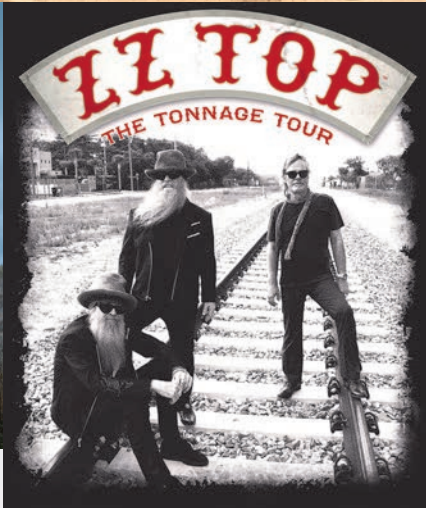
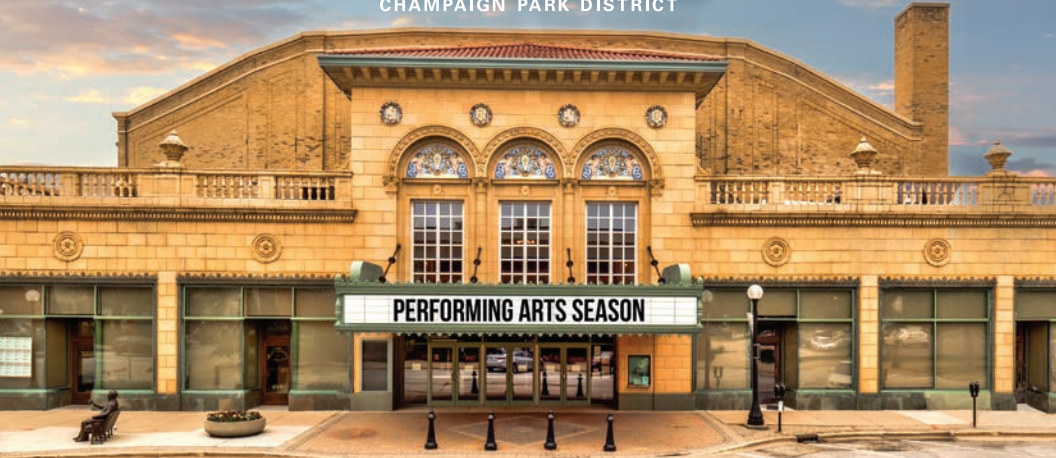


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2017-2018



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IMPORTANT DATES:

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2017, 10AM

- 2017-2018 Performing Arts Season Announced
- On-sale date for patrons renewing their subscription

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017, 10AM

- New subscriptions on sale

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2017, 10AM

- Individual tickets to many shows on sale

2017-2018 VT SERIES EVENTS:

- Ice Cream & Independence – July 1, 2017
- CUTC's Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat – Aug 3-6, 2017
- Richard Hills – Sept 9, 2017
- ZZ Top – Sept 12, 2017 (*sorry, no discounts available*)
- Kansas – Fri, Oct 13, 2017
- Lyle Lovett & John Hiatt – Nov 4, 2017
- Lily Tomlin – Nov 9, 2017
- Shopkins LIVE – Dec 7, 2017
- Andrew Peterson – Dec 9, 2017
- Paula Poundstone – Jan 12, 2018
- Second City – Mar 10, 2018
- The Duttons – April 13, 2018
- CU Ballet's The Sleeping Beauty – May 4-5, 2018
- Celtic Women – June 14, 2018

Please note that some shows may already be on sale and seating choices may be limited. Programs subject to change. To subscribe, stop by the Virginia Theatre box office (10am-5:30pm, Mon-Fri), or charge by phone at 217-356-9063.





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WELCOME TO THE VIRGINIA THEATRE'S 2017-2018 PERFORMING ARTS SEASON

What a season 2016–2017 was! With concerts from the likes of Chicago, Ricky Skaggs, Grace Potter, Under the Streetlamp, and Peter Dinklage, comedy from Nick Offerman, The Moth Radio Hour, That's What She Said, countless dance showcases, Ebertfest, five different Youth Theatre productions, three Unit 4 School musicals, and dozens of classic films – it was a year to remember. And we can't wait for you to see what's in store for 2017–2018.

Owned and operated by the Champaign Park District since 2000, the Virginia Theatre is a historic performing arts venue and movie palace that hosts concerts, plays, dance, spoken word, children's shows, motion pictures, comedy, private parties, corporate seminars, the Roger Ebert's Film Festival, weddings, educational events, and more. Since 1921, the 1463-seat Virginia has been a Champaign-Urbana landmark, offering entertainment as a vaudeville stage, legitimate theatre, and movie house. Now fully restored, the Virginia is ideally positioned to take its place as a vibrant community center, active performance space, and bustling cinema!

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Film Series

On-sale date: Fri, July 14, 2017 – 10am

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES

\$6 One Saturday each month • 1pm & 7pm

For 16 years, the News-Gazette has supported great movies at the Virginia Theatre through its popular classic film series. Presented one Saturday each month (except in October and December, when we highlight Hitchcock and Christmas films), the News-Gazette Film Series is your ticket to Hollywood's golden age. Many films are projected from 35mm reel-to-reel prints, while others show on the Virginia's new Christie 4K digital projector. Throw in house organist David Schroeder performing on our historic Hope Jones II Wurlitzer, and you have a wonderful evening of classic entertainment fit for the whole family!



2017-2018 NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES PASS

\$85

Purchase a 2017-2018 News-Gazette Film Series Pass and see all 20 classic series titles this season— and save, too! Enjoy a rich selection of critically acclaimed, beloved movies from the 1930's, 40's, 50's, 60's, and 70's. Makes the perfect gift for the film buff in your family.



Reel Deal Film Series – 365 Days of Oscar Gold!

Tickets \$5

And the Oscar goes to... This season, see the movies you love when the Virginia screens the films that have taken home the famous gold statuette. With 365 Days of Oscar Gold, we bring you motion pictures as diverse as Dances with Wolves and Slumdog Millionaire, The Last of the Mohicans and The Help. Presented many Tuesday and Thursday evenings, Reel Deals are an affordable way to enjoy a terrific film on our 52-foot screen, with state-of-the-art sound and the best popcorn in town!



Rewind 92.5 Film Series

This series is presented quarterly in partnership with Rewind 92.5 and features the most memorable movies of the 80's, 90's, and today. The Rewind 92.5 Film Series celebrates everything from the movies of John Hughes and Kevin Bacon to more contemporary fare. Don't miss the fun!



LIKE MOVIES? SURE YOU DO!

We do, too, which is why the Virginia Theatre regularly screens motion pictures from Hollywood's golden age as well as cult classics, award-winning recent releases, and more!

And, if you buy tickets to 6 (or more) 'VT Series' shows with your subscription, we'll send you a **2017-2018 Virginia Theatre Film Passport** that lets you see News-Gazette and Reel Deal* movies all season long, FREE!

**Please note: does not include Ebertfest titles*

ICE CREAM AND INDEPENDENCE: UNITED WE STAND

Champaign-Urbana Civic Wind Band
 Dr. Linda Moorhouse, Conductor
 Yvonne Redman, Soprano

Tickets: \$19.50/\$15.50/\$12.50

On Sale Now

**VT SERIES
 EVENT**



Yvonne Redman

Red! White! Blue! Join WDWS Newstalk-1400 AM and your host Jim Turpin in celebrating Independence Day in style with the best in American music performed by the Champaign-Urbana Civic Wind Band, conducted by Linda Moorhouse, and featuring Yvonne Redman, soprano. We'll be serving delicious frozen yogurt right outside the theatre at 5pm, before the concert. Music begins at 7pm in the beautiful Virginia Theatre auditorium.

