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‘Overture Presents’ single tickets go on sale Friday, July 26

Madison, Wis. (July 15, 2024) — Overture Center’s 2024/25 season offers a diverse selection of shows to cater to all interests. On Friday, July 26 at 11 a.m., single tickets for more than 20 national and international “Overture Presents” shows can be purchased, including Cabaret, Up Close and National Geographic Live performances. (Up to this point, tickets have been available via subscriptions only.) Tickets are available at overture.org.

OVERTURE PRESENTS:

RETURNING WITH A NEW SHOW! [Hubbard Street Dance Chicago](#) | Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024, 7:30 p.m. | Overture Hall

- Lauded by the LA Times as “a perfect storm of movement, music and choreography,” this renowned Chicago company nurtures diverse voices in contemporary dance. Opening new

pathways to growth, learning and discovery, Hubbard Street showcases innovative choreography that captivates audiences worldwide.

RETURNING WITH A NEW SHOW! [Steve Martin & Martin Short: "The Dukes of Funnytown!" featuring Jeff Babko and the Steep Canyon Rangers](#) | Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024, 7:30 p.m. | Overture Hall

- Promising a bit of music, plenty of new sketches and tons of laughs, this duo's new, not-to-miss show is a delight for comedy nerds and casual fans alike. After all, how often is wild and crazy guy Steve Martin on the road with his rubber-faced friend Martin Short?

NEW! [Shrek the Musical](#) | Friday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024, 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. | Overture Hall

- Once upon a time, in a swamp far, far away lived a big, green and not-so-mean ogre named Shrek. Get ready for a wild ride as this unlikely hero sets off on a quest with a chatty Donkey and a princess who's not your typical damsel in distress. It's the uproarious stage adventure inspired by the Oscar®-winning DreamWorks animated film, guaranteed to have you laughing all the way to the happily ever after!

NEW! [Churchill](#) | Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024, 2:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024, 2 p.m. | The Playhouse

- Spend an evening with Sir Winston Churchill as British actor David Payne brings the iconic leader to life in a captivating one-man show. Discover Churchill's thrilling Boer War exploits, political battles and special bond with America. Delve into intimate details of his relationships with his wife, Clementine, and Queen Elizabeth. With echoes of "The Crown" and "The Darkest Hour," this performance offers a unique glimpse into the life of one of history's most influential figures.

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RETURNING WITH A NEW SHOW! [Straight No Chaser](#) | Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024, 7 p.m. | Overture Hall

- Hear the mesmerizing harmony of nine unadulterated male voices united to create extraordinary music. Neither strait-laced nor straight-faced, this acapella group defies expectations with their captivating performances. Join them for a musical journey unlike any other.

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NEW! [Insidious: The Further You Fear](#) | Thursday, Jan. 23, 2025, 7:30 p.m. | Overture Hall

- The terrifying world of INSIDIOUS™ comes to life in INSIDIOUS: THE FURTHER YOU FEAR, an immersive horror experience that truly blurs the lines between reality and fiction. Join a live ghost-hunting seminar led by the notorious Spectral Sightings team, only to watch as it descends into a bone-chilling nightmare, transforming the safety of our world into the ominous realm of The Further.

RETURNING WITH A NEW SHOW! [Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis](#) | Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2025, 7:30 p.m. | Overture Hall

- Experience the world's premier big band, Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra directed by Wynton Marsalis. Marsalis, hailed as the "Pied Piper" and "Doctor of Swing," is a trumpeter, composer and advocate of American culture. This is your invitation to enjoy an unforgettable evening with the best jazz performers in the country.

RETURNING WITH A NEW SHOW! [The Peking Acrobats](#) | Friday, Feb. 28, 2025, 7 p.m. | Overture Hall

- The Peking Acrobats® redefine Chinese acrobatics, dazzling audiences with daring chair stacks, trick-cycling, tumbling, juggling and gymnastics. Pushing human limits, they defy gravity through contortion, flexibility and control. Accompanied by live musicians, traditional Chinese sounds blend with high-tech effects, creating a festive entertainment event.

NEW! [Fraggle Rock Live!](#) | Saturday, March 1, 2025, 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. | Capitol Theater

- A new first-ever Fraggle Rock stage show is set to tour from The Jim Henson Company and the Brad Simon Organization, featuring the characters of the beloved original Jim Henson series—currently celebrating its 40th anniversary—and starring in the hit Emmy Award-winning Apple TV+ reboot. Fraggle Rock LIVE will feature everyone's favorites—Fraggles, Doozers and Gorgs—on a brand-new, exciting, interactive, live musical adventure, perfect for all ages!

RETURNING WITH A NEW SHOW! [Danú](#) | Saturday, March 15, 2025, 7:30 p.m. | Capitol Theater

- Celebrate an early St. Patrick's Day and the magic of Ireland with Danú, one of today's premier traditional Irish ensembles. Delight in flute, fiddle, accordion and vocals as they blend ancient Irish music and vibrant new repertoire in high-energy performances.

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RETURNING WITH A NEW SHOW! [Harry Potter & The Deathly Hallows Part 1 in Concert with the Madison Symphony Orchestra](#) | Saturday, Apr. 5, 2025, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. | Overture Hall

- It's time to go hunting for Horcruxes once more: part one of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows™ in Concert" is nearly here! The Madison Symphony Orchestra performs Alexandre Desplat's epic score as the franchise's seventh film is projected onto a giant screen. Join all your favorite characters—and not-so-favorite ones!—as they encounter familiar dangers, new threats and powerful friendships in this once-in-a-lifetime event.

NEW! [Twyla Tharp Dance](#) | Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 7 p.m. | Overture Hall

- Embark on a journey through the unparalleled artistry of Twyla Tharp Dance as the company celebrates its 60th anniversary and Overture Center debut. Since redefining the boundaries of ballet and modern dance, Tharp has crafted more than 160 works spanning dance, film, Broadway and beyond. At this performance, discover a new work set to a reimagining of Philip Glass's "Agua da Amazonia," arranged and recorded by members of Third Coast Percussion

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RETURNING WITH A NEW SHOW! [Black Violin](#) | Friday, April 25, 2025, 7 p.m. | Overture Hall

- Grammy-nominated duo Kev Marcus and Wil Baptiste mesmerize audiences with their fusion of classical and hip-hop, transcending genres and delivering a message of hope and unity. Witness a reimagined concert where Mozart meets Marvin Gaye and Kendrick Lamar and expand your musical horizons!

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RETURNING! [Goodnight Moon & The Runaway Bunny](#) | Sunday, May 4, 2025, 3 p.m. | Capitol Theater

- "Goodnight Moon" and "The Runaway Bunny" come to life in a delightful stage adaptation by Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia. These beloved tales celebrate nighttime rituals and the bond between a mother and child, captivating audiences with their endearing rabbit characters and soothing rhythms. Experience the magic that has enchanted generations and rediscover the comforting security of these timeless stories.
- Goodnight Moon & The Runaway Bunny is a **relaxed performance**, where families and youth can feel free to be themselves in a judgement-free zone.

OVERTURE PRESENTS SERIES:

National Geographic Live

Back by popular demand, National Geographic Live returns to Overture Center! Prepare for three unforgettable events featuring captivating storytelling and breathtaking imagery from today's greatest adventurers—live on stage.

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How to get tickets:

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Many shows offer discounted group tickets for orders of 10 or more tickets for the same performance. Email groups@overture.org for more information.

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