The Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association Newsletter
April - May 2014

What's Been Happening? By Greg Rueger, ETPA Board President

We are in! All systems are go! It's full steam ahead for our Grand Re-Opening on Friday, June 20th!


Lee Littlefield testing the Mighty Wurlitzer

The structural, seismic and main floor ADA restroom work has been completed. Though we won't be given a permit to allow general public access to the Egyptian until our safety related exit lighting and signage has been upgraded and code-height railings are installed on the balcony, we are in and raring to go to get our theatre ready for its now firm date for Grand Re-Opening on June 20th. Our partner, the City of Coos Bay, has issued the "Request for Quotes" to fabricate our new marquee (our longest lead time item) and is working with us to retain contractors to complete the façade and interior clean-up and enhancement work we plan to perform before re-opening. By the time this newsletter hits the streets, work will be underway. There's lots to accomplish over the next few months – but the ETPA, the City, our contractors, and the talented volunteer craftsmen who will be working with us are up to the task!

We had a lot of fun with several hundred of you "Walking Like An Egyptian" on March 1st at the unveiling of our new tile sidewalk (see story below). A big thank you was earned by Lee Littlefield for planning and coordinating the event, and by David Engholm for serving as our Master of Ceremonies.

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, in response to your requests to expand and enhance the programming we offer, we are moving on finding an experienced Executive Director/Theatre Manager for the Egyptian. Our search for the right person has been nationwide and we have received applications from several top-notch candidates. Interviews are under way and we hope to introduce you to our new Executive Director in our June/July newsletter. Our campaign to collect funds to cover the initial salary of our Executive Director is off to a good start. Early sales of sidewalk tile dedications have been good, and we are making progress on earning our $20,000 dollar-for-dollar challenge donation to help us raise the funds we need. By now all of you should have received a letter requesting your support and providing you specifics on how you can contribute through dedicating a sidewalk tile. In case you haven't received this, we have included a sidewalk tile dedication form with this newsletter. Sidewalk tile (and seat) dedication requests received by May 1 will be engraved and installed prior to our Grand Re-Opening.

Planning is under way for our spectacular Grand Re-Opening. Though the "official" Grand Re-Opening will take place on Friday, June 20th , we are planning a series of celebratory events for that weekend. One special event, however, will take place earlier that week. That is our "sneak peek" tour and celebration offered exclusively to 2014 ETPA members. Reserve the evening of Wednesday, June 18th, for that special event. If you haven't already renewed your ETPA membership for 2014, you will want to do so soon. Membership forms are available on our web page (www.egyptian-theatre.com) or can be picked up at the ETPA's Tioga building office or the Antiques and Collectables store next door.

Full steam ahead! Grand Re-Opening on June 20th or bust! We CAN Do It!

Sidewalk Dedication



Gray skies broke into sunshine and colorful balloons blew in the wind on Saturday, March 1, as The Egyptian Theatre Sidewalk Unveiling celebration got under way .

Scores of friends and supporters of the theatre ***'walked like Egyptians'*** down the sidewalk to the music of The Dale Inskeep Band. Some sported gold lame curly-toed shoes and all carried certificates of authenticity stating that they were among the first to cross the beautiful threshold of the refurbished, beautiful Egyptian Theatre.

Meet Your Board Members - Laura Fisher



Laura Fisher is a native of Coos Bay, currently living in the Bunker Hill area with her husband of 37 years. Along with several koi, they have two Boxer dogs and a Siamese cat, all three of which were rescue animals. She attended Marshfield High School and Southwestern Oregon Community College and received her CPA license in 2002. She started working for Yergen & Meyer in 1996 and is currently a partner in the firm, now called Hough, MacAdam & Wartnik. Prior to 1996 she worked as bookkeeper at a couple of local businesses and also worked nine years at the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay.

Laura has served on the Oregon Board of Accountancy Continuing Professional Education Committee and is a past Treasurer for the Coos Bay Downtown Association and also for the Coos Bay Area Zonta Club.

She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants as well as the Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants. She is also an associate member of the Government Finance Officers Association and will serve as president of the South Coast Chapter of the Oregon Association of Certified Public Accountants during 2014-15.

In her spare time, she enjoys reading, cooking, touring wine country in Oregon and California, and she is a tireless worker for the ETPA. Laura says that some of her best childhood memories are of taking two Williams Bread wrappers to use to get in free for the Saturday matinee at the Egyptian!

In Memoriam



We were very sorry to learn of the recent passing of our dear friend and faithful volunteer, Ray Duskin.

A man of many interests, Ray was an internationally acclaimed rose expert, and beloved by all who knew him. He worked diligently for the Egyptian and was often seen at the ETPA's Farmer's Market tent, in the office helping with mailings, and providing our theatre support by participating in events such as the fund-raising dinner at Benetti's Italian Restaurant.

