The Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association Spring 2025



Welcome to Tut's Corner Spring 2025

I wanted to start by letting all of you know we have lost two pillars of the Egyptian Theatre within the past several months.

Paul Quarino, our lead organist, passed away at the end of December 2024. Paul was first introduced to our Wurlitzer in 1980.

Living in Portland, Paul traveled to Coos Bay over the years to work on and play the Wurlitzer when the McSwain Brothers owned the Egyptian. Paul finally moved permanently to the Bay Area in 2014 and became our full-time Wurlitzer Wizard, giving the Egyptian theatre his lifetime of experience and love of pipe organs. If you met Paul, you would see his energy and face light up when he played and talked about our Wurlitzer, he was fiercely protective of his baby, and his delicate care of our organ over the decades has kept it original and operational. I know I speak to everyone that has heard Paul play, his finesse, his style, and his passion will be missed by one and all.

In February we lost our long-time janitor Tim Galten. Tim moved to the Bay Area in 1988 and worked for the Egyptian for over a decade starting in 2014. Tim was an honor student in school and enjoyed basketball, track, bicycling, swimming, skateboarding, participating in parades on his unicycle and many triathlons, he also loved living by the ocean. Tim had a gentle spirit, and we called him our gentle giant. Tim was an honest, trustworthy person, and cared for the Egyptian as if it was his own. He was there for the Egyptian after every event and did his very best to keep the theatre clean and orderly. Tim is survived by his mother and twin sisters. His care, versatility, and loyalty is hard to find these days. Tims loss leaves a hole in our hearts; he was a member of our Egyptian Theatre family, and we will miss him greatly.

On to more positive thoughts… Jill has been hard at it to schedule a wide variety of events, keeping the theatre a popular entertainment venue for performers and the public alike. We have had some very profitable events in the past two quarters including concerts, comedy shows, movies, film festivals, and free events. Keeping our doors open is our goal and we're doing our best to achieve that thanks to our Exec. Director Jill, and her efforts to get a variety of events and films that appeal to our local community.

Speaking of events… One of my personal favorites so far this year was our Ghost Hunters event. There have been a multitude of reports over the decades that the theatre is haunted by spirits. Whether or not you believe in that sort of thing, it was a really fun event. We participated with a local Ghost Hunter group that has documented findings throughout our community, there were several stations set up which we rotated through and interacted with the tools and electronic devices used to communicate with the spirits. I was impressed with the group's knowledge on the topic and some of my skepticism has changed, I really hope we host the event more frequently.

Another series of events coming our way is a Batman Marathon, Rocky Marathon, Superman Marathon, and our very popular summertime "Wednesday with Walt" featuring a wide variety of Wednesday showings of Disney movies. We are excited to also announce a new type of event that Jill created focusing on autistic members of our community. We will be showing a series of movies with the lights on, volume lower, and we'll utilize our balcony as a safe area to retreat and decompress if needed. We will also be scaling back on our involvement with Wine Walk and Farmer's Market, please check our website and Facebook page for more details.

Lastly… I want to thank our members for their continued support, and our volunteers, without all of you we wouldn't be able to open the doors! See you at the movies!









Please Note:

You must present your membership card in order to receive your discounted admission on ETPA events.

You can use it for the refreshment discount at any event.

If you are a senior citizen (55 or older) you must request the senior rate when you purchase your tickets.

Wednesday With Walt (Disney)

Doors open at 5:30pm.

Movies start promptly at 6pm



June 18th
Ralph Breaks the internet

June 25th
Zootopia

July 2nd
Beauty and the Beast

July 9th
Aladdin

July 16th
The Hunchback of Notre Dame

July 23rd
Oliver and Company

July 30th
Pinocchio

Aug. 6th
Atlantis The Lost Empire

Aug. 13th
Tarzan

Members: Adults $4, Seniors $3, Kids $2
General : Adults $5, Seniors $4, Kids $3

What's Been Happening

- Thanks to the Oregon Community Foundation's Grant, we were able to purchase a new sound system for live concerts. Previously, groups had to bring their own equipment or rent it. Now we are able to host live groups and provide them with a sound system to use.
- We had our first very successful Oregon Coast Film Festival since Covid with one of our projectionists, Mr. Aaron Waeschle, taking the lead and organizing the entire event.
  All proceeds from the festival will go towards our 100th birthday
  celebration in November.
- Our Classic Movie Matinees, courtesy of a grant from the Judith Mogan Foundation, was a success. We will be running it again next fall.
- Our summer offering of "Wednesdays With Walt" will begin again once school is out.
- We have received many generous donations that will help with our 100th birthday celebration including sponsorships from
    - 7 Devil's Brewing Company
    - Coos Head Food Co-op
    - Gib's RV Superstore
    - Greg and Barbara Rueger
    - Knife River
    - Pacific Power
    - Restaurant O
    - The Liberty Theatre
    - Walmart
- Thanks to a grant from CHW, we will be holding autism screenings for special needs children this summer. Lights will be left on, the volume lowered and the balcony reserved for an area to decompress.

