



Daniels plays blues guitar at the Grand Opera House

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When actor Jeff Daniels takes the stage this Saturday at the Grand Opera House to perform songs like "You Can Drink an Ugly Girl Pretty" and "If I Weren't So Stupid". He hopes the audience doesn't think he's just another actor attempting to capitalize on his fame by trying a music career.

"I've been playing guitar for 30 years, I'm not like Hasslehoff," Daniels said.

Daniels, who is best known for his role in the '90s comedy classic "Dumb and Dumber", will be performing two shows on Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Grand Opera House in Oshkosh.

The shows, at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., will feature original songs from Daniels album, "Jeff Daniels Live and Unplugged." Daniels decided to do the album because he wanted to raise money for the Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea, Michigan, a theater he helps run.

"As the executive director of the Purple Rose Theater Co., my duty is to raise money every year." Daniels said. "Doing music is something I can do between movies and have fun with, and also raise a lot of money. I got the idea of doing (the CD) because I was writing a lot of songs in between movies."

Daniels has just begun touring this year, and has just come off of a career year in which he had two critically acclaimed performances in "The Squid and the Whale" and "Good Night and Good Luck". Doing live performances gave him a needed escape from doing movies.

"I've got three movies coming out in the next eight months, and I wanted to take a break. I enjoy getting on stage, and plugging in and taking the audience for a ride," Daniels said.

Most of Daniels' songs are acoustic blues numbers centered on events in his life. On "Lifelong Tiger Fan Blues" he sings about being a fan of the

Detroit Tigers and how they always lose. On "Dirty Harry Blues", Daniels talks about being in a movie with Clint Eastwood. Daniels even takes aim at actors who think they can sing on "If William Shatner Can, I Can Too".

Daniels knows the criticism actors get when they do music, but he sees being an actor as a blessing and a curse when it comes to selling CDs and concert tickets.

"I think that some people will come to my shows because I was in 'Dumb and Dumber.' Other people will stay away from the show because I was in 'Dumb and Dumber.' I know that I can't get everybody to come to the show," Daniels said.

His live show falls somewhere between a party, a blues show, and a stand-up performance.

"I have a song called 'Digbay Blues' which is a drunken dance song. I get people from the audience to come up on stage and dance. In my shows I try to make people laugh and try to make them think," Daniels said.

The Grand Opera House performances are just one stop on Daniels' current tour of intimate venues across the United States.

"I like performing in small venues, because I know I'm not going to sell out huge halls," Daniels said. "I've had the opportunity to tour great places to play, like the Chocolate Church (in Maine) and small venues in New York City. The performances in small venues are a lot more fun."

The decision to sign Daniels for a performance was made because of the desire to get more university students to come to shows at the Grand Opera House. The Grand is even offering student rush tickets, which can be purchased for 50 percent off the ticket price one hour before the shows start. Regular prices for seats range from \$34 to \$16.

"We made the decision (to have Daniels perform) because we thought it would be a great tie-in with the University. We wanted to begin our season with a special performance, and we think Jeff is it," said David Lange, the event manager for the Grand Opera House.

While Lange said ticket sales for the general public are solid, it remains to be seen how many college students will choose to go to Daniels' performance.

"I'm kind of curious about it. I like Jeff Daniels, so I'll go, but I don't know what kind of a music show he can do," said UW-Fox Valley student Kristofer Nelson, an avid "Dumb and Dumber" fan.

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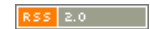
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Daniels promises a good time for anyone that attends his show, no matter what their reasons for coming are.

“My show is nothing if not entertaining.” “At the very least, people will have a good time at the show,” Daniels said

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