



THE VIRGINIA THEATRE

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CHAMPAIGN PARK DISTRICT ANNOUNCES VIRGINIA THEATRE 2018-2019 PERFORMING ARTS SEASON

Champaign, IL – The Champaign Park District has announced the initial lineup of concerts, films, dance, theatre, comedy, and other special events to take place in the 2018-2019 season at the historic Virginia Theatre, 203 West Park Avenue, Champaign, IL. **Season Subscriptions (to four or more shows in the theatre's 'VT Series') go on sale Friday, June 29, 2018, at 10:00 A.M.** at the Virginia box office, or charge by phone at 217-356-9063. **Individual tickets to most shows go on sale at 10:00 A.M., Friday, July 20, 2018.** For more information, visit www.thevirginia.org. The 2018-2019 Virginia Theatre Performing Arts Season is sponsored by The News-Gazette, WILL-Illinois Public Media, and WCIA-TV.

The 2018-2019 Virginia Theatre Performing Arts Season includes R&B sensations The O'Jays (appearing at the Virginia for the first time), Scottish-American comedian, author, and actor Craig Ferguson, and one of the country's pre-eminent singer-songwriters, Rosanne Cash. The Virginia Theatre also proudly welcomes back Lyle Lovett, touring this year with singer-songwriter Robert Earl Keen. The schedule's Winter events include holiday performances by 98°, Michael McDonald, and an appearance by the touring Broadway family show, *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*.

Also returning for the 2018-2019 season is the Virginia's flexible Subscription package, with a specially-curated selection of over a dozen events to choose from. Subscribers pick four or more 'VT Series' shows and receive benefits like discounted tickets, first choice of premium seats, and the option to keep the same seats next season. Subscribers who purchase tickets to six or more 'VT Series' shows receive free admission to *News-Gazette*, *Reel Deal* and *Rewind* series movies all season long. Subscribers also get first choice of seats to events as they are added to the Virginia calendar throughout the year.

A full listing of the Virginia's season of entertainment can be found at www.thevirginia.org beginning Monday, June 11, 2018.

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VIRGINIA THEATRE 2018-2019 PERFORMING ARTS SEASON

JUNE, 2018

PAT BENATAR & NEIL GIRALDO: A Very Intimate Acoustic Evening

Fri, June 15, 2018, 7:30pm

Tickets: \$39.50/\$59.50/\$69.50/\$79.50

On-Sale Now

Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo have formed one of the most successful partnerships in music history. During their nearly four-decade career, they have won an unprecedented four consecutive Grammy awards, as well as three American Music awards. Their undeniable chemistry, Benatar's mezzo-soprano vocal range, and Giraldo's trail-blazing work as a producer, guitarist, and songwriter created some of rock's most memorable hits. These include 'Promises in the Dark', 'Hell is For Children', 'We Live For Love', 'Love Is A Battlefield', 'Hit me with Your Best Shot', and 'We Belong'. Their rock and roll love affair has endured for 39 years and they continue to tour every year, wowing audiences everywhere.

ANIMATION VACATION!

Tickets: \$3

On-Sale Now

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

Tue/Thur, June 19 & 21, 2018, 6:30pm	<i>Cinderella</i> (1950)
Tue/Thur, June 26 & 28, 2018, 6:30pm	<i>The Jungle Book</i> (1967)
Tue/Thur, July 3 & 5, 2018, 6:30pm	<i>Toy Story 3</i> (2010)
Mon/Tue, July 9 & 10, 2018, 6:30pm	<i>Despicable Me</i> (2010)
Wed/Thur, July 11 & 12, 2018, 6:30pm	<i>Despicable Me 2</i> (2013)
Fri/Sat, July 13 & 14, 2018, 6:30pm (& 1pm Sat)	<i>Despicable Me 3</i> (2017)
Tue/Thur, July 24 & 26, 2018, 6:30pm	<i>The Little Mermaid</i> (1989)
Tue, Aug 7, 2018, 6:30pm	<i>Minions</i> (2015)
Tue/Thur, Aug 14 & 16, 2018, 6:30pm	<i>Snow White</i> (1937)
Tue/Thur, Aug 28 & 30, 2018, 6:30pm	<i>Mary Poppins</i> (1964)



'VT Series' SUBSCRIPTION PACKAGE

The Champaign Park District offers a flexible subscription option at the Virginia Theatre, with a specially-curated list of over a dozen shows to choose from. To subscribe, simply pick four or more 'VT Series' events, and you'll get great perks that include:

- Discounted tickets
- First choice of premium seats
- Option to keep the same seats when you renew
- First choice of seats to select shows as they're added throughout the year (past examples include The Beach Boys and Chicago)
- Free *News-Gazette* and *Reel Deal* movies all year long when you subscribe to six or more 'VT Series' events

IMPORTANT DATES:

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018, 10:00 A.M.

- 2018-2019 Performing Arts Season Announced
- On-sale date for patrons renewing their subscription from the previous season

FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2018, 10:00 A.M.

- New subscriptions go on sale

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2018, 10:00 A.M.

- Individual tickets to many shows go on sale

2018-2019 'VT SERIES' EVENTS:

- Ice Cream & Independence – July 1, 2018
- CUTC's 'ANNIE' – Aug 2-5, 2018
- TAJMO: The Taj Mahal and Keb' Mo' Band – Aug 9, 2018
- Lyle Lovett & Robert Earl Keen – Oct 11, 2018
- The O'Jays – Oct 13, 2018
- Craig Ferguson – Oct 31, 2018
- Rosanne Cash – Nov 8, 2018
- 98° – Nov 28, 2018
- *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, The Musical* – Dec 6, 2018
- Michael McDonald – Dec 9, 2018
- Andrew Peterson – Dec 12, 2018
- *That's What She Said* – Mar 2, 2019
- CU Ballet's *Swan Lake* – May 3-4, 2019



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.

