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Letter from Leadership

Dear Friends:

Welcome to 2024 and thank YOU for being part of our 28th year! Great art engages us in conversation and dialogue, creates empathy within us, and over time invites us to see the world through the eyes of others. Whidbey Island Center for the Arts is dedicated to creating intersections between extraordinary artists and our audiences because lives are enriched by powerful shared experiences in the arts.

In the fall of 2023, Whidbey Island Center for the Arts was awarded the Theatre Puget Sound Gregory Award for the best theatre in the north Seattle region. This regional recognition is a reflection of our community's interest in great art and does not happen without a village; our village. Congratulations Whidbey Island!

We are so thankful for your support and patronage, and we look forward to seeing you at the theatre soon!



Deana Duncan **Executive Artistic Director**





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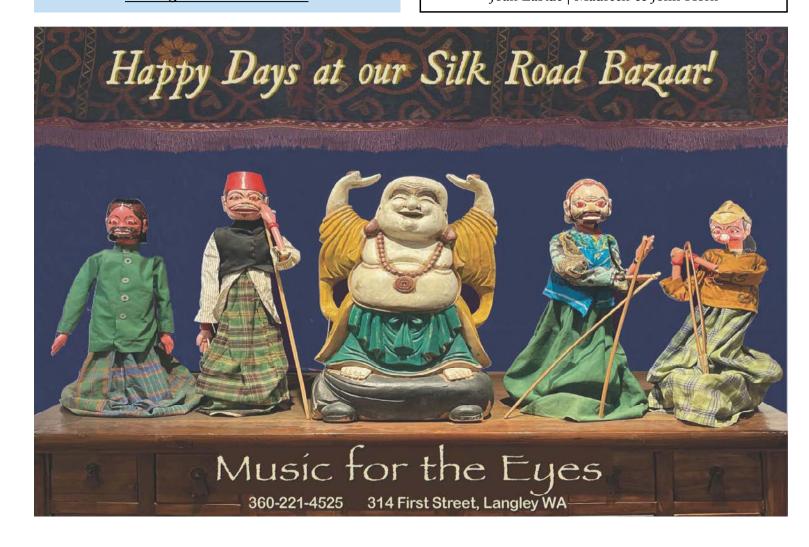
What's our 20 for \$20? We're glad you asked!

For shows designated as a 20 for 20, we hold 20 tickets to be sold for \$20 each to maintain accessibility to patrons of all walks of life. Look for the 20 for 20 circle attached to shows in the brochure!

Tickets available under this program will be sold on a first come/first serve basis through the box office.

This season is made possible, in part, by the Pam & Paul Schell Producer's Circle:

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IANUARY



Celebrated American singer and songwriter **LeRoy Bell** returns to Whidbey Island! This show sells out, so be sure to ticket early!

January 6 | 7:30 PM



WIFF 2024: Screwball Comedies!

VISUAL ARTS

WHIDBEY ISLAND FILM FESTIVAL

January 17 - 21

Seven films, one concert, countless laughs!



Bringing Up Baby
Katharine Hepburn & Cary Grant

His Girl Friday
Cary Grant & Rosalind Russell



Shall We Dance Fred Astaire & Ginger Rogers

What's Up Doc?
Barbara Streisand & Ryan O'neal



Victor Victoria
Julie Andrews



Tim Robbins & Paul Newman

Art of the Score Concert "A Game of Pairs"

James Hinkley, Sheila Weidendorf, Gloria Ferry-Brennan

Full Schedule at WhidbeylslandFilmFestival.org



National Guitar is a Paul Simon tribute band performing a range of Simon's music from Garfunkle to Graceland.

January 12 | 7:30 PM





Celebration of Love in the Currents of the World Evening of Poetry, Flamenco, and Music

Judith Adams, Gloria Ferry-Brennen, Rachel Adams, Eric Mulholland, Peggy Taylor

January 27 | 7.30 PM





Art Historian
Rebecca Albiani will
present the career
of **Alexander Calder**,
best known for his



January 31 | 11:00 AM

HUMANITIES

FEBRUARY



Directed by David Churchill

February 9 - 24 | 7:30 PM Evenings, 2:00 PM Matinees



The Whidbey Island String Trio - Valentine's Concert

With music that is a nod to the past and leap toward the future, **Gideon Freudmann**, **Gloria Ferry-Brennan** and **Aniela Marie Perry** all have a classical foundation and love for musical adventure. Their repertoire includes elegant waltzes, playful blues with forays into bossa nova, swing, hoedowns, and fiddle tunes. Their concerts combine delicate elegance with spontaneous exuberance.

