

#### THE VIRGINIA THEATRE

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# CHAMPAIGN PARK DISTRICT ANNOUNCES VIRGINIA THEATRE 2019-2020 PERFORMING ARTS SEASON

Champaign, IL – The Champaign Park District has announced the lineup of concerts, films, dance, theatre, comedy, and other events to take place in the 2019-2020 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 Monday, July 1, 2019, at 10:00 A.M. at the Virginia box office or charge by phone at 217-356-9063. Individual tickets to most shows this season go on sale at 10:00 A.M., Friday, July 19, 2019. For more information, visit www.thevirginia.org. The 2019-2020 Virginia Theatre Performing Arts Season is sponsored by The News-Gazette and WILL-Illinois Public Media.

The 2019-2020 Virginia Theatre Performing Arts Season includes folk legend Art Garfunkel, Broadway Smash A Night With Janis Joplin, and platinum blues rockers George Thorogood & The Destroyers. The Virginia is proudly welcoming back David Sedaris, The Moth Mainstage, and progrock favorites, Kansas, this time on their Point of No Return Tour. This season, the Virginia will also host the breathtaking Magical Cirque Christmas, opera singer Nathan Gunn with the Champaign-Urbana Civic Wind Band, a concert by renowned folk singer Gordon Lightfoot, an evening with Hamilton actress Renee Elise Goldsberry, The Second City, Straight No Chaser, the Glenn Miller Orchestra, and much more.

Also returning for the 2019-2020 season is the Virginia's flexible subscription package, with a specially-curated selection of 18 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 and get first choice of seats to events as they are added to the Virginia calendar throughout the year.

For a complete details about the Virginia's 2019-2020 season, taken from the theatre's forthcoming season brochure, see below.

For more information and for interview requests, contact Mitch Marlow at 217-819-3936 or <a href="mitch.marlow@champaignparks.com">mitch.marlow@champaignparks.com</a>.

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## **VIRGINIA THEATRE 2019-2020 PERFORMING ARTS SEASON**

# Subscribe and Save BEST SEATS. BEST SHOWS. BEST DEALS.

Subscribe today and get your favorite seats to great shows—at a discount!

The Champaign Park District offers a flexible subscription program at the Virginia Theatre every season, with an extensive, varied list of live events to choose from.

To subscribe, just pick four or more 'VT Series' events, and you'll get 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
- Free News-Gazette, Reel Deal, & Rewind movies all year long when you subscribe to six or more 'VT Series' events

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019, 10:00 A.M.

- 2019-2020 Performing Arts Season Announced
- On-sale date for patrons renewing their subscription

MONDAY, JULY 1, 2019, 10:00 A.M.

• New subscriptions on sale

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2019, 10:00 A.M.

Individual tickets to many shows on sale

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.

# **2019-2020 'VT SERIES' EVENTS:**

- Art Garfunkel June 22, 2019
- Ice Cream & Independence June 29, 2019
- CUTC's The Wizard of Oz Aug 1-4, 2019



- Gordon Lightfoot Sept 24, 2019
- A Night with Janis Joplin Oct 4, 2019
- George Thorogood & the Destroyers Oct 16, 2019
- Kansas Oct 18, 2019
- Straight No Chaser Oct 28, 2019
- The Second City Nov 30, 2019
- A Magical Cirque Christmas Dec 11, 2019
- That's What She Said Feb 22, 2020
- Steven Ball, Wurlitzer Organ March 14, 2020
- Renee Elise Goldsberry March 26, 2020
- THE MOTH Mainstage March 28, 2020
- David Sedaris April 22, 2020
- CU Ballet's Coppelia May 8-9, 2020
- The American Soldier May 23, 2020
- Glenn Miller Orchestra May 30, 2020

Already got tickets for Kansas, Straight No Chaser, or Art Garfunkel? Not to worry – those early purchases do count as part of your four subscription shows this season! Just indicate those previous purchases to our box office staff or on your order form.

# Welcome TO THE VIRGINIA THEATRE

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## **VIRGINIA THEATRE STAFF**

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## **PLEASE NOTE:**

All titles, dates, times, prices, and event details contained in this brochure are subject to change.

## **MOVIES AT THE VIRGINIA THEATRE**

## **NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES**

Tickets: \$6

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

For nearly 20 years, *The News-Gazette* has sponsored incredible classic movies at the Virginia Theatre with its popular film series. Screened one Saturday or Sunday each month (except in October and December, when we highlight a series of classic horror and Christmas films, respectively), *The News-Gazette* Film Series is your ticket to Hollywood's golden age.

Add 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! *News-Gazette* film critic **Richard Leskosky** will be back this season following most 7pm *News-Gazette* screenings for a post-show talk about each movie, in the Virginia lobby.

#### **REEL DEAL FILM SERIES**

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

This season, see the pictures you love when the Virginia screens the films that have stolen the hearts and captured the imaginations of moviegoers everywhere. Don't miss a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary screening of *Woodstock* (Aug 18, 2019), or our special presentation of *Apollo 13* (April 11, 2020), with the UIUC Department of Aerospace Engineering, celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> year!