Ray will be greatly missed. On behalf of the ETPA, we give thanks for the life and service of Ray Duskin, and extend our deepest sympathy to Ray's wife and family.

Upcoming Events

Coos Bay Wine Walk – Friday evenings, **April 4** and **May 2**, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Find out what we are up to and enjoy piano music, wine, snacks and good company as you join us at the ETPA's office in the Tioga building during Coos Bay's Wine Walks.

Coos Bay/North Bend Clean-Up Day -- Saturday April 26: Les' Sanitary Service and the North Bend Garbage Company say "*Dump Your Junk* and support the Egyptian Theatre" from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at four locations:

1. South 4th Street Parking Lot
2. Eastside Fire Station Parking Lot
3. Empire Fire Station Parking Lot
4. Pony Village Mall Parking Lot by Ross & Mini Pet Mart.

Some restrictions apply. Questions: please call (541) 269-1181 ext 2267.

Note to Members

The grand reopening of your favorite theatre will happen in June thanks to the enthusiastic response of the community and you ETPA members. Special events are planned for members at this time.

The time is here for you dedicated group of volunteers to step forward. For you who are not currently signed on as 2014 members, a membership form with volunteering preference is enclosed. As soon as the theatre construction allows for volunteer presence, you can expect a call for a meeting and learning session, time and place.

Another way you will be able to support your theatre is to sign up with the new Fred Meyer Community Rewards program. We are in the process of getting added to their lists. Check the link out at the end of April. Freddie's is donating $2.5 million per year to nonprofits in the Northwest, based on the customers' response. You just link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card at www.fredmeyer.com/community rewards, indicating your choice to be Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association, or our nonprofit ID #68-0624507 Adding us does not affect your other earned rewards.

First Concert June 25th - 7:00 P.M. - Scott Helmer

Even as work continues on the Egyptian Theatre grand re-opening, the Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association is excited to announce the first concert already has been booked for the refurbished venue.



National touring and recording artist Scott Helmer, who has opened for legendary bands including Heart, Big Country, and rock icon Eddie Money, will appear in concert at the Egyptian at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25th. Helmer is working to help charities across the United States raise $1 million for their respective causes. His "Support YOUR Cause Tour" begins May 1, 2014, and will continue through May 1, 2015.

Helmer will be performing solo-acoustic guitar and he will be accompanied on his tour by his trusted motorcycle. He will be inviting all cycle clubs and dealerships across the country to host fund-raising rides along his tour route.

Previously, Helmer played benefits for the Wounded Warrior Project, Operation Comfort, homeless shelters and anti-violence shelters, toy drives, pet charities and many more worthwhile causes.

"I want to use my passion for music to help those people and organizations that help others, even if it's only in a small way; like performing and bringing a bit more awareness to their cause at a fundraising event," he says. "I hope what I am doing inspires others to do the same; to help others by doing what they love."

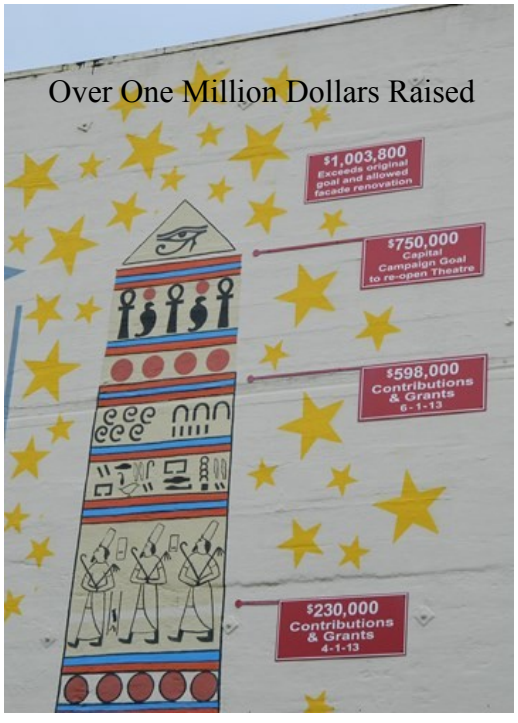
March 1st Tile Dedication - "Walk Like an Egyptian"

















Contest Continues: the first 4 people to find this symbol somewhere in the newsletter (other than in this announcement) will win a prize of either an Egyptian mug or etched wine glass. We will award 4 prizes per issue - two to the people who email where the symbol is (page & location on the page) and two to the first people who receive the mailed version of the newsletter and call the office (269-8650) with the information. Leave a message with the date and time you called and a number where we can reach you. Start looking!



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