

# REDSKELTON

performing arts center

## Spring 2012 – Calendar of Events



### **Comedian Arvin Mitchell**

1/12/12 – 8:00PM

**Tickets required – Adults \$8  
Non-VU students/Seniors \$5  
VU students, faculty/staff free with  
VU ID**

Arvin Mitchell has hit the comedy scene running since his debut on BET's Coming to the Stage. Mitchell's runner-up status on the comedy reality show turned him into a household name with audiences both young and not so young. His clean comedic style and his hilarious impressions have made him a force to be reckoned with? As the former bartender and co-host of BET's Club ComicView and host of Spring Bling 21 Questions, Arvin has attracted fans in the US and abroad. His television appearances have helped him become one of the hottest comedians on the college circuit.

### **Country Music Artist DJ Miller**

1/19/12 – 8:00PM

**Tickets required – Adults \$10  
Non-VU students/Seniors \$8  
VU students, faculty/staff free with  
VU ID.**



- According to Country singer DJ Miller, an artist's ability to entertain a crowd is the single most important part of today's Country music experience. Being able to deliver an unforgettable stage show for your fans is often what separates the stars from the superstars. That's just one of the reasons why audiences shouldn't be surprised to find the enthusiastic young singer from Idaville, Indiana, racing through the crowd during one of his sets, or hanging out on the lawn with a group of fans in the middle of a show. He's even been known to get down on one knee and dedicate a touching love song face-to-face to one of his many female fans. At only 22 years old, there's certainly one thing that DJ Miller learned early on in his career, and that something is how to entertain! DJ Miller & "Between Sundays" Nominated for "Best New Artist Video" by Yallwire.com



## **The Power of We: Spencer West Overcoming Obstacles to Make A Difference**

1/24/12 – 7:00PM

**No tickets required – Free and open  
to the public.**

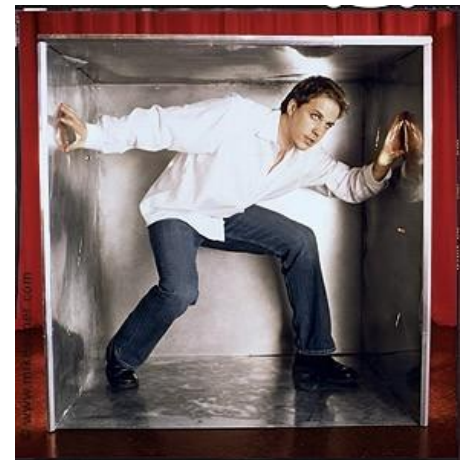
Inspirational and charismatic, Spencer West speaks candidly about the struggles he overcame after losing his legs at the age of five. He speaks about overcoming stereotyping and bullying, about finding meaning and happiness in a material world and how he never lost the hope or courage needed to mount personal obstacles. Infused with humor and humility, his thought-provoking message inspires people to find opportunity in every challenge. With every speech, Spencer leaves an indelible mark on his audiences, instilling hope and strong leadership so that they can inspire others to create positive change. In 2008, Spencer travelled to Kenya on an international volunteer trip where he helped build a school in a rural community in the Maasai Mara. On this trip, he met young people who strive to overcome challenges every day. He credits this experience for helping him recognize his true calling—to motivate and inspire people around the world. Spencer recently released his first book titled 'Standing Tall'. He is also currently preparing to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania this June in order to raise money for drought relief in East Africa.

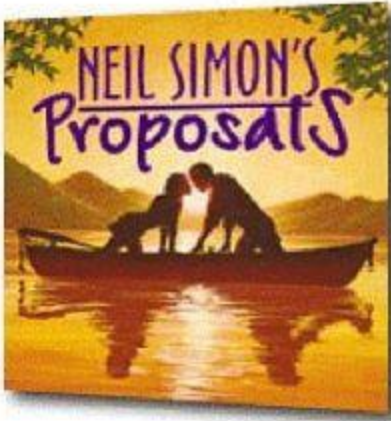
## **The Phenomenon, Magician – Mike Super**

2/4/12 – 8:00PM

**Tickets required – Adults \$10  
Non-VU students/Seniors \$8  
VU students 3 free and  
Faculty/Staff 2 free with VU ID.**

Mike Super's life has been characterized by an obsession and passion for magic. He has astonished millions of people with his craft, including the Hollywood elite. Mike has performed for Jeffery Katzenberg, Ellen DeGeneres, Jay Leno, Kenny Chesney, Criss Angel, Regis Philbin, Craig Ferguson, Kim Kardashian, Carmen Electra, Disney's Raven Simone, Joan Rivers, Gary Shanling, and Robin Leach to name but a few! Mike's ever-growing popularity has garnered him many prestigious awards and honors, including being the only magician in history to win a LIVE magic competition on primetime US network television. In addition, his other accomplishments include being named Entertainer of the Year, Best Performing Artist of the Year, Best Novelty Performer of the Year AND he was voted America's Favorite Mystifier on NBC's hit TV Show PHENOMENON. Despite all of this, Mike humbly insists, it is the loyalty of his fan base that has been most rewarding. His legions of fans call themselves "THE SUPERFREAKS" and they number in the millions.





