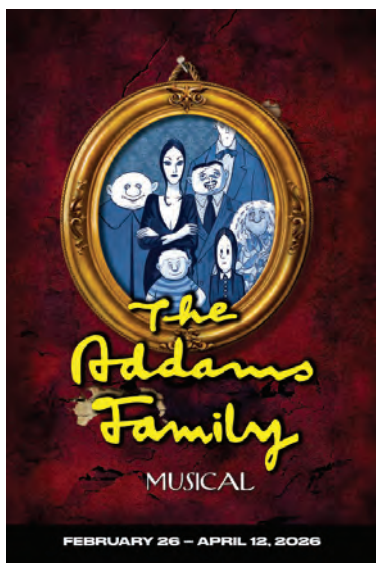


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A NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS AND FRIENDS



"I love it when we bring a new show to our stage, and this one is going to be a winner!"

-- Ed Flesch,
Artistic Director

The
FireSide

They're creepy and they're kooky, mysterious and spooky, They're altogether ooky . . . THE ADDAMS FAMILY!

THE FIRST TIME I BECAME AWARE OF THE ADDAMS FAMILY WAS WHILE READING *THE NEW YORKER* MAGAZINE IN THE EARLY 60'S. The Addams Family is a fictional family created by cartoonist Charles Addams!

The Addams are an eccentric old-money clan who delight in the macabre and the grotesque and are seemingly unaware or unconcerned that other people find them bizarre or frightening. The Addams's view in seeing their family life and interests as normal was a basis for the satire and comedy.

They originally appeared in a series of 150 standalone single-panel comics, about half of which were originally published in *The New Yorker* between 1938 and their creator's death in 1988. I was a big fan and would quickly thumb through *The New Yorker* to find each week's Addams Family cartoon. They were always unique and always very funny!

I must not have been the only avid fan of this comical and spooky family because in September of 1964 ABC premiered a new television sitcom called – what else – THE ADDAMS FAMILY. In 1973 Hanna-Barbera studio created an animated TV series and in 1977 the original TV sitcom cast returned in a TV Movie called Halloween with the New Addams Family.

Then came two wildly popular feature films – *The Addams Family* (1991) and *Addams Family Values* (1993). It was obvious that millions of people loved the Addams Family as much as I did. Yet whoever thought someone would actually write a musical comedy featuring this odd but lovable family?



CELEBRATING 61 YEARS OF KLOPCIC FAMILY HOSPITALITY!

I know I didn't and I've spent my life working in musical theatre. But someone did!!

THE ADDAMS FAMILY is a musical comedy with music and lyrics by Andrew Lippa (who incidentally was the musical director of our 1994 production of ANYTHING GOES) and book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice. Although numerous film and television adaptations of Addams Family cartoons exist, the musical is the first stage show based on the characters.

After a tryout in Chicago in 2009, the musical opened on Broadway in April 2010. THE ADDAMS FAMILY won several awards during its Broadway run including a Drama desk Award, an Outer Critics Circle Award, and the 2010 Drama League Award for Distinguished Achievement in Musical Theatre Award. The show was nominated for two Tony Awards, among other nominations.

Starting February 26th we'll present a brand new production of this hit musical comedy – with the emphasis on comedy. You'll laugh till it hurts and be charmed by the great music and dancing. I'm very excited about doing this show. I love when we bring a new show to our stage, and this one is going to be a winner! Be sure to get your tickets early.

Ed Paul



THE INSIDE SCOOP



Annette Ruffalo may be new to the travel business, but she has it ALL together!

LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER!

The Kenosha Senior Citizens' Council Center features a distinctive organizational structure that has demonstrated considerable success over the years. In 1972, an agreement was established between the City of Kenosha and the School District under Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin Statutes, leading to the formation of the Kenosha Senior Citizens' Council, Inc. as a non-profit entity. Under the direction of The Kenosha Unified School District, a referendum known as Fund 80 was approved to support community programs, including adult education and recreational services, which have benefited the Kenosha Senior Center for many years. All residents of Kenosha aged 55 and older, residing within the School District's boundaries, can obtain an annual membership for only \$12.00, granting them access to various programs and activities held at the center.