## **REWIND 92.5 MOVIE SERIES**

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

Catch the most memorable movies of the 80's, 90's, and today with the folks from Rewind 92.5 FM. We're celebrating everything from the films of John Hughes and Kevin Bacon to more contemporary fare. Screened once a month, this popular series will include Who *Framed Roger Rabbit*, *This Is Spinal Tap*, and much more! Watch our website for special programming planned for several of these special screenings.

#### **ANIMATION VACATION!**

Tickets: \$3

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

The most treasured classic animated feature films of all time are back – all summer long! Just \$3.

TUE/THU, JUNE 18 & 20, 2019, 6:30PM: The Aristocats (1970) Rated G (1 hour, 18 min)

• TUE/THU, JUNE 25 & 27, 2019, 6:30PM: Mulan (1998) Rated G (1 hour, 28 min)

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TUE, JULY 2, 2019, 6:30PM: The Fox & the Hound (1981) Rated G (1 hour, 23 min)
 TUE/THU, JULY 9 & 11, 2019, 6:30PM: The Little Mermaid (1989) Rated G (1 hour, 25 min)
 TUE/THU, JULY 25 & 27, 2019, 6:30PM: 101 Dalmatians (1961) Rated G (1 hour, 19 min)

• TUE/THU, AUG 13 & 15, 2019, 6:30PM: Alice in Wonderland (1951)

TUE/THU, AUG 20 & 22, 2019, 6:30PM: Robin Hood (1973) Rated G (1 hour, 23 min)
 TUE/THU, AUG 27 & 29, 2019, 6:30PM: Pinocchio (1940) Rated G (1 hour, 28 min)

## JUNE

**ART GARFUNKEL: In Close-Up Tour** Tickets: \$49.50/\$69.50/\$79.50/\$125.00

**On-Sale Now** 

**SAT, JUNE 22, 2019, 8PM** Iconic singer and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame member ART GARFUNKEL has made an indelible mark on the music world as both a solo artist and half of the unrivaled Simon & Garfunkel. He has also enjoyed a successful film career, published a book of poetry, released 12 solo albums, and recently written an autobiography, *What Is It All But Luminous: Notes From An Underground Man*.



GARFUNKEL was originally celebrated for his Grammy-winning, chart-topping songs and albums with partner and fellow NYC native Paul Simon. Their greatest hits collection, which includes "Mrs. Robinson," "Scarborough Fair," "The Sound Of Silence," "The Boxer" and "Bridge Over Troubled Water," among others, is one of the biggest selling albums ever.

For his In Close-Up tour dates, Art brings along a guitarist and keyboardist, performing Simon & Garfunkel songs, solo hits, select covers – and he reads excerpts from *Luminous*. "Taking on the fear and vulnerability of a live show keeps you vital," says GARFUNKEL. "I'm a singer trying to get away with a lucky job. I try to soothe, to lift...That's my life."

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ICE CREAM & INDEPENDENCE: Celebrating Our American Heritage & Heroes

Champaign-Urbana Civic Wind Band Dr. Linda R. Moorhouse, Conductor Nathan Gunn, Baritone

Tickets: \$9 Child (12 and under)/\$13 Senior (55 & up)/\$15 Standard FREE for military veterans and active duty service members

On-Sale: Mon, June 10, 2019

**SUN, JUNE 29, 2019, 7PM** Join your host Brian Barnhart and the WDWS Newstalk-1400 AM team in celebrating Independence Day in style with the very best American music performed by the Champaign-Urbana Civic Wind Band, conducted by Linda Moorhouse and featuring Nathan Gunn, baritone. We'll be serving delicious frozen yogurt at 5pm on Park Avenue, right outside the theatre, before the concert. Music begins at 7pm in the Virginia's auditorium.

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

**Dr. Linda R. Moorhouse** is beginning her tenth year as a member of the University of Illinois faculty and currently serves as Professor of Music and Associate Director of the School of Music. She also serves as President of the prestigious American Bandmasters Association, where Albert Austin Harding, the University of Illinois's first band director, was one of nine founding members. Dr. Moorhouse is also a past president and the current Executive Secretary of the National Band Association, the world's largest professional organization for bands.

**Nathan Gunn**, Professor of Music at the University of Illinois, is widely acclaimed for his diverse performing career bridging the genres of opera, musical theatre, and recital. He has performed many of opera and musical theater's greatest roles on the world's most prestigious stages and



has also been seen and heard on television, radio, video, and in live simulcast performances, including the first ever *Met in HD* broadcast (*The Magic Flute*). He has won both the Grammy Award for Best Opera Recording and the Metropolitan Opera's first ever Beverly Sills Award. Nathan has frequently collaborated with many stars of musical theater, including Mandy Patinkin, Kelli O'Hara, Audra McDonald, and Kristin Chenoweth.

