The Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association Fall Newsletter 2018



MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

TUT NEEDS YOU!

The mission of the Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association is to renovate, preserve and operate the historic Egyptian Theatre as a performing arts and entertainment center, and to improve the economic vitality and quality of life of the community by offering programs of cultural and educational value. With immense support from the community, the Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association successfully re-opened our community's historic theatre in June, 2014. Since then, over 80,000 patrons have passed through our doors enjoying concerts, movies, weddings, birthday parties, lectures and presentations. The theatre is a bright spot in downtown Coos Bay and it continues to attract and draw people into our local area to dine, to shop, and to be entertained.

In 2018, the Egyptian Theatre brought several film festivals to our area and has booked more for 2019. The "Science on Screen" with accompanying lectures has proven to be very popular. The Egyptian has helped dozens of non-profit agencies raise money for their missions--- over $75,000 in cash and thousands more dollars in donated items since reopening in 2014. The theatre has been the venue for diverse and multiple events: live concerts and entertainment, school concerts, memorial services, private rentals for business conventions, meetings, and gatherings. Attracting our patrons into the downtown core for Egyptian-related events is a gratifying bonus.

In the fall of 2015, The Egyptian installed a state of the art high resolution (4k) digital projector. In 2016, a high-powered up-to-date "server" to accept all current movie distribution formats was installed, and the addition of equipment to support visually and hearing impaired patrons was completed. New sound equipment allows us to bring more dynamic programming to the theatre stage and screen and also to sell digital advertising which helps to offset some of our overhead.

In 2018-2019, the Egyptian will re-rig the stage curtains and the theatre's priceless backdrops thanks, in part, to the generous support from folks renewing their memberships. The granting agencies who are supporting the rigging project (The Oregon Cultural Trust, Jordon Cove and Coquille Indian Tribe) take notice of membership backing when awarding non-profit grant requests.

The backbone of ETPA's success in running the theatre is built upon each individual member of the association whose patronage through attendance, volunteering and yes, through monetary support by way of membership and donation is critical. It not only helps to pay the bills, but it is an indicator of broad based support, and, as mentioned, is a critical component when granting agencies consider applications submitted by The Egyptian.

The 2019 Membership Campaign is underway. If you have renewed, BRAVO and thank-you-very-much! If you have not, please take a moment to do so. Please extend an invitation to a friend to join Tut's Army. It is one of the most positive commitments you can make toward the vitality and health of your community and yourself, not to mention the benefits you receive as an ETPA member.

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

When an Ice Machine is not just an Ice Machine.

Back in August our trusty old ice machine finally made its last piece of ice. To a small non-profit organization like the Egyptian Theatre this can potentially be a big problem, as commercial ice machines cost a couple thousand dollars.

Thanks to a private monetary gift earlier in the year from ETPA Lifetime Member and Egyptian supporter Philippa Benson, this was not as big an issue as it might have been had we not received her donation. THANK YOU, Philippa.

We also want to give a big THANK YOU to Jimmy Gordon, owner of **Apex Air Northwest**. He came over and gave us a great price and did not charge for delivery or installation of our new ice machine**. Apex Air** is a great supporter of our community and helps with Veteran Charities as well.

We appreciate all our businesses and personal contributors and cannot thank you all enough. Every little bit helps keep our beautiful Egyptian Theatre open for all to enjoy.



New Egyptian Theatre Volunteer

Kara, our Executive Director, welcomed Neo, her new Chinese Shar-Pei puppy, in September. He was born July 7, 2018 in California and joins his 2 Boxer siblings.



2018 Business Supporters

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2018 Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association Board of Directors

Jeremy Conway
Allen Ellis
David Engholm
Laura Fisher
Kathy Henry
Brian Leigh
Lee Littlefield
Paul Quarino
Bill Richardson
Karen Robb
June Willoughby

Kara Long, Executive Director, Manager

Egyptian Summer 2018

The Egyptian saw a steady stream of visitors over the summer on Wednesdays from the end of May through the month of September as board members and volunteers from the ETPA hosted music and tours of the theatre in conjunction with The Farmer's Market for locals and travelers alike.

> "*We had no idea this was here*." "*OMG*." *"Does the music come out of the speakers?" "My grandmother used to play that song on a spinet organ in her upstairs apartment in New Jersey."*

Crewing the familiar Membership Cart under the theatre canopy on Broadway were Jan and Al Ellis, Karen Robb, Brian Leigh and Patrick Stack. Lee Littlefield and Paul Quarino played the Mighty Wurlitzer from noon until 1:00 p.m., treating over 600 visitors to old and new favorites. Al and Karen facilitated tours for over 400 wide-eyed guests who were effusive in their praise for what has been accomplished in the restoration and operation of the theatre.



Left: Al Ellis, Tour Guide and ETPA Board Member

Right: Lee Littlefield at the Mighty Wurlitzer. Lee is also an ETPA Board Member

Tours and Organ Music will resume in 2019 during the Farmer's Market from Memorial Day thru Labor Day.



On August 1st, Oregon's Adventure Coast (oregonadventurecoast.com) hosted journalist Rick Dancer and his wife, Kathy, from *That Oregon Life,* a live Facebook page for which Rick is the host. He visited and adroitly shot beautiful and entertaining video with his cell phone, featuring multiple segments on the special places in our area, including The Egyptian Theatre. With a little online sleuthing at the link provided above, readers can seek out the segments and see, not only Rick's Egyptian visit, but the many other spots which, once again, reminds us of what a great place it is to be on the South Coast of Oregon.



