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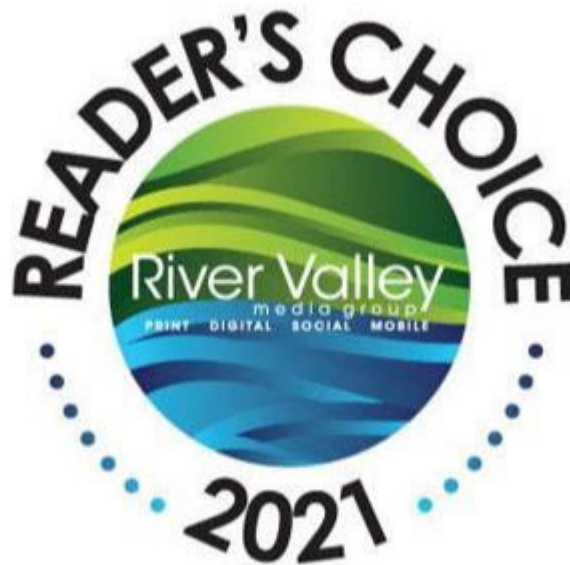
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The Concordia Ballroom won 1st place in the 2021 River Valley Media Group's Reader's Choice **Best Place to Go Dancing** category! Thanks to everyone who voted for us!

Welcome back to the Concordia Ballroom!

The Delta variant of COVID is causing us all headaches and more illnesses! The US Centers for Disease Control is now encouraging people to wear face masks when gathering in public. Here are the August/September 2021 guidelines to help keep you safe at our events:

- Please wear a mask, even if you're vaccinated.
 - Don't attend if you're not feeling well, have tested positive, or been exposed to someone with COVID in the last 7 days.
 - Don't attend if you are not fully vaccinated (at least 7 days since your last dose of the vaccine).
 - Don't attend if you have a severely weakened immune system (immunocompromised).
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The Concordia Needs Volunteers

...to help with taking tickets, bartending, and open/closing at events. We're now using an electronic sign-up so everyone knows who's doing what! Click the pink banner below to sign up. (Hint: You will want to bookmark the site so you can find it again.)

- Only licensed bartenders should sign up for the bartender slots (also, bartenders are paid)
- The other tasks - we'll train you
- The QR Code below will also take you there

Thanks everyone!

[Click here to sign up to volunteer at upcoming events](#)



Upcoming Events at the Concordia Ballroom

**Steve Meisner Band**

August 29, 2021, 1-5 pm

Tickets \$10 at the door

Steve plays traditional American polka with fresh spark and swing, while retaining the roots of the music. Steve has performed with the nation's top polka icons, including Myron Floren, Frank Yankovic, Joey Miskulin, and his father, Verne Meisner. He has won numerous polka music awards, and his music is featured in a full-length motion picture "Chump Change", and several shorts. Writer, director, and actor Steve Burrows from Hollywood CA calls Steve "the Mozart of Polka". Steve says, "Music is a large part of the soul of our society and I want to touch that part of people's soul...that part of their soul that makes a difference in their lives and shows them that music and dancing can excite, motivate and heal."



George's Concertina Band

September 5, 2021, 1-5 pm

Tickets \$10 at the door

George Palma, concertina player and band leader, was influenced by some of the great concertina musicians, including Jerry Schueft, Ernie Coopman, Jerry Minar and Elmer Schied. The band plays a wide variety of dances, including polka, waltz, modern, classic country and schottische and has multiple recordings.



Hayes Boys Orchestra

September 12, 2021, 1-5 pm

Tickets \$10 at the door

The Hayes Boys Orchestra has played throughout Wisconsin sharing their love of the old time polka music, waltzes and big band. Tom Hayes leads the band, started by his father, Elmer Hayes, a 2013 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Wisconsin Polka Hall of Fame.

57TH ANNUAL MIDWEST BANJO JAMBOREE



57th Annual Midwest Banjo Jamboree

September 18, 2021, 7-11 pm

General admission: \$5 at the door

Featuring banjo soloists, group ensembles, up-and-coming entertainers, and other aspiring musicians. This is the one-and-only show where everyone is a star! Come see banjo's best and make your own memories playing alongside top stage and recording artists in unforgettable, one-of-a-kind performances. Cash bar and snacks available.

<http://www.midwestbanjofest.com/>



Daddy's Girls

September 19, 2021, 1-5 pm

Tickets \$10 at the door

This lively band plays music filled with a blend of unique harmonies, featuring Amy Louise Magnuson on guitar and concertina, Sara Jones on flute and vocals, Jeffrey Langen on drums, Lisa Meyer on fiddle and button box, and Dan Backhaus on bass. They play 1980s, '90s and classic country along with old time polkas, waltzes and some toe tappin' fiddle hoedown. A great variety of music for everyone.



Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen

September 26, 2021, 1-5 pm

Tickets \$10 at the door

Kick up your heels to the great sounds of polka music, including Dutch, German, Czech, Polish, and Slovenian style along with a variety of country, big band, swing, and 50's and 60's music. Who knew there were that many flavors of polka music? Gary Brueggen is polka royalty, descended from three generations of polka musicians hailing from Cashton, WI. By age 9 he was playing with the family band, the Ridgeland Dutchmen. Gary plays an astounding 7 instruments, including the concertina and the tuba! Known as "Wisconsin's Concertina Kid", Gary has been honored by the World Concertina Congress Hall of Fame and the International Polka Music Hall of Fame. The Ridgeland Dutchmen band has toured the U.S. and elsewhere, snagging recognition as "Band of the Year" by the Wisconsin Polka Music Hall of Fame in 2003 and 2008. Now Gary's got the whole family in the band; check out the cool guy on the drums!



The Concordia is open for rental for private events.
Bookings for 2021 and 2022 are going fast!

HISTORIC COMMUNITY HALL FEATURES

- Capacity is 240 people
- Space is 40' x 71', fabulous maple dance floor
- A full-service bar and large kitchen
- Stage for music or entertainment
- Lots of parking, plus handicap ramp

What can you do to support the Concordia?

- ***Become a member!*** Join us and stay informed by becoming a member of the Concordia Aid Society. Memberships are \$30/yr. Approval occurs at the following monthly membership meeting. Send us a membership check or join via our [website](#).

- **Volunteer!** We welcome volunteers, both members and friends. Because there is a lot to do, we need your help!
- **Become a bartender.** Bartending is a great way to meet new people and enjoy events at the Concordia. Get your license and let's talk!
- **Donate!** Consider a donation to the Concordia to help maintain the ballroom. Donate by check or on our website. Memorial donations are a wonderful way to celebrate a someone's life, especially someone who enjoyed dancing or had a special place in their hearts for the Concordia Ballroom.
- **Book the Concordia** for your upcoming events. We have a large facility ideal for wedding receptions, anniversaries, reunions, celebrations of life, and so on. Looking for an elegant space for a dance party? We have the perfect dance floor!

Donations by check can be sent to the Concordia Aid Society, [1129 La Crosse Street, La Crosse, WI 54601](#), or make an online donation via our [website](#). If you are interested in volunteering, sign up via our [electronic volunteer board](#) or email Jenny@concordiaballroom.com to offer your services. All other inquiries can be made via our website or call the hall at 608.782.7049.

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