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# MAINSTAGE SERIES & SPECIAL PERFORMANCES

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## JEFF "SKUNK" BAXTER SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024 • 7:30PM

Legendary classic rock guitarist and former member of The Doobie Brothers and Steely Dan, Skunk Baxter was enshrined in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2020. He and his band carry on the legacy of the Wilson Center Guitar Fest.



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## LIVE FROM LAUREL CANYON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024 • 7:30PM

Live From Laurel Canyon celebrates the music and creative community of the Mamas and the Papas, The Byrds, The Doors, CSNY, James Taylor, Carole King, Joni Mitchell and others. Take a trip back to this special time, in this special LA neighborhood.



— Milwaukee Premiere —

## MUMMENSCHANZ: 50 YEARS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024 • 7:30PM

The "musicians of silence", Mummenschanz, is recognized world-wide for their humor and imagination. Bring the entire family for a mesmerizing and joyful evening by this acclaimed Swiss troupe.



— Only Milwaukee Appearance this Season —

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# MILWAUKEE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024 • 7:30PM

Ring in the most wonderful time of the year with this Wilson Center tradition. Beloved by audiences of all ages, the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert is a sparkling celebration of carols, classics, sing-alongs, and more.

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## MILWAUKEE JAZZ INSTITUTE: BIG BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024 • 7:30PM

We welcome back the MJJ Big Band for another holiday performance featuring their all-star line-up of the region's top jazz artists.

Get into the spirit of the season with this uplifting program of soulful and swingin' big band jazz versions of holiday classics. Hum along, dance in your seats and celebrate the holidays!



## A WINTER GATHERING WITH KATHY MATTEA: GOOD NEWS AND OTHER FAVORITES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024 • 7:30PM

With multiple awards from the Grammys, the Country Music Association, and the Academy of Country Music Association, Kathy Mattea brings her new holiday program to the Wilson Center. Her warm and soulful vocals are complimented by her band of some of Nashville's finest musicians. Join us to celebrate the holidays and the turn of the new year.



*"Mattea remains one of Nashville's most spiritual singers, and the songs she sings about love lost and humility are as fine as any she has recorded" – USA Today*

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# ARTURO O'FARRILL AND THE AFRO LATIN JAZZ ENSEMBLE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025 • 7:30PM

In his Milwaukee debut, this renowned multi-Grammy winning composer, pianist, and collaborator brings his Afro Latin Jazz Ensemble to the Wilson Center.

Mr. O'Farrill will lead workshops throughout Milwaukee, culminating in a hot night of Latin jazz in the Harris Theater.

The Arturo O'Farrill performance, and Milwaukee residency, is presented in partnership with Latino Arts, Inc.

Join us for a pre-performance talk with Arturo O'Farrill.



— Milwaukee Debut —

# LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025 • 7:30PM

South Africa's cultural ambassadors to the world, the vocal ensemble Ladysmith Black Mambazo's recording of Graceland with Paul Simon made them international super stars. Now, with multiple Grammys, a world-wide touring schedule, and dozens of appearances on television, radio, and in films—Ladysmith finally makes a stop at the Wilson Center. Don't miss the chance to see them live!



— Only Milwaukee Appearance this Season —

# GOITSE WITH SPECIAL GUEST ÁTHAS

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025 • 7:30PM

Ireland's Goitse is joined by áthas, one of Milwaukee's homegrown Celtic ensembles, in this rare "Celtic Big Band". Two groups, separated by 3000 miles, come together for the first time for an unforgettable night of music. \*Goitse is a Gaelic word for 'come here' and is pronounced - Go-wit-cha. \*áthas, is the Irish word for Joy and is pronounced - a-his

Join us for a pre-performance talk with the artists.



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# MILWAUKEE CLASSICAL GUITAR SOCIETY PRESENTS: BERTA ROJAS

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025 • 7:30PM

Berta has been nominated three times for Latin Grammy Awards; in the categories of Best Instrumental Album, Best Classical Album and Best Tango Album. Berta's acknowledged warmth and musicality have earned her the admiration of audiences around the world.

