

Friday, September 7, 2007 - 7:00 PM

Riders In The Sky

Centennial Salute to Gene Autry



Plaza Theatre

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Greetings!

Welcome to the THIRD year of the Plaza Performance Series! We have had some incredible acts grace our stage over the past two years and this third year promises to be just as spectacular!

RIDERS IN THE SKY, VICKI LAWRENCE, MARTY STUART, TRACY LAWRENCE, THE GOLDEN DRAGON ACROBATS OF CHINA, and KATHY MATTEA will all join us for this wonderful

2007 - 2008 series.

You'll also notice a few changes here at the Plaza as well. First, we have a newly redesigned logo. You'll find it throughout this playbill and on most of our printed materials. We hope you'll like it as much as we do and come to recognize it as ours.

Also, Anthony Kenney (formerly of the band *The Kentucky Headhunters*) has joined us as the full-time Technical Director here at the Plaza. Please make Anthony feel welcome if you see him running around behind-the-scenes making these great shows happen.

The Plaza has also purchased the building immediately adjacent to the Plaza - the old Grinstead Grocery building. This space is being renovated for use as administrative offices for the Plaza, as well as urgently needed storage space and support spaces such as meeting spaces, reception spaces, and rehearsal spaces. Please keep an eye out for a grand opening announcement sometime this fall.

We have changed our internet domain name as well. We have switched from the cumbersome and often misspelled "www.glasgowplazatheatre.org" to the much more simple "www.plaza.org"

It's a great time for the Arts here at the Plaza and we hope you'll come often to enjoy all of the great events that happen here, from the Plaza Series to community events, to other touring events.

Best wishes,

Steve Jones
Executive Director

2007 - 2008

PLAZA PERFORMANCE SERIES

Riders In The Sky

Friday, September 7, 2007

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\$25, \$20 and \$15

Vicki Lawrence

Friday, November 30, 2007

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\$40, \$35 and \$30

Marty Stuart

Friday, February 1, 2008

7:00 PM

\$25, \$20 and \$15

Tracy Lawrence

Friday, March 7, 2008

7:00 PM

\$40, \$35 and \$30

Golden Dragon Acrobats

Friday, May 2, 2008

7:00 PM

\$25, \$20 and \$15

Kathy Mattea

Friday, May 9, 2008

7:00 PM

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With 29-plus years and well over 5,000 performances under their collective cowboy belt, Riders In The Sky, the multi Grammy Award winning Western music group whose music is firmly grounded in the rich American music traditions of such legendary cowboys singers as Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, and the Sons of the Pioneers—and whose fun-filled performances have enchanted audiences of all ages—are themselves the stuff of legend.

Indeed, the Riders—Ranger Doug (Idol of American Youth), Woody Paul (King of the Cowboy Fiddlers), Too Slim (“a Righteous Tater”), and Joey (the CowPolka King)—have single-handedly revived and revitalized an entire music genre since they formed in 1977. With their recent induction into the prestigious Walk of Western Stars in Newhall, California, they’ve only added more luster to an extraordinary career that long ago placed them rightfully alongside the all-time greats as the world’s premiere Western recording and touring band.

Foremost on their list of achievements are their Grammy albums: “Woody’s Roundup featuring Riders In The Sky” was a “companion album” for the soundtrack of the 1999 Walt Disney/Pixar animated classic “Toy Story 2,” which contained their delightful version of “Woody’s

Roundup.” The album won the Grammy for Best Musical Album for Children for 2001—an honor the Riders received again two years later for their Walt Disney Records release “Monster’s Inc.-Scream Factory Favorites”—another animated film classic musical tie-in.

But the Riders have other estimable animation credits. In 2002, they composed the original score to Pixar Animation’s Academy Award-winning short “For the Birds.” More recently, they wrote the theme for a new Internet cartoon by renowned Bugs Bunny creator Chuck Jones—and had their own animated characters make a guest appearance in an episode of “Duck Dodgers,” the Warner Bros. cartoon series on the Cartoon Network starring Daffy Duck in space, for which they recorded and sang the “Ballad of Duck Dodgers.” Their animated characters also appear in episodes of “Stanley” on the Disney network this year—and the DVD versions—and perform three songs in a few episodes as well.

As real-life characters, the Riders continue to record seasonal episodes of Riders Radio Theatre, a radio program that’s been broadcast by over 170 public and commercial stations since 1989. They’ve also starred in their own Saturday morning children’s TV series, “Riders In The Sky,” for CBS; hosted another one, “Tumbleweed Theater,” for TNN; appeared regularly on “Austin City Limits”; and served as spokesmen for the National Park Service, Opryland, and such varied products as Levis, Taco Bell, Budweiser, Coke, and Cheer. Additionally, the group performed in “Sweet Dreams,” the acclaimed Patsy Cline biopic starring Jessica Lange, and the Kenny Rogers made-for-TV movie “Wild Horses.”

Of greatest significance, however, is that in 1982, Riders In The Sky became the first exclusively Western music artist to join the Grand Ole Opry. Coming two years after the release of their first album “Three On the Trail,” their Opry induction recognized the then trio’s instantly-earned stature, not only as the foremost custodians of America’s great Western music heritage, but as among country music’s leading entertainers.

There can be no doubt, however, that after 29 years, more than 5,000 performances (a rate of one show every other day!), 3,001,430 miles traveled, and 300 national TV appearances, Riders In The Sky, whose history has now been recounted in Don Cusic’s biography “It’s the Cowboy Way!,” are among the most historically significant acts in the history of American music.

Before & After

Many people don't realize the Herculean task the City of Glasgow undertook when renovating the Plaza Theatre. After over a decade of neglect, the theatre was in great disrepair. Many people don't realize how close to losing the Plaza to decay our community was. To give you an idea, we have printed some before and after photos below.

We hope that you will help us take care of this treasure by treating it kindly while you are here with us tonight.





Plaza Services

Did you know that the Plaza provides more to the community than just presenting events? The Plaza provides ticketing services, poster and playbill design and printing, and rental of the theatre.

The Plaza can handle the ticket sales to your event, whether it is happening here at the Plaza or at a space across town or across the state. We can provide reserved seating, general admission, or any combination of ticketing. We can handle all of your credit card, cash, and check sales, as well as provide 24 hour online sales of your tickets, and provide Box Office services the day of your performance. We currently provide ticketing services for **The Far Off Broadway Players, The Glasgow High School Chorus, The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation,** and others.

The Plaza also can design and print posters and playbills for your event. All posters and playbills used by the Plaza (including this playbill in your hands) are designed and printed in house by our staff. The Plaza has designed and printed posters for all of the Plaza Series events, **The South Central Kentucky Cultural Center, The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, The Mary Wood Weldon Memorial Library,** and others.

The Plaza is also available for rental. Everything from a private function to a wedding to a concert can be held at the Plaza. We provide a one-of-a-kind environment and experience for your event. And soon we will have the newly renovated Plaza Annex that will be available for meetings, receptions, and private gatherings.

For more information on any of these services, please call the Plaza Theatre Executive Director, Steve Jones, at (270) 361-2101.

Coming Up Next:

VICKI LAWRENCE

November 30, 2007

\$40, \$35, \$30



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