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# Special Issue

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Dear Friends,

The Marcus Center is committed to the safety of our patrons, resident partners, artists, volunteers, and staff; it is our highest priority. With the public health emergency declared by Wisconsin Governor Evers due to the global coronavirus (COVID-19), the Center will be physically closed until further notice. We look forward to welcoming you back into a clean and safe gathering space for our community to enjoy the shared experience of seeing stories unfold live on stage.

Thank you for your patience and continued support,  
The Marcus Center Team

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Keeping the drama on the stage.

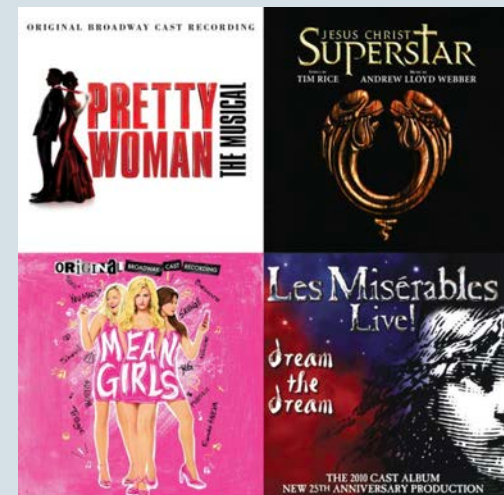
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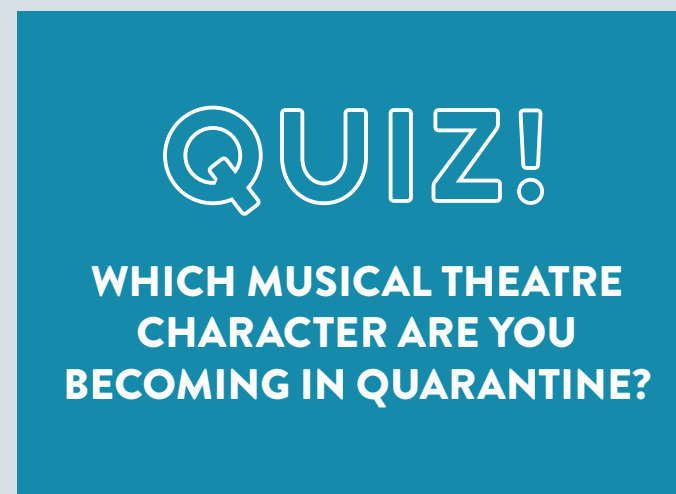
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Get ready for a new season of the best of Broadway!



