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***LeAnn Rimes, Sons of Serendip, Celtic Angels Christmas, The Diamonds with
 The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra directed by Bill Tole, and
 The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra***

Are Featured During the 2017-2018 Proudly Presenting Series

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LeAnn Rimes

Sons of Serendip

Celtic Angels Christmas

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**Directed by Bill Tole
 March 10, 2018
 Show at 7:30pm**

**October 7, 2017
 Show at 7:30pm**

**November 4, 2017
 Show at 7:30pm**

**December 9, 2017
 Show at 7:30pm**

**May 12, 2018
 Show at 7:30pm**

LeAnn Rimes will be starting our 24th season of events at Civic Hall Performing Arts Center with the 2017-2018 Proudly Presenting Series. **Sons of Serendip, Celtic Angels Christmas, The Diamonds with The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra directed by Bill Tole** and **The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra** will be rounding out the Proudly Presenting Series for the season.

LeAnn Rimes, scheduled for October 7, 2017 at 7:30pm, is an internationally acclaimed singer and ASCAP award-winning songwriter. Globally, she has sold more than 44 million units, won two Grammy® Awards; 12 Billboard Music Awards; two World Music Awards; three Academy of Country Music Awards; one Country Music Association Award and one Dove Award. At 14, Rimes won "Best New Artist" making her the youngest recipient of a Grammy® Award. LeAnn recently inked a worldwide deal with RCA UK releasing her 16th studio album, *Remnants*, on October 28, 2016. The first single, *The Story*, was released in the UK earlier this summer. She had her first national hit at age 13 with the 1996 release of *Blue*, which remained at the No. 1 spot on Billboard's country albums chart for more than three months. 2016 marks the 20th anniversary of her debut album, *Blue*. Out of the 42 singles she has released throughout her expansive career, LeAnn's song *How Do I Live*, ranks #4 on Billboard's "Greatest of All Time: Hot 100 Songs," and it holds the record for being the second longest charting song ever on the Billboard Hot 100 chart.

The second Series production, **Sons of Serendip**, will be presented on November 4, 2017 at 7:30pm. **Sons of Serendip**, finalist and fan-favorite on season 9 of *America's Got Talent*, is a musical group of four friends, who through a series of serendipitous events, came together in graduate school at Boston University. Micah Christian, a former teacher from Randolph, Massachusetts, is the lead vocalist of the group; Cordaro Rodriguez, a former attorney

from Charlotte, North Carolina, is the pianist and guitarist; Kendall Ramseur, a former cello instructor from Charlotte, NC, is the cellist and vocalist; and Mason Morton, who is a former teacher from Atlanta, GA, is the harpist for the quartet. They have each been playing their instruments since childhood, but in 2014, they came together to begin what they know will be a long beautiful journey of creating music that touches people's hearts. They hope that their music will resonate deeply with listeners and that, in some way, it will make their lives a little better – even if just for a moment.

Scheduled for one performance on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 7:30pm **Celtic Angels Christmas** will be captivating audiences of all ages with the magic of Christmas is in an awe inspiring show which encompasses vocal and instrumental seasonal and Irish favorites along with spectacular world class champion Irish dancing. **Celtic Angels Christmas** features the beautiful vocal quintet Sheeva. The Sheeva members Victoria Kenny, Megan Cassidy, Rachel Smyth, Eimear McCarthy and Karen Tynan all hail from Ireland. Combined with the stunning dance routines of the Celtic Knight Dancers featuring Patrick O'Mahoney of Riverdance; this family show is a holiday celebration of Christmas in Ireland. You will experience Celtic Christmas songs including *Christmas in Killarney*, *The Wexford Carol*, *Once upon a Time in Ireland* and *Oichie Chiuin(Silent Night)* sung in Gaelic the native language of the Celts. Christmas classics will include *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*, *O Holy Night* and *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*. Celebrate the many moods of Christmas with this wonderful production for the holiday season.

The fourth performance for the Proudly Presenting Series is scheduled at 7:30pm on Saturday, March 10, 2018 with **The Diamonds with The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra directed by Bill Tole**. In 1957 **The Diamonds** released an instant million selling hit called *Little Darlin'*. The song continues to sell worldwide and has been dubbed "the National Anthem of Rock and Roll". To date it has sold approximately 20 million copies. Through the years since the release of *Little Darlin'* **The Diamonds** have learned one important lesson—the durability of this classic rock and roll music is as much about the future as it is about the past. As a result, **The Diamonds** continue to expand their audience to this day, performing in a variety of venues and settings worldwide. They love songs they can understand, remember and actually sing the words to—today, tomorrow, or even 20 years from now. **The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra** has performed successfully for decades and is still in great demand all over the world. The leadership has been passed on to Bill Tole who has continued to bring joy to the young and the "young at heart" as they enjoy the sounds of American Music – our history. These two groups will be performing together for a wonderful evening of music at Civic Hall.

The last show in the Proudly Presenting Series is **The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra** on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 7:30pm. **The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra** is the world's only year-round, professional ensemble re-creating "America's Original Music" – the syncopated sounds of early musical theater, silent cinema, and vintage dance. The PRO came into being as the result of Rick Benjamin's 1985 discovery of thousands of turn-of-the-century orchestra scores once belonging to Victrola recording star Arthur Pryor. Over the years the **Paragon Ragtime Orchestra** has been heard on the soundtracks of several motion pictures and television programs. The Orchestra's audio and video recordings have been widely praised, and considered instrumental in rekindling interest in America's rich traditions of theater, cinema, and dance orchestra music. With more than 685 screenings across 48 States and 7 countries, **PRO** is one of the world's foremost silent film accompanists. From Hollywood to Chicago to New York – **PRO** leads the way in designing, producing, and performing silent film programs for delighted modern audiences of all ages.

Season tickets for this outstanding lineup are on sale now. Adult season tickets - \$135, seniors (ages 65+) - \$130, active military - \$90, and student season tickets - \$90. Patrons may order tickets or a season brochure from the Civic Hall Box Office, 380 Hub Etchison Parkway, Richmond, Indiana, 47374. The Box Office telephone numbers are 765-973-3350. The Civic Hall website is at www.civichall.com. Box Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - noon and 1:00 pm - 4:00 p.m. Visa, MasterCard and Discover credit cards are happily accepted. There is a fifty-cent fee for mailing ticket orders and a \$3.00 fee for credit card processing.

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