2019/2020 Community Impact Report



Sangamon Auditorium • UIS Studio Theatre • UIS Ticket Office
 UIS Performing Arts Education Connections • FRIENDS of UIS Performing Arts Center



Highlights from 2019/2020



OVERALL ATTENDANCE

• **38,542** total audience members



TOP TEN EVENTS BY ATTENDANCE

- 3,577 Springfield Ballet Company's The Nutcracker
- **3,413** Class Acts & Family Show: *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!*
- **2,816** Class Acts: The Magic School Bus
- **2,500** BravO Dance Competition
- 1,922 Beautiful: The Carole King Musical (Broadway)
- 1,854 Blue Man Group
- 1,800 Joe Bonamassa
- **1,796** Vince Gill
- 1,768 Mannheim Steamroller Christmas
- 1,693 Waitress (Broadway)



VENUE UTILIZATION

Includes days when the venue is in use for a specific event; does not include general maintenance work days.

- 47 Sangamon Auditorium use days
- 79 UIS Studio Theatre use days



EDUCATION CONNECTIONS

- 11,139 Class Acts attendees
- 893 Scholarship Seats given to schools with low-income students



UIS TICKET OFFICE

Ticket Office numbers include sales for some events not held in Sangamon Auditorium or the UIS Studio Theatre, such as ticket sales for The Muni.

- **62,460** tickets issued
- \$1,800,103.00 in ticket sales



TICKET DONATIONS

- 229 evening tickets given to clients of 13 local social service agencies
- 100 evening event tickets given to 42 local non-profit organizations in support of fundraising efforts





FRIENDS OF UIS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

- \$205,928.04 donated
- 453 donor households/businesses
- 7,001 volunteer hours contributed
- 210 volunteers

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The Temptations performing to a sold out show.

In this 2019/2020 Community Impact Report, we are happy to share with you a summary of the exciting activities happening within UIS Performing Arts Services, which encompasses the UIS Performing Arts Center (Sangamon Auditorium and the UIS Studio Theatre), the UIS Ticket Office, FRIENDS of UIS Performing Arts Center, and UIS Performing Arts Education Connections programs.

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On cover: UIS Student Joy Anna performing her new composition "Made It This Far," on the Sangamon Auditorium stage.

Events in 2019/2020

This season, 73 events were held in the UIS Performing Arts Center! The venue continues to bring big-name performers and theatrical productions into our community. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, 43 events, everything from March 12, 2020 through the end of the 2020 season, had to be canceled or postponed for the health and safety of our community.

Date(s) 2019	Event
9/28	Springfield Ballet Company – Rockballet
9/28	UIS Music – Romance and Passion*
	Beautiful The Carole King Musical
10/18	Beautiful: The Carole King Musical
10/19	Illinois Symphony Orchestra – Beautiful and Bold
	VINCE GILL
10/20	Vince Gill
10/24	Class Acts – Have You Filled Your Bucket Today?
	(2 performances)
10/24-11/2	UIS Theatre – God of Carnage (8 performances)*
	Outof Socass The buestour
10/26	Boz Skaggs: Out of the Blues Tour
10/30	Illinois State Police Ceremonies (2)
11/3	Joe Bonamassa
11/7	UIS Music – The Saxophone Through Time*
11/9-10	Tom Irwin's Sangamon Songs: A Musical Play*
	(2 performances)
11/12	So You Think You Can Dance Live!
11/15	Film – Bohemian Rhapsody*
	JAZZ CAFÉ Benjamin Nichols, director UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SPRINGFIELD
11/16	UIS Music – Jazz Café*
11/16	Illinois Symphony Orchestra – Heroes and Villains



11/17	Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis
11/21	Class Acts – The Very Hungry Caterpillar & Other
	Eric Carle Stories (2 performances)
11/22	UIS Music – Out of this World
11/23	LOL UIS Comedy Series – Patty Sanchez*
11/24	UIS Orchestra – Spanish Caprices
11/25	UIS Music – Along the Silk Road*
12/4-5	UIS Theatre – Student-Directed Scenes*



12/5	Larry the Cable Guy: Remain Seated
12/6	Martina McBride: The Joy of Christmas 2019
12/14-15	Springfield Ballet Company – The Nutcracker
	(3 performances)
12/18-21	Sister's Christmas Catechism (5 performances)*



12/21 Illinois Symphony Orchestra – Holiday Pops in the Heartland

2020	
1/7-8	Nick Jr. Live! Move to the Music (2 performances)
1/11	LOL UIS Comedy Series – Sonya White*
1/13	UIS Welcome Week Film – Harriet*



