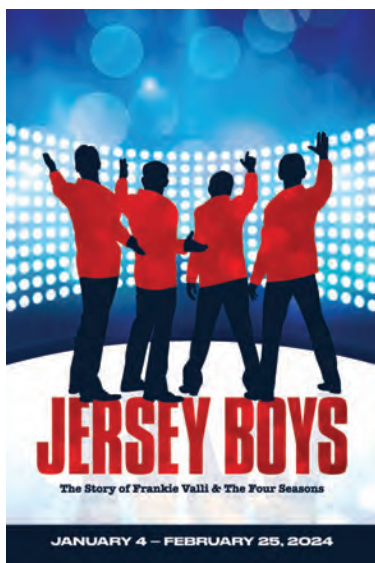




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A NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS AND FRIENDS



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**The Fireside**  
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## Finally - JERSEY BOYS is almost here!

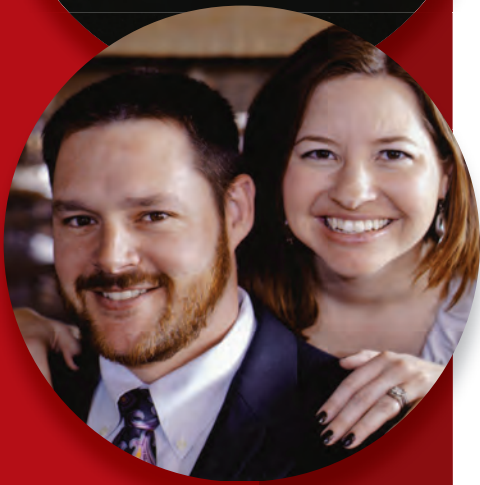
After 45 years of presenting the best of American Musical Theatre, it is always exciting to present a show we've never done before.

JERSEY BOYS is one of the most successful musicals of the past decade. It ran on Broadway for 12 years – from 2005 to 2017. Since its debut it has been on two North American national tours and two national tours of the UK and Ireland. The show has been produced in London's West End, Las Vegas, Chicago, Toronto, Melbourne and other Australian cities, Singapore, South Africa, the Netherlands, Japan, Dubai, and China. JERSEY BOYS won four 2006 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, and the 2009 Laurence Olivier Award for Best New Musical in the UK. And now we get the chance to bring it to you in a brand new Fireside production.

I am particularly excited to bring a great Director/Choreographer team on board to put the show up. Nicolas Dromard performed in the Broadway production of JERSEY

BOYS as well as the national tour. Desirée Davar is an accomplished Broadway dancer/singer who is also a Fireside alum. She danced in many of our musicals including THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE and SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS. She also choreographed our first production of THE WIZARD OF OZ and PETER PAN here at The Fireside. This husband and wife team will bring their talent and experience to this production and I couldn't be more thrilled.

JERSEY BOYS is the story of four young men who escaped the mean streets of New Jersey by becoming one of the greatest singing groups in pop music of the 50's and 60's – Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. It is a story filled



with drama, humor, and of course their great, great music. It is an authentic telling of the many ups and downs of their lives and careers. Because it is totally authentic, the show contains some explicit adult language – the language of the streets. So it is not recommended for children.

I have presented some great musicals in my time but I am especially excited to present this vibrant and vastly entertaining musical tale of dreams, hope, and redemption.

Don't miss it!

*Ed Finkel*



Guest Director Nicolas Dromard



Choreographer Desirée Davar



Nicolas Dromard as Tommy DeVito in the Broadway production of JERSEY BOYS.





Helen Cichantek leads the St. Clare Society with a servant's heart at St Francis of Assisi!

## LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER! “

Don't sell yourself short. If you really want something, work at it and you'll succeed!