*"Ambassador of the classical guitar."*  
— *Classical Guitar Magazine of the United Kingdom*



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## UKULELE ORCHESTRA OF GREAT BRITAIN

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025 • 7:30PM

They're back! Playing sold out shows around the world, the Ukulele Orchestra is an unforgettable experience for everyone. The Ukes are a menagerie of voices, eccentric humor and a fusion of post-punk energy meets afternoon tea. A brilliant night of entertainment!



**— Only Milwaukee Appearance this Season —**

## PAUL TAYLOR DANCE COMPANY

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025 • 7:30PM

One of America's greatest dance companies returns to the Jorgensen stage for the first time in almost a decade with a program as fresh and vibrant as spring. The evening includes the Milwaukee premiere of Lauren Lovette's ECHO and two Paul Taylor classics — Company B, performed to the music of the Andrews Sisters, is a smash hit full of exuberance and sass — and Esplanade, lauded by CBS News "to see *Esplanade* performed is to witness the stunning athleticism and irrepressible lyricism that define Paul Taylor's work."

Join us for a pre-performance talk with Artistic Director Michael Novak.



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# MATINEE SERIES

All Matinee performances take place in The Harris Theater and begin at 2:00pm.

## MILWAUKEE JAZZ INSTITUTE: A CELEBRATION OF DUKE ELLINGTON

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2024 • 2:00PM

Honor the Duke's 125th birthday with this new program of Ellington classics performed by some of the best jazzers in the area.



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## MILWAUKEE JAZZ INSTITUTE: BIG BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT

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## A BAND CALLED HONALEE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025 • 2:00PM

A modern-day folk trio inspired by the music and legacy of Peter, Paul and Mary. Musically accomplished, interactive and energetic, their shows allow audiences to experience this timeless music live onstage once again.



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## THE MALPASS BROTHERS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025 • 2:00PM

Best known as modern-day troubadours who carry the torch for traditional country music, The Malpass Brothers were drawn to the golden era of country music from an early age. Join us for an afternoon inspired by such legends as Johnny Cash, Hank Williams, Lefty Frizzell, Charlie Pride, and Merle Haggard.



*"...their smooth vocal blend and skillful musicianship layer infectiously into the deep respect they pay to legends who have paved the way." — Bluegrass Today*

## CANTUS: WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025 • 2:00PM

The acclaimed vocal ensemble, Cantus, returns to the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center with a new program of music spanning centuries and continents. With their trademark warmth and superb blend, hear music by Lerner & Loewe, Richard Strauss, Stevie Nicks and others.



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## KAT EDMONSON—AS TIME GOES BY: SONGS FROM THE SILVER SCREEN

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025 • 2:00PM

Vocalist Kat Edmonson immerses the audience in the magic of Hollywood's golden era through her heartfelt renditions of timeless film classics from the 1930s through the 1960s. *As Time Goes By* is not just a concert, it's a page out of our life stories and an invitation to relive the enchantment of classic Hollywood through the eyes and voice of a true storyteller.



— Milwaukee Debut —

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## STUDIO SERIES

All Studio performances take place in The Dawes Theater and begin at 7:30pm.

### THE TRAVIS ANDERSON TRIO: THE MUSIC OF VINCE GUARALDI & FRIENDS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024 • 7:30PM

Our night with the Travis Anderson Trio highlights the timeless Vince Guaraldi scores to the popular "Peanuts" specials. Gems such as "Skating", "The Great Pumpkin Waltz" and the iconic theme song, "Linus and Lucy" are paired with popular jazz standards. One of the Twin Cities most dynamic groups, and with a nod to the great trios of the past, they put their uniquely modern spin on the classic jazz repertoire.



