

SINGERS ON THE *Grand*

presented by
Libby Brandon

**Grand Ledge
Opera House**

**March 3, 2018
6:30 p.m.**

**March 4, 2018
3:00 p.m.**

celebration season





Grand Ledge Opera House

Grand Ledge, Michigan

March 3–4, 2018

Medley from <i>Mary Poppins: The Musical</i>	The Ensemble
A Foggy Day in London Town.....	David Sincox
Gimme, Gimme	Alison Grojean
The Shadow of Your Smile	Charlie Martin
Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend	The ladies of SOTG
Elvis Medley	Dan Templin
I've Got the World on a String.....	Katy McDonough & Bill Atkin
Memory, from <i>Cats</i>	Kathe Leyrer
Come Fly With Me.....	Alison Grojean, Kelly Sandula-Gruner Dan Templin & James Hall
It's Been a Long, Long Time	Dorothea Martin
Order My Steps	The Ensemble
He Never Failed Me Yet	The Ensemble

INTERMISSION

A Nightingale Sang In Berkeley Square	The Ensemble
Old Devil Moon	The Ensemble
Taking a Chance on Love	Kelly Sandula-Gruner
Bye, Bye Blackbird.....	Bill Atkin
Make Believe, from <i>Show Boat</i>	Kathe Leyrer & David Sincox
Sway	Alison Grojean, Katy McDonough & Kelly Sandula-Gruner
New York, New York	The men of SOTG
Whatever Happened to My Part? from <i>Spamalot</i>	Katy McDonough
Feels Like Home.....	Kelly Sandula-Gruner & Dan Templin
You'd Be So Nice to Come Home To.....	The Grand Band
Medley from <i>Jersey Boys</i>	The Ensemble

A look back...



This season marks our 20th revue and we have loved sharing music with our audiences.

1994	<i>Gershwin on the Grand</i>	2006	<i>All-Star Broadway and Pops</i>
1999	<i>Let's Do It</i> (Cole Porter)	2007	<i>Broadway and Beyond</i>
2000	<i>The Song Is You</i> (Jerome Kern)	2008	<i>Broadway...and All That Jazz</i>
2001	<i>Rodgers & Hammerstein... with a Little Bit of Hart</i>	2009	<i>Starring the Standards</i>
2002	<i>Always</i> (Irving Berlin)	2010	<i>Our American Songbook</i>
2003	<i>Singing the Century: from Gershwin to Andrew Lloyd Webber</i>	2011	<i>Mostly Movies</i>
2004	<i>Legends of Broadway and Jazz</i>	2012	<i>American Classics</i>
2005	<i>The Magic of Music</i> With guest magician David Kollar	2013	<i>Toast of the Town</i>
		2014	<i>Takin' the Show on the Road</i>
		2015	<i>Anything Goes!</i>
		2016	<i>All About That Music</i>
		2017	<i>20th Celebration Season</i>

Original vocalists: Bill Atkin, Gary Ford, Deb Meredith DeWitt, Harvey Hoffman, Katy Brandon McDonough, Melissa Brandon Smith, David Songer, Celiarose Varner, Kathleen Leyrer

Original band: Joseph Henig (piano), Phyllis Songer (piano), Marian Stolz (piano), Paul Hunter (trumpet), John Stopper (percussion)



The ensemble, 2003



Dorothea Martin, 2015



Bill DeWitt, 2015

I believe the best American Broadway/popular music is our poetry, memorized to melody, bringing us together as a culture. And to be able to work with these generous and talented musicians, who interpret these songs so well, is simply a joy.

