



Backstage at the 7th Street...

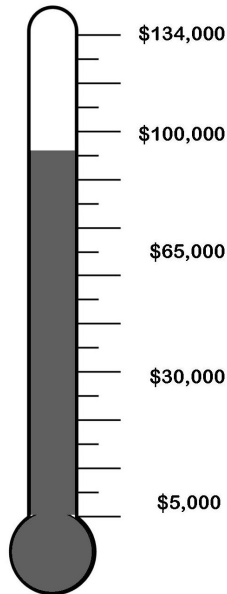
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...where stars light the sky and the stage

Restoration projects in need of funding

Status of heating system project

HEATING SYSTEM FUNDRAISING



The current gas-fired furnace, located on the roof, is in desperate need of replacement. We have spent several thousand dollars in the past few years on major furnace repairs. The board has been working on grant applications and fundraising for the replacement of this system for over a year.

After working with a mechanical engineering firm, our architect, and a local heating and air conditioning contractor, we have a final plan in place. The project will include removing the existing furnace and installing four smaller gas furnaces above the ceiling in the back of the auditorium. The system will be modified, using the existing ducting,

to circulate air inside the theatre more efficiently. It will also be recycling a percentage of inside air, which will cut down on heating costs. The current furnace is heating outside air only. During winter months the gas bill can run from \$2,000 to \$3,000 depending upon the number of events and outside temperature.

The cost for this project is \$134,000. To date we have raised \$90,000 and have one outstanding grant application with the Murdock Trust which will be reviewed in late spring 2015. The Grays Harbor Community Foundation has pledged \$25,000, Timberland Bank donated \$10,000, the Forest Foundation donated \$20,000 and the Cheney Foundation has donated \$25,000. Another \$10,000 has been donated to this project by community members, for which we are extremely thankful.

Fundraising underway for organ restoration

In 2008, the 7th Street's original Wurlitzer pipe organ was brought back from Clute, Texas. Members of the Puget Sound Theater Organ Society (PSTOS) provided invaluable advice and assistance in packing the organ parts for the long trip from Texas to Hoquiam. As a result of that connection with PSTOS, when PSTOS members were approached by the executor of the Estate of Robert "Andy" Anderson about what to do with a 1927 Wurlitzer Style B theater organ that had been in his West Seat-

tle home for over 40 years, they suggested that the 7th Street might be interested.

Al Ticknor, executor of Mr. Anderson's estate, came to Hoquiam to tour the 7th Street and meet with board members. He agreed to donate the organ to the 7th Street in 2013, on the condition that the organ be restored within five years, or ownership would revert to Mr. Ticknor. A crew of volunteers, including several PSTOS members, dismantled the organ, packed the organ parts in crates, and loaded it in a truck to be delivered to Hoquiam in early 2013.

The organ was originally installed in the Granada Theatre in Everett. It was purchased and moved to Mr. Anderson's home in 1967. The organ remained playable when Mr. Anderson passed away in 2013. Before he passed away, he asked Mr. Ticknor to find a good home for the instrument.

The 7th Street board agreed to take the organ because it is the same model as the 7th Street's original organ and is in much better condition. The Style B was the smallest model produced by Wurlitzer. It was designed with the minimum amount of tonal resources to accompany a silent film. By using parts from the Anderson organ, the cost of restoring the organ will be somewhat reduced.

In 2012, the board hired Rose City Organ Builders (RCOB) from Portland to evaluate the original organ and

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provide restoration estimates. They determined that the Theatre's original organ, built in 1924, had two key-boards, four ranks of pipes, percussion consisting of a metal bar harp, xylophone, glockenspiel, and chimes, and a "toy counter" that included special sound effects such as sleigh bells, a triangle, horse hooves, a bird call, a steam boat, and a car horn.

RCOB noted that many of the organ parts were in poor condition and that the organ console had been modified in the 1940s when the organ was moved to a church. All of the percussion features and the toy counter were missing. Fortunately, most of the missing parts are available from the Anderson organ.

RCOB estimated the cost to restore the organ to be in the range of \$100,000 to \$130,000. The original organ only had four ranks of pipes, but we now have twelve ranks of pipes that

could be used. Increasing the number of ranks would increase the restoration cost.

