



The Lofte Association, Inc.

The Lofte Community Theatre

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**Bringing
Arts to
Rural
Nebraska**

2024

SHOWS & SPECIAL EVENTS



The Lofte Theatre

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2024 Shows

Sunshine Express

By Sarah Quick

The Sunshine Express is a coach bus tour that travels from Canada to Florida! Alan and Brenda are a middle-aged couple who have become disconnected. When they are gifted tickets on the Express, they take a trip with a spirited group of seniors, each with a unique zest for life, and years of adventures to share and stories to tell. This delightful story reminds us it's never too late to find sunshine in unexpected places.

March 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31

Auditions: January 29 & 30 at 7 PM



Radium Girls

By D.W. Gregory

In 1926 radium was a miracle cure and luminous watches were all the rage—until the girls who painted these watches began to fall mysteriously ill. Radium Girls is a gripping story inspired by real events. Experience the wry, unflinching, tale of the American obsession with health, wealth, and the commercialization of science.

May 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12

Auditions: February 1 & 2 at 7 PM



Disney's Beauty and the Beast

Music by Alan Menken, Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice,

Book by Linda Wolverton

"Tale as old as time..." This enchanting story follows the kind and bookish Belle as she discovers an enchanted castle inhabited by a Beast under a powerful spell, ultimately learning that true beauty lies within. Join us for a magical journey of love, courage, and the transformative power of compassion in this beloved classic brought to life on stage.

July 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28; August 1, 2, 3, 4

Auditions: May 20 & 21 at 7 PM



Escanaba in da Moonlight

By Jeff Daniels

This zany comedy takes you to the heart of Michigan's Upper Peninsula where the Soady family gathers for their annual deer hunting tradition. But this year, things take a hilariously bizarre turn when thirty-five-year-old Reuben Soady, still an unsuccessful hunter, believes he's cursed! Escanaba in da Moonlight spins a hilarious tale of humor, horror, and heart as Reuben goes to any and all lengths to remove himself from the wrong end of the family record book.

September 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15

Auditions: May 27 & 28 at 7 PM



Ken Ludwig's

Moon Over Buffalo

George and Charlotte Hay are fading stars of the 1950s. Personal and marital drama abound when they receive word that they might just have one last shot at stardom: Frank Capra is coming to see their matinee and if he likes what he sees, he might cast them in his movie! Unfortunately for George and Charlotte, everything goes wrong. This madcap comedy brings to light the chaos and magic of live theatre!

October 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27

Auditions: July 29 & 30 at 7 PM



Dickens' Christmas Carol

By Mark Landon Smith

From the bonny shores of England comes the Styckes-Up-on-Thump Repertory Theatre Company, a stuffy old traveling troupe embarking on their fifteenth annual farewell tour of the Dickens' tale. Can the theatre troupe handle the egos of their actors, a precarious set, and constant costume changes, and still manage to redeem old Ebenezer Scrooge by Christmas Day? This comedy is a festive rollercoaster of humor, perfect for those seeking a jolly good time this holiday season!

December 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22

Auditions: October 14 & 15 at 7 PM



2024 Events

EVENT 1

VALENTINE DINNER THEATRE

FEBR 16th & 17th, 7pm; Febr 18th, 1pm

Celebrate love in style with our Valentine's Day Dinner Theatre, featuring *"Didn't See That Coming,"* an evening of plays by Mark Harvey Levine. With a delicious catered dinner and fantastic live performances, this evening will be full of fun you won't want to miss!

Cash/credit card bar available

Tickets and pricing available by calling the box office



EVENT 5

TABLE GRACE the MUSICAL

Music by Simone Weber,
Book by Simone Weber and Jay Gish

August 8th & 9th; 7 pm \$24

The Loft is pleased to collaborate with Table Grace Ministries of Omaha by providing our stage for part of their musical tour. The musical is loosely based on the mission and impact of Table Grace Ministries through Table Grace Cafe. We meet Pearl, a homeless individual whose life is transformed by the Grace she experiences at the cafe, and she, in turn, offers the same to others.

