

2009 BIG TOP CHAUTAUQUA

6/19 7:30PM NEW FIRST NIGHT 24th SEASON OPENER Join us for Grand Opening Night of our 24th year of music and magic under canvas! On this night we showcase our Blue Canvas Orchestra Players and Singers.

6/20 SHOOTER JENNINGS
OUTLAW COUNTRY \$28

6/24 PIE & POLITICS Free

6/25 BEST OF THE BIG TOP

6/26 RICHIE HAVENS w/HARRY MANX \$38/\$30/\$20

6/27 RIDING THE WIND
Riding the Wind is a musical and big-screen visual portrait of Bayfield with secrets of Red Cliff and Old LaPointe.

6/28 INDIGO GIRLS w/BRANDI CARLILE
\$65/\$55/\$45

7/2 SPECIAL EVENT: BILL MILLER
WITH BLUE CANVAS ORCHESTRA FREE

7/3 THE ROBERT CRAY BAND
w/JOHN NEMETH & BEN GILLMAN \$60/\$50/\$40

7/5 SIMPLY FOLK LIVE BROADCAST
WITH TOM MARTIN ERICKSON w/BCO
& JOHN McCUTCHEON \$26/\$20/\$16

7/8 SONG OF THE SEASONS

7/9 GOV'T MULE All Seats \$44

7/10 AMERICAN STORIES

7/11 BIG BAD VODOO DADDY \$38/\$32/\$24

7/12 LURA \$28/\$24/\$20

7/16 KEB' MO' \$65/\$55/\$45

7/17 SONG OF THE SEASONS

7/18 WILD WOODS & WATERS

7/22 STEVE EARLE \$48/\$40/\$30

7/23 BEST OF THE BIG TOP

7/24 RIDING THE WIND

7/25 MARSHALL TUCKER BAND \$48/\$40/\$30

7/26 RIVERPANTS

7/30 MOON SONGS & MOON SHADOWS:
TRIBUTE TO THE SONGS PAUL SIMON AND CAT STEVENS

7/31 CALL FOR PEACE DANCE & DRUM
w/6 AROUND ONE \$26/\$20/\$16

8/1 LARRY LONG FAMILY Matinee show \$4

8/1 LARRY LONG w/BCO Evening Show

8/2 AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR \$38/\$30/\$20

8/6 WILD WOODS & WATERS

8/7 JOAN BAEZ Grounds Passes at the Tent

8/8 AMERICAN STORIES

8/9 DAILEY & VINCENT w/RISING GAEL
AND BCO \$28/\$22/\$18

8/13 COREY CARLSON

8/14 YONDER MTN STRING BAND All Seats \$38

8/15 SONG OF THE SEASONS

8/16 CHIC GAMINE w/LA BANDA NUEVA
\$26/\$20/\$16

8/19 RIDING THE WIND

8/20 LINCOLN'S LIVING LEGACY
FEATURING BRUCE BURNSIDE & BCO

8/21 SARA WATKINS OF NICKEL CREEK \$28/\$24/\$18

8/22 LINCOLN'S LIVING LEGACY
FEATURING BURNSIDE & BCO SHOWS: 3 & 8:15

8/23 GAELIC STORM \$32/\$26/\$20

8/26 MOON SONGS & MOON SHADOWS:
TRIBUTE TO THE SONGS PAUL SIMON AND CAT STEVENS

8/27 SONGWRITER COMPETITION
Hosted by BCO & Bill Isles

8/28 SINGER/ SONGWRITER SHOWCASE
Darrell Scott, Adrienne Young, Johnsmith and Karen Savoca with Pete Heitzman, Rad Lorkovic, and Dan Sebranek \$28/\$22/\$18

