You think this is a story about a dumb blonde, but that’s not Elle Woods. She’s an extremely strong, capable and intelligent woman forced to look at herself in a different way; challenges herself and succeeds; all the while realizing it’s been in her the whole time. This will be the chicest, fiercest production you’ll ever see. Nothing about this show will feel typical.

TRENT STORK, Director

LEGALLY BLONDE
SEPTEMBER 5–OCTOBER 21, 2018

OMIGOD. Omigod, you guys! We’re kicking off the 2018-19 Broadway Season in high fashion with the one and only Elle Woods.

Elle has a seemingly perfect life and perfect future. All she needs is her boyfriend Warner to cement it with a proposal. But her dream life turns into a nightmare when Warner decides to break it off because she’s not serious enough for him. As if! Heartbroken and in despair, Elle hatches a near-impossible plan to win him back: get into Harvard Law School. What? Like it’s hard?

A story of rising to a challenge and defying expectations, all while looking fabulous, Legally Blonde is the perfect way to push our 8th season into high gear and never let up. Suggested for 13 & older. Some profanity & sexual references.

TICKETS $36-$69 • Special discounts for groups of 10 or more.
WED 1:30 & 7 PM • THURS 7 PM • FRI 8 PM • SAT 3 & 8 PM • SUN 1 & 5:30 PM
PURPLE REIGN
PRINCE TRIBUTE CONCERT
OCTOBER 26, 2018 • 8 PM

There’s no mistaking the music of Prince. From the opening chords to the electrifying silky smooth vocals, you can hear the master at work in every note. And no matter your favorite Prince song, this show will have nearly all of them. The funk, pop, rock and R&B master may be gone, but his legend and incredible music endures with Purple Reign, recognized as the world’s #1 Prince tribute band. Purple Reign was the very first tribute act to appear as a musical guest on David Letterman; and if that’s not enough, the band was crowned Best Tribute Act and Best Impersonator by the Las Vegas Review Journal Poll. Purple Reign captures the imagination and seamlessly re-creates the blistering performances and raw energy of Prince in his prime, and returns you to the era that made “The Artist” an international superstar. Head to Paramount for a show that reminds you why Prince was in a class all his own. 18 & older. Includes adult language & themes.

TICKETS $37–$57

BARBRA & FRANK
THE CONCERT THAT NEVER WAS...
OCTOBER 28, 2018 • 2 PM

Two of the biggest voices in music history never had the opportunity to perform together, live in concert. This is your chance to experience what it would have been like to see Ol’ Blue Eyes and Babs share the stage, right here in Aurora. The two performers sound like Frank and Barbra, look like Frank and Barbra, and man, will blow your mind like Frank & Barbra. They’ll cover everything from “Don’t Rain on My Parade” to “The Way You Look Tonight” and so many, many more of the classic tunes you love. This is one glamorous, heart-warming and spectacular show, and last time they were here we had to add another performance after selling out the first.

TICKETS $35

BALLET FOLKLORICO QUETZALCOATL
OCTOBER 25, 2018 • 7 PM

Once again, the magnificent Mexican folk dance troupe Ballet Folklórico Quetzalcoatl will be delighting audiences with its eye-popping costumes, thrilling dance numbers and beautiful music. Come celebrate the rich and vibrant Mexican culture right here in the Fox Valley. With a performance history stretching back 35 years, this group knows how to entertain, inspire and electrify an audience. Experience the wonder, magic and pure fun that is Ballet Folklórico Quetzalcoatl.

TICKETS $18–$28
With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, David Sedaris has become one of America’s preeminent humor writers. The great skill with which he slices through cultural euphemisms and political correctness proves that Sedaris is a master of satire and one of the most observant writers addressing the human condition today. Sedaris, regular National Public Radio contributor and author of the best sellers Naked, Me Talk Pretty One Day, Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim and his newest Calypso, will be offering a selection of all-new readings and recollections, as well as a Q&A session and post-show book signing.

If you love David Sedaris’s cheerfully misanthropic stories, you might think you know what you’re getting into at his live readings. You’d be wrong. To see him read his own work on stage allows his autobiographical narrative to reveal a uniquely personal narrative that will keep you laughing throughout the evening. If you missed David Sedaris when he was here in 2015, it’s probably because he sold out. Make sure to get your tickets now.

