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FROM THE WINGS

UPDATES TO THE PRESIDENT'S CLUB COMING SOON

Those who visit the President's Club at Ethan Allen's Rothschild Lounge can expect to see some improvements soon. As part of PROJECT RESTOURATION and RBTL's expansion into previously unused parts of the building, the Lounge will be restored to its original size. That will add 30% more space for patrons!

By expanding the Lounge, it will allow for a new bar, additional capacity and seating and new restrooms. It will also showcase the room's original fireplace, which can be seen in the photo to the right that was featured in the building's 1930 Dedication and Consecration program book. A non-original wall that was added over the years currently blocks the back portion of the room.



Lounge as photographed in 1930

The first-floor restrooms off the West Herr Performing Arts Center lobby will be closed while construction takes place. However, the President's Club will remain open all Season!



Current Lounge space

The President's Club at Ethan Allen's Rothschild Lounge provides the opportunity to enhance the theatre-going experience. The Lounge opens one hour prior to curtain for patrons to take their time and enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres and top shelf bar/beverage service without having to worry about missing the start of the show. It also allows for avoiding the lines at intermission when dessert, coffee and tea are provided. Advance purchase is required and is in addition to show tickets. Space is limited. Reserve your passes today at the Auditorium Box Office, via Account Manager or by calling 585-222-5000.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AN EVENING WITH CHEVY CHASE
NATIONAL LAMPOON'S
CHRISTMAS VACATION
December 29

RPO: THE WIZARD OF OZ
January 15

SWAN LAKE
January 16

THE MAGICAL MOTOWN
EXPERIENCE
January 25



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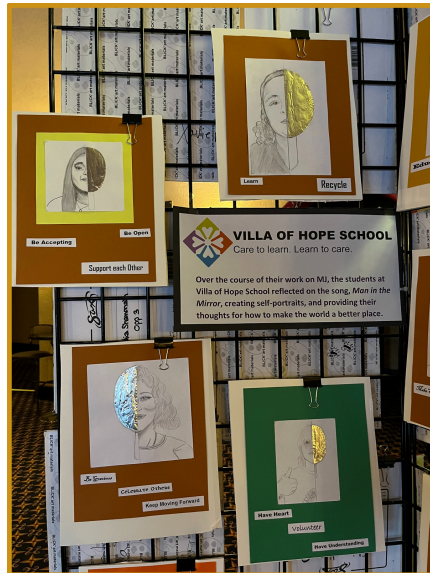
EXPLORING VISIONARIES, CREATIVITY AND LISTENING TO YOUR INNER VOICE WITH *MJ THE MUSICAL*

Those who attended performances of “MJ,” and went up to the second-floor lobby, had the chance to see a display of artwork created by local students. It was part of RBTL’s A.R.T.S. Partners education program, which allows teachers to integrate the arts into their curriculums year-round. The curriculum based on “MJ” focused on five major themes from the show. That included creativity and inspiration, what drives you, listening to your inner voice, making the impossible possible and being a visionary. Featured in the display was art from two local schools; Villa of Hope and Gates Chili High School.

Over the course of their work on “MJ,” students at Villa of Hope reflected on Michael Jackson’s iconic song “Man in the Mirror.” As a result, they created self-portraits accompanied by their thoughts on how to make the world a better place.

At Gates Chili High School, Studio Art Class students learned about and identified visionaries while exploring portrait art. After studying the work of artist Amy Sherald, the students learned how to blend grayscale values with acrylic paint using a variety of brush techniques. They were then asked to complete a portrait painting representing a visionary of their choice.

To learn more about A.R.T.S. Partners, and other education programs RBTL has to offer, visit RBTL.org.



ENJOY MORE THAN JUST BROADWAY WITH UNIQUE ONE-NIGHT-ONLY PERFORMANCES

With the wrap of "MJ," the West Herr Auditorium Theatre won't have a Broadway show until February, when "The Wiz" techs and relaunches its National Tour. But that doesn't mean the stage will be dark until then! RBTL offers more than just Broadway shows throughout the year.



