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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. Following a 21-year effort by the Board of Trustees and the community, the newly renovated theatre was reopened on October 9, 1999. Since then, more than a million people have attended international, national and regional presentations, weddings and events.

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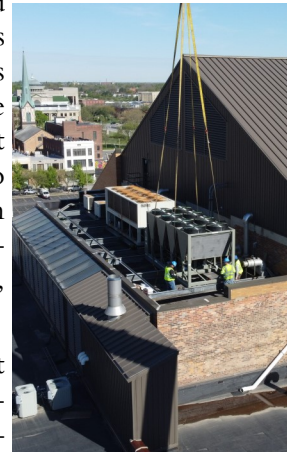
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We're Ready for our Closeup!

We are sprucing up the house to welcome you back in style!

Although our doors have been closed for more than 14 months, we have been busy behind the scenes getting the theatre ready for re-opening. We recently replaced the old chillers on our roof with brand-new energy efficient models which will save us thousands of dollars in cooling costs each year. This capital improvement was made possible by a generous grant from the State of Ohio. Facilities Manager Bill Colter along with Jori Jex, Matt Lentz, and Tim Durham were on-site early one Saturday morning to watch as crews used an 80-foot crane to remove the old chillers (each weighing 12 tons!) and hoist the new ones onto the roof of the Valentine. Assistant Tech Director Josh Smith filmed the entire operation, and the edited video will be posted to our website soon.



We also upgraded components of our boiler thanks to a generous grant award from the Lucas County Commissioners. And, we're giving Studio A a long overdue makeover — painting the walls, adding new seating, improving traffic flow, and refurbishing the refreshment/bar area. We are grateful to the state of Ohio, the Lucas County Commissioners, our state and local representatives, and to our board members for recognizing the value of these capital improvements and the importance of investing in downtown Toledo. We can't wait to welcome you back to show off of our hard work!



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Membership starts at \$25

Benefits include movie tickets, parking passes, exclusive access to member events & more!

SURVEY SAYS.... According to a recent survey of more than 4,400 Ohio theatre patrons, over 88% of you will feel comfortable attending indoor events by September. And, more than 63% of you are ready to buy your tickets now! All of this is good news indeed as we look forward to re-opening the Valentine for the 2021-2022 season.

A round of applause for our generous sponsors!





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STORYTIME AT THE VALENTINE



All Episodes of StoryTime are available free of charge anytime via our website www.valentinetheatre.com/storytime.html

BOOK TITLE — ALL EPISODES ARE FREE	GRADE LEVEL	READ BY
Hot Rod Hamster by Cynthia Lord	K-2	Jim White, former Valentine Board Chair
Don't Worry Bee Happy by Ross Burach	PreK-1	Chris Stack, local actor
A Bunny in the Ballet by Robert Beck	PreK-3	Traci Watkins, MD, Toledo Ballet Alum
Fly Guy Presents: Firefighters by T. Arnold	K-2	Mike Bell, Former Mayor & State Fire Marshal
Be an Expert: Rescue Vehicles by Erin Kelly	K-2	Mike Bell, Former Mayor & State Fire Marshal
When Marian Sang by Brian Selznick	1-5	Eboné Waweru of the Toledo Opera
Poppleton by Cynthia Rylant	K-2	Patrick Boyer, local actor
Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin! By Lloyd Moss	PreK-3	Merwin Siu of the Toledo Symphony
Meema the Lemur Becomes a Ballerina by Nigel Burgoine	1-5	Nigel Burgoine, Ballet Theatre of Toledo
Red Sings from the Treetops by Joyce Sidman	PreK-2	Clare Gorski, Valentine Theatre Board
If Kids Ran the World by Leo & Diane Dillon	PreK-5	Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz
Harlem by Walter Dean Myers	1-8	Dom Glover, Toledo Ballet Principal dancer
Ella Sets the Stage by Carmela D'Amico	PreK-5	Paul Causman, local actor
Wings by Christopher Myer	PreK-3	Cecilia Adams, PhD, Toledo City Council
A Visit to the Vet by Aubrey Andrus	K-2	John Dillon, DVM, local veterinarian
Miss Maple's Seeds by Eliza Wheller	PreK-2	Ohio's First Lady Fran DeWine
What a Wonderful World by Bob Thiele	PreK-2	Ramona Collins, Jazz vocalist
The Rabbit Listened by Cori Doerrfeld	PreK-1	Anna Toney, Leadership Toledo
Right Now I'm Fine by Dr. Daniela Owen	PreK-5	Tina Skeldon Wozniak, Lucas Co. Commissioner
Horton Hatches the Egg by Dr. Suess	K-3	Tom Palmer, Attorney, Marshall Melhorn, LLC
Oh the Places You Will Go by Dr. Suess	K-12	James Stengle, Valentine Board President
Library Lion by Michelle Knudsen & Kevin Hawkes	PreK-2	Charlene Gilbert, Dean UT College Arts & Letters
Ron's Big Mission by Rose Blue and Don Tate	2-5	Brett Collins, Art Tatum Resource Center
Right Now I am Kind by Daniela Owen	PreK-3	Donna Owens, Former Mayor of Toledo
Kindness Starts With You by Jacquelyn Stagg	PreK-1	Donna Owens, Former Mayor of Toledo
Pete the Cat Checks out the Library by James Dean	K-3	Jason Kucsma, Toledo Public Library
The World Needs Who You Were Made to Be by Joanna Gaines	PreK-3	Lyn Casye, DJ K100 Radio
Stellaluna by Janell Cannon	PreK-3	Julie Malkin, Lucas Co. Children's Services