For mature audiences. Includes adult language & content.

NOVEMBER 20, 2018 • 7:30 PM
TICKETS $49–$59

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NOVEMBER 2, 2018 • 8 PM
Comedian. Actor. Author. Director. Grammy nominee. Emmy winner. Former host of The Late Late Show. Craig Ferguson has done it all. Now this one-of-a-kind performer is bringing his hilarious stand-up to Aurora. Having performed to sold-out theaters across the country, Ferguson is embarking on a brand new tour that’s sure to have you begging for more. Experience this master storyteller’s fast-paced, super-charged brand of comedy as only a live show can do with this one-night-only event that’s bound to be one of our most popular shows of the year.

18 & older. Strong adult language & content.

TICKETS $45–$80
The WIZARD OF OZ
NOVEMBER 14, 2018–JANUARY 6, 2019

You may have seen Oz before, but never like this. We absolutely dazzled audiences with Disney’s The Little Mermaid and made them believe in Santa with Elf The Musical. Now we’re ready to take you down the yellow brick road in what is sure to be one of our most talked about musicals yet. Join Dorothy, Toto, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Cowardly Lion and the Wicked Witch in the wonderful world of Oz. You’ve seen the classic movie at home, but wait until you see it live onstage at the beautiful, historic Paramount Theatre. Join us somewhere over the rainbow for this next big holiday sensation!

Suggested for 5 & older. Includes some scary moments.

TICKETS $36-$69 • Special discounts for groups of 10 or more.

WED 1:30 & 7 PM • THURS 7 PM • FRI 8 PM • SAT 3 & 8 PM • SUN 1 & 5:30 PM

Some show times vary around the holidays.

It doesn’t matter what religion you believe in or holiday you celebrate, Chicago’s famed sketch comedy theater is coming back to Aurora to roast ’em all. Break out the eggnog, light the menorah, throw on your Santa hat and get ready to laugh all the way through the holidays. Second City has the perfect present for you, and it’s actually something you’ll love! These comedians have made it an annual end-of-year tradition to bring their festive hilarity to Paramount’s 173-seat Copley Theatre — and in a theatre that intimate, you’re never more than 70 feet from all those Second City songs and skits. If you like the holidays, you’ll love this show. If you hate them, you’ll love it even more. 18 & older. Strong adult language & content.

TICKETS $37

$1 CLASSIC MOVIE MONDAYS
DOORS OPEN AT 6:15 PM | SHOW STARTS AT 7 PM

Make Mondays fun and come see these great films in one of Chicagoland’s original Movie Palaces – The Paramount. We’ve got a 2-story screen, fresh popcorn, fully-stocked bar to serve every age and taste, free parking and amazing projection technology. It’s Comedy, Horror, Romance, Action and Sci-Fi all for only $1. Schedule varies around Broadway shows and holidays. Go to ParamountAurora.com for full schedule.
THE BLIND BOYS OF ALABAMA
JANUARY 18, 2019 • 8 PM

The Blind Boys of Alabama isn’t a novelty act, it’s the work of gospel titans stretching back 70 years. First rising to fame in the segregated south, they began wowing audiences with their miraculous vocal harmonies and electric live shows. Since then these tremendous talents have taken home 5 Grammy Awards and a Lifetime Achievement Award. In addition to singing original songs written by outstanding artists including Valerie June, Phil Cook, the North Mississippi Allstars and more, they breathed new life into gospel standards by adding in jazz and blues influences, resulting in a sound so delicious, so zesty, so jubilant, you’ll become a fan for life. • TICKETS $30-$50

ELVIS TRIBUTE ARTIST SPECTACULAR “BIRTHDAY EDITION”
JANUARY 17, 2019 • 8 PM

The Elvis Birthday Tribute Concert is an era-by-era tribute concert celebrating the music and magic of Elvis Presley. The concert begins with the early rock-a-billy, the military years, the movie years, the ’68 comeback special in black leather and the show closes with the Las Vegas concert years. Starring Shawn Klush, Ryan Pelton and Cody Ray Slaughter with special guests Chicago’s very own Rick Saucedo and the Blackwood Quartet.