1/25 Darci Lynne Farmer: Fresh Out of the Box Tour

2/1	UIS Music – From Bach to Bartok*
2/7	Class Acts – Walk On: The Story of Rosa Parks
	(2 performances)
2/11-12	Class Acts – Abraham Lincoln in Song (2 performances)*
	MUSIC BY SARA BAREILLES (LOVE SONG! PRAVE!)
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2/14 Waitress



2/15 Illinois Symphony Orchestra – Love Notes LOL UIS Comedy Series - Stewart Huff* 2/15 2/19 Black History Month Film – Birth of a Nation* 2/20 Class Acts – The Snowy Day and Other Stories by Ezra Jack Keats (2 performances) 2/21 Class Acts – The Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System (2 performances)



2/21 The Pink Floyd Laser Spectacular 2/22 UIS Music - Flute Festival & Concert



2/25 Blue Man Group: Speechless New Tour 2/28-3/1 BravO National Dance & Talent Competition



The Choir of Man

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	DRIVE THE BUS! THE MUSICAL!					
3/8	Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! (The Musical!)					
3/9	Class Acts – Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!					
	(The Musical!) (2 performances)					
3/12	Ron White					
3/13	Josh Turner					
3/16	Class Acts – Judy Moody & Stink (2 performances)					
3/17	Class Acts – The Diary of Anne Frank					
3/20	LOL UIS Comedy Series – Kevin McCaffrey*					
3/21	Illinois Symphony Orchestra – Spring Celebration					
3/21	UIS Music – O Mio Fagotto Caro*					
3/27	UIS Music – Fantastic Beats: Solo and Electronic Music					
	for Saxophone*					
3/31	All-City Music Festival					
4/10	The Color Purple					
4/16	MasterChef Junior Live!					
4/16-25	UIS Theatre – Twelfth Night (7 performances)*					
4/17	That Golden Girls Show: a puppet parody					
4/23	Class Acts – Illinois Symphony Orchestra Education					
	Concert					
4/24	UIS Music – Art of Wind Band					
4/28	Riverdance 25th Anniversary Show					
4/29	LOL UIS Comedy Series – Adam Burke*					
4/30	UIS Music – Jazz Café*					
5/1	Police Cadet Graduation Ceremony					
5/1	UIS Community Music School Recital*					
5/2	Illinois Symphony Orchestra – French Finale					
5/3	UIS Orchestra Concert & UIS Music Meet & Greet					
5/7	The Play that Goes Wrong					
5/16	SIU School of Medicine 2020 Graduation					
5/17	Sacred Heart-Griffin 2020 Graduation					
5/17	Pleasant Plains 2020 Graduation					
5/22	Auburn 2020 Graduation					
5/23	LOL UIS Comedy Series – Michael Palascak*					
5/24	Rochester 2020 Graduation					
5/24	Williamsville 2020 Graduation					
5/30	North Mac 2020 Graduation					
6/8-9	Studio M Dance Recital (2 performances)					
6/13	Dance Creations Recital					
6/20	Tracey & Heather's Dance Synergy Recital					
	(2 performances)					

UIS Music - Russian Masterpieces*

UIS Music - Jazz Café*

* event held in UIS Studio Theatre; all other events held in Sangamon Auditorium All shaded events were canceled or rescheduled for the 2020/2021 season due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Education Connections





The **Class Acts** series is the UIS Performing Arts Center's flagship education outreach program. For over 30 years, this program has supported the educational goals of area teachers by providing opportunities for students in preschool through high school to experience artistic, educational, and high-quality performances created for young audiences by nationally-touring theater companies.

What teachers are saying about Class Acts:

- "It is very valuable. Some students would never have the experience of attending a play if not for going with school."
- "I would highly recommend seeing Class Acts at UIS.
 Many of our children had never been to Springfield let alone to see a musical play. The scholarship program was very easy to fill out and is one of the reasons we were able to see the class expert."
- "It helps the children to see a live performance and gets them excited about theater and literature."
- "My students loved the show and talked about set, songs, and characters in our discussion following up!"
- "This is the only live theater that a lot of our students are exposed to."
- "My students get to experience the Arts in person.
 Many of them have never had the experience before and some may never again, but at least for this time on this day, they got to experience the wonders of theater."



In February 2020, school audiences were able to enjoy a more intimate theatrical experience in the newly renovated Studio Theater with Abraham Lincoln in Song.

