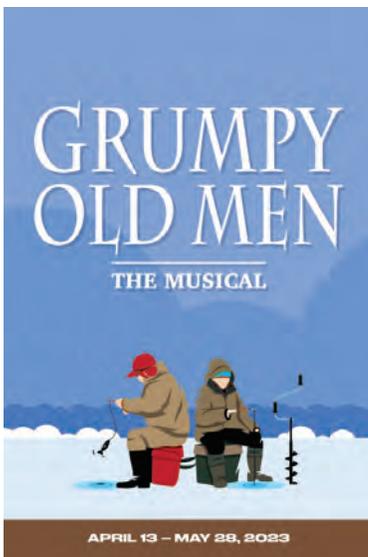


The Flame

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A NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS AND FRIENDS



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- Ed Flesch

The
FireSide
Dinner Theatre

A NEW TWIST ON A FAVORITE FILM!

Families feuding over a forbidden love. This has been the center of many dramas, comedies, and musicals since Romeo first laid eyes on Juliet over 600 years ago. Rarely has this plot produced a show as hilarious and touching as in the 1993 film GRUMPY OLD MEN and the sparkling new musical version.

Based on the film, which starred Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau, and Ann Margret, this stage adaptation captures the lovably crotchety characters through twinkling humor, great songs, and the affectionate depiction of a small town that feels like home to everyone

Ever since it’s premiere in 2018, GRUMPY OLD MEN THE MUSICAL has delighted audiences in regional theatres throughout the country.

And now it’s our turn. It’s time for us to give this rollicking show the full Fireside treatment.

I’ve been directing musicals for a very long time. I have done all the great classics – most of them

multiple times. I love all of the great musicals but it is especially fun these days to get to do a show for the very first time. I am very excited to bring this show to you in a brand new production. I will bring in a terrific cast made up of new older actors and Fireside favorites.

I promise you a rip-roaring good time filled with laughter, music, and romance. This show is proof that you don’t have to be young to fall in love or to sing and dance.”

Ed Flesch

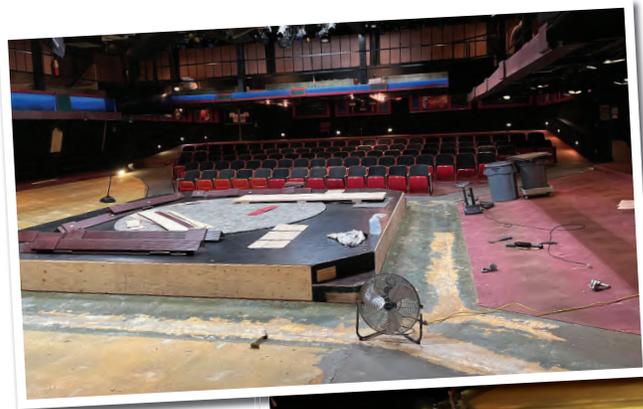


HOSPITALITY NEVER GOES OUT OF STYLE!

What's that New Year's saying - "out with the old, in with the new?" Well we hit the ground running with some exciting facility renovations designed to serve you better.

On Monday morning, January 2nd we started removing the theatre seats and by the end of the week the theatre was filled with all new ones, in addition to new carpet. A few changes have been made to certain areas to remove seats we weren't using and improve areas that weren't as comfortable.

At the same time, a different crew was working on electrical preparations that will eventually see the bakery sales counter and front desk areas switch places. We believe this will allow for better traffic flow for seating into the dining room.



Scenes from our current facility renovations!



Evie Mohrfeld has been running Evie's Travel for 35 years!

LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER!

Married for just over 60 years, she met her husband, Jerry while she was attending Beauty College in Mason City, Iowa. He was a Marine, also going to college, and they met at a dance. Together they raised five children while he worked his way up to Bank President and she began a volunteer position that led to a career in travel.

Austin, MN is the home of Hormel meats (famous for SPAM!). Evie's volunteer work at the Hormel Historic Home led to her experience hosting groups, arranging tours, and running the Board of Directors. She eventually struck out on her own with a following of 200 people to start her own company, Evie's Travel. Her tours became known for their fun just as much as their destinations.

Evie's specialty is the one day tour, but for The Fireside they

make it an overnight. A four hour drive, Evie builds in little stops along the way so they can get out and stretch their legs every couple of hours. They check out different things each time they visit. She still remembers their first time here in the late 90's - being wowed by the Thursday Night Signature Buffet, enchanted by the theatre-in-the-round, and impressed that owner Dick Klopocic welcomed them from the stage before the show.

