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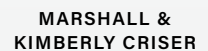
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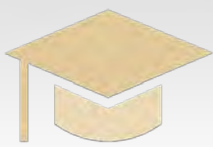


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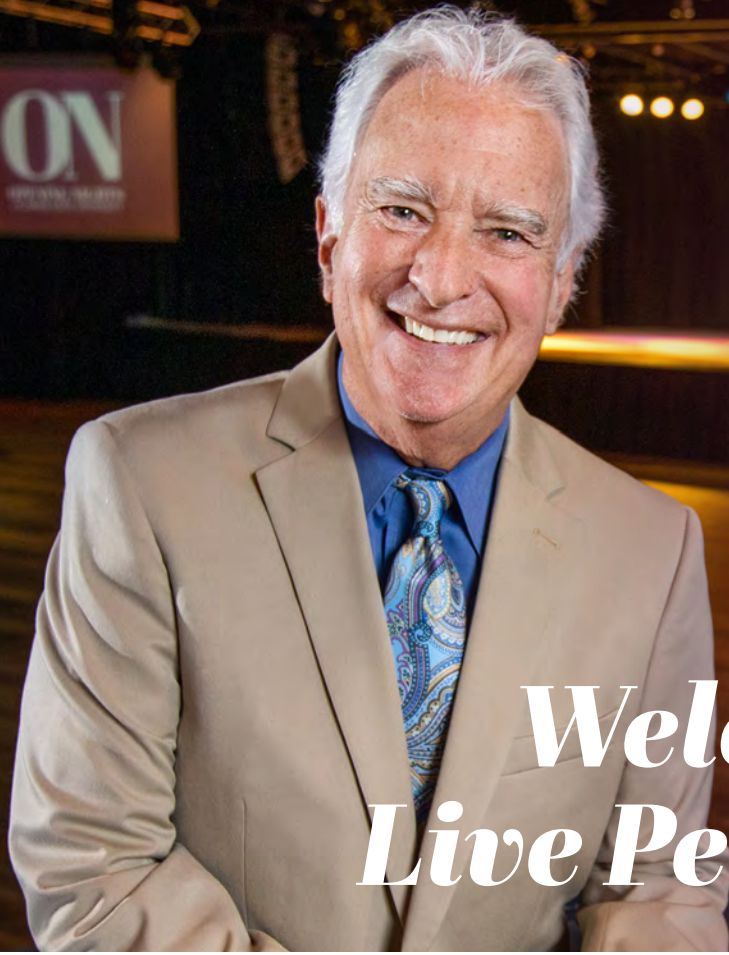
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Florida State is ranked No. 9 in the nation among public universities that offer high-quality education at an affordable price, according to Kiplinger's annual list of Best Values in Public Colleges.



Welcome Back to Live Performances!

We continue our 2021 performances with *Ricky Nelson Remembered* starring Nelson's twin sons Matthew and Gunnar in a multi-media tribute performance honoring their father's impact on the music world.

Please note that we have made a few adjustments to our health and safety protocols. Facemasks must be worn at all times inside the venue, including while sitting during the performance. To assure that masks are worn at all times, we have suspended beverage service at The Moon. We hope to bring beverage service back again when conditions allow.

Tickets to our Spring performances are now on sale to the public. These shows include Max Weinberg, famed drummer for Bruce Springsteen & The E-Street Band; fan-favorite humorist Jeanne Robertson; young and energetic punk-folk group Streetlight Cadence; Celtic

sensation Máiréad Nesbitt Ensemble; muralist and Chain of Parks Art Festival Presenting Artist Michael Rosato and up-and-coming violin reggae crossover duo Sons of Mýstro.

We look forward to welcoming you to our shows in a way that ensures the arts can be enjoyed safely.

Thanks to the support of our sponsors, members and ticket buyers, we are able to continue to present a season of diverse artists and attractions. We appreciate your continued encouragement and belief in the power of live performances.

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UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

FEBRUARY

23 **Ricky Nelson Remembered**
rock & roll

MARCH

4 **Max Weinberg's Jukebox**
rock & roll

6 **Jeanne Robertson**
humorist

27 **Streetlight Cadence**
folk, pop, punk-folk

APRIL

1 **Máiréad Nesbitt Ensemble**
Celtic, instrumental

11 **PRISM**
classical, jazz, marching band, pop

15 **Michael Rosato: Chain of Parks
Art Festival Presenting Artist**
spoken word, visual arts

16 **Sons of Mystro**
crossover, reggae, pop, hip-hop

Cover: Ricky Nelson Remembered: Starring Matthew & Gunnar Nelson

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Ricky Nelson Remembered

Starring Matthew & Gunnar Nelson

A musical celebration of America's first "Teen Idol," Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Ricky Nelson emerged from "The Adventures of Ozzie & Harriet" to establish himself as one of the most important rock artists and influential musicians of the last 50 years, selling over 140 million recordings. The Nelson family legacy continues as Ricky's twins Matthew and Gunnar Nelson present an interactive, multi-media rock & roll concert experience, taking the audience on a musical journey down memory lane. Matthew and Gunnar (triple platinum recording artist Nelson) perform their father's greatest hits including "Poor Little Fool," "Hello Mary Lou," "Travelin' Man," "I'm Walking" and "Garden Party," alongside their self-penned chart toppers "Love & Affection" and "After the Rain." This show is truly a slice of Americana.