Listen to our playlist with highlights from the new season

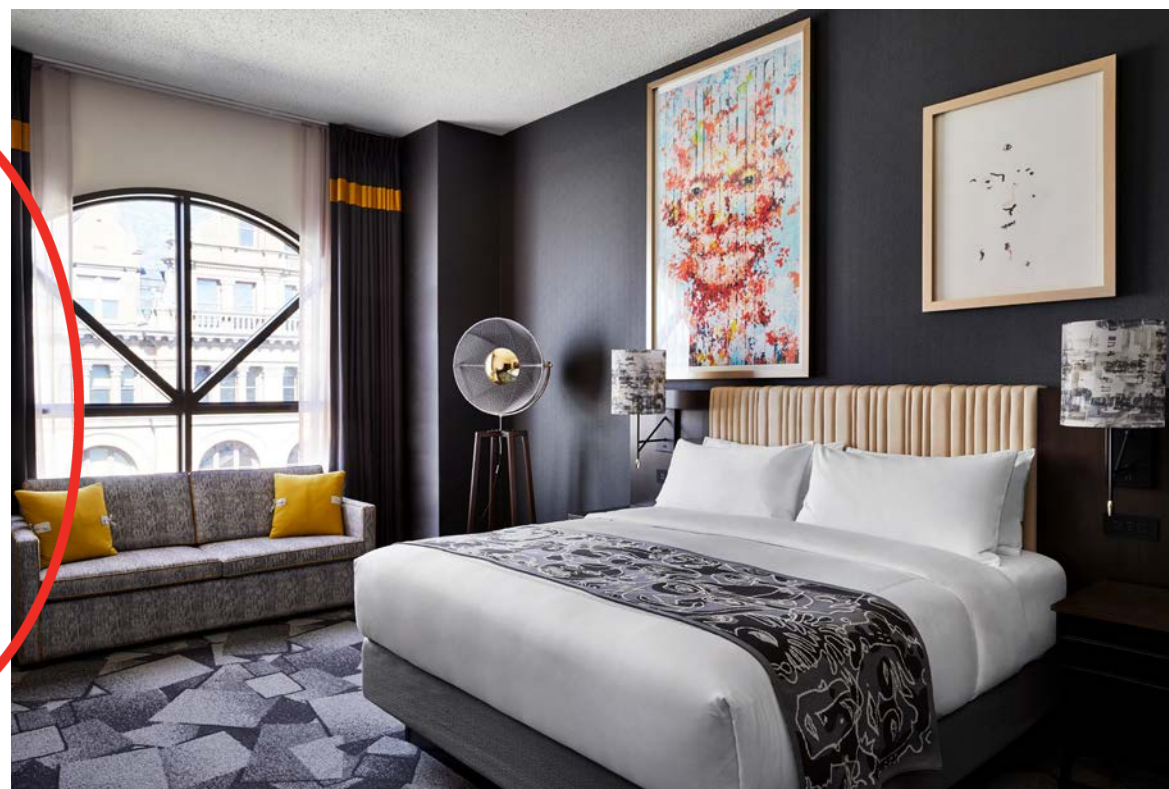




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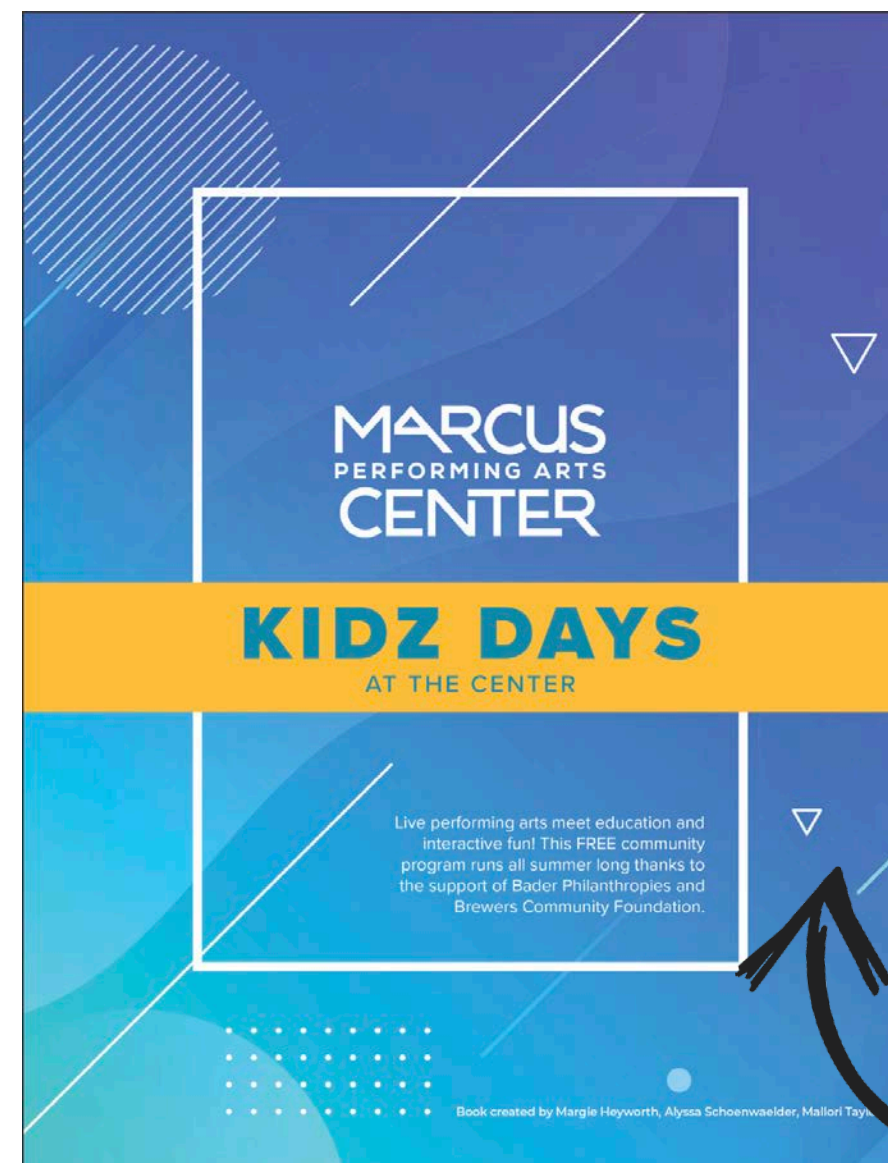
**SAINT KATE - THE ARTS HOTEL** is a hotel and venue in Milwaukee, focused on celebrating the arts. Equipped with a black box theater, several gallery and exhibition spaces, meeting spaces, artist-designed rooms, and culinary experiences, Saint Kate is a first-of-its-kind destination for our community, artists, and travelers. Named **Top 10 Best Hotels** by USA Today, Saint Kate captivates guests with exclusive exhibitions, live music, and much more.