### STEPHEN HULL DUO

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025 • 7:30PM

The Studio is pleased to welcome the Milwaukee blues artist Stephen Hull, making his Sharon Lynne Wilson Center debut with music by legendary blues artists such as; Albert King, Mississippi Fred McDowell, Elizabeth Cotten, Robert Nighthawk and others. Join us for a memorable and soulful night of music.



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## GOOD MORNING BEDLAM

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025 • 7:30PM

Good Morning Bedlam, an indie-rock duo from Minneapolis, is known for their wild energy and stunning harmonies. See and hear them up close in The Studio in a rare Milwaukee appearance.



*"Good Morning Bedlam is certainly a force on the folk scene in Minneapolis. It's difficult to refer to them as merely 'folk,' as they play faster and more eclectic than any folk band I've heard."* – Music In Minnesota

## DEREK HARTMAN

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025 • 7:30PM

Pianist Derek Hartman, a PianoArts Competition winner, has established himself as a musician of considerable breadth and excellence.

His Studio recital includes music by Beethoven and Ravel and the piano version of Mussorgsky's epic Pictures at an Exhibition.



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## THE WILDWOODS

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025 • 7:30PM

United by a passion for folk and Americana, The Wildwood's influences range from Watchhouse and Nickel Creek to Gillian Welch and David Rawlings. Their music, though comfortably under the folk umbrella, weaves intricate chord structures and emotional textures that defy genre boundaries.



*"The Wildwoods excel in transcending seemingly normal experiences into something poetic and beautiful."* – Tongue Tied Magazine

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# Starry nights!



## FRIDAY'S AT 6:30PM

Gather your family and friends, pack your lawn chairs and picnic baskets, and find your perfect spot in the Wilson Center's beautiful Gerlach/Haack outdoor theater!

JUN  
28

**COLD SWEAT &  
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**ROCKIN' ROBINS  
& CAR SHOW\***

JUL  
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DIVAS AND JAZZ**

AUG  
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**5 CARD STUDS**

AUG  
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- Free and open to the public
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## SUBSCRIBER BENEFITS

### GREAT SAVINGS

Save 10% on the Mainstage, Matinee and Studio Series. Plus, save 5% on tickets for three Special Performances when you subscribe to a package: Jeff "Skunk" Baxter in August, the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert in December and the Classical Guitar concert in March.

### NO FEE EXCHANGES

Exchange any subscription performance for a credit toward another Wilson Center performance in our season with no exchange fees.

### PRIORITY SEATING

Subscribers get access to the best seats before single tickets go on sale. Subscribers also have priority access to any additional performances announced after the season begins.

### ADDITIONAL SEATS AT A DISCOUNT

Have guests coming to town? Need an extra ticket for one of our performances? Subscribers can purchase additional seats throughout the season at your subscriber discounted price, even when prices increase due to ticket demand, you get the beneficial discounts.

### SPECIAL PERFORMANCE PRICING

Save 5% on single tickets for special performances when you subscribe:

- Guitar Fest Presents: Jeff "Skunk" Baxter on Saturday, August 17, 2024.
- The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra holiday concert on Friday, December 13, 2024.
- The Milwaukee Classical Guitar Society Presents: Berta Rojas on Saturday, March 15, 2025.

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# PACKAGE OPTIONS

We have reduced our ticket prices and are offering an additional 10% off subscription packages, plus 5% off tickets to three special performances when you subscribe. As a courtesy to patrons, we offer very low tickets fees. Free and safe parking is also a perk!