Special thanks to WDWS, The News-Gazette, the University of Illinois Bands program, and TCBY.



Sat, July 1 ■ 7pm

SAT

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7pm

Rewind 92.5 FILM SERIES: *Footloose* (1984)

Tickets: \$5
On Sale Now



Rated PG (107 min) Kevin Bacon stars in this memorable piece of 80s pop as a teenager who moves to an ultra-conservative Texas town that has banned the two things he loves the most: rock music and dancing. Cut loose!

THE FILMS OF SPIKE JONZE & ALFONSO CUARÓN

Tickets: \$5
On Sale Now



A month-long pairing of two of the most inventive directors working today. Both Spike Jonze and Alfonso Cuarón make films that are filled with unexpected themes and surprising humor. We offer four of their best in July.

- July 5 & 7 *Where The Wild Things Are* (2009) **Rated PG (101 min)**
- July 18 & 20 *Gravity* (2013) **Rated PG-13 (91 min)**
- July 24 & 25 *Adaptation* (2002) **Rated R (114 min)**
- July 26 & 27 *Y Tu Mamá También* (2001) **Rated R (106 min)**

All screenings 7pm

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2pm

MONARCH SUMMER

FREE!

Bring the whole family to the Virginia and learn about the joy of butterflies and the importance of protecting habitat for pollinators. We'll premiere two short documentaries – *Flowers Against the Sky* and *Touched by a Butterfly*— both of which were created by local pollinator enthusiasts Kirby and Cindy Pringle. After the show, help us plant an urban butterfly garden and enjoy face painting, crafts, and more.

THUR-SAT
13-15

7pm (10am
matinee
Friday, 2pm
matinee
Saturday)

GUYS AND DOLLS JR

Presented by Champaign
Park District
Youth Theatre

**Tickets: \$12 Adult/\$10 Child
On Sale Now**

It's New York in the 1930s, and Nathan Detroit is hunting for cash to set up the biggest floating craps game in town—while his girlfriend, the nightclub performer Adelaide, laments that they've been engaged for fourteen years without ever getting married.

Based on the original Damon Runyon short stories of wise guys and tough-talking dames, *Guys and Dolls* is a legendary piece of Broadway lore and a terrific stage musical for young performers.



SAT
22

1pm & 7pm

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: *The Gold Rush* (1925)

**Tickets: \$6
On Sale Now**

Not Rated (95 min)

Experience this 1925 silent comedy written, produced, directed by, and starring Charlie Chaplin, who declared, "This is the picture I want to be remembered by." Featuring his famed 'Little Tramp' character, the film received strong reviews at its release and is now considered one of the greatest works of the silent era.



YOU DON'T KNOW BEANS

until you've had a cup of coffee roasted at Columbia Street Roastery

The Virginia Theatre is proud to now serve coffee made from beans roasted locally by Columbia Street Roastery. Columbia Street is the product of a proud three-generation family business dating back to 1951. The family opened their roastery at 24 East Columbia Ave in 1998 with the goal of providing customers the very best experience in whole bean coffees and loose leaf teas.

A CUTC & J. Barry Howell production of
**JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING
 TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT**



**Tickets: \$24 Premium/\$18 Adult /
 \$14 Student & Senior (55 & over)/ \$10 Children (12 & under)
 On-Sale Date: Fri, June 30, 2017 – 10am**



With lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber (the first of their collaborations to be publicly performed), Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is one of the most enduring shows of all time. This irresistible family musical is a reimagining of the Biblical story of Joseph, his eleven brothers, and a very famous coat of many colors. Full of unforgettable songs, including *Go Go Go Joseph*, *Any Dream Will Do*, and *Close Every Door*, Joseph is an all-time Broadway favorite. A production of the Champaign-Urbana Theatre Company and J. Barry Howell, produced by Todd Salen, presented by the Champaign Park District.



Thur-Sat, Aug 3-5 ■ 7pm | Sun, Aug 6 ■ 2pm

AUGUST REEL DEALS

**Tickets: \$5
 On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am**



JUST \$5

- Tue/Thur, August 8 & 10 *The Master (2012)* Rated R (144 min)
- Tue/Thur, August 22 & 24 *There Will Be Blood (2007)* Rated R (158 min)
- Tue/Thur, August 29 & 31 *La La Land (2017)* Rated PG-13 (128 min)

All screenings 7pm

WINE AND BEER SERVICE

The Champaign Park District is proud to welcome Farren's Pub & Eatery to select events at the Virginia Theatre. You'll find Farren's set up in the theatre's lobby, serving fine wines and beers. From Cabernet to Chardonnay, Sam Adams to Sierra Nevada, the skilled servers from Farren's always bring the perfect selection to complement your Virginia experience! Offered at most live shows. Both cash and credit cards accepted.

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SAT
12

2pm & 6pm

2017 PENS TO LENS Student Screenwriting Competition & Gala Screening

Tickets: \$12 Pass/\$8 Standard/FREE for Ages 18 & under
On-Sale Date: Fri, July 14, 2017 – 10am

The Champaign-Urbana FilmSociety, Champaign Movie Makers, and Champaign-Urbana Design Organization present this unique program where East Central Illinois K-12 students write original screenplays which are then made into short films by local filmmakers. Area graphic designers and illustrators create original movie posters for many of the submitted screenplays.

The whole community is invited to come out and watch the finished films, walk the red carpet, and celebrate some very creative student screenwriters. Awards are presented at each show time. The 2pm screening features films written by K-8th grade students, and the 6pm screening features films written by 8th-12th grade students.



VIRGINIA THEATRE SPECIAL EVENT: *Dunkirk*, in 70mm (2017)

Tickets: \$8

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 14, 2017 – 10am

(Rated PG-13) From the director of The Dark Knight Trilogy, Interstellar, Memento, and Inception. Shot on location in France, Christopher Nolan's new film tells the gripping true story of the tragic WWII battle where 400,000 British and allied soldiers were evacuated from the beaches and harbor of Dunkirk. Nolan avoided computer-generated effects, instead using reconditioned war planes and ships from the period. *Dunkirk* was shot in large format, and the Virginia Theatre is one of only a handful of theatres nationwide screening the picture in 70mm. With Tom Hardy, Kenneth Branagh, and Cillian Murphy.



Tue-Sat, Aug 15-19 ■ 7pm | Sat-Sun, Aug 19-20 ■ 1pm

SAT
26

1pm & 7pm

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: *The Wizard of Oz* (1939)

Tickets: \$6

On Sale Now

Rated PG (102 min) Nominated for six Academy Awards, *The Wizard of Oz* was nevertheless a box office disappointment when it was first released. It had been MGM's most expensive production to date, but the film didn't become widely known to the public until regular television broadcasts began in 1956.



SEPTEMBER

FRI-SUN

1-3

6:30pm
Fri & Sat
and
2:30pm
Sat & Sun

FROZEN SING-A-LONG

Tickets: \$5

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am

Rated PG (102 min) Come sing your hearts out, kids of all ages, at this special captioned presentation of the most popular animated feature film of all time!



RICHARD HILLS, WURLITZER PIPE ORGAN

Tickets: \$10

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am

Richard Hills, one of the finest theatre organists in the world, will visit Champaign this fall for a special performance on the Virginia's 1921 Hope Jones II Wurlitzer Pipe Organ.

The concert will also feature a silent film screening.

