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# GOOD VIBES!

Known for his brilliance at the Piano and on the Drums, Damien Kaplan was given a challenge when he went to Lincoln Land.

He wanted to play in the Jazz Band but there were two or three other drummers who were waiting for their turn to play. Damien saw a set of vibes off in the corner of the room, and he asked if he could take them off to the side to give them a try. It was love at first sight, and he hasn't stopped playing them since.

Now, after playing his first ever solo concert on the Vibraphone at a First Friday Concert last year, Damien along with Mark Gifford on the piano brings this unique evening to the Hoogland Center for the Arts.

From novelty songs like Tico Tico, a medley from West Side Story, The Minute Waltz (in 58 seconds), jazz and much more, Damien and Mark will bring you a delightful 90 minutes of amazing artistry, entertainment and a bit of the antics these two musicians are known for.

**Mark Gifford** is the Director of Music and organist at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. He's the producer of the First Friday Concerts at Cathedral, and serves as the accompanist for the performers when needed. Like Damien, Mark takes great joy in introducing new, young performers in the concert series. Mark's avocation is playing Theater Pipe Organ and has served as the House Organist on the Barton Theater Organ in Springfield High School since 1993. He's also part of the Organist Team at the Fox Theater in St. Louis, MO. Mark has also ventured into the world of composing sacred music, and his new "Mass of Vision" was premiered at the Cathedral in 2020.

**Damien Kaplan** has been involved in the arts scene for over 25 years. He's played percussion/keyboards, vocal directed and conducted for many local shows, including *Les Misérables*, *Into the Woods*, *Miss Saigon*, *All Shook Up*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *CATS*, and *Beauty and the Beast*, to name a few. Damien is the Director of Choral/Music Activities at SHG and the director and arranger for The Lincoln Troubadours, a local a capella group that performs at various historic sites around Springfield during the summer. Damien also freelances as a studio musician, providing percussion/keyboards for numerous artists around the country. He sends love to his family, especially the ever-beautiful and talented Morgan, Sawyer and Palmer!

## Special Thanks

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# The Night Alive

AN IRISH PLAY BY  
CONOR McPHERSON  
DIRECTED BY KEVIN PURCELL  
PHOTO BY GREGORY WENDT

*"We all have dreams ... waking dreams and dreams when we're asleep. 'The Night Alive' is a play about a collective dream of what it's like to be alive in the world."*

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