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# JULY

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: RED RIVER (1948) Not Rated (2 hour, 13 min)

SAT, JULY 13, 2019, 1PM & 7PM

Tickets: \$6 On-Sale Now

#### SINGIN' IN THE RAIN JR

Presented by Champaign Park District Youth Theatre

THU, JULY 18, 2019, 7PM FRI, JULY 19, 2019, 10AM & 7PM SAT, JULY 20, 2019, 2PM & 7PM

Tickets: \$14 Adult/\$12 Child

On-Sale Now

# **AUGUST**

**Champaign Urbana Theatre Company** 

A CUTC & J. Barry Howell production of **THE WIZARD OF OZ** 

Tickets: \$10 Children (12 & under)/\$15 Student & Senior (55 & up)/\$19 Standard

On-Sale: Mon, June 10, 2019



# THU-SAT, AUG 1-3, 2019, 7PM SUN, AUG 4, 2019, 2PM

THE WIZARD OF OZ

By L. Frank Baum

With Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg

Background Music by Herbert Stothart

Dance and Vocal Arrangements by Peter Howard

Orchestration by Larry Wilcox

Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company

Based upon the Classic Motion Picture owned by Turner Entertainment Co. and distributed in all media by Warner Bros.

THE WIZARD OF OZ is presented by arrangement with TAMS-WITMARK (www.tamswitmark.com)

This long-beloved tale, in which a Kansas farm girl travels *over the rainbow* to discover the magical power of home, has been moving audiences for generations. Includes the songs "Over The Rainbow," "If I Only Had A Brain," "We're Off To See The Wizard," and more!

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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.

REWIND 92.5 FILM SERIES: MEATBALLS (1979) Rated PG (1 hour, 34 min)

THU, AUG 8, 2019, 7pm

Tickets: \$5



## **PENS TO LENS**

Student Screenwriting Competition & Gala Screening

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

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

**SAT, AUG 10, 2019, 3PM** 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 also create original movie posters for the program. The whole community is invited to come out and watch the finished films, walk the red carpet, and celebrate some very creative student screenwriters!

A VIRGINIA THEATRE SPECIAL EVENT: **WOODSTOCK** (1970) Rated R (3 hours)

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

**SUN, AUG 18, 2019**, **2PM** The original Woodstock Music Festival ended on August 18, 1969, 50 years ago! Come celebrate with one of the finest concert documentaries ever made when we screen all three hours of *Woodstock, The Movie*. Come dressed in full hippie costume, and get in free!

**NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES:** 

STAR WARS: EPISODE IV – A NEW HOPE (1977) Rated PG (2 hours)

Tickets: \$6

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

**SAT, AUG 24, 2019, 1PM & 7PM** More than any other movie, the 'first' *Star Wars* has been our single most-requested title and the film that many patrons remember seeing in first run on the Virginia screen back in the late seventies. Join us for this special screening of the picture that started it all!



# **SEPTEMBER**

**NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES:** 

THE MARX BROTHERS IN MONKEY BUSINESS (1931) Not Rated (1 hour, 19 min)

SAT, SEPT 7, 2019, 1PM & 7PM

Tickets: \$6

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

REEL DEALS
JUST \$5

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

TUE & THU, SEPT 10 & 12, 2019, 7PM Field of Dreams (1989) Rated PG (1 hour, 47 min)

WILL PREMIERE SCREENING: ILLINOIS COUNTRY (2019)

FREE

**FRI, SEPT 13, 2019, 7PM** Shot over the course of a year, *Illinois Country* is a one-hour documentary from Illinois Public Media that tells the story of Illinois' singular role in the history of country music in the United States. The film is a travelogue; it traces the progression of the genre from early gathering halls and small-town hoedowns throughout the state, to The National Barn Dance in Chicago and Farm Aid in Champaign, and on to today's Illinois-bred Grammy winners.

Viewers will meet local "old-time" country music performers at the county fair, country music scholars, and Illinoisans who've made the big time, including multiple Grammy-winner Alison Krauss and many others.

Illinois Country also features an original song written, produced, and recorded exclusively for the documentary by five-time Grammy nominee Graham Edwards and renowned songwriter/producer John Pennell.



## **REWIND 92.5 FILM SERIES:**

WHO FRAMED ROGER RABBIT (1988) Rated PG (1 hour, 44 min)

SUN, SEPT 15, 2019, 2PM

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

THE MAGIC TREEHOUSE: Pirates Past Noon KIDS Presented by Champaign Park District Youth Theatre

Tickets: \$12 Adult/\$10 Child On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

**THU-SAT, SEPT 19-21, 2019, 7PM (2PM MATINEE SAT)** Based on the best-selling books, Jack and Annie journey in their magical tree house to the eighteenth-century Caribbean and the time of Pirates. *Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon KIDS* is an adaptation of the fourth of Mary Pope Osborne's award-winning fantasy adventure books, which have sold more than 100 million copies.

**GORDON LIGHTFOOT:** 80 YEARS STRONG TOUR

Tickets: \$39/\$59/\$69/\$99 On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

**TUE, SEPT 24, 2019, 8PM** Esteemed singer-songwriter/performer Gordon Lightfoot resides – along with some very exclusive company – atop the list of all-time greats. His vast song catalog includes such classics as "Early Morning Rain," "If You Could Read My Mind," "Carefree Highway," "Sundown," "(That's What You Get) For Lovin Me," "The Wreck Of The Edmund Fitzgerald," "Canadian Railroad Trilogy," "Ribbon Of Darkness," "Beautiful," "Song For A Winter's Night" and "Rainy Day People," to name only a few.

