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**2024 - 2025 SEASON**



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The RRCA 2024/2025 season combines cherished performances with fresh and innovative takes on musical genres and classic stories, offering a rich array of experiences. Enjoy two full-length ballets, laugh-out-loud comedy, mind-blowing magic, and a diverse range of music, from the warmth of bluegrass to distinctive jazz explorations, plus a holiday treat of irresistible big band sounds.

Marking its 20th anniversary, *The Nutcracker* is sure to enchant your holiday season. And the magic doesn't end there. The River Raisin Ballet is also presenting a spring production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Come along with Dorothy and her friends on their adventure down the Yellow Brick Road!

Jazz anchors this year's season with some local connections, ranging from Detroit clarinetist Dave Bennett to the always fired-up Monroe Big Band plus a musical homecoming for pianist Jacobs Sachs who celebrates his hometown roots with special guests.

Listening to bluegrass always brings a refreshing joy, and the Jacob Jolliff Band delivers just that. The 24/25 Season also offers a nostalgic journey with tribute concerts honoring the beloved Gordon Lightfoot and Karen Carpenter. To add a touch of magic and humor, we're excited to feature magician David Anthony and comedian Andy Beningo, rounding out our season with unforgettable entertainment.

But that's not all! Be sure to check our website regularly for additional programs, including the SMCC spring musical, the Monroe School for Performing Arts, the River Raisin Americana Celebration, and the River Raisin Dance Academy's spring performance.

It's time to take your seats and experience *performance reimagined*.



Scott Boberg  
Executive Director



# 24 / 25 SEASON

## SEPTEMBER 2024

9/8

GORDON LIGHTFOOT TRIBUTE

9/21

JACOB JOLLIFF BLUEGRASS

## NOVEMBER 2024

11/9

CARPENTERS TRIBUTE: CLOSE TO YOU

11/16 - 11/17

MSoPA FALL PERFORMANCE

11/11

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

11/24

SUGAR PLUM TEA PARTY

## DECEMBER 2024

12/6 - 12/8

NUTCRACKER BALLET

12/10

SMCC CHRISTMAS CONCERT

12/14

JACOB SACKS: HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

12/21

MONROE BIG BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT

## FEBRUARY 2025

2/2

DAVE BENNETT

2/8

DAVID ANTHONY

2/28

SMCC MUSICAL

## MARCH 2025

3/1 - 3/2

SMCC MUSICAL

3/14 - 3/16

WIZARD OF OZ BALLET

## APRIL 2025

4/5 - 4/6

MSoPA SPRING PERFORMANCE

4/12

ANDY BENINGO

4/26

RIVER RAISIN AMERICANA CELEBRATION

## MAY 2025

5/17

RIVER RAISIN DANCE ACADEMY SPRING PERFORMANCE

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about the 24/25  
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**WORKING FRONT-OF-HOUSE:** Front-of-house volunteers help to ensure that our patrons have a great experience from the moment they come through our door. Volunteer options include: checking tickets, showing people to their seats, concessions, working the 50/50 raffle and more.

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THE  
JACOB  
JOLLIFF  
BAND

SEPTEMBER 21  
**9:00pm**

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Dear Friends and Music Enthusiasts,

Welcome to this Bluegrass performance by mandolinist Jacob Jolliff and his incredible band. If you haven't heard his recent 2024 album, *Instrumentals, Vol. 2: Mandolin Mysteries*, I highly encourage you to give it a listen. As a native Angeleno, I appreciated my hometown namecheck in *Los Angeles County Breakdown*, which is wonderfully intricate with superb playing. *The Devil Hath Power to Assume a Pleasing Shape* starts off with a lurching off-kilter opening and then draws you along to some unexpected musical places. *The Perils of Macramé* instantly became one of my favorite song titles, and *The Art Heist Suite* does some crafty storytelling of its own over the course of three tracks. This is music to savor and explore, so check it out if you haven't already!

Whether you are a life-long fan of bluegrass or just now discovering this beautiful genre, be sure to mark your calendar for the River Raisin Americana Celebration, which will take place on April 26 right here in the theater at the River Raisin Centre for the Arts. Our collaborative partners Ashleigh Glass-Cooper and Cody Cooper will be putting out a call for musical artists soon, so look for the River Raisin Americana Celebration on Facebook or visit [riverraisinamericana.com](http://riverraisinamericana.com). Who knows, you might just be playing the RRCA main stage on April 26 or in years to come!