The original pneumatic controller in the console would be replaced with a digital controller. The digital controller would be capable of recording someone playing the organ, which could then be played back similar to a player piano, with the sound actually being produced by the organ rather than a recording. This would allow us to play the organ before movies or during tours, even when an organist is not available. Other possible uses of the organ include occasional silent films, holiday music sing-alongs, and accompaniment for choir concerts.

When sufficient funds have been raised to restore the organ, RCOB will take everything to their shop in Portland to re-build any damaged parts and then assemble and test everything before bringing it back to Hoquiam to install. They estimate the restoration process will take six to twelve months.

Donations for the organ restoration project can be sent to PO Box 777, Hoquiam, WA 98550 with a note indicating "organ."

Blast from the Past July 8, 1928 Grays Harbor Daily Washingtonian

**PURE, FRESH AIR
IS PROVIDED BY
MODERN SYSTEM**

*Installation By Elway-Miller
Company Keeps New
Theatre Sweet*

Patrons of Hoquiam's new 7th Street Theatre are guaranteed a complete change of pure fresh air every three minutes through the modern ventilating system installed by the Elway-Miller company. The machinery for this ventilation weighs five tons and is tucked away where it works constantly and effectively throughout the performances.

The same company installed the plumbing and heating, the last named of the oil-burner type, and both heating and ventilating systems are so arranged that they operate under thermostatic control to supply cool air in summer and warm air in colder weather, just the right temperature for the comfort of the patrons, without drafts.

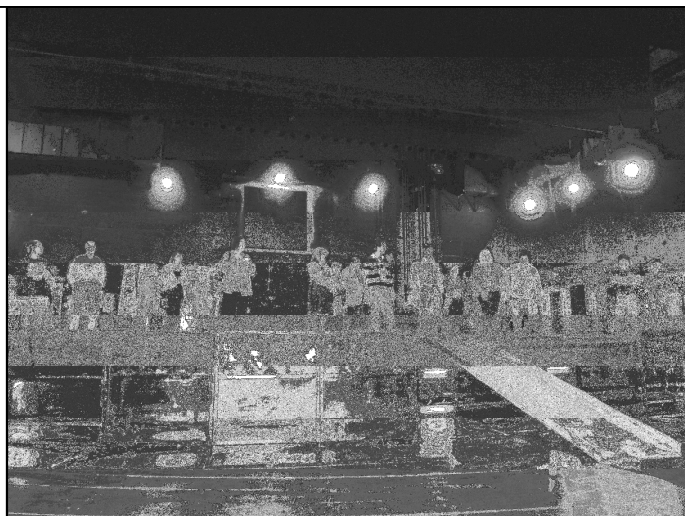
In every part of the large auditorium one is vaguely yet pleasantly conscious of this continuous supply of pure fresh air and a freedom from the odors usually associated with theatre audiences. Fresh air from out-of-doors is drawn in through the shutters and fine-meshed screens that catch all of the dust, and it passes through the heat-control units, on through a series of pipes into the auditorium, forcing out the stale air.

Read Washingtonian Want Ads.

Here's an interesting article printed two days before the theatre opened. The "dust" referred to was provided by the numerous sawmills in the area at that time.

7th Street Theatre represented at LHAT conference in Seattle

In October the board approved sending our manager, Jamie Brand, and two board members, Ken McDonald and Mickey Thurman, to a 2-day regional conference, "Making the Case for Historic Theatres," in Seattle. The conference was presented by the League of Historic American Theatres. This was LHAT's first conference in the Northwest. Speakers from theaters and related industries from around the country presented an intense program featuring sessions about marketing, operations, renovation, and raising capital campaign money to maximizing concessions revenue. Attendees also were taken on a tour of the historic Paramount Theatre, built in 1928, the same year as the 7th Street.



Conference attendees on stage at the Paramount Theatre in Seattle on October 9, 2014.

Movie Committee Selects 2015 Movie Series



L-R Mickey Thurman, Ken McDonald, Christie Goodenough, Bob Martin, Betsy Seidel, Joe Brand, Cari Fry, Kyle Pauley, Jamie Brand, Shannon Weidman and David Akers.

Not pictured: Ginger Akers, Charisse Anderson, Jeff Cook, Ray Kahler, Paul McMillan and Katrina Zozaya,

On October 1st, our movie committee met for our annual movie selection.

We are extremely fortunate to have a great group of volunteers who take part in our movie selection and also volunteer at our movies.