Annette Ruffalo joined the Kenosha Unified School District with a degree in Art, an Art History certification, and museum and gallery experience, as well as business, management, and accounting skills. She began in Teaching and Learning working on Gifted and Talented, Language Acquisition, Advanced Placement, and an exceptional program known as Early

College Credit / Start College Now, which allows high school students to earn college credits early through local institutions such as UW Parkside, Carthage College, Herzing University, and Gateway Tech. From there, Annette moved to School Leadership where she collaborated with principals across all levels, training and culture teams, the foreign exchange program, and student ambassadors.

After five years with the district, the position of Program Director at the Kenosha Senior Center opened and Annette knew it would be a great fit for her. In addition to the recreation and fitness choices, they offer a wide range of programs like knitting, art, and wood carving that appealed to her creative and artistic side. She's been at this a year now, and absolutely loves it!

"I'm learning from them," Annette remarked. "This job has helped me grow as a person. The center is more than just a building to our members, it's a place to connect, to tell stories, reminisce with each other about 'old Kenosha.' I feel very fortunate to come in to this excellent program and put my own spin on it."

The Kenosha Senior Center currently has 1,200 members who stay informed through

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the monthly newsletter. There are four activity helpers that take sign-ups, direct people to classes, replenish supplies, give tours and additional activities including a 94 year old woman in her 40th year of helping! They also have an excellent recreational office staff and supportive coordinator.

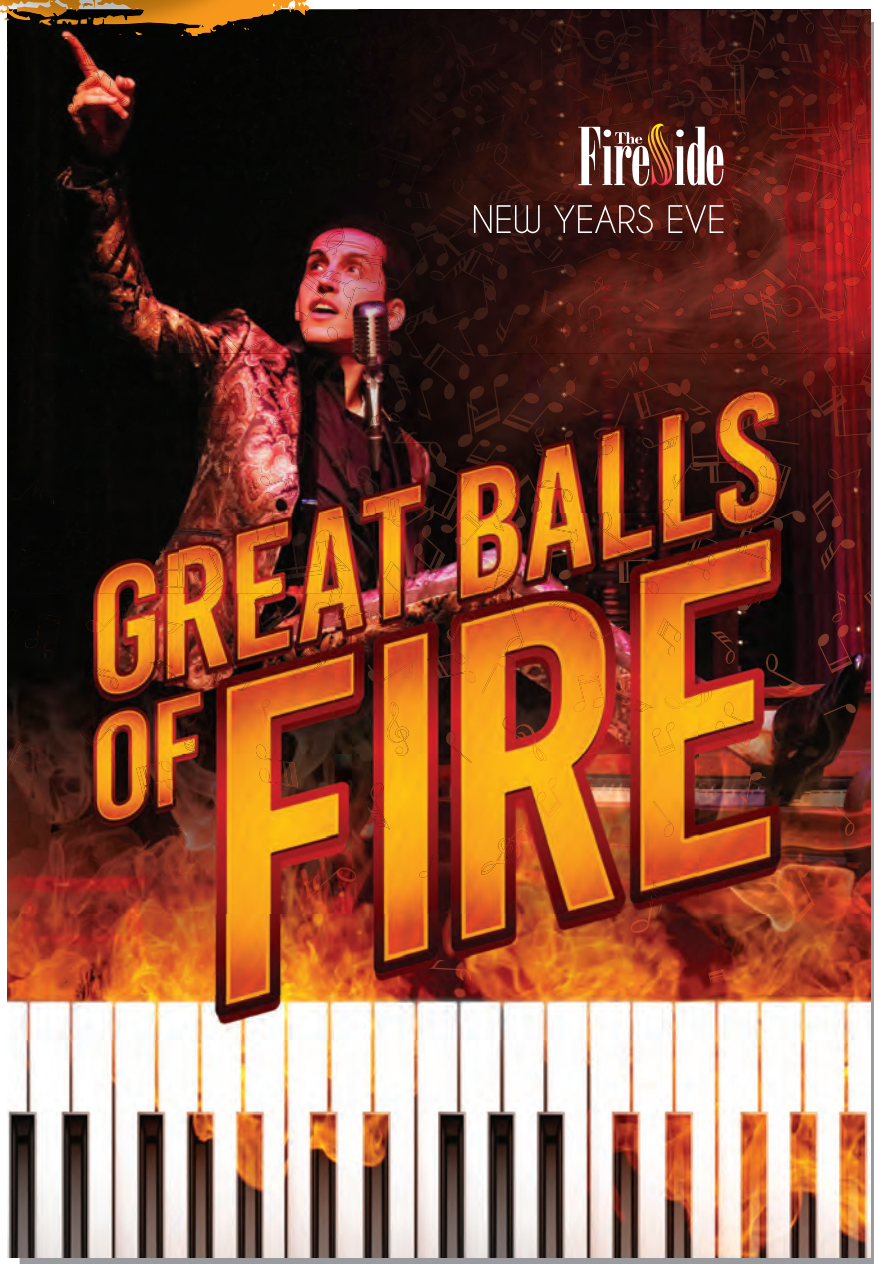
Their travel program focuses on day trips that usually accommodate a full coach bus. Annette is present to ensure that everyone has their needs met. The trips have primarily been designed for individuals of all mobility levels, but she wishes to incorporate additional challenging locations that require more walking, stairs, or varied terrain - and to evaluate the trips on a mobility scale so that participants can determine if they are suitable for them. What a great idea!