Events presented by the Champaign Park District unless otherwise indicated.

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2018-2019 VIRGINIA THEATRE FILMS

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES

One Saturday each month, 1pm & 7pm

Tickets: \$6

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

For years, *The News-Gazette* has sponsored great movies at the Virginia Theatre with its popular classic film series. Screened 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 of our films are projected from 35mm reel-to-reel prints, while others show on the Virginia Theatre's new Christie 4K HD digital projector. Throw in house organist David Schroeder performing on the Virginia's historic Hope Jones II Wurlitzer pipe organ,



and you have an evening of entertainment fit for the whole family! New this year, News-Gazette film critic **Richard Leskosky** will join us following most 7pm *News-Gazette* screenings for a post-show talk about each movie in the Virginia lobby.

2018-2019 NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES PASS

\$85

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

Purchase a 2018-2019 News-Gazette Film Series Pass and see all 19 classic film 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.

2018-2019 REEL DEAL FILM SERIES

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

This season, see all the pictures you love when the Virginia screens films that have stolen the hearts of moviegoers everywhere. We're proud to bring you titles as divergent as *Black Panther* and *Lady Bird*, *Wonder Woman* and *Get Out*.

Presented many Tuesday and Thursday evenings, *Reel Deals* are an affordable way to enjoy a treasured film on our 52-foot screen, with state-of-the-art sound and the best popcorn in town!

REWIND 92.5 FILM SERIES

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

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

VIRGINIA THEATRE FILM PASSPORT

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 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 2018-2019 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

JULY, 2018

ICE CREAM AND INDEPENDENCE

Sun, July 1, 2018, 3pm

Tickets:

\$19.50/\$15.50/\$12.50 Adult

\$17.50/\$14.00/\$11.00 Senior (55 & over)

\$9.00 Children (12 & under)

Ask about our special Family 4-Pack!

On-Sale Now

VT Series Event

ICE CREAM AND INDEPENDENCE

Champaign-Urbana Civic Wind Band

Dr. Linda Moorhouse, Conductor

Yvonne Redman, Soprano

Hosted by Jim Turpin & Broadcast Live by NewsTalk 1400 AM – WDWS

Join your host Jim Turpin and WDWS Newstalk-1400 AM 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 1:30pm, prior to the concert. Music begins at 3pm inside the beautiful Virginia Theatre auditorium.

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

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: *The African Queen* (1951)

Sat, July 7, 2018, 1pm & 7pm

Tickets: \$6

On-Sale Now

Rated PG (104 min) One of our all-time favorites! In Africa during World War I, a gin-swilling riverboat captain is persuaded by a strait-laced missionary to use his vessel to attack an enemy warship. The film was adapted from a 1935 novel of the same name and was directed by the legendary John Huston. *African Queen* won Humphrey Bogart his only Oscar (Best Actor), and Katharine Hepburn later penned a best-selling nonfiction book about its making.



MARY POPPINS JR

Thur-Sat, July 19-21, 2018, 7pm (10am matinee Friday, 2pm matinee Saturday)

Presented by Champaign Park District Youth Theatre (5th-8th Grades)

Tickets: \$14 Adult/\$12 Child

On-Sale Now

Your favorite practically-perfect nanny takes center stage in this *supercalifragilisticexpialidocious* adventure based on the award-winning Broadway musical and the classic Walt Disney film. Performed by the young actors of the Champaign Park District's Youth Theatre program.

COFFEE AT THE VIRGINIA

You Don't Know Beans... until you've had a cup of coffee roasted at Columbia Street Roastery!

The Virginia Theatre is proud to 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.

AUGUST, 2018

A CUTC & J. Barry Howell production of ANNIE: The Musical

Thur-Sat, Aug 2-4, 2018, 7pm | Sun, Aug 5, 2018, 2pm

Tickets: \$24 Premium/\$18 Adult/\$14 Student & Senior (55 & over)/\$10 Children (12 & under)

On-Sale Now

VT Series Event

ANNIE

Book by Thomas Meehan

Music by Charles Strouse

Lyrics by Martin Charnin

Directors: Steven Fiol & Jaclyn Loewenstein

Music Director: Aaron Kaplan

Choreographer: Rebecca Netti-Fiol

With —

Annie: Noreen Adoni

Oliver Warbucks: Michael Steen

Grace Farrell: Chrissy Mauck



Miss Hannigan: Julia Megan Sullivan

Rooster Hannigan: Grant Morenz

Lily St. Regis: Zoë Dunn

This family-friendly 1977 Tony Award-winner for Best Musical is based on Harold Gray's popular comic strip 'Little Orphan Annie', which he started drawing in the 1920s. In the beloved tale, Annie is taken from her orphanage—and the clutches of the evil Miss Hannigan—to stay at billionaire Oliver Warbuck's mansion for the holidays. When Annie wins the hearts of Warbucks and his staff, they set out on an epic mission to find Annie's parents.

ANNIE is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com

Original Broadway Production Directed by Martin Charnin

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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.

TAJMO: The Taj Mahal and Keb' Mo' Band

Thur, Aug 9, 2018, 8pm

Tickets: \$45/\$69/\$85/\$125

On-Sale Now

Presented by Exceptional Artists, with the Champaign Park District

VT Series Event

Keb' Mo' was among the big winners at the 2018 Blues Music Awards, winning Album of the Year and Contemporary Blues Album of the Year for this first-ever collaboration project with Taj Mahal, along with Contemporary Blues Male Artist of The Year!

Taj Mahal first made his mark in the late 1960s with a series of visionary country-blues albums, and in the decades since has continued to pursue his free-spirited muse with a long series of eclectic recording projects touching upon a wide array of genres and cultures.



