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### **Paramount Arts Center Announces Biggest Season Ever**

**Ashland, KY** - The new season features more than 30 events and productions and kicks off the season with Colbie Caillat on September 9. Here with a new album, Caillat just launched her Gypsy Heart Tour. Other great musical entertainment features Amos Lee, Straight No Chaser, Gaelic Storm, Brian McKnight and Fab Four. Broadway brings its finest in Sister Act, Jekyll & Hyde and the classic Guys and Dolls. Comedy acts include Vicki Lawrence & Mama, Colin Mochrie & Brad Sherwood and Church Basement Ladies with a potluck supper. The Paramount has added more Saturday matinees with Jungle Jack Hanna and Charlotte's Web. There's excitement for everyone in our 2014-15 season and this year's new lower ticket prices invites patrons to enjoy more shows throughout the season. Also new this year, group discounts, subscriber rates with 10% off, 5 or more shows, standard 7:30 p.m. curtain times in the evening, 3 p.m. for matinees. A new easy-to-remember phone number, 606.324.0007, is available, or patrons may buy online because the Internet ticket fees are also lower. For more information, and show detail, visit our website at [www.ParamountArtsCenter.com](http://www.ParamountArtsCenter.com).

Sept. 9..... **Colbie Caillat** The pop singer-songwriter burst on the charts in 2009 with the hit "Bubbly", followed in 2010 by a Grammy winning duet with Jason Mraz. 16 million records later, Colbie makes her Paramount debut on the heels of her newest album release this summer. Opening for Caillat: Alex & Sierra. Sponsored by Community Trust Bank, WQCW, Greater Ashland Beacon, WKEE. Ticket prices \$34, \$38, \$42, \$46

Sat., Sept. 13 .....**Vicki Lawrence and Mama: A Two Woman Show** Emmy Award winning actress, singer and comedienne Vicki Lawrence will light up the Paramount stage in the role that made her famous on the Carol Burnett Show. This not-to-be-missed evening will blend comedy, music and Vicki's views of the world. Sponsored by Marathon Petroleum Company, Greater Ashland Beacon, WTCR. \$46, \$42, \$38, \$34.

Thurs., Sept.18 .....**Gaelic Storm** – Since exploding onto the scene with their performance in the film "Titanic", the electrifying Irish band has had audiences stomping everywhere! Their

last four albums have debuted at #1 on the Billboard world music charts. Don't miss their first Paramount appearance! Sponsored by Ohio University Southern, Greater Ashland Beacon and WTCR. Ticket prices \$32, \$28, \$24, \$20

Sept. 30 .....**Amos Lee** Fast rising singer-songwriter Amos Lee draws inspiration from soul, rock, contemporary jazz, and folk. His new album, *Mountains of Sorrow, Rivers of Song*, featuring guests Alison Krauss and Patti Griffin, was hailed by the NY Times as "a serenely sure-footed effort from a singer-songwriter who rarely delivers anything else," while Paste Magazine said, "Like Jackson Browne, Lee understands the staining traces of love." Sponsored by Marathon Petroleum Company, Oldies 97.1 and Greater Ashland Beacon. Tickets are \$48, \$44, \$40, \$36.

Sat., Oct. 11 .....**San Jose Taiko Drummers** For forty years SJT has been mesmerizing audiences around the world with their powerful and spellbinding sounds. Inspired by traditional Japanese drumming, SJT performers express the beauty and harmony of the human spirit through sounds ranging from tiny instruments to the thundering O-Daiko drums. Their concert will cap a three-day community educational residency. Sponsored by WVHU, Ashland Community and Technical College, Oldies 97.1 and Greater Ashland Beacon. Ticket prices \$32, \$28, \$24, \$20.

Sat., Oct. 18.....**"Jekyll & Hyde" the Musical** – in an acclaimed new international production, direct from London. Featuring the hit song "This is the Moment", the classic tale of good vs. evil is "Lush, Appealing and genuinely moving" – NY Post. Sponsored by Marathon Petroleum Company, WTCR, Oldies 97.1 and Greater Ashland Beacon. \$62, \$58, \$54, \$50

Sat. Oct. 25..... **"Charlotte's Web"** -- the heartwarming children's classic of a pig and a spider in a magical children's theatre production that will enchant young and old alike. Bring your whole family to this special matinee - with family friendly pricing! Sponsored by Kentucky Power/AEP WTCR, and Greater Ashland Beacon. Ticket prices \$10 adults, \$6 children ages 12 and under.