Outside of work, Annette is a busy Mom with a 21-year old son at UW Madison and a 10-year old daughter she gets to do all things “girly” with. “I was born to be their mom,” she said. The enthusiasm in her voice said it all - she's a ball of fire doing a great job at life all around!

KNOW
WHAT'S
NEW!

CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE FIRESIDE!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST



After playing Jerry Lee Lewis in MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET in over 80 cities, **Jason Cohen** brings his ivory-smashing, high-energy performance to a new theatrical concert. Cohen might not be from the South or have blonde hair, but as the stories he shares tell us, he found connection with 'The Killer' through his music.

Alongside his multi-talented, multi-instrumentalist band of singer-musicians, the audience will be quickly reminded of the power of those tunes.

Featuring songs of Lewis and his contemporaries such as Elvis, Johnny Cash, and Buddy Holly, plus the New Orleans and gospel traditionals that inspired Lewis, GREAT BALLS OF FIRE will have the audience dancing, singing, and saying "goodness gracious – when can we see this again?!"

Our Celebration Menu includes our most festive entrees for you and your guests to choose from:

Steak & Lobster or Lobster Only
Beef Tenderloin Filet or Shrimp
Steak & Shrimp or Chilean Sea Bass
Grilled Veal Chop & More!

Prices range from \$109.95 to \$159.95 per person plus bar drinks, tax and gratuity for a full four-course dinner and this incredible show. Arrival time is Noon for the matinee and 6:00 p.m. for the evening – which also has dancing in the lounge after the show. Give us a call today to book your group's New Year's Eve Party!

A GREAT WAY TO JUMP START THE NEW YEAR!



SEE
WHAT'S
COOKING



FEATURED MENU

*For Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Matinees,
Saturday Evenings,* and Sunday MIDDAY.*

Cream of Watercress Soup with Asiago Cheese Croutons

Freshly Baked Breads from our Artisan Bakery

Chicken Alfredo

A Chicken Breast dipped in egg, lightly breaded and sautéed to a golden brown. Served on a bed of Penne Pasta with our homemade creamy Alfredo Sauce. Accompanied by Roasted Asparagus with Baby Carrots.