For tonight, however, sit back and let Jolliff and his band take you on a magical musical ride!



Scott Boberg  
Executive Director



## THE JACOB JOLLIFF BAND

Jacob Jolliff's musical journey began at just seven years old when his father handed him a mandolin. Little did they know, this small beginning was the spark for something extraordinary. His early immersion in bluegrass gospel with his father's band saw him traverse the northwest, performing at festivals and churches, and rubbing elbows with legends like Ronnie McCoury and Chris Thile. This whirlwind of early exposure to great musicians inspired him to push boundaries and pursue his craft with relentless enthusiasm.

At 18, Jacob's talent earned him a coveted scholarship to The Berklee College of Music, where he honed his skills under the mentorship of mandolin maestro John McGann. His college years were a blend of intense practice and thrilling performances, including a notable stint with Joy Kills Sorrow, a band that took him across North America and Europe. By 2012, Jacob's prowess was crowned with a National Mandolin Championship win. The following years saw him embark on a new adventure with the Yonder Mountain String Band, where his musical synergy and personal connection with the group propelled him into the spotlight. Now leading The Jacob Jolliff Band, Jacob continues to mesmerize audiences with his original compositions and dynamic performances, both in the U.S. and abroad. In 2022, he joined Béla Fleck's My Bluegrass Heart, sharing stages with some of the genre's finest talents, marking yet another exhilarating chapter in his ever-evolving musical odyssey.



# DATE CORRECTION

We apologize that our season mailer and brochure has the incorrect date for the **VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION.**

The correct date is:

