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IMPRESARIO
PETE SHAPIRO

& THE CAPITOL THEATRE

"The Original Rock Palace," The Capitol Theatre, or colloquially "The Cap," is Westchester's music mecca... and legendary impresario Pete Shapiro has the place pulsing!

Opened at 149 Westchester Avenue in Port Chester as a grand playhouse in 1926, and about to celebrate its Centennial, The Capitol earned its reputation in the late 60s and early 70s as a regular tour stop for some of the biggest names in music, including the Rolling Stones, Janis Joplin, Traffic, and most notably the Grateful Dead. Jerry Garcia, the legendary leader of the Grateful Dead, famously remarked about The Capitol, "See, there's only two theaters, man, that are set up pretty groovy all around for music and for smooth stage changes, good lighting and all that... the Fillmore and The Capitol Theatre. And those are the only two in the whole country."

Shapiro purchased, refurbished, and reopened The Capitol in 2012, and today The Capitol hosts about 100 shows a year and is otherwise available for private events. While The Capitol may be best known as home base for Phil Lesh and Friends, Lesh has played The Cap over 100 times, and for Bob Weir - with over 25 appearances at The Cap, the theater puts on a wide array of music, with lots of rock, blues, country, jazz and other genres, and has some top notch comedy as well. Over the last decade, The Capitol has hosted legends including Neil Young, Willie Nelson, Robert Plant, Steely Dan, My Morning Jacket, Wilco, The Avett Brothers, Elvis Costello, Snoop Dogg, Ms. Lauryn Hill, Bill Barr, Tom Segura, Billy Strings, Gary Clark Jr., and many others. Some of The Capitol's headlines just in 2023 included Bob Weir, of course, and Bob Dylan, Peter Frampton, Brandi Carlile, Goose, Wilco, Lake Street Dive, Tina Fey & Amy Poehler, Pete Davidson, Kevin Hart, and Diana Krall.



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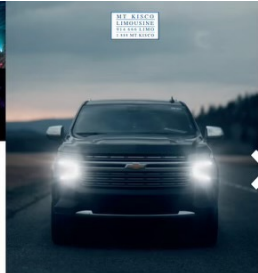




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