Shrimp Tempura

Four Jumbo Gulf Shrimp, butterflied and battered in our specially seasoned tempura batter, fried to a perfectly crisp outside and tender inside. Served with our Signature Brandied Apricot and Cocktail Sauces, Garlic and Herb Whipped Potatoes, and Roasted Asparagus with Baby Carrots.

Steak Diane

Tender Roast Beef Tenderloin Medallions in the Classic Sauce. Served with Garlic and Herb Whipped Potatoes and Roasted Asparagus with Baby Carrots.

Vegetarian Manicotti

Ricotta, Mozzarella, and Romano Cheese Stuffed Shells, capped with melted Mozzarella Cheese and plated with our homemade traditional red sauce.

Pecan Turtle Ball Sundae

Our homemade Vanilla Bean Frozen Custard rolled in Roasted Ground Pecans served on top of a rich Hot Fudge and drizzled with Caramel. Accompanied by an Almond Lace Wand dipped in Chocolate.

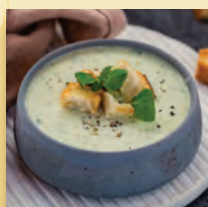
Coffee, Tea and Milk

The Thursday Evening Signature Buffet begins with our Signature Salad topped with Papaya Chutney Dressing and served with Freshly Baked Breads. Enjoy two special entrée selections in addition to Beef Tenderloin and Roast Turkey from the Carving Station, Barbecued Pork Back Ribs, Chicken Tenderloin Tempura with Brandied Apricot Sauce, Beer Batter Fried Cod, Shrimp and Scallops Fusilli with Tomato Butter Sauce, Fresh Atlantic Salmon, Sweet Potato Soufflé, Garlic and Herb Whipped Potatoes and Steamed Farm Fresh Vegetables. Pecan Turtle Ball Sundae for dessert plus coffee, tea and milk.

The Sunday Matinee Brunch begins with Pastries from our Bakery and a Fresh Fruit Smoothie. Enjoy Roast Turkey and Jones Ham from the carving station with a buffet of Eggs Benedict on Jones Canadian Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Jones Bacon and Sausage Links, Chicken Tenderloin Tempura with Brandied Apricot Sauce, Biscuits and Sausage Gravy, Fresh Atlantic Salmon, Buttermilk Pancakes, Breakfast Potatoes, a featured Beef Tenderloin dish, and Steamed Farm Fresh Vegetables. Pecan Turtle Ball Sundae for dessert plus coffee, tea and milk.

Saturday Evening's menu also includes an Appetizer course.

You'll love all of our featured menus for THE ADDAMS FAMILY, which will each start off with our amazing Cream of Watercress Soup. This may not be something you typically make at home but it's very healthy and so delicious! We make ours from scratch with a chicken stock, puréed watercress, cream, seasonings, and hand chopped watercress, then top it off with croutons made from our Asiago Cheese Bread.



The Chicken Alfredo, Shrimp Tempura, Steak Diane, and Vegetarian Manicotti are all excellent choices for your entrée. Our Steak Diane is so tender and juicy - the sauce is flavored with Shallots, Mushrooms, Garlic, Dijon Mustard, Heavy Cream, Worcestershire Sauce, and Cognac. The flavor combination is incredible - if you lean toward the beef entrees you're going to love this!

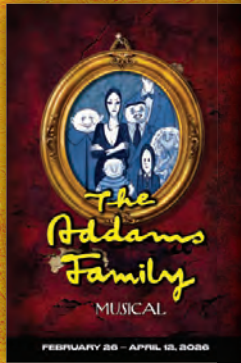
The finale for this show, and another guest favorite, is our Pecan Turtle Ball Sundae. We use our Homemade Vanilla Bean Frozen Custard, scooped and hand rolled in Roasted Pecans, served on Hot Fudge, and striped with Caramel. To finish it off we add an Almond Lace Wand dipped in Chocolate. What a great way to finish any meal!



Joey Scott, Sous Chef

Coming Shows!

We look forward to helping you promote your trips to The Fireside. Promotional materials can be ordered for any of our upcoming shows through Group Sales or on our website.



