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Broadway Center Announces 2017-18 Season with more than 30 Events: Ben Harper & The Innocent Criminals, The Hip-Hop Nutcracker, An Evening of Classic Lily Tomlin, Paula Poundstone, Ira Glass, and More!

Tacoma, Wash. – With more than thirty shows coming to Tacoma’s stages, the Broadway Center’s 34th Season presents a diverse and exciting array of performers and entertainers. From unique concerts starring Ben Harper & The Innocent Criminals, Terri Clark, and The Weepies, to hilarious comedians including Brian Regan, Lily Tomlin, and the Capitol Steps, and family oriented spectacles like The Hip-Hop Nutcracker, Snowkus Pocus, and Shadow Theatre Fireflies, the 2017-18 season is full of unforgettable live performance celebrating the artistic spirit.

Early Access & Discounted Tickets: Broadway Center offers the largest discount on ticket subscriptions (up to 30%) to patrons who combine the benefits of [Membership](#) and [Subscription](#). With more than 30 performances to choose from, Broadway Center offers an array of events to look forward to – and the more shows you buy as a Member and Subscriber, the more you’ll save. Season Subscriptions are on sale now – to order call the Broadway Center Box Office at 253.591.5894.

Broadway Center’s 2017-18 Season

JULY

- 8** [**BenDeLaCreme: *Inferno A-Go-Go***](#) | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$19, \$29, \$39
BenDeLaCreme blends song, puppetry, razor wit and her signature high-camp hijinks to create an evening of entertainment about an eternity of suffering!
- 21** [**Ben Harper & The Innocent Criminals**](#) | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$55, \$75, \$99, \$129
See the internationally acclaimed Grammy Award-winning musician, songwriter, and guitarist as his world tour stops in Tacoma!
- 28** [**Brian Regan**](#) | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$62.50
Striking the perfect balance of sophisticated writing and physicality, Regan is a proficient comedian known for turning mundane life into hilarious stories and unforgettable jokes.

AUGUST

- 5** [**Brew Five Three: Tacoma’s Beer & Blues Festival**](#) * | Block Party on Broadway 11th
Tickets: Advance: \$25; Designated Driver Ticket*: \$10
Enjoy 30+ Washington State brewers and cideries, fabulous food trucks, and a showcase of great tunes – it’s downtown Tacoma’s signature beer festival.

11 [Terri Clark](#) | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$29, \$40, \$55, \$69

One of country music's most beloved female performers, this country music sensation has a voice to be reckoned with and a songbook that is unrivalled.

26 [Stephanie Trick and Paolo Alderighi](#) | Theater on the Square | Tickets: \$75

A dynamic classic jazz duo featuring a rising star of stride piano and Italy's leading jazz pianists join together in supporting the Broadway Center's Centennial Campaign.

SEPTEMBER

23 [The Capitol Steps](#) | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$19, \$40, \$55, \$69

Putting the *Mock* into *Democracy*! If you've ever wanted to see Hillary Clinton sing a show tune, President Donald Trump rock a ballad, or Chris Christie perform classical ballet, this is a lighthearted show full of laughter waiting just for you!

OCTOBER

13 [A Night with Janis Joplin](#) | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$55, \$75, \$99, \$129

Experience this unique musical live as the queen of rock & roll leads you on a musical journey through her influences and unforgettable hits.

22 [Take Me To The River Memphis Soul and Rhythm & Blues Revue](#) | Pantages Theater
Tickets: \$19, \$30, \$40, \$59

Featuring all-star musicians, celebrating the soul of American music through the inter-generational and interracial musical influence of Memphis' storied music scene.

27 [Tinder LIVE with Lane Moore](#) | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$19, \$25, \$39

The only comedy show exploring the crazy world of dating apps. See the world of online love as never before – with sweet and often hysterical results.

NOVEMBER

3 [Improvised Shakespeare](#) | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$19, \$29, \$35, \$49

Watch as a full Shakespearean masterpiece is gleefully improvised right before your very eyes. All of the dialogue is spoken for the first time, the characters are created in real time, and if every you're wondering where the story is going . . . so are the actors!

12 [The Hip-Hop Nutcracker with MC Kurtis Blow](#) | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$19, \$40, \$55, \$69

A holiday mash-up for the entire family, it's a contemporary re-imagination of Tchaikovsky's timeless music, blending artistic styles to celebrate the original material – with a decidedly modern twist.

18 [Hari Kondabolu](#) | Theater on the Square | Tickets: \$19, \$32, \$44

A stand-up star in the making, Kondabolu delivers side-splitting and incisive commentary on current affairs, taking on each topic with a razor wit that makes even the most serious subjects fodder for a comedic takedown.

25 **Cirque-tacular's SNOWKUS POCUS** | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$19, \$29, \$35, \$49
This lovely family-friendly story brings stunning cirque, breathtaking ballet, and incredible acrobatics to life with a sense of wonder, joy, and a touch of magic.

26 **A Charlie Brown Christmas LIVE** | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$19, \$40, \$55, \$69
The Emmy® and Peabody award-winning story comes to life in this national tour stage adaptation featuring Charlie Brown, Snoopy, and all of your favorite Peanuts characters.

DECEMBER

9 **Seattle Men's Chorus** | Rialto Theater | Tickets: \$32, \$42, \$55
A concert of heartfelt holiday magic sprinkled with festive humor, beloved carols, soaring holiday classics, and the antics you expect from this local tradition!