February 14 | 7:30 PM





Folklife

Featuring Jayme Stone, Hannah Read, and Tristan Claridge

Jayme Stone's Folklife treats old field recordings not as time capsules, but as heirloom seeds passed down from a bygone generation. Planting these sturdy seeds in modern soil, this versatile gathering of musicians has cultivated vibrant Sea Island spirituals, Creole calypsos, and stomp-down Appalachian dance tunes for contemporary listeners. They also play entrancing indie-pop originals.

February 29 | 7:30 PM

MARCH



Comedy Night with Andrew Sleighter and Bo Johnson

Seen on Conan, James Corden, Comedy Central and both orginally from Seattle, comedians **Bo Johnson** and **Andrew Sleighter** come to Whidbey Island for a hilarious night of stand-up comedy. Intro by our own **Patrick Moote!** Adult Humor, 18+ only.

March 1 | 7:30 PM



Whidbey Island Orchestra P⁶PS Concert

Whidbey Island Orchestra performs for the love of the music and the opportunity to spread joy. This "Pops" concert showcases the diverse, joyful music the orchestra is known for.

Directed by favorite Guest Conductor Gabriela Garza, the concert celebrates the music we all love!

March 2 | 7:30 PM



Whidbey Repertory Festival: A theatre collaboration between Island Shakespeare Festival and Whidbey Island Center for the Arts

March 7 - 16 | Varied Times - Tickets on sale mid-January

Preliminary Lineup:

Ghosts of Segregation: American Racism Hidden in Plain Sight

A book release and conversation with award-winning photojournalist Richard Frishman.



Photo by Richard Frishman

Gender Play, or what you Will:

Trans/non-binary actor Will and the spirit of William Shakespeare embark on a joyous journey to reclaim the Bard's plays in an original queer glory, inviting you to a 90-minute mystical celebration of self-discovery, tarot, and laughter.



Photo by Timmy Samuel

ProEnglish Theatre Kyiv, Ukraine

THEATRE

A live stream with Alex Borovenskiy, ProEnglish Theatre Artistic Director, and a showcase of their work. Pro-English Theatre promotes Ukrainian actors and culture initiatives in order to enhance international exchange and communication. In February of 2022, due to the war, the theatre was transformed into a bomb shelter for artists and locals.



ProEnglish Theatre

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African-American printmaker and sculptor **Elizabeth Catlett** (1915-2012) moved to Mexico in 1946 and worked for two decades with a printmaking collective devoted to socially-conscious art. Her images of working-class women and mothers of color afford heroic status to the dispossessed.

March 20 | 11:00 AM



An Evening with Gloria Ferry-Brennan, Aniela Perry, and Mark Findlay

Immerse yourself in a night of classical enchantment as a musical tapestry is woven that transcends time and emotion. Experience the raw power and emotional depth of Shostakovich's wartime masterpiece Piano Trio in E Minor. Then let the lush harmonies and intricate melodies of Ravel's Violin Sonata transport you to a world of impressionistic beauty. Experience Beethoven's enchanting Variations on a Theme from Mozart's "The Magic Flute," skillfully interpreted through the interplay of piano and cello. These variations breathe new life into Mozart's magic, creating a spellbinding fusion of two musical giants. And finally, get your musical caffeine fix with Schoenfeld's Café Music. This lively and jazzy piece fuses classical, jazz, and folk influences into a toe-tapping delight. Reserve your seats today and be part of an extraordinary musical experience that will leave you in awe!

March 23 | 7:30 PM

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Trudy Sundberg Lecture Series: Lyla June

Lyla is an Indigenous musician, scholar, and community organizer. She brings her conversation, Architects of Abundance: Indigenous Regenerative Food Systems & the Excavation of Hidden History, to WICA.

This is a Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation presentation.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Seating is limited and available on a first come first served basis.

Doors open at 7:00 PM

March 22 | 7:30 PM

www.LylaJune.com

SNO-ISLE

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Best of Seattle International Comedy Competition

Similar to their New Year's Eve show, SICC brings the best of the best competition alumni for this late March stand up show. Adult humor, 18+ only.