GROUP SALES CORNER



This one is going to be fun! Here's a tag line you can use to promote, "A hilariously twisted tale about love, lies, and dinner with the in-laws." In case you don't know the show, here's more on the plot:

Wednesday Addams - the original goth girl and expert in all things grim - has done the unthinkable: she's fallen in love. And not just with anyone, but a sweet, smiling, sweater-wearing guy from a painfully normal family. Worse? She wants her parents to meet him.

In a moment of weakness (or madness), she tells her father and makes him swear not to tell her mother. Now Gomez is stuck in the ultimate pickle: break a promise to his daughter or face the cold, icy wrath of his wife. No pressure!

The Addams Family MUSICAL



Naturally, the whole thing unravels during one unforgettable night when the Addams family invites the "normal" family over for dinner. Secrets spill, tensions rise, potions are poured, and the evening spirals into delightful mayhem as two wildly different worlds collide. It's just the Addams' family house . . . what's the worst that could happen?

Call us Monday through Friday from 10 - 5 at 920-563-9505 and ask for Group Sales, or email your request to groupsales@firesidetheatre.com. Whatever you do, don't miss this one! Happy Traveling!

Frankie Elmore
Frankie Elmore, Group Sales Lead

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Slow Your Roll Freezable Face Roller:

- Clear & minimize pores
- Reduce oil & puffiness
- Boost collagen and enhance skincare effects with this handheld cryotherapy!

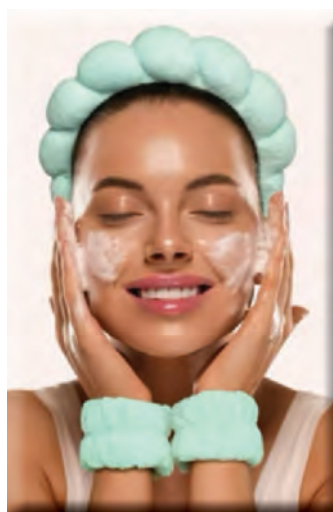


Plot Twist Microfiber Turbo Towel:

- Super absorbent
- Secure button closure
- Dries hair without damage from friction or heat

Hot & Cold Gel Eye Mask or Under Eye Gel Pads:

- Whisk away puffiness, itchiness, allergies, stress, and tension with velvety softness
- A refreshing reusable remedy used hot or cold



In The Buff - Super Sudsy Soap Sponge:

- Buff and polish your skin
- Comes in 3 calming scents
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GROUPS ARE OUR SPECIALTY - SO SPECIAL DISCOUNTS APPLY!

WHAT IS A GROUP?

At The Fireside, there are many benefits for any group of 13 or more people (18 for the Sunday Midday). Our prices include both dinner and the show, however gratuity is not included.

Hold seating with a small deposit while you finalize your count, due four weeks before your visit. For weekday matinees, 18 paid tickets earns a complimentary package. For all other shows every 20 paid tickets earns a comp. There is plenty of safe, free parking on-site for coaches and cars. The Fireside is accessible to guests with disabilities. Please let us know what special needs you have when making reservations.

- Save up to \$17.00 per person over individual ticket prices when you book a group of 13 or more. Please see our menu page for the menu choices for THE ADDAMS FAMILY.
- The three-course dinner and show for groups of 13 or more is \$84.93 (\$80.50 tax exempt) per person.
- The Premier Group Rate offers an additional discount of \$3.00 per person when your group attends a performance THE ADDAMS FAMILY from February 26 - March 22, 2026.
- 2026 Premier Group Rate is \$81.76 (\$77.50 tax exempt) per person.
- The four-course Saturday Night Group rate is the same price as the other shows!
- 2026 Youth Group Rates for ages 14 and under with the youth meals are offered at \$61.72 (\$58.50 tax exempt) per youth.
- 2026 School Group Rates are available for Thursday and Friday matinees as low as \$74.50 tax exempt rate per student. Chaperones qualify for the Group Rate.