A destination for local explorers and business travelers, from near and far. Experience this boutique hotel in downtown Milwaukee near some of the top attractions in the city. Conveniently located on the Riverwalk, in the East Town neighborhood, across from the Marcus Center, and 5 minutes from the Fiserv Forum.

Saint Kate features 4 restaurants, 2 bars/lounges, a coffee shop, and 24-hour room service – for those late-night cravings. From local Midwest inspired seasonal dishes at **Aria** to your neighborhood pizza joint at **Proof** to the most highly-regarded corner showcasing steak and seafood dishes at **The Dark Room**, Saint Kate makes it effortless to indulge at any of these delicious restaurants. Let your night take center stage by celebrating all things sensory with a glass at **Giggly Champagne & Wine bar** or gather with others to exchange ideas for cocktails with other local artists at The BAR, located in the heart of the hotel. Let Saint Kate welcome you and your guests for a truly unexpected experience.

## SPECIAL OFFER

***Park & Stay!*** Package includes free overnight self parking and accomodation for one night.



## Printable KidZ Days Activity Book

Download our new print-at-home activity book! Tons of fun in every page, including a search-and-find, coloring, patterns, dancing, draw-a-story, acting practice, word searches, mazes, and more!

To support the KidZ Days program, please donate at [Give.MarcusCenter.org](https://www.givemarcuscenter.org). A donation of \$25 provides activity books to 25 families that don't have computer access.

## COMING SOON: JOIN US FOR KIDZ DAYS AT HOME!

Our popular KidZ Days outreach programming is moving online for the summer of 2020! A wide variety of artists will record hour-long educational and interactive activity sessions aimed toward young audiences and will be released in episodes on our YouTube channel to enjoy at any time with your family and friends.

Follow us on **YouTube** to keep up with the entire KidZ Days at Home series!

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Join First Stage on our  
Digital Stage!



Like many other business and organizations, First Stage was forced to cancel its remaining 2019/20 season performances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While we had to close the doors to our physical spaces, First Stage artists and staff rose to the new challenge of inspiring, engaging, and enriching young people and families online – on Our Digital Stage.

“During these times of uncertainty, I'm reminded of the power of theater and stories to help us heal and lift our hearts,” said First Stage Artistic Director Jeff Frank. “We see the need to continue to deliver the tools for young people and families to share stories and experiences together, from the comfort and safety of their own homes.”