Fri., Oct. 31.....**"The Rocky Horror Picture Show"** Do the "Time-Warp" in our annual Halloween screening of the cult-favorite film. Special movie bags will be available for true Rocky Horror fans. Don't miss this chance to see your cult favorite on the big screen! Sponsored by Marathon Petroleum Company, Oldies 97.1, WKEE and WQCW. The Rocky Horror Picture Show Ticket prices \$10. Prop kits can be purchased night of show for \$5.

Sat., Nov. 1.....**"Masters of Illusion – Believe the Impossible!"** Stars of the hit WB network series will fill the stage with amazing illusions in a special Halloween themed performance. We

can't reveal what you'll see...but prepare to believe the impossible! Sponsored by Marathon Petroleum Company, Oldies 97.1, WKEE and WQCW. Ticket prices \$48, \$44, \$40, \$36.

Sat., Nov. 8..... **Jungle Jack Hanna** Famed for his television appearances, zoologist Jack Hanna brings his exotic animals to our stage in a special family matinee that will delight and thrill old and young alike! 3 PM matinee. Sponsored by Kentucky Power/AEP, Greater Ashland Beacon, and WTCR. Ticket prices \$38, \$34, \$30, \$28.

Tuesday Nov. 11 - **Straight No Chaser** After their breakthrough hit "12 Days of Christmas" scored 17 million YouTube views, SNC has emerged as a global phenomenon with a massive fan base, numerous TV appearances and sold out concerts around the world. Their HAPPY HOUR TOUR comes hot on the release of *Under the Influence*, their 4th album through Atlantic Records, featuring vocals from superstars Jason Mraz, Rob Thomas, Phil Collins, Dolly Parton and more! An unforgettable live act, Straight No Chaser is the real deal -- the captivating sound of ten unadulterated human voices joining to make extraordinary music that swings, rocks, and moves people. Sponsored by WKEE and Greater Ashland Beacon. Ticket prices \$48, \$44, \$40, \$36.

Friday, Dec. 5..... **Brian McKnight** The soulful singer will stir hearts in a rare solo acoustic concert. With 16 Grammy nominations and 20 million albums sold, Brian has thrilled audiences around the world. Get your seats soon! Perhaps he'll sing "Back at One" just for you. Sponsored by WKEE and Greater Ashland Beacon. Ticket prices \$52, \$48, \$44, \$40.

Thurs., Jan. 15....."**Guys and Dolls**" Can Sister Sarah save Sky's soul? Will Nathan Detroit find a home for his floating craps game? Will Adelaide finally catch her man? Find the answers in hit tunes – "From Luck Be a Lady" to "If I Were a Bell" - in the rollicking, Tony Award winning musical fresh from its Broadway revival. Sponsored by WQCW, WVHU, Greater Ashland Beacon, and Oldies 97.1. Ticket prices \$58, \$54, \$50, \$46.

Sat., Jan. 24..... **Step Afrika!** If you liked STOMP, then you'll love the astonishing energy of Step Afrika! Like tap without shoes – or a band without instruments – stepping is percussive dance that uses kicks, stomps, claps and chants – all linked to African and modern dance traditions. As the first professional company devoted to stepping, the world renowned Step Afrika! brings a high energy performance that's a feast for the eyes and the ears. Sponsored by Southern Arts, National Endowment for the Arts, Greater Ashland Beacon, and WKEE. Ticket prices \$32, \$28, \$24, \$20.

Fri., Feb. 6...**Brad Sherwood & Collin Mochrie: The Two Man Group** The stars of television's "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood's Two-Man Group is a riotously

funny, interactive, and completely improvised tour de force. Colin and Brad create pandemonium on the spot in one of the funniest live shows you'll ever see. Sponsored by Community Trust, Oldies 97.1, Greater Ashland Beacon and WVHU. Ticket prices \$48, \$44, \$40, \$36.

Sat., Feb. 14..... **"In the Mood"** A Valentine's Day special event! America's favorite 1940's musical revue recreates the Swing Era and the dreams of America with upbeat big band numbers and intimate romantic ballads performed by singers, dancers and the fabulous String of Pearls Orchestra. Create the mood for your Valentine with this special evening! Sponsored by Oldies 97.1, WVHU and Greater Ashland Beacon. Ticket prices \$40, \$36, \$32, \$28.

Thurs., Feb. 19..... **"The Price is Right" Live!** The hit interactive stage show gives contestants, pulled right from the audience, the chance to "Come On Down" to win appliances, vacations and even a new car by playing classic games from television's longest running and most popular game show. From Plenko to Cliffhangers to the Big Wheel and the fabulous Showcase, all your favorite games are played just like the TV show. Sponsored by WTCR, Oldies 97.1, and Greater Ashland Beacon. Ticket prices \$44, \$40, \$36, \$32.

