

GRIFFIN

NEWSLETTER OF THE HISTORIC IRONWOOD THEATRE

SUMMER 2022

From the President

One important factor in a well-rounded community is the availability of the arts.

Music, art and theatre are readily available here in Ironwood and provide a wonderful outlet for hard-working people who are looking for an inexpensive and delightful form of entertainment.



ZONA WICK,
BOARD PRESIDENT

HIT is dependent on our many people with multiple talents and skills to create what audience members experience. We listen to our staff, volunteers, artists and patrons and have answered with a new

on-line ticketing program called Virtual Box Office (VBO). From your mobile phone or computer go to our website, *IronwoodTheatre.net*, pick your seat and pay with your credit card.



We hope this will simplify and enhance your HIT experience. Give it a try and enjoy one of our many performances this summer.

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HIT BOARD PRESIDENT

The Sky is Falling

No chicken little, it's just the top 8 rows of bricks on our 93 year old theatre building on the south and east walls. The HIT board is committed to the health and safety of it's staff, volunteers, artists, and the community. This summer Luppino Construction will be removing the crumbling bricks and replacing them with new ones. We want to assure our building is here for the 100th anniversary in 2028.



Consider a donation to our brick replacement fund.

PHOTO: GARY JACKSON

OUR KEY TO SUCCESS IS YOU

HIT's Box Office has new volunteers. Spring has finally sprung and just like spring flowers, new box office volunteers are popping up!

With busy lives, it can sometimes be hard to find the time to volunteer, so we are especially thankful and would like to welcome two new box office volunteers, Carol Decker and Steve Lunday. Many thanks go to Carol Erickson and Karen Oliverius who continue as loyal box office volunteers as well.



CAROL DECKER
BOX OFFICE VOLUNTEER

All volunteers are important and Amy Anderson, local artist, proves it. She has graciously agreed to help keep the box office window "dressed to the nines!" Thanks Amy! The window has never looked better!

All of these folks are talented and dedicated, and they ensure that our customers have a positive experience even before attending their event. Currently, the office staff are learning the new ticketing system. Virtual Box Office will be a huge convenience by allowing patrons to purchase and print tickets from the comfort of home, but also allows in person and phone sales for those who prefer it.

Email: officemgr@ironwoodtheatre.net if you are interested in joining in the fun. We love our volunteers, but can never have too many!



HIT welcomes back Emberlight for their 2022 season.

Sat. July 9 @ 7 PM



The Little Mermaids are the ultimate Disney cover band for Disney fanatics of all ages. The band's repertoire covers all 82 years of the Disney canon, including favorites from The Little Mermaid, The Lion King, Mary Poppins and Frozen.

The group performs in full costume with band members dressing up as characters from the films.

Sat. July 23 @ 7 PM



For three decades, the BLOOZE BROTHERS has been one of Chicagoland's most in-demand show bands. We not only honor the music made by the original Blues Brothers in movies, TV, and recordings, but the spirit in which they played – from Dan Aykroyd's love of traditional blues and soul to John Belushi's love of classic rock.

Sat. August 13 @ 7 PM



The Sweet Caroline Tour is a Neil Diamond Concert Celebration starring the #1 Diamond performer in the world - Jay White. It is without question the most authentic Neil Diamond Concert experience on the planet.

GREAT SOUND AND LIGHTS

If you've been to any performances at HIT recently you may have noticed some fancy additions to our stage lighting. We purchased a lighting computer to provide digital effects previously unavailable through our old analog lighting console.

Thanks to programming by new Tech Team member Cody Daig, we've added a number of special lighting effects which make it easy for those who may be less familiar with lighting to run a great looking show.



New sound board.

A couple of years back we invested significantly in enhanced audio, and our chief audio engineer Donny Osier is always willing to teach others how to operate that equipment. So if you fancy yourself as a sound or lighting tech, please join us.