March 30 | 7:30 PM



Justice

Playwright Lauren Gunderson, of *The* Revolutionists, brings JUSTICE in partnership with award-winning composer/ lyricist duo Bree Lowdermilk and Kait Kerrigan. JUSTICE features the "firsts" of the Supreme Court Justices. In an intimate, epic new musical built with sweeping songs, urgent conversations about equality, and deeply relatable heroines, JUSTICE explores the first women on the U.S. Supreme Court: Sandra Day O'Connor, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Sonia Sotomayor, at the height of their influence. They confront and comfort each other about equal justice under the law, legal strategy, civic responsibility, as well as husbands, motherhood, kids, dreams, and sorrows, all while setting a new course for our country and the world.

Directed by Rose Woods
Musical Direction by Sheila Weidendorf

April 11 - 27 | 7:30 PM Evenings 2:00 PM Matinees



JUSTICE

A MUSICAL

Book by Lauren Gunderson

Music by Bree Lowdermilk Lyrics by Kait Kerrigan

Directed by Rose Woods Musical Direction by Sheila Weidendorf

20 HUMANITIES

Center Conversation Series: Bobbe Bridge and Mary Yu

An onstage conversation between retired Washington State Supreme Court Justice Bobbe Bridge and sitting Washington State Supreme Court Justice Mary Yu on how the groundbreaking work of women Supreme Court Justices relates to the courts today. Followed by an audience Q&A.

April 21 | Following the Justice matinee - 3:30 PM





MAY

Whidbey Island Dance Theatre Celebration of Dance 2024

Body, action, space, time, energy and music. These are the elements of a good dance performance, where it all comes together in a beautiful synergy of movement. It tells a story, evokes emotion and takes one's breath away. Leap over to WICA and Celebrate the Dance!

May 3 | 7:30 PM, May 4 | 2:00 PM, 7:30 PM

Whidbey Jazz Residency Returns! for Spring Swing and a Birthday Thing

Whidbey Jazz Residency returns for another stellar musical weekend with more special guests and surprises. Friday, some of the SWHS jazz band members, handpicked by Chris Harshman, will sit in with the group to play.

Saturday will have special guests AND we will be celebrating our beloved Deana Duncan's birthday! There will be cake and champagne at intermission. We'd love to have you join us!

May 10, 11 | 7:30 PM

Wildfire on Whidbey: Thinking about the Unthinkable

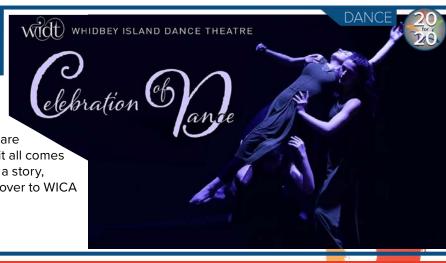
Did the horrific fire in Lahaina last summer, or the destruction of Paradise, California, or any of the other big fires lately cause you to stop and wonder, "Could it happen here"? **Whidbey Climate Action** has been looking into that question and asking: How is climate change increasing wildfires here in the West?



There are things all of us can do to understand and help reduce the danger. The first step is to come to WICA, which has graciously agreed to co-produce this conference alongside Whidbey Climate Action, and learn about all of this.

May 18 | 9 AM - 5 PM

HUMANITIES





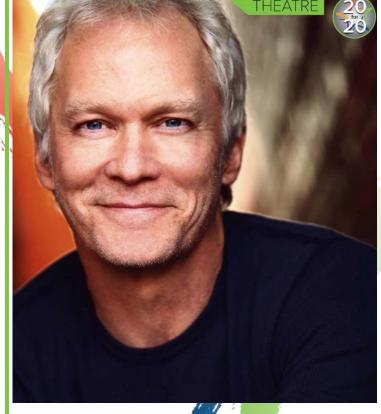


Art Talks - Undiminished: Elder Artists from Michelangelo to Jacob Lawrence

Rebecca Albiani delves into the world of those artists blessed with longevity who battled loss, ill health, or dementia and continued to produce works as radiant as Monet's water lilies. From Chardin to Goya, from O'Keeffe to De Kooning, many great artists worked with undiminished creativity and thoroughgoing wonder well into their elder years.