First Stage launched several initiatives to keep young people and families using their imaginations to create, explore and connect, including:

- **FIRST STAGE AT HOME** - this resource from the Theater in Education department shares activities based on First Stage plays that families can explore together. Each weekly guide includes theater games, activities, and read-aloud stories based on past First Stage plays, including *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *The Snowy Day* and *Other Stories* by Ezra Jack Keats, and *Elephant and Piggie's "We Are In A Play!"*
- **FIRST STAGE THEATER ACADEMY** offers daily Beginning of Day and End of Day sessions, live from the Academy's YouTube Channel, during which young people are encouraged to set their focus and give themselves challenges for the day ahead, and allow students to acknowledge the successes of their day and acknowledge others. Sessions are livestreamed weekdays at 10AM and 4PM through May 8.
- **VIRTUAL STORY DRAMA CLASSES** for young people ages 3 to 6 and families offer an interactive telling of some of our favorite stories, and together as a family, help us bring these exciting tales to life through dramatic play. Classes continue through May 27. Details and registration available at [FirstStage.org/virtualstorydrama](https://FirstStage.org/virtualstorydrama).
- **FIRST STAGE ON STAGE** allows families to download scenes and songs from select plays such as *Nate the Great* and *The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors* and perform them at home. Stay tuned to [FirstStage.org](https://FirstStage.org), as well as First Stage's Facebook page and on Instagram @first.stage for new ways to explore, create and connect until we can safely gather again.

For more information about upcoming First Stage shows  
and classes please visit [FirstStage.org](https://FirstStage.org)







# Quarantine Opera

Follow us - From a Socially Safe Distance.



<https://www.florentineopera.org/quarantine>  
[www.quarantineopera.org](http://www.quarantineopera.org)

## Say Hello To Florentine Opera's Cousin, QUARANTINE OPERA!

Follow us socially - from a distance! What's there, you ask? Find some live streams of operas around the world. John will show you how to make great drinks inspired by opera. There's Quarantine Opera for Kids. Classics Explained - in hilarious cartoon style. Don't know opera? That's ok! If you're a regular looking to explore new shows in this era of digital streaming from around the globe, or a newbie who's always been curious but intimidated, we've got you covered! Dive in. Enjoy, or tolerate. Welcome to this "MORE IS MORE" art form. Welcome to [Quarantine Opera!](#)



## QUARANTINE OPERA "BOOK CLUB"

We want to share the fun and joy of this "MORE IS MORE" art form to those who may be a bit intimidated. Shortly we'll be announcing a Quarantine Opera 'book club' No commitment, other than an interest in that week's Quarantine opera post. Let us know what you're exploring, and if you have tried any of John's Quarantine Cocktails. Our recent features were *Porgy and Bess* and *Barber of Seville*. *Werther* came out Friday! Would you care to join us for the Quarantine Opera "book club"? Send an email to us at [info@florentineopera.org](mailto:info@florentineopera.org) and we will forward an Eventbrite sign-up for book club.

## CINDERELLA MOVES ONLINE

We yearn for the days - just a few weeks ago - where the school children could gather in their gymnasiums or auditoriums to enjoy our Opera in the Schools Tour of *Cinderella*. Moments before the COVID-19 Safer at Home was put into effect, we were able to digitally record the performance. From January until mid-March, we performed to nearly 8,000 (of the usual 15,000+ students). Now with our digital performance, we can share the lovely story to thousands more through the teacher's virtual classrooms. And we can share with ALL OF YOU! The performance can be found on the Florentine Opera website at *Cinderella for Schools*. Share with your family and friends! Great for ages 1-101.

## FROM BALLGOWNS TO HOSPITAL GOWNS

Florentine Opera is known for making fabulous gowns, and we think these are our best yet. Stacks and stacks of gowns and masks are headed to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. We thank Northwestern Mutual Foundation for providing funding for our PPE Project.

