

**W**elcome to WideSpot Performing Arts Center! We're excited to open our eighth season in September. Located in Stockholm's original opera house, we are the region's one-of-a-kind venue for music, theater, and community events. Because WideSpot offers an exceptional experience every time its doors are opened, our audiences come from near and far. It's a favorite destination for many who live just an hour away in the Twin Cities and Rochester, Minnesota. In eight years, we've made quite an impression!

Be part of our arts endeavor as we continue to bring world-class talent to the "community living room," as it's affectionately referred to. It's where you'll enjoy the best seats on the West Coast of Wisconsin—where you can see and hear all the big names. Get ready for amazing shows and community get-togethers. There's something for everybody in the lineup. But, don't wait too long to purchase tickets; many of our events sell out quickly. Today is a great day to go online and reserve your seats—and find out why they really are ***the best seats on the West Coast of Wisconsin!***



WideSpot is located on the second floor of the Spring Street Arts Building, at Spring Street and Wisconsin Highway 35 in downtown Stockholm, Wisconsin.

## How to get tickets

### ONLINE

Go to **WideSpot.org** and purchase tickets using your credit card.

### BY PHONE

Call **715-307-8941**

Leave a message with your name, phone number, name of the show, and number of tickets you wish to reserve.

Your call will be returned within 24 hours.

Ticket requests by phone cannot be accepted after noon on show day.

### BY MAIL

Send your ticket request and your credit card information or check made out to: **WideSpot Performing Arts**

Mail at least 8 days before show date to:

**WideSpot Performing Arts Center**  
**P.O. Box 600**  
**Stockholm, WI 54769**

### AT THE DOOR

Tickets may be purchased at the box office half an hour before a show. All prices shown are for advance ticket purchases. An additional charge of \$3 will be added to each ticket purchased at the door. **Please note:** Availability of tickets at the door is not guaranteed if advance ticket purchases make it a sell-out.

*Everyone with advance reservations must check in at the box office, which opens half an hour before each performance.*

WideSpot welcomes kids 5-18, and offers a kid-friendly \$10 ticket for selected events: *Widespot Players* and *Readers Theater* shows, *The Landscape of Guitar* (Oct. 14), and *Goin' Coastal!*

## Stay in the loop!

Subscribe to our event emails, visit our website, or like us on Facebook for information and reminders about upcoming events. Stay current! WideSpot is a regional gem...you won't want to miss out



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WideSpot is a 501c3 — **nonprofit** — organization which welcomes your attendance, your sponsorships, your donations, and your volunteer commitment. It survives entirely through the hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm of patrons and volunteers like you, and the efforts of its hands-on Board of Directors. All proceeds are used to pay for programming and the ongoing costs of operating a nonprofit organization.

We're terribly sorry, but WideSpot's performance space is not wheelchair accessible. It resides on the second floor of a historic building. All contributions toward a passenger elevator are warmly received — leave cash or send a check to WideSpot Performing Arts.

The WideSpot space is available for rent. Call for details.



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2017

AUG  
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**FRIDAY at 7:00** | Donations at the door  
**WideSpot Junior Players  
 Summer Theater Performance**  
 Directed by Michelle Meyer and Nancy Lund

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**SUNDAY at 7:00** | \$15 adults/\$10 kids 5-18  
**Goin' Coastal! 5.1  
 Live Audience Radio Variety Show**  
 WideSpot's popular radio variety show kicks off its FIFTH season. Special guests will be Wayne Luchau, paying musical tribute to rock & roll legends of the 50s and 60s; and Renée Graef, an award-winning illustrator.

SEPT  
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**SATURDAY at 7:00** | \$20  
**Butch Thompson**  
 Butch is back! Bringing his own style to the classic jazz repertoire of blues, stomps, ragtime, and pop songs, Butch has always brought his WideSpot audiences to their feet. The WideSpot grand piano is waiting for his special touch. From Scott Joplin to Duke Ellington, from Jelly Roll Morton's New Orleans jazz to the virtuosic stride piano of 1920's Harlem, Butch never misses a beat with us!

OCT  
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**MONDAY at 7:00** | Donations at the door  
**The Blue Eyed Blondes**  
 It won't be a blue Monday with the Blue Eyed Blondes! Bringing their own brand of folk, Swedish emigrants Lina Lönnberg and Kristoffer Emanuelsson call themselves "rascally youngsters from the countryside." Come celebrate Columbus Day among Swedes, right here in Stockholm!

OCT  
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**SATURDAY at 7:00** | \$15 adults/\$10 kids  
**Patchouli & Terra Guitarra  
 The Landscape of Guitar**  
 A groundbreaking art & music production. Animated paintings are sung to life as guitar birds fly over rolling guitar rivers and vivid guitar worlds in stunning HD. A musical multi-media experience filled with art and song. Experience the harmonies of Simon & Garfunkel, the guitars of the Gipsy Kings, and the colors of Van Gogh.