Ticket information available at the box office



EVENT 2

2023 SEASON REVIEW & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

FEBRUARY 25th

Please join us for our chili cook-off and awards show as we honor our amazing volunteers and look back over the 2023 season, voting for our very own 'Loftescars' winners. Our 2025 line up of shows will also be revealed! Watch for time and details on social media and lofte.org

Free admission; small charge for chili and concessions



EVENT 6

FALL FESTIVAL

September 29th

Enjoy the crisp autumn air and join us for a Fall Festival that's bursting with seasonal charm. There will be a variety of family-friendly activities and entertainment, great food, a craft fair, live music and more as we celebrate the beauty of fall together.

Weather date October 5th



EVENT 3

PAINT & SIP IN THE PAVILION

APR 21st,
JUNE 8th,
AUG 17th,

Come out to our new pavilion and paint a masterpiece under the guidance of our talented scenic designer and instructor, Linda Dabbs. This, all the while sipping on your favorite beverage and relaxing in the beautiful countryside.

Pricing and details available by calling the box office



EVENT 7

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE

NOVEMBER 1st & 2nd, 7pm; 3rd, 1pm

Bring your spy glass, wear your trench coat and prepare to help solve a gruesome murder! You might even be a suspect! But before the ghastly event occurs, enjoy a delicious catered dinner onstage; a cash/credit card bar will be available.

Tickets and pricing available by calling the box office

EVENT 4

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

JUNE 10TH - 15TH, 10am

Internationally known for their work with young artists, the Loft is proud to host the Missoula Children's Theatre free workshop again for the 2024 season. Open auditions for all kids from 1st thru 12th grade will be held on June 10th at 10am.

Live performances June 15th at 3:00pm & 6:00pm

Performance tickets are \$10 for adults; \$5 for children

Calling
all kids!

EVENT 8

VETERANS DAY SALUTE

NOVEMBER 10th; 2pm

The annual tradition of honoring our country's heroes continues at the Loft. Bring your family and friends to this patriotic performance by the Southeast Nebraska Community Band as we thank all who have served.

FREE ADMISSION ~ FREE POPCORN FOR VETERANS



Rent the Pavilion!

Have your event in a beautiful country setting

Weddings

Receptions

Family Gatherings

Live Music Events

Art and Craft Shows



EVENT 9

COOKIES WITH SANTA

December 14th

Hot Cocoa Bar
Pictures with Santa
Crafts
Fun!



Santa Claus is coming to the Loft! Come and join Santa for a jolly afternoon of cookies, sharing wishes, and capturing joyful moments to warm your heart all season long.

Details and pricing available by calling the box office

The Lofte Theatre Order Form

Mail to: Lofte Theatre, PO Box 62, Manley, NE 68403 or pay online (lofte.org/tickets) or by phone

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Ticket Delivery:

- ☐ Email my tickets/Print at home (FREE)
- ☐ Pick-up my tickets at Will Call (FREE)
- ☐ MAIL my tickets (+\$4.50)

FREE PARKING!

Show times

Thursday - Saturday at 7pm
Sundays at 2pm

**Season tickets
available Dec 1st at
www.lofte.org**

Please select show dates below:

Sunshine Express #1	Radium Girls #2	Disney's Beauty & the Beast #3	Escanaba in da Moonlight #4	Moon Over Buffalo #5	Dickens' Christ- mas Carol #6
<input type="radio"/> FR March 22nd	<input type="radio"/> FR May 3rd	<input type="radio"/> SA July 20th	<input type="radio"/> FR Sept 6th	<input type="radio"/> SA Oct 12th	<input type="radio"/> FR Dec 6th
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All Tickets are General Admission Seating

Ticket Option	Quantity	Cost	Total
Season Show Package (All six shows)		\$108	
Single Ticket - Show (#1)		\$24	
Single Ticket - Show (#2)		\$24	
Single Ticket - Show (#3)		\$24	
Single Ticket - Show (#4)		\$24	
Single Ticket - Show (#5)		\$24	
Single Ticket - Show (#6)		\$24	
Tax-Deductible Voluntary Donation (add desired amount)		\$	
"Mail my Tickets" option above - add Postage and Handling		\$ 4.50	
Order Total		\$	

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AVAILABLE FOR
PRIVATE EVENTS AND
COMMERCIAL USE.
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FEES AND AVAILABLE
DATES**

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