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We welcome you to explore the pages ahead to discover all the Hett has to offer as your entertainment destination. Please join us for an upcoming performance or consider the Hett as a venue for your next special occasion. We look forward to welcoming you to the Hett and our campus soon.



Sincerely,

*Daniel C. Dobbins*

Daniel C. Dobbins '81  
President • McKendree University



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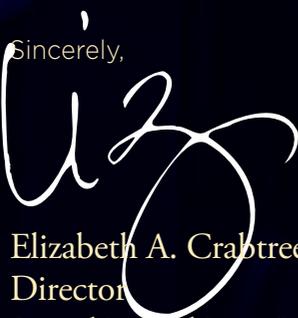
Dear Friend,

**Welcome to our 17<sup>th</sup> season** at the Hettenhausen Center for the Arts - a very special gathering place in our community to share and participate in live music, arts, events and culture.

From our season-opening concert with Philip Fortenberry to the spectacular Vampire Circus to the return of Neil Berg, from iconic artists including The Guess Who, Lonestar, and ABBA Mania, **this season promises unforgettable moments with top artists from around the world...** all right here at McKendree's performing arts center.

Keeping the arts accessible and viable is imperative to the health of our region. **Our success depends on the generosity of our community to thrive, and we are thankful for our donors, advertisers, show sponsors and our newest corporate season sponsor Revela O'Fallon.** This season we are giving our donors the "Star" treatment. All Hett donors at supporter and above will be invited to remain seated post show for an exclusive engagement with select artists, discounted tickets, ticket exchange privileges, and more. If you are already a Friend of the Hett, I thank you for your support. If you are not yet a Friend, I invite you to **join us in making the magic happen by becoming a Friend of the Hett and keeping live arts experiences thriving in our community.** I promise, you will enjoy once-in-a-lifetime events.

Meanwhile, I invite you to sit back, relax and enjoy the show,

Sincerely,  


Elizabeth A. Crabtree, MBA '20  
Director  
Russel E. and Fern M. Hettenhausen  
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Do you like learning new things?  
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If you answered YES to those questions, it's likely you're an intrapreneur. Come to any of these sessions to learn what that means and how to leverage this mindset for maximum gain.

**Lanter Lecture Series: Mike Marchal**  
Wed, October 5th

**Business over Breakfast**

8:30 am | Public is welcome to join us for coffee and donuts with Mike Marchal in the Hiett lobby.

**Fostering Intrapreneurship with Mike Marchal**

7:00 pm | Mike Marchal, President of Holland Construction, leads an interactive session where attendees will navigate through a series of critical thinking prompts. Along the way, Mike will provide guidance using his experience as a successful intrapreneur.

*This event is sponsored by the University's annual Wayne E. Lanter Lecture Series, which invites influential business leaders and entrepreneurs to share their insight and strategies for success. Admission is free and the public is welcome to attend the lecture in the Hiett.*

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**Mike Marchal**  
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## PHILIP FORTENBERRY

LEGENDARY PIANIST

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ADMISSION | *FRIEND:* A/S/Y \$25.00 / \$23.00 / \$10.00  
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*Philip Fortenberry is a performer with an equally expansive career and a versatile artist whose style encompasses a wide range of musical genres.*

**Philip** was the pianist and Associate Conductor for the Broadway musical “*Rocky*,” where he also received the inaugural “*Ghostlight Award*” as Best Musician on Broadway. He made his Carnegie Hall debut as the pianist/conductor for legendary entertainer, Eartha Kitt, and later returned in concert with The Three Irish Tenors. Philip’s critically acclaimed solo cabaret concert, “*The Man at the Piano*,” continues to play to sold-out houses at Cabaret Jazz at the Smith Center for the Performing Arts.

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## ABBA MANIA

70'S ROCK ICON RETROSPECTIVE

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In an exhilarating two-hour recreation of ABBA's last-ever concert, **ABBA Mania** brings to life the flamboyance of the '70s and all the uplifting, dance-inducing, and sometimes heart-breaking songs from the Swedish supergroup, fully live with fantastic costumes, staging, lighting, and effects. For lifelong ABBA fans or the new generation of fans who never had the opportunity to see ABBA live, ABBA Mania is the perfect excuse to party, relive the memories of the band that took over the disco world, or simply be entertained by incredible music!

