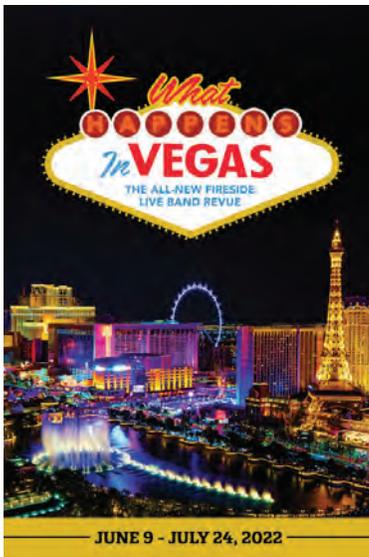


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A NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS AND FRIENDS



JUNE 9 - JULY 24, 2022

“The Fireside stage will become a glittering Vegas showroom . . .”

— Ed Flesch

The
FireSide
Dinner Theatre

VEGAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Our exciting production of WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS is right around the corner with a June 9th opening date and plenty of great music for everyone to enjoy. Led by fan favorite Steve Watts and The Fireside Band you don't want to miss this new live band revue!

For over 70 years Las Vegas has been the entertainment capital of the world. Just about every great entertainer has appeared in Las Vegas over the last seven decades. The world's best singers, dancers, musicians, and comedians have flocked to this city where dreams become reality.



Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., Judy Garland, Barry Manilow, Elvis Presley, Celine Dion, Elton John, Garth Brooks, Bette Midler, Cher, Olivia Newton John, Lionel Ritchie, Diana Ross, Tony Bennett, Reba McEntire, Brooks and Dunn, and Lady Gaga are just a few of

the great stars who have dazzled audiences in Las Vegas showrooms.

This summer, we'll feature the work of many of these great artists and more in the most spectacular band show yet. What happens in Vegas will be live on our stage!

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WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS ... CONTINUED!

The Las Vegas story goes back to 1829 when it was merely a supply spot on the way to California. With the 1930's population boom from the building of the Hoover Dam came casinos and showgirl theaters to entertain the workers. Gambling was quickly legalized and throughout the 40's and 50's each new hotel attempted to outdo the others. The title of America's "Entertainment Capital" was soon to follow.

Our production of **WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS** will certainly include the glitz and glamour, but will focus on the great entertainment. We have SO MUCH great music in store for you. You definitely don't want to miss **WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS!**

Ed Finkel



THE INSIDE SCOOP



Ryan, Kristi, Jane, and Rick Kloplic receive prestigious local award.

Ryan and Kristi Kloplic honored with Fort Atkinson Chamber's "Tourism Counts" Award.

TOOTING OUR OWN HORN!

We don't usually like to toot our own horn but decided to share the nice recognition that Ryan and Kristi Kloplic received from the Fort Atkinson Chamber of Commerce last fall. Their "Tourism Counts" award is presented annually to "an individual, business, or organization who by their leadership and efforts have made a difference in the development of tourism in our area." The name of the award reflects the chamber's desire to impress upon the greater community that tourism does count in the bigger economic picture, and that it does impact the vitality of our city.

Ryan and Kristi were singled out for their leadership and vision in navigating The Fireside through the Covid-19 pandemic. Entertainment venues were among the first businesses to close and the last allowed to re-open. We were forced to stop our seven week run of GUYS AND DOLLS just three weeks in with no known time-table for re-starting

the Broadway season. Like the rest of the country, we hoped it would be "just a few weeks" but of course that wasn't the case.

What we were able to do, once allowed to re-open - slowly and carefully with great attention to all recommended safety precautions - was a "Summer Concert Series" that eventually lasted about a year. The Fireside became a lone, welcome live entertainment venue in the region for those people ready to venture out. What was most astonishing is that some of those people, whether they were already loyal patrons or newcomers to The Fireside, visited us nearly every week for all those months. They were a testament to the value of venues like The Fireside and the human need for entertainment and the shared experience of live theatre.

Tourism, whether in group tours or two by two, does matter to communities of all shapes and sizes. The ripple effect

of The Fireside's ability to be open was felt in employment wages, the business we do with other local companies, hotel stays, gas stations, and more.

Throughout this challenging period in our history, Ryan and Kristi soldiered on, leading the way for the entire staff while bearing the burden of financial and other planning decisions. Despite the stress that had to be weighing on them both, every day we received encouragement, thanks, smiles, their ever-present sense of humor, and the overwhelming belief that we were going to make it through this and come out better and stronger than ever.

It's been great to welcome previous staff back home, new staff into the family, and guests back to the experience. If you haven't been back yet, we're here whenever you're ready. Thanks to the Fort Atkinson Chamber of Commerce for recognizing both Ryan and Kristi's efforts and the fact that "tourism counts!"

KNOW WHAT'S NEW!

CASTING THE VON TRAPP CHILDREN

On January 26th, about 30 children ages six to fourteen attended our open call for the roles of the six youngest Von Trapp children in THE SOUND OF MUSIC. After checking in and completing their paperwork, Artistic Director Ed Flesch explained the rehearsal and performance schedules along with the audition process. Each child was given the opportunity to introduce themselves and perform a song of their choosing. Some were also asked to sing a bit of "Do, Re, Mi." Once everyone had performed, Ed asked some to stay and sing again. He put them in groups, arranged them by age and size, and got a feel for their talent, personality, and ability to take direction. By the end of the evening, he had everything he needed to assemble two casts of children that will alternate the



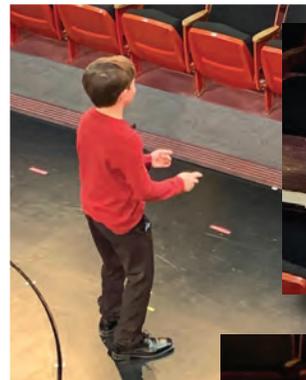
Our 2002 & 2009 productions.



seven weekly performances from March 3 - April 17th at The Fireside. "I was really pleased with the level of talent we saw in many of the auditioners," Ed remarked. "The children are a very important part of this show and they need to be able to hold their own with our professional actors, cast from New York. I'm sure our audiences are going to find these Von Trapp children every bit as charming and delightful as I did!"



Our stage crew organized and ran the audition event while prospective cast members got to show off their talents for Artistic Director Ed Flesch and Musical Director Mary Ehlinger.



Auditioning to be part of the magic!

SEE
WHAT'S
COOKING



INSIDE
CHEF MIKE'S
Kitchen

The New Year is rolling right along and we're already looking ahead to summer when both the weather and the music on our stage will be hot with Steve Watts and The Fireside Band!

Our Featured Menu will start out with a Fresh Summer Salad glazed with a light Raspberry Vinaigrette - a perfect first course for summer.

Hopefully your travelers are enjoying our new entree choices. This time they'll be able to select our Reuben Chicken on a Garlic Cream Sauce, Slow Roasted Sliced Pork Tenderloin, or our new Coconut Cod entree. Of course our Vegetarian Medley will also be available for those who request it.

All entrees come with Charleston Rice with Jones Sausage. We're also excited to debut a new side item for you that's a diced root vegetable medley. It includes Sweet Potato, Sugar Cane Beets, Yellow Beets, Broccoli, and Fennel and was a big hit at our management team taste testing. I think you're really going to enjoy it.

The Grand Finale for WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS is another new treat from our Bakery - a refreshing, rich, Lemonade Cake garnished with Strawberry Sauce and Fresh Whipped Cream. Be sure to save room for that!

Yumm!!! Yumm!!!

Michael Scott
Executive Chef



FEATURED MENU

*Choices for Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday Matinees,
Saturday Evenings* and Sunday Midday*

Fresh Summer Salad

Raspberries, Mangoes, Candied Pecans, and Sartori's Montmore Cheddar Cheese on Arugula and Kale glazed with a Raspberry Vinaigrette
Freshly Baked Breads from our Artisan Bakery

Reuben Chicken

Skinless Breast of Chicken, dipped in egg, lightly breaded and sauteed to a golden brown, topped with Reuben Pate with Corned Beef, Sauerkraut, and Jarlsberg Swiss Cheese, resting on a Garlic Cream Sauce.

Sliced Pork Tenderloin

Slow Roasted Pork Tenderloin, sliced and crowned with a rich Pork Demi-glaze.

Coconut Cod

Atlantic Cod, dipped in egg and rolled in Seasoned Panko Breadcrumbs, Shredded Parmesan Cheese, and Coconut.

Charleston Rice with Jones Sausage and a Root Vegetable Medley.

Lemonade Cake

Garnished with Strawberry Sauce and Fresh Whipped Cream

Coffee, Tea and Milk

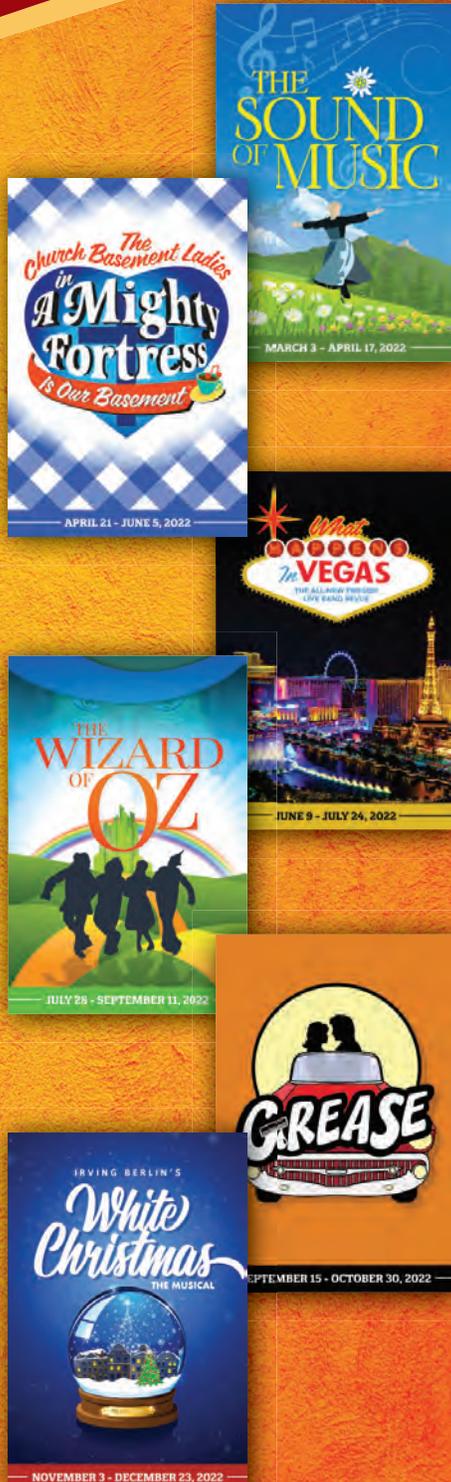
The Thursday Evening Signature Buffet begins with our Signature Salad topped with Papaya Chutney Dressing and served with Freshly Baked Breads. Enjoy two special entrée selections in addition to Beef Tenderloin and Roast Turkey from the Carving Station, Barbecued Pork Back Ribs, Chicken Tenderloin Tempura with Brandied Apricot Sauce, Beer Batter Fried Cod, Shrimp and Scallops Fusilli with Tomato Butter Sauce, Fresh Atlantic Salmon, Sweet Potato Soufflé, Whipped Idaho Potatoes and Steamed Farm Fresh Vegetables. Lemonade Cake for dessert plus coffee, tea and milk are included.

The Sunday Matinee Brunch begins with an assortment of Quick Breads and Pastries from our Bakery to enjoy with a Fresh Fruit Smoothie. We'll be carving Jones Hickory Smoked Ham and Roast Turkey Breast along with the buffet of Eggs Benedict on Jones Canadian Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Maple Sausage Links, Chicken Tenderloin Tempura with Brandied Apricot Sauce, Biscuits and Sausage Gravy, Fresh Atlantic Salmon, Buttermilk Pancakes, Breakfast Potatoes, a featured Beef Tenderloin dish, and Steamed Farm Fresh Vegetables. Lemonade Cake for dessert plus coffee, tea and milk are included.

***Saturday Evening's menu also includes an Appetizer course.**

Coming Shows!

We look forward to helping you promote your trips to The Fireside. Promotional materials can be ordered for any of our upcoming shows through Group Sales or on our website.



GROUP SALES CORNER



The new year is well underway and we hope your travel plans are, too. We would love to entertain you and your travelers with any of our exciting shows this season.

For personal help with any of your bookings, call me at 800-477-9505 or email groupsales@firesidetheatre.com.



Opens March 3rd. Seating is still available for this time-honored classic and we'd love to share it with you. It doesn't matter how many times you've seen THE SOUND OF MUSIC it's charm, characters, story, and suspense always hit the mark for quality entertainment. Perfect for all generations!



Opens April 21st. You've waited for this one since 2020 so don't miss it now! For this round, the year is 1960 and the ladies of the church are dealing with a reformation. Their faith, friendship, and crazy antics are on full display. Great for church groups especially, but enjoyed by anyone who's ever attended a pot-luck dinner in a church basement!



Opens June 9th. New bookings are also welcome! If you're already booked, please make sure you've sent your contract back to us. This is a fun show for music lovers of all ages, particularly all you Steve Watts fans out there. We've been happy to feature him solo and with a smaller group but it will be amazing to have the whole band back in action!

If you're offering the meal choices, we'll need those numbers with your final counts four weeks prior to your show date. Meal slips will be provided when you arrive so you can hand them out on the coach or in the dining room to be set out at each guests place at the table. That will assist your server in getting everyone the dinner of their choice.

Please reach out to us by phone or email if you have any questions. We're here to help make your job easier and your trip successful. Make it a great day!

Franki Elmore, Group Sales Lead

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HANGING BEAUTY NOW COMES WITH PRECISION SOUND!

Music, nature, and art all have proven relaxing, restorative, and even healing powers. Scientific studies show that music can reduce pain and anxiety in heart patients, that time spent in nature lowers blood pressure and stress, and can even enhance our immune systems and improve our moods. Exposure to art benefits us physically, mentally, and emotionally. Hang something beautiful in your yard, pull up a comfy chair, and relax!



If you're looking for beauty without the sound, check out these copper and stainless steel Cosmix spinners that sparkle with the sun and move with the wind!

Wind chimes have taken a huge step forward with precision tuning! These Regal Arts musically tuned chimes are hand-ground to within 15% of the exact pitch of each musical note using an electronic tuner. The result is a premium sound experience in a chime that plays a specific tune. Once you hear these you'll never go back to a simpler chime.

You're also going to love their wind bells, shown above and to the left, that have a bold, opulent look with thick hollow chambers and unique curves to produce a deep reverberating sound. The textured powder-coated finish ensures weather resistance so you can leave them out all year long.



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GROUPS ARE OUR SPECIALTY - SPECIAL DISCOUNTS APPLY!

WHAT IS A GROUP?

At The Fireside, there are many benefits for any group of 18 or more people attending a performance.

You can hold seating with a small deposit while you finalize your exact count, due four weeks before your visit. You'll also qualify for a discounted ticket price and your meal gratuity is included.

For weekday matinees, 18 paid tickets earns a complimentary package, for all other shows it's every 21st ticket. There is plenty of safe, free parking on-site for coaches and cars. The Fireside is accessible to guests with disabilities; just let us know what special needs you have when making reservations.

- Save up to \$11.00 per person over individual ticket prices when you book a group of 18 or more. **Please see our menu page for more information on the new menu choice options for groups in 2022.**
- The three-course dinner and show for groups of 18 or more in 2022 is \$81.50 (\$77.25 tax exempt) per person.
- The Premier Group Rate offers an additional discount of \$3.00 per person when your group attends a performance of WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS from June 9 - July 3, 2022.
- 2022 Premier Group Rate is \$78.33 (\$74.25 tax exempt) per person.
- The four-course Saturday Night Group rate is now the same price as the other shows. For rates on optional premium entrée selections, please call Group Sales.
- 2022 Youth Group Rates for ages 14 and under with the youth meal are offered at \$58.29 (\$55.25 tax exempt) per youth.
- 2022 School Group Rates are available for Mid-Week matinees as low as \$71.25 tax exempt rate per student. Chaperones qualify for the Group Rate.