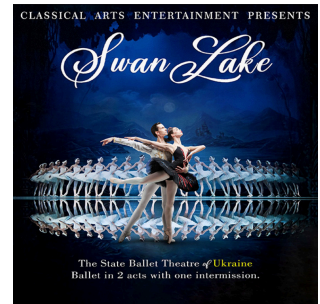
On December 29, join us for an unforgettable evening of holiday cheer and laughs as we celebrate the timeless classic, "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," with a special 35th Anniversary screening of the film followed by a live conversation and Q&A session with Chevy Chase and his wife. They'll share their behind-the-scenes stories and personal anecdotes about the making of this beloved movie that has become a Christmas tradition. But the laughter doesn't stop there! We'll also be taking questions from the audience, giving you the chance to have your questions answered and hear firsthand from Chevy about his storied career, including Saturday Night Live, Caddyshack and so much more.

For those looking for an extra-special experience, a limited number of VIP tickets are available, which include a personal post-show photo opportunity with Chevy Chase himself.

On January 15, experience the beloved family film classic "The Wizard of Oz" like never before, with the full score performed live by the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. When a cyclone rips through Kansas, Dorothy (Judy Garland) and her dog Toto are whisked away to the magical Land of Oz. As they follow the yellow brick road toward the Emerald City to meet the Wizard, they meet Scarecrow, who needs a brain; Tin Woodsman, missing a heart; and a Cowardly Lion who wants courage. To earn the Wizard's help, the group must return with the broomstick of the Wicked Witch of the West.



Then on January 16, a mesmerizing performance of "Swan Lake," brought to life on stage by The State Ballet Theatre of Ukraine. In the tranquil setting of a castle garden, a prince finds out he must choose a fiancée at the upcoming ball. Feeling melancholic, he follows the mournful song of swans to an enchanted lake, where he is captivated by the sight of a swan wearing a crown. She transforms into the beautiful Swan Queen, revealing she is under a sorcerer's curse, only broken by true love's pledge from a pure-hearted man. This enchanting ballet, set to Tchaikovsky's timeless melody, features new scenery sets and amazing costumes that will transport you to a fairy tale realm of grace and beauty.



On January 25, "The Magical Motown Experience" will take the stage. Step back in time and experience the magic of Motown in this electrifying tribute show. From the smooth, soulful harmonies to the irresistible rhythms that got the world dancing, this high-energy performance brings the timeless hits of a legendary era to life. Let the nostalgia wash over you as you're transported by the melodies, voices and grooves that define a generation. With dazzling vocals, dynamic choreography, and all the classic sounds you know and love, this show is a heartfelt celebration of the music that continues to inspire and unite us all.



The live entertainment doesn't stop there! Newly announced, the Ukraine Odesa National Ballet brings the timeless classic "Don Quixote" to life on March 8. This extraordinary production features 45 world-class dancers, who will captivate audiences with their passion, precision, and artistry. From breathtaking costumes to exquisite choreography, "Don Quixote" takes you on an unforgettable journey of romance, bravery and boundless beauty. This is more than a ballet; it's a celebration of resilience, unity, and the transformative power of art. In uncertain times, the Ukraine Odesa National Ballet continues its mission to share the enduring cultural spirit of Ukraine. Every ticket purchased not only supports this iconic production but also preserves and uplifts Ukrainian culture, offering hope.



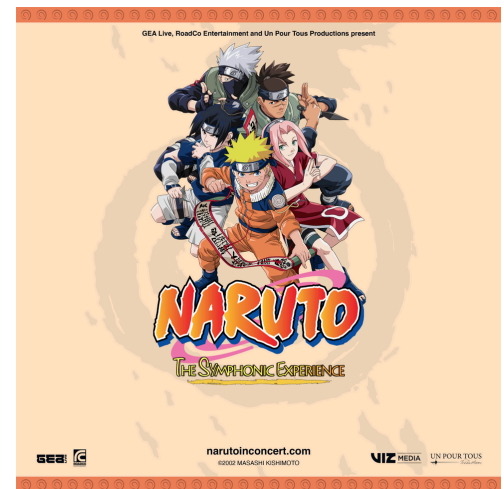
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Also in March, brace yourself for the scare of a lifetime on the 12th, as the world of "Insidious" jumps off the screen and directly into your theater seat with "Insidious: The Further You Fear." This immersive show is based on the horror film franchise of the same name. Combining state-of-the-art lighting, special effects and live interaction, the audience can see, hear and interact with the paranormal, enjoying a multi-sensory and interactive experience.