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## U.S. NAVY FAIR WINDS

MILITARY CHAMBER GROUP

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*Comprised of professional musicians, Navy Band Great Lakes provides musical support for military and public engagements throughout the Midwest.*

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## U.S. AIR FORCE BAND OF MID-AMERICA

CHAMBER RECITAL SERIES

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*The United States Air Force Band of Mid-America has a long history of entertaining the American public and promoting esprit de corps within the military.*

The unit strives to inspire the hearts and minds of our men and women serving around the world and to tell the Air Force story through the universal language of music. Each year, the **U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America** performs for millions of people throughout a ten-state region from the upper peninsula of Michigan to Arkansas.

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## VAMPIRE CIRCUS

PERFORMANCE THEATER

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*Heralded as a mix of circus cabaret and theatre, the Vampire Circus is a mysterious, tantalizing, fun, dark, cutting-edge production guaranteed to amaze the senses.*

A fusion of Tim Burton and Cirque Du Soleil, the **Vampire Circus** is a journey that takes audiences into an immersive experience, plunging guests into a deep hypnotic state while breaking the fourth wall. Audiences are fully integrated into the show, which pushes the physical boundaries of human performances, delivers the unexpected, and leaves spectators amazed, astounded, and astonished. Come meet the Vampires at the Homecoming show. We will leave the lights off for you!

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## LONESTAR

POP COUNTRY

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*The band has won many of music's top honors, including Academy of Country Music awards for New Vocal Group in 1996, Single and Song of the Year in 2000, and Humanitarian of the Year in 2002. All told, Lonestar has sold more than 10.5 million records since their formation.*

Not every band has the opportunity to revisit and potentially improve upon their biggest hits. On their forthcoming TEN to 1 record, the award-winning band **Lonestar** will be taking a fresh look at all 10 of their chart-topping country songs, including "No News," "Everything's Changed," and the beloved global smash "Amazed."

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## STEVE BURNS

CHILDREN'S TV STAR

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*PUBLIC:* A/S/Y \$25.00 / \$22.50 / \$12.50

*“What Happened to Steve?”*

*With his heartfelt and open approach, Steve shares what happened to him after he left the television show.*

**Steve Burns** is an American actor and television host best known as the original host of the long-running children's preschool television program *Blue's Clues* from 1996 until 2002. After years of being the face of the much-loved *Blue's Clues* series, Steve said his goodbyes to Blue in 2001 and went off to college. With his heartfelt and open approach that brought him into the spotlight, he candidly talks about the successes and, more importantly, the failures he has experienced along the way. There may be laughter, and there may be even tears, but this event is sure to be insightful, authentic, and uplifting.

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DECEMBER 10  
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## U.S. AIR FORCE BAND OF MID-AMERICA HOLIDAY CONCERT

ADMISSION | *FREE, TICKETS REQUIRED*

*This diverse, 45-piece ensemble's repertoire ranges from symphonic band masterworks to traditional marches, modern compositions, pop, and jazz.*

The **U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America** Concert Band represents the professionalism and excellence found every day throughout the Air Force. During a concert, you are likely to hear stirring works from contemporary composers, as well as the familiar sounds of John Philip Sousa or Major Glenn Miller. Whether performing for a head of state, before a capacity crowd in their 10-state touring area, or for our troops at home or abroad, the Concert Band reflects the heritage and pride of our great nation and the United States Air Force.

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## CHRISTMAS PRESENCE feat. Terry Barber

HOLIDAY CONCERT

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**Mr. Randy Wells**

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*A classically-trained countertenor with an extremely broad range and versatile voice.*

**Terry Barber** breathes new life into beloved Christmas songs and world-favorites. He is equally at home in the concert hall, recording studio, theater, and opera house. In what the *LA Times* calls “great performances of vitality and verve,” Terry has been a soloist for the best venues around the world, from the Metropolitan Opera to Moscow’s Svetlanov Hall. He can be heard on recordings with artists from Madonna, Jewel, Chaka Khan, and Cyndi Lauper, to the London Philharmonic.