NOVEMBER 11  
**7:00pm**



# LOVE BLUEGRASS?

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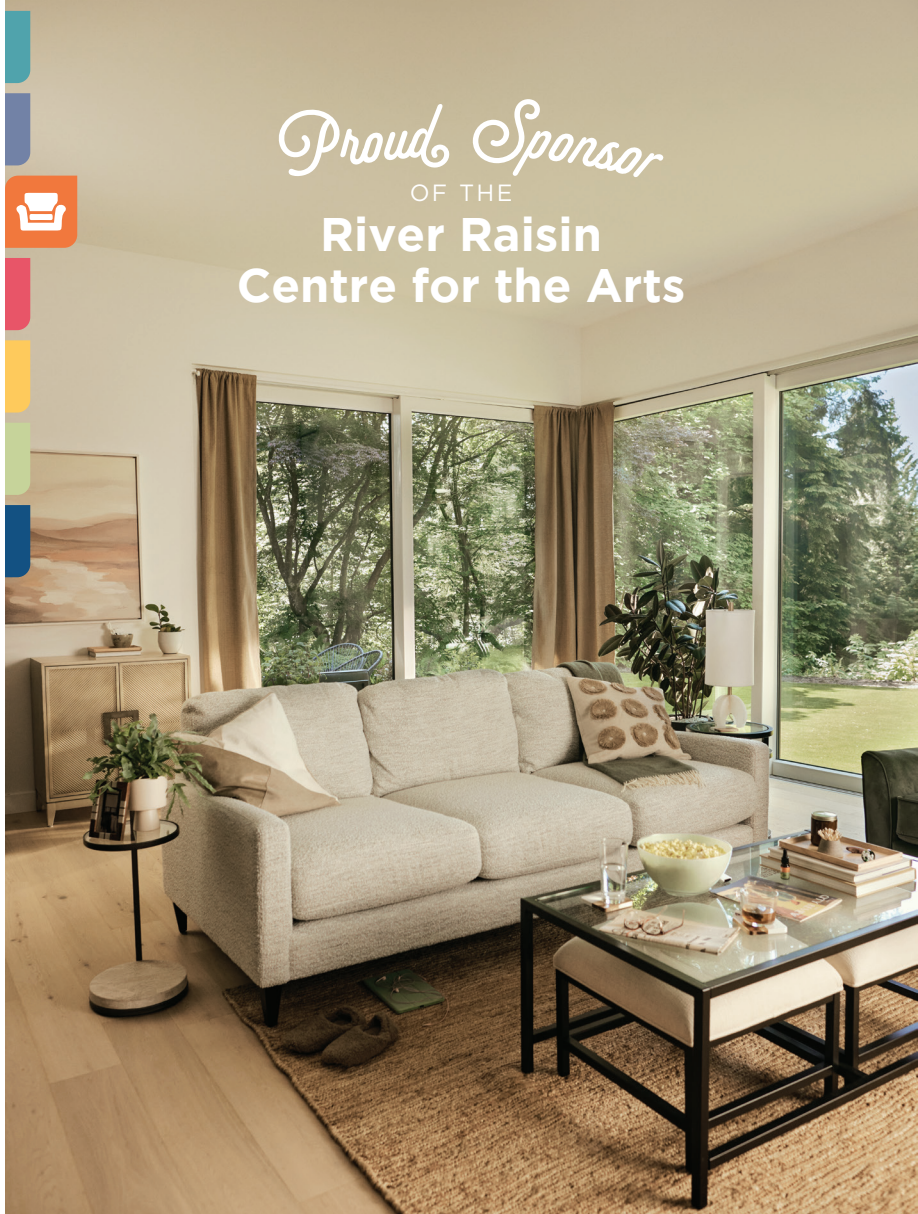
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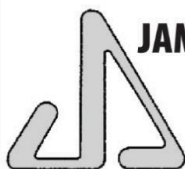
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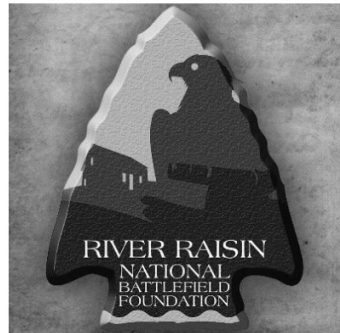
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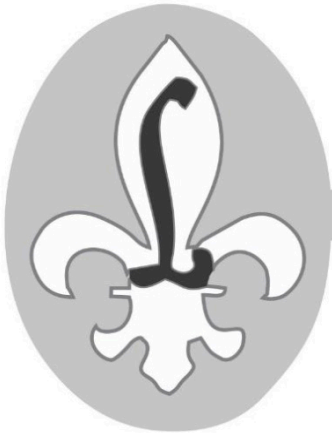
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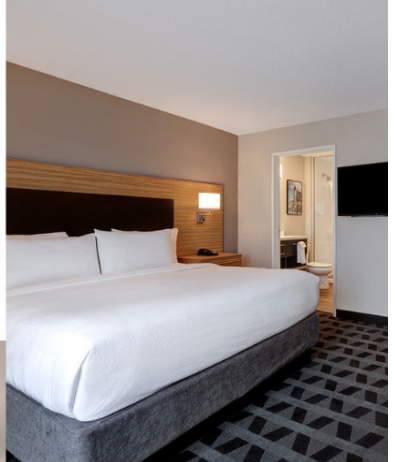
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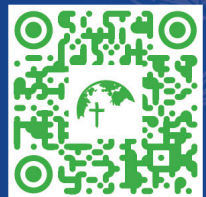
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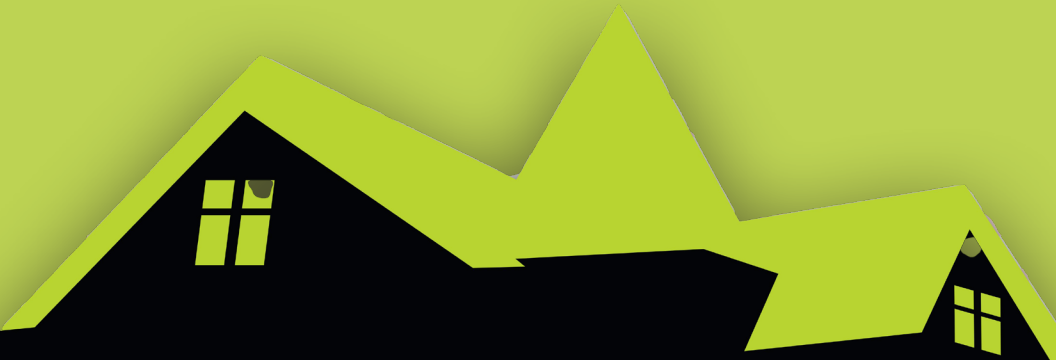
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