**VT SERIES
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Mr. Hills is one of the very few musicians to have bridged the divide between the worlds of classical organ and theatre organ. His resume includes time as Organ Scholar at Exeter College Oxford, and an organ scholarship at Westminster Abbey, London. In the US, he was named 'Organist of the Year' by the American Theatre Organ Society in 2010 for his contribution to the art form and has made numerous appearances on national and international radio and television.

Sat, Sept 9 ■ 7pm

ZZ TOP

Presented by Pacific Coast Concerts

Tickets: \$119.50/\$99.50/\$79.50

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am

ZZ TOP, "That Little Ol' Band From Texas," has toured and recorded together in their original lineup since 1969, for more than 45 years of rock, blues, and boogie both on the road and in the studio. Known for songs like *La Grange*, *Tush*, *Legs*, and *Sharp Dressed Man*, ZZ Top has earned eleven gold, seven platinum, and three multi-platinum records to date, with a colossal combined sales of over 50 million albums worldwide. They were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004, by the Rolling Stones's Keith Richards.



**VT SERIES
EVENT**

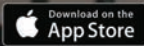
Tue, Sept 12 ■ 7:30pm

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available with this show*



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*After the show and everywhere you go,
 News, Sports, Weather from WCIA 3 News.*



SEPTEMBER REEL DEALS

Tickets: \$5

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am



JUST \$5

Tue/Thur, September 5 & 7 *Dances with Wolves* Rated PG-13 (3 hours)

Tue/Thur, September 19 & 21 *Avatar* Rated PG-13 (2 hours 42 min)

All screenings 7pm

**SAT
 23**
 1pm & 7pm

**NEWS-GAZETTE FILM
 SERIES: *Lawrence of
 Arabia* (1962)**

Tickets: \$6

**On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 –
 10am**



Not Rated (95 min)

Peter O'Toole performs the
 role that made him a star.

It follows T.E. Lawrence as he journeys to Arabia
 during World War I, where he is caught up in the
 battle with the Ottoman Empire. An entrancing,
 moving, literate historical epic.

**THUR-SAT
 28-30**
 7pm (2pm
 matinee
 Saturday)

**DISNEY'S WINNIE THE
 POOH - KIDS**
 Presented by
 Champaign Park District
 Youth Theatre

Tickets: \$10 Adult/\$8 Child

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am

In this special 30-minute,
 musical 'KIDS' version, Pooh
 Bear and all of his friends
 from the classic children's
 books and animated specials
 come to life and band together to rescue their
 friend, Christopher Robin. Performed by the
 2nd-4th graders of the CPD Youth Theatre
 program.



SAT

7

2pm

Rewind 92.5 FILM SERIES: *Hocus Pocus* (1993)

Tickets: \$5

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am



PG-13 (96 min) Rewind 92.5 FM returns to the Virginia with this 90's cult classic. It has been three centuries, and the three Sanderson sisters are resurrected at last in Salem, MA on Halloween night.

Come as you are, or come as your favorite character, and run amok, amok, amok! Enjoy fun activities and a chance to meet the Sanderson sisters.

KANSAS

presented by Pacific Coast Concerts

Tickets: \$99.50/\$69.50/\$49.50

On Sale Now

VT SERIES
EVENT



With a legendary career spanning more than four decades, KANSAS

has firmly established itself as one of America's iconic classic rock bands. This

'garage band' from Topeka released their debut album in 1974 and have gone on to sell more than 30 million albums worldwide. With fifteen studio and five live recordings, KANSAS has produced eight gold albums, three sextuple-Platinum albums (*Leftoverture*, *Point of Know Return*, *Best of KANSAS*), one platinum live album (*Two for the Show*), and two one million-selling gold singles, 'Carry On Wayward Son' and 'Dust in the Wind.' They appeared on the Billboard charts for over 200 weeks throughout the '70's and '80's, and 'Carry On Wayward Son' continues to be one of the top five most played songs on classic rock radio, while 'Dust in the Wind' has been played on the radio more than three million times!

Fri, Oct 13 ■ 7:30pm



Brunch On Stage

New this season, the Champaign Park District invites you to enjoy Brunch on Stage at the Virginia, featuring specially-planned meals served by our partners at **Prairie Fruits Farm, Hamilton Walker's, Big Grove Tavern**, and more! Each meal will be carefully paired with live music courtesy of a variety of local and touring performers. Brunch is served 10am-1pm.

Space is limited. Complete details along with menus, pricing, performers, and reservation information will be announced 60 days prior to each Brunch.

2017-2018 Brunch On Stage dates:

Sun, Oct 15, 2017

Sun, Jan 21, 2018

Sun, Mar 18, 2018

Sun, June 24, 2018

OCTOBER REEL DEALS

Tickets: \$5

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am

Tue/Thur, October 3 & 5 *Once* Rated R (85 min)

Tue/Thur, October 17 & 19 *A Nightmare on Elm Street* Rated R (91 min)

Tue, October 31 *The Last of the Mohicans* Rated R (102 min)



All screenings 7pm

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: FIVE NIGHTS OF HITCH!

Tickets: \$6 (or see all five for \$24)

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am

Unquestionably our most popular short film series, 5 Nights of Hitch is back with five critically-acclaimed blockbusters from the irreplaceable master of suspense

Mon, Oct 23 *Lifeboat* (1944)
Rated PG (97 min)

Tue, Oct 24 *The Trouble with Harry*
(1955) Rated PG (99 min)

Wed, Oct 25 *To Catch A Thief* (1955)
Rated PG (106 min)

Thur, Oct 26 *Rebecca* (1940)
Rated PG (130 min)

Fri, Oct 27 *Psycho* (1960)
Rated R (109 min)



All screenings 7pm

VIRGINIA THEATRE SPECIAL EVENT: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* (1975)

Tickets: \$5

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am

Rated R (100 min) The king of musical cult classics returns to the Virginia's silver screen after more than a decade-long absence! A recently engaged couple whose car breaks down in an isolated area must pay a call at the castle residence of Dr. Frank N. Furter. With Tim Curry, Susan Sarandon, Barry Bostwick, and Meat Loaf.

Rocky Horror Picture Show House Rules: *Costumes and props are welcome. Sorry, no outside food, beverages, or liquids are allowed inside the theatre. Nothing may be thrown inside the theatre or at the movie screen.*



Sat, Oct 28 ■ 7pm

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER REEL DEALS

Tickets: \$5

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am



JUST \$5

Thur, November 2 *The Last of the Mohicans* Rated R (102 min)

Tue/Thur, November 28 & 30 *Titanic* Rated PG-13 (3 hours 14 min)

All screenings 7pm



LYLE LOVETT & JOHN HIATT

Tickets: \$67.50/\$57.50/\$37.50

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am

VT SERIES
EVENT

Don't miss two veteran singer/songwriters on stage together in an intimate acoustic performance.

Singer, composer, and actor Lyle Lovett has broadened the definition of American music in a career that spans 14 albums. Coupled with a gift for storytelling, this Texas-based musician fuses elements of country, swing, jazz, folk, gospel, and blues in a convention-defying style that breaks down walls. Since his self-titled debut in 1986, Lovett has evolved into one of our most vibrant and iconic performers. Among his many accolades –including four Grammy Awards– Lyle was given the Americana Music Association's inaugural Trailblazer Award, and was named Texas State Musician. His works, rich and eclectic, are some of the most beloved of any artist working today.