For more information, visit [florentineopera.org](http://florentineopera.org). And follow us on Facebook and Instagram [@florentineopera!](#)



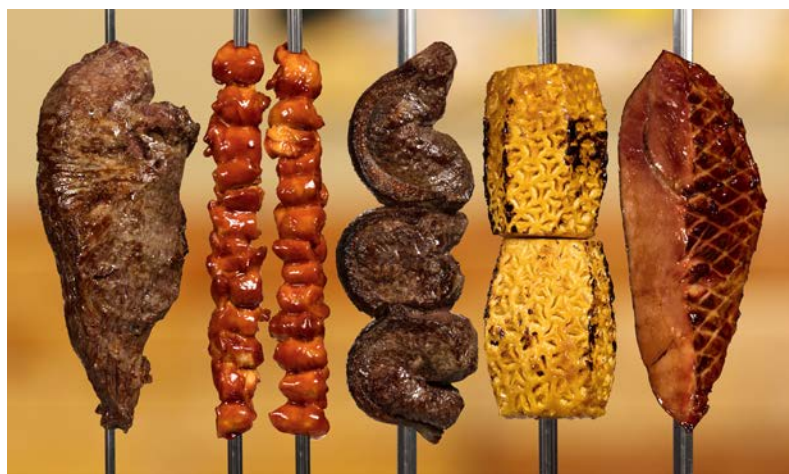


RODIZIO GRILL MILWAUKEE is now offering curbside takeout and delivery Wednesday-Saturday, noon-8pm.

Enjoy Rodizio's signature sides, salads and rotisserie-grilled meats and glazed pineapple in the comfort of your home! Order online now at [Rodizio.com/milwaukeetakeout](http://Rodizio.com/milwaukeetakeout).

Gift cards are also available for purchase online at [Rodizio.com](http://Rodizio.com).

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### SPECIAL OFFER

*After we're able to reopen for dine-in patrons, enjoy \$15 Off Two Dinners!*

(Valid for dine-in only upon reopening. Valid any night. Expires July 31, 2020. Must present newsletter to receive discount. May not be combined with other promotions.)



Since 1976, **SAZ'S STATE HOUSE RESTAURANT** has been a place to go for a bite, a brew, and friendly service. Fondly referred to as "The Finest" by regulars, the Saz's Team invites you to see for yourself why it has earned the moniker.

Whether you're enjoying a craft beer at the legendary Round Bar, indulging in a dish from the seasonal menu, digging into award-winning BBQ baby back ribs with the family, or sharing a festival-favorite Sampler Combo Platter before catching a shuttle to see the Bucks, Brewers, Packers, or Marquette Men's Basketball game, you'll find what you're looking for at 55th and State.

Over the past four decades, the Saz's name has expanded to meet the needs of those early Round Bar regulars, with the addition of Saz's Catering, Sazama's Fine Catering at the Marcus Performing Arts Center, Saz's Catering Lake Country, Saz's BBQ Retail Products, and Saz's Festivals. Together, they make up Saz's Hospitality Group; a team committed to community and to creating exceptional experiences by providing The Finest in food and service.



**SPECIAL OFFER**  
*Complimentary bottle of Saz's Original BBQ Sauce with purchase of \$50+!*

(Must show on-screen offer to redeem. Not valid with other offers or for delivery orders.)



# MILWAUKEE BALLET

MICHAEL PINK, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

*MKE Ballet @ Home features fun videos and activities to enjoy from the comfort of home. Milwaukee Ballet School & Academy now offers online classes for kids and adults!*



## Milwaukee Ballet stays connected with MKE Ballet and MBSA @ Home

Although its performance season has ended early, Milwaukee Ballet is committed to staying engaged with the community until it's back on stage.

MKE Ballet @ Home delivers fun videos and activities fans can enjoy from home. Try a new workout, cook with a dancer or try a challenge with your friends. Want to get moving? Milwaukee Ballet School & Academy (MBSA) now offers online classes for children and adults at any level. With a low, weekly fee, this is a great time to try.

## Stay Connected

Find Milwaukee Ballet at [MilwaukeeBallet.org](https://www.milwaukeeballet.org) or follow along on **Facebook**, **Instagram**, **Twitter** and **YouTube**.

## A Guarantee to Subscribers - The 2020-21 Season

Your subscription is not only a ticket purchase, it's an investment that directly benefits the artists and administrative staff who provide the magic you've come to expect at the theater.

As a non-profit organization, Milwaukee Ballet relies on subscriptions now more than ever. This investment provides a solid financial foundation to bring the upcoming season to the stage.