Mr. Lightfoot is celebrating his 80th birthday in 2019 with a cross-country tour. Each performance will feature his well-known hits as well as some deep album cuts for the most diehard fans.

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# BOB NUTT/BLYTHAM LTD TRIBUTE CONCERT

Tickets: \$15/\$25

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

**SAT, SEPT 28, 2019**, **7PM** Join us at the Virginia for a concert for our friend Bob Nutt, advocate for all Rock & Roll musicians, & founder of Champaign-Urbana's Blytham Ltd. Booking Agency. Pumping electricity into the local rock scene, Bob promoted dozens of bands (REO Speedwagon, One Eyed Jacks, Finchley Boys), filling festivals, college quads, and bars across the Midwest. Grateful musicians are coming home to plug-in, remembering their visionary, offbeat, and staunch champion.

Profits will go to CU at Home, a ministry with our community's most vulnerable neighbors, providing transitional housing, education, advocacy, and companionship at the Phoenix Drop-In Center.

This concert is underwritten by Champaign's First Presbyterian Church.

# **OCTOBER**

### A NIGHT WITH JANIS JOPLIN

Tickets: \$49.50/\$59.50/\$69.50 On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

**FRI, OCT 4, 2019, 7:30PM** Like a comet that burns far too brightly to last, Janis Joplin exploded onto the music scene in 1967 and, almost overnight, became the queen of rock & roll. The unmistakable voice, filled with raw emotion and tinged with Southern Comfort, made her a must-see headliner from Monterey to Woodstock.

From Broadway to our town, now you're invited to share an evening with the woman and her influences in the hit musical, *A Night with Janis Joplin*, starring Mary Bridget Davies.

Fueled by such unforgettable songs as "Me and Bobby McGee," "Piece of My Heart," "Mercedes Benz," "Cry Baby" and "Summertime," a remarkable cast and breakout performances, A NIGHT WITH JANIS JOPLIN, written and directed by Randy Johnson, is a musical journey celebrating Janis and her biggest musical influences—icons like Aretha Franklin, Etta James, Odetta, Nina Simone and Bessie Smith, who inspired one of rock & roll's greatest legends.



Mary Bridget Davies is an American singer, actress, and interpreter of Janis Joplin's music. She received a Tony Award nomination for Best Lead Actress in a Musical for her performance as Janis for the Broadway production of *A Night With Janis Joplin*. She has also toured in Europe with Janis Joplin's original band, Big Brother and the Holding Company, and was nominated in 2013 for a Helen Hayes Award for Best Lead Actress in a Musical.

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# GEORGE THOROGOOD & THE DESTROYERS: Good To Be Bad Tour - 45 Years of Rock

Tickets: \$30.50/\$40.50/\$56.00/\$80.00

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

**WED, OCT 16, 2019, 8PM** Since 1975, they've sold over 15 million albums, built a classic catalog of hits, and played more than 8,000 ferocious live shows. They broke records with their 50 Dates/50 States tour, delivered landmark performances at Live Aid and on SNL, and became mainstays of radio, MTV, and stages worldwide for more than two generations. Through it all, they've remained one of the most consistent – and consistently passionate – progenitors of blues-based rock in pop culture history.

For the past 45 years, it's been very good to be George Thorogood & The Destroyers. And in 2019, their *Good To Be Bad Tour: 45 Years Of Rock,* will prove why like never before, with signature hits like "Get A Haircut", "I Drink Alone", "One Bourbon, One Scotch, One Beer", "Move It On Over", "Who Do You Love" and the definitive badass anthem "Bad To The Bone", along with some real surprises.

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**KANSAS: Point of Know Return Tour** 

Tickets: \$45/\$55/\$75/\$125

Now On-Sale

**FRI, OCT 18, 2019, 7:30PM** America's preeminent progressive rock band, KANSAS, is touring select cities in the United States and Canada during the fall and winter of 2019, on the third leg of their popular *Point of Know Return Anniversary Tour*. Launched as a celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the massive hit album *Point of Know Return*, the band will be performing the album in its entirety.



The tour showcases more than two hours of classic KANSAS music including all their hit songs, deep cuts, and fan favorites. Composing a catalogue that includes fifteen studio albums and five live albums, 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."

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REWIND 92.5 FILM SERIES: THE LOST BOYS (1987) Rated R (1 hour, 38 min)

SAT, OCT 12, 2019, 7PM

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

#### **NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: CLASSIC MONSTERS WEEK**

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

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

Join us at the Virginia as we return to the source with these five masterpieces of the classic

horror genre.

