com
- Friends of George's: friendsofgeorges.org
- Inner City South: innercitysouth.com
- New Moon Theatre: newmoontheatre.org
- Our Own Voice Theatre Troupe: ourownvoice.org
- Project: Motion: projectmotiondance.org
- Pyramid Dance: sadiia.com