On April 18, "Brit Floyd" returns to the stage with their biggest and most spectacular production to-date, celebrating the 50th anniversary of Pink Floyd's classic album "Wish You Were Here," complete with a stunning laser and light show, iconic circular screen, inflatables and theatrics. Released in 1975 and featuring four of the band's most beloved songs, 'Shine On You Crazy Diamond,' 'Welcome to the Machine,' 'Have a Cigar' and the title track, 'Wish You Were Here' is widely regarded as one of the greatest albums of all time. The two-and-a-half-hour-plus show will also feature classic tracks from Pink Floyd's magnificent catalog of albums, including "The Dark Side of the Moon," "The Wall," "Animals," "The Division Bell," "Meddle," and much more.

Then on May 10, "NARUTO: The Symphonic Experience" is a live concert that brings the beloved anime to life on a grand scale. This two-hour event features a film montage of iconic scenes from over 220 episodes, synchronized to a live orchestra performing Toshio Masuda's original score. Fans will relive Naruto Uzumaki's journey to become Hokage, facing rivalries, challenges and growth along the way. The orchestra performs not only Masuda's unforgettable soundtrack but also the series' most famous openings and endings, inviting the audience to sing along with the music they love. This interactive element draws fans closer to Naruto, celebrating the powerful, shared bond the music creates. With Masuda's dynamic soundtrack, blending rock, pop, and traditional Japanese instruments like the Shakuhachi and Shamisen, the live music elevates each scene's impact, immersing the audience in Naruto's story.



Tickets for all eight of these one-night-only shows are on sale now at [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) and the Auditorium Box Office.

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RBTL CEO HONORED BY ROCHESTER BUSINESS JOURNAL

RBTL's CEO and Board Chairman, Arnie Rothschild, was among the 19 people who received the "Icon Honor" from the Rochester Business Journal (RBJ) this year. The "Icon Honors" awards recognize business leaders in the Rochester area with "notable success and demonstration of strong leadership both within and outside of their chosen field."

RBJ outlines the following requirements for eligibility:

- Must have a long-standing commitment to the Greater Rochester business community.
- Must have a sustained commitment to community service and mentoring.
- Must be 60 years or older to qualify.
- May currently be in the workforce or retired.
- Must hold or have held a senior management-level position with significant authority in decision-making for their organization.

Arnie has been with RBTL for more than 30 years. At the top of his achievements with the organization has been spearheading the development of a Performing Arts Center in the Rochester community, which is rapidly progressing through PROJECT RESTOURATION.

This is the eighth class of "Icon Honors" winners, with the finalists selected by the Rochester Business Journal. When speaking about the qualities of the local business leaders included in this class, Ben Jacobs, the Associate Publisher and Editor of RBJ listed several.

"They have left an indelible mark on their chosen fields. They have displayed sustained leadership and integrity. They have weathered the unpredictable nature of business and society to build something lasting and durable. They have had the vision to make a difference and the drive and determination to achieve those goals. They have lifted up their colleagues and displayed selfless community service... They are, quite simply, inspirational and the Rochester Business Journal is honored to recognize them."

The list of 2024 honorees also included RBTL Board Member and West Herr Performing Arts Center Fundraising Ambassador, Naomi Silver of the Rochester Red Wings organization and RBTL financial consultant, Nancy Catarisano of Insero & Co. CPAs LLP.

RBTL extends its congratulations to Arnie, Naomi, Nancy and the 16 other women and men who received this honor!



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GETTING INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT WITH A BROADWAY-THEMED CHRISTMAS TREE AT THE WEST HERR AUDITORIUM THEATRE

RBTL's Director of Education, Holly Valentine, used Broadway shows that have previously played at the Auditorium Theatre to decorate RBTL's Christmas tree this year. Located by the new second-floor lounge space, the tree featured wooden ornaments reminiscent of Playbills past, plus the year - or years - the production toured to Rochester. Take a closer look at it in the pictures below:



**FOLLOW THE WEST HERR PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
ON SOCIAL MEDIA!**

As previously announced, RBTL has launched these new social media pages and a website, designed to keep the community up to date on PROJECT RESTOURATION's progress.



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