Sessions at the Valentine is one of the many exciting ways that the Valentine Theatre has remained a venue of artistic excellence despite not being open for in-person performances during the pandemic. Showcasing local artists, Sessions is a free, virtual program easily accessible from our website. If you haven't yet watched a Session, we invite you to do so and maybe have friends and family members join you for Sessions Party!

THE STARS OF SESSIONS



THE Modern Dance Company, founded in 2017 to celebrate the human experience and headquartered in Toledo, celebrates diverse cultures and dance styles. In this Session, the Company presents “No Love Lost” and you’ll get an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at what goes in to staging a dance show — rehearsing, spacing dancers, choosing colors for lighting, etc.

Soprano Grace Wipfli is a resident artist of the Toledo Opera. Miss Wipfli grew up in Toledo and recently received a Master of Music in Voice and Opera Performance from the Bienen School of Music at Northwestern University. In this Session, she performs arias from Debussy’s “L’Enfant Pordigue” and Mozart’s “Don Gionvanni”, as well as Broadway favorite “My White Knight” from Music Man. She is accompanied by pianist Kevin Bylsma.



Toledo native Dr. Anthony Pattin recently returned home after 32 years in Birmingham, Alabama where he was a distinguished Professor of Music at the University of Montevallo. He has performed as soloist with orchestras, including the Toledo Symphony, performed three solo piano recitals in New York (1998,2002,2006) including two in Weil Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. He has had three concert tours in Tokyo, Japan (2006,2008,2018). He is a chamber musician, and serves as pianist and judge for the Most Arts Festival and Competition (Alfred University, NY) adjudicator, scholar and lecturer, and is also a skilled arranger and improviser. In this Session, Mr. Pattin performs music of Brahms, Rachmaninoff, and Gershwin.

Toledo’s own Tapestry includes Harpist, Denise Grupp-Verbon and Acoustic Guitarist/Multi-Instrumentalist, Michael Grupp-Verbon. Performing and recording together for more than 11 years, Denise and Michael have created a truly distinctive sound, with their unique arranging & composing, and by the intertwining of different instruments. In this Session, Tapestry plays many different styles of music from Celtic & Folk to Pop, Classical, and more.



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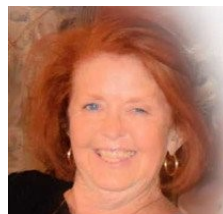
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One Last Bow

Remembering Valentine Friends We've Lost



Pam Stahl



Rob Golde



Doris Jones

Like so many of you, we have lost several dear members of our Valentine family this past year. Head Bartender Rob Golde was tragically killed in an automobile accident last Fall. He bartended for nearly two decades at the Valentine and for years was Events Manager Dan Heberling's right-hand man. Not long after losing Rob, we lost Pam Stahl, another longtime bartender. Pam was a social butterfly who worked events at the Huntington Center and Fifth Third Field, but loved the Valentine. She often brought in homemade cookies and treats for the staff and volunteers. She genuinely cared about the people she worked with. Finally, we remember Doris Jones, a gentle soul who started volunteering as an usher with us in 2017. She and her dear friend Billie Lothery always volunteered together. Rob, Pam, and Doris were well-loved members of our Valentine family whose service and dedication were an inspiration to us all. They will be greatly missed indeed.