MON, OCT 21, 2019, 7PM Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (1931) Not Rated (1 hour, 38 min)

THU, OCT 24, 2019, 7PM Bride of Frankenstein (1935) Not Rated (1 hour, 15 min)

FRI, OCT 25, 2019, 7PM Dracula (1941) Not Rated (1 hour, 15 min)

STRAIGHT NO CHASER: The Open Bar Tour

Tickets: \$39.50/\$49.50/\$59.50

Now On-Sale

MON, OCT 28, 2019, 7:30PM If the phrase "male a cappella group" conjures up an image of students in blue blazers, ties, and khakis singing traditional college songs on ivied campuses...



think again! Straight No Chaser (SNC) are neither strait-laced nor straight-faced, but neither are they vaudeville-style kitsch. They have emerged as a phenomenon with a massive fanbase, numerous national TV appearances and proven success with CD releases. Straight No Chaser is the real deal, the captivating sound of nine unadulterated human voices coming together to make extraordinary music that is moving people in a fundamental sense... and with a sense of humor. On the road, Straight No Chaser has built a reputation as an unforgettable live act.

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## **NOVEMBER**

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: FIDDLER ON THE ROOF (1971) Rated G (3 hours)

SAT, NOV 2, 2019, 1PM & 7PM

Tickets: \$6

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

REWIND 92.5 FILM SERIES: THIS IS SPINAL TAP (1987) Rated R (1 hour, 22 min)

THU, NOV 7, 2019, 7PM

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

DISNEY'S FROZEN JR
Presented by Champaign Park District Youth Theatre

Tickets: \$14 Adult/\$12 Child On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

**THUR-SUN, NOV 21-24, 2019, 7PM (2PM MATINEE SAT & SUN)** The enchanting modern classic from Disney is back! *Frozen JR*. is based on the 2018 Broadway musical, and brings Elsa, Anna, and the magical land of Arendelle to life, onstage. The show features all of the memorable songs from the animated film, with music and lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, plus five new songs written for Broadway.



THE SECOND CITY: The Good, The Bad, & The Ugly Sweater

Tickets: \$18.50/\$26.50/\$32.50 On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

**SAT, NOV 30 2019, 7:30PM** It's the most wonderfully tacky time of the year-ish! Laugh along with The Second City as comedy's best and brightest roast the chestnuts outta all the things we lovingly loathe about the season. It's enough merriment and music to keep you jolly 'til that holiday hangover wears off.

Fresh, fast and always spectacularly funny, Chicago's The Second City comedy troupe is celebrating sixty years of producing cutting-edge satirical revues and launching the careers of generation after generation of comedy's best and brightest. What began as a small comedy theater has grown to become today's leading brand in improv-based sketch comedy. And, the troupe has more than a handful of successful Second City alum that they aren't too modest to mention, like Tina Fey, Chris Farley, Bill Murray, and Keegan-Michael Key.

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## **DECEMBER**

### **HOLIDAY CARD PHOTO OP**

FREE Reservations available starting Friday, July 19, 2019, 10am (reserve at the box office and by phone at 217-356-9063).

MON, NOV 25, 2019, 5-8PM MON, DEC 2, 2019, 5-8PM

We're again 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

Tickets: \$4 Standard/FREE for children 2 & under



**SUN, DEC 1, 2019, 1-5PM** One of our most popular screenings all year long returns just in time for the holidays! Watch the classic 1966 television short *Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas* on the Virginia's 52-foot screen, with showings starting at 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, and 4pm. During the event, we will have pictures with Santa, caroling, hot chocolate, and trolley rides through Downtown Champaign! Presented by Champaign Park District Special Events.

# MEET SANTA AT THE VIRGINIA

**FREE** 

Wed, Dec 4, 2019, 5-7pm Thu, Dec 5, 2019, 5-7pm Thu, Dec 12, 2019, 5-7pm

Sponsored by Hickory Point Bank. Santa Claus is coming to town! The Champaign Center Partnership and the Champaign Park District are excited to again welcome St. Nick to the Virginia Theatre. You and your family can visit with Santa in the theatre's Mezzanine Lobby. 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!

# TONS O' FUN BAND & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS SHOW

Tickets: \$5-\$25

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

**SAT, DEC 7, 2019, 7PM** Back by popular demand, The Tons O' Fun Band and Friends Christmas Show! The evening will feature the Tons O' Fun Band performing all your seasonal favorites along with many of the performers from past shows, and special guest appearances! Start off the holiday season with good music, good times, and good cheer. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Developmental Services Center's 'Tree of Hope' Campaign.

Presented by Lite Rock 97.5-WHMS FM, NewsTalk 1400- WDWS, and Classic Hits107.9-WKIO

## A MAGICAL CIRQUE CHRISTMAS

Tickets: \$41.50/\$51.50/\$61.50/\$71.50



**WED, DEC 11, 2019, 7:30PM** Brought to you by the producers of Broadway's smash hit *The Illusionists, A Magical Cirque Christmas* is a thrilling, festive, fun-for-the-whole-family event you won't forget! Experience the magic of Christmas with dazzling performers and breathtaking cirque artists from all corners of the world, accompanied by your favorite holiday music – performed live.

A Magical Cirque Christmas is produced by Simon Painter, Tim Lawson and MagicSpace Entertainment. Painter and Lawson have previously created Circus 1903 – The Golden Age of Circus, Le Grand Cirque, Le Noir, Cirque Adrenaline and The Illusionists in over 250 cities from London to Sydney to NYC, as well as presenting A Chorus Line, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and Fiddler on the Roof.