—Libby Brandon



Kathie Leyrer, 1994



Sally Brown & the guys, 2002 *A Simple Melody*



The ladies, 2016 *All That Jazz*



Kelly Sandula-Gruner & James Hall, 2012

Dan Templin, 2014



John Ross, 2015



Barb Frazier, 2015



Pete Murthum, 2015



The ensemble, 2003



Bill Atkin, 2014



Ellen Hoard, 2012



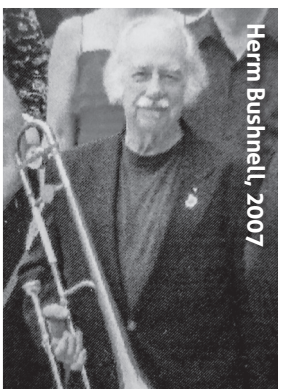
Father-son duo Jonathan & Marty Underhill, 2000 *We're Crooks*



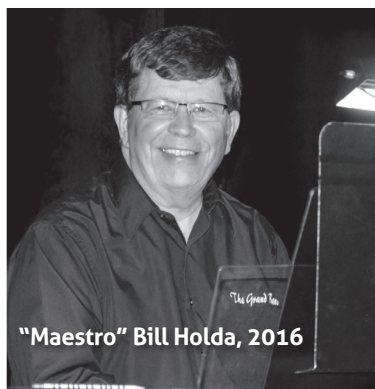
Charlie Martin, 2015



Herm Bushnell, 2007



"Maestro" Bill Holda, 2016





The ensemble, fall 2007
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Jim Kasprzak, 2003



Dave Sincok, 2016



Kathe Leyrer & Marty Underhill, 2003 'Til There Was You



Michael Chan
2013



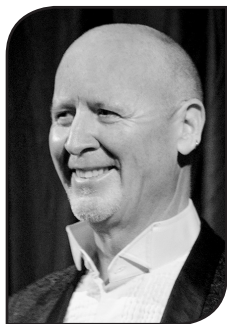
Ladies' trio: Ellen, Katy & Kelly, 2014

I Say a Little Prayer

Past Performers

Gary Ford	1994-2010	Mary Jenks	1999-2000	Sally Brown	2003-2008
Harvey Hoffman	1994-1999	Marty Underhill	1999-2010	Mark Peterson	2004-2005
Melissa Brandon		Sue VanKampen	1999-2007	Chris Eberhart	2005-2006
Smith	1994-2000	Bob Engardio	1999-2015	Abbie Matthews	2007-2011
David Songer	1994-2000	Scott Stearns	2000-2009	Barb Frazier	2008-2016
Celiarose Varner	1994-1999	Jonathan Underhill	2000-2005	Ellen Hoard	2008-2016
Deb DeWitt	guest artist since 1994	Angie Carr	2001	Bill DeWitt	2009-2016
		Herm Bushnell	2001-2014	Rachel Paxton	2011-2013

Vocalists



Bill Atkin

— known as the “Singing Undertaker”, Bill is semi-retired from the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home in Grand Ledge. He has always loved

to sing and had lead roles in musicals in high school and at WMU, including *Little Mary Sunshine*, *Brigadoon*, and *Carnival*. He occasionally worked as a studio vocalist for commercials and fundraisers in the Detroit area, and toured with the Grosse Pointe Chorale. Bill has appeared in *Mudge’s Follies* and *Holiday Wishes* in Grand Ledge, and is a regular soloist at the funeral home. He created and performs a one-man show of popular standards throughout mid-Michigan. Bill is one of the original founding members of Singers on the Grand.



Alison Grojean

— Alison has been singing for almost as long as she’s been talking, starting with *The Wizard of Oz* and Disney songs, and she has enjoyed performing in

many capacities throughout her life. She played trumpet in the Spartan Marching Band and now plays with the Lansing Concert Band. During the past few years she has appeared in shows at Riverwalk, LCC and Peppermint Creek. She is also part of the choir at St. John Church.

Alison teaches middle school language arts at St. Thomas Aquinas School, where she loves singing with her students at weekly masses and helping with the school musicals.



James R. Hall —

James is delighted to be in his eighth year with Singers on the Grand! From barbershop quartets and vocal jazz groups to performances in shows like *Pirates*

of *Penzance* and *Brigadoon*, he enjoys all sorts of vocal harmony. He also currently sings with the Great Lakes Harmony Brigade and he thanks his wife Maureen and his boys Joshua and Patrick for all of their support.

“Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and that which cannot remain silent. —Victor Hugo”



Kathleen

Leyrer — Kathe is one of the original members of Singers on the Grand. She also regularly appears in *Holiday Wishes* in Grand Ledge. Kathe won Best

Supporting Actress for her role as “Mrs. Potiphar” in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at Riverwalk Theatre, where she also performed in *Oliver*. She would like to thank you for coming and supporting live music performances.

“Music is the art which is most nigh to tears and memory. — Oscar Wilde”



Charlie Martin

— Charlie started his love of music playing trumpet and singing in a polka band as a teenager. The group performed on local radio and TV, produced an

album and a 45 rpm record (remember those?). He ventured into musical comedies while studying music in college. Charlie was drafted in the Vietnam War and became an officer and pilot. He recently retired from flying the Blackhawk helicopter for the National Guard in Grand Ledge. Charlie also sings lead in barbershop quartets, and is the Assistant Director for the Capital City Chordsmen barbershop chorus.



Dorothea Floeter Martin

— Dorothea grew up in Grand Ledge where she has been singing alto in several ensembles and church choirs. She has enjoyed

the stage with Singers on the Grand, as well as appearing in *Mudge's Follies* and *Holiday Wishes*. She is having fun discovering where retirement will take her with her husband Charlie. She sends thanks out to her father, Ernst Floeter, for his love and support over the years!



Katy Brandon McDonough

— Katy is an elementary music teacher for Greenville Public Schools, having received her BA in music education and MA in choral

direction from MSU. She is a member of the Flat River Community Players, appearing in and doing musical direction for over 20 musicals. Her last appearance for FRCP was “Domina” in *A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to the Forum*. Katy got started singing in the GL Methodist Church choirs, Grand Ledge schools and doing gigs with her two sisters — thanks to a very supportive stage mom! She has been married to husband Martin for 31 years, and they have two grown children, Ian and Mary.



“Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot do without. —Confucius”



Kelly Sandula-Gruner — Kelly's music career began at age 4 with piano lessons. At age 11, she fell in love with the French horn and has been a proud self-proclaimed

"band geek" ever since! Music has given her the opportunity to travel the world and to meet amazing people. She holds degrees in both music and commercial art and currently works as a graphic designer. She is a long-time member of the Lansing Concert Band (French horn), vocalist with the LCB Jazz Big Band, and you can even catch her fronting the local classic rock band, Party of Seven! Kelly has appeared in several musical revues at Starlight Dinner Theatre, and played "Antonia" in their 2017 production of *Man of La Mancha*. She and her husband David live in the Waverly area with their two energetic boys, Nathan and Declan. She thanks them for their support in all her creative endeavors!



David Sincox — Dave is a familiar face and voice in the Lansing area theatre community and he is excited to be a part of Singers on the Grand. His love for singing

started in elementary school and resulted in his being in numerous choirs, musicals and revues through the years as well as earning a degree in vocal performance. He recently appeared as "The Governor/Innkeeper" in Starlight Dinner Theatre's 2017 award-winning

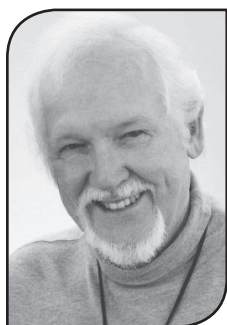
production of *Man of La Mancha*. Dave is Associate Pastor at Olivet Baptist Church in Delhi Township. He divides his time between his music, worship and care ministry there and volunteer work with the amazing men of Endeavor House Ministries. He and fellow musician wife Ann have two grown children, Tad and Abby.



Dan Templin — This is Dan's 12th season with Singers! He loves to entertain, and sings, acts and plays piano with several mid-Michigan performing arts

organizations including Singers on the Grand, the LCB Jazz Big Band, and Starlight Dinner Theater. He is also the tenor in Take Note barbershop quartet of Grand Ledge. Rounding out his musical biography includes membership in First United Methodist Church vocal and bell choirs. By day, Dan is a lawyer, practicing for over 30 years. He thanks his wife, Julie, for her patience and support.