8/29 SUZANNE VEGA \$48/\$40/\$30

8/30 GREG BROWN \$38/\$28/\$22

9/2 GARRISON KEILLOR 2 Shows \$65/\$55/\$45

9/3 WILD WOODS & WATERS

9/4 RIDING THE WIND

9/5 RIVERPANTS

9/6 DIFFERENT DRUMS OF IRELAND
w/McINNIS' KITCHEN \$28/\$24/\$18

9/11 BEST OF THE BIG TOP

9/12 OLD LAST NIGHT COMEDY
BCO, Micheal Perry, Circo Comedia
& Mike Mercury \$28/\$22/\$18

TICKET PRICES

Res. Tickets: \$18 Adult/\$8 Student
General Admission: \$15 Adult
\$4 Student *Unless otherwise noted*

SHOWTIMES

Sun-Thurs showtimes at 7:30 pm
Friday & Saturday at 8:15 pm
Unless otherwise noted

Please phone for the
most current information
888-BIG-TENT
(888-244-8368)
or check our website
at www.bigtop.org

* Chautauqua Original Musical.
Note: All dates subject to change. BCO is Big Top
Chautauqua's Blue Canvas Orchestra & Singers

FREE SHUTTLE!

Available from selected
locations in Ashland,
Washburn and Bayfield.
Go online or call us for details.

Food & Beverage at the Tent

Enjoy dinner or drinks before, during or
after the show! The Mt. Ashwabay
Outdoor Education Foundation offers a
variety of dinner and snack options
beginning at 6:00pm nightly at the tent
and in the smoke-free, air conditioned T-
Bar. Specialties include BBQ ribs, grilled
chicken and fish boil.

Handicapped Accessibility

- **Handicapped accessible seating available** Please make your requirement known when ordering tickets.
- **Handicapped Parking** Please ask parking attendants for special parking areas.
- **On-Site Transportation**
Assistance to the tent via cart is available. Please ask parking attendants or, for Headliner shows, lower gate officials for assistance.

UPCOMING BIG TOP CHAUTAUQUA TOUR DATES

Schedule subject to change. Please contact the individual venues to purchase tickets.

May 10, 2009
Stevens Point, WI
715-345-0471
BCO Unplugged

May 15, 2009
Hayward, WI
(715) 634-4596
Big Top in Concert

May 16, 2009
Center City, MN
651-583-2125
Big Top in Concert

May 17, 2009
Duluth, MN
Weber Hall
Acafellas

May 21, 2009
Minneapolis, MN
612-338-2674
BCO Unplugged

6/11-13, 2009
Sheboygan, WI
920-458-6144
American Stories

6/17, 2009
Minocqua, WI
715-356-9700
Big Top in Concert

6/22, 2009
Woodruff, WI
715-356-5552
Big Top in Concert

6/23, 2009
Antigo, WI
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2009 BIG TOP CHAUTAUQUA

BIG TOP ORIGINAL MUSICALS

The magic of Big Top Chautauqua is in the variety of live musical fun we bring to Mt. Ashwabay. In addition to performers who join us from all over the country, we are pleased to present *Chautauqua Original Musicals* - the heart and soul of Big Top Chautauqua.

These shows, with original songs written by **Warren Nelson**, **Blue Canvas Orchestra members**, and big-screen visuals by **Betty Ferris**, bring the stories of the region to life. Our Blue Canvas Orchestra blends amazing talents to capture regional culture in song. Many of these musicals were originally commissioned by local communities and their civic groups through the **Nelson-Ferris Concert Company**. Enjoy *Chautauqua Original Musicals* this summer under the Big Top and look for us touring the Midwest in the fall, winter and spring.



BEST OF THE BIG TOP

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 7:30PM

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 7:30PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 7:30PM

The famous Blue Canvas Orchestra and Singers breaks out the best of their musical chops, illuminated by the big screen visuals and punctuated by comedy, poetry and stories. This is a high-energy romp through the best of the best, a taste of what the Big Top is - and it is fantastic! Each shows is a different mix of BCO and crowd favorites.

