The Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association Spring 2023

Nothing stays the same… by June Willoughby, ETPA Secretary

I thought this was part of a song lyric, but couldn't find the source. But it is true. If we are alive then things are always in constant flux. If you have more than one child, you are not the same parent to the second that you were to the first.

The same is true of the Egyptian. We are constantly changing in one way or another. Most of you know that last year, Kara Long, our long time Executive Director, decided to resign to pursue other interests. We hired two people to replace her, Ariel Peasley to manage bookings and administration and Dave Rader to manage the physical complex of the theatre. Since our last newsletter, both of them have resigned and we hired a new Administrative Director, Jill Rasmusen.



Jill is a Coos County native and proud graduate of North Bend High School. She has been active in the community for many years and you may know her as the force behind the fundraisers for the Coos County K-9 program which she has run for their last five events. She's also the current Treasurer of the Coos Bay Downtown Association and a former insurance agent for Farmer's.

While she doesn't have a movie theatre background and running the Egyptian is a totally new experience, she is working hard to learn everything she needs to know from Kara and Laura Fisher (former Treasurer and Board Member) about how to book movies, fund-raisers and concerts, pay the bills, keep the state of Oregon happy with us, handle the popcorn machine (thoroughly cleaned by Jill for probably the first time in at least 6 years) and replace the CO2 cannister for the sodas as needed along with anything else the old Egyptian throws her way.

She has lots of ideas to help us increase our revenue stream including a recently added 50/50 raffle for the ETPA movies (not fund-raisers). She's also brought to the Board a new rental fee structure for non-profits and anyone else renting the theatre. These amounts had not been changed for a number of years and, sad as it is, our expenses are increasing just like everyone else's.



In our last newsletter, we also introduced you to Chris Malone. Chris first came to us last summer during the Farmer's Market where he began volunteering. Then he continued to get involved with the movies, learning all there is to know about projection. He joined the Board in August and was elected to a regular position in November at our Annual Meeting. And, at our first meeting in January, Chris was elected President of the Board! Congratulations Chris!

When he joined the Board, he joined discussions about our website and offered to build us a new one. The decision was made to split the site in two with one concentrating on our events and the other on our history. We're pleased to announce that these two sites have come online and replaced our former site. If you search for the Egyptian Theatre now you'll find either https://www.egyptiantheatre.events/ for events or https://www.etpaoregon.org/ for the story of the Egyptian. It's a simple click to move between one and the other and we hope you'll visit them regularly.

Come Join the ETPA Board of Directors

Would you like to help guide the Egyptian Theatre through the next several years including her 100th birthday in 2025?

The ETPA is seeking interested persons to join the ETPA Board of Directors. Candidates must be members of the ETPA in good standing, attend a Board meeting or two and must submit a letter of interest and resume to coosbayegyptian@gmail.com which will be shared with Board members.

Please include why you would like to be on the Board, what talents and experiences you bring to further our mission and what other organizations or activities of a volunteer nature you have been part of in the past. You can read about the mission of the Board on our website. https://www.etpaoregon.org/

The Board would discuss your qualifications in executive session and decide upon whether to offer you a position at their next meeting. You would have to stand for regular election in November with the entire ETPA membership. Terms are generally 3 years but when you come into the group between general elections, you serve until the next Annual Meeting in November.

We're particularly interested in anyone with grant writing skills, handyman type skills to help with minor repairs or writing skills to help with newsletter articles.

Tut's Tablet

- Since reopening last April, over 7,000 people have walked through our doors
- Between Thanksgiving and the week before Christmas, we had events 8 out of 10 days with over 2400 people in attendance
- Since being designated a Performing Arts Venue by Disney, we can now show their movies and cartoons (as long as they are at least 5 years old)
- June Willoughby received a Certificate of Appreciation at the Volunteer Appreciation Night for her many hours of service managing the Volunteers and being a Volunteer herself
- We now offer a 1 hour orientation for anyone interested in volunteering at the theatre. Concession volunteers make popcorn, pour soda and sell candy. Volunteers also sell tickets at the ticket booth and some go on to become projectionists. Pay? Our gratitude plus free popcorn & soda.
- We need more projectionists! Training does takes several hours. If interested email volunteer.at.the.egyptian@gmail.com
- Volunteers get into events for free if they work them. That includes concerts which are sometimes up to $35 a ticket.

Volunteer Appreciation Night

On December 28th we held our first Volunteer Appreciation Night since reopening last spring. Those volunteers who have been active since then were invited for free pizza, soda, popcorn and the movie, “We’re No Angels” – an oldie but goodie with Humphrey Bogart.



As part of the celebration, Jill presented the Golden Charioteer Award to volunteer Patti Bennett. This award was given to Patti by the ETPA Board for all of her work as a volunteer for the Egyptian.

The Golden Charioteer Award was started and funded by a private donor in March of 2015 and is awarded to a volunteer who has given above and beyond in their service to the theatre. It comes with a $1000 award for the winner to spend on the theatre in any way they see fit, subject to Board approval. Past winners include Lee Littlefield, Susan Watson and June Willoughby.

Patti is there every month at the Wine Walk and is famous for her Sangria. She’s also at almost every event as one of our senior volunteers meaning she knows everything there is to know about running concessions. We often tease her about “where is her hammock” because she’s at the theatre so often. We can think of no one more deserving of this award at this time than Patti. **Congratulations Patti!**

With the single exception of Grauman’s Egyptian in L.A. and its location on Hollywood Blvd, **EVERY OTHER EGYPTIAN THEATER EVER BUILT ON THE WEST COAST OF THE UNITED STATES… EVERY ONE HAS BEEN DEMOLISHED — EXCEPT YOURS**. Congratulations, Coos Bay.”
From a talk by George Kramer, Preservation Consultant, March 7, 2013.

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A free way for you to donate money to us!

It might interest you to know that we do receive money quarterly from the **Fred Meyers Rewards Program** and the **Smile Program at Amazon.**

You must register with both.

Sign up for Fred Meyer

Once you do, just present your Fred Meyers card when checking out and it's automatic for them.

Sadly, Amazon is discontinuing it's Smile Program on Feb 20, 2023, but until then you can continue to send donations our way.

Since starting in 2013, we received over $1750 from the smile program. To phase it out, the are providing a final donation to charities of 3 months of what was received in 2022.

If you belong to the Amazon program, we'll still accrue donations until 2/20/2023.

Remember—this costs you nothing but it helps us a lot!

Coming Attractions

February

Show of Shows—Animated Shorts—Feb 4
In a Lonely Place—Feb 10 and 11
The Princess Bride—Feb 11
Holes—Feb 16
The Oscar Shorts Feb 17 & 18
2 different shows
Documentary
Live Action
Music on the Bay—Feb 23
David Freie—live concert—Feb 24
The Sandlot—Fundraiser for NBHS softball team —Feb 25

March

Coco—March 4
Hacksaw Ridge—March 4
Mamma Mia—March 17

April

Pigs on the Wing Concert—April 28

Check the Website for dates and times and for more events as they are added.

While we try our very best not to miss anyone from our member list, mistakes sometimes happen. If you see an error or omission, kindly email coosbayegyptian@gmail.com



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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.

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