2019/2020 Class Acts statistics:

- 11,139 Class Acts attendees
- 14 total performances of seven different shows
- Attendees from 151 unique public, private, and home schools
- Attendees from 16 different counties in central Illinois
- 893 Scholarship Seats given to schools with lowincome students
- "Class Acts gives our students a theatrical experience that many of them would never get to experience in their lifetime. It usually works into our curriculum and broadens their overall experience for that topic."
- "Very valuable! We have been attending these performances for a number of years! We come from a rural area and many of our kids have not seen a live performance much less a theater. It is a great experience for our kids to see something not on a screen. The value of learning to read for a purpose."
- "Class Acts brings topics to life and allows students to experience a play, which some students may never experience. It is also so much fun for them to see a play versus a movie. The stage, the lights, the seats, and the whole experience is great for students."



Students attending a performance of *The Magic School Bus* colored pictures for Mrs. Frizzle. (She loved them!)



Abraham Lincoln in Song



Have You Filled Your Bucket Today?



Walk On: The Story of Rosa Parks



The Very Hungry Caterpillar & Other Eric Carle Stories



The Snowy Day and Other Stories by Ezra Jack Keats



The Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System



Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! (The Musical!)

Education Connections









Assistant Director of Operations Carly Shank shows students what their upcoming trip to Sangamon Auditorium will be like during a pre-show visit at a Head Start classroom.



Jamin Carter leads teachers in a participatory workshop.

Through the **Arts Start** program, funded by the PNC Grow Up Great initiative, over 475 students in the Springfield Urban League Head Start program receive arts education experiences. Now completing its ninth year, the program includes field trip performances, pre-show classroom visits, classroom learning materials, professional development for teachers, and an annual family event at the UIS Performing Arts Center.

UIS Performing Arts Services works with Springfield Public Schools as a team in the **Partners in Education** program, a national program of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts with a goal of supporting arts in education by providing teachers with professional development training in arts integration. In 2019/2020, local Head Start teachers and assistant teachers participated in "Lines and Shapes: Integrating Visual Art and Geometry" with Jamin Carter, an artist and educator and nationally-recognized workshop leader with the Kennedy Center.

Community Engagement

We strive to connect with learners of all ages through opportunities to help audiences have deeper and more meaningful connections with the shows they see at the UIS Performing Arts Center.

- Before every Broadway show in 2019/2020, audience members were invited to join us for a pre-show dinner with food themed around the show. Dinners were co-hosted by the FRIENDS of UIS Performing Arts Center and the UIS Alumni SAGE Society.
 Following the dinner, a UIS faculty member (or other content expert) conducted a pre-show presentation in the Studio Theatre, providing additional context for the show for interested members of the audience.
- The family-friendly performance of *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* included free pre-show craft activities in the lobby.



Families work together to create their own Pigeon puppets.



Education Connections Program Coordinator Betsy O'Brien shows off her own Pigeon creations.

 This year, two Class Acts performances of Abraham Lincoln in Song were performed offsite, affording Class Acts the opportunity to extend its reach into the broader student and Springfield communities.





Musicians Chris Vallillo and Rocky Maffit perform Abraham Lincoln in Song at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site and the UIS Student Union.

 With the development of the LOL UIS Comedy Series, local comedians were given a venue to showcase their talents alongside nationally recognized comics.



Supporting Our Community

Our community includes both our UIS campus community as well as our greater Central Illinois community. To support activities that are important for our community, we maintain and continually upgrade professional performance venues that can be used by UIS student performers, by local arts institutions, and for civic events. We also regularly donate tickets to local non-profit organizations to assist them in achieving their missions.

Angel Tickets – Through our Angel Ticket

program, local non-profit social service organizations are given tickets they can distribute to the people they serve who would normally be unable to attend our events due to their social or financial situation. In 2019/2020, a total of 229 tickets were given to the following 13 organizations:

Beardstown Terrace

Christian County Mental Health Association

Christopher Court

DeWitt County Friendship Center

Douglas Terrace

Eisenhower Terrace

Elm City Center

MERCY Communities

Springfield Center for Independent Living

Springfield Jewish Federation

USO of Illinois

Washington Place (Lutheran Social Services)

YMCA of Springfield

Fundraising Donations – To help support

the efforts of non-profit organizations in our community, we regularly give away tickets for use in fundraising activities. Over the past year a total of 100 tickets were given to the following 42 organizations:

Adopt A Pet

Blessed Sacrament

Butler Elementary PTO

Crimestoppers

Dubois Elementary

Farmingdale Elementary PTC

Franklin Middle School

Girl Scouts

Hoogland Center for the Arts

Humane Society of Central Illinois

Illinois Stewardship Alliance - 501c3

Imagine Hillsboro

M.A.S.S. Media Productions

Memorial's Festival of Trees

Petersburg PTO

Phoenix Center

Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault

Prairie Stars Parent Association

Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield, Inc.

