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Prince fans will get a Graceland of their own

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The Elvis Presley faithful turn to Graceland as their point of pilgrimage. Presley's former estate in Memphis, Tennessee, offers public tours and houses a museum dedicated to the King's life and legacy.

Now, Prince fans will have a mecca of their own. Paisley Park, the massive complex in Chanhassen, Minnesota, where the iconic musician lived and worked, will be open to the public starting Oct. 6. Tickets go on sale at 3 p.m. Friday.

Prince hosted surprise events at Paisley Park, including one held days before his April death. But the iconic musician generally led a very private life, and few people have toured his estate.

"Opening Paisley Park is something that Prince always wanted to do and was actively working on," Tyka Nelson, Prince's sister, said in a release. "Only a few hundred people have had the rare opportunity to tour the estate during his lifetime. Now, fans from around the world will be able to experience Prince's world for the first time as we open the

doors to this incredible place."

Bremer Trust, which handles Prince's estate, announced on Wednesday its plans to convert the 65,000-square-foot complex into a museum. The proposed business plan lays out the details: Tours will be limited to the main floor and will take guests through recording and mixing studios, video editing and rehearsal rooms, his sound stage and the performance hall.

The plans also mention a "private NPG music club" will be included on the tour. That's also the name of Prince's nowdefunct subscription website that allowed members access to music online, years before streaming services came on the

The museum will display "thousands of artifacts from Prince's personal archives, including iconic concert wardrobe, awards, musical instruments, artwork, rare music and video recordings, concert memorabilia, automobiles and motorcycles," Bremer Trust said in a release.

"This will be an unprecedented and extraordinary opportunity for fans to experience first-hand what it was like

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An unidentified employee (left) of Prince's estate Paisley Park and Prince fan Mona Shelton, 42, of Bloomington, Minnesota, place flowers on a fence at the Chanhassen, Minnesota, estate.

for Prince to create, produce and perform inside this private sanctuary and remarkable production complex, which is also considered one of the greatest landmarks in the entertainment industry.

Tickets will cost \$38.50. A VIP Tour" for small groups also will be available, priced at \$100 or more per ticket, according to the plans. Paisley Park will continue to hold concerts and its recording studio will be used for special sessions. But no events are expected until at least March 2017.

An official family tribute concert for Prince will be held Oct. 13 at the U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

After Prince's untimely death, Paisley Park became a gathering place for fans bearing flowers, tears and hugs.

Prince came up with the concept for Paisley Park while making his film "Purple Rain." The \$10 million studio complex opened in 1987, and was referred to as a "mini-Hollywood" at the time. "The complex is not personal playroom for Prince," said Richard Henrik-

Chicago Tribune in 1987.

Henriksen told the newspaper that Prince "built it as a production tool for himself and as a tool for the whole city and the whole area. He wants it to be a catalyst for artists and production.

Prince helped put the Minneapolis suburb of Chanhassen on the map. Although few have ever seen the fullness of Paisley Park, the accounts that emerged became legendary, including mentions of stainedglass panels and a vault containing hundreds of unreleased recordings.

As Time described in 1996: "The walls are ringed by zodiac signs, dotted by paintings of puffy clouds and gilded with the Artist's gold records. High up on one wall is an illustration of two huge eyes - guess whose? — with a godlike sunburst beaming out from between them. ... And when the Artist is on the premises, a glass pyramid that crowns the complex glows with a purplish

After Prince's death, some fans worried about the fate of Paisley Park. Earlier this month, Bremer Trust asked a

sen, its general manager, in the judge for permission to sell several Prince properties. But Bremer later clarified it had no plans to sell Paisley Park.

A subsidiary of Graceland Holdings, which has helped operate the Memphis complex for 30 years, will manage Paisley Park and has provided money for initial improvement and operating costs, according to the museum plan. Graceland has had more than 20 million visitors over the past three decades.

The city of Chanhassen still has to approve a rezoning request to make the Paisley Park museum happen. The planning commission will hold a hearing Sept. 20, and the City Council will on Oct. 3.

'From the documents that I've seen and the conversations that I've had with family members and close friends. I believe that the plans for Paisley Park are in full accordance with Prince's wishes," Chanhassen Mayor Denny Laufenburger said in a statement. "Much of his vision and design activity for Paisley Park as a museum is already in place. He knew exactly how to showcase his production studio for his preparation for this eventual out-

Things to Do

BANGOR — "Cutting Edge Quilts: The Work of Sally K. Field, with Elizabeth Busch and Ellie Pancoe," on display 9 a.m.-7 p.m. daily through Sept. 30, Boyd Place Gallery, 21 Boyd St.

BANGOR — Robinson Ballet registration day, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, 107 Union St. 990-3140.

BAR HARBOR — Eighth annual Summer Organ Series, 12:15-1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, St. Saviour's Episcopal Parish, 41 Mount Desert Street. Julia Morris-Myers, Aug. 26. Admission by donation. Reception to meet the artists. 288-4215 or stsaviours.me.

BLUE HILL — Dance Show: Animal Invasion featuring middle and high school students, 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, Bay School, 17 Bay School Drive. Free, but donations of \$10 accepted. Refreshments.

BREWER — Bangor Singles Club dances, 8 p.m.-midnight Fridays, Brewer Eagles Club, 22 Atlantic Ave.: New Society, Aug. 26. Marilyn, 827-5751.

BUCKSPORT — Fifth annual gala concert featuring concert pianist Daniel Epstein and Friends, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, Bucksport Performing Arts Center, 100 Miles Lane. \$20.

BUCKSPORT — Steak or barbecue chicken dinner, 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, **Bucksport United Meth**odist Church, 71 Franklin St. Reservation-only event offers choice of steak or chicken, cole slaw, potato salad, homemade rolls, beverages and cake. \$10, \$5 children 12. Reservations, church office, 469-3622.