Milwaukee Ballet is closely following updates from the public health agencies and committed to opening next season only when you will feel safe at the theater. If the upcoming schedule is adjusted, you will be the first to know, and guaranteed your choice of a refund or tax-deductible donation.

Find details on the 2020-21 season and prices at [milwaukeeballet.org](https://www.milwaukeeballet.org) or call Milwaukee Ballet's box office at **414-902-2103**.



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At **HOTEL MADRID** our focus remains on providing a dinner experience. So we're still here to #FeedTheAnimals through takeout and curbside pick-up. Pre-order that beef wellington, homestyle paella, and sangria kit tonight! Let us take care of the comfort food! Easy online ordering and scheduled pick-up available seven days a week. And for the home chef looking to prepare a perfect date night meal, or birthday meal, order up one of our "Take n' Make" meals and be part of our kitchen from your home!

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**DON'S GROCERY & LIQUOR** - Enjoy the same Don's favorites for takeout, while stocking up on necessary supplies from our Grocery & Liquor store! Go for one of our custom cocktail kits and make classic wisco old fashioned at home! Simplify your grocery shopping and cocktail making, and call on us at Don's. Contactless curbside pick-up available with easy online ordering. Also with the amazing support from the most generous community we've been able to provide hundreds of meals for those in need and frontline workers. So as has been our motto, "Look for the Helpers" as we have made it possible to purchase community gift cards to help those in need!

**Don's Grocery & Liquor - 1100 S. 1st Street**  
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**VIEW MENU**



**BACCHUS** - A Bartolotta Restaurant is set in a sleek, stylish space in the Cudahy Tower in downtown Milwaukee. Its menu emphasizes seasonal ingredients and its wine list is among the most extensive in the city. Bacchus offers several exclusive spaces for private events, including a glass-enclosed conservatory. *Wine Spectator Best of Award of Excellence winner since 2006. Named one of America's Top 100 Wine Restaurants by Wine Enthusiast in 2017.*

**WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU "KEEP A PLACE AT THE TABLE FOR US."**

Throughout our shared history, we have been able to overcome adversity and tragedy by coming together as a family and a community. Although this virus demands that we physically separate, it cannot stop us from uniting in spirit. The Bartolotta Restaurants has always set "a place at the table for you," now we are asking that you "keep a place at the table for us and our family of employees." When the light at the end of the tunnel becomes visible, we will be here - ready and eager - to welcome you.

Purchase a **Bartolotta gift card** and once this is over, we can break bread together again.

