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Valentine Theatre

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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 historic Valentine Theatre opened its doors on Christmas Day in 1895 and is currently a 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 a million people have attended international, national and area presentations, weddings and events.

It's hard to believe that our 20th season is almost over! What a tremendous year of theatre it has been with legendary shows *Chicago*, *Spamalot*, and *Rock of Ages* plus fan favorites *Legally Blonde*, Sandy Hackett's *The Rat Pack*, and *Bohemian Rhapsody*. Maureen McGovern gave a powerhouse performance backed by our very own Toledo Jazz All-Stars, and under-the-radar shows like *Choir of Man* were surprising treats. TV legends Barbara Eden and Hal Linden graced us with poignant performances in A.R. Gurney's *Love Letters*. Our popular theatre education program, Valentine School Days, brought professional productions of classic children's literature to more than 10,000 students in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan, including nearly 5,000 low-income students who attended performances for free.

As we look forward to next season's exciting line-up, I want to take a minute to thank you for all you do to support this beautiful, historic theatre. Whether you are a donor, patron, volunteer or all of the above, our success is because of you. Year after year you choose to bring your time, talent and treasure to the Valentine Theatre and we are humbled by your steadfast generosity and loyalty. The Valentine Theatre is one of only a handful of historic theatres in Ohio which date from the 1890s, and your support keeps this grand old theatre looking beautiful. Thank you for being part of our Valentine family!

Jori

P.S. — Be sure to join us for this year's Gala with The Village People, Saturday, June 8!

NEW DRINKING FOUNTAINS



In February we received a notice from the Rotary Club of Toledo that our application to replace the drinking fountains in the main theatre area with stainless steel models had been approved. Facility Manager Bill Colter will oversee the project and expects the new fountains to be installed in time for the start of the 2019-2020 season.

Many thanks to the Rotary Club of Toledo for their generosity!

RAT PACK BASH & MARDI GRAS!



We celebrated the holidays in style this year with two successful fundraisers. The Rat Pack Party Bash took place December 7 and included drinks & hors d'oeuvres in our 5th floor rehearsal space and a chance to meet the cast of the Rat Pack after the show. In March, Sharon and Mike Sordyl threw their annual Mardi Gras party at Barr's Public House in which they generously chose the Valentine as their designated charity. All together, both events raised more than \$7,000 for the Valentine Theatre!

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What's Playing at the Valentine

Our 20th anniversary season is ending strong with some of our most popular shows. Broadway favorite *Rock of Ages* will take the stage on Monday, April 15, at 7:30 pm, as part of its 10th anniversary tour.

Before that we hope you can join us for a special showing of the 2018 film, *Bohemian Rhapsody*, starring Rami Malek, who recently won an Academy Award for his portrayal of Freddie Mercury. Tickets for this special sing-a-long version are \$5-\$8 and are selling quickly. Glass City Improv's popular night of comedy, *The Monthly*, continues through the rest of the season with performances the last Friday of every month at 8:30 pm in Studio A. Finally, on Saturday, June 8, our Annual Gala will feature the one and only Village People performing their classic hits "Y.M.C.A.", "Macho Man", "Can't Stop the Music", "In the Navy", and more! Festivities begin at 6:30 pm and tickets start at \$55.

The Valentine Theatre's 20th Anniversary Season

Broadway Series

Rock of Ages — Mon, Apr 15, 7:30pm

Special Event

Bohemian Rhapsody Sing-a-Long

Sat, Apr 13 @ 6pm (sold-out) & 10 pm

Tickets 419-242-2787
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GALA Fundraiser



with The Village People

Sat, June 8 @ 6:30pm

**food trucks • desserts • \$5 martini bar •
concert • dancing • wine raffle**

Studio A

Glass City Improv's The Monthly

Last Friday of Every Month 8:30 pm—11:30 pm

Rat Pack Party Bash

In December, we hosted the Rat Pack Party Bash in our 5th Floor Rehearsal Hall. Staff transformed the space into a chic, elegant, Vegas-inspired nightclub with live music, hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar. After the Bash, guests headed down to the main theatre to watch *Sandy Hackett's Rat Pack Show*. The event raised several thousand dollars towards our \$1 Million Legacy Campaign. We look forward to hosting more events on our 5th Floor!