May 22 | 11:00 AM

NEW WORKS



Leave Your Fears Here

In this intensely personal one-man play, actor James Morrison recounts his beloved son's struggle with, and ultimate recovery from, brain cancer. It is a tale of losing a language and learning a new one, of a child teaching the parent, and the power of hope in the darkest of times. James takes you on a journey that affirms love and human connection as the antidote to fear and despair. Directed by Robert Egan.

June 13 - 16 | 7:30 PM, 2:00 PM Matinee

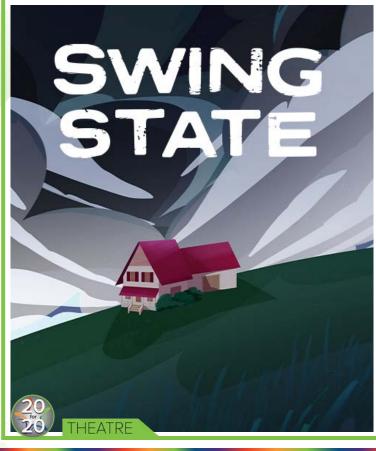
JUNE

Swing State - Staged Reading

Rights Pending

This new American play is just off Broadway and onto our stage in a professional stage reading directed by Vito Zingarelli. In 'Swing State,' Rebecca Gilman looks for hope to outweigh despair in this contemporary portrait of America's heartland in a time when it feels like everyone's way of life is in danger of disappearing.

June 20 - 23 | 7:30 PM, 2:00 PM Matinee



Casino Night at the Muniz House!

Enjoy an evening of gambling and socializing! Use your chips at the end of the night for your chance at incredible door prizes!

June 15 | Evening \$250 / entry - Event is a WICA fundraiser



WICA's annual Gala & Fundraiser | June 1

<u>Happy Hours</u> begin June 21 Fridays + Saturdays from 5 - 7 PM through August

Summer Nights Series begins July 5

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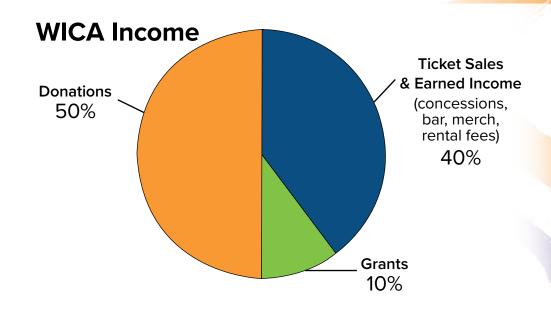
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Our opening in 1996 was a direct result of artists and donors wanting to bring a world-class performing arts center to Whidbey Island. We are so grateful to all our stakeholders who continue to support us and our mission to enhance lives. Please consider not only purchasing tickets but donating a gift of any size to help Whidbey Island Center for the Arts remain a vital and vibrant part of the community.



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About Whidbey Island Center for the Arts

Mission

We enrich lives by creating powerful shared experiences through the arts.

Vision

Art is at the heart of our community, inspiring, expanding and deepening our shared humanity and sense of belonging.

Core Values

Artistic Excellence

We believe great art can be life-changing. We constantly seek new ways to stay responsive to our artists and audience.

Community

The Whidbey Island Center for the Arts is here as a community resource for all. We dedicate resources to protecting the arts in all their forms and with all organizations.

Jusice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion (JEDI)

We are committed to access to programming for all.

We are humbled by the anti-racism work taking place on Whidbey Island and we pledge continued training and resources to embed JEDI principles within our organization.