In September, the Skagit-Snohomish Regional Horseless Carriage antique car group, hosted by ETPA members, Joe and Vickie Morgan, stopped in on their "Coastal Byways Tour." Thirty one cars (1915 or older with original parts) arrived from Canada, Montana, Nevada, California, Washington, Idaho and Oregon. They toured the back roads of Coos County and visited special venues in the area, including the Egyptian. Thanks to ETPA board members, Paul Quarino, David Engholm, Jeremy Conway, June Willoughby and Laura Fisher for hosting. Wurlitzer pipe organ music on our 1925 treasure, followed by stage and projection booth tours (touting our state of the art 4K projector), provided our guests opportunity for lots of explanations, questions, answers and conversation.





As we approach the end of the year, we would like to Introduce you to the Oregon Cultural Trust



If you have visited a museum in Oregon, attended an arts performance, tuned into public radio, or appreciated the preservation of our state's history, it's likely that you've benefited from the Oregon Cultural Trust.

The Cultural Trust was created by the state legislature in 2002 to fund culture in the state into perpetuity. Currently, more than 1,400 nonprofits, including the Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association are eligible to receive funds from the Cultural Trust. **In October 2017, we received a grant of $13,230 from the Oregon Cultural Trust to go toward replacing our rigging**.

Those funds are provided by Oregonians like you who receive a cultural tax credit for their donation to the Cultural Trust. Spreading the word about how easy it is to take advantage of the tax credit is how we grow funding for statewide culture. Here's how it works:
Total your donations to qualifying cultural nonprofits to which you donated all year. A full list of qualifying nonprofits can be found here: http://culturaltrust.org/get-involved/nonprofits/

Give the same amount to the Cultural Trust by Dec. 31 by mail or online

Claim the amount donated to the Cultural Trust as a tax credit when you file your taxes.*

Your Cultural Trust contribution comes back to you in the form of a decreased tax bill or potentially an increased refund. You just doubled the impact of your contribution at no additional cost to you!

As you continue to support the Egyptian Theatre with your generous contributions, we hope you'll also match your donation with a gift to the Oregon Cultural Trust to strengthen funding for all of the cultural organizations that protect our great state's famous quality of life.

Remember to make your donation by December 31. Learn more or donate at CulturalTrust.org or (503) 986-0088 or consult your tax preparer.

TUT'S TABLET

- The **Annual Membership Meeting of the Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association** will be held in conjunction with the Board of Directors meeting on **November 14, 2018 at 5:30 PM** at the Egyptian Theatre. A business review of the past year at the theatre – events and finances – will be presented. All members in good standing of the ETPA are welcome to attend.
- **Application for Board of Director Position**: The ETPA Board of Directors is encouraging any member in good standing of the ETPA, who may be interested in serving on the Board of Directors, to submit a resume and express interest in serving on the Board in writing. Please send your materials to the Egyptian Theatre (229 S Broadway, Coos Bay, OR 97420).
- **Save the Date**: **The 44th Annual "Sounds of Christmas" Wurlitzer Organ Concert** will be held at The Egyptian on **Saturday, December 8th at 12:00 noon**. Lee Littlefield and Paul Quarino will be featured on the Mighty Wurlitzer. The Bay Area Christmas Brass under the direction of Steve Simpkins will make merry with traditional and jazzy arrangements of holiday favorites. The concert is a long-time holiday tradition for many and is free to all. Donations for the pipe organ are accepted.
- **GET CREATIVE -- SHOP EGYPTIAN:** Chair dedications, sidewalk tiles and Egyptian-themed clothing, hats and swag are great gift ideas to consider for the holiday season. The gift of a membership in the ETPA is not only a thoughtful tribute to the recipient but a fantastic way to support the theatre. Check out the inventory in the lobby, pick up a membership blank to gift a friend, and/or chat with Kara if interested in a chair or tile dedication. You'll be glad you did!
- **SAVE THE DATES!** Friday, November 23rd and Saturday November 24th - We're showing ***ELF*** with the sockball fight again! Santa arrives at the Egyptian around 5:30PM on Friday with the movie beginning around 7:30 PM. On Saturday, he'll be at the theatre at 12:30PM with the movie at 2:00PM. We have another showing without Santa at 7:00PM. Admission is free with your clean, rolled socks for the snowball fight scene. Join in the fun for the 4th Annual Sockball Fight!

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January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

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All memberships receive reduced admission to movies and other special ETPA events. Memberships in the $25-$75 level receive 2 free movie passes; Memberships $100 and up receive 4 free movie passes.

Please check one:

Senior/Military/Student	____	$25	Pharaoh	____	$100
Single	____	$30	Cleopatra	____	$250
Family	____	$45	King Tut	____	$500
Sphinx	____	$75	Pyramid	____	$1,000

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Volunteer Program

As a non-profit theatre, volunteer teams are essential to "running the show." Just 3-4 hours per month helps. If you have time, please check your interest in the box below and provide your email address above so we can send you a link to our sign-up sheet.

____ Projection ____ Concessions/Box Office Sales ____ Brochure & poster distribution

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