Rees Carillon Society

Ridgely Elementary, SPS186

Rochester Education Foundation

Rochester Elementary

Simmons Cancer Institute at SIU

Special Olympics Illinois

SPOHNC (head/neck cancer)

Springfield Area Soccer Association (SASA)

Springfield Arts Association (SAA)

Springfield Ballet Company (SBC)

Springfield Jaycees

Springfield Zoological Society

St. John Vianney Parish

St. Louis School, Nokomis

The Helping Paw Project

Tiffany Leigh Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund

Tri-City Education Foundation

Troops and Cops for Kids

UIS Visual Arts Gallery

Vachel Lindsay Elementary

WEIU-TV

Western Illinois Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Youth Service Bureau





Dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your contribution to Franklin Middle School Parent/Teacher Committee's Annual Trivia Night and Silent Auction held on January 18, 2020. All proceeds from this event will benefit Franklin Middle School students and help to enhance their education experience.

Franklin Middle School is a public middle school located in District 186 which serves over 800 students. FMS is committed to the academic and social success of each student strongly kink apparatus constitution and innovative technology. Students will sou students. FMS is committed to the academic and social success or each student through high expectations, rigorous curriculum, and innovative technology. Students will be academic and life-long learners. Support from our through high expectations, rigorous curriculum, and innovative technology. Students will become critical thinkers, problem solvers, and life-long learners. Support from our community, including businesses and individuals like you, is important to each child's success. The FMS PTC strives to help meet the needs of the teachers and students which aren't covered by the school's regular budget. Your generous support will help them do that through granting teacher requests for classroom needs.

On behalf of our PTC officers and members, and all of the teachers and staff at Franklin Middle School, thank you again for helping us help hundreds of students at our school.

Tod Davis Principal

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January 13, 2020

On behalf of Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault, I would like to thank UIS for donating (2) complimentary tickets for the Waitress show to PCASA's Holiday Online Application. The authors were a present

PCASA is grateful for the support from our business community. Thank you for Auction! The auction was a success! supporting our efforts in providing vital services to victims of sexual assault.

We wish you a safe and peaceful New Year!

Thank you once again.

Sincerely,

Director of Development and Community Outreach

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Supporting Our Community

UIS Organizations

Students in UIS Theatre and UIS Music are able to take advantage of having access to professional performance facilities while they are still learning their crafts. UIS Theatre held performances of *God of Carnage* as well as student-directed scenes in the UIS Studio Theatre.

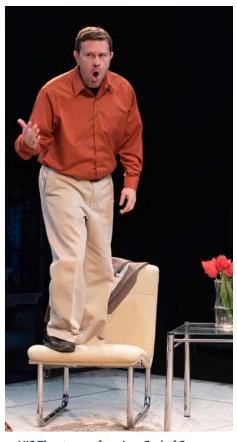
The UIS Music program held two concerts in Sangamon Auditorium, as well as an intensive flute festival/concert. The newly renovated UIS Studio Theatre was a perfect venue for more intimate UIS Music events, such as Jazz Cafés and faculty recitals.



UIS Theatre performing God of Carnage



UIS Music Showcase



UIS Theatre performing God of Carnage



UIS Music - Flute Festival



UIS music students performing

Local Arts Organizations

We support the work of local performers by providing a home for performances by the Illinois Symphony Orchestra and Springfield Ballet Company, two local institutions that greatly enhance our community. The 2019/2020 season saw the return of two local Springfield Ballet Company favorites – *Rockballet* and *The Nutcracker*. The Illinois Symphony Orchestra brought their delightful

Beautiful and Bold, Heroes and Villains, Holiday Pops in the Heartland and their popular Love Notes. This past year over 7,200 people attended performances by these two organizations. The final two ISO performances of the 2019/2020 season were canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



SBC's Rockballet



SBC's The Nutcracker



ISO's Heroes and Villains PC Richard Fazi Fazlone



ISO's Holiday Pops PC David Fitch

Supporting Our Community

Civic Events

Every year, we are honored to serve as host for significant civic events for our community. This year, nearly eight-hundred people were in attendance to see the awarding of honors and graduation ceremony for the Illinois State Police.

We look forward annually to many community events, including eight graduation ceremonies and the All City Music Festival highlighting the talents of students across Springfield Public Schools. Sadly, these were canceled due to the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our staff was happy to be able to assist in the production of a Virtual Commencement video for the UIS Class of 2020.