CLIFTON — Community Fair, 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, Clifton United Baptist Church. Free chicken barbecue, dunking booth, quilt show, food contests, magic exhibition, music and fireworks show at the end of the day. Darling's Ice Cream for a Cause truck, 5-7:30 p.m. Donations accepted to benefit two local school bus drivers who are ill. 843-5441.

DEXTER — Ken and Jane Brooks and Joe and Nel Kennedy playing vintage folk, bluegrass, gospel and classic country, 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, Wayside Theatre, 861 North Dexter Road (Route 23). \$10. Joe Kennedy, 277-3733, or Chester Bekier, 924-5711.

EASTPORT — Eastport Moonlight Movies, "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, Sutherland Amphitheater, 80 Water St. 214-0040 or lolly@sweetiesdowneast.com.

ELLSWORTH — Roast beef supper, 5-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, First Congregational Church of Ellsworth, corner of State and Church streets. Roast beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, string beans, Caesar salad, rolls, tea, coffee or lemonade, and homemade pies. \$9, \$25 family, free to children under 5. Lois, 669-2028.

GRAND ISLE - Annual memorial event and luminary candle fundraiser honoring past and present cancer survivors, 3 p.m.-midnight Sunday, Aug. 28, 126 Doucette Road. Refreshments and picnic lunch. Roger Corbin, 316-3477; Michael Corbin, 728-3129; or mizpahinc@ yahoo.com.

GREENVILLE — Greenville Masonic Association annual bean-hole bean supper, 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, Masonic Temple, 281 Pritham Ave. Casey's bean-hole beans, hot dogs, coleslaw, biscuits and desserts. All you can eat, \$10: quart of beans to take home, \$6. Takeout meals available.

MACHIAS — Machias Bay Chamber of Commerce offers free outdoor movies, sunset every other Saturday, box car next to Station 1898, across from Helen's Restaurant. "Zootopia," Aug. 27. 255-

MANCHESTER — Designing Women Fine Art and Crafts 10th annual Manchester Show, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, Longfellow Greenhouses, 81 Puddledock Road. Light lunch, snacks. \$2 at the door to benefit Sexual Assault Crisis and Support Center in Winthrop.

OLD TOWN — Community supper, 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, St. James' Episcopal Church, corner of Main and Center streets. Free and open to all.

PASSADUMKEAG — Cribbage tournament and bean bag (corn hole) tournament, 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, Passadumkeag Community Building. Bean bag tournament outside in the basketball court area. weather permitting. Entry fees: \$3 cribbage; \$2 bean bag tournaments. Passadumkeag Historical Society's bean-hole bean supper and auction, 4:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit historical society.

PEMBROKE — Pembroke Farm and Horse Fair. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 27-28,

Pembroke Fair Grounds. \$5, free to children 12 and under. Petting zoo, hay maze, carriage rides, bounce house, train rides, children's games, livestock displays, antique car and tractor show, crafts and food. Saturday activities: skillet toss, hammer throw and horse, flower, blacksmith and apple cider demonstrations, cow pie bingo, music, judging of vegetables, pies, knitting. Sunday activities: harness racing, church service, chili cook-off, pie-eating contest, pet show, pig scramble, Customs and Border Protection working dog demonstration. Pembroke Farm and Horse Fair on Face-

PORTLAND — "Branching Out" photography exhibit, through Saturday, Aug. 27, UMVA Gallery at CTN5, 516 Congress St. Gallery hours noon-5 p.m. Mondays; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays; 2-5 p.m. Fridays; or by appointment.

SOUTHWEST HARBOR Pianist Christina Spurling and sopranos Ketti Muschler and Michele Kruske presenting art songs inspired by the sea, featuring works by Faure, Britten, Kurt Weill and Andre Previn, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, St. John Church, 315 Main St. Admission by suggested donation of \$10. Benefits Westside Food Pantry. 244-8061 or scovino@ prexar.com.

SURRY — Surry Arts at the Barn's first barn sale, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, 8 Cross Road. Household goods, building materials, musical instruments, old barn utensils and more. In case of rain, sale will be held indoors. 667-1308 or surryartsatthebarn.com.

SURRY — Classical piano and flute music, 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, Surry Arts at the Barn, 8 Cross Road. Debbie Riley, piano, and Alan Wittenberg, flute and piano, performing Mozart, Shubert, Debussy, Haydn, Beethoven and others. Solo and duet performances. \$10. Refreshments. 667-1308 or surryartsatthebarn.com.

THOMASTON — Knox Museum benefit chicken and ribs barbecue with music by Steelin' Thunder steel drum band, 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, stage in front of Montpelier. Advance tickets \$15. \$12 Knox Museum members, free to children under 12. available at knoxmuseum.org or gift shop at Montpelier during regular business hours. Tickets \$18, \$15 museum members, free to children under 12 at the door day of event. Includes food. Drinks

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available by donation. Benefit this past Memorial Day weekend's exhibition of The Moving Wall. 354-8062 or info@knoxmuseum.org.

UNITY - Mile Twelve, original and traditional bluegrass band, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, Unity College Center for the Performing Arts, 42 Depot St. \$15 at the door or uccpa.unity.edu.

For a complete listing of calendar items or to submit your event, visit www.bangordailynews.com.



Church to hold baked bean supper

CORINTH — A baked bean supper will be held 4:30-6 p.m. Saturday, September 10 at the Corinth United Methodist

Main St.

come.'

The menu will include two varieties of baked beans, hot dogs, chop suey, potato salad, coleslaw, bread and rolls, beverages and pie.

Cost is \$8 for adults, \$7 for age 60 and up, \$4 for Church, located at 275 children under 12.

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