Mon., Feb. 23..... **The National Symphony Orchestra of Mexico** Mexico's preeminent Symphony Orchestra has been applauded on four continents and featured on over 50 recordings. Experience the power and the beauty of this world renowned ensemble led by Maestro Enrique Batiz in a program including Rimsky-Korsakov's Russian Easter Festival Overture, Brahms' 4<sup>th</sup> Symphony and Ponce's "Southern" concerto - featuring acclaimed guitarist, Alfonso Moreno. Sponsored by WVHU, Oldies 97.1, The Artists in Concert Fund and the Elizabeth Johnson Concert Fund of the Foundation for the Tri-State Community, Greater Ashland Beacon. Ticket prices \$38, \$34, \$30, \$26.

Fri., Feb. 27 .....**"Cirque Ziva" starring the Golden Dragon Acrobats of China** Direct from their upcoming 2014-15 Broadway run, the unique spectacular showcases traditional Chinese acrobats who dazzle with amazing feats of athleticism, daring heart-stopping stunts and the grace of their centuries-old art form. A not-to-be-missed experience for the entire family! Sponsored by Marathon Petroleum Company, WKEE, WSAZ, and Greater Ashland Beacon. Ticket prices \$40, \$36, \$32, \$28.

Fri., Mar. 6..... **The Church Basement Ladies in "The Last (Potluck) Supper"** The riotous musical of love, life and a hotdish – now on it's 4<sup>th</sup> national tour. Join Vivian, Mavis and Karin on the day of the church's Centennial Celebration, as parishioners gather to share hotdish, bars, and stories. As they jump through a century of memories, the ladies serve up a rib-tickling panorama of the changes in the Church kitchen, without spilling a drop of their egg

coffee! Sponsored by WTCR, 107.1 and Greater Ashland Beacon. Ticket prices \$36, \$32, \$28, \$24.

Sat., Mar. 14..... **Dailey & Vincent** -- Since their first concerts in 2007, Dailey and Vincent's original spin on bluegrass, country and gospel music has earned them 3 Grammy nominations and 6 IBMA Awards. Following their return to Ryman Auditorium and their Carnegie Hall debut this summer, we look forward to welcoming them for their Paramount debut! Sponsored by Marathon Petroleum Company, WTCR, 107.1 and Greater Ashland Beacon. Ticket prices \$26, \$22.

Tues., Mar. 24..... **The Russian National Ballet in "Sleeping Beauty"**. Enjoy one of the world's pre-eminent companies in an enchanting performance of the classic fairy tale. Experience this magical ballet, considered the crown jewel of the Classical repertoire, set to Tchaikovsky's beautiful score. "Dazzling, a masterwork to behold" – The Free Press. Sponsored by Dr. Leon Briggs, WSAZ, WKEE and Greater Ashland Beacon. Ticket prices \$42, \$38, \$34, \$30.

Sat., Mar. 28..... **The Fab Four** -- From the Hollywood Bowl to television, fans around the world have cheered the Fab Four as "the closest thing to the Beatles." With uncanny, note-for-note live renditions, the Fab Four will make you think you're watching the real Lads from Liverpool! Their incredible show includes three costume changes representing every era of the Beatles ever-changing career, amazing audiences across the US, Europe, Asia and South America. Sponsored by Home Federal, Oldies 97.1, and Greater Ashland Beacon. Ticket prices \$40, \$36, \$32, \$28.

April 14 **The Rise and Fall of F. Scott Fitzgerald** with Elliott Engel, who reveals the fascinating life and times of one of America's post popular novelists. Using anecdotes, biography, analysis and large doses of humor, Engel explains how and why Fitzgerald's unique personality and creative imagination became the perfect symbol of what is now known as the Jazz Age or the Roaring Twenties. Special attention is paid to his immortal novel, *The Great Gatsby*. Sponsored by WVHU and Greater Ashland Beacon. Ticket prices \$12, \$10.

Thurs., Apr. 23...**"Sister Act"** - The feel-amazing musical comedy smash the New York Post calls "Ridiculously fun!". Featuring music by Tony and Oscar winner Alan Menken, *Sister Act* follows the hilarious story of a wannabe diva whose life takes a surprising turn when she's forced to hide in a convent. A sparkling tribute to the power of friendship, *Sister Act* is reason to REJOICE! "Ridiculously fun" – New York Post. Sponsored by Citizens National Bank, WKEE, Oldies 97.1 and Greater Ashland Beacon. Ticket prices \$68, \$64, \$60, \$56.

