CRYSTAL FALLS—Historic Crystal Theatre in Crystal Falls is proud to announce its 2012 “Gem of a Season.”

The “Gem of a Season” ticket package, which includes eight concerts from June through September, may be ordered at the ticket outlets identified below beginning May 1.

Tickets for individual concerts will be sold two weeks prior to each event and at the door.

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Pianist/composer Bill Carrothers will inaugurate the season Sunday, June 3, with the revered Steinway Model ‘D’ concert grand piano.

Recently gifted to the theatre by songwriter and music producer Patrick Leonard, the piano will be the focal point of a trio of talented musicians who improvise in the moment.

Sunday, June 17, the musical style shifts to classic folk, with Jackie Davidson and Gary Brandt “Singing the Good Old Songs Again.”

Davidson was a founding member of the New Christy Minstrels, a popular folk music group in the ‘60s.

Touted as central Wisconsin’s premier blues band, Otis and the Alligators will take the stage Sunday, July 1.

Fronted by the wailing harmonica playing of Otis McLennon, the group features old soul and rhythm and blues classics.

A unique form of entertainment in the character of Snowflake, played by Gale Lajoye, promises to delight the audience Sunday, July 15.

Reminiscent of Red Skelton’s “Old Soul” of yesteryear, Snowflake speaks to the power of human kindness without speaking a single word.

Golden oldies will be celebrated Sunday, July 19, with a group appropriately named Studebaker 7.

Organized in 1973 for a fraternity party, the group performed for 14 years, disbanded and reformed in 2002 with six original members.

Sister Wilene returns to Crystal Theatre Sunday, August 12.

Drawing from the vintage material made popular by the likes of Patsy Cline and Bob Wills, the group’s first performance in 2009 received rave reviews by country music enthusiasts.

Another performer brought back by popular demand is ragtime pianist Bob Milne, who will appear Sunday, Aug. 26.

Milne returns for the third time but will tickle the ivories of the new Steinway for the first time.

The “Gem of a Season” will conclude with a sparkling performance by the renowned theater organist Dave Wickerham Sunday, Sept. 9.

Wickerham’s respect for Crystal Theatre’s vintage “Mighty Moller” pipe organ influenced his decision to take up residence in Crystal Falls.

“Our ‘Gem of a Season’ once again offers a wide variety of entertainment – there’s something for everyone!” says Theatre Manager Charlie Sandstrom.

“Our season ticket package has to be the best deal in entertainment anywhere,” says Sandstrom.

“Where else can you enjoy the amazing talent of professional musicians for less than $8? And

you can save on gas by finding the entertainment close to home!”

Season ticket brochures with order forms will be available beginning May 1 at Ben Franklin’s in Crystal Falls, Central Arts and Gifts and the Iron County Chamber Office in Iron River, Steamin’ Joe Coffeehouse in Florence, Wis., and the Music Tree in Iron Mountain.

“Gem” packages may also be purchased online at thecrystaltheatre.org or by phoning 875-6867.

Season package prices are as follows: single adult, $90; couple, $135; single senior (minimum age 60), $75; senior couple, $125; family, $135.

Admission at the door for individual concerts will be $15.