

# THE HUBER HEADLINER

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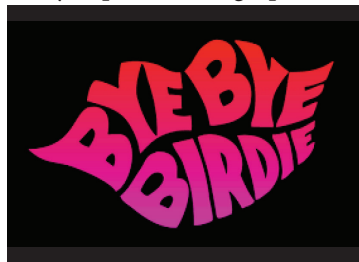
April, May, June 2025

## SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS AT THE HUBER REGISTRATION OPEN!

Once again, the Huber is offering two programs for youth this summer. Younger children (ages 6-12) can attend the KIDZ Day Camp (June 3-12) and will be exposed to many aspects of producing a show. They have experiences with learning stage terminology, creating and using props, helping design set pieces, music instruction, art activities, age appropriate dance instruction and get experience as an actor on stage. The well-rounded theater experience culminates with their performance of Candy Kingdom June 12 at 7 pm.



The Huber Summer Youth Junior Theater Academy serves kids ages 13-20. Their performances of Bye Bye Birdie are scheduled for July 19 & 20. During their academy days (June 17- July 18) they will be actively involved in rehearsals learning how to act, sing and dance or perfecting existing skills. Certified music instructors will guide them through all the music. Age appropriate dance skills will also be included in the curriculum. Participants will be involved in many aspects of stage productions including blocking, costuming, set/props construction, backstage crew, and character development.

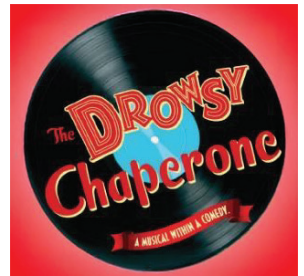


Our participants totally absorb the theater life that will be useful in their future endeavors on stage. The added bonus is the great friendships that are formed during these camps that will last a lifetime.

Part of the Huber Mission Statement is to involve the community and provide learning experiences. Therefore, we have kept our prices for our youth programming relatively low to better serve the area youth and their families. Cost for the KIDZ two-week camp is \$100. The cost for the four-week Junior Academy is \$150. Contact Chris at the Huber Office for information on Scholarships for Summer Programs. Registration forms, specific days of operation, and additional information on the summer youth programs are available at the Huber Office.

## THE DROWSY CHAPERONE

The Huber Opera Lane Performers are producing a hilarious musical, The Drowsy Chaperone, at the Huber Opera House in Hicksville, Ohio, with show dates of March 28, 29 & 30. On Friday and Saturday nights the option of a Dinner Theater is available with catering provided by Grant's starting at 6:00 and show at 7:00. On Sunday a 2:30 Show Only Matinee will round out the weekend.



With the houselights down, a man in a chair (played by Peter Greer) appears on stage and puts on his favorite record: the cast recording of a fictitious 1928 musical. The recording comes to life and The Drowsy Chaperone begins as the man in the chair looks on. Mix in two lovers (Jordan Hammersmith, Summer Schooley) on the eve of their wedding, a bumbling best man (Ryan Hunt, Jr.), a desperate theatre producer (Dan Lehman), a not-so-bright hostess (Kathy Kennedy), a butler (Hal Osmun), two gangsters (James Greer, Jake Evans) posing as pastry chefs, a misguided Don Juan (AJ Lorenzini), an intoxicated chaperone (Stephanie Longbrake), a hopeful starlet (Katie Frame), and an aviatrix (Brooke Schooley) and you have the ingredients for an evening of madcap delight.

Winner of five Tony Awards, including Best Book and Best Original Score, The Drowsy Chaperone is a loving send-up of the Golden Age musical, featuring one show-stopping song and dance number after another by the Ensemble (including Sydney Fogt, Leah Garmater, Joey Greer, Nichole Robinson, Leah Thomas, and Jordys Vance). Hailed by New York Magazine as "The Perfect Broadway Musical," The Drowsy Chaperone is a masterful meta-musical, poking fun at all the tropes that characterize the musical theatre genre. For more information about this show visit [huberoperahouse.org](http://huberoperahouse.org).