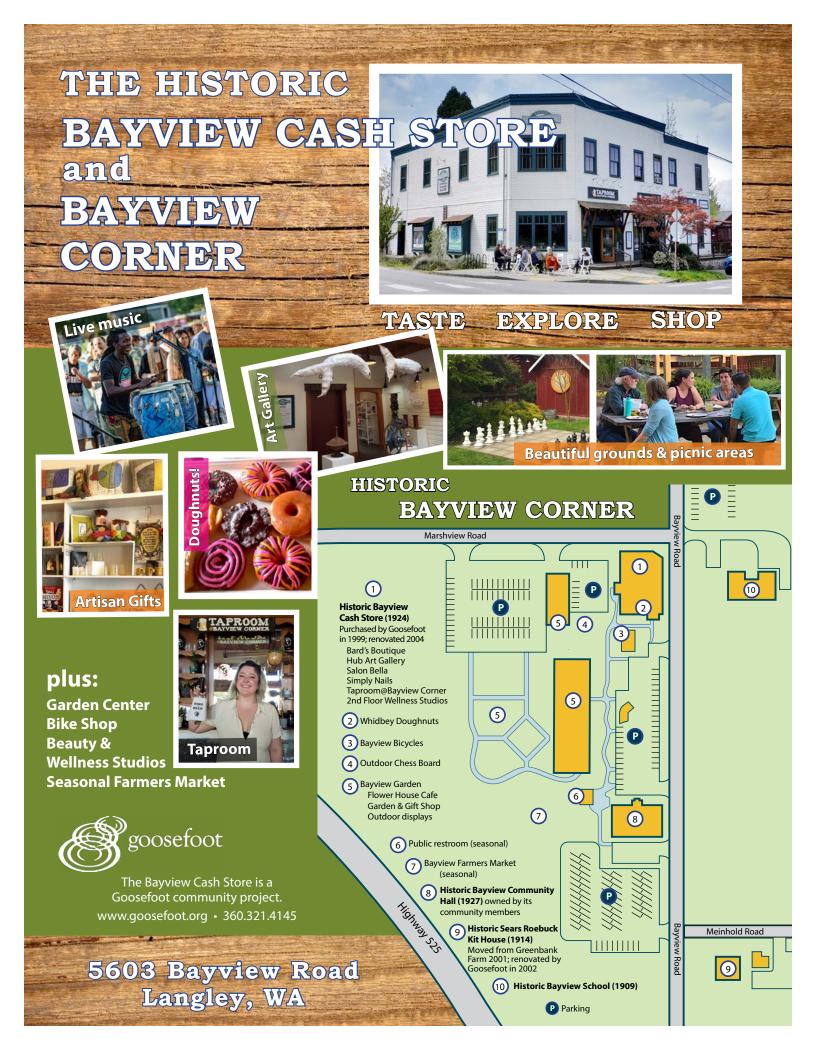
Fiscal Responsibility

Expert financial management produces long-term sustainability. Today WICA is financially strong and is putting into place the systems to remain strong.

For more information on our Center and our programming, please visit our website at www.WICAonline.org

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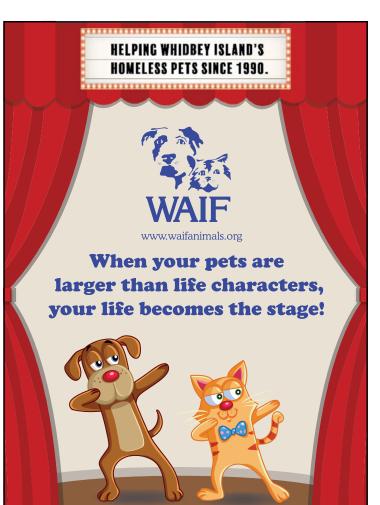


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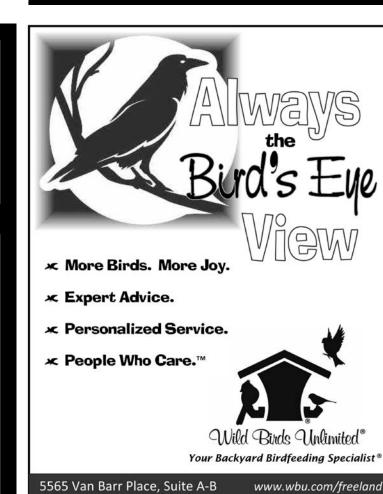