Kudos to Mike Hill, Tyler Saari, Dave Morello, Cas Bordner and Dani Maupin for their lighting work, and to Donny Osier, Mark Silver, and Doug Palmeter for their work at the audio console. 🐾

More Movies

Starting in September, HIT is adding two movies a month in addition to the first friday movie.

Although we are unable to be a first run movie house, we have the opportunity to provide movies such as Disney's Soul and Luca or Marvel movies such as Dr. Strange and Black Panther. We want you, our community partners, to participate.

To assure we show the movies you want to see, we are offering businesses, organizations or

individuals the opportunity to sponsor a movie. A \$200 tax-exempt donation allows you to pick a movie.

Selena from Ben's Place is already sponsoring her favorite movie "The Outsiders" and our HIT book keeper, Linda, is sponsoring "The Mitchell's vs. the Machines."

Stay tuned for more movie information. 🐾

Fri. Sept. 9 @ 7 PM



Fourever Fab and its founding members have been performing the hits of the world's most-loved lads, The Beatles, for over twenty years. From Asia-Pacific to the east coast of the US, audiences have fallen in love all over with the magic that is recreated by this band.

Sat. Sept. 10 @ 7 PM



Sixtiesmania

A Celebration of the Sixties is a multi-media musical celebration of the fabulous 1960s' era.

This show prides itself on those incredible harmonies and vocals, and it is considered the best sixties' show touring the US today.

Sat. Nov. 5 @ 7 PM



Alive Again, the Chicago Project, pays tribute to Chicago's rich full sound through beautiful vocals and harmonies. This 10-piece band is made up of diverse musicians from Northeast and Central Wisconsin who share a common passion: to keep the music of Chicago alive!



COMFORT & SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

by Bruce Greenhill, Ops Manager

Among my responsibilities at HIT, I have the very great pleasure of working with a wonderfully gifted and giving group of guys – the Building, Equipment, & Electrical Repair Team – otherwise known as the **BEER team!**

No matter if the task is **BIG** or **SMALL** they simply put their noses down and get the job done. Their achievements over the past six months or so are notable, and include: secured the loose marble baseboards in the concourse, painted the concourse walls, ran additional cable and hung pivot mounts for the basement monitor TVs, installed a second handrail on the stairs to the basement, repaired basement stairs and fitted commercial treads, replaced seating in the former balcony tech booth, and replaced the water fountain in the lobby. A couple of projects also involved contractors, but our BEER Team did lots preparation and finish work to reduce the amount of contractor time.

So a big shout out to Scott Bordner, Dale Carlson, Darryl Kosma, Dave Morello, Doug Palmeter, Brian McGuire and Tyler Saari. Also to plumber Marcus Schwartz, the crew from Angelo Luppino, and welder Jeff Corullo.

If you'd like to join the team we welcome new members. We maintain a running list of projects – you can work with others, or if you prefer you can work your own schedule. Either way, I can promise you a rewarding experience as we strive to improve the safety and comfort of our patrons – oh and we've been known to have a beer when the work is done! 🍷

SUPPORT YOUR THEATRE

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TICKETS & OTHER INFO

THEATRE BOX OFFICE

Open: Mon - Friday Noon - 4PM

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Tickets online at IronwoodTheatre.net



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VISION: The vision of the Historic Ironwood Theatre is all generations personally experience the joy of theatre community.
MISSION: The mission of the Historic Ironwood Theatre is to preserve and provide an iconic facility where everyone is invited to discover and enjoy the performing arts.

Memories pressed between the pages of my mind Memories sweetened through the ages just like wine

In only six short years HIT will be 100 years old! In preparation, we would like to add more pictures to our stairway gallery. We currently have older shows like South Pacific and The King and I and would like to add pictures from other memorable shows such as Grease, Chicago, Mary Poppins, Christmas Shows or 25 years of dance recitals

If you have a great picture or negative that is high quality please bring it to the office. If it is digital please send it to president@ironwoodtheatre.net. Thank you for contributing to the 100 years of HIT history and memories. 🐦



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