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UP COMING EVENTS

Reif Cozy Concerts: Jed LaPlant

Saturday, April 5, 2025

7pm | The Reif: Ives Theater

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Saturday, April 26, 2025

2pm | The Reif: Wilcox Theater

Kathy Mattea

Thursday, May 1, 2025

7pm | The Reif: Wilcox Theater

Hairball: Silver Anniversary Tour

Friday, May 16, 2025

Doors: 5:30pm

Northwood's Band: 7:15pm

Hairball: 8:30pm

Yanmar Arena, Grand Rapids

Reif Cozy Concerts: Amanda Grace

Thursday, May 22, 2025

7pm | The Reif: Ives Theater

Reif Dance: Spring Show

Fri-Sun, June 6-8, 2025

7pm & 2pm | The Reif: Wilcox Theater

Strange Daze ft Rebel Queens

Friday, July 25, 2025

7pm | Pavilion at the Yanmar Arena

Parrothead Paradise – A Jimmy

Buffett Show

Friday, August 22, 2025

7pm | Pavilion at the Yanmar Arena

GB Leighton

Friday, September 12, 2025

7pm | Pavilion at the Yanmar Arena



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Friday, Aug. 22

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Howard and David continue to prove that the trail they've ridden to fame has been as unique as their music itself—music that celebrates 50 years of success in 2025.

The road that started on the pop music charts in the '70's, took a winding turn into country music in the '80's, paving the way for duos to come, such as Brooks & Dunn, Montgomery Gentry, Big & Rich and previously—The Judds. But before the road forked into country, the musical odyssey of brothers Bellamy started creatively smoldering in their home state of Florida, before exploding nationally amidst the '70's pop music culture of L.A.

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The brothers first official gig was in 1968, playing a free show with their father at the Rattlesnake Roundup in San Antonio, Florida. They honed their early skills playing Black clubs throughout the south, and singing backup for artists such as Percy Sledge, Eddie Floyd and Little Anthony & The Imperials. Within a few months, the brothers moved north, immersing themselves and their rock/country sound in the Atlanta market, where the Allman Brothers were the emerging kings of the music world.

With the dawning of the Age of Aquarius on the horizon, and America embroiled in a smoke haze of drugs, civil unrest and an unpopular war, the Bellamy's music picked-up the hard driving edge that bespoke the times. Songwriting had become David Bellamy's drug of choice during the long road gigs he and Howard were regularly pulling bodies and equipment to and from. It was his songwriting that was posed to soon provide the duo a national breakout.

The break came in the form of the hit, "Spiders & Snakes," written by David and recorded by Jim Stafford. The song became a smash, eventually selling more than three million units worldwide. It became the catapult that rocketed the brothers onto the L.A. music scene. Young and impressionable, Howard and David fell into the musical circle of the greats of the day: Bob Dylan, James Taylor and Van Morrison, as well as West Coast based country rockers like Poco and the Byrds. It was a creative shoe that fit. It was a creative shoe that fit. David Bellamy

Now known by their music and the company they were keeping, the Bellamys officially lifted off the launch pad in 1976 when their single, "Let Your Love Flow," became an instant smash in both the U.S. and Europe. It stayed on the international charts long enough to build a huge international fan base for the hip young brothers that endures to this day. In Germany alone it perched at No. 1



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for more than two months. The love was indeed flowing as the Bellamys jammed for audiences on their sold-out concerts and shared stages with the likes of Loggins & Messina, the Doobie Brothers and the Beach Boys with their patented blend of rock/country music. True to their musical roots, their style and their songwriting was moving steadily more towards their raising.

By the late '70's the Bellamys were emerging on the country charts with another bona fide smash. "If I Said You Had A Beautiful Body (Would You Hold It Against Me)," originally scrawled on a dinner napkin by David, rocketed them to the top of the country charts the way "Let Your Love Flow," had done in the pop market just a few years earlier. It proved to be the first of a string of fourteen No. 1 singles in the U.S. alone.

Success followed success: "Dancing Cowboys," "Sugar Daddy," "You Ain't Just Whistlin' Dixie," "Lovers Live Longer," "Do You Love As Good As You Look," "Redneck Girl," "For All The Wrong Reasons," "I Love Her Mind," "I Need More Of You," "Old Hippie," "Too Much Is Not Enough," "Kids Of The Baby Boom," "Reggae Cowboy" and "Crazy From The Heart," all have lined the corridors of the Bellamy's musical history and their walls with platinum and gold.

Along the way, Howard and David created a patent on the newly cool "duo" category in country music. In the era of the 2000's, the Bellamy Brothers hold the record in both the Academy of Country Music (ACM) and the Country Music Association Awards (CMA) for the most duo nominations. Numerous GRAMMY nods have also been directed toward the brothers. Internationally, the story has been the same—though the titles may be different. The Bellamys have released more than two-dozen hit songs outside the U.S. that were never released here. With a sharp eye on the songwriting skills that have been the bedrock of their success, Howard and David

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A promotional graphic for MPR News. The background is dark. On the left, a woman with dark, curly hair (Angela Davis) is looking towards the camera. On the right, a woman with short blonde hair and glasses (Cathy Wurzer) is wearing a headset and smiling. Two teal-colored text boxes are overlaid on the image. The top text box contains the website and frequency, and the bottom text box contains the program name and time slot.

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concur that their career is unique in their international finesse for matching their songs to the market.