Since arriving on the scene in the 1990s, Keb' Mo' has built a powerful body of work that's showcased his mastery of multiple blues as well as his sense of musical adventure, which has led him into all manner of projects.

'TajMo' marks the first time that these two important artists have joined forces in the studio.

2018 PENS TO LENS Student Screenwriting Competition & Gala Screening

Sat, Aug 11, 2018, 2pm & 6pm

Tickets: \$12 Pass/\$8 Standard/FREE for Ages 18 & under

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

The Champaign Park District is proud to welcome back the Champaign-Urbana Film Society, Champaign Movie Makers, and the Champaign-Urbana Design Organization as they present this unique program for East Central Illinois K-12 students. In *Pens to Lens*, children 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, while the 6pm screening features films written by 8th-12th grade students.

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: *The Long, Long Trailer* (1953)

Sat, Aug 18, 2018, 1pm & 7pm

Tickets: \$6

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

Rated G (103 min) Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz star in this delightful road trip movie about a year-long camping trip gone very, very wrong. At the time, MGM was doubtful that patrons would line up to see stars cross over from television, but the film earned more than *Father of the Bride* (the highest grossing comedy of the day), winning Desi Arnaz a \$25,000 bet with his studio bosses.

A VIRGINIA THEATRE SPECIAL EVENT

2001: A Space Odyssey, in 70mm (1968)

Mon-Sat, Aug 20-25, 2018, 7pm | Sat-Sun, Aug 25-26, 2018, 1pm

Tickets: \$8

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

Just what do you think you're doing, Dave? – HAL 9000



Rated G (161 min) *2001* turns 50 this year, and we're celebrating at the Virginia with a full week of screenings of Stanley Kubrick's masterpiece on a new 70mm print struck from the original negative—without any digital remastering, effects, or edits. This is as close as you can get to the legendary film's original 1968 presentation, when it was projected in 70mm on Cinerama screens nationwide.

SEPTEMBER, 2018

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1962)

Sat, Sept 1, 2018, 1pm & 7pm

Tickets: \$6

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

Not Rated (130 min) Adapted from Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird* is considered one of the finest film adaptations of all time. The picture stars Gregory Peck as Atticus Finch and Mary Badham as Scout and marked the film debut of Robert Duvall. It received overwhelmingly positive reviews from critics at its release and was a box-office success, earning more than 10 times its budget and winning three Academy Awards. In 2003, the American Film Institute named Atticus Finch the greatest movie hero of the 20th century.

SEPTEMBER REEL DEALS

All screenings 7pm

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

Tue & Thur, September 4 & 6, 2018

Lady Bird (2017) Rated R (95 min)

Tue & Thur, September 11 & 13, 2018

The Shape of Water (2017) Rated R (123 min)

A VIRGINIA THEATRE SPECIAL EVENT

REWIND 92.5 FILM SERIES: *Ghostbusters* (1984)

Sat, Sept 8, 2018, 7pm

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

(Rated PG, 105 min) There's 'something strange in our neighborhood'... So join us at the Virginia for this screening and special event with our friends from Rewind 92.5 FM and find out what. Who ya gonna call? The Virginia Theatre Box Office at 217-356-9063!

DISNEY'S THE ARISTOCATS - KIDS

Presented by Champaign Park District Youth Theatre (2nd-4th Grades)

Thur-Sat, Sept 20-22, 2018, 7pm (2pm matinee Saturday)



30-Minute Version

Tickets: \$12 Adult/\$10 Child

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

Everybody wants to be a cat in Disney's charming stage adaptation of the animated classic motion picture! Based on the beloved Disney film and featuring a jazzy, upbeat score, *Disney's The Aristocats KIDS* is a non-stop thrill ride of feline fun, complete with unbelievable twists and turns.

DANNY GOKEY: HOPE ENCOUNTER TOUR

Sun, Sept 23, 2018, 7pm

Tickets: \$75 (Gold Circle*)/\$35/\$25

On-Sale Now

GRAMMY nominee, Dove Award winner, and Capitol recording artist Danny Gokey is gearing up for his first-ever headline tour with this fall's *Hope Encounter*.

Gokey became a favorite of millions of fans as a Top 3 finalist on Season 8 of American Idol. His first album, *My Best Days*, debuted at #4 on the Billboard Top 200 album chart. Since then, the Wisconsin native has celebrated a series of #1 album debuts, including his first award-winning holiday album, *Christmas Is Here*. Gokey's latest album, *Rise*, reached #1 on the Billboard Top Christian Album chart and garnered his first Grammy nomination. Its title track marked his third, multi-week, multi-chart #1 single.

OCTOBER, 2018

OCTOBER REEL DEALS

All screenings 7pm

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

Tue & Thur, October 2 & 4, 2018

Get Out (2017) Rated R (104 min)

Tue & Thur, October 16 & 18, 2018

Beetlejuice (1988) Rated PG (92 min)

AN EVENING WITH LYLE LOVETT & ROBERT EARL KEEN

Thur, Oct 11, 2018, 7:30pm

Tickets: \$39.95/\$49.95/\$59.95/69.95

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

VT Series Event



A singer, composer and actor, Lyle Lovett has broadened the definition of American music in a career that spans 14 albums over three decades. Coupled with his gift for storytelling, this Texas-based musician fuses elements of Americana, swing, jazz, folk, gospel, and blues in a convention-defying manner that breaks down barriers. Among Lovett's many accolades are included four Grammy Awards, the Americana Music Association's inaugural Trailblazer Award, and being named Texas State Musician. His recorded works, rich and eclectic, are some of the most beloved of any living artist working today.