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Ricky Nelson with his sons Matthew and Gunnar.

Ricky Nelson Remembered

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Ricky Nelson Remembered is a unique multi-media entertainment event featuring the live music of Ricky Nelson's hit songs (including "Hello Mary Lou", "Travelin' Man", "Garden Party") performed by Ricky's own twin sons Matthew and Gunnar and includes never before seen big screen video footage of the Nelson family with interviews from celebrities influenced by Ricky Nelson. The show appeals to a wide audience and multiple generations and celebrates the life of America's original 'Teen Idol.' This year, 2021 marks the 36th anniversary of Rick Nelson's passing in a tragic New Year's Eve plane crash.

This show stars Matthew and Gunnar Nelson, the identical twin sons of Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Ricky Nelson and grandsons of '50s TV icons Ozzie and Harriet Nelson. When Matthew and Gunnar hit #1 on the Billboard with their rock band Nelson with their self-penned #1 mega hit "(Can't Live Without Your) Love & Affection" it put the Nelson family in the Guinness Book of Worlds as the only family in entertainment history with three generations of #1 hitmakers. With their rock band Nelson, Matthew and Gunnar have five top 40 Billboard hits, four #1 MTV videos and have sold over 6.5 million albums worldwide.

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The world maintains its fascination with America's first family of entertainment, the Nelsons. A&E's *Biography* episode of the Nelson family is still one of the top-rated biography installments. Matthew and Gunnar embraced this fascination by creating a touring show to celebrate the TV Nelsons and the amazing career of their legendary father, Ricky. They share video clips & tell stories about their Hollywood family and perform their father's music live to audiences in Ricky Nelson Remembered while separately touring as Nelson. ■



Ricky Nelson performing with James Kirkland and James Burton

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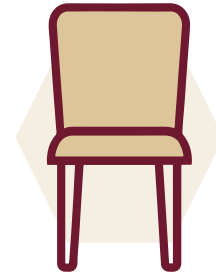
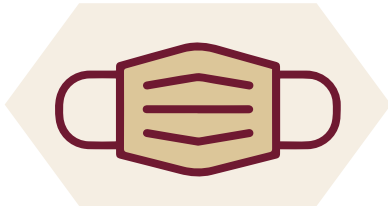
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“None of us knows about tomorrow but all of us know that the bright tomorrow will come and Opening Nights will need to be a part of that.”

SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR THE 2020–21 SEASON

For the health and safety of our patrons, new protocols for performance attendance are being implemented for the Opening Nights 2020–21 Season. Pre-show emails with specific safety requirements will be sent to ticket purchasers prior to each performance.

Opening Nights, in conjunction with venue management, will implement these medically approved best practices.



GENERAL POLICIES

- Please do not attend an Opening Nights performance if you or anyone with whom you have had contact in the last 14 days has symptoms of COVID-19.
- Prior to attending an Opening Nights performance, please review the CDC signs and symptoms.
- Masks are mandatory at all times in The Moon, including while sitting during the performance.
- Patrons will not be allowed to enter The Moon without wearing a mask. Ushers will provide face masks to guests who do not have one.
- All patrons must observe social distancing inside the venue.
- All Opening Nights events are NON-Smoking.
- Persons and bags are subject to screening.
- To ensure masks are being worn at all times, beverages will no longer be served at Opening Nights performances.



VENUE CLEANING PROTOCOLS

- The Moon will be sanitized before and after each event with a full building disinfection ULV fogging system that uses hypochlorous acid at 500 PPM.
- Prior to each performance, high-touched surfaces such as railings, door handles, counters and tables will be cleaned and disinfected.
- After each performance, seat covers will be laundered and sanitized.
- Sanitizing stations will be placed at all entry points.

SEATING AT PERFORMANCES

- To ensure social distancing, for Winter and Spring programs Opening Nights is limiting capacity to roughly 30 percent of the total venue capacity with seats arranged in pairs and groups of four.
- To comply with CDC guidelines on social distancing, patrons will be seated by zone at the appointed time that is indicated on their performance tickets. In consideration of fellow patrons, please promptly arrive at the appointed time on your ticket.
- Late seating is not guaranteed. Latecomers to events will be seated in accordance with the artist's preference or at the discretion of the House Manager and Opening Nights staff.
- Patrons arriving prior to their appointed seating times should remain in their cars.
- When standing in line to enter the venue, please adhere to social distancing of 6 feet.
- While exiting the venue, patrons should maintain social distancing of 6 feet.
- Tickets on the floor and first level will enter and exit through The Moon's west side entrance. All upper level ticket holders will enter through The Moon's front entrance.
- Please do not move chairs or change tables without the assistance of an usher.

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