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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 prog-rock 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 mitch.marlow@champaignparks.com.

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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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All ticket sales are final. No refunds, exchanges, or returns allowed.
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Steven Bentz, Director
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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 50th 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 75th 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)
- 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.”

VT Series Event

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.

VT Series Event

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!

VT Series Event

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  
On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019
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 die-hard fans.

VT Series Event
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, off-beat, 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.

VT Series Event

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.

VT Series Event

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.”

VT Series Event

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)
**TUE, OCT 22, 2019, 7PM**  *The Mummy* (1932) Not Rated (1 hour, 13 min)
**WED, OCT 23, 2019, 7PM**  *Frankenstein* (1931) Not Rated (1 hour, 10 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.

**VT Series Event**

**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.

VT Series Event

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
On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019
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
On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019
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.


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)
THU, DEC 19, 2019, 7PM  A Christmas Carol (1951) Not Rated (1 hour, 26 min)
FRI, DEC 20, 2019, 7PM  It’s A Wonderful Life (1946) Not Rated (2 hour, 10 min)
SAT, DEC 21, 2019, 1 & 7PM  It’s A Wonderful Life (1946) Not Rated (2 hour, 10 min)
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

JANUARY

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  
On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019
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
On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019
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
On-Sale: Fri, July 19, 2019
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
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. . .Coppélia. . .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)

JUNE

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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