May 7, **Ballroom with a Twist**, The critically acclaimed international dance extravaganza conceived and choreographed by Dancing with the Stars pro Louis van Amstel, featuring a revolving cast of Dancing with the Stars and American Idol fan favorites including Derek Hough, Anna Trebunskaya, Jonathan Roberts, Tristan MacManus, Dmitry Chaplin, and Peta Murgatroyd. This ground-breaking show pushes the boundaries of ballroom dance, infusing it with the energy and intensity of the latest contemporary and hip-hop styles. Sponsored by WKEE, Oldies 97.1 and Greater Ashland Beacon. Ticket prices \$50, \$46, \$42, \$38.

### **The Paramount Players - 2014-15 Season**

#### **Sponsored by AEP & Kindred Communications**

#### **The Last Five Years September 4, 5 and 6. Dinner: 6:30 pm – Curtain: 7:30 pm**

A special dinner theatre production starring Joshua Jannotta and Taylor Shaffer charts the five-year relationship of Jamie and Cathy, two 20-something New Yorkers who fall head over heels in love. Note: This show contains language and content which may not be suitable for children. The evening will take place onstage and will include dinner. A cash bar will be available for wine and beer purchases.

Tickets: \$30 for dinner and show or \$15 for the show only.

#### **The Giver October 28 7:30 pm**

Based on the Newberry Award-winning book by Lois Lowry. A young boy, Jonas, lives in a perfect world...but one without choice. When he turns 12, he is chosen for special training from the Giver – to receive and keep the memories of the community. Now Jonas learns the truth about life and his Utopian world - as he discovers what it means to grow up, grow wise and take control of your own destiny. This show will travel to schools as part of our Paramount on Tour Program.

Tickets \$10 for adults and \$8 for students

#### **A Laura Ingalls Wilder Christmas December 4 7:30 pm**

This original play presents the poignant story of the “missing” two years in the life of the Ingalls family – the only substantial period that Laura chose not to write about in her Little House books. Told with period Christmas music, humor and depth of character, this story tells of healing that celebrates the importance of enduring family bonds. This show will also tour to local schools.

Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students

#### **White Christmas- December 18, 19, 20 @ 7:30 pm, December 20 @ 3pm**

Based on the beloved film, veterans Bill Wallace and Bill Davis have a successful song and dance act after World War 2. With romance in mind, they follow a pair of beautiful singing sisters on their way to a singing gig in a Vermont lodge, which just happens to be owned by Phil and Bob's former army commander. Comedy, romance and feel-good songs fill this holiday musical.

Tickets: \$14 for adults; \$10 students

**Singin' in the Rain    March 19, 20, 21 @ 7:30 pm, March 21 @ 3pm**

The music, the dancing-- the beloved film about 1920's Hollywood entering the talking pictures era is a rousing new stage production filled with popular Camden & Green songs and amazing tap and dance numbers.

Tickets: \$14 adults; \$10 students

**Stuart Little    February 17 7:30 PM**

Based on the book by EB White, it tells the endearing story of an extraordinary mouse named Stuart, born into an ordinary New York family. The many adventures – both big and small – of Stuart Little are brought vividly to life in this story-theatre presentation. Flexible cast size and ages. This production will also tour to schools.

Audition date is January 19

Tickets: \$10 adults ; \$8 students.

**The Great Gatsby    April 9,10,11 @ 7:30 PM and April 11 @ 3 PM**

Based on the book by F. Scott Fitzgerald, it is the story of Jay Gatsby, a self-made millionaire who passionately pursues the elusive Daisy Buchanan. Nick Carraway, a young newcomer to Long Island, is drawn into their world of obsession, greed and danger.

Cast of 4-5 men and 4-5 women.

=Auditions are February 24

Tickets: \$14 adults; \$10 students.

**Auditions**

Paramount Players productions auditions are open to all community members. Audition dates are as follows:

**The Giver** -- Auditions are August 25

Cast includes a 7-9 year old girl, several 11-13 year old boys & girls and several adults

**Wilder Christmas** -- Auditions are October 13 for 3 adults, 3 girls aged 7-12 and 1 boy age 10-12. **White Christmas** -- Auditions are October 13 & 14 for a cast of ages 8 to adult.

**Singin' in the Rain** -- Auditions are January 5 & 6 for a cast of ages 14 through adult

**Stuart Little** – Auditions are January 19 for a flexible age/size cast.

**The Great Gatsby** – Auditions are February 24 for a cast of 4-5 men and 4-5 women.

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