WILD WOODS AND WATERS

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 8:15PM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 7:30PM

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3, 7:30PM

Celebrate the wild side of our nation's waters and landscapes. From the rivers to the Great Lakes, and from the wetlands to the forests, this show features the stories and songs of our greatest natural resources. It is a celebration of these gifts and a call to good stewardship to keep them safe for future generations.



SONG OF THE SEASONS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 7:30PM

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 8:15PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 8:15PM

Travel with the heart and soul of Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua, the Blue Canvas Orchestra, through the changing of the seasons. Each season is introduced by a unique version of Vivaldi's Four Seasons - leave it to the Blue Canvas Orchestra to take classical Vivaldi and put it through the musical wringer to create

something new, slightly "funk-ified" by the outrageous talents of our string orchestra. Add to Vivaldi the original songs of Warren Nelson including the classic "Autumn Fancy" plus the big screen visuals that illustrate the beauty of Wisconsin over all of the glorious seasons. This show is a feast for the eyes and ears - tell your friends!

AMERICAN STORIES

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 8:15PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 8:15PM

Join us for a retrospective of the work of Warren Nelson, Betty Ferris and the Big Top Chautauqua cast that focuses on "the people." These are the stories, the songs and the faces of those who came before - the pioneers, the lumber barons, the lighthouse keepers, the Voyageurs and the Native tribes. This collection of stories comes from some of our favorite shows: "30th Star" - the story of Wisconsin, "Old Minnesota: Song of the North Star," "Keeper of the Light," "On the Velvet," "Centennial Green," "Evening at Chautauqua" and "Riding the Wind."



MOON SONGS & MOON SHADOWS:

TRIBUTE TO THE SONGS OF PAUL SIMON AND CAT STEVENS

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 7:30 PM

Our own Blue Canvas Orchestra performs the songs of two of their favorite singer/songwriters and artists: Paul Simon and Cat Stevens. Some of Paul's most memorable hits include "The Boxer," "Bridge over Troubled Water," "Diamonds on the Soles of her Shoes." Cat Stevens, who has since changed his name to Yusef Islam, is celebrated for the songs of an era including "Moon Shadow," "Peace Train," "Wild World," and "Oh Very Young."



PAUL SIMON & CAT STEVENS
TRIBUTE BY BCO

RIDING THE WIND

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 8:15PM

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 8:15PM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 7:30PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 7:30PM (SPECIAL TIME)

The first Big Top show ever presented and still a favorite, *Riding the Wind* is a musical and big-screen visual portrait of Bayfield, Red Cliff, Old LaPointe and the Apostle Islands.

Warren Nelson's original songs from this show have become classics. Come see it with friends for the first time or as so many have done, see and hear it again and again. *Riding the Wind* never loses its magic. A Nelson-Ferris Concert Company Production.

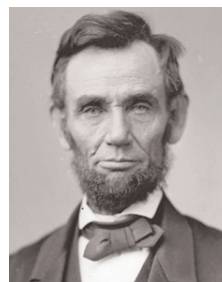


RIVERPANTS

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 7:30PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 7:30PM

North woods humor runs rampant in this laugh-a-minute comedy. Featuring the talents of the Blue Canvas Orchestra, renamed "The Trollers" for this show only, and the comedy of actor/musician Liz Woodworth, as well as Irish dancing ala troller-style - you can expect silliness by the bucket-full. "Anglin' Wayne" says, "I guarantee you'll bag your limit of laughs or your tackle back!" A favorite at the Big Top since 2004.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S LIVING LEGACY: THE FULL MEASURE FOR THE PEOPLE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 7:30PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 3:00 MATINEE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 8:15PM

Born in Galesburg, Illinois and raised in a little stagecoach and river stop village on route to Chicago, Bruce Burnside has listened to, read about and traced down Lincoln stories his entire life. For this 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth Mr. Burnside has combined period music, original songs and melodies, historic visual images and remembrances into a portrait of the man Abraham Lincoln and the hopes and dreams his words and proclamations have birthed in the hearts of Americans.