John Hiatt has always been a keen observer of life's flings and foibles, and his insights and skill at sharing them have only sharpened over the years. Forty years into his recording career, Hiatt recently released his 22nd studio album, *Terms of My Surrender*. Along the way, many of his songs reached a wider world of fans via other artists' versions, like Rosanne Cash's *Pink Bedroom*, and most famously Bonnie Raitt's hit version of *Thing Called Love*. Alternately bemused and profound, John Hiatt is a self aware chronicler of both his own and others' stumbles and epiphanies, the tales richer with each telling.

Sat, Nov 4 ■ 7:30pm

LILY TOMLIN

Tickets: \$69.50/\$59.50/\$49.50

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am

Lily Tomlin rose to national prominence in 1969 on the television series, *Laugh-In*, with her characterizations of Ernestine, the irascible telephone operator, and Edith Ann, the devilish six-year-old. Tomlin went on to star in six comedy television specials, which she co-wrote with Jane Wagner. In 1985, Ms. Tomlin appeared on Broadway in Wagner's critically-acclaimed play, *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe*.

On film, Lily's 1975 debut in Robert Altman's *Nashville* was nominated for an Oscar, and the NY Film Critics voted Tomlin Best Supporting Actress. Over the next forty years, she has starred in over 25 movies, including *9 to 5*, *All of Me*, *Tea With Mussolini*, *A Prairie Home Companion*, *Admission*, and most recently, the critically-acclaimed *Grandma*.

On television, Tomlin has been seen in many series, including *The West Wing*, *Desperate Housewives*, the FX series *Damages*, *NCIS*, and *Web Therapy*. In 2016, Tomlin filmed the third season of her hit Netflix series with Jane Fonda, *Grace and Frankie*.

Throughout her career, Lily Tomlin has received numerous honors, including seven Emmys, two Tony Awards, a Grammy, two Peabody Awards, and the prestigious Mark Twain Prize.

**VT SERIES
EVENT**



Thur, Nov 9 ■ 7:30pm

SAT

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1pm & 7pm

**NEWS-GAZETTE FILM
SERIES: *Ben Hur* (1959)**

Tickets: \$6

**On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017
– 10am**



Rated G (3 hours, 32 min)

The chariot race is perhaps one of the single most famous action sequences of all time. See it on the Virginia's wide screen! *Ben Hur* tells the story of a Jewish prince who is betrayed and sent into slavery by a friend...and who must regain his freedom to exact revenge.

THUR-SAT

16-18

7pm (2pm
matinee
Saturday)

**JAMES AND THE
GIANT PEACH JR.**

Presented by
Champaign Park District
Youth Theatre

Tickets: \$12 Adult/\$10 Child

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am

A delightfully offbeat adaptation of the classic Roald Dahl adventure, where a boy and his insect friends take an

amazing journey across the ocean. Performed by the 5-8th graders from the CPD Youth Theatre program.



SAT

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7pm

Rewind 92.5 FILM SERIES: *Die Hard* (1988)

Tickets: \$5

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am



Rated R (2 hours 11 min) Just in time for the holidays!

Follow off-duty NYC cop John McClane (Bruce Willis) as he takes on a group of highly organized criminals led by Hans Gruber (Alan Rickman) who perform a heist in a Los Angeles skyscraper under the guise of a terrorist attack. Made for \$28 million, *Die Hard* grossed over \$140 million theatrically worldwide and has been named one of the best action movies ever made.



TOMMY EMMANUEL presented by National Shows 2

Tickets: \$49.50/\$39.50

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am

'One of the greatest players on the planet.' - Chet Atkins

Tommy Emmanuel easily skates between musical styles, playing with the blues in one number, infusing Spanish tradition effortlessly into another, and thoughtfully exploring folk in a third. An accomplished fingerstyle player, Tommy frequently threads three different parts simultaneously into his material, operating as a one-man band who handles the melody, the supporting chords, and the bass all at once. His technical gifts have earned him multiple awards and made him a Member of the Order of Australia, an honor bestowed by the Queen in his native homeland.

Given his first guitar at age four, Tommy Emmanuel started working professionally just two years later in a family band. "When I was on stage, people lit up," he recalls. He pursued music with a passion, working continuously in a variety of bands through his school years, and later, in one of Australia's best-known acts, Dragon. He supplemented that work as a studio musician, playing on albums for artists like Air Supply and Men At Work. His many credits include two Grammy nominations, two ARIA Awards from the Australian Recording Industry Association, and repeated honors from *Guitar Player* magazine.

Mr. Emmanuel has worked with Eric Clapton, Doc Watson, and Chet Atkins, among countless others.

Sun, Dec 3 ■ 7:30pm



HOLIDAY CARD PHOTO OP

FREE

Reservations available starting Friday, July 14, 2017 – 10am (at the box office and by phone at 217-356-9063).

We're opening up the Virginia's beautifully decorated Mezzanine Lobby for photographs this holiday season! Drop by or call our box office (217-356-9063) to reserve your 15-minute slot (space is limited). Bring your camera or arrange to have a professional photographer meet you at the theatre, and capture a special memory for the whole family.

Mon, Nov 27 ■ 5-8pm
Mon, Dec 4 ■ 5-8pm
Mon, Dec 11 ■ 5-8pm
Mon, Dec 18 ■ 5-8pm



SHOPKINS LIVE!

Tickets: \$100.00 VIP/\$39.50/\$32.50/\$21.50
On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am

Shopkins Live! lights up the stage in this premiere live production packed with show stopping performances featuring the Shoppies. Join Jessicake, Bubbleisha, Peppermint, Rainbow Kate, Cocolette, and Polli Polish as they perform the coolest dance moves, sing the latest pop songs, and show off the trendiest fashions.

All of Shopville is in a tizzy as preparations get underway for the annual "Funtastic Food and Fashion Fair". Shady Diva showcases her latest fashion designs; Lippy Lips gives colorful advice at the nail salon; Kooky Cookie tries to get in a beauty nap!

But wait!! No event is complete without a few hiccups! Who has high-jinxed the fashion pageant? Where is the super-secret celebrity guest? Will Slick Breadstick ever find a dance partner? The Shopkins and Shoppies need your help – the show must go on!

Featuring innovative set design, creative costuming, and state of the art projections, this is one theatrical event this year you don't want to miss!

**VT SERIES
EVENT**

Thur, Dec 7 ■ 6:30pm

ANDREW PETERSON presents
BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD
Presented by Gather Round
Productions

Tickets: \$40/\$35/\$25

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 21, 2017 – 10am

Welcoming back Andrew Peterson for a special repeat performance! For more than twenty years, Andrew Peterson has gone about the business of quietly changing lives. In the city of Nashville, where music is an industry in the same way fast food, generic greeting cards, and bumper stickers are industries, Andrew has forged his own path, refusing the artistic compromises that so often come with chasing album sales and radio singles and creating instead a long line of songs that ache with sorrow, joy, and integrity, and that are, at the end of the day, part of a real, ongoing, human conversation.



**VT SERIES
EVENT**

Sat, Dec 9 ■ 7:30pm



MEET SANTA CLAUS AT THE VIRGINIA THEATRE!

FREE

Ho ho ho, Santa Claus is coming to town! The Champaign Center Partnership is excited to again welcome St. Nick to downtown Champaign's historic Virginia Theatre. You and your family can visit with Santa in the theatre's Mezzanine Lobby every Wednesday night during the holidays. Santa will take pictures with each visitor (parents, bring your cameras!) and every child will receive a candy cane. Kids of all ages are encouraged to have their holiday wish lists ready to share with Santa.