We can always use more volunteers – will you help?

Now, as we are getting more bookings and are open more days a week, we are in need of more volunteers. There are only 2 paid people for the Egyptian—our Executive Director and our Custodian. All the other people you see behind the concessions counter, selling tickets and running the movies as well as the Board of Directors are volunteers. We have a small band of regulars and some other folks who volunteer from time to time. We need more people who are willing to give a few hours a month to help with concessions or one of the other jobs.

On a given weekend with 2 shows, we need up to 6 volunteers per show or 12 people. In a month that translates to 48 slots to fill and we only have about 10 people who volunteer on any regular basis.

For a little over an hour of work, your "pay" is free admission to the event (even concerts like Pigs on the Wing), free popcorn and free soda. What a deal!

Signing up for shifts is done via a Google Spreadsheet and/or via email. Training, except for projection which takes a couple of lessons, is on the job and really isn't that difficult. If you can spare a couple of hours a month, we could really use you.

Send an email to volunteer.at.the.Egyptian@gmail.com and join a great team.

Do you recycle your used cans and bottles for the $.10 deposit? Would you consider donating that to the Egyptian? We have blue bags that you can fill and take to the recycling center.

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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Willoughby, June
Woods, Jeanne & Steve
Worthen, Patti
Wright, Doreen
Wright, William
Zimmerman, Al & Elaine
7 Devil's Brewing Co.

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

Come Join the ETPA Board of Directors and/or our Standing Committees

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 or our standing committees including Local Fundraising and Merchandising, Membership, Safety, or Theater Operations. You do not need to be a Board member to join a committee – all you need is an interest in helping.

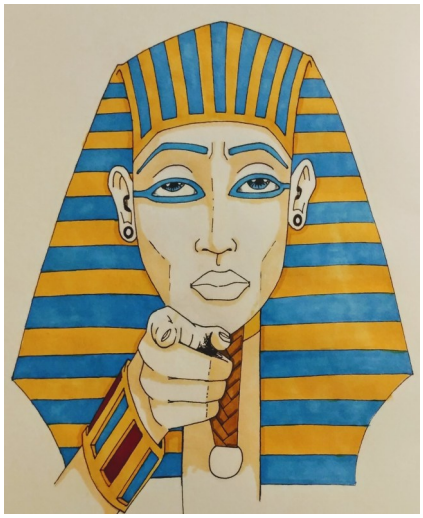
Candidates for the Board must be members of the ETPA in good standing, attend a Board meeting and submit a letter of interest and resume to coosbayeyptian@gmail.com which will be shared with Board members.

Please include why you would like to be on the Board, what talents and experiences you bring to the table to help us 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 invite you back to the next meeting to welcome you aboard. Terms are generally 3 years but when you come into the group between general elections, you serve until the next Annual Meeting in November where the entire membership votes.

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.

The Board generally meets once a month, the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM. Committees meet as needed but the Fundraising/Merchandising Committee will be meeting more frequently in 2024 to plan for our 100th year birthday party. We can use definitely use your help. If interested in joining a committee, send an email to coosbayegyptian@gmail.com and we'll be in touch.



Tut wants to know-
Have you renewed your
ETPA Membership for 2025?



One must be a member by June 1st in order to receive an invitation to our members only portion of the event 100th year party.

Do you have your membership for 2025?

We have tried very hard to make our memberships affordable.
We have not changed any pricing since 2014, but with our prices rising like everyone else's, - we are adjusting our memberships as follows:
Senior/Military/Student is for one person.
Single is one person
Family is one or two adults and dependents in the same household* and will be $60 beginning in 2025.
All other donation levels are one or two adults with dependents in the same household*
*Please note that any time a vote is called for (at the annual meeting)
or an invitation is issued, it is for the two primary adults on the membership.
You will still receive a 15% discount on refreshments with your card.

EGYPTIAN THEATRE

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

Date _____ New _____ Renewal _____

Name _____

Mailing Address _____
Street address City Zip

Email _____ Phone _____

All memberships will receive a 15% discount on all food concessions.
Your membership card must be presented to the cashier at the time of the sale.

Please check one:

Senior/Military/Student	_____	$25	Pharaoh	_____	$100
Single	_____	$30	Cleopatra	_____	$250
Family	_____	$60	King Tut	_____	$500
Sphinx	_____	$75	Pyramid	_____	$1,000

Credit or debit card payments are available by phone (541) 808-8295

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

Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association, 229 S. Broadway, Coos Bay, OR 541-808-8295