

Artist brings Sinatra sounds to Theatre

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Move over, Frank Sinatra— Nick Hilscher is coming to town.

The State Theatre will present "A Swingin' Holiday" featuring Nick Hilscher at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the State Theatre box office, 130 W. College Ave.

Hilscher's show will primarily be a tribute to Frank Sinatra. He said the show is a deviation from his regular performances because he will also feature holiday songs Sinatra recorded, as well as songs from Hilscher's new album "Young and Foolish."

Hilscher said he will perform with a full band.

"It's always nice to have a band on stage with you," Hilscher said. "It brings a new element to the performance."

Kristy Cyone, State Theatre sales and marketing manager, said Hilscher's Sinatra tribute will make for an entertaining holiday show. She said a wide variety of people will enjoy his sound.

"Jazz spans across many generations," Cyone said.

"Every demographic enjoys hearing Frank Sinatra. It's going to be a light-hearted, fun show."

Hilscher said classic artists like Elvis Presley and Buddy Holly serve as the inspiration for his music, especially for his new album.

"I grew up with Elvis Presley and Buddy Holly. My dad was a big fan. Elvis had a swing feel to his music," Hilscher said.

"There is something about swing music that I love. For some reason, it just does it for me."

Hilscher said he enjoyed performing with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra in the State College area last year.

"It's always good to be back," Hilscher said.

"My dad was a big fan of Joe Paterno so I grew up liking Penn State."

Hilscher hopes fans leave his show with an appreciation for live music and an urge to "hear more of it." He said he is lucky to be a performer and make a living doing something he loves.

If you go

What: Nick Hilscher Holiday Sinatra Performance

When: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14

Where: The State Theatre, 130 W. College Ave.

Details: Tickets \$25

Hilscher said his favorite show is always the one he is doing at that moment.

"If the crowd is in to it, it doesn't matter what the venue is," Hilscher said.

"I would love to see the State Theatre full on Dec. 14."

Alex Heppelmann, president of the Jazz Educators Organization, said a wide variety of Penn State students interested in music will enjoy Hilscher's performance — for him, artists who perform with a band present a different experience.

"It's a different style that makes an overall different sound," Heppelmann (senior-music) said.



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