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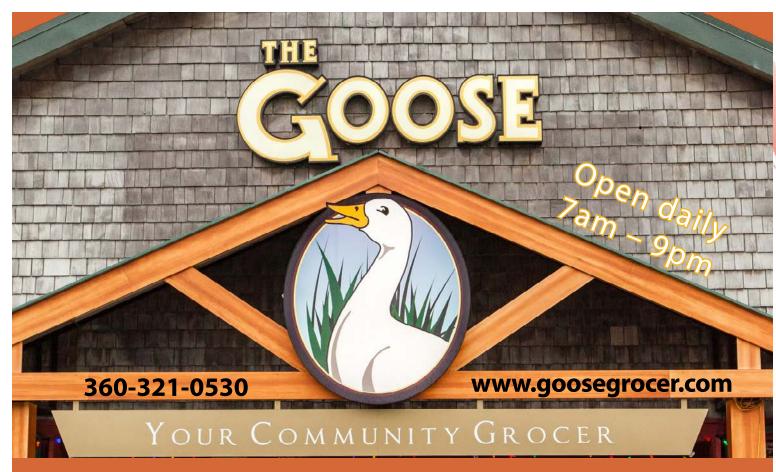
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	January 6	7:30 PM	LeRoy Bell in Concert	\$45/\$30	20 26	
	January 12	7:30 PM	National Guitar - a Paul Simon Tribute Band	\$45/\$30	20 20	
	January 17 - 21	Varied	Whidbey Island Film Festival (WIFF): Screwball Comedies!	Varied		
	January 21	3:00 PM	The Art of the Score: A Game of Pairs WIFF Concert	\$45/\$30	20 20	
	January 24, 25	7:30 PM	Bluegrass Festival! Tony Furtado Trio / Stephanie Schneiderman	\$45/\$30	20 20	
11/11/11	January 27	7:30 PM	Celebration of Love in the Currents of the World	\$45/\$30	20 26	
	January 31	11:00 AM	Art Talks - Alexander Calder	\$28/ ^{\$} 18		
	February 9 - 24	7:30 PM, 2:00 PM	Sleuth by Anthony Shaffer Theatre Series	\$45/30, \$35/25	20 20	
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	March 2	7:30 PM	Whidbey Island Orchestra P ⁶ PS Concert	\$45/\$30	20 20	
	March 7 - 16	7:30 PM, 2:00 PM	Whidbey Repertory Festival - 2nd Annual	\$45/\$30/Varied	20	
	March 20	11:00 AM	Art Talks - Special Reservations: Elizabeth Catlett	\$28/ ^{\$} 18		
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	March 23	7:30 PM	An Evening with Gloria Ferry-Brennan, Aniela Perry, and Mark Findlay	\$45/\$30	20 26	
	March 26, 27	Evenings	Roots So Deep - Film and Conversation	\$30/ <i>\$</i> 20		
	March 30	7:30 PM	Seattle International Comedy Competition: Best Of	\$45/\$30	20 26	
	April 11 - 27	5:00 - 7:00 PM	Justices - a new Musical by Lauren Gunderson Theatre Series	\$45/30, \$35/25	20	
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	May 3, 4	7:30 PM, 2:00 PM	Whidbey Island Dance Theatre - Celebration of Dance	\$45/\$30	20	
	May 10, 11	7:30 PM	Whidbey Jazz Residency Returns!	\$45/\$30	20 26	
	May 18	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Fire Conference	\$20 all seats		
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	June 1	5:00 - 9:00 PM	Annual Fundraiser and Gala	\$200 / seat		
	June 13 - 16	7:30 PM, 2:00 PM	Leave Your Fears Here - James Morrison one-man show	\$45/30, \$35/25	20 26	
	June 15	Evening	Casino Night at the Muniz (Home) Casino! WICA Fundraiser	\$250 / entry		
	June 20 - 23	7:30 PM, 2:00 PM	Swing State by Rebecca Gilman Theatre Series	\$45/30, \$35/25	20 20	
	June 21	5:00 - 7:00 PM	Happy Hours Begin! Friday, Saturday nights through August	Free to attend		
		Whidbey Island Center for the Arts ticket buying and box office information				

All of our tickets are sold online through the event pages on our website, WICAonline.org and through our Box Office: 360-221-8268, tickets@WICAonline.org

Thanks to our amazing donors, we offer free admission to those 18 years of age and younger to most of our shows.

Additionally, shows which are a part of our 20 for 20 program have 20 total tickets available to be sold for \$20 each to ensure increased accessibility to the arts for our community members.

Purchasing a WICA Star ticket helps us pay the artist fees, and gives the holder a complimentary beverage from the bar.

If you need help please call the box office! We are very happy to assist you over the phone or in person. Our box office hours are Tuesday through Friday from Noon to 5:30 PM, as well as an hour before the opening of any show. Call us for the best value on your tickets and for the most comprehensive help in securing the seats you want for the shows you want to see! And if we don't answer, leave a message and we'll call you back!



