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## “MAY” WE ENTERTAIN YOU?

Singer-songwriter **Jason Mraz** is set to perform in a special theatre setting at **Veterans Memorial Coliseum** on **May 3**. With a slew of hits under his belt including “Remedy,” “Wordplay” and recent “I’m Yours,” Mraz has a reputation of presenting tremendous live shows. The concert begins at 7:30 pm with special guest Plain White T’s. Find out more at [www.jasonmraz.com](http://www.jasonmraz.com).

**Jeff Dunham’s Spark of Insanity** is sure to provide plenty of laughs at **Veterans Memorial Coliseum** on **May 29**. Dunham is best known for his comedic ventriloquist acts with sidekicks Peanut, Achmed the Dead Terrorist, Jose Jalapeno on a Stick and crowd favorite, Walter the grumpy retiree. Dunham has done multiple specials on Comedy Central, including a Christmas special in 2008. You won’t want to miss this side-splitting show! More information on Dunham and his “dummies” can be found at [www.jeffdunham.com](http://www.jeffdunham.com).

The **WI Wolfpack** indoor football team plays in the “Wolf Den” at **Veterans Memorial Coliseum** a whopping three times this month: **May 2, 9 and 30**. Fans enjoy the fast-paced action and tons of excitement. May 30 marks the last regular season home game for the Wolfpack, but don’t worry they may be back for the playoffs! Find out more about the team at [www.wiwolfpack.com](http://www.wiwolfpack.com).

Tickets for all of these events are available at the Coliseum Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com or call toll-free 1-800-745-3000.



## CONSERVING, CONNECTING, COMPETING & A GOOD CAUSE



Find out all about an environmentally friendly lifestyle at the **2009 Going Green Wisconsin Expo** **May 2–3** in **Exhibition Hall**. The expo includes product sampling, instructional seminars and green prize competitions. Other special attractions include a hybrid test course, a fresh market, a health and wellness pavilion and a kids zone. Show hours are 10am–5pm both days. Order advance tickets and find out more about the expo at <http://www.channel3000.com/mm-green-expo>.

On **May 12** the Greater Madison Area Society for Human Resource Management (GMA SHRM) hosts its annual **Human Capital Conference** in **Exhibition Hall**. This year’s theme is HR: Reaching New Heights. Find out more and register for the conference at [www.gmashrm.org](http://www.gmashrm.org).

The **Mad Rollin’ Dolls** finish their 2009 regular season at **Exhibition Hall** on **May 16**. It’s never too late to come watch the entertaining roller derby bouts, as these ladies put forth all their effort and athleticism. The bout starts at 6pm, with doors opening at 5pm. Find out more and purchase advance tickets at [www.madrollindolls.com](http://www.madrollindolls.com).

Exercise and support a good cause at the same time at the **Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure** **May 30** on **Willow Island**. This year marks Madison’s 12<sup>th</sup> annual race to raise funds for cancer support and research. The event includes a 5k run, a 5k walk and a 1 mile course. More information, including registration and schedules, is available at [www.madisonraceforthe cure.com](http://www.madisonraceforthe cure.com).

## MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND TRADITIONS

Memorial Day Weekend in Madison wouldn’t be the same without the tradition of **The World’s Largest Brat Fest** on **Willow Island** **May 22–25**, rain or shine. Benefiting many Madison-area charities, the festival features live entertainment, carnival attractions, kayaking for the kids, The World’s Largest Touring Grill, the famous Oscar Meyer Wienermobile, all the brats you can handle and much more! The fest earned a new world record in 2008, so help make history in 2009. Satisfy your appetite for brats and other information at [www.bratfest.com](http://www.bratfest.com).

After you’re stuffed full of brats, it may be a good idea to head over to **Exhibition Hall** for the **Madison Marathon Health & Fitness Expo** on **May 23**. The show provides an opportunity for attendees to learn all about health & fitness tips, the latest in athletic apparel, and other sporting opportunities. The **Madison Marathon** is the next day, **May 24**, beginning and ending at **Willow Island**. Come out to support the runners as they cross the finish line. More information on both of these events can be found at [www.madisonfestivals.com/marathon](http://www.madisonfestivals.com/marathon).

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## Let's CeleBRATe the Beginning of Summer

What do you get when you mix over 160 gallons of mustard; 130 gallons of ketchup; 4,000 pounds of sauerkraut; 1,900 pounds of onions; and 180 gallons of relish? It's more than just a terrible stomach ache! The World's Largest Brat Fest held Memorial Day weekend each year on Willow Island combines all these things plus more.

The fest has raised millions of dollars for local charities since it began in 1983. Originally held in the Sentry Foods lot in Hilldale, Brat Fest has grown tremendously in the number of brats sold and number of charities helped.

Last year's event earned a 'self-proclaimed' new world record of 191,712 brats consumed in the four-day period. The previous record came from the World's Largest Brat Fest 2004. Organizers and volunteers hope to break that record once more in 2009.

Come out to **Willow Island May 22-25** for the **World's Largest Brat Fest**. Visitors will enjoy free entertainment, live music, rides and all the brats they can handle. You'll quickly learn why Brat Fest has become one of Madison's favorite events!



## World's Largest Brat Fest Word Find

The World's Largest Brat Fest is famous for family fun and entertainment over Memorial Day Weekend to raise money for local charities. See if you can find all the words listed. Don't forget to check out Brat Fest on Willow Island May 22-25!



- Brat Fest
- World Record
- Brats
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Onion
- Relish
- Sauerkraut
- Family Fun
- Entertainment
- Kayaking
- Brat Gear
- Willow Island