“For the international releases, you have to have a strong melody,” notes David, a 2024 inductee to the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame (NaSHOF). “The lyric is very important, but internationally the melody is something fans can lock into, even if they can’t understand the lyrics.” Howard and David continue to perform and film TV specials in Europe and around the world.

The Bellamy Brothers celebrated their 40th anniversary with the release of a two-CD collection, 40 years, an ambitious project containing 20 of their biggest hits and 20 brand-new songs. As a follow-up, 40 Years: The Vinyl Album was released in 2022. Their most recent project, Double Dog Dare, debuted on Nov. 1, 2024. Double Dog Dare includes their “sublimely country (MusicRow)” collaboration, “Forever Ain’t Long Enough” with Gene Watson and “I’d Lie to You For Your Love” featuring the late K.T. Oslin, dubbed by Country Universe as “one of the best records released this year,” along with “Normal Ain’t Coming Back” featuring The Isaacs.

These days when the subject turns to touring, the Bellamys are showing a new generation of country music how it’s done. Country superstar Blake Shelton helped introduce a new era of fans to the hits of the Bellamy Brothers during his Friends And Heroes Tour, where they continued to captivate arena audiences around the country. “We’re old road dogs,” grins Howard when asked about the motivation behind the brothers 200 plus concert dates each year. Adds David, “Our live draw is bigger than it was in the ‘80’s. I think the same people that grew up with us and with our music in the ‘60’s and ‘70’s obviously have raised a whole new generation of Bellamy fans who started toddling to our music. Now they’re turning up at our concerts as college kids, who are really turned on and tuned in to us and our music. It’s a great feeling.”



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On the infrequent off days from the road, Howard and David head the bus back to their 150-acre family ranch in Darby, Florida just north of Tampa. The Bellamy Brothers' hit reality series, "Honky Tonk Ranch," chronicles their "unusual lives, blending music stardom, vigorous road tours and cattle ranching (Tampa Bay Times)." The show, which was originally broadcast on The Cowboy Channel (a subsidy of RFD-TV), currently airs on Circle Country. Howard Bellamy

The Bellamy Brothers also remain busy with their Trulieve medical marijuana brand Old Hippie Stash, which includes the strains Reggae Cowboy, Big Love, Afterglow, Rattler, Blue Rodeo and Bird Dog. The duo backed the Smart & Safe Florida campaign to implement safe and common-sense cannabis regulation in their home state of Florida.

In 2019, the Bellamys released their first book *Let Your Love Flow – the Life and Times of The Bellamy Brothers*. The book is about two Florida cowboys who journeyed from country poverty to worldwide musical stardom because they had the talent and because it never occurred to them, they couldn't make it.



First Impressions

Behind the Scenes – April 2025

by: John Miller, Technical Director



Technical Director
John Miller

A warm welcome at the door, a friendly smile at the Lakewood Café, and a pleasant usher to help you find your seat; priceless amenities when you visit the Reif Center! We are lucky to have a fabulous facility, but our volunteers make it more than just a building. These often uncelebrated individuals offer up their time, effort and energy for free, and we couldn't operate without them!

"It is our Reif volunteers that transform what would be an average smalltown experience into a memorable, world class one for our patrons. All elements of their visit to The Reif, from a friendly greeting, tickets, seating, cleanliness of the venue, the cafe, gift shop, merchandise, to the time they leave, are all made better due to the selfless generosity of our volunteers." -Amy Savela, Patron Services Manager

With a full-time staff of only eight, volunteers fill the gap and enhance your visit at the Reif Center, both visibly and behind the scenes. They do much more than take a ticket and show you to your seats! You don't see them cleaning the auditorium before and after each performance, helping an artist set up their merchandise table, or make sure the coffee and hot chocolate are ready at intermission. And, when there is some hot chocolate left after intermission, they will often bring it to the tech crew!



"You only get one chance to make a good first impression, and yours may be in the hands of the receptionist." ~~X~~ **VOLUNTEERS!** (John Miller)
-Harvey Mackey

Volunteers operate our gift shop, help decorate the lobby for Christmas, and run errands for artists. If you get a mailing from the Reif Center about an upcoming performance, a volunteer has likely assisted with the project at some point. If you see our kiosks at the college, arena, mall, or YMCA, a volunteer has updated it! There is even more help needed when we bring a performance to the Yanmar Arena or a local lake for a boat in concert, and our volunteers rise to the challenge! At the arena they help set up chairs, sell a more extensive selection of food and help empty the trash cans at the end of the night. If you like Rock 'n' Roll, we still need volunteers for Hairball on May 16th. Help the Reif Center and listen to some great music!

You would think our boat-ins wouldn't need any volunteers, there are no tickets, no seats and no concessions! But we do like to send a canoe or kayak around with a fish net to collect donations, and usually one of our volunteers will take that gig!





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Interacting with our patrons is our volunteer's favorite activity. David Marty used to call the Reif Center "Grand Rapids' front porch," and it's very true. You will catch up with old friends and meet people who are new to the community. Our volunteers are good will ambassadors for the Reif Center, both when they are here, or out in the community.

Do you have an artistic talent? You can help paint sets for a Theater Arts production! Are you interested in lights? Sometimes we need volunteer spot light operators! Maybe you want to serve on our board, all volunteers!

Young or gracefully aging, there are many ways your time and experience will make a difference! But, be warned, once you start volunteering it can be very hard to leave!

For details on volunteer opportunities, email boxoffice@reifcenter.org or call 218-327-5780.



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