

Ridge Pointe News

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DOWN TO EARTH MAGICIAN & KIND OF FUNNY GUY

...NICK SHARPE



TUESDAY, APRIL 21st

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN EAST LOBBY

3:00pm Beverage and Appetizer

3:30pm MAGIC SHOW BEGINS!

APRIL EVENTS

Friday, April 3: Resident Potluck

5:30 PM Atrium

Join your fellow residents for the first Friday of the month RidgePointe Potluck. Bring a dish to share, your personal utensils, a plate and a beverage.

Tuesday, April 7: In-Person Speaker— Mary Agnes Ratelle

10 AM MH

More Than a Housewife: Women in Postwar Magazine Illustration. The 1950s housewife has been a mainstay of American visual culture, used to embody both the hopes of postwar economic opulence and the limitations of the domestic sphere that second wave feminism pushed against. In this talk, historian, Mary Agnes Ratelle, explores the visual representation of the 1950s housewife, analyzing her representation in magazine illustration and placing these images into the context of postwar marketing practices and psychological theory.

Tuesday, April 14: In-Person Speaker— Randee Gurban

10 AM MH

First 60 Years Exploring Mars. This is a presentation hosted by Randee Gurban, a NASA Solar System Ambassador. Randee will discuss the history and major milestones of the Mars exploration from the 1960s to the present day.

Tuesday, April 21: In-Person Speaker— Corey Adney

10 AM MH

Corey will share about his store ***Corey's Consignments*** and how he helps clients find new homes for items they no longer have space for, use, or need. He will share how these items can be brought to his store, or his movers can come pick items up and deliver them to his consignment store. He sells items on consignment, meaning all profits are shared 50/50 with the client who is consigning with him.

Tuesday, April 21: Birthday Celebration

3 PM EL

3:00pm—HAPPY HOUR IN THE EAST LOBBY: Wine and Appetizers

3:30pm—Entertainment: Nick Sharpe Magician

5:00pm—Birthday Meal: Is your birthday in April? Happy Birthday! If you plan on using your three meals this month, enjoy an additional dinner at half-price on April 21st.

Friday, April 24: Thief River Falls Jazz Band and Strings Group Concert

9:45 AM EL

Enjoy a live concert from Franklin Middle School. This jazz band and Starlight Strings group is made up of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students that love to play their instruments and share their music with others. ***Please Note: Today, all Exercise Classes are cancelled.**

Tuesday, April 28: In-Person Speaker— Marguerite Ragnow

10 AM MH

What is a Book? Past, Present, Future. From a manuscript to codex to digital file, how we think about and how we use books can be very individual. How much does the format, or the physical nature of the book, affect what we think about it? We will be exploring the history of the book and asking some of the big questions about the form books take that seem increasingly important in



APRIL MOVIES

FRIDAYS 7PM MARION HALL



April 3: *The Terminal*. Comedy. An eastern European tourist (Tom Hanks) unexpectedly finds himself stranded at JFK airport and must take up temporary residence there.

April 10: *Poseidon*. Drama/Action. After a huge tidal wave capsizes a luxury liner in the north Atlantic, three survivors band together and traverse a hazardous upside down maze that they hope will take them to safety.

April 17: *Harry and Tonto*. Comedy. A man in his 70s is evicted from his Manhattan apartment when the building is set to be demolished. After staying briefly with his son, Harry decides to travel across the country, accompanied by his cat Tonto.

April 24: *Mission: Impossible-The Final Reckoning*. Drama/Adventure. A spy, played by Tom Cruise, goes on a mission to avert nuclear war and save humanity from the control of the newest AI technology. (A brother of RidgePointe Resident, Jeanette Anderson, restored the red Stearman airplane in Buffalo, Minnesota that was used in the movie.)

EXCURSION THURSDAY APRIL 23



Landmark Center

FREE Courtroom Concert:

Julia and Irina Elkina

Piano Duo

Thursday, April 23, 12:00PM

Wednesday, April 1: *The silent epidemic of modern singlehood* | Aimee Barnes | TEDxTraleeWomen. Aimee Barnes examines how societal expectations—not singlehood itself—create loneliness, stigma, and self-doubt for many adults. She argues that the real issue is a lack of belonging and validation in a world built around couples and families. ***My year in an ICE detention center* | Grace James | TEDxUCincinnati.** Routinely entering the U.S. after visiting relatives abroad, Grace James was arrested on July 29, 2016, by American immigration authorities and imprisoned for over a year while waiting for her asylum hearing in the country of her dreams. ***Why social media deserves a seat in the c-suite* | Megan Shallow | TEDxWest Vancouver.**

Wednesday, April 8: *Why healthcare needs cultural competence* | David Bahibanda | TEDxNHS. Cultural competency in healthcare starts with understanding. David, a passionate medical student, shares his personal experience with calabash chalk, a tradition from his Congolese background. ***Your participation in clinical trials matters—here's why* | Leigh Johnson | TEDxNYU Langone Health.** Clinical trials drive medical breakthroughs, but medical mistrust has led to limited participation amongst some groups. Johnson's talk discusses why participation is important. ***Lonely parents are everywhere. Here's what we do about it.* | Karen Kelly.** When Karen Kelly helped her town address an after-school care crisis, she uncovered a larger epidemic: loneliness. Drawing on her experience as a serial founder and social-health expert, she reveals why connection is vital to our physical health and shares simple steps to strengthen your social well-being and community support.