The Huber Opera House Mission Statement: To **preserve** the history of the community through building restoration; To **promote** culture in the arts through education, entertainment, and quality programming; To **provide** a community center through participation of volunteers, local schools and organizations

# HICKSVILLE

SESQUICENTENNIAL

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## Living History Concert

Friday, June 6 at 7:00 pm- Sesquicentennial Weekend

Hart's Boys & Girls Band Concert presented by  
American Musical Productions



Celebrate Hicksville's Sesquicentennial with an authentic "living history" concert recreating Hart's Boys and Girls Bands. In 1907, Hicksville jeweler and musician O.V. Hart formed and trained a band of local boys. The band gained local and national notoriety performing at the Huber Opera House, as well as touring throughout the state. When World War One called for the local boys, Professor Hart formed one of the first all-girl concert bands. Hart's Girls Band took toured the country in the 1920s, but always returned to its home base of Hicksville with annual concerts at the Huber.

This exciting concert will pay long overdue tribute to both ensembles. The FREE concert will feature musicians attired in period uniforms. Step back in time to hear the same music your great-grandparents enjoyed; from light classics "Poet and Peasant Overture," to musical comedy selections from the original 1902 Broadway extravaganza "The Wizard of Oz" and, of course, marches by John Philip Sousa!

The Huber is thrilled to collaborate with American Musical Productions, led by Joseph Rubin, on this concert recreation.

**NEW MILLENNIUM JAZZ ORCHESTRA**  
TO PERFORM AT HUBER ON  
APRIL 12 AT 6 PM

## Fort Wayne Festival Choir Concert April 13 at 4pm

The Festival Choir  
Est. 1985  
**2025**  
Psalms, Hymns,  
& Spiritual Songs

## Little Big Band at the Huber on May 3

The Little Big Band is "the little band with the big band sound." The Little Big Band is just what the name implies, a scaled-

down version of the big bands of the 1940's. The bands of that day contained five saxophones, four trumpets, four trombones, a piano, bass and drums. The Little Big Band contains four saxophones, two trumpets, two trombones, piano, bass, vocalist and drums,



but still retains the full big band sound. The band plays a variety of music from Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Tommy Dorsey, Count Basie, as well as swing tunes by Louie Prima and other artists. Whether it is a slow dance you want to do, want a Latin beat, or just to tap your feet, the Little Big Band will supply the music. A free will donation will be accepted to support the Huber. So, no matter if you are dead-hooper or a jive bomber, join us at the Huber on M ay 3 at 7 pm for a full evening of classic and enduring music.

## Summit City Singers Concert May 15 at 7 pm

Summit City Singers will be performing at the Huber on May 15 at 7:00 pm. This group is a Fort Wayne community-based, nonprofit,



SATB choral group formed in 2006. It is open to anyone who has the desire to sing, can attend rehearsals and concerts, and match pitch - no audition required. Summit City Singers rehearse mid-February through early May with spring concerts following in May and June. Rehearsals resume September through early November, with concerts being mid-November to early December. The group performs all types of choral music, both secular and sacred. The objective of the Summit City Singers is to promote music, expand the performance ability of the musicians, and to perform for gatherings in and around the community.

# Mexican Ballet on June 22

Johnson Memorial Library is proud to kick off their Summer Reading Challenge with the El Corazon de Mexico Ballet Folklorico at the beautiful Huber Opera House on June 2nd. El Corazon is a talented traveling troupe that celebrates the history and culture of Mexico through folk dance. Audience members will be treated to a show with lovely music and several colorful costume changes. The show starts at 3pm!



## HUBER KIDZ TO PERFORM Candy Kingdom

We guarantee you won't find a sweeter play than Welcome to Candy Kingdom! This colorful land, including Peppermint Acres, Lollipop Forest, Bubblegum Pass and more, is where all the discarded candy goes to be loved and stay fresh forever. But the Candy Apple family finds themselves in a sticky situation — too much taffy to be allowed in Fruitopia, but too much fruit to be on the approved candy list for Candy Kingdom. They must undertake a perilous journey across the land to petition King and Queen Candybar to allow them to stay. Luckily, they have Jawbreaker and Lifesaver to lead them. Along the way, they encounter helpful candy friends and uncover a nasty plot by Baron Von Licorice to seize control of Candy Kingdom. Can the villainous baron's coup be foiled? And will the Candy Apple family find a welcoming place they can call home?