**Vincennes University Theatre Dept.**  
**Winter Play, PROPOSALS**

2/16/12 @ 7:00PM  
2/17/12, 2/18/12 @ 8:00PM  
2/19/12 @ 2:00PM

**Tickets required – Adults \$7**  
**Non-VU students/Seniors \$5**  
**VU students 1 free and faculty/staff**  
**2 free with VU ID.**

A charmingly nostalgic memory play, *Proposals* recalls the summer of 1953, and the last time the Hines family gathered at their retreat in the Poconos. It's a summer of romantic entanglements, which intertwine the nine characters' lives one idyllic afternoon. Clemma, the family's housekeeper (and the story's narrator), dreads a visit from the husband who deserted her years before. Burt Hines, a recovering workaholic convalescing from a second heart attack, looks forward to the arrival of the ex-wife he still loves. Burt's daughter Josie has just broken her engagement to an intense Harvard law student, and she pines for his buddy Ray, an aspiring writer with whom she once had a brief fling. Ray shows up with a strikingly dim-witted model on his arm, and a young Miami gangster with a gift for malapropisms brings comic hilarity to the gathering. As heartbreakingly honest as it is hilarious, Neil Simon's *Proposals* was well received in its 1997 Broadway run.

**Comedian Buzz Sutherland**

2/20/12 – 8:00PM

**Tickets required – Adults \$8**  
**Non-VU students/Seniors \$5**  
**VU students, Faculty/Staff free with**  
**VU ID.**

Buzz Sutherland is a man who is sincerely and seriously committed to entertaining audiences with humor that is 100% clean and 200% funny. Buzz has been at the very top of the college comedy world for the past 7 years winning Comedian of the Year honors a record 16 times. He was named Comedian of the Year by the National Association of Campus Activities (NACA) for the last 5 years the award was given. In addition, he was named overall Entertainer of the Year by NACA the final year of the awards. The Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA) has named him Comedian of the Year 4 times and overall Performer of the Year twice. Described by students and entertainers alike as “one of the finest entertainers in the business”, his quick wit, unmatched charisma, and ability to work clean have taken Buzz to the very top of the college comedy world!

Buzz has performed on HBO's Comic Relief and MTV's Half Hour Comedy Hour.





## Choral Concert – 21<sup>st</sup> Century Broadway

2/26/12 – 3:00PM

**Tickets required – Adults, Non-VU students, Seniors \$5, VU students & Faculty/Staff free with VU ID.**

Listen and enjoy the sounds from the Broadway stage as the combined choirs from Vincennes University and

Vincennes Lincoln High School accompanied by a live orchestra will present songs from ***Wicked, In the Heights, Light in the Piazza and Spring Awakening***. Sit back and enjoy an afternoon of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Broadway.

## Relay For Life Gospel Concert

2/29/12 – 7:30PM



**Tickets required – Adults, Non-VU students, Seniors \$5. VU students & Faculty/Staff free with VU ID.**

## Smokey Joe's Café

3/3/12 – 7:30PM

**Tickets required – Community Series  
Contact the Alumni Office for ticket  
Information at 888-4354.**



The New York Times says “To the baby boom generation, the songwriters Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller are as sacrosanct as George Gershwin is to their parents.” As much as anyone, Leiber and Stoller invented Rock “n” Roll. Their timeless songs provide the basis for this electrifying entertainment that had critics raving and audiences stampeding the box office during its record-breaking Broadway run. Featuring nearly 40 of the greatest songs ever recorded including such hits as “On Broadway,” “Hound Dog,” “Jailhouse Rock,” “Stand By Me,” “Love Potion #9” and “I’m A Woman.” Each song is a trip down the corridors of American Culture. **Smokey Joe's Café** transforms classic pop music into compelling musical theatre!

## Comedy Hypnotist Dale K

3/19/12 – 8:00PM

**Tickets required – Adults \$8  
Non-VU students/Seniors \$5  
VU students, Faculty/Staff free  
with VU ID.**

Since the day he was born, Dale was and continues to be unusual• . Although he always knew himself, it did not take long for others to notice that Dale was destined for the stage. As a teen, his test audiences were family members and classmates. Two decades later. Dale is entertaining and educating audiences from around the world with his contemporary approach to the art of hypnosis. Hollywood's fabricated theory of hypnosis usually involves lightning bolts, zombie like trances and humans clucking like chickens. During his performances, Dale challenges these theories proving that hypnosis is simply the power of suggestion that consists of mind motivation rather than mind control. Using his creative abilities and abstract sense of humor, Dale K produces hypnosis events that are professional, unconventional and always hilarious. Just one of the many reasons why Dale K is a popular must see favorite with universal appeal and a yearly tour schedule of almost 200 cities worldwide.