Illinois State Police Ceremony

Our Community Supporting Us

We greatly appreciate these businesses, organizations, and special funds that supported our activities in 2019/2020.



Arts Midwest Touring Fund

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General Operating Support

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- Grant support to provide arts experiences for Springfield Urban League Head Start students
- Support of the Class Acts series

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Facility Upgrades

Sangamon Auditorium

Sangamon Auditorium also received numerous upgrades this year, with many focused on upgrades and maintenance of backstage items. Improvements during the 2019/2020 season included:

- Purchasing a new modern ETC-brand lighting console for operating all of the theatrical lighting in Sangamon Auditorium. This new control board is more compatible with current touring show needs and enhances the lighting control capabilities for local venue users such as the Springfield Ballet Company.
- Upgrading the house lighting in Sangamon Auditorium. The new lights are brighter and utilize energy efficient LED technology.
- Adding visual masking of the catwalks over the audience seating area, eliminating the visual distraction of lighting equipment formerly visible to patrons seated in the Mezzanine and Balcony areas.
- Reupholstered all lobby furniture, changing from the dated bright red/blue colors to a more modern deep brown color scheme.
- Purchasing all new ticket scanners to enhance the accuracy and speed of scanning tickets, allowing patrons quicker entry into the venue.
- Enhancing backstage safety signage & the visual identification of backstage emergency evacuation routes.

Newly reupholstered lobby furniture

- Replacing carpeting in the audio control area located in the center of the main floor seating.
- Adding a new portable digital display for the lobby area to provide patrons with video clips of upcoming events.
- Purchasing additional 2-way radios to enhance staff communication on event nights, increasing overall event safety.



Volunteer using a new ticket scanner



New lighting control board installed in Sangamon Auditorium

Facility Upgrades







Before renovation

After renovation

UIS Studio Theatre

The UIS Studio Theatre is a 124-seat black-box style theatre located on the first floor of the UIS Performing Arts Center and is the performance home of UIS Theatre as well as primary venue for UIS Music and other smaller events annually. After being closed for several months in the summer of 2019, the UIS Studio Theatre reopened in the fall of 2019 with numerous enhancements for audience comfort and experience, including:

- New seating layout featuring expanded leg room for all patrons and completely unobstructed sightlines.
 The standard seating configuration of 124 seats allows for a 20' x 48' performance area. Additional seating can be added up to a total of 178 seats for simple lecture presentations.
- New audience entranceways allowing audiences to enter and exit the venue from the rear of the seating area, thus eliminating the distraction of latecomers passing by the front of the stage area.
- New upholstered seating designed to enhance patron comfort, featuring wider seats and individual arm rests.
- New, refreshed "look" to the space with new black curtains surrounding the entire interior, a new black wooden stage floor, and all exposed walls freshly painted black, effectively eliminating extraneous visual distractions so all attention is focused on the performance once the show begins.
- New sound system including 5.1 surround sound capabilities and mega-sub woofers to enhance movie presentations.

- New 6k digital laser projector and a 16'x 9' drop down movie projection screen.
- Upgraded theatrical lighting including multiple moving light fixtures to enhance theatrical presentations.

A unique aspect of this renovated venue is that the entire seating riser system can be reconfigured for UIS Theatre performances according to the design needs of each individual production. Proscenium style, thrust stage, or in-the-round seating is all possible. If needed, the entire seating setup can be disassembled and removed from the room in just one day to provide a large open room for banquets or galas.

These upgrades are enabling the UIS Theatre to be the region's premier intimate performance venue. In addition, the venue is also now a fully functioning movie venue available for the screening of films. For more information about the wide variety of events that took place in the space during the 2019/2020 season, see page four.

During the final months of the season, Keith Engineering Design was contracted to begin the process of developing plans for a significant upgrade to the electrical systems which will comprise phase 2 of the UIS Studio Theatre renovation. These electrical upgrades will significantly enhance the theatrical lighting capabilities of the space, making the venue the most technologically advanced performance space of its size in the region.



FRIENDS of UIS Performing Arts Center



The FRIENDS of UIS Performing Arts Center includes those who support us through monetary donations and through volunteering. These gifts allow for more performances by big-name stars, continuing upgrades to the facility, and opportunities to introduce area children to performing arts experiences. We are especially grateful to the dedicated arts patrons whose leadership gifts play a vital role in maintaining the UIS Performing Arts Center's standards of excellence. Thank you!