Sometime in 2005 there was a Vatican Art Show at the Milwaukee Art Museum. The Executive Board of the St. Clare Society of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Manitowoc, WI thought it would be nice to offer a bus trip to their parishioners to view the exhibit. Instead of having the tour company arrange it, Helen Cichantek, a member of the board, suggested they arrange it themselves and eagerly offered to handle it. "You just have to rent the bus, order the tickets, and take care of a few common sense things," she thought. For someone with 34 years of experience as a secretary for the Manitowoc Public Schools, this was certainly not the most difficult thing she'd handled. They ended up taking three buses to the Vatican exhibit and a St. Clare travel program was born.

Their first trip to The Fireside was for FIDDLER ON THE ROOF in the spring of 2007 and they look forward to seeing it again in 2024. A once per year adventure, which for a while jumped to two coaches per trip, is now

comfortably a twice a year outing for Helen and her friends. She promotes the shows at their meetings, makes phone calls, and uses church bulletins, newspaper notices, and Facebook to fill her trips. Scheduling is set to work around the club's other fund-raising activities such as a Rummage and Bake Sale and their annual Christmas Cookie Sale. All of their projects raise money that is used to support their mission around fellowship, worship, and spiritual development of the congregation and charitable outreach.

St. Francis of Assisi has three sites for worship in Manitowoc. Their St. Clare Society, a women's organization of the church, has about 120 active members. Parishioners over the age of 85 become honorary members with no dues or expectations for helping with events. They also have two religious sisters as spiritual advisors.

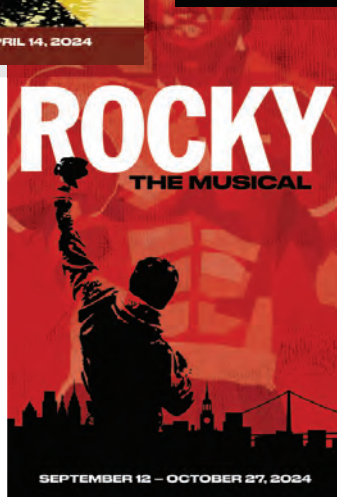
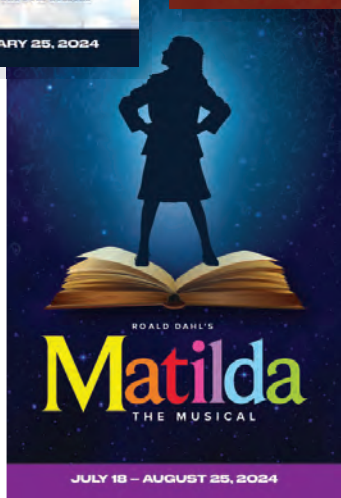
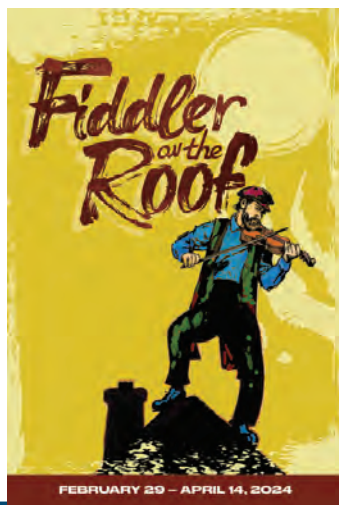
Helen, who is active in the organization and is in charge of the bus tours, raised two sons, Dan and Tom, with

her husband Bob who passed away two years ago just six days shy of their 61st wedding anniversary. She misses him terribly but is very proud of their family. Dan works for Kohler and recently won a conservation award for his volunteer work and Tom works for Badger State Electronics out of Green Bay which supplies equipment to utility companies. Dan's daughter is a talented, self-taught jewelry designer with her own on-line store. Family has always come first!

In addition to planning bus tours, Helen keeps busy with the Catholic Women's Club, the Sarah Club, the Women's Spirituality Group, her butterfly garden, and her family. She enjoys musicals, reading, and likes to try new things. One friend calls her "the organizer." She encourages others to get involved as well - "don't sell yourself short!" Her servant's heart has made for a very full life!

KNOW  
WHAT'S  
NEW!