The Grand Band



Don Farnum —

Don's retirement from Michigan State University's chemistry department in 1972 has left him more time for other pleasures, such as the seven

married children, 19 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren he and his second wife, Sandy, share in their blended family. Musical performance has become a large part of retirement! He feels very privileged to be realizing a childhood dream and checking off another "bucket list" item by playing with the fine musicians of Singers on the Grand. Don is also an accompanist and singer with the YAH Singers — a chorus of senior citizens. He plays keyboard with the praise band at a local church where he and Bill Holda often have fun piano/organ duetting! Don hopes for more years to share in bringing joy and inspiration through music.



The Grand Band, 2015



Bill Holda —

Bill began piano lessons at age 8 and organ lessons as a college freshman. He earned a BA degree from Olivet Nazarene University in

Kankakee, IL, and a MBA degree from MSU. While at Olivet, he studied organ with Ovid Young. He was a featured piano soloist with the Kankakee Symphony Orchestra, performing Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*. Since 1973, Bill has been a church organist as well as a featured soloist and accompanist throughout greater Lansing. He is retired from Lansing Community College. He and his wife, Joan, live in DeWitt and enjoy spending time with their family.



Pete Murthum

— Pete has now played the drums for more than 45 years. He recently came to the realization that he doesn't see many "old" drummers, so if

hobbies can keep a guy young then he'll be *forever young* because he enjoys playing so much! Over the years, Pete has performed with Gospel Troubadours, Coventry Players, and the Barn Theatre along with church groups. He is celebrating 15 years with Singers on the Grand, and thanks Libby and all the members for the ongoing opportunity to make great music. He also thanks his family for their continued support.

Producer & Founder



Libby Brandon— Founder of Singers on the Grand, Libby thanks you for attending our 20th production! Libby was one of the co-founders in 1980 of the annual Grand Ledge musical variety show *Mudge's Follies* and continues today as director. From that experience, she realized there were many gifted singers and musicians who had very few venues, other than their churches, in which to perform. Singers on the Grand was formed as a fundraiser for the opening of the Grand Ledge Opera House back in the 90s. With great support from friends, especially Gloria Wilcox and Mike Cordes, and family, especially her husband Dean, and daughter Katy, Singers continues to delight audiences today.

It's wonderful to see our ensemble continue to use their gifts to perform such a variety of great music!

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The Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church, where we hold our rehearsals.

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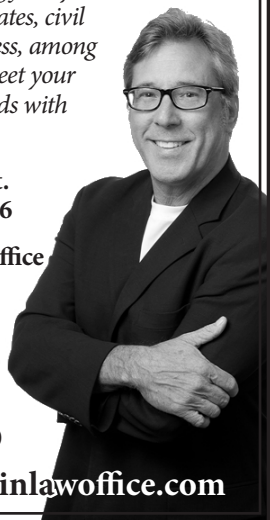
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Gloria Wilcox, Holly Vickers & Jason Dart, 2004

Thank you, Jason, for serving as our stage tech for 19 years!



Our sound expert:
Mike Cordes, 2005



Sue Vankampen



Bill & Katy, 2017



Sally Brown, 2003



HAPPY TUNES — The Singers on the Grand set the tone for the evening as they thrilled the Chamber of Commerce with showtune medleys at its annual dinner. (pictured: l-r, Mark Peterson, Sue Vankampen, Gary Ford, Dorothea Martin, Charlie Martin, Kathleen Buchin, Scott Stearns)

Grand Ledge Independent, 2005

Riverwalk Theatre, 2015



Alison, 2017

Thank you to the dancers who have enhanced our past performances with their craft:

Mark Taylor, Theresa Ross, Mary Vertregt, Louis and Tracy Soma, Michael Chan, Lori Marco, Tina Bender, Chloe Gonzales, Lena Shuptar, and Natalie Simpson.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to Bob Miller, who faithfully video recorded all of our shows through spring 2017.



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Sunday, April 29
3:00 p.m.

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Thursday, May 10
7:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, May 15
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Thank you!

Singers on the Grand and the Grand Band would like to thank the Opera House and Grand Ledge community—this is where it all started!

Loved what you heard? There is one more opportunity to catch our 20th revue celebration, so spread the word!

Saturday, April 21, 2018 • Hannah Center, East Lansing • 7:00 p.m.



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