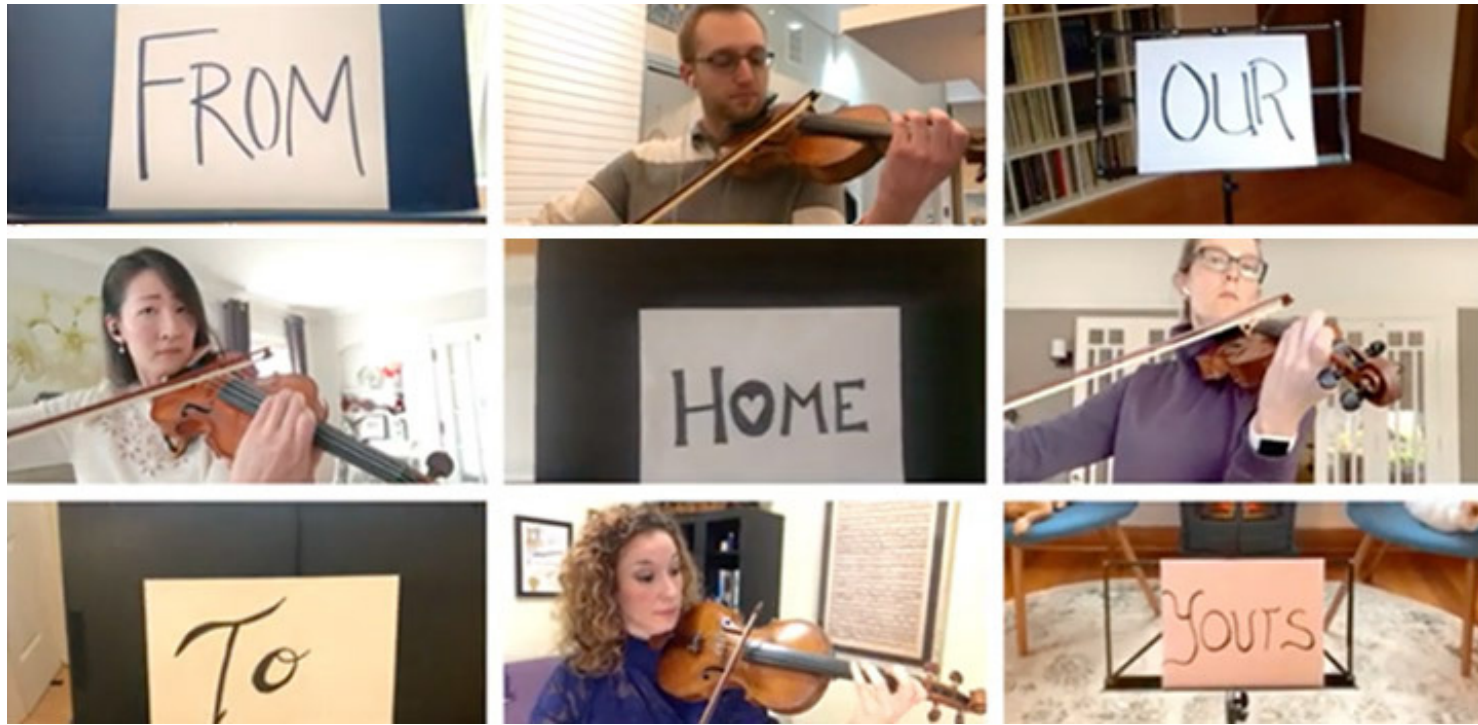
**FUN FACT:** Paul Bartolotta, chef, owner and co-founder of The Bartolotta Restaurants, is also a finalist for the **2020 James Beard Awards**, the James Beard Foundation! Bartolotta is up against five chefs from across the U.S. for the Outstanding Restaurateur award and is the only finalist from Wisconsin this year.

**PURCHASE GIFT CARD**





## Stay Home, Stay Safe, & Stay Tuned!



### STAY HOME, STAY SAFE, & STAY TUNED: Entire Orchestra Unites For Virtual Performance Video

The Milwaukee Symphony's smash hit social distance rendition of Elgar's "Nimrod" represents both the musicians' desire to perform and several technical feats by their sound engineer.

The symphony's last concert before the coronavirus pandemic shut down large gatherings was Saturday, March 14, to an empty Uihlein Hall and a live-streamed

audience. But once the musicians were hunkered down in their homes, they were still looking for an outlet.

Associate concertmaster Ilana Setapen said that the idea arose from a text chain among herself and other MSO Musicians. "Nimrod," the most popular of Elgar's *Enigma Variations*, was a good candidate for mass remote performance because "it involves the whole orchestra, and it sends a message of hope to the community," Setapen said.

Musicians unanimously voted to go ahead with the idea, and Jeremy Tusz, the symphony's audio and video producer, "was enthusiastic from the get-go," Setapen said. "We could not have done this without Jeremy. He put it together in a way none of us could."

Recording herself at home "made me listen and look at myself in a way I don't normally do," Setapen said. "I'm sure everyone did multiple takes. It was really fun. It was like playing with the orchestra, with a concert in your ear."

Tusz worked with the musicians on pacing the video, pegging the shots he used to the instruments with the most prominent parts at that moment. The performance is dedicated to the memory of Walter Robb, a longtime MSO supporter and board member, who died of coronavirus last month.

As the Facebook shares and YouTube views multiply, Setapen hopes "that it will reach people who have never been to a symphony concert in Milwaukee. We're so proud, and we plan to come back stronger than ever. Stay home, stay safe, and stay tuned."