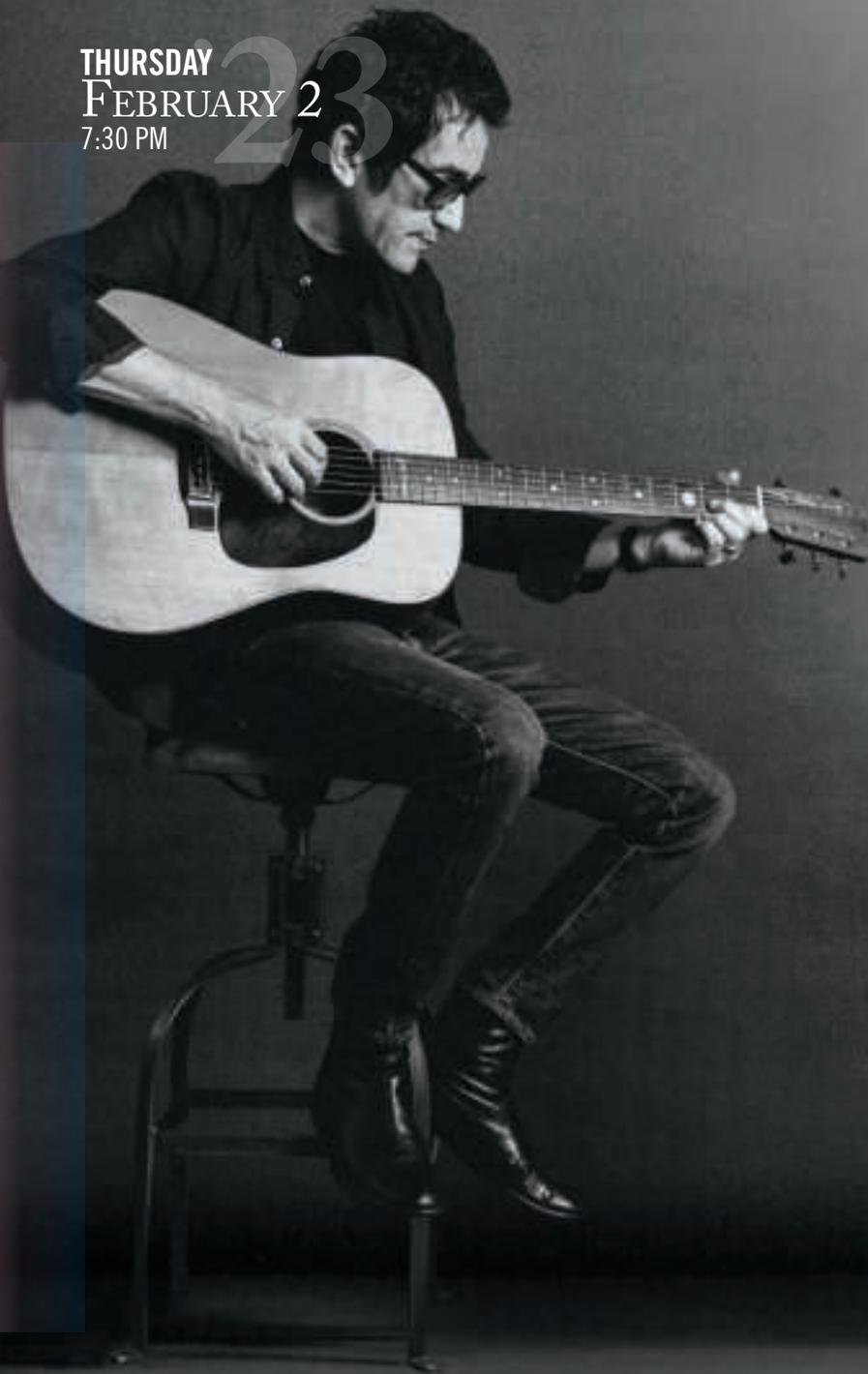
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## A.J. CROCE PLAYS CROCE

AMERICAN FOLK & ROCK

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*A.J. Croce performs Croce Plays Croce, a special night of music featuring a complete set of classics by his late father, Jim Croce.*

**A.J. Croce** performs Croce Plays Croce, a special night of music featuring stories and songs from his late father Jim Croce, music of his own, and covers that link them. This special event features such timeless songs as "Operator," "You Don't Mess Around with Jim," and "I Got A Name." Available now are both Jim and A.J. versions of "I Got A Name" and a new single from A.J. "So Much Fun."

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## TUBA SKINNY

JAZZ SWING

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*Right off the streets of New Orleans, Tuba Skinny is dedicated to bringing the best in traditional early jazz swing to audiences around the world for over a decade.*

They've attracted a wide variety of fans with their musicianship and the scope of their jazz and American roots music catalog. The Melbourne Musical Festival praises **Tuba Skinny**, saying, "They mine a rich seam of traditional jazz and blues from the '20s and '30s. And, while it's evident the band treasures the sense of history evoked by these vintage tunes, the players' natural exuberance makes the music feel irresistibly alive."