Wed, Dec 6, 13 & 20 ■ 5-7pm

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: THE BEST CHRISTMAS MOVIES EVER

Tickets: \$6 (or see all five for \$24)

On Sale Date: Fri, July 14, 2017 – 10am

These are some of our favorite movies all year long! Five classic Christmas tales shown in a historic setting—savor a nice cup of complimentary hot chocolate, too. Share the holiday cheer with your family and friends, at the Virginia Theatre this winter.



- Mon, Dec 11** *Home Alone (1990)* Rated PG (103 min)
- Tue, Dec 12** *White Christmas (1954)* Rated G (120 min)
- Wed, Dec 13** *Christmas Carol (1951)* Rated G (86 min)
- Thur, Dec 14** *Miracle on 34th Street (1947)* Not Rated (96 min)
- Fri-Sat, Dec 15-16** *It's A Wonderful Life (1946)* Rated PG (130 min)

All screenings 7pm (with a 1pm matinee Saturday)

SUN

17

1pm

HOLIDAY IN WHOVILLE

Tickets: \$3 Standard/FREE for children 2 & under

On Sale Date: Fri, July 14, 2017 – 10am

Join us at the Virginia Theatre for a real holiday treat! Watch *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (with Jim Carrey) followed by pictures with Santa, crafts, caroling, and hot chocolate. After the show, enjoy the holiday lights with trolley rides around West Side Park.



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REEL DEAL SPECIAL FEATURE: *Finding Nemo*/*Finding Dory*

Tickets: \$5 (or \$8 for both)

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am

Finding Nemo, 1pm Rated G (100 min)

Finding Dory, 7pm Rated PG (97 min)



Sat, Jan 6 ■ 1pm & 7pm

SAT

13

1pm & 7pm

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: *Arsenic & Old Lace* (1944)

Tickets: \$6

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am

Rated PG (120 min) Mortimer (Cary Grant) has a right to call his family dysfunctional: he's got a brother who's an escaped murderer, a cousin who thinks he's Theodore Roosevelt, and two aunts are poisoning lonely bachelors.



Engage!

VOLUNTEER AT THE HISTORIC VIRGINIA THEATRE (ages 13+)

Join our volunteer family at the Virginia! Volunteers are essential to the success of shows ranging from *Arsenic & Old Lace* to Lily Tomlin. Your assistance is always needed with ushering, ticket-taking, concessions, merchandise, security, crowd control, and more. Volunteer at the Virginia Theatre today and help our friendly, dedicated staff create a safe, enjoyable experience for patrons—and enjoy live shows, concerts, and movies while you're here!

To apply, simply visit thevirginia.org/volunteer. Interviews & volunteer training sessions are held regularly at the theatre, by appointment. For more information on volunteering at the historic Virginia Theatre, visit thevirginia.org, call 217-356-9063, or email mitch.marlow@champaignparks.com.



RENT THE VIRGINIA THEATRE

The historic Virginia Theatre is available for rental by individuals, organizations, schools, and businesses for performances, concerts, film screenings, meetings, receptions, conferences, weddings, parties, and other public and private events. For details, please call 217-356-9063, visit thevirginia.org, or email steven.bentz@champaignparks.com.

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PAULA POUNDSTONE

presented by Exceptional Artists in partnership with Champaign Park District

Tickets: \$58.50/\$49.50

On Sale Date: Fri, July 14, 2017 – 10am

Heralded as one of our country's foremost comics, Paula Poundstone's quick-thinking, unscripted approach to comedy makes for a perfect fit as a regular panelist on NPR's #1 show, the screwball weekly news quiz show *Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!* where she holds the record for game losses. "The others cheat," she says, magnanimously, "you wouldn't think NPR would put up with that."

Ms. Poundstone tours regularly, performing her extemporaneous standup routines across the country. Her frequent interchanges with the audience are never mean or at a person's expense. She even manages to handle politics, "...with the exception of that one time".

The talents of this brilliant humorist extend beyond standup comedy, but stop short of yodeling. In 2016 Paula voiced the character "Forgetter Paula" in Disney/Pixar's Academy Award-winning animated feature film, *Inside Out*. In June 2016, her first double-live CD, *North By Northwest: Paula Poundstone Live!* (HighBridge) was released. Her second hardcover book (*Algonquin*) was released in May, 2017. Paula has also appeared on the hit television drama, *Major Crimes* and has done commentaries for *CBS Sunday Morning*.

VT SERIES EVENT



Fri, Jan 12 ■ 7:30pm

JANUARY REEL DEALS

Tickets: \$5

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am



JUST \$5

Tue/Thur, January 2 & 4 *Rocky* Rated PG (120 min)

Tue/Thur, January 9 & 11 *Braveheart* Rated R (3 hours)

Tue/Thur, January 16 & 18 *Chinatown* Rated R (130 min)

Tue/Thur, January 23 & 25 *Slumdog Millionaire* Rated R (120 min)

All screenings 7pm

FEBRUARY REEL DEALS

Tickets: \$5

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am



Tue/Thur, February 2 & 4 *Hidden Figures* Rated PG (127 min)

All screenings 7pm

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1pm & 7pm

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: *Dr. Zhivago* (1965)

Tickets: \$6

On Sale Date: Fri, July 14, 2017 – 10am

Rated PG-13 (3 hours 17 min) Adapted from the Nobel Prize-winning novel by Boris Pasternak, the film covers the tumultuous years prior to, during, and after the Russian Revolution, as seen through the eyes of poet, physician, and romantic man about town, Yuri Zhivago.



MARY POPPINS, THE MUSICAL

Presented by the Champaign Central High School Drama Program

Tickets: \$15 Adult/\$10 Student & Senior/\$8 Child

One of the most popular Disney movies of all time captures hearts in a whole new way: as a "practically perfect" live stage musical! Based on the books by P.L. Travers and the classic Walt Disney film, Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins* delighted Broadway audiences for over 2,500 performances and received nominations for nine Olivier and seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

An enchanting mixture of irresistible story, unforgettable songs, breathtaking dance numbers and astonishing stagecraft, *Mary Poppins* is a show for the whole family. Performed by the students of Central High School's Drama Program, under the direction of LaDonna Wilson.



Wed, Feb 14 – Sat, Feb 17 ■ 7pm | Sat, Feb 17 & Sun, Feb 18 ■ 2pm

THUR-SAT
22-24

7pm (2pm
matinee
Saturday)

Champaign Park District
Youth Theatre
2018 WINTER PRODUCTION

Tickets On Sale: Fall, 2017

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MARCH

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CU BALLET GALA - *Save the Date!*

The Champaign Urbana Ballet celebrates its 20th anniversary. Mark your calendars now for this special event!

MARCH REEL DEALS

Tickets: \$5

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am



JUST \$5

Tue/Thur, March 6 & 8 *Driving Miss Daisy* Rated PG (99 min)

Tue/Thur, March 27 & 29 *Shakespeare in Love* Rated R (123 min)

All screenings 7pm

THE SECOND CITY

presents

LOOK BOTH WAYS
BEFORE TALKING

VT SERIES
EVENT

Tickets: \$32.50/\$26.50/\$18.50

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am

The world's #1 name in comedy is coming to C/U!

Tired of looking over your shoulder before telling a funny story that might cause a fight at the water cooler or the dinner table? Why stress!? Let The Second City take all the risk while you sit back and laugh at their latest comedy improv revue. They'll put their signature spin on the things you wish you could bring up in mixed company--just be careful what you share when you head back to the office!