Now three-decades on from his debut release and with nineteen albums to his name, Robert Earl Keen remains as inspired by his muse as ever. From his humble beginnings on the Texas folk scene, he's blazed a trail that's earned him living-legend status in the Americana world. He was a relative unknown at the release of his second studio album in 1989, but after the recording of 'Whenever Kindness Fails' on his 1993 album *A Bigger Piece of Sky*, the secret was out on Keen's credentials as a songwriter's songwriter. In 2012, he was inducted into the Texas Heritage Songwriters Hall of Fame along with his college buddy, Lyle Lovett.

THE O'JAYS

Sat, Oct 13, 2018, 7:30pm

Tickets: \$69.50/\$89.50/\$99.50/\$119.50

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

VT Series Event

Original founding members Walter Williams and Eddie Levert first formed The O'Jays in 1963, in Canton, Ohio, and over 50 years later, they're still touring with the same electrifying energy, thrilling fans the world over. After being signed to a major label in 1972, The O'Jays scored their first number 1 hit, the million-selling 'Backstabbers', to be followed by a long run of legendary, chart-topping pop/R&B singles like 'Love Train', 'Put Your Hands Together', 'For The Love of Money', 'I Love Music', 'Livin' For The Weekend' and 'Use Ta Be My Girl'.

The O'Jays were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2005, inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 2005, and honored with BET's Life Time Achievement Award in 2009. In 2013, they were also inducted into the R&B Music Hall of Fame. Throughout their career, The O'Jays have earned 10 Gold albums, 9 Platinum albums and 10 #1 hits. It's been a long journey, but thanks to the fans, the *Love Train* is still going strong!

RETURN TO IWO JIMA, A Documentary

Sat, Oct 20, 2018, 1pm

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am



Return To Iwo Jima (narrated by Ed McMahon) is the first of three nationally-televised documentaries produced by Academy Award-winning and 16-time Emmy Award-winning producer/writer Arnold Shapiro. It chronicles the 40th anniversary of the famed WWII battle and the first time American and Japanese veterans came together in peace on the black sands of Iwo Jima—February 19, 1985. Mr. Shapiro will be on hand to talk about the film with veterans of that iconic battle and to answer questions following the screening.

A VIRGINIA THEATRE SPECIAL EVENT

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

Sun, Oct 21, 2018, 2pm

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

PG-13 (96 min) Rewind 92.5 FM returns to the Virginia with this ever-popular cult classic. It's 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 (starting at noon) and a chance to meet the Sanderson sisters at this special screening event.

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES – 5 NIGHTS OF HITCH

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

***Suspicion* (1941)**

Mon, Oct 22, 2018, 7pm

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

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

Not Rated (99 min) The Virginia Theatre kicks off our annual Halloween treat, '5 Nights of Hitch', with a classic mystery with a lighthearted touch...but still with plenty of suspense. Joan Fontaine and Cary Grant star as newlyweds whose honeymoon turns into a living nightmare.

***Notorious* (1946)**

Tue, Oct 23, 2018, 7pm

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

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

Not Rated (102 min) Roger Ebert and many other film critics gave this film their top rating, citing masterful camerawork and outstanding performances by greats Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman, whose characters' lives become entangled during a WWII espionage operation. Regarded as



some of the Master of Suspense's very best work, see for yourself just why this film is so notorious!

'Alfred Hitchcock Presents'

Wed, Oct 24, 2018, 7pm

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

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

Rated TV-14 (100 min) 'Good evening...' Enjoy this year's new addition to the '5 Nights' series—a return to the popular television show produced and hosted by Hitchcock himself, complete with that beloved theme song and logo. The Virginia will screen four of the series' very best episodes (*which ones* is a surprise...), back to back. We can't wait!

***Dial M for Murder* (1954)**

Thur, Oct 25, 2018, 7pm

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

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

Rated PG (105 min) Widely considered to be the least Hitchcock-esque film in his body of work, 'Dial M for Murder' remains to this day a highly entertaining and chillingly sinister thriller. Starring Grace Kelly, Ray Milland, and Robert Cummings.

***Psycho* (1960)**

Fri, Oct 26, 2018, 7pm

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

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

Rated R (109 min) The classic thriller responsible for everyone's distrust of showers also became the template for countless films that followed. Starring Anthony Perkins, Janet Leigh, Vera Miles, and Martin Balsam. It wouldn't be Halloween without this scary movie staple!

A VIRGINIA THEATRE SPECIAL EVENT

REWIND 92.5 FILM SERIES: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* (1975)

Sat, Oct 27, 2018, 7pm

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

Rated R (100 min) Let's do the *Time Warp* again when the king of cult classics returns to the Virginia's silver screen! 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.



Participation is encouraged, and we'll provide a limited number of free prop bags at admission, so don't wait to buy your tickets; we see you shiver with antici...pation!

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

CRAIG FERGUSON

Wed, Oct 31, 2018, 7pm

Tickets: \$39.50/\$49.50

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

VT Series Event

It was his long-running role on *The Drew Carey Show* that first introduced comedian Craig Ferguson to American audiences. Then, in 2005, Craig was given hosting duties on the *The Late Late Show*, which he appeared on through the end of 2014. Ferguson's late-night talk show was a hit, earning its first Emmy nomination a year into its run. Mixed in with his work on TV were several high-profile big-screen roles, often voice-over work, in movies such as *How to Train Your Dragon* (2010), *Winnie the Pooh* (2011) and *Brave* (2012).

Ferguson, who became an American citizen in 2008, is also an author, publishing *Between the Bridge and the River* (a novel; 2006) and *American on Purpose* (a memoir; 2009).

In September 2014, he began hosting *Celebrity Name Game*, a game show produced by Courtney Cox and David Arquette. In February 2016, he also began hosting a history-based talk show, *Join or Die with Craig Ferguson*. He continues to tour internationally as a stand-up comedian.