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donors who have included UIS Performing Arts Center in their estate plans

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Raymond & Carol Weber

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Diane Trueblood

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35+ Years Evelyn Beenenga Shirley McConnaughay †

30+ Years Susan Becker † Mary Ann Gatten Jan Hill Jan Horton La Vonne Noska Karl Reed Earl Schroeder † Barbara Wiese Merle Wiese

25+ Years Janice Catalano Marge Clarke Sandy Grant Debbie Held † Rita Nortrup Lawanda Oseland Marilyn Selby

20+ Years **Charles Buie** Barb Bolin Karen Devlin

Chuck Frank † Judy Frank † Joyce Gibbons Jack Hickey Dave Hicks † Sherry Morgan Dave Ridenour Gene Scott Janet Zimmerman

15+ Years Elly Brandt John Brandt Dean Clough Martha Clough Bernie Coleman † **Ruth Coleman** Patricia Davis Maria Ferraro † **Judy Graves** Debbie Johnson Joan Ladage John Larimer Mabel Larimer Peggy McNeely Katy Owen Rebecca Senkus † Emmett Slingsby † Janet Slingsby † Donna Wille

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Mary Lynn Atkins Jan Baird † Dan Brown Lynn Brown Ruth Burd Nancy Gillespie † Sheva Forbes Violet Goodman † Dee Hoover † Jim Hoover † Clarence Huber Sue Huber Karen Janus Elaine Kerhlikar Diane Kirkham Sandie Longen † Linda McCall † Carolyn Meier Cindy Moreno Mary Morris Donna Mudra Joe Mudra Kay Rentfrow Barb Ryan Joyce Schroeder † Barb Senalik Lori Spear Patricia Steffen Sharon Sedlak Pat Weitekamp †

5+ Years Connie Beagles Lillian Beams Julie Benoit Tamara Bivins Cathleen Cassavant

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Sue Young *Deceased/ In Memoriam † Volunteer Manager

David Smith

Suzette Starr

Gary Starr

Joe Tupy

Sandy Tupy

Sharon Werve

Don Wisniewski

Pat Wisniewski

Holly Woodhall

Karen Workman

Mike Workman

Thomas Yemm

Ashley Young

Roy Young

Rosemary Weistart

Spotlight on ...



Marc & Sherri Schnetz

Marc Schnetz and his wife, Sherri, loved to take in a good show. They enjoyed attending concerts, with Sherri favoring Toby Keith while Marc likes Martina McBride. As Springfield residents, they often took in a show at the Performing Arts Center at UIS, and also enjoyed traveling to Chicago or St. Louis, or Bloomington or Champaign, to visit different venues to hear some of their favorite performers. "We would make a weekend out of it," Marc said. "We really did enjoy our time together on those little journeys."

Sherri passed away in 2015, and Marc has decided to remember her in a special way – leaving a bequest to FRIENDS of the Performing Arts Center in Sherri's memory. Marc said, "This is just the first gift to UIS and the PAC." Marc wants to help attract people from out of town to make Springfield and the Performing Arts Center a destination. "We have such wonderful programs here, I want others to enjoy them the way Sherri and I always did."

FRIENDS supporter Diane Stone and her granddaughter, Skyler, truly enjoy attending events at the UIS Performing Arts Center. Skyler's favorites include So You Think You Can Dance, Darci Lynne, and Broadway show Finding Neverland. Grandma Diane is a Broadway enthusiast. Her favorites include Beautiful, Waitress, and Jersey Boys. Diane reports she has seen Jersey Boys ten times – in St. Louis, Chicago, Las Vegas, New York, and right here in Springfield at the UIS Performing Arts Center.

When asked why she supports FRIENDS of UIS Performing Arts Center, Diane replied: "We are just so lucky to have this place in Springfield! I have attended shows at much larger venues and they are just as good here as in New York – and it costs so much less. The talent that comes to UIS is unbelievable! I bring family and friends to shows at UIS PAC, and love seeing their reactions to our hometown theatre. I am a FRIEND to help bring these wonderful events to Springfield!"



Diane Stone & granddaughter Skyler Stokes

UIS Performing Arts Services Staff

The following list includes everyone who contributed to the success of the of the 2019/2020 season as an employee of UIS Performing Arts Services at any time between July 1, 2019, and June 30, 2020.