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## NEIL BERG'S 50 YEARS OF ROCK N' ROLL PART 2

ROCK RETROSPECTIVE

ADMISSION | *FRIEND:* A/S/Y \$30.00 / \$28.00 / \$10.00  
*PUBLIC:* A/S/Y \$37.50 / \$35.00 / \$12.50

*Neil Berg's 50 Years of Rock n' Roll Part 2 uses fascinating stories and groundbreaking music to pay tribute to iconic rock stars and groups.*

Come hear hits from Chuck Berry, Little Richard, Elvis Presley, The Beatles, Aretha Franklin, Elton John, Aerosmith, Journey, and more! From the progenitors of rock 'n' roll in the 1940s through the glory years of the '50s, '60s, and '70s up until MTV in the early '80s. **Neil Berg** shares the often-unknown stories from the 50-year history of the music that changed the world forever with a cast consisting of stars from Broadway's greatest rock musicals and incredible rock singers.

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APRIL 13  
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## THE GUESS WHO

70'S ROCK

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*One of the most successful Canadian rock groups of the late '60s and '70s.*

**The Guess Who** charted 14 songs on the Top 40 Hit Singles chart during their career, including “*American Woman*,” “*No Sugar Tonight*,” and “*These Eyes*.” During their most successful period, The Guess Who released 11 studio albums, all of which reached the charts in Canada and the United States. Younger audiences may recognize “*American Woman*” from Lenny Kravitz’s 1999 cover, which was used on the soundtrack of the “*Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me*” motion picture.

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FRIDAY-SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 24-26  
**23**

Join internationally-acclaimed, Grammy award-winning soprano and McKendree alumna **Christine Brewer** for a weekend of music! Start the weekend right with coffee, music, and conversation with Christine, with Jazz Age favorites by members of the **Masterworks Chorale and Jazz Ensemble**. Then, enjoy open-to-the-public performances from opera and oratorio by talented young regional singers with critiques and reflections from Christine. Finally, cap the weekend with music from the age of swing and more, performed by Christine, the Masterworks Chorale, and broadcaster Steve Jankowski as Emcee.

**Morning Coffee with  
Christine & the  
Masterworks Chorale**

*Fri., February 24th, 10:00 AM*

Admission:  
Friend: \$10  
Public: \$12.50

**A Master Class with  
Christine Brewer**

*Sat., February 25th, 2:00 PM*

Admission: FREE

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**Old Time Radio Show with  
the Masterworks Chorale  
& Christine**

*Sun., February 26th, 3:00 PM*

Admission:  
Friend: \$15  
Public: \$18.75

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# DISCOVERY SERIES



**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 22** 11:00 AM, 3:00 PM & 6:00 PM  
**ETHEREAL VISIONS: A Sight and Sound Creative Journey.**

**Admission: Friend: \$15, Public: \$18.75**

Join artist **Gary Karasek** and the **Belleville Philharmonic** in this unique multi-sensory immersive experience. With Edward Elgar's evocative Enigma Variations as a rich musical canvas performed live by the Philharmonic, the audience will travel through an up-close and enveloping exhibit of large scale art installations and projections on the Hett stage and then observe the artist create a monumental painting in real time inspired by the music of the moment. The Belleville Philharmonic is a full symphony orchestra founded in 1866, the second-oldest continuously performing orchestra in the nation. Gary Karasek is a licensed architect with a passion for art. He has experience with a wide variety of art media including drawing, watercolor, oil and acrylic painting, sculpture, experiential art theatrics and on a large scale, architecture as habitable sculpture.

**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 29** 7:30 PM  
**VENICE**

*"Venice is the best vocal group in America right now. I love all kinds of harmony. But I particularly love theirs, because it's so natural. It's not like anybody else's. This is my favorite band in the world."*

- David Crosby

**Admission: Friend: \$25, Public: \$31.25**

Americana-pop quartet **Venice** is a band of brothers from Venice, California. The band consists of two sets of brothers, Mark and Michael Lennon, and their cousins, Kipp and Pat Lennon, who have been performing together since the 1980s. They have recorded and toured around the world, performing for a loyal fan base with a catalog of rich songs from over 20 albums. Individually or as a group, they have performed and recorded with some of the biggest names in the music industry, including Elton John, Phil Collins, Michael Jackson, and several more. Venice's trademarks are their harmonies, personal lyrics, and high energy, and their performances garner them ovations and encores.