NOVEMBER, 2018

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* (1939)

Sat, Nov 3, 2018, 1pm and 7pm

Tickets: \$6

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

Not Rated (129 min) Just in time for Election Day! James Stewart stars in the Frank Capra classic that established him as a leading man. Nominated for eleven Academy Awards (and winning for Best Original Story), *Mr. Smith* is considered to be one of the greatest films of all time and was selected by the Library of Congress for preservation in the United States National Film Registry as 'culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant'.



ROSANNE CASH with JOHN LEVENTHAL: *She Remembers Everything*

Thur, Nov 8, 2018, 7:30pm

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

She Remembers Everything, Rosanne's Cash's highly anticipated follow up to her triple Grammy-winning masterpiece *The River and The Thread*, is a powerfully insightful and strikingly universal collection of new songs. Both confessional and cathartic, the material reverberates with an urgency of a woman who has found and owns her story and her voice and who is driven to speak when time feels ever shorter. Songs from this record, which will be released in October 2018, will be featured in concert along with select songs from her storied career and from *Norma Rae* – the new musical she is writing with John Leventhal (book by John Weidman), based on the 1979 hit film.

One of the country's pre-eminent singer/songwriters, Rosanne Cash has released 15 albums, earning four Grammy Awards and nominations for 11 more. She's also an author whose four books include the best-selling memoir *Composed*, which the *Chicago Tribune* called 'one of the best accounts of an American life you'll likely ever read'.

Ms. Cash was awarded the SAG/AFTRA Lifetime Achievement award for Sound Recordings in 2012 and received the 2014 Smithsonian Ingenuity Award in the Performing Arts. In 2015, she was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters' Hall of Fame.

REO SPEEDWAGON

Sat, Nov 10, 2018, 7:30pm

Tickets: \$59.50/\$79.50/\$99.50/\$199.00 (VIP)

On-Sale Now (limited availability)

Presented by Pacific Coast Concerts and Outback Concerts.

The Champaign Park District announced that the REO Speedwagon concert originally set for Thursday, February 8, 2018, at the Virginia Theatre was rescheduled due to band member illness—with a new date of Saturday, November 10. All tickets from the originally scheduled concert will be honored at the theatre November 10th.

Formed loosely in the late '60s at a well-known college in Champaign, IL, REO Speedwagon (named after the precursor to the light truck) rode to shows in a station wagon, hopping from small gigs to even tinier gigs, just to get their name out. It worked, as fans quickly realized there was much more going on here than your average college party band.

By the early '70s, REO's unrelenting drive, as well as non-stop touring and recording, jump-started the burgeoning rock movement in the Midwest. It carved a path that was eventually



followed by STYX, Kansas, Cheap Trick, and more. Platinum albums and freeform FM radio staples such as 'Ridin' The Storm Out' followed, setting the stage for 1980's explosive *Hi Infidelity*.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR

Presented by Champaign Park District Youth Theatre (5th-8th Grades)

Thur-Sat, Nov 15-17, 2018, 7pm (2pm matinee Saturday)

Tickets: \$14 Adult/\$12 Child

On-Sale Date: Fri, Jul 20, 2018, 10am

The Award-winning animated film and stage play comes to life in this romantic and beloved take on the classic fairytale. Based on the original Broadway production that ran for over thirteen years (nominated for nine Tony Awards) and the Academy Award-winning motion picture, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast JR*. is a fantastic adaptation of the story of transformation and tolerance.

A VIRGINIA THEATRE SPECIAL EVENT

***First Man* (2018)**

Mon-Wed, Nov 19-21, 2018, 7pm | Fri-Sat, Nov 23-24, 7pm | Sat-Sun, Nov 24-25, 1pm

Tickets: \$8

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

Rated G (161 min) The riveting true story of NASA's mission to land a man on the moon, *First Man* focuses on Neil Armstrong and the years 1961–1969. This new release stars Ryan Gosling as Armstrong, alongside Claire Foy, Corey Stoll, Kyle Chandler, Jason Clarke, Shea Whigham, and Jon Bernthal, and depicts the years leading up to the Apollo 11 mission. Directed by Damien Chazelle and written by Nicole Perlman and Josh Singer, the film is based upon the book *First Man: The Life of Neil A. Armstrong*, by James R. Hansen.

98° AT CHRISTMAS, 2018

Wed, Nov 28, 2018, 7:30pm

Tickets: \$49.50/\$69.50/\$79.50/\$99.50

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

In five short years (1997-2002), 98° sold a staggering 10 million records, scored a chart-topping single, 'Thank God I Found You' with Mariah Carey, and collaborated with their idol Stevie Wonder on 'True to Your Heart', for the 1998 animated Disney film, *Mulan*. Their four-million-selling album, *98° and Rising*, spawned the top-5 favorites 'Because of You', 'I Do', and 'The Hardest Thing', while 2000's *Revelation*, which sold two million copies, peaked at number 2 on the Billboard 200 and yielded a trio of hits, 'Give Me Just One Night', 'My Everything' and 'The Way You Want Me To'.



The group emerged at a time when teen-oriented acts such as the Spice Girls, The Backstreet Boys, and NSYNC were just hitting the top of the charts around the world. They differentiated themselves from many of the other teen bands at the time by writing much of their own material, which reflected their own R&B influences.

Last year, 98° released their first full-length Christmas album in 18 years, *Let It Snow*, to glowing reviews from both fans and critics alike.

DECEMBER, 2018

REWIND 92.5 FILM SERIES: Listeners' Choice

Sun, 12/2/18, 2018, 2pm

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale Date: Fall, 2018

Stand up and be counted and help us choose which of the following holiday favorites we show today! Watch our website (thevirginia.org) or listen to Rewind 92.5 FM for details on voting, starting this fall.