VT Series Event

REWIND 92.5 FILM SERIES: LOVE, ACTUALLY (2003) Rated R (1 hour, 15 min)

FRI, DEC 13, 2019, 7PM

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

**NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: Best Xmas Movies Ever!** 

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

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

Enjoy five of the best, most-beloved classic holiday pictures all this week at the historic Virginia Theatre – and savor a nice cup of tasty hot chocolate from our Concession, with our compliments.

MON, DEC 16, 2019, 7PM Christmas in Connecticut (1945) Not Rated (1 hour,

41 min)

TUE, DEC 17, 2019, 7PM Miracle on 34th Street (1947) Not Rated (1 hour, 36 min)

WED, DEC 18, 2019, 7PM White Christmas (1954) Not Rated (2 hours)



**REWIND 92.5 FILM SERIES** 

BAD MOVIE MONDAY: SPACE BALLS (1987) Rated PG (1 hour, 36 min)

MON, DEC 30, 2019, 7PM

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

# <u>JANUARY</u>

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: 12 ANGRY MEN (1957) Not Rated (1 hour, 36 min)

SAT, JAN 11, 2020, 1PM & 7PM

Tickets: \$6

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

# **COMING IN FEB 2020!**

Champaign Park District Youth Theatre presents *Peter Pan Jr* 7pm, Thu-Sat, Feb 27-29, 2020, plus a 2pm matinee Feb 29

**REWIND 92.5 FILM SERIES** 

BAD MOVIE MONDAY: SPICE WORLD (1997) Rated PG (1 hour, 33 min)

MON, JAN 13, 2020, 7PM

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

REEL DEALS
JUST \$5

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

TUE & THU, JAN 21 & 23, 2020, 7PM Howl's Moving Castle (2004) Rated PG (1

hour, 59 min)



# TUE & THU, JAN 28 & 30, 2020, 7PM

Forrest Gump (1994) Rated PG13 (2 hours, 22 min)

## **FEBRUARY**

Champaign West Rotary presents 5TH ANNUAL CU'S GOT TALENT!

Tickets: \$75

On-Sale: Fall 2019

SAT, FEB 1, 2020, 7:15PM CU's Got Talent! is a fundraiser presented by Champaign West Rotary in East Central Illinois. It features a talent show including a reception and silent auction. The goal is to support local Champaign-Urbana charities which do not have the capacity to host a major event on their own. Monies raised will have a material impact on the lives of the people served by local social service organizations. In addition, funds raised will allow Champaign West Rotary Charities to provide quick financial response to emergency needs of charities in our community. The competition will showcase local talent and provide community members the opportunity to see their peers perform.

6:00pm: Registration Opens & Cocktail Hour with Heavy Appetizers

7:15pm: Talent Show

9:00pm: Silent Auction Closes

**NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES:** 

THE SHOP AROUND THE CORNER (1940) Not Rated (1 hour, 39 min)

SUN, FEB 2, 2020, 1PM & 7PM

Tickets: \$6

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

**REWIND 92.5 FILM SERIES** 

BAD MOVIE MONDAY: MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE (1987) Rated PG (1 hour, 46 min)

MON, FEB 3, 2020, 7PM

Tickets: \$5



# **REEL DEALS**

JUST \$5

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

TUE & THU, FEB 18 & 20, 2020, 7PM

10 Things I Hate About You (1999) Rated PG13 (1 hour, 37 min)

THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID

Tickets: \$40

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

**SAT, FEB 22, 2020, 7:30PM** *That's What She Said,* sponsored by Sterling Wealth Management, is back at the Virginia Theatre for its 6th 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 brings women together to share their extraordinary stories and uplift each other in an intimate performance that you will not soon forget!

VT Series Event

# MARCH

**REEL DEALS** 

JUST \$5

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

TUE & THU, MAR 3 & 5, 2020, 7PM Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981) Rated PG (1

hour, 55 min)

PECHAKUCHA NIGHT CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, Vol 32 presented by the Champaign-Urbana Design Organization

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



SAT, MAR 7, 2020, 8:20PM PechaKucha (it draws its name from the Japanese term for 'chit chat') is a fast-paced evening filled with cutting edge art and design, quirky humor, and sometimes surprising emotion. PK Nights are informal, fun gatherings where creative people get together and share their ideas, work, and passion with the community. The Champaign-Urbana Design Organization (CUDO) is proud to bring you this Volume 32 of PechaKucha Night Champaign-Urbana! A multitude of presenters from CU and its surrounding communities will share their stories – with each presentation just 20 slides X 20 seconds each.

# STEVEN BALL, Wurlitzer Pipe Organ Harold Lloyd's *Safety Last* (1923) - Silent film with live musical accompaniment

Tickets: \$10

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

**SAT, MAR 14, 2020, 7PM** Maestro Steven Ball will perform live on the Virginia's restored Hope Jones Wurlitzer Pipe Organ to the Harold Lloyd silent classic *Safety Last!* (Not Rated, 1 hour, 13 min). This 1923 romantic comedy includes one of the most famous images ever from the silent film era: Harold Lloyd clutching the hands of a large clock face as he dangles from the outside of a skyscraper above moving traffic. The picture was very successful financially and also critically, and it cemented Lloyd's status as a major figure in early motion pictures.

