

PREVIEW

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It's no trick; this magician will dazzle in a classic show at Fox

By The News staff

Christopher Starr has rabbit, will travel.

But he'll arrive in Hutchinson with plenty of tricks up his sleeve, as well.

The Wichita magician will conjure illusions on the Fox Theatre stage next weekend in the second-to-last show in the family series.

Starr has been entertaining since 1979.

"He is just the quintessential, old-fashioned abracadabra hocus-pocus magician," says Mary Hemmings, director of Fox Theatre.

He will pull a rabbit from a hat, do trick after trick and include a lot of audience participation.

"He brings a lot of the kids up onstage to help him with the tricks. A fair amount of audience participation... it makes it more interesting or fun for those attending," Hemmings said.

It's a family-friendly show, which all ages can enjoy, Hemmings said.

"We thought he'd be fun to have here."

Next in the family series of shows at the Fox is Michael Cooper, appearing in March, a visual artist who combines handcrafted masks, original stories and stilt dancing.

IF YOU GO

What: The Magic of Christopher Starr

When: 2 p.m. Jan. 10

Where: Fox Theatre, 18 E. First Ave., Hutchinson

Tickets: \$8 to \$10 for children and \$18 to \$20 for adults.

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The Buzz

Almost Jazz Band - 6 to 10 p.m. on the first and third Fridays in Plaza Towers.

Jamie O'Neal - The venue at 14 N. Main St. will host the country musician at 7 p.m. Jan. 16. Advance seats are available by calling The W at (620) 665-8439. For details, visit hutchw.com.

Barefoot Becky - She will perform from 7 to 11 p.m. Jan. 9 at the Holyrood American Legion. Food is available at the K-Jack Bar & Grill.

Brad Paisley - The singer is in concert at Intrust Bank in Wichita on Jan. 9. For more details, visit www.intrustbankarena.com.

Christopher Starr - The magician will be at the Fox Theatre, 18 E. First, at 2 p.m. Jan. 10. He performs stunning magic tricks and illusions with a comic flair. For more information, call the theater at (620) 663-5861.

"Waiting to be Invited" - The show runs Jan. 14-17 at the Crest Theater, 1905 Lakin, Great Bend. For more information, visit www.gbct.net.

The Second City Comedy - It will be on stage at 8 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Stiefel Theater, downtown Salina. Tickets are \$35 and \$30. Upcoming Show: The Pink Floyd Experience on Feb. 9.

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