



BACKSTAGE AT THE

Valentine Theatre

FALL 2016

OUR MISSION

The Toledo Cultural Arts Center, a non profit organization, produces and provides cultural and performing arts experiences for diverse audiences of all ages, to enhance the quality of the cultural and economic life of the City of Toledo, Lucas County, Northwestern Ohio and Southeast Michigan.

OUR HISTORY

The Valentine Theatre is a 120-year-old 901-seat facility operated by the Toledo Cultural Arts Center, Inc. After a 21-year effort by the Board of Trustees and the community, the \$28 million renovation was unveiled on October 9, 1999. Since the Gala re-opening, more than 900,000 people have attended 1,200 international, national and area presentations, weddings and events.

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Welcome to our first newsletter, *Backstage at The Valentine Theatre*. We are delighted to share this new publication with you and to have the opportunity to provide more information about what is happening at the Valentine this Fall. The Valentine opened its doors on Christmas Day 1895 with the production, *Rip Van Winkle*, starring Joseph Jefferson III and here we are today, 120 years later, sharing a full season of entertainment. The Toledo community has always supported the arts and we thank you for your patronage!

The 2016-17 season calendar is full of wonderful performances. Included in this newsletter are information on upcoming shows, volunteer spotlight, fun facts, and many other "fascinating" tidbits about this beautiful historic theatre. But Valentine productions are not the only ones on our stage. The major arts groups in town also perform on our stage. Between September 2016 and July 2017, the Valentine's production calendar is completely booked! For more information, please check out our website and also check out the websites of all the wonderful arts groups in our area that use the Valentine stage for their productions.

Arts education is at the forefront of all we do. Each season the young audiences grow in attendance. With the creation of our educational outreach program, Valentine School Days in 2013, we established a strong educational partnership with our local schools. Last season over 7,200 students visited the Valentine to see a professional touring production with educational themes that complement Ohio Core Standards. This coming season we have expanded our program and will welcome over 10,000 students.

We would be remiss not to highlight the many volunteers who help run the Valentine. Did you know that our volunteers donate over 7,000 hours each season? The Valentine staff and board say a profound "thank you" to all of them. If you have ever wanted to join our volunteer team, please contact us and we will welcome you to the family!

We so appreciate your support and hope you will join us throughout the season for a fun Friday movie, to an array of the finest national tours and incredible local productions.

It's corny, I know, but the Valentine really does have a lot of heart!

Jori

P.S. — Don't' forget to join us Saturday, September 10 for our 4th annual Season of the Arts Plaza Party!



A round of applause for our generous sponsors!



What's Playing at the Valentine?

To celebrate our 18th Anniversary Season, we have something special for everyone. Our annual Broadway series kicks off with *Fame the Musical* on November 3. Looking for some humor this election season? Don't miss political satirist Mark Russell on October 8. *Disenchanted*, a tongue-in-cheek musical comedy, offers a hilarious, subversive, adults-only look at life on the other side of "happily-ever-after" in November. And, our stellar Studio A Series kicks off in September with *Monster Makers*. Check out all of our Fall offerings below, including our popular \$5 Friday night movies, and mark your calendars because there's always something playing at the Valentine!

September 2016 — January 2017

Broadway Series	Children's Series	Silver Screen Series Fridays at 7:30pm
FAME—Thurs, Nov 3, 7:30pm Midtown Men—Fri, Jan 20, 8pm	Peter Rabbit Tales—Sat, Oct 29, 2pm	<i>Mary Poppins</i> — SAT* Sept 10, 7pm
Studio A (Locally produced) Monster Makers—Sept 23—25, Sept 30—Oct 2 (Fri & Sat 8pm / Sun 2pm)	Pick 4 Series Mark Russell—Sat, Oct 8, 8pm Disenchanted—Sun, Nov 20, 7pm Dance Theatre Harlem—Wed, Jan 18, 7:30pm	Young Frankenstein—Oct 29 Hocus Pocus—Nov 18 It's a Wonderful Life—Dec 16 Gone with the Wind—Jan 6 Hook—Jan 13



Valentine Volunteer Corner



Our volunteers truly are the "heart" of the Valentine. Knowledgeable and friendly, they strive to make your theatre experience enjoyable, and even a little magical. Two volunteers who exemplify this heartfelt attitude are husband and wife volunteer veterans, Garnette and DuWayne Frobish.