Dr. Steven Ball studied at the University of Michigan where he went on to both teach and serve as University Carillonneur and became the Director of the famous Stearns Collection of Musical Instruments. His impressive and varied career includes extensive touring throughout the world as a silent film accompanist, theater organist, and concert organist. He was inducted as a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem in 2017 and has recently been named Director of Sacred Music at the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales in St Louis, Missouri.

VT Series Event

**REWIND 92.5 FILM SERIES** 

BAD MOVIE MONDAY: ESCAPE FROM NEW YORK (1981) Rated R (1 hour, 39 min)

MON, MAR 16, 2020, 7PM

Tickets: \$5



# NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: ON THE WATERFRONT (1954) Not Rated (1 hour, 48 min)

SAT, MAR 21, 2020, 1PM & 7PM

Tickets: \$6

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

An Evening with RENEE ELISE GOLDSBERRY

Tickets: \$39.50/\$54.50/\$65.50/\$79.50

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

**THU, MAR 26, 2020, 7:30PM** Join actress and singer Renée Elise Goldsberry at the Virginia for an intimate evening of jazz, R&B, soul and Broadway tunes, selections from *Hamilton*, and much more!

Ms. Goldsberry has received the Tony Award, Grammy Award, Drama Desk Award, and Lucille Lortel Award for her performances both off and on Broadway in the musical phenomenon *Hamilton*, in which she originated the role of Angelica Schuyler. Since winning the Tony Award, Ms. Goldsberry has appeared in Baz Luhrmann's "The Get Down" for Netflix and shot the title role for HBO's "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" opposite Oprah Winfrey. She is currently starring in the Netflix series "Altered Carbon".

Prior to *Hamilton*, Renee's appearances on stage include her Outer Critics Circle Award nominated performance opposite Frances McDormand in the play *Good People*, as well as the original stage version of *The Color Purple*. She made her Broadway debut in *The Lion King* and was the last "Mimi" in *Rent*. Her off-Broadway appearances have included several Shakespeare productions for the Public Theater's New York Shakespeare Festival, where *Hamilton* originated. Her television appearances include her recurring roles on "The Good Wife," "Law & Order: SVU" and "The Following." On film, she appeared most recently in "Sisters" with Tina Fey and Amy Poehler, and in "Every Secret Thing" with Diane Lane and Elizabeth Banks.

VT Series Event



### THE MOTH MAINSTAGE

Tickets: \$22.50/\$32.50/\$42.50 On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

**SAT, MAR 28, 2020, 7:30PM** Since its 1997 launch in NYC, *The Moth* has presented thousands of stories told live on stage, without scripts, notes, props, or accompaniment. *Moth* shows are renowned for the great range of human experience they showcase—each show starts with a theme, and the storytellers explore it, often in unexpected ways. Since each story is true and every voice authentic, the shows dance between documentary and theater, creating a unique, intimate, and often enlightening experience for the audience.

The Moth has an enthusiastic national following, with a podcast that's downloaded over 30 million times annually, and, each week, the Peabody Award-winning Moth Radio Hour is heard on over 400 radio stations worldwide. The Moth's first book, The Moth: 50 True Stories was an NYT Bestseller. The Moth's second book, The Moth Presents All These Wonders: True Stories about Facing the Unknown was published in 2017.

The ideal way to experience The Moth is live and in person, where you can feel the electricity in the room and be a part of the visceral dialogue between teller and audience.

VT Series Event

## **COMING IN APR 2020!**

Champaign Park District Youth Theatre presents *Alice in Wonderland Kids* 7pm, Thu-Sat, Apr 30-May 1, 2020, plus a 2pm matinee May 1

# **APRIL**

CHAMPAIGN PARK DISTRICT
DANCE ARTS ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

Tickets On-Sale: Fall, 2019

FRI, APRIL 3, 2020, 7PM SAT, APRIL 4, 2020, 2PM

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



# REWIND 92.5 FILM SERIES: PEE WEE'S BIG ADVENTURE (1985) Rated PG (1 hour, 31 min)

**SUN, APRIL 5, 2020, 7PM** 

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

**REEL DEALS** 

JUST \$5

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

**SAT, APRIL 11, 2020** 

7PM

Apollo 13 (1995) Rated PG (2 hours, 2 min), followed by a panel discussion with members of the UIUC Department of Aerospace Engineering

Join the **University of Illinois' Department of Aerospace Engineering** as they celebrate their 75th anniversary at the Virginia Theatre! The evening begins with a screening of 1995's *Apollo 13*, exactly 50 years to the day after the actual Apollo 13 launch! The film is followed by a very special on-stage discussion with members of UIUC Aerospace Engineering.

# 22ND ANNUAL ROGER EBERT'S FILM FESTIVAL presented by The College of Media at Illinois

Festival Passes on sale Fri, Nov 1, 2019, 10am | Individual Tickets on sale Wed, April 1, 2020, 10am

**WED-SAT, APRIL 15-18, 2020** Held every April inside downtown Champaign's historic Virginia Theatre, Ebertfest was first 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.