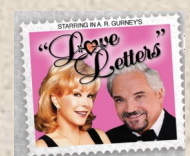


Valentine Theatre Celebrity Hall of Fame

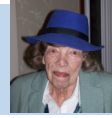
Over the years, numerous celebrities have performed at the Valentine, including Marvin Hamlisch, Joel Grey, Vicky Lawrence and Hal Holbrook. In February we added TV legends Barbara Eden of "I Dream of Jeannie" and Hal Linden of "Barney Miller" to our Celebrity Hall of Fame. Valentine staffers Bill Colter and Kelby Sodeman had the privilege of driving Barbara and Hal and the show's producers around town during their stay in Toledo.



Barbara, Bill & Hal



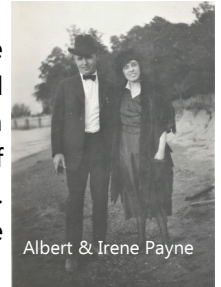
PATRON PROFILE: Marilyn Irene Payne



Last year, the Valentine Theatre received a generous bequest from the estate of Marilyn Irene Payne, a longtime resident of Toledo and Sylvania. In appreciation, we asked Marilyn's dear friend, Linda Deubner, to share some of her memories of Marilyn.....

Marilyn Irene Payne was a Toledo native and truly proud of her home town and all that it offered to its citizens. She was intelligent and sociable with an independent streak, nurtured by her parents. Born on New Years Eve in 1930. She recalls her parent's delight at being seen by doctors in tuxedos, who were going to or coming from new years festivities. She always joked that she there was always a big celebration on her birthday.

Family Her parents were Albert and Irene Payne. Albert was a successful businessman and executive vice president of Tillotson Manufacturing Company. Irene was an accomplished seamstress and hatmaker, whose clientele included many of Toledo's socialites. Her style and fashion left an impression on Marilyn. Marilyn was an only child and had a very close relationship with her parents. The three of them were "the Payne's". They enjoyed the finer things in life together including annual trips to Florida. Their lifestyle was comfortable, not lavish. They believed in hard work, education, and service to the community. Marilyn took care of her mother until her mom died at 104.



The family lived originally on Vermont Street downtown. They attended St. Mark's Episcopal Church in the Old West End, where Marilyn was confirmed and active in Girl's Friendly Society. Marilyn remembered when all the action was downtown particularly the Valentine Theatre and shopping at Lamson's and Tiedtkes!

Later, the family moved to Old Orchard and eventually to a custom-built home in Sylvania township where they entertained frequently. Marilyn was an accomplished athlete and often played golf with her father at Sylvania Country Club, where she was also on the ladies' golf team.

Education & Interests Marilyn graduated from DeVilbiss High School in 1949, where she was on the swim team, golf team and bowling team. At Michigan State University she played golf on the Lady Spartan's team and was active in the theatre and drama club. Marilyn received a second degree in Teaching Early Childhood Education from the University of Toledo. Marilyn was a member of the Dendarah Shrine for over 25 years, played tennis and was in a bridge club. She enjoyed culture art, musicals, theater, fashion and didn't shy away from politics. She was proud to be an American and always had a flag flying at home. She had a soft spot for wounded military veterans.

Family Legacy Marilyn's legacy of generosity extended from her parents. Their trust and her trust created the bequests to the Valentine and other Toledo organizations.

Create a Lasting Legacy




Valentine Theatre

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 discuss ways to create your lasting legacy, please contact Jori Jex at
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The Valentine Theatre's Annual GALA Fundraiser!



★ Featuring original lead singer Victor Willis ★

Saturday, June 8 @ 6:00 pm

The one and only Village People celebrates their 40th Anniversary with the return of original lead singer Victor Willis backed by a full live band , performing their classic hits including, "Y.M.C.A.", "Macho Man", "Can't Stop the Music", "In the Navy", and **more!** Festivities start at 6:30 pm with food trucks, \$5 Martini bar, complimentary desserts, wine raffle, dancing & more! Proceeds benefit our historic nonprofit theatre.

Tickets: \$55—\$90

Please call the Box Office (419) 242-2787 or valentinetheatre.com