The 'candidates':

- *When Harry Met Sally*
- *Home Alone*
- *Jingle all the Way*
- *Die Hard*

RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER: THE MUSICAL

Thur, Dec 6, 2018, 7pm

Tickets: Adult: \$52.50/\$62.50 Sen: \$45.50/\$55.50 Child: \$32.50/\$42.50

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

VT Series Event

The beloved TV classic *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* soars off the screen and onto the stage this holiday season. Come see all of your favorite characters from the special including Santa and Mrs. Claus, Hermey the Elf, Bumble the Abominable Snow Monster, Clarice, Yukon Cornelius and, of course, Rudolph, as they come to life in this touring Broadway production of *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical!*

It's an adventure that teaches us that what makes you different can be what makes you special. Don't miss this wonderful holiday tradition that speaks to the misfit in all of us. Based on the



animated television special *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* and the stage production directed and conceived by Jeff Frank and First Stage. Script adaptation by Robert Penola. Arrangements and orchestrations by Timothy Splain.

MICHAEL MCDONALD

Sun, Dec 9, 2018, 7pm

Tickets: \$49.95/\$59.95/\$69.95/\$79.95

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

VT Series Event

Michael McDonald will bring his *This Christmas, An Evening of Holiday & Hits Tour* to the Virginia in December – and there's no better way to get into the spirit of the holiday season!

Two notes. That's all it takes to recognize the voice of Michael McDonald. Distinctive and soulful, it is one of the most yearningly emotive instruments of our times. To this add formidable songwriting and keyboard skills, and you have an artist who has been a singular musical presence for four decades. From '70s-era hits like Steely Dan's 'Peg', to Doobie Brothers classics such as 'What A Fool Believes', 'Takin' It To The Streets', 'It Keeps You Runnin'', and 'Minute By Minute', through two highly-acclaimed Motown albums, genre-busting guest spots, and innovative concept shows, the five-time Grammy Award-winning McDonald is both timeless and ever-evolving.

His distinct vocal style also made him one of the world's most sought-after session singers. Beyond his hits with The Doobies, McDonald has lent his voice to records by an A-Z list of artists, including Ray Charles, Aretha Franklin, Vince Gill, Elton John, Joni Mitchell, and countless others.

ANDREW PETERSON presents BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

Presented by Gather Round Production

Wed, Dec 12, 2018, 7pm

On-Sale Date: Fri, Jul 20, 2018 10am

VT Series Event

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.



MEET SANTA CLAUS AT THE VIRGINIA THEATRE!

FREE

Wed, Dec 5, 2018, 5-7pm

Tue, Dec 11, 2018, 5-7pm

Wed, Dec 19, 2018, 5-7pm

Ho Ho Ho, Santa Claus is coming to town! The Champaign Center Partnership and the Champaign Park District are excited to again welcome St. Nick to downtown's historic Virginia Theatre. You and your family can visit with Santa in the theatre's Mezzanine Lobby once weekly 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.

HOLIDAY CARD PHOTO OP

FREE Reservations available starting Friday, July 20, 2018, 10am (at the box office and by phone at 217-356-9063).

Mon, Nov 26, 2018, 5-8pm

Mon, Dec 3, 2018, 5-8pm

Mon, Dec 10, 2018, 5-8pm

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.

A VIRGINIA THEATRE SPECIAL EVENT

HOLIDAY IN WHOVILLE

Sun, Dec 16, 2018, 1pm

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

On-Sale Date: Fri, Jul 20, 2018, 10am

Join us at the Virginia Theatre for a real holiday treat! Watch Dr. Seuss's *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (1966 Television Short), showing at 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, and 4pm.

During the event we will have pictures with Santa, caroling, hot chocolate, and trolley rides through Downtown Champaign!



NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: THE BEST CHRISTMAS MOVIES EVER

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

On-Sale Date: Fri, Jul 20, 2018, 10am

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

The Bishop's Wife (1947)

Mon, Dec 17, 2018, 7pm

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

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

Rated G (109 min) A bishop prays for divine intervention...and is sent Cary Grant as a guardian angel in human form. In this sentimental favorite, the angel helps find financial aid to build a new church and revives the bishop's troubled marriage.

Miracle on 34th Street (1947)

Tue, Dec 18, 2018, 7pm

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

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

Rated G (101 min) Kris Kringle is *really* convincing in his job as Santa Claus at the Macy's toy-department. That's because... he *is* Santa. After he's institutionalized for this seemingly out-of-touch behavior, a young lawyer decides to defend him in court by proving that he is indeed the *real deal*.

White Christmas (1954)

Wed, Dec 19, 2018, 7pm

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

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

Rated G (120 min) This charming holiday musical stars Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye as a successful song-and-dance team that partner with a sister act to save a failing Vermont inn.

A Christmas Carol (1951)

Thur, Dec 20, 2018, 7pm

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

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am



Bah humbug! This enchanting Christmas fable is about an old embittered miser who is given the chance for redemption when three ghosts haunt him on Christmas Eve.

It's a Wonderful Life (1946)

Fri & Sat, Dec 21 & 22, 7pm (with a 1pm matinee Sat)

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

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

Rated PG (132 min) A depressed businessman gets the opportunity to see what life is like had he never existed. With the help of an angel, George Bailey sees what could have been and learns to appreciate all the ups and downs life brings.

JANUARY, 2019

JANUARY REEL DEALS

All screenings 7pm

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

Tue & Thur, January 8 & 10, 2019

Beauty and the Beast (2017) Rated PG, 130 min

Tue & Thur, January 15 & 17, 2019

Purple Rain (1984) Rated R, 112 min

Tue & Thur, January 22 & 24, 2019

The Big Sick (2017), Rated R, 120 min

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: *Charade* (1963)

Sat, Jan 12, 2019, 1pm & 7pm

Tickets: \$6

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 20, 2018, 10am

Rated G (115 min) Help us celebrate Cary Grant's birthday this month when we revisit the always-popular film that everyone said was 'the best Hitchcock movie that Hitchcock never made'!

