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2016-17 Paramount Arts Center Season Announced

Ashland, KY – The 2016-17 Season at the Paramount Arts Center is going to have an amazing line up of shows! The Paramount has created a season that will appeal to many different people with diverse styles that include entertainment from India to the USA.

Starting with the Kentucky Music Trail showcasing Country Music the Paramount plans to have a sell-out year! KMT will feature amazing country artists including Kellie Pickler on August 5th, Kelsea Ballerini on August 26th and a Bonus Concert on November 5th. Country music fans are going to love this year's energy packed KMT Season.

The Paramount Players will be offering a great season that will present shows for every age starting with one of your favorites, High School Musical on July 29th and 30th. The Players are producing Cabaret on September 23rd and 24th, The Elves And The Shoemaker: A Musical Holiday Fable on December 9th, Meet Me In St. Louis

on December 16th and 17th, To Kill A Mockingbird on February 3rd and 4th and Beauty And The Beast on March 24th and 25th. To Kill a Mockingbird will be part of the Big Read program and the opening night performance will feature a key note speech and a meet and greet reception with Mary Badham, the actress who played Scout in the original movie. The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

If you like Jazz Music, the Paramount's Jazz Alley series is for you! The Phil DeGreg Trio will be July 16th, John Rankin with Neoclassic Jazz Trio is August 6th, the Dick Sisto Trio on August 27th and the series will conclude with The Bob Thompson Unit on September 10th. As Louis Armstrong once said "Hot can be cool & cool can be hot & each can be both. But hot or cool man, Jazz is Jazz". Come be "cool" with the Paramount Arts Center at the Jazz Alley series!

The Family Adventure Series at the Paramount has a few favorites to share with the entire family. Beginning with Bubble Trouble: An Interactive Bubble Show on October 11th, Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood Live on January 19th, Experience The Extraordinary: The Illusionist Craig Karges on March 4th and Artrageous on March 14th. Several of the shows offer VIP meet and greet opportunities.

The concert series will offer an eclectic mix of styles and genres for all music lovers. The series will include The Purple Xperience – A Prince Tribute on September 27th featuring an original member of Prince and the Revolution Dr. Fink, The Atlanta Pops with Chloe Agnew, Dermot Kiernan & Riverdancer on March 18th, and A Night To Remember – Presley, Perkins, Lewis and Cash on April 13th. On August 19th there will be a concert special with the classic rock band 38 Special and on October 14 American Idol finalist Tristan McIntosh with special opener Ashland’s own Bronson Bush will take the stage with their own sound of country. For Halloween there will be a scary night of movies on October 29th. Ghost Busters (Rated PG-13) will be shown at 6:30 pm, the original Halloween (Rated R) at 8:30 pm, and The Rocky Horror Picture Show (Rated R) at 11:00 pm with props and all of the scariness (Shadow Cast Included). Two Special fundraisers are planned for the Paramount this season. The 2nd Annual “Lip Sync Battle” will be October 15th and the new “Country Comes To Town” a partnership with the Ashland Beacon on August 20th.

Finally, the Broadway Series will bring new actors to the Paramount Stage with some great entertainment. The National Tour of Annie on February 19th will bring the classic story with all of the musical favorites to stage. The Paramount Players’ Beauty And The Beast on March 24th and 25th will be great fun for

children and adults of all ages, and the third show in the Broadway Series will bring a beautiful, mesmerizing Bollywood show to Ashland. Mystic India: The World Tour is the number one touring Bollywood show in the World, and it will amaze your eyes with amazing special effects, beautiful dance, over 800 costumes and music from India. This show is one you do not want to miss!

The 2016-17 Season at the Paramount Arts Center in Ashland is going to be one of the best seasons yet, and the entertainment is going to be exciting for everyone.

Individual and season tickets go on sale Friday, July 8 at 5:00 pm online at www.paramountartscenter.com and on Monday, July 11 at 10:00 am in the box office at 1300 Winchester Avenue, Ashland, KY.

The Kentucky Arts Council, the state arts agency, supports the Paramount Arts Center with state tax dollars and federal funding from the National Endowment for the Arts.