TICKETS $29.50–$60

5,000 YEARS IN ONE NIGHT!
JANUARY 10-13, 2019

Shen Yun takes you on an extraordinary journey through China’s 5,000 years of divinely inspired civilization. Exquisite beauty from the heavens, profound wisdom from dynasties past, timeless legends and ethnic traditions all spring to life through classical Chinese dance, enchanting orchestral music, authentic costumes, and dynamic animated backdrops. It is an immersive experience that will uplift your spirit and transport you to another world. It’s 5,000 years of civilization reborn.

TICKETS $80–$200

Show times:
Thursday 7:30 PM
Friday 2 PM
Saturday 2 PM & 7:30 PM
Sunday 1 PM
THE PRODUCERS
FEBRUARY 6–MARCH 17, 2019

Under the right circumstances, a producer could make more money with a flop than with a hit. Enter Max Bialystock, who used to be the king of Broadway, but after one too many flops, he’s now just a has-been. After an off-the-cuff comment from accountant Leo Bloom, Max goes in search for the worst musical ever as a last ditch effort to bring in some cash… and so begins one of the most hilarious musicals in theater history.

The Producers
is an uproariously wacky farce that spares no stereotypes with fast-paced and witty songs that will bring you back to old Broadway. Nobody does comedy like Mel Brooks, and nobody does Broadway like Paramount. Suggested for young adults 18 & older. Strong language, sexual humor and adult content.

TICKETS
$36-$69 • Special discounts for groups of 10 or more.

WED 1:30 & 7 PM • THURS 7 PM • FRI 8 PM • SAT 3 & 8 PM • SUN 1 & 5:30 PM

“Who doesn’t love a back-stage musical comedy, and nowadays we all sure could use a laugh. The Producers is outrageous and over the top, and no stereotype is spared!”

JIM CORTI, Artistic Director

THE PRODUCERS
FEBRUARY 6–MARCH 17, 2019

I AM KING:
THE MICHAEL JACKSON EXPERIENCE
JANUARY 19, 2019 • 8 PM

If you never saw the King of Pop live in concert, this is your chance to see why Michael Jackson was inarguably the greatest entertainer in pop music history. Starring the critically-acclaimed Michael Firestone and featuring an incredible cast of Broadway and Las Vegas dancers, I AM KING: The Michael Jackson Experience faithfully recreates the man in the mirror’s amazing showmanship. This isn’t just a tribute show. This concert has everything, and we mean everything, you know and love about Michael Jackson. The moves. The look. The dances. The biggest and best songs. And even a few surprises. This is the show that will make you remember why you fell in love with Michael Jackson. The King of Pop may be gone, but his legacy and passion live on in this astounding, jaw-dropping, heart-pounding and absolutely riveting show. All hail the king.

TICKETS $37–$57

SWAN LAKE
BY NATIONAL BALLET THEATRE OF ODESSA
JANUARY 20, 2019 • 3 PM

Music by Pyotr Tchaikovsky • Choreography after Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov

This full-scale production, set to the music of Pyotr Tchaikovsky and based on Russian folklore and German legend, follows a heroic young prince as he works to free the beautiful swan maiden from an evil spell. Don’t miss the legendary National Ballet Theatre of Odessa’s first visit to the United States with 55 of the most talented and brightest ballet stars to bring this romantic tale of true love to glorious life! • TICKETS $45–$65
THE MIDTOWN MEN
STARS FROM THE ORIGINAL BROADWAY CAST OF JERSEY BOYS

MARCH 23, 2019 • 3 PM & 8 PM

The cast from Broadway’s Jersey Boys, yes, the actual cast from one of Broadway’s biggest hits, is taking the songs you loved from that era and rolling it into a spectacular show that will have you on your feet and dancing the night away. The Midtown Men captures that feeling of hearing those songs for the first time and rolls it into a show so entertaining, so feel-good, so fun, that you’re going to want to come to both performances. These guys are on their seventh national tour bringing their magic to audiences everywhere, singing their favorite “Sixties Hits” from The Beatles, The Rascals, The Turtles, Motown, The Four Seasons and more. More than just a tribute to a bygone era, these guys will show you—or remind you—of what it was like to see those groundbreaking artists live onstage, playing their greatest hits. If you love that music and want to see it live in concert, come experience what sold out crowds around the country have been raving about.

TICKETS $45–$55 *Not a performance of, not affiliated with the show Jersey Boys.