Our movie committee members help with several aspects of presenting our movie series — designing posters, delivering posters, lobby help, movie projection, lighting, and attending monthly meetings.

Good job team! Our movie schedule is below.

2015 Movie Series

Jan 23-24	What Dreams May Come (1998)	Sep 5-6	Marathon featuring The Tingler (1959)
Feb 13-14	When Harry Met Sally (1989)	Sep 18-19	The Public Enemy (1931)*
Mar 7-8	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (1968)*	Oct 3-4	Willow (1988)
Mar 20-21	Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom (1984)	Oct 30-31	Creature from the Black Lagoon (1954)*
Apr 11-12	The Adventures of Robin Hood (1938)*	Nov 7-8	Tremors (1990)
Apr 24-25	Across the Universe (2007)	Nov 27-28	Father Goose (1964)*
May 9-10	The Music Man (1962)*	Dec 5	Die Hard (1988)
May 29-30	The Goonies (1985)	Dec 19-20	National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989)
Aug 15	Hot August Frights Thriller Movie		Miracle on 34th Street (1947)

*Fri/Sat movies @ 7:30 *Silver Screen Classics—Sat @ 7:30, Sun @ 2:00*

All tickets \$5, available online at Brown Paper Tickets and at the door. Doors open one-half hour before the movie.

Theatre receives \$5,000 grant funding from Grays Harbor Tourism

In December 2014 the theatre board was very excited to receive \$5,000 from the Grays Harbor Tourism board. Every year the theatre applies for this funding. Usually we request and receive \$1,500 each year. This last term we decided to apply for \$5,000 and use it for advertising all of our own produced events. The funding will be used for advertising intended to attract people from out of the area.

Hoquiam High School Drama Department presents Footloose in February

The Hoquiam High School Drama Department has a stellar reputation for their annual musical productions. Every year brings a new and exciting musical to the 7th Street Theatre.

The 2015 production of Footloose will again amaze you at the talent of our local high school students.

The event will be Thursday-Saturday, February 5-7 at 7:00 and a Sunday Matinee on the 8th at 2:00. Tickets are \$8 for students and \$10 for adults, available at Crown Drug, Harbor Drug, Rosevear's and at the door.

What's up next?
Like us on Facebook
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Sign up for Email
Watch our Marquee

Are you interested in being part of our live arts committee?

Our Live Arts Committee is in need of more committee member volunteers. Meetings are held as needed. At the present time we are annually presenting a Young Artist Showcase featuring young artists from around the area. Every other year we produce the Music Teacher Showcase presenting our own local music teachers on stage.

Committee members help in all aspects of the productions — organization, attending live performances of

prospective artists, creating programs and posters, and helping either backstage or in the lobby at the event.

We are also open to expanding our local artist concerts if we have enough volunteers to coordinate more events.

If you are interested, please call the theatre at 360-537-7400 and leave a message. Our representative will return your call within 24 hours.

A Christmas Story huge hit

On December 6, 2014, we screened the 1983 classic Christmas flick, *A Christmas Story*, as the grand finale to the Hoquiam Business Association's Ho Ho Hoquiam event.

We had 480 people walk through the door—families and children. It was a fantastic way to kick off the holiday season and end our 2014 classic movie series!



Four kids participated in the "dress up as your favorite movie character" contest. The little boy second from the left won. He was dressed up as Ralphie's little brother, Randy. The audience loved him!



We were not prepared for 480 people in one night. This is a lot of people, and a huge amount of concessions in one night

Our volunteers are to be congratulated for keeping our patrons supplied with buttery goodness — we sold over 170 bags of popcorn!

Polson Museum will present 50-year-old Hoquiam Urban Renewal Films and still photographs on April 18



Fifty years ago the face of downtown Hoquiam changed forever as civic leaders carried out Urban Renewal -- a federally-subsidized program that eliminated entire blocks of neglected, yet historic structures.

Please join us for a one-night-only presentation at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, when Polson Museum Director John Larson will lead us on a visual journey through downtown Hoquiam of the 1960s. This not-to-miss event will feature the newly digitized 16mm film "Hoquiam Renewed" along with extensive additional film footage and still photographs from the museum's collection.

The sign that was positioned at 8th and Simpson after demolition of all the buildings.... even "Urbie" the beaver mascot is