## Vincennes University Percussion Ensemble Concert

3/22/12 – 7:30PM

**No tickets required – Free and open  
to the public.**



## **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

3/25/12 – 2:30PM

**Tickets required – Community Series**

**Contact the Alumni Office for ticket  
Information at 888-4354.**

Can it be 60 years! It certainly doesn't seem as though it can...the Vincennes University Alumni Community Series turns 60 in 2012! During VU ON STAGE...LIVE AT THE RED will celebrate 60 years of the VU Alumni Community Series by featuring Vincennes University alumni, students, faculty and staff! Throughout the years many folks around the area have seen and appreciated the outstanding talent on the stages of VU. This afternoon will bring together talent from throughout the years...don't miss any of these performers! You won't want to miss it...it's VU ON STAGE...LIVE AT THE RED!

## **Vincennes University Theatre Dept. Spring Play**

### ***Play On!***

4/12/12 @ 7:00PM

4/13/12 @ 8:00PM

4/14/12 @ 8:00PM

4/15/12 @ 2:00PM

**Tickets required – Adults \$7**

**Non-VU students/Seniors \$5**

**VU students, Faculty/Staff free with VU ID.**

# **PLAY ON!**

The hilarious story of a theater group that is trying desperately to put on a play in spite of maddening interference from a haughty authoress who keeps revising the script, a set design that needs to be put out of its misery, and a bunch of dispirited actors who are trying to cling to their changing lines! It's a family-friendly show that shows you what can (and will!) go wrong with community theatre.

## **An Evening of Winds and Percussion**

4/18/12 – 7:30PM

**No tickets required – Free and open to the public.**



## **Magician, Comedian and World's Fastest Balloon Artist, John Cassidy**

4/19/12 – 8:00PM



**Tickets required – Adults \$8  
Non-VU students/Seniors \$5  
VU students, Faculty/Staff free  
with VU ID.**

John Cassidy's bizarre antics have earned him widespread acclaim as one of the most original comedians performing today. Starting his career as a magician and balloon sculptor for children's birthday parties, John began noticing that the parents were also finding his act to be especially hilarious and ingenious. Convention work and club and college dates soon followed for this neurotically charming performer.

The world of magic has taken a special shine to John and he is now among the most requested acts at various conventions and seminars throughout the world, and has been named one of the funniest comedy magicians working today by MAGIC Magazine. Further notoriety for John occurred when the Guinness Book of World Records® documented him as the world's fastest balloon sculptor. Currently John's record for Most Balloon Sculptures Completed in One Hour stands at 747 inflated and twisted within the course of a mere sixty minutes. John holds three additional balloon speed sculpting Guinness World Records®.

John has made numerous television appearances on such shows as "Late Night with Conan O'Brien", "The Today Show", The CBS Early Show, the Jerry Lewis MDA Labor Day Telethon, "Martha Stewart Living" and "Live With Regis and Kelly". In addition, John has also been honored to have performed at the White House twice.

## Country Artist, Larry Gatlin

4/20/12 – 7:30PM

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Information at 888-4354.**

At the age of seven, Larry Gatlin was already singing at family and church events. After high school, Gatlin went to the University of Houston on a football scholarship and majored in English...it was then that he develop “a love affair with the English language” that later served him in his songwriting. On the strengths of his songwriting talents, Larry became known throughout the Nashville music industry. During the late 1970’s Larry joined forces with his brothers and they became Larry Gatlin & and Gatlin Brothers. In 1979 they released *Straight Ahead*, which spawned their biggest hit together, “All the Gold in California.” In 1992 the Gatlin Brothers embarked on a farewell tour and Larry went on to star in the Broadway production of *The Will Rogers Follies*. Gatlin published a memoir called *All the Gold in California* in 1998 and since 2010 he has contributed to FOX News and FOX Business Network as a political and social commentator. Gatlin has won a total of 33 Top 40 singles, including both his solo recordings and those with his brothers.

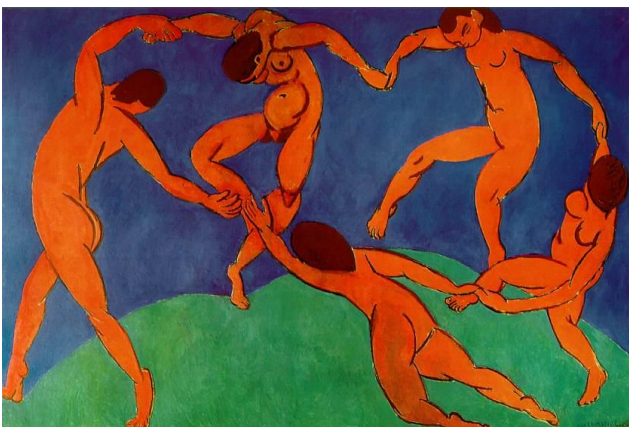


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## An Evening of Music, Dance & Theatre

4/24/12 – 7:30PM

**No tickets required – Free and open  
to the public.**



## **Vincennes University Guitar Fest**

4/26/12 – 7:30PM

**No tickets required – Free and open  
to the public.**