Audrey Hepburn plays Regina, a woman suddenly widowed when her husband is murdered in Paris. To make matters worse, she is being pursued by several suspicious men who are after the fortune her husband had stolen. Filmed on location, *Charade* casts a spell that's equal part spy thriller, screwball comedy, and classic romance.

REWIND 92.5 FILM SERIES: 'Bad Movie Mondays': *Tremors* (1984)

Mon, Jan 28, 2019, 7pm

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am



Rated PG-13 (96 min) Sneak out to the historic Virginia Theatre in downtown Champaign, and be very, very quiet...because we're showing this camp classic as part of Rewind 92.5's 'Bad Movie Mondays'. Extra credit if you can tell us what your *six degrees* to Kevin Bacon is!

FEBRUARY, 2019

FEBRUARY REEL DEALS

All screenings 7pm

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

Tue & Thur, February 5 & 7, 2019

Stand By Me (1986) Rated R, 89 min

Tue & Thur, February 26 & 28, 2019

Black Panther (2018) Rated PG-13 (135 min)

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: *Top Hat* (1935)

Sat, Feb 9, 2019, 1pm & 7pm

Tickets: \$6

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 20, 2018, 10am

Not Rated (101 min) Starring that original dancing dynamic duo, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, *Top Hat* is the most successful and best known picture in the long history of their partnership. The film centers on a case of mistaken identity when a dancer (Astaire) woos a model (Rogers) after she mistakes him for a business manager instead of the petty annoyance she initially thought he was.

CHAMPAIGN PARK DISTRICT DANCE ARTS ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

Fri & Sat, Feb 15 & 16, 2019 – 7pm Friday & 2pm Saturday

On-Sale Date: Winter, 2019

Don't miss this yearly spring performance by students of the Champaign Park District's Dance Arts School. The show includes ballet, Irish, and contemporary dance.

YOUTH THEATRE WINTER PLAY

Thur-Sat, Feb 21-23, 2019, 7pm (2pm matinee Saturday)

Presented by Champaign Park District Youth Theatre (5th-8th Grades)

Tickets: \$14 Adult/\$12 Child

On-Sale Date: Winter, 2019

REWIND 92.5 FILM SERIES: 'Bad Movie Mondays': *Flash Gordon* (1980)

Mon, Feb 25, 2019, 7pm

Tickets: \$5



On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

Rated PG (111 min) If you have never before experienced the unparalleled camp of *Flash Gordon*, the pure, unadulterated silliness of the picture may take you by surprise. Produced by Dino De Laurentiis and with a soundtrack performed by Queen, *Flash Gordon* was a self-aware space opera that gained almost instant cult-classic status.

MARCH, 2019

THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID

Sat, March 2, 2019, 7:30pm

Tickets: \$40

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

That's What She Said is returning to the Virginia Theater for its 5th installment of local women sharing personal stories. This special night will make you belly laugh and ugly cry and everything in between.

We all have a story to share. *That's What She Said* captures a few local stories from women who have something to say! This 'ultimate girls' night out' show features local women in an intimate performance that everyone can relate to.

MARCH REEL DEALS

All screenings 7pm

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

Tue & Thur, March 5 & 7, 2019

Big (1986) Rated PG, 130 min

Tue & Thur, March 26 & 28, 2019

Wonder Woman (2017) Rated PG-13, 149 min

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: *Gaslight* (1944)

Sat, Mar 9, 2019, 1pm & 7pm

Tickets: \$6

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 20, 2018, 10am

Not Rated (114 min) The film that gave us an entirely new term for *manipulation*. After the death of her famous opera-singing aunt, Paula (Ingrid Bergman) falls in love with the charming Gregory Anton (Charles Boyer). Back in London, Paula begins to notice strange goings-on: missing pictures, strange footsteps in the night, and lights that dim without being touched. As she fights to retain her sanity, she begins to doubt her new husband's true intentions...



REWIND 92.5 FILM SERIES: “Bad Movie Mondays”: *Xanadu* (1980)

Mon, March 25, 2019, 7pm

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

Rated PG (96 min) For our final ‘Bad Movie Monday’, we’ve really upped the ante with this 1980 box office (and critical) flop! *Xanadu* stars Olivia Newton-John, Gene Kelly, and Michael Beck, and features music by Newton-John, Electric Light Orchestra, Cliff Richard, and The Tubes. The film earned terrible reviews and was an inspiration for the creation of the *Golden Raspberry Award* to memorialize the worst films of the year. All the more reason to spend a Monday night with it!

**PECHA KUCHA NIGHT CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, Volume 29
presented by the Champaign-Urbana Design Organization**

Sat, March 30, 2019, 8:20pm

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

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 20, 2018, 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 29th installment is sure to feature an entertaining lineup of innovative presentations.

APRIL, 2019

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: *Metropolis* (1927)

Sat, April 6, 2019, 1pm & 7pm

Tickets: \$6

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 20, 2018, 10am

Not Rated (153 min) This influential film portrays a futuristic city sharply divided between the working class and city planners, but a working class prophet predicts the resolution to their differences when she falls in love with the son of the city’s mastermind. A silent expressionist masterpiece from German director Fritz Lang, who took over 17 months to shoot it, *Metropolis* is widely regarded as a pioneering work in dramatic science fiction.

21ST ANNUAL ROGER EBERT’S FILM FESTIVAL

presented by The College of Media at Illinois

Wed-Sun, April 10-14, 2019



Festival Passes on sale Thur, Nov 1, 2018, 10am | Individual Tickets on sale Mon, April 1, 2019, 10am

Held every April inside downtown Champaign's historic Virginia Theatre, Ebertfest was founded in 1999 by the late Roger Ebert, University of Illinois Journalism graduate and Pulitzer Prize-winning film critic. The festival celebrates movies that haven't received the recognition they deserved during their original runs, giving these pictures (and their creators) a well-deserved second look. For more information on dates, times, and film titles, visit ebertfest.com.