Wesley Abbott – Auditorium Technical Director
Matt Abrell – Office Support Specialist (PAS Finance)
Jennie Davis – Valet Supervisor
Chip Deiss – Office Support Specialist (Operations)
Briana Fulton – Business Administrative Specialist
David Hecht – Assembly Hall Stagehand
Rebekah Hecht – Ticket Sales Assistant
Sharon Mather – Development Manager
Craig Norman – Production Manager
Betsy O'Brien – Education Connections Program
Coordinator

Bryan Rives – Director

Carly Shank – Assistant Director of Operations

Shannon Smith – Ticket Office Manager

Nikki Stefan – Ticket Sales Assistant

Joe Taylor – Stage Foreman

Jen Tibbs – Coordinator of Public Information and

Marketing

Dwight Vaught – House Manager Amy Zepp – Audience Development Coordinator

Administrative Office Student Worker: Hannah Griffin

Ticket Office Clerks: Roman Ballenger, Kinzy Buhrman, Megan Cook, Faith Edwards, Kim Espejo, Myia Forrest, Ethan Gasaway, Andrew Myers, Jelsie Pacifico Patterson, Stacia Stinnett

Event Attendants: Lisa Beam, Sarah Haasis, Justin Law, Julian Marvel, Becky Moler-Billo

Concession Stand Attendants: Kaila Chambliss, Derek Fulton, Kaylee Jones, Justin Law, Rachel Law, Becky Moler-Billo, Lisa Potts, Austin Sims, Samantha Sloman, Kelley Wahl, Sharon Warren **Stagehands:** Blaise Aarup, Brian Aarup, Georgia Aarup, David Adamski, Eric Applegate, Bruce Baldoni, Matthew Ballentine, Bill Bauser, Rebecca Bettis, Alexander Borisov, James Brown, Dylan Bussone, Roger Carr, Daniel Cavanaugh, Mark Cole, Justin Costello, Zach Davis, Edward Dubois, Michael Dunn, Brea Elston, Mike Elston, Marquice Evans, Tara Fink, Sam Foote, Sherry Foote, Kevin Ford, William J. Geiger, William T. Geiger, Pat Gilbert, Christopher Griffith, Thomas Harvill, Daniel lams, Ruth Jorgensen, Casey Julseth, Stacy Kolaz, Jerry Krumme, Joshua Krumme, Mike Krumme, Kevin Kulavic, Richard Kuschel, Paul Lamantia, Ryan Lamantia, Frank Lane, Dennis Leach, Robert McKeown, Scott Meier, Timothy Nielson, Patricia Noonan, Joe Palumbo, Stephen Parhomski, Larry Perko, Yekaterina Pruitt, Derek Reid, Christine Reineke, Ron Ring, Katherine Risse, Dora Rotello, Ryan Ruettiger, Tracy Rusnak, Adam Schneider, Chet Schneider, Sarah Schneider, Kathy Seketa, Austin Sims, Mark Sims, Robert Stockwell, Stephen Tankersley, Ryan Tebrugge, Molly Vasconcelles, **Garrett West**

Valet Assistants: Alexander Borisov, Dylan Bussone, Wyatt Bussone, Drake Claxton, Michael Davis, Zachary Davis, Jennifer Fleenor, Kevin Henson, Christopher Higgins, Dominic LoGrasso, Reese Parquette, Brent Parquette, Jonathan Parra, Abigail Schafer, James Schafer, Nixon Vicci, Maharshi Pulsara Wijetunge



COVID-19 Intermission Begins



On Thursday, March 12, 2020, comedian Ron White was backstage at the UIS Performing Arts Center preparing to take the Sangamon Auditorium stage at 7:30 pm and 1,462 ticket holders were looking forward to an evening of great comedy.

But at 5:30 pm, staff learned Illinois Governor J. B. Pritzker had moments earlier ordered that no large-scale assembly event could occur in Illinois due to the Coronavirus pandemic crisis. The show could not go on. Volunteer ushers moved from the lobby to the parking lots to stop patrons before they parked their cars. Calls were made to local popular restaurants to spread the word that ticket holders should stay and enjoy their meals and an extra cocktail.

Ron White boarded his custom tour bus with his dog and drove on to Tennessee wondering if and how the rest of his tour would also to be affected by the pandemic while the UIS Performing Arts Center staff was left to wonder how long this "intermission" would last.

The Impact:

- 43 events canceled (or rescheduled to 2020/2021)
- Over 22,000 projected event attendees affected

Governor Pritzker during a press conference in Chicago

- Over \$500,000 projected lost ticket revenue for event organizers
- Over \$75,000 projected payroll not paid out to on-call personnel who staff events (stage crew, concession stand staff, valet attendants, etc.)
- Over \$110,000 projected lost net event revenue to the UIS Performing Arts Center (funds needed to cover annual operating costs and to fund repairs, maintenance and improvement projects)
- Numerous facility improvement projects placed on hold due to loss of revenue

Support from the Community:

- When Broadway event ticketholders learned the news that the remainder of the Madden Broadway Series was canceled for the season, a tremendous number of patrons converted the value of their Broadway tickets into donations, providing an incredible \$32,812 to help the UIS Performing Arts Center adjust to the staggering lost revenue from the thirty-three affected events. Of course, the COVID-19 crisis affected all performing arts in the region.
- To help other affected groups, UIS Performing Arts Services spearheaded an email fundraising campaign launched on April 24, 2020, which helped to raise over \$15,000 for other local performing arts organizations.