16 **An Evening with Lily Tomlin** | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$39, \$59, \$89, \$110
America's foremost comedienne, celebrated comedy legend Lily Tomlin brings her timeless characters, from Ernestine to Mrs. Beasley to Edith Ann, to the stage.

17 **Film Focus: The Muppet Christmas Carol*** | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$10
The family holiday classic starring Michael Caine puts a madcap Muppets spin on Dickens' timeless tale.

JANUARY

7 **Film Focus: Marry Poppins*** | Theater on the Square | Tickets: \$7
One of Julie Andrews' signature roles, the heartwarming film about a magical nanny who uses song and a spoonful of adventure to bring a family closer together.

13 **L.A. Theatreworks' The Mountaintop** | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$19, \$40, \$55, \$69
Winner of the prestigious Olivier Award for Best New Play, witness the human side and range of emotions felt by Martin Luther King Jr. in his final hours.

27 **Marc Cohn with the Blind Boys of Alabama** | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$19, \$40, \$55, \$69
Marc Cohn is a natural storyteller & brilliant tunesmith, and, joined on tour by the Blind Boys of Alabama, their exuberant and poignant music will make for a memorable concert event.

27 **The Velveteen Rabbit, Reborn** | Theater on the Square | Tickets: \$12, \$22
A young boy's love and a little nursery magic help transform the Velveteen Rabbit from a favorite plaything into a real rabbit in this classic retelling of one of America's favorite storybooks.

FEBRUARY

17 **Disenchanted!** | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$39, \$59, \$85, \$110
Snow White and her posse of disenchanted princesses have come back to set the record straight on the stories you think you know in the hilarious hit musical that's anything but Grimm.

20-25

Thurgood | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$14, \$24, \$44

George Stevens Jr.'s award winning, one-man play tells the amazing true story of Thurgood Marshall through the flashpoints in his life: from his childhood in Baltimore, to law school, his rise to the Supreme Court, and his role in the civil rights movement.

23

Michael Feinstein | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$39, \$59, \$79, \$95

From Gershwin to Sinatra and back again, Michael Feinstein has built a dazzling career over the last three decades, bringing the music of the Great American songbook to the world as a singer-pianist.

MARCH

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Paula Poundstone | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$19, \$32, \$49, \$62

Heralded as one of our country's foremost comics, Poundstone's quick-thinking, unscripted approach to comedy makes for a perfect evening as she engages with audience members, crafting jokes on the fly – but never at anyone's expense.

24

Twilight Zone Unscripted | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$19, \$29, \$35, \$49

Travel from the darkest corners of reality to the land of the unexplained in a completely improvised show mimicking the style of classic 60's sci-fi television shows.

18

Star Chefs on Broadway: The Lalapazaza Speakeasy | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$235, VIP Tickets: \$600

Discover the password to get into this speakeasy – where you'll enjoy decadent dishes, drinks so tasty they should be prohibited, and auctions featuring local and one-of-a-kind items benefitting Arts Education Programs.

APRIL

10

Cabaret | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$55, \$75, \$99, \$129

Leave your troubles outside — life is beautiful at CABARET! Come hear some of the most memorable songs in theater history in the Tony-winning musical about following your heart while the world loses its way.

29

Shadow Theatre Fireflies | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$19, \$29, \$35, \$44

Acrobats & tumblers create machines, animals and trees, as well as human characters with their bodies in this breathtaking visual experience.

MAY

5

An Evening with David Sedaris | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$29, \$49, \$69, \$85

With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, David Sedaris has become one of America's pre-eminent humor writers.

- 6 **Dixie's Tupperware Party** | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$19, \$29, \$42, \$55
Join Dixie as she travels the country throwing good ol'fashioned Tupperware Parties filled with outrageously funny tales, FREE giveaways, audience participation and the most fabulous assortment of Tupperware ever sold on a theater stage.
- 18 **The Weepies: Hideaway 10 Year Anniversary Tour** | Rialto Theater | Tickets: \$29, \$39, \$49
Folk pop duo who have earned critical acclaim with their mesmerizing layered harmonies and soulful, emotional lyrics.

JUNE

- 24 **Seven Things I've Learned: An Evening with Ira Glass** | Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$29, \$49, \$69, \$85
Using audio clips, music, and video, Ira Glass delivers a unique talk, sharing lessons from his life and career, answering many of the creative questions faced by the best storytellers.

** Indicates special event; subscription discounts do not apply.*

Subscriptions and Membership

Season subscriptions are on sale now! Subscribers may choose three shows to save 10%, five shows to save 15%, or seven or more shows to save 20%. Plus, when subscribers become Applause Members (or above), they access an extra 10% discount on their subscription package– up to 30% off tickets when purchasing seven or more events! Call the Broadway Center Box Office at 253.591.5894 to purchase season subscriptions or to become a Broadway Center Member.

Single Tickets

Single tickets are on sale now for [BenDeLaCreme: Inferno A-Go-Go](#) on July 8, [Ben Harper & The Innocent Criminals](#) on July 21, [Brian Regan](#) on July 28, [Brew Five Three: Tacoma's Beer & Blues Festival](#) on August 5, [Terri Clark](#) on August 11, and [Stephanie Trick and Paolo Alderighi](#) on August 26.

Single tickets for all other events will go on sale for Broadway Center Members on **July 11 at 11:00 a.m.** for the 2017-18 Season and for the general public on **July 18 at 11:00 a.m.** To purchase single tickets, visit Broadway Center's website at www.broadwaycenter.org, call 253.591.5894, or stop by the [Broadway Center Box Office](#) at 901 Broadway in downtown Tacoma.

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