Edgy, thought-provoking, and always spectacularly funny, The Second City is celebrating nearly six decades of producing cutting-edge satirical revues and launching the careers of generation after generation of comedy's best and brightest. Don't miss your chance to see the superstars of tomorrow live on stage now — when The Second City Looks Both Ways Before Talking!

The Second City



Sat, March 10 ■ 7:30pm

SAT

17

1pm & 7pm

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: *Gone with the Wind* (1939)

Tickets: \$6

On Sale Date: Fri, July 14, 2017 – 10am



Rated G (3 hours 58 min) Frankly, my dear, this is one of the most iconic films of all time. Roguish Rhett Butler and force-of-nature Scarlett O'Hara engage in a turbulent romance set during the American Civil War and Reconstruction periods.

PECHA KUCHA NIGHT CHAMPAIGN-URBANA VOLUME 26

Presented by the Champaign-Urbana Design Organization

Tickets: \$10 in advance/\$15 at the door

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am



Pecha Kucha (it draws its name from the Japanese term for “chit chat”) is a fast-paced event filled with cutting edge art & design, quirky humor, and sometimes surprising emotion. PK Nights—held in hundreds of cities all over the world—are dedicated to providing accessible outlets to inspire creative communities. The format is simple: every presenter brings 20 images that are displayed for 20 seconds each.

Pecha Kucha has been a Champaign-Urbana Design Organization (CUDO) tradition since 2009, and this 26th volume is sure to feature an entertaining lineup of innovative presentations.

Sat, March 24 ■ 8:20pm

SAT

31

1pm & 7pm

Rewind 92.5 FILM SERIES:

Patrick Swayze Double Feature:

Ghost (1990) and *Road House* (1989)

Tickets: \$5 each (or see both for \$8)

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am

*Ghost* (1990), 1pm Rated PG-13 (127 min)*Road House* (1989), 7pm Rated R (114 min)

VIRGINIA THEATRE 360 TOUR

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**SAT-SUN
7-8**

7pm Saturday
2pm Sunday

DANCE ARTS ANNUAL RECITAL

On-Sale Date: Fri, Jan 12, 2018

Don't miss this yearly spring performance by students of the Champaign Park District's Dance Arts program. It includes Irish and contemporary works by the Dance Arts and Isle of Erin dancers.

THE DUTTONS

Tickets: \$33.50/\$29.50/\$22.50

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am

International touring and recording artists The Duttons perform in a variety of musical genres - everything from bluegrass to classical to contemporary - expertly, on many instruments. They have appeared on NBC's America's Got Talent and frequently in PBS television specials (most recently in November, 2016).

Whether playing in their home theatre in Branson, MO, or on the road, this multi-generational family of performers are known for their showmanship and technical mastery. The Duttons have won recognition in national fiddling contests, as studio musicians, and have also garnered awards in classical violin competitions. The group has an intensely loyal following all around the country, selling out shows in both Branson and at their Winter Theater in Mesa, AZ, with fans returning again and again. Don't miss them!



**VT SERIES
EVENT**

Fri, April 13 ■ 7pm

SAT

14

1pm & 7pm

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: *Singin' In The Rain* (1952)

Tickets: \$6

On Sale Date: Fri, July 14, 2017 – 10am

Rated G (103 min) One of the greatest (and most successful) musicals ever filmed, filled with memorable songs and lavish dance routines that have wowed audiences for decades. It highlights the struggles that silent film actors faced during the advent of 'talkies'. With Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds, and Donald O'Connor.



20TH ANNUAL ROGER EBERT'S FILM FESTIVAL

Presented by The College of Media at Illinois

Festival Passes on sale Wed, Nov 1, 2017 – 10am

Individual Tickets on sale Mon, April 2, 2018 – 10am

Ebertfest turns 20! Held every April inside downtown Champaign's historic Virginia Theatre, the Roger Ebert's Film Festival continues its proud tradition into its 20th year. For more information on dates, times and film titles, visit ebertfest.com.



Wed-Sun, April 18-22

THE SLEEPING BEAUTY

Presented by CU Ballet

Tickets: \$24 Adult/\$19 Senior/ \$12 Child & Student

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am

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EVENT**

Considered Tchaikovsky's ballet masterpiece, this fairytale story follows Princess Aurora who is cast into a hundred-year sleep by the spell of the evil fairy Carabosse. Through the enchantments of the Lilac Fairy, Princess Aurora is awakened by the bearer of true love's first kiss – the charming Prince Desire.

CU Ballet's production features its most elaborate costuming yet with over 160 costumes designed in the style of King Louis XIV. All performances include the full ballet.



Fri, May 4 ■ 7pm | Sat, May 5 ■ 11am & 4pm

MAY REEL DEALS

Tickets: \$5

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am



JUST \$5

Tue/Thur, May 8 & 10 *The Help* Rated PG-13 (2 hours 26 min)

All screenings 7pm

SAT
12

1pm & 7pm

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM

SERIES: *My Darling Clementine* (1946)

Tickets: \$6

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am

THUR-SAT
17-19

7pm (2pm
matinee
Saturday)

Champaign Park District
Youth Theatre
2018 SPRING
PRODUCTION

Tickets On Sale: Winter, 2018

Rated PG (97 min) 1946

Regarded by many critics as perhaps the best western ever made. *Clementine* was

inspired by the life and legend of Wyatt Earp (Henry Fonda), the frontier lawman who teamed up with Doc Holliday (Victor Mature) for the famous gunfight at the O.K. Corral.



Watch the Winter/Spring Champaign Park District Program Guide and webpage for title and registration information!



SAT
2

11am & 6pm

TWIST AND SHOUT ANNUAL DANCE RECITAL

Presented by Twist and Shout, Dance and Cheer

On Sale Date: Spring 2018

Twist and Shout's 9th Annual Dance Recital showcases the accomplishments over the previous nine months of the program's students aged 18 months-18 years. Come out and enjoy one of these family-friendly shows!!

THURS-SAT
7-9

6:30pm

ART IN MOTION ANNUAL DANCE RECITAL

Presented by Art in Motion Dance Studio

On Sale Date: Spring 2018

This special recital showcases Champaign's Art in Motion Dance Studio, with over 25 years in serving the community.

CELTIC WOMAN

Tickets: \$106/\$66/\$45

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 – 10am

Don't miss global music sensation Celtic Woman when they return to Champaign for one night only at the Virginia Theatre! This enchanting musical experience features Celtic Woman performing a treasure chest of traditional Irish standards, classical favorites, and contemporary pop songs, all in the group's distinctive signature style. Featuring four sublimely gifted Irish women - three angelic vocalists and a dazzling Celtic violinist - with a full band, bagpipers, and Irish dancers all under the direction of Emmy-nominated music producer David Downes. For a true celebration that has already captivated millions, don't miss Celtic Woman live in concert! For more, visit www.CelticWoman.com.

Celtic Woman

2018 TOUR

VT SERIES
EVENT

Thur, June 14 ■ 7:30pm

SAT
23

1pm & 7pm

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: Readers' Choice!

Tickets: \$6

On Sale Date: Spring 2018

Your vote counts! Make your voice heard and help choose the winner of this season's News-Gazette's Reader's Choice Contest. The winning film will screen on June 23, 2018. Visit www.newsgazette.com to cast your vote for any one of the following titles:



Bringing Up Baby (1938)
Cleopatra (1963)
King Kong (1933)
Metropolis (1927)
A Star Is Born (1954)



ANIMATION VACATION: Coming Summer 2018!

Tickets: just \$3 (or buy all 11 for just \$25)

On Sale Date: July 14, 2017

We're finishing off one season and starting another with a bang! Join us at the Virginia Theatre all -summer long when we feature the greatest animated classics of all time, from yesterday and today!