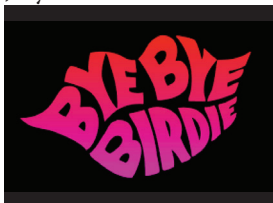


Sprinkled with puns and tons of fun, the show even provides classic melodrama villain and chase music. The performance is on June 12 @ 7:00. A free will offering will be accepted.

The Huber KIDZ Camp will be held 9:30-2:00 on June 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, & 12, for ages 6-12 at the Huber. Registration Forms are available, online at [huberoperahouse.org](http://huberoperahouse.org), at the Huber office or by contacting Chris at [cfeichter54@gmail.com](mailto:cfeichter54@gmail.com). This is a first come, first serve program with a limited number of spots, so early registration is recommended.

## Auditions for Bye Bye Birdie to be Held May 1 & 3

Summer Theater Academy for ages 13-20 will be held at the Huber Opera House in June and July and will produce Bye Bye Birdie. Performance Dates are July 19 & 20. The Academy (rehearsals) will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from June 17 through July 18 at 9:30-3:00. Participants will be actively involved with many



aspects of stage production including, costuming, set production, and character development as well as on stage performing and singing. Auditions for major roles in Bye Bye Birdie will be held on May 1 (6- 8 pm) and May 3 (10 am-noon). Participants who wish to be interns for the KIDZ Camp (June 3-12) can earn credit toward the registration fees for Bye Bye Birdie. Contact Chris for more information on being an intern. Additional information about auditions is posted on the Huber website. Registration Forms for this program are available at the Huber Office or by contacting Chris at [cfeichter54@gmail.com](mailto:cfeichter54@gmail.com)

## ★ Patrons of the Arts and Star Supporters ★

Once again, the Huber is blessed to have wonderful community support through generous donations by our Patrons of the Arts that donate varied amounts to pay the operating expenses (utilities, insurance, maintenance, and repairs) for this year. The Patrons of the Arts contributions have totaled over \$15,000 so far. Without this kind of support, the Huber would not be able to provide the beautiful facility and quality programs for the community. Thank you to all of you who support the Huber by attending events, volunteering time, and for your generous donations.

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# GET THE HUBER HABIT - CALENDAR

- April 12 ..... New Millennium Jazz Orchestra - 6 pm
- April 13 ..... Ft. Wayne Festival Choir Concert - 4pm
- May 1 ..... Auditions for *Bye Bye Birdie* 6-8 pm
- May 3 ..... Auditions for *Bye Bye Birdie* 10 am-noon
- May 3 ..... Little Big Band – 7pm
- May 15 ..... Summit City Singers – 7 pm
- June 2 ..... Mexican Ballet - Sponsored by Johnson Memorial Library – 3 pm
- June 3-12 ..... KIDZ CAMP- ages 6-12
- June 6 ..... Living History Band Concert – 7 pm
- June 12 ..... *Welcome to Candy Kingdom* - KIDZ Show- 7 pm
- June 17 - July 18 ..... Summer Theater Academy- ages 13-20
- July 19 ..... *Bye Bye Birdie* - A Huber Youth Production-7pm
- July 20 ..... *Bye Bye Birdie* - A Huber Youth Production- 2 pm
- July 26 ..... John Mellencamp Tribute
- Sept. 6 ..... Little Big Band – 7 pm
- Sept. 13 ..... Comedian Adam Minnick - 7 pm
- Sept. 18 ..... Senior Saints Concert- 7 pm
- Sept. 20 ..... American Legion Band of Fort Wayne- 7 pm

*For details of Upcoming Shows and Upcoming Events go to [huberoperahouse.org](http://huberoperahouse.org)*

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