### **DAVID SEDARIS**

Pre-reservations now being accepted for Season Subscribers

**WED, APRIL 22, 2020, 7:30PM** With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, David Sedaris has become one of America's pre-eminent humor writers. Calypso, his latest collection of essays, is a *New York Times* best-seller, and a *Washington Post* Best Book of the Year. The audiobook of *Calypso* has been nominated for a 2019 Grammy in the Best Spoken Word Album category.

Mr. Sedaris is the author of *Barrel Fever* and *Holidays on Ice*, as well as collections of personal essays, *Naked*, *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*, *When You Are Engulfed in Flames*, and his most recent book, *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls*, each of which became an immediate bestseller. The audio version of *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls* is a 56th Annual GRAMMY Awards Nominee for Best Spoken Word Album. David is also the author of the *NYT*-bestselling collection of fables entitled *Squirrel Seeks Chipmunk: A Modest Bestiary*. There are over ten million copies of his books in print and they have been translated into 25 languages.

VT Series Event

NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES: **COOL HAND LUKE (1967) Rated PG (2 hours, 7 min)** 

SUN, APRIL 26, 2020, 1PM & 7PM

Tickets: \$6

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

# **MAY**

## **COPPELIA**

presented by CU Ballet

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

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

**FRI, MAY 8, 2020, 7PM and SAT, MAY 9, 2020, 4PM** Once upon a time a beautiful doll came to life. . . . . an enchanting ballet about a toymaker and magician who brings to life his beautiful doll, Coppélia. This heartwarming story for the young and the young at heart is a tale of love and the power of imagination, and a must-see for any age.

VT Series Event



## **NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES:**

CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF (1958) Not Rated (1 hours, 48 min)

SAT, MAY 16, 2020, 1PM & 7PM

Tickets: \$6

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

**REWIND 92.5 FILM SERIES:** 

THE BREAKFAST CLUB (1985) Rated R (1 hour, 37 min)

SUN, MAY 24, 2020, 2PM

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

**THE AMERICAN SOLDIER: 1774-2015** 

Tickets: \$19.50

FREE for military veterans and active duty service members

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

**SAT, MAY 23, 2020, 7PM** The American Soldier is actor Douglas Taurel's unique solo performance based upon actual accounts and letters written by veterans and their families from the American Revolution through current day Iraq and Afghanistan wars. It strives to help us understand why it is so difficult for many veterans to re-enter civilian life when they come home after experiencing combat, and examines the incredible sacrifices made by our service members and their families.

The American Soldier has been nominated for an Amnesty International Award and has been performed at the Kennedy Center, among countless other venues.

In its brief 75 minutes, Douglas Taurel enters into the personas of 14 veterans and their family members, telling their story of courage and sacrifice. *The American Soldier* exposes their scars, with both darkness and humor. It's a journey through the American story with moments that resound with lasting meaning for both audiences old enough to remember, and those young enough to yearn for inspiration.

VT Series Event



## **GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA**

Tickets: \$34.50/\$44.50 On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

**SAT, MAY 30, 2020, 7PM** The legendary Glenn Miller was one of the most successful of all dance bandleaders back in the Swing Era of the 1930's and 40's, with a matchless string of hit records such as his signature "In The Mood". Glenn disbanded the group in 1942 to volunteer for the Army, forming his famous Glenn Miller Army Air Force Band. On December 15, 1944, Major Miller took off in a single engine plane, disappearing over the English Channel, never to be seen again.

In 1956, with the full permission of the Miller estate, the reformed Glenn Miller Orchestra performed its first concert and has been on the road ever since. Today, the 18-member ensemble continues to play the original Miller arrangements both from the civilian band and the AAFB libraries. Just as it was in Glenn's day, the Glenn Miller Orchestra of today is still the most sought after big band in the world!

VT Series Event

# **REEL DEALS**

JUST \$5

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

SUN, MAY 31, 2020, 2PM Battle of the Sexes (2017) Rated PG13 (2 hours,

1 min)

# <u>JUNE</u>

TWIST AND SHOUT ANNUAL DANCE RECITAL presented by Twist and Shout, Dance and Cheer

SAT, JUNE 6, 2020, 10:30AM & 6PM

On-Sale: Spring, 2020

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 11-13, 2020, 6:30PM

On-Sale Date: Spring, 2020

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

**NEWS-GAZETTE FILM SERIES:** 

FANTASIA (1940) Rated G (2 hours, 5 min)

**SAT, JUNE 20, 2020, 1PM & 7PM** 

Tickets: \$6

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

**REWIND 92.5 FILM SERIES:** 

BILL AND TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE (1989) Rated PG (1 hour, 30 min)

THU, JUNE 25, 2020, 7PM

Tickets: \$5

On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019

#### **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 only accessible 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 the box office 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, call 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.

**INDIVIDUAL TICKETS** 

WANT TO BUY AN INDIVIDUAL TICKET TO A SHOW OR SHOWS?

Visit our webpage, drop by the box office, or charge by phone at 217-356-9063 starting Friday, July 19, 2019 – at 10am!

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