Garnette and DuWayne have been volunteering at the Valentine Theatre since its re-opening in 1999. Married for almost 60 years (!) Garnette and DuWayne believe in giving back to their community. For them, volunteering is second nature, and the Valentine has been an enriching experience, one which keeps them feeling young at heart and engaged with their community. Fellow volunteers and even audience members have become like a second family to Garnette and DuWayne.

The best part? In addition to working with and meeting the nicest people, they enjoy some of the best live theatre every time they volunteer!



Garnette and DuWayne Frobish Jeremy Allen

Interested in learning more about volunteering at the Valentine? Please contact Elizabeth Cottle at 419-214-4807 or by email at ecottle@valentinetheatre.com. Garnette and DuWayne and all of us here at the Valentine would love to welcome you to our family of volunteers.

When *Gone with the Wind* premiered in January 1940, Toledoans lined up around the block to see it at the Valentine!

TICKET

Did You Know?

As a teenager, Toledo's own Theresa Brewer worked at the Fanny Farmer store that was located in the Adams-St. Clair corner of the Valentine.

ADMIT ONE



Create a Lasting Legacy

Our patrons are passionate. For them, all the world's a stage, the play's the thing, and music is the language of heaven.

If you're passionate about the theatre, please consider a gift in your will to the Valentine Theatre. Your gift will help ensure the future of live theatre in Toledo for your children and grandchildren.

To explore ways of creating your lasting legacy, please mail this form to Jori Jex, Valentine Theatre, 410 Adams Street, Toledo, OH 43604 or call 419-214-4806.

Valentine Theatre

Show your Passion
& Inspire Others

CREATE YOUR LEGACY

- YES!** I would like to learn more about giving opportunities with the Valentine Theatre.
- I have already included the Valentine Theatre in my will or other plan.

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Encore!

WGTE to tell the Valentine Story



We are excited to announce that the Valentine Theatre will be partnering with local PBS station WGTE TV-30 to create *Encore! The Valentine Theatre Story* as part of WGTE's award-winning *Toledo Stories* series. Locally produced and directed, WGTE's original *Toledo Stories* celebrates the individuals, institutions, and inspiring moments which have shaped Toledo's history.

Many thanks to KeyBank which has generously offered to be the program's Presenting Sponsor. With their support, we are on track to raise the \$40,000 necessary to produce this once-in-a-lifetime legacy of the Valentine's storied history. Please stay tuned for more about this exciting partnership as this campaign gets underway.



Do you love the Valentine? Are you looking for ways to be involved in your community? Would you be interested in seeing performances at the beautiful, historic Valentine Theatre - *for free*?

Then sign up to be one of our fantastic volunteers! We are looking for men and women 18 years and older who have a passion for helping the Valentine Theatre fulfill its mission of bringing quality programming to Toledo and the greater Northwest Ohio area.

Volunteers may be expected to work in many different capacities, including concessions, ushers, and ticket takers. For more information or to add your name to our volunteer list, please contact Elizabeth Cottle, Manager of Support Services, at 419-214-4807. We would love to have you join our theatre family!



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“How Deep Is Your Love” for the Valentine?

Valentine Theatre Gala • Friday, October 21 • 6 pm



Flashback to the days of bell-bottoms, disco, and excess on Friday, October 21, when the Valentine Theatre transforms into the famously-infamous Studio 54 for a night full of food and fun! Featuring *The Australian Bee Gees Show – A Tribute to the Bee Gees*, the 2016 Gala will be a night to remember! Straight from the Excalibur hotel in Las Vegas, the group will perform Bee Gees hits known and loved by all, including “Staying Alive,” “You Should Be Dancing,” and “Jive Talkin.” Dust off those leisure suits and wrap-dresses (or your finest 2016 cocktail attire!) and join us as we celebrate the beautiful Valentine Theatre.

The annual Valentine Gala is the theatre’s largest fundraiser. Tickets include a delicious dinner provided by Premier Catering, festive, themed dessert from Mary Poppins Cake Factory, the *Australian Bee Gees* performance, and, for the first time ever, a dance party featuring local DJ Denny Schaffer – **on the Valentine stage!** Tickets for the Gala are priced at \$100 and \$125 and a portion of your purchase is tax-deductible! Please contact the Valentine Theatre Box Office at 419-242-2787 for tickets. We are also looking for local businesses to become Gala Sponsors – if you or someone you know would be interested in Corporate Sponsorship for the 2016 Gala, please contact Executive Director Jori Jex at 419-214-4806.

We can’t wait for you to catch a “Night Fever” with us at this year’s Valentine Theatre Gala!