She has taken travelers to all 50 United States, Ireland, Austria, Switzerland, and especially enjoys Riverboat cruises. Most of her travelers are active adults. Many are early retirees who like to get away and explore, some traveling with their mothers, which is nice!

Whenever they're on the deluxe coach, the groups are there to have fun. Evie makes sure everyone is

The joy is in the journey,
and we have a lot of fun!

introduced to the people sitting near them, and since they're all from a relatively small city there's a lot of familiarity and are quick to become friends. Then the singing starts! "If they want to read a book, I tell them to go to the library," Evie joked. "We have fun, we have cookies, we celebrate birthdays, we recognize the veterans."

Evie's husband has always been a big help, and her daughter, Jan is taking over the longer trips. She hosts a travel show each February to promote the coming year's tours. Away from work, they stay active - dancing, walking, exercise class, even ebikes. Everything about Evie sounds like she's the perfect person to travel with. Next trip here? Opening Night of GRUMPY OLD MEN - the most Minnesota show ever!

**KNOW
WHAT'S
NEW!**

ANNOUNCING THE 2023 CHRISTIAN CONCERT SERIES

Triumphant Quartet Wednesday, March 15

Triumphant is the face of quality Gospel Music, Christian integrity, family values, friendship, and dedication. These four friends - Clayton Inman, Scotty Inman, David Sutton, and Eric Bennett - have been that way since that defining moment when they first walked on stage together at the Louise Mandrell Theatre in 2003. Their smooth harmonies and rich quartet sound quickly gained them national attention and concert demand. Theirs is a music and concert experience for the whole family. Matinee and Evening concerts at \$44.95.



The Guardians Wednesday, May 3

The Guardians are a Southern Gospel Quartet with a unique sound, tight harmony, and a passion for sharing the Gospel. With three Dove Award nominations and multiple #1 songs, the Lord has truly blessed their journey. Dean Hickman began as a 19 year old with the Golden Keys Quartet. John Darin Rowsey writes and arranges most of their songs. Pat Barker is the man with the legendary bass voice. With 30 years' experience, Scott Mullins looks at this group as "the opportunity of a lifetime." Matinee and Evening concerts at \$39.95.



The Craguns Wednesday, August 9

The Craguns are a dynamic, family group comprised of husband and wife, Jordan and Elena Cragun, Jordan's sister, Savannah, and their father, Ray. Jordan and Elena got their start in Gospel music in Idaho where Jordan toured with the Boise based Liberty Quartet. When Jordan left his position with Liberty in 2013 and Ray resigned his 25 year pastoral position, God started aligning all the pieces for the family to reunite in a powerful way, to tour together in a full time Gospel Music Ministry. Matinee and Evening concerts at \$39.95.

Brian Free & Assurance Wednesday, September 20

Brian Free is the single most recognizable tenor of our generation. He has been at the forefront of Christian music since joining Gold City in 1982 before moving on to form his own group. The mission of Brian Free and Assurance is to lift up Jesus Christ through their music, see souls come to know the Lord, and encourage Believers across the world. Brian, Bill, and Jake are passionate about their calling and use their God-given abilities to take the message of Jesus Christ to everyone they can. Matinee and Evening concerts at \$39.95.



On Sale Now including our Fish & Chicken Buffet.

SEE WHAT'S COOKING



FEATURED MENU

*For Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Matinees,
Saturday Evenings* and Sunday Middy*

Chopped Salad

Finely diced Spring Greens, Hard-boiled Egg, Red Onion, Grape Tomato, Avocado, Cucumber, Jones Cherrywood Smoked Bacon Chips, and Cheddar Cheese. Topped with our Pepper Cream Dressing and Crisp Tortilla Ribbons.

Freshly Baked Breads from our Artisan Bakery

Pretzel Crusted Stuffed Chicken

Skinless Breast of Chicken stuffed with Havarti Cheese, dipped in egg, rolled in Pretzel Crumbs, sautéed to a golden brown and baked, served with a Balsamic Raspberry Sauce.

Grilled Pork Ribeye

A Boneless Pork Chop seasoned and grilled until perfectly tender and finished with a rich pork demi-glaze.

Rainbow Trout

Seasoned with Salt, Pepper, and Lemon Butter and baked to perfection.

Garlic Parmesan Orzo and a Corn and Red Pepper Medley.

Oreo Delight

Crushed Oreo Cookies in our Homemade Vanilla Frozen Custard with a layer of Fudge in an Oreo Crust.

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. Oreo Delight for dessert plus coffee, tea and milk.