NOV  
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**SATURDAY at 7:00** | \$15  
**Salsa del Soul**  
 We're talking hot, spicy *salsa*—and not the kind you dip your tortilla chip in! Salsa del Soul is a Twin Cities-based orchestra, performing various styles of dance music from the Spanish-speaking regions of the Caribbean. Members of the group represent some of the finest talents in the Twin Cities Latin Music scene. (Chips are optional.)

NOV  
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**SATURDAY at 7:00** | \$15  
**Tommy Bentz Band**  
 Touring as far away as the UK, this band has earned a respectable following over the years, playing originals and covers, blues and rock. Grab some friends and make it a night to remember!

DEC  
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**SATURDAY at 7:00** | \$15  
**The Hot Flashes Holiday Concert**  
 The Hot Flash ladies, with musical director Dave Zahn, bring humor and music back as a WideSpot favorite. It's their spirited charm and musicality that make tickets to this performance the best present you can give anyone on your Christmas list—whether they've been naughty or nice!

DEC  
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**SATURDAY at 7:00** | \$15 adults/\$10 kids  
**SUNDAY at 2:00**  
**It's a Wonderful Life  
 WideSpot Holiday Readers Theater**  
 An encore performance that's sure to warm your hearts and put you in the Christmas spirit. Mark your calendars and be sure to bring your friends and family! Directed by Mike Slygh.

DEC  
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**SATURDAY at 7:00** | Donations at the door  
**'Twas the Night Before New Year's Eve** and all through the house...  
 ... everyone at WideSpot will be making a toast! The community living room is set to hold the best house party of 2017. Enjoy a scrumptious potluck buffet, and, who knows? Fred Harding might even spin some discs to spread more cheer *and* celebrate the beginning of a new year!

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JAN  
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**SUNDAY at 7:00** | \$15 adults/\$10 kids  
**Goin' Coastal! 5.2  
 Live Audience Radio Variety Show**  
 Patty the Postmistress, her sweetie the Sheriff, and the Torgesons all have more fun up their long sleeves in this winter installment of WideSpot's live audience radio variety show. Enjoy the house musicians, along with special musical guests and surprises!

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**SATURDAY at 7:00** | Free  
**Community Event TBD**  
 It could be a game night, a potluck, an author's visit, or all of the above wrapped into a winter stress-reliever, with food and camaraderie. Let's hang out together and welcome new friends to the community!

FEB  
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**SATURDAY at 7:00** | \$15  
**Hurricane Harold and Jeff Ray**  
 When you're right on the Mississippi, New Orleans isn't really that far away. Join the fun with hot music by two blues-men who have traveled the world, but still love to play in our house. It's a Mardi Gras event you won't want to miss!

FEB  
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**SATURDAY at 7:00** | \$20  
**Dan Newton's  
 Cafe Accordion Orchestra**  
 Romantic, danceable, amazingly fresh! Dan's a great storyteller of music and every piece has a story. From French bistro to Cajun love songs, romantic Americana and South American, they never disappoint. Don't sit home on a cold night when you can enjoy Springtime in Paris with those you love.

MAR  
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**SATURDAY at 7:00** | \$15  
**Four Pints Shy**  
 Back by popular demand! Get your green on and celebrate St. Paddy's Day a week early. This popular Irish Folk band played to a packed house last season, and everyone said, "Bring 'em back next year!" And so, we are. Oh! The luck of all who attend — whether Irish or not.

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**FRIDAY & SATURDAY at 7:00  
 SUNDAY at 2:00** | \$15 adults/\$10 kids  
**The Maltese Falcon  
 WideSpot Readers Theater**  
 The 1941 *film noir*, starring Humphrey Bogart as private investigator Sam Spade and Mary Astor as his seductive client, come to life on stage as a 1940's radio production.

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**SATURDAY at 7:00** | \$20  
**Kevin Kling and Simone Perrin**  
 The legendary Kevin Kling will grace WideSpot with his hilarious, often tender autobiographical tales about hopping freight trains or getting struck by lightning. Simone Perrin accompanies him with her sultry voice and soulful accordion. Last time they graced the WideSpot stage together, it was a packed house. Tickets won't last!

MAY  
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**SATURDAY at 7:00** | \$20  
**The Jimmys**  
 Winner of numerous Wisconsin Area Music Awards, The Jimmys will blow you away with their show-stopping powerhouse blues! Combine their all-star rhythm section with rich vocal harmonies and you've got yourself a real house party.

MAY  
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**SATURDAY at 7:00** | \$15  
**Vicky Emerson and Sarah Morris  
 The Homefires**  
 These two critically acclaimed singer/songwriters will light the community living room's homefires! Each is an established touring artist; together, they've unearthed a gorgeous new sound featuring Sarah's clear, melodic voice and Vicky's warm, weathered harmony. Do not miss this high-profile duo on the WideSpot stage!

JUN  
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**SUNDAY at 7:00** | \$15 adults/\$10 kids  
**Goin' Coastal! 5.3  
 Live Audience Radio Variety Show**  
 You just can't miss the end of another wonderful season of *Goin' Coastal!* Enjoy this season's finale filled with stories, drama, great music and, as always, unexpected intrigues.