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# Arts EDUCATION

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The Hett is pleased to present a wide variety of professional touring companies programmed specifically for K-12. Our Arts Education Series offers daytime performances for students, exposing them to the transformational power of the arts. Attendance to any of our performances helps students meet Illinois Arts Learning Standards by responding and connecting to the arts. The Arts Education Series offers programs for all ages.

## ALL PERFORMANCES BEGIN AT 10:00 AM

There are limited tickets available for all those interested in attending these daytime performances. Please note that adult and senior pricing will vary by performance and more information is on the performance ticket page.



### The Music of Lewis & Clark

RECOMMENDED  
K - 8

*Thurs., October 13th*

Follow the amazing adventures of Lewis and Clark, with a musical journey from St. Louis, up the Missouri River, across the Rocky Mountains all the way to the Pacific Ocean!

Presented in partnership with The Sheldon and the Sheldon Band.



### USAF Holiday Concert

RECOMMENDED  
ALL AGES

*Fri., December 9th*

Admission: FREE  
Tickets Required.



### It's Okay To Be Different

*Stories by Todd Parr*

RECOMMENDED  
PRE-K - 3<sup>RD</sup>

*Mon., December 12th*

Three contemporary stories by *New York Times* bestselling author and illustrator Todd Parr, adapted and staged by Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia. For very young audiences, the hour-long production features three books from his collection.



### The Jazz Story

RECOMMENDED  
K - 8

*Wed., February 8th*

Students will travel in time to experience the story of America's unique creation, jazz. With an emphasis on the transformations into the many faces of jazz, you'll hear unforgettable jazz hits. See jazz come to life and enjoy the adventure of jazz and its great musicians!

Presented in partnership with The Sheldon and the Sheldon Band.



### Silent Sky

RECOMMENDED  
ALL AGES

*Thurs., March 30th*

Produced by arrangement with Dramatists Play Service.

The true story of 19th-century astronomer Henrietta Leavitt explores a woman's place in society during a time of immense scientific discoveries, when women's ideas were dismissed until men claimed credit for them.

## Reduced Prices for Groups

Call the box office at 618.537.6863 to purchase tickets, priced at \$5 per child; 1 free chaperone/adult after every 10 tickets purchased, unless noted as FREE above.

## Educational Opportunities

Educational and study-guide materials are available. Visit [theHett.com](http://theHett.com) under Upcoming Events/Arts Education for more information.





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## Months On End

By Craig Pospisil

**Months On End by Craig Pospisil** Admission: \$5  
Produced By Arrangement with Dramatists Play Service.

In a series of comic scenes—one for each month of the year—we follow the intertwined worlds of a circle of friends and family whose lives are poised between happiness and heartbreak. The diverse scenes and characters in this winning play come together to create a delightful theatrical experience encompassing a range of emotions from happiness to sorrow and everything in between.



# SILENT SKY

BY LAUREN GUNDERSON

**FRIDAY**  
MARCH 31  
7:30 PM

**SATURDAY**  
APRIL 1  
7:30 PM

**SUNDAY**  
APRIL 2  
2:30 PM

**Silent Sky by Lauren Gunderson** Admission: \$5  
Produced By Arrangement with Dramatists Play Service.

When 19th-century astronomer Henrietta Leavitt begins work at the Harvard Observatory in the early 1900s, she isn't allowed to touch a telescope or express an original idea. Instead, she joins a group of women "computers," charting the stars for a renowned astronomer who calculates projects in "girl hours" and has no time for the women's probing theories. As Henrietta, in her free time, attempts to measure the light and distance of stars, she must also take measure of her life on Earth, trying to balance her dedication to science with family obligations and the possibility of love. The true story explores a woman's place in society during a time of immense scientific discoveries, when women's ideas were dismissed until men claimed credit for them.

Social progress, like scientific progress, can be hard to see when one is trapped among earthly complications; Henrietta Leavitt and her female peers believe in both, and their dedication changed the way we understand both the heavens and Earth.