Wednesday, April 15: *What Successful Negotiators Do Differently* | Kathryn Valentine | TED. Business consultant Kathryn Valentine unpacks the gender expectations of workplace negotiations, offering a clear equation for anyone looking to make a successful ask and get what they want. ***What Losing Everything Taught Me About Resilience* | Jane Marie Chen | TED.** Jane Marie Chen shares and how it taught her the secret to resilience. ***Are You Spending Your Money Wisely?* | Wolfgang Schnellbaecher | TED.** Wolfgang Schnellbaecher distills the tricks of the world's best buyers into three simple rules to help you make the most of your money.

Wednesday, April 22: *Aphantasia, Can You Picture Things in Your Mind? I Can't* | Alex Rosenthal | TED. Exploring the fascinating science of aphantasia, or the inability to generate mental images, he shows why our minds are much more different than we think. ***How to Power the World 24/7 — Without Oil* | Cindy Taff | TED.** Cindy Taff left Shell to prove that drilling for geothermal heat instead of hydrocarbons can deliver what solar, wind and fossil fuels can't — clean, renewable power at all times, regardless of weather. ***Let's Build AI Data Centers in Space* | Philip Johnston | TED.** Philip Johnston shares the incredible work being undertaken to build data centers in outer space — and how they might harness both solar power and frigid temperatures in order to address the AI energy challenge.

Wednesday, April 29: *Let's Get Real About Free Speech* | Greg Lukianoff | TED. Greg Lukianoff warns against the rise of "mob censorship" — and reminds us why free speech is the best check on power ever invented. ***Are cats and their parasites taking over the world?* | Emily Jenkins | TEDxUniversityofSaskatchewan.** Cats carry a parasite Toxoplasma. Dr. Emily Jenkins (PhD, DVM) is a veterinarian and professor of Veterinary Microbiology, and head of the Zoonotic Parasite Research Unit at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine. ***The hidden cost of your jewelry* | Cleo Escarez | TEDxBelltown Women.** Cleo Escarez exposes the human and environmental toll hidden inside the global jewelry supply chain, from

APRIL EXCURSIONS

Thursday, April 2 : A-Side Public House & Apollo 11 Omni Theatre/Science Museum **Depart: 11:25 PM**

Museum and Movie Cost: \$34.95 (Pay at the Entrance) **Lunch Cost: On Your Own**

A-Side Public House is located in a restored 1885 fire station in the West 7th neighborhood of Saint Paul. Their signature dishes include the Justine's Special Burger and the French Onion Steak Sandwich. After lunch, head to the **Science Museum of Minnesota** to explore and watch **Apollo 11**. This education documentary is crafted from a trove of 70mm footage and more than 11,000 hours of uncatalogued audio recordings. Apollo 11 takes viewers straight to the heart of NASA's most celebrated mission — the one that first put men on the moon. **(Lunch Reservation 12pm)**
(Movie 3pm)

Thursday, April 9: Minnesota Orchestra Concert **Depart: 9:30 AM**

Ticket Cost: On Your Own (Must Purchase Ticket on Your Own)

Program includes: Antheil's *McKonkey's Ferry Overture*, Adams's *Violin Concerto*, Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 6, Pathétique*. Special artist featured at this concert are violinist Leila Josefowicz and conductor John Storgards.

Thursday, April 16: Maggie's Family Restaurant and Chico's **Depart: 8:40 AM**

Lunch Cost: On Your Own

Start the day off with breakfast at a yummy local diner, Maggie's Family Restaurant. After breakfast, head to Chico's for some shopping. Be greeted by sales associate Alison Cassity. You will receive **10%** off any purchase and a small goody bag.

(Reservations 9am)(Chico's 10:30am)(Depart Chico's Roughly 11:45am)

Saturday, April 18: Ladies Luncheon at TGI Fridays Bloomington **Depart: 11:30 AM**

Lunch Cost: On Your Own

TGI Fridays is an American casual dining restaurant known for its festive atmosphere, and classic American bar food like loaded potato skins, sandwiches and whiskey-glaze ribs.

(Reservation 12pm)(*18% Gratuity Added)

Thursday, April 23: Courtroom Concert Landmark Center and Hope Breakfast Bar **Depart: 10:40 AM**

Cost: Free (18 People Only) (Seating is First Come First Serve)

Enjoy Julia and Irina Elkina, a piano duo at Landmark Center. After the concert have lunch at Hope Breakfast Bar in St. Paul. **(Concert ends roughly 1pm)(Reservations 1:30am)**

Saturday, April 25: Gutenberg! The Musical at Theatre Latte Da **Depart: 1:15 PM**

Ticket: \$39.00 (Checks Made Out to RidgePointe) (15 Tickets)

Fresh off its hit Broadway premiere, **Gutenberg! The Musical!** is a clever, offbeat, frequently absurd comedy that affectionately spoofs the world of musical theater. This love letter to new

Commit now... move in 90 days! *Really!*

Ready for a Social Upgrade? RidgePointe is known for all our social offerings, fun excursion options, parties & so much going on, you can be as busy as you like! Art Studio, Wood Shop, Lectures, Movies, Book Clubs, Card Games, and many more opportunities. 2026 may be the right time for you to join us. It's a great lifestyle that you really won't want to miss out on.

RidgePointe allows up to 90 days before rent begins, unless you want to move in sooner. This special applies to all available units and requires a deposit and completed Rental Application. Why not begin looking now for your next home now! Selling your home or need to give a 60 day vacate notice? This Special is perfect for you! Visit the website or call for details or to schedule a tour.

As always, our unbeatable RidgePointe Amenities Package is included in your rent! Included in your rent, you will enjoy scheduled Weekly Housekeeping, 24 hour Concierge, Daily Continental Breakfast, and more! Join the fun & start living the lifestyle you deserve!

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