YOUTH THEATRE SPRING PLAY

Presented by Champaign Park District Youth Theatre (2nd-4th Grades)

Thur-Sat, April 25-27, 2019, 7pm (2pm matinee Saturday)

Tickets: \$12 Adult/\$10 Child

On-Sale Date: Winter, 2019

A VIRGINIA THEATRE SPECIAL EVENT

REWIND 92.5 FILM SERIES: *Marvel's The Avengers* (2012)

Sun, April 28, 2019, 2pm (doors open at 1pm)

Tickets: \$5

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 20, 2018, 10am

Rated PG-13 (143 min) Fasten your capes and polish your shield—the Virginia Theatre is hosting a 'mini comic convention'! Don your favorite costume and fly on over to have a lot of fun at this special screening of *The Avengers*, hosted by our friends from Rewind 92.5 FM.

MAY, 2019

SWAN LAKE

presented by CU Ballet

Fri, May 3, 2019, 7pm | Sat, May 4, 2019, 11am & 4pm

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

On-Sale Date: Fri, Jul 20, 2018, 10am

VT Series Event

The Champaign Urbana Ballet presents *Swan Lake*, the ultimate ballet! This romantic fable of ill-fated passion and forgiveness is told through beautiful choreography amid magnificent sets – a timeless classic. All performances include the full ballet.

MAY REEL DEALS

All screenings 7pm



Tickets: \$5

On-Sale Date: Fri, July 20, 2018, 10am

Tue & Thur, May 7 & 9, 2019 *Spirited Away* (2001) Rated PG, 135 min

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: *The Thin Man* (1934)

Sat, May 25, 2019, 1pm & 7pm

Tickets: \$6

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 20, 2018, 10am

Not Rated (93 min) Come celebrate the 85th birthday of the film that launched a beloved 6-film franchise! Based on the Dashiell Hammett novel, *The Thin Man* stars William Powell and Myrna Loy as Nick and Nora Charles, with Powell and Loy setting the standard for on-screen chemistry and easy banter. The director encouraged improvisation with his actors and incorporated off-the-cuff details in the picture's final cut, and the results were a fresh, spontaneous style that's still fun to watch to this day.

REWIND 92.5 FILM SERIES: *The Sandlot* (1993)

Thur, May 30, 2019, 7pm

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale Date: Fri, Jul 20, 2018, 10am

Rated PG (101 min) You're killing me, Smalls! *Batter up* for this very special event with the team from Rewind 92.5 FM and more as we celebrate the boys of summer. A cult favorite, *The Sandlot* is the quintessential coming-of-age baseball film that Roger Ebert called the summertime version of *A Christmas Story*. Show up in your full baseball or softball uniform and get in free!

JUNE, 2019

TWIST AND SHOUT 10TH ANNUAL DANCE RECITAL

presented by Twist and Shout, Dance and Cheer

Sat, June 1, 2019, 11am & 6pm

On-Sale Date: Spring, 2019

Twist and Shout's annual recital showcases the accomplishments over the previous nine months of the program's students aged 18 months-18 years. Join us for one of these family-friendly shows!

ART IN MOTION ANNUAL DANCE SHOWCASE

presented by Art in Motion Dance Studio

Thurs-Sat, June 6-8, 2019, 6:30pm



On-Sale Date: Spring, 2019

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

A VIRGINIA THEATRE SPECIAL EVENT

REWIND 92.5 FILM SERIES: *Space Jam* (1996)

Sat, June 15, 2019, 7pm

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale Date: Fri, Jul 20, 2018, 10am

Rated PG (88 min) *It's game time!* Feel free to wear a jersey—and put on your game face—when you come root for the Looney Tunes at this special event with Rewind 92.5 FM. The live-action/animated sports comedy stars the legendary Michael Jordan along with a whole bunch of Looney Tunes cartoon characters who help him win a match against a group of space aliens.

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: *On The Waterfront* (1954)

Sat, June 22, 2019, 1pm & 7pm

Tickets: \$6

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 20, 2018, 10am

Not Rated (108 min) Nominated for 12 Academy Awards (winning 8, including Best Picture, Actor, Director, and Best Supporting Actress). A longshoreman and wannabe prize fighter (Marlon Brando) witnesses a murder at the hands of his crooked boss's cronies and finds himself tangled up with the mob, struggling to stand up to a corrupt union. Drawn from the Pulitzer Prize-winning reporting of Malcolm Johnson, with original story by Budd Schulberg.

JULY, 2019

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: *Stage Door* (1937)

Sat, July 13, 2019, 1pm & 7pm

Tickets: \$6

On Sale Date: Fri, Jul 20, 2018, 10am

Not Rated (92 min) It's Ginger Rogers' birthday! Come watch Rogers and Katharine Hepburn star in a film (it was adapted from the play of the same name) about two young actresses aspiring to see their names in lights. Widely thought of as one of the very best glimpses into a life on the stage, *Stage Door* opened to great reviews and still packs an emotional punch today.



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, June 11, 2018, 10am: On-sale date for patrons renewing their subscription

Friday, June 29, 2018, 10am: New subscriptions on sale

Friday, July 20, 2018, 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.

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 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.

VENUE INFORMATION

BOX OFFICE

203 West Park Avenue Champaign, IL 61820

Phone: 217-356-9063

Hours: Mon-Fri, 10am-5:30pm, plus 2 hours before each event

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!

By appointment

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 by appointment—to schedule, call 217-356-9063, or mitch.marlow@champaignparks.com. Donations to the Virginia Theatre Restoration Fund are encouraged.

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