AUDIO TRANSCRIPTION AVAILABLE

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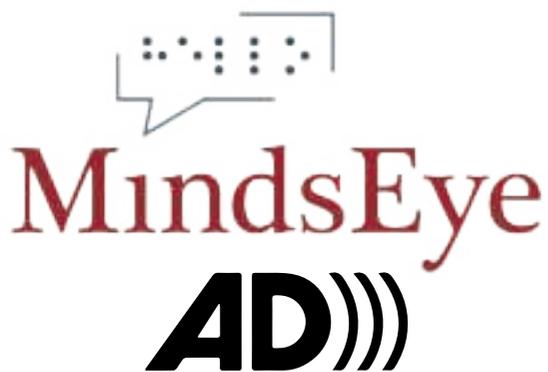


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*City of Lebanon*



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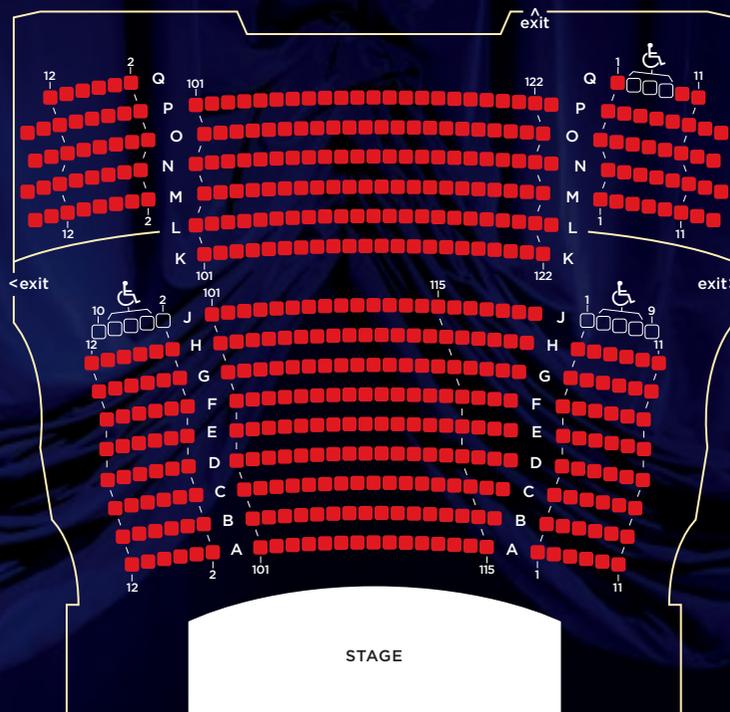
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Complete driving directions are available on the McKendree University website in the "About McKendree" section:  
[www.mckendree.edu](http://www.mckendree.edu)

# Seating & Information



## BOX OFFICE

The box office is located in the main lobby of the Hettenhausen Center for the Arts, and will open for membership sales on Monday, August 8, 2022. It is open Monday through Friday from 12:00 pm-4:00 pm, plus one hour before scheduled performances. Special summer box office hours will be in effect for July and August, so please call ahead. Call (618) 537.6863 or visit [www.theHett.com](http://www.theHett.com) for ticket information.

## DIRECTIONS

Directional maps are shown on pg. 32.

## CAMERAS, PHONES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Please silence your electronic devices. No flash photography during performances, please.

## FOOD & DRINK

No food is permitted in the auditorium. Please limit your beverages to covered water.

## LATE SEATING

Latecomers will be seated at the discretion of the house staff at an appropriate interval in the program. Fifteen minutes prior to the start of the program, any free ticket reservations will be released.

## SPECIAL RATES

All McKendree University students with a current student ID are eligible for a free ticket to any event. Student pricing refers to any form of learning: preschool, K-12, or another college. Seniors are age 60 or older.

## SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Please advise the box office staff prior to purchasing tickets if a guest requires accommodations. The Hett offers a wheelchair seating area, transfer seats with removable arms, an elevator, and hearing assistance devices.

## REFUNDS/ EXCHANGES

Tickets are nonrefundable unless the event is cancelled, and programs are subject to change without notice. Exchanges are permissible for Friend of the Hett donors to an event within the same season. Tickets may be donated 48 hours before a performance to be given to McKendree University students.

## TICKET DATES & POLICY

Friend of the Hett tickets on sale Monday, August 8th at 12 pm. Faculty/ Staff and McKendree Students' tickets on sale Monday, August 22nd at 12:00 pm. General Public tickets on sale Monday, August 29th at 12:00 pm. All orders are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Membership begins at \$100 and allows for early ticket purchasing and exchanges. All persons, regardless of age, must have a ticket.

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