For more information and the full list of  
Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra concerts please visit [MSO.org](https://www.mso.org)





## Give the gift of an extraordinary experience!

By purchasing a Marcus Center gift card you can directly support the Center during these uncertain times, and look forward to an exciting night out for yourself or a loved one. We are excited to welcome you back soon to a safe and clean space, celebrating the shared experience of live performing arts.

- Can be used for all Marcus Center events!
- Sold in any amount in increments of \$5
- Can be purchased online or by emailing [tickets@marcuscenter.org](mailto:tickets@marcuscenter.org)



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During this unprecedented time, we first and foremost want to wish health and safety to all of the Marcus Center patrons. While we are unfortunately temporarily shut down, we are taking the opportunity to deep clean every nook and cranny of our guest rooms, lobbies, dining rooms, bar, coffee shop and the kitchen.

We are also excited to use this email as the first announcement that we are bringing back some of the favorite menu items and specials from the Envoy days! You all asked and we listened! Keep an eye out for announcements regarding the “reimagined” small plate brunch and the revival of our “Buy One Get One at 1928’s price happy hour” and MORE!

Once operations resume and we all begin to adjust to our “new normal” we will continue to offer a free bottle of house wine with the purchase of two dinner entrees in The Fitz when you show us your Marcus Center show tickets.

In the meantime, we appreciate the support of our theater patron guests and miss all of the familiar faces that we have grown to know over the years. We look forward to the return of offering the experience of a “Meal and a Show”! Consider purchasing a gift card for use in the future. It’s a great way to have something to look forward to! Gift cards can be purchased **online**.

# Behind the MAGIC LIVE

# Bill Blagg

**GET TICKETS**

**EXCLUSIVE**  
*behind-the-scenes  
magic event live  
from the MOBB  
warehouse!*

**WED 05/20**  
**7 PM Central**  
[billblagg.com/btmlive](http://billblagg.com/btmlive)

Join national touring illusionist Bill Blagg for an incredible evening of magic, illusion, stories and more, all from the comfort of home. This live streaming pay-per-view event is great for all ages, and for the first time ever Bill will attempt a brand-new illusion that has been over eight years in the making... **SAWING HIMSELF IN HALF!** This is one show you don't want to miss!





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The Share Lemonade project was created to share real stories of the people and organizations that inspire us, acts that unite us, and moments that bring us joy. Explore hundreds of uplifting community stories from around Wisconsin that help remind us that we're all human, and we're all in this together.

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## ENJOY ARTS PERFORMANCES FROM HOME

The show must go on! Check out these amazing virtual performances, classes, workshops, and more:

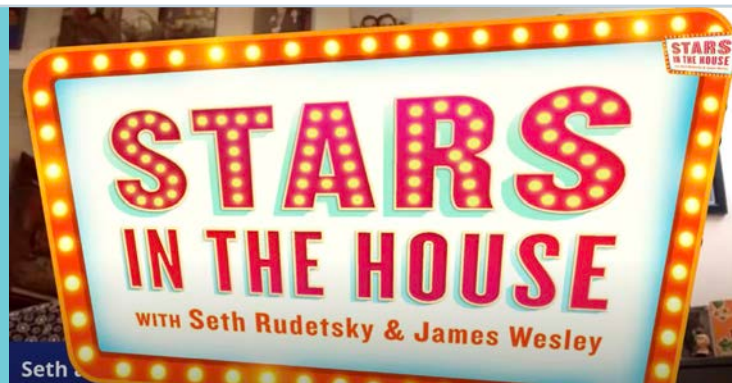
The Milwaukee performance of Hiplet Ballerinas will be rescheduled! Get a sneak peek of what Hiplet is all about by streaming the mini-documentary by Addison Wright - **HIPLET: BECAUSE WE CAN**



## Lincoln Center AT HOME

Lincoln Center's new portal to help maintain a connection to live performing arts. Hosting daily events such as dance workshops, Lincoln Center Pop-Up Classroom workshop series, taped performances, #ConcertsForKids and more!

SiriusXM Broadway host Seth Rudetsky and producer James Wesley host daily online shows featuring stars of stage and screen performing live from home! The series will also promote support for The Actor's Fund's services for those most vulnerable to the effects of COVID-19.



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