"I work in healthcare and during this time I have missed many things. Attending live events such as musical theatre has been such a loss. Music/theatre can transport me away from my daily cares and troubles, at least for a time, and bring such joy."

Deborah M. (FRIENDS donor)



Director Bryan Rives & Chancellor Susan Koch masked during the UIS virtual graduation

Financial Report

UIS Performing Arts Services	OPERATING/MAINTENANCE RESERVES			
Fiscal Year 2020 (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020)	6/30/2019		\$20,868	
ODERATING		6/30/2020		\$8,205
OPERATING	ENDOWMENTS & SPECIAL FUNDS			
REVENUE			6/30/2019	6/30/2020
Ticket Sales	\$925,956	UIS Auditorium Fund	\$ 328,663	\$328,663
State Support	\$346,064	UIS Helen Hamilton		
Facility Rental Income	\$340,004	Performing Arts		
Earnings in Endowment & Special Funds*	\$122,268	Endowment for Youth Fund	\$268,300	\$268,300
FRIENDS Annual Fund	\$122,146	UIS Auditorium	7200,300	\$200,500
Concession Stand Revenue	\$67,263	Endowment Fund	\$214,689	\$264,997
Other Grants/Gifts	\$59,200	UIS Staley Class Acts		
Other Earned Revenue	\$57,820	Sangamon Auditorium	\$222,226	\$242,326
		UIS James L. Lundquist Endowment Fund	\$224,578	\$224,578
TOTAL	\$ 2,028,524	UIS Chapman-Staley	7224,370	\$22 4 ,570
EXPENSE		Sangamon Auditorium Endowment Fund	\$222,860	\$222,860
Salaries & Wages	\$952,572	UIS Sangamon Auditorium		
Artist Fees	\$393,065	Maintenance Endowment	\$104,460	\$104,460
Marketing Expenses	\$253,052	Sangamon Auditorium	\$ 10 I, 100	\$ 10 I, 100
Other Event Expenses	\$177,032	Special Projects – Piano		
Materials & Supplies	\$83,506	Maintenance Fund	\$5,770	\$5,770
Capital Projects/Maintenance	\$77,888	Sangamon Auditorium Special Projects – Partners	•	
Other Admin Expenses	\$52,946	in Education Fund	\$2,865	\$2,580
Concession Stand Expense	\$22,417	Friends of UIS Performing		
Equipment	\$21,897	Arts Center – Weiss Concession Stand Fund*	¢42.060	\$-
Fundraising	\$6,812	Concession Stand Fund	\$42,068	 >-
SUBTOTAL	\$ 2,041,187	*The \$122,268 figure in operating revenue includes a \$38,798 transfer from the UI Foundation to liquidate the Weiss Concession Stand project fund. The difference between the 6/30/19 amount (\$42,068)		
Transfer to Reserves	\$(12,663)			
TOTAL	\$ 2,028,524	and the final transfer is due to investment value on the date		



Margaret "Peggy" Ann Goodheart Madden (1930-2019)

The UIS family and FRIENDS of UIS Performing Arts Center are thankful for the support and dedication of Peggy and are saddened by her passing.

Throughout her life, Peggy was a student and patron of the arts. Peggy worked passionately to make the arts more enduring and available to future generations. She was giving of herself and was exceptional at making other people feel good about themselves.

One of the UIS Performing Arts Center's most popular programs is the Broadway Series. Named for Peggy the last two years, The Madden Broadway Series provides an opportunity for local residents to see some of the best of Broadway at an affordable price. Peggy was a long-time subscriber to the UIS Broadway Series, and her love of Broadway musicals led her to support the program so others could enjoy them.

Bryan Rives, Director of UIS Performing Arts Services shared, "Peggy's generosity helped ensure Broadway touring companies continued to be presented at the UIS Performing Arts Center. We shared a mutual goal to keep ticket prices as affordable as possible so that performances are accessible to all, and Peggy made that possible."

Peggy found pleasure in supporting the Broadway Series and helping others enjoy the performances. We are grateful for Peggy's generosity.