FELIX CAVALIERE AND GENE CORNISH’S RASCALS

MARCH 22, 2019 • 8 PM

For the first time in five years, the legendary founders of The Rascals are teaming up to once again deliver a night full of their generation-defining hit songs. And there’s a lot of them. They have 17 Top 20 songs, 7 Top 10 and 3 No. 1 hits, including “Groovin,” “People Got to be Free” and “Good Lovin.” These guys are pure magic and it’s gonna shine through on stage when they deliver some of the best songs of the ‘60s. No joke. Their music has been the soundtrack to so many lives that hearing these tunes played live will bring back tons of memories. More than just a bunch of catchy tunes, their remarkable music has something to say.

TICKETS $45–$60

RACALS

ROCK ‘N ROLL HALL OF FAME
• GRAMMY HALL OF FAME
• SONGWRITER HALL OF FAME

THE MIDTOWN MEN

2018 / 2019 SEASON
I’m excited about the development of this new and unique musical. The story centres on the emotional and musical journey of a young boy – a lost boy. The “hope” that the story highlights is powerful. That, more than anything, is what attracted me to the material, and I’m honoured to be a part of its journey.

JOHN DOYLE, Director

Follow the Music...

August Rush
A New Musical

Directed by JOHN DOYLE
Bookwriter and Co-Lyricist: GLEN BERGER
Composer and Co-Lyricist: MARK MANCINA
Orchestrations and Additional Music by: DAVE METZGER
Based on the Warner Bros. motion picture written by: PAUL CASTRO and NICK CASTLE

Always wanted to see Broadway shows and tour New York City, but you’re not sure where to start? Then the Paramount Broadway New York trip is just the ticket for you! Join us as we see three of NY’s hottest Broadway shows, dine at some of the best restaurants in town and tour the most cultural places NY has to offer. We’ll knock your socks off as we use our NY connections for some extra special treats! This unforgettable experience includes round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations at the beautiful Westin in Times Square, dinner every night, Broadway theatre tickets, sightseeing, tours and more! For additional details, please contact Beth Sullivan at 630-896-1788 or beths@paramountarts.com. Don’t wait to reserve your spot; these trips WILL sell out! Don’t get left behind!

BOYZ II MEN
MARCH 30, 2019 • 8 PM

There’s no understating the major impact Boyz II Men has had on modern R&B music, and they remain one of the most iconic groups in the genre. Just say their name and your head is filled with their smooth, melodic hits like “End of the Road” and “I’ll Make Love to You.” You can throw away the countless awards, including four Grammys, their star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and that they’re the best-selling R&B group of all time (64 million albums sold!). They’re musicians who have an incredible catalog of songs ready to serenade you into the night. Justin Timberlake, Usher and Beyoncé all cite them as major influences, but no one can beat these original masters.

TICKETS $59-$140

TAKE A BITE OUT OF THE BIG APPLE
MAY 3-6, 2019 | JUNE 7-10, 2019 | SEPT 20-23, 2019

For the first time ever, Paramount Theatre will produce a brand new musical. We invite you to be a part of history and the first to see this world premiere before it goes anywhere else, perhaps even to Broadway! Based on the Warner Bros film, August Rush follows 11-year-old orphan Evan Taylor on a journey to find his parents. Evan refuses to give up hope, and while on his search, he surrenders to the symphony of sounds in the city and follows the music, discovering his own genius along the way. Directed by Tony Award-Winning John Doyle, who recently directed The Color Purple with Jennifer Hudson. Suggested for 9 & older. Includes some adult themes and language.

TICKETS $36-$69 • Special discounts for groups of 10 or more.

BOYZ II MEN
MARCH 30, 2019 • 8 PM

August Rush
April 24–June 2, 2019

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“WISH I COULD TAKE IT HOME”
— ANNEE / SUBSCRIBER

2018 / 2019 SEASON

PARAMOUNT THEATRE TICKET
(one subscription seat)

$34.50

BROADWAY IN CHICAGO TICKET
(one subscription seat)

$108.00

Saturday Evening Performance, Orchestra Section, Subscription Price

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October 2–Nov. 27, 2018
Every Tuesday, 6-7:30 p.m., Ages 8-12

The Producers
January 8–Feb. 26, 2019
Every Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., Ages 14-21

BROADWAY MASTER CLASSES
Learn from the artists onstage.

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May 9, 2019

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#### THE 2018/2019 SEASON AT A GLANCE

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