WE'RE LOVIN' OUR 60TH  
ANNIVERSARY SEASON!



**JERSEY BOYS** - Winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical, JERSEY BOYS takes you behind the music of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons to discover the secret of a 40-year friendship as the foursome goes from the streets of New Jersey to the heights of stardom. *(Contains explicit adult language. Not recommended for children.)*

**FIDDLER ON THE ROOF** - Now also celebrating 60 years, we are proud to present a brand new revival of one of the most popular shows in our history. Includes such iconic songs as "If I Were a Rich Man" and "Sunrise, Sunset."

**BEAUTIFUL** - The Carole King Musical - From the chart-topping hits she wrote for the biggest acts in music to her own life-changing hit "Tapestry," BEAUTIFUL is filled with songs you'll remember and a story you'll never forget.

**NUNSENSE** - Join us for a madcap revue with a hysterical, anything-goes, good natured sense of fun. This long-running hit show is "sinfully" hilarious and definitely habit forming!

**Roald Dahl's MATILDA** - This new Tony Award-winning musical tells the story of

an extraordinary girl who, armed with a sharp mind, a vivid imagination, and psychokinetic powers dares to take a stand to change her story with miraculous results

**ROCKY** - The Musical - A hard-hitting yet tender musical adaptation of the Rocky Balboa story. With equal parts grit and heart, Rocky is about the triumph of spirit, strength, and love.

**MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET** - Based on the beloved Christmas movie about Macy's Santa Claus, MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET is a big brassy Broadway musical with heart.

ANOTHER SEASON OF FAVORITES, JUST FOR YOU!



2023 sure is flying by, here we are at our first show of the 2024 season already! We have several new items planned for you - starting with the JERSEY BOYS menu.

With JERSEY BOYS premiering in January, we wanted to create a dish that personified comfort food. Our new Creole Chicken is bright, flavorful, and complex. A boneless, skinless chicken breast is rubbed down in creole seasoning and seared until crisp and caramelized on the outside. We then cut a pocket in the breast to stuff with andouille sausage, onions, bell pepper, celery and a mix of provolone and cheddar cheeses. Then it's slow roasted until the cheese is perfectly melted. The chicken is served on a bed of smoked paprika and tomato sauce to complement the flavors of the spices as well as the chicken. This dish showcases the best flavors of Louisiana without being spicy. We hope you enjoy it!

We will also feature a new starter with this menu, Loaded Baked Potato Soup - more comfort food personified! There are few sides more familiar than a baked potato. A baked potato with bacon, green onions, sour cream and cheddar cheese is as good as it gets. We set out to capture all the amazing flavors and textures of this classic side in every bite, and I believe we've done just that!

Be sure to save room for your New York Cheesecake, baked from scratch in our bakery and topped with Strawberry Sauce and Fresh Whipped Cream. Delicious!

Jeremiah Cook  
Executive Chef



SEE  
WHAT'S  
COOKING

## FEATURED MENU

*For Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Matinees,  
Friday and Saturday Evenings, \* and Sunday MIDDAY.*

### Loaded Baked Potato Soup

Creamy Potato Soup loaded with flavor, Parmesan and Cheddar Cheese, Sour Cream, and Diced Bacon. Garnished with Green Onions and Cheddar Cheese.

### Freshly Baked Breads from our Artisan Bakery

#### Creole Chicken

Skinless Breast of Chicken stuffed with Andouille Sausage, Onions, Celery, Bell Peppers, and a blend of cheeses; rubbed with Creole Seasoning and seared to perfection.

#### Seared Pork Ribeye

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

#### Fresh Salmon

Steamed Filet of Atlantic Salmon served with Lemon and Bernaise Sauce.

Charleston Rice with Jones Sausage and Creamed Sweet Corn.

#### New York Cheesecake

Topped with Strawberry Sauce and Fresh Whipped Cream.