- Tue & Thur, June 19 & 21 – 6:30pm:** *Cinderella*
- Tue & Thur, June 26 & 28 – 6:30pm:** *The Jungle Book*
- Tue & Thur, July 3 & 5 – 6:30pm:** *Toy Story 3*
- Mon & Tue, July 9 & 10 – 6:30pm:** *Despicable Me*
- Wed & Thur, July 11 & 12 – 6:30pm:** *Despicable Me 2*
- Fri & Sat, July 13 & 14 – 1pm (Sat only) & 6:30pm:** *Despicable Me 3*
- Tue & Thur, July 24 & 26 – 6:30pm:** *The Little Mermaid*
- Tue & Thur, Aug 7 & 9 – 6:30pm:** *Minions*
- Tue & Thur, Aug 14 & 16 – 6:30pm:** *Snow White*
- Tue & Thur, Aug 21 & 23 – 6:30pm:** *The Secret Life of Pets*
- Tue & Thur, Aug 28 & 30 – 6:30pm:** *Mary Poppins*

DAVID SCHROEDER, Wurlitzer Pipe Organ

The Virginia proudly welcomes David Schroeder as our house organist at regular performances on the theatre's original, fully-restored, 750-pipe Wurlitzer Hope-Jones Orchestral Organ. Mr. Schroeder plays frequently on movie nights and before some live events at the Virginia (please check our website for days/times). David Schroeder is the Director of Bands and Chorus at Bismarck-Henning Jr/Sr High School in Bismarck, Illinois, as well as Organist and Parish Music Director for Trinity Lutheran Church, Danville. He received his Undergraduate degree in Comprehensive Music Education from the University of Illinois, where he played in both the Symphonic Band and Marching Illini. He is member of the Central Illinois and Central Indiana chapters of the American Theatre Organ Society.



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plus 2 hours before each event

IMPORTANT DATES:

Thursday, June 1, 2017, 10am:

- On-sale date for patrons renewing their subscription

Friday, June 23, 2017, 10am:

- New subscriptions on sale

Friday, July 14, 2017, 10am:

- Individual tickets to many shows on sale

To subscribe, stop by the Virginia Theatre box office, or charge by phone at 217-356-9063.

ACCESSIBILITY

Transfer seats are offered on both levels at the Virginia Theatre along with wheelchair-accessible seating located on platforms at the back of our Main Floor and in the front row of Main Floor Section 5. Up to 18 wheelchairs may be accommodated at a given event, with one additional companion seat available per wheelchair.

Tickets for accessible and companion seating can be purchased online, at the box office, or by calling 217-356-9063. The theatre also features a wheelchair lift for guests accessing the stage from the auditorium, an elevator allowing access from the stage to the downstairs dressing rooms, and an elevator allowing access to the building's upstairs Mezzanine Lobby and restrooms.*

**Please note that the Virginia's mezzanine and upper balcony seating are still accessible only via stairs.*

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES

Assisted listening devices are available upon request at the Virginia Theatre box office. A variety of styles—including earpiece buds, headsets, and "induction" neck loops—can be used to enhance a guest's enjoyment of films, spoken word events, and most live performances at the Virginia. Devices may be obtained at no cost before the show. A credit card, driver's license, or other form of ID is required.

For more information about assisted listening devices, accessible seating, or any other accommodation at the Virginia Theatre, please call the box office at 217-356-9063.

PARKING

Parking is available in metered spaces on the streets surrounding the Virginia Theatre and in the Hill Street Parking Deck one block north of the theatre on Randolph St. (123 West Hill). After 6pm, the lots at both Busey Bank (to the east of the theatre) and Hickory Point Bank (just north of the theatre) are available for free event parking.

GO BEHIND-THE-SCENES AND TOUR THE HISTORIC VIRGINIA THEATRE!

Tuesdays at 10:30am and Wednesdays at 6pm

Did you know that the Champaign Park District's Virginia Theatre is listed on the National Register of Historic Places? And did you know that its original—and fully-restored—1921 Wurlitzer Pipe Organ has over 750 pipes, or what (totally unexpected) features the painters uncovered in 2013, during a \$5.5 million renovation? Come for a free, one-hour tour at downstate Illinois's premier 1920s movie palace and live performance space to find this out and more! Tours are offered every Tuesday at 10:30am and Wednesday at 6pm, schedule permitting. For questions or special requests call 217-356-9063, or mitch.marlow@champaignparks.com. Donations to the Virginia Theatre Restoration Fund are encouraged.

SUBSCRIPTION *Best seats. Best shows. Best deal.*

A subscription is a purchase of a ticket to *four or more* qualifying events.

Subscription purchases are offered with a discount, along with other perks (see this brochure's inside front cover for a complete list of subscriber benefits).

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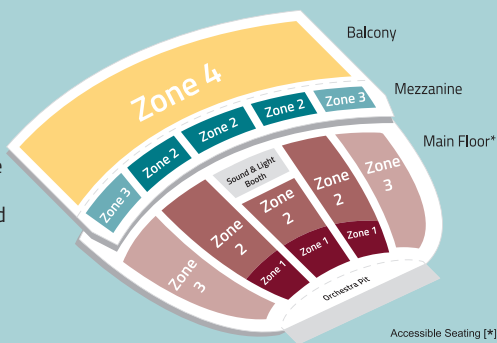
Purchase a ticket to six or more qualifying events and receive, along with your subscription, a Virginia Theatre Film Passport and see great movies (Ebertfest not included) all season long, for free!

OK, I'M READY TO ORDER

You can use the following pages to purchase a VT Series subscription or just to order some individual tickets to shows scheduled this season. Here's how:

STEP 1: Fill in the Order Form on the opposite page, indicating whether you're Renewing a Subscription, purchasing a New Subscription, or just want some Individual Tickets.

Please note the seating chart. We use a Zone system to help patrons tell us where they want to sit. Most reserved seating shows have ticket prices divided up into three or four zones. Please also let us know your seating preference so we can place you in the best possible spot in the house.



Seating Chart

STEP 2: Choose your shows.

On the following pages, we've listed all of the live events you can order. To order tickets as part of a subscription or individually, simply circle the date/time of each event you want (in the left column) and then write in the number of tickets you're purchasing, per event, in the box for # of Seats.

STEP 3: Total your order. Yay, here's the part where you get to do math!

To calculate your order total, fill in the Your Price box for each event, entering either the Discounted Subscriber Pricing (if you're ordering four or more qualifying events) or the Individual Ticket Pricing.

Then multiply that amount times the number of tickets you want for each event and write the results in the Subtotal box.

Lastly, add up all of your event subtotals to get your Order Total.

Please return your completed order form to the Virginia Theatre box office with your payment by check (made out to Champaign Park District), or include your credit card information.

Tickets will be mailed beginning the week of July 28. (Please note, because of its early appearance in the season, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* tickets will be mailed immediately.)