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## MAINSTAGE SERIES – 10% off single-tickets

### PACKAGE 1 – Includes 4 performances:

Live from Laurel Canyon (October 25, 2024)  
A Winter Gathering with Kathy Mattea (December 20, 2024)  
Arturo O’Farrill (February 1, 2025)  
Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain (March 29, 2025)



### PACKAGE 2 – includes 5 performances:

Mummenschanz (November 15, 2024)  
Milwaukee Jazz Institute Big Band Holiday (December 19, 2024)  
Ladysmith Black Mambazo (February 22, 2025)  
Goitse with Special Guest áthas (March 8, 2025)  
Paul Taylor Dance Company (May 10, 2025)



## MATINEE SERIES – 10% off single-tickets

### Matinee performances include:

Milwaukee Jazz Institute: Duke Ellington (October 30, 2024)  
Milwaukee Jazz Institute Big Band Holiday (December 19, 2024)  
A Band Called Honalee (January 29, 2025)  
The Malpass Brothers (February 19, 2025)  
Cantus: What a Wonderful World (March 12, 2025)  
Kat Edmonson: Songs from the Silver Screen (April 16, 2025)



## STUDIO SERIES – 10% off single-tickets

### Studio Series includes:

The Travis Anderson Trio: Vince Guaraldi & Friends (Nov. 8, 2024)  
Stephen Hull Duo (January 17, 2025)  
Good Morning Bedlam (March 14, 2025)  
Derek Hartman (April 4, 2025)  
The Wildwoods (May 2, 2025)





# SUBSCRIPTION ORDER FORM

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<b>MAINSTAGE SERIES – PACKAGE 1</b>	\$214	\$196		\$
<b>MAINSTAGE SERIES – PACKAGE 2</b>	\$267	\$245		\$
<b>MATINEE SERIES</b>	\$180	\$150		\$
<b>STUDIO SERIES</b>	\$135			\$
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Jeff “Skunk” Baxter - August 17, 2024	\$55	\$52		\$
MSO Holiday Concert - December 13, 2024	\$81	\$67		\$
Classical Guitar: Berta Rojas - March 15, 2025	\$30	\$27		\$
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**\*SPECIAL PERFORMANCES:** The MSO Holiday Concert, Jeff “Skunk” Baxter, and the Classical Guitar concerts are not available as part of a subscription package, but may be added on to your subscription for a 5% discount.

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<b>SAVE 10% WHEN YOU SELECT 5 OR MORE PERFORMANCES!*</b>	Zone 1*	Zone 2*	Indicate \$ price zone being ordered for each performance
Live From Laurel Canyon – October 25 (7:30pm)	\$44	\$40	\$
Milwaukee Jazz: Duke Ellington – October 30 (2pm)	\$30	\$25	\$
Travis Anderson Trio – November 8 (7:30pm)	Cabaret Seating \$27		\$
Mummenschanz – November 15 (7:30pm)	\$63	\$58	\$
Milwaukee Jazz Institute Big Band Holiday – Dec. 19 (2pm)	\$30	\$25	\$
Milwaukee Jazz Institute Big Band Holiday – Dec. 19 (7:30pm)	\$44	\$40	\$
Kathy Mattea: A Winter Gathering – December 20 (7:30pm)	\$63	\$58	\$
Stephen Hull Duo – January 17 (7:30pm)	Cabaret Seating \$27		\$
A Band Called Honalee – January 29 (2pm)	\$30	\$25	\$
Arturo O’Farrill – February 1 (7:30pm)	\$44	\$40	\$
The Malpass Brothers – February 19 (2pm)	\$30	\$25	\$
Ladysmith Black Mambazo – February 22 (7:30pm)	\$63	\$58	\$
Goitse with Special Guest áthas – March 8 (7:30pm)	\$44	\$40	\$
Cantus: What a Wonderful World – March 12 (2pm)	\$30	\$25	\$
Good Morning Bedlam – March 14 (7:30pm)	Cabaret Seating \$27		\$
Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain – March 29 (7:30pm)	\$63	\$58	\$
Derek Hartman – April 4 (7:30pm)	Cabaret Seating \$27		\$
Kat Edmonson: As Time Goes By – April 16 (2pm)	\$30	\$25	\$
The Wildwoods – May 2 (7:30pm)	Cabaret Seating \$27		\$
Paul Taylor Dance Company – May 10 (7:30pm)	\$53	\$49	\$

*\*Please note: 5+ FLEX subscriptions must contain the same number of tickets for each performance.*

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