#### Coffee, Tea and Milk

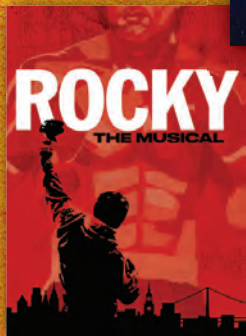
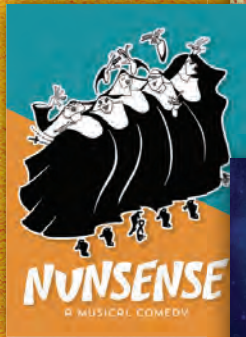
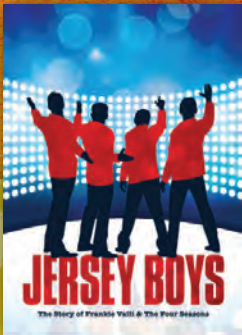
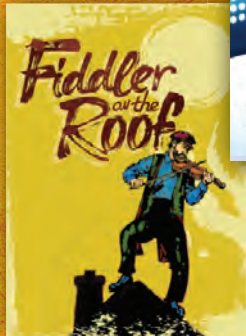
**The Thursday Evening Signature Buffet** begins with our Signature Salad topped with Papaya Chutney Dressing and served with Freshly Baked Breads. Enjoy two special entrée selections in addition to Beef Tenderloin and Roast Turkey from the Carving Station, Barbecued Pork Back Ribs, Chicken Tenderloin 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. New York Cheesecake 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 Fresh Fruit Smoothie. 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. New York Cheesecake for dessert plus coffee, tea and milk.

*\*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



Here we are planning for the 2024 Season already. After the heat of this summer, was anyone else dreaming of January, or was it just me?

For personal help with any of your bookings, call me at 800-477-9505 or email [groupsales@firesidetheatre.com](mailto:groupsales@firesidetheatre.com).

Opening Day for 2024 Group and Season Ticket sales was August 14th. It was very busy with many of you calling in to secure your favorite seats. I know I say this a LOT, but I can't stress enough that if you haven't booked your dates yet, please do so soon. There are some dates that are almost full!



2024 marks our 60th Anniversary year and we are excited to start our season with JERSEY BOYS. I am very excited to see this show. I mean, it is about a guy named Frankie, after all! (*And those other guys . . .*) I always like to see the "music based" shows . . . singing, dancing, and learning the history of the group. Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons follows four boys as they become a great success in pop music. But more than that, a friendship that spans 40 years! *Please note, and include in your promotion, that this show will have explicit language that is not intended for youth or sensitive audiences.*

Happy traveling, make it a great day!

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'Frankie Elmore'.

Frankie Elmore, Group Sales Lead

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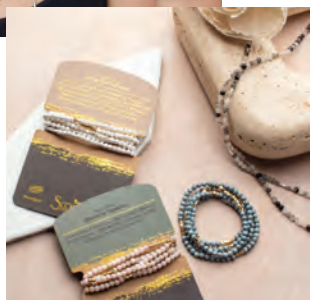


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## GROUPS ARE OUR SPECIALTY - SO SPECIAL DISCOUNTS APPLY!

### WHAT IS A GROUP?

At The Fireside, there are many benefits for any group of 13 or more people. Our prices include both dinner and the show, however gratuity is not 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 \$17.00 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 JERSEY BOYS.
- The three-course dinner and show for groups of 13 or more in 2024 is \$83.29 (\$78.95 tax exempt) per person.
- The Premier Group Rate offers an additional discount of \$3.00 per person when your group attends a performance of JERSEY BOYS from January 4 - 28, 2024.
- 2024 Premier Group Rate is \$80.13 (\$75.95 tax exempt) per person.
- The four-course Saturday Night Group rate is the same price as the other shows!
- 2024 Youth Group Rates for ages 14 and under with the youth meal are offered at \$60.08 (\$56.95 tax exempt) per youth.
- 2024 School Group Rates are available for Thursday and Friday matinees as low as \$72.95 tax exempt rate per student. Chaperones qualify for the Group Rate.