SORRY – no refunds, returns, or exchanges

*All events labelled in this brochure as "VT Series" are qualified to receive the subscriber discount, unless otherwise noted.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	DISCOUNTED SUBSCRIBER PRICING (To Subscribe, simply pick any 4, or more VT Series events)				INDIVIDUAL TICKET PRICING AVAILABLE FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2017 - 10AM				ADD UP YOUR ORDER HERE					
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CONCERTS																
Sa, 7/1/17	7pm	ICE CREAM & INDEPENDENCE: United We Stand	\$17.50 (Zones 1 & 2)		\$14.00	\$11.00		\$19.50 STM/\$17.50 SNR	\$15.50 STN \$14.00 SNR	\$12.50 STN \$11.00 SNR	X	\$	=	\$		
Sa, 9/9/17	7pm	RICHARD HILLS, WURLITZER PIPE ORGAN	All seats: \$8						All seats: \$10				X	\$	=	\$
Tu, 9/12/17	7:30pm	ZZ TOP	Sorry, discounts not available with this show (<i>*purchase still counts as one of four needed for a subscription</i>)						\$119.50 (Zones 1 & 2)	\$99.50	\$79.50	X	\$	=	\$	
F, 10/13/17	7:30pm	KANSAS	\$89.50 (Zones 1 & 2)		\$62.50	\$44.50		\$99.50 (Zones 1 & 2)	\$69.50	\$49.50	X	\$	=	\$		
Sa, 11/4/17	7:30pm	AN ACOUSTIC EVENING WITH LYLE LOVETT AND JOHN HIATT	\$61.00 (Zones 1 & 2)		\$52.00	\$34.00		\$67.50 (Zones 1 & 2)	\$57.50	\$37.50	X	\$	=	\$		
Su, 12/3/17	7:30pm	TOMMY EMMANUEL							\$49.50 (Zones 1 & 2)	\$39.50 (Zones 3 & 4)		X	\$	=	\$	
Sa, 12/9/17	7:30pm	ANDREW PETERSON presents BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD	\$36.00 (Zones 1 & 2)		\$31.50	\$22.50		\$40.00 (Zones 1 & 2)	\$35.00	\$25.00	X	\$	=	\$		
Fr, 4/13/18	7pm	THE DUTTONS	\$30.00 (Zones 1 & 2)		\$26.50	\$20.00		\$33.50 (Zones 1 & 2)	\$29.50	\$22.50	X	\$	=	\$		
Tu, 6/14/18	7pm	CELTIC WOMAN	\$106.00 Premium <i>No Premium discount available</i>		\$59.50	\$40.50		\$106.00 Premium	\$66.00	\$45.00	X	\$	=	\$		

THEATRICAL/SPOKEN WORD

Th-Sa, 7/13-7/15/17	7pm Th-Sa 2pm Sa	GUYS & DOLLS JR. (presented by Campaign Park District Youth Theatre)					All seats: \$12.00 Adults/\$10.00 Child				Th	X	\$	=	\$	
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											Sa-7p	X	\$	=	\$	
Th-Su, 8/3-8/6/17	7pm Th-Sa 2pm Sun	A CUTC production of JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT	\$22.00 Premium		\$16.00 Adult/\$12.50 Student & Senior (55 & up) \$9.00 Child (12 & under)	\$24.00 Premium		\$18.00 Adult/\$14.00 Student & Senior (55 & up) \$10.00 Child (12 & under)				Th	X	\$	=	\$
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Th-Sa, 9/28-9/30/17	7pm Th-Sa 2pm Sa	DISNEY'S WINNIE THE POOH KIDS (presented by Campaign Park District Youth Theatre)					All seats: \$10.00 Adults/\$8.00 Child				Th	X	\$	=	\$	
											F	X	\$	=	\$	
											Sa-2p	X	\$	=	\$	
											Sa-7p	X	\$	=	\$	
Th-Sa, 11/16-11/18/17	7pm Th-Sa 2pm Sa	JAMES & THE GIANT PEACH JR. (presented by Campaign Park District Youth Theatre)					All seats: \$12.00 Adults/\$10.00 Child				Th	X	\$	=	\$	
											F	X	\$	=	\$	
											Sa-2p	X	\$	=	\$	
											Sa-7p	X	\$	=	\$	





DATE	TIME	EVENT	DISCOUNTED SUBSCRIBER PRICING (To Subscribe, simply pick any 4 or more VT Series events)				INDIVIDUAL TICKET PRICING AVAILABLE FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2017 - 10AM				ADD UP YOUR ORDER HERE			
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THEATRICAL/SPOKEN WORD														
Th, 12/17/17	6:30pm	SHOPKINS LIVE!	\$90.00 (VIP)	\$35.50 (Zones 1 & 2)	\$29.50	\$19.50	\$100.00 (VIP)	\$39.50 (Zones 1 & 2)	\$32.50	\$21.50	X	\$	= \$	
W-Su, 2/14-2/18/18	7pm W-Sa 2pm Sa/Su	MARY POPPINS, The Musical (presented by Campaign Central High School Drama Program)					All seats: \$15.00 Adult/\$10.00 Student/ \$10.00 Senior (55 & up)/\$8.00 Child (12 & under)				W, 7p Th, 7p F, 7p Sa, 2p Sa, 7p Su, 2p	X X X X X X	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	= \$ = \$ = \$ = \$ = \$ = \$
Sa, 3/24/18	8:20pm	PECHA KUCHA NIGHT CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, Volume 26					All seats: \$10.00 in advance, \$15.00 at the door				X	\$	= \$	
COMEDY														
Th, 11/9/17	7:30pm	LILY TOMLIN	\$62.50 (Zones 1 & 2)	\$53.50	\$44.50	\$49.50	\$69.50 (Zones 1 & 2)	\$59.50	\$49.50		X	\$	= \$	
F, 1/12/18	7:30pm	PAULA POUNDSTONE	\$52.50 (Zones 1 & 2)	\$44.50 (Zones 3 & 4)			\$58.50 (Zones 1 & 2)	\$49.50 (Zones 3 & 4)			X	\$	= \$	
Sa, 3/10/18	7:30pm	THE SECOND CITY presents	\$29.00 (Zones 1 & 2)	\$23.50	\$16.50	\$18.50	\$32.50 (Zones 1 & 2)	\$26.50	\$18.50		X	\$	= \$	
DANCE														
F-Sa, 5/4-5/5/18	7pm F 11am Sa 4pm Sa	THE SLEEPING BEAUTY presented by the CU BALLET					All seats: \$21.00 Adult/\$16.00 Senior (55 & up)/ \$10.00 Student/ \$10.00 Child (12 & under)				F, 7p Sa, 11a Sa, 4p	X X X	\$ \$ \$	= \$ = \$ = \$
FILM SPECIAL EVENTS														
Su, 7/9/17	2pm	MONARCH SUMMER EVENT					FREE				X	\$	= \$	
Sa, 8/12/17	2pm & 6pm	2017 PENS TO LENS					\$12.00 Pass/\$8.00 Standard/FREE Ages 18 & Under				2p 6p	X X	\$ \$	= \$ = \$
Sa, 10/28/17	7pm	THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW					All seats: \$5.00				X	\$	= \$	
Tu-Su, 8/15-8/20/17	1pm Sa 7pm Sa/Su	DUNKIRK (in 70mm)					All seats: \$8.00				Sa, 1p Sa, 7p Su, 7p	X X X	\$ \$ \$	= \$ = \$ = \$
F-Su, 9/1-9/3/17	6:30pm F/Sa 2:30pm Sa/Su	FROZEN SING-A-LONG					All seats: \$5.00				F, 6:30p Sa, 2:30p Su, 6:30p	X X X	\$ \$ \$	= \$ = \$ = \$
Su, 12/17/17	1pm	HOLIDAY IN WHOVILLE					All seats: \$3.00				X	\$	= \$	
4/18-4/22/18	Various	ROGER EBERT'S FILM FESTIVAL					Festival Passes on-sale Wed, Nov 1, 2017; Individual Tickets on-sale Tue, April 2, 2018							



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