The Sunday Matinee Brunch begins with an assortment of Quick Breads and Pastries from our Bakery to enjoy with a Honey Glazed Fresh Fruit Medley with Yogurt and Natural Granola. We'll have two meats at the carving station along with the buffet of Eggs Benedict on Jones Canadian Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Jones Bacon and Sausage Links, Chicken Tenderloin Tempura with Brandied Apricot Sauce, Biscuits and Sausage Gravy, Fresh Atlantic Salmon, Bread Pudding, Breakfast Potatoes, a featured Beef Tenderloin dish, and Steamed Farm Fresh Vegetables. Oreo Delight plus coffee, tea and milk.

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

As we enter our second season with three Featured Menu choices for each show, we are very pleased with the positive feedback we received last season. We hope that you and your travelers felt like they all got something they really enjoyed for their dinners here.

Since the characters in GRUMPY OLD MEN are sport fishermen, it seemed pretty obvious we should offer a fresh fish for this show. And since much of my previous experience before joining The Fireside last year was in the Pacific Northwest, I was honored to be asked to create the recipe for our Rainbow Trout.

My philosophy when creating a new dish is simple. Fresh ingredients seasoned perfectly and presented beautifully. With that in mind I wanted to capture the best qualities of the trout. Trout has a very delicate and rich flavor. A simple seasoning of salt and pepper is all the trout requires, we then sear the skin of the trout to give it a perfect crispy snap with every bite. Finally, the trout will be baked and finished with fresh lemon, whole butter, and fresh parsley. Simple and delicious.

Be sure to save room for dessert - we're featuring a personal favorite of Ryan Kloplic that his mom would make for the family. This version of her Oreo Delight includes crushed cookies in our homemade Vanilla Frozen Custard, a layer of Fudge, and an Oreo Crust. So good!!

Jeremiah Cook
Executive Chef



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



Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are ready for another fun and adventurous year of travel.

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

We're excited to report that GRUMPY OLD MEN is starting the year out as our #1 selling show so far. If you're not already booked I highly recommend you make your plans soon so you and your travelers aren't left out.

**GRUMPY
OLD MEN**
THE MUSICAL



Our 2023 Christian Concert Series is also now on sale as you just saw on the previous page. They are now scheduled on Wednesdays with both a matinee and an evening concert, accompanied by our Fish & Chicken Buffet. With tickets as low as \$39.95 these are an excellent introductory tour to The Fireside if you're just starting out. We're proud to be able to bring you some of the hottest groups in Gospel Music!

Please reach out to us by phone or email if you have any questions, need artwork to promote your trips, or have an idea to share with us. We're here to help in any way to can. It was so much fun to see group tours roaring back to life in 2022 and the momentum is definitely still rolling. With the great line-up of shows we have in store we expect 2023 will be even busier so early bookings are encouraged.

Happy traveling, make it a great day!

Franki Elmore

Franki Elmore, Group Sales Lead



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WHETHER YOU'RE FISHING OR JUST ENJOYING THE VIEW, LAKE LIFE IS GRAND!

The movie version of GRUMPY OLD MEN was set in Wabasha, Minnesota along the Mississippi River, and some scenes were shot at Lake Rebecca near there. There is something magical about life on the water, from the heartwarming sounds of children at play to the calm and tranquil sound of the waves lapping against the shore on a summer evening. We hope your lake memories are all good ones! Perhaps some of this merchandise will keep them alive.



Check out the wide range of Lake Life decor in our main Showplace Shop!



- Coasters
- Towels
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GROUPS ARE OUR SPECIALTY - SO SPECIAL DISCOUNTS APPLY!

WHAT IS A GROUP?

At The Fireside, there are many benefits for any group of 13 or more people. Our group ticket price stayed the same for 2023, however gratuity is no longer included.

Hold seating with a small deposit while you finalize your count, due four weeks before your visit. 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 \$16.00 per person over individual ticket prices when you book a group of 13 or more. Please see our menu page for the menu choices for GRUMPY OLD MEN.
- The three-course dinner and show for groups of 13 or more in 2023 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 GRUMPY OLD MEN from April 13 - May 7, 2023.
- 2023 Premier Group Rate is \$78.33 (\$74.25 tax exempt) per person.
- The four-course Saturday Night Group rate is the same price as the other shows!
- 2023 Youth Group Rates for ages 14 and under with the youth meal are offered at \$58.29 (\$55.25 tax exempt) per youth.
- 2023 School Group Rates are available for Thursday and Friday matinees as low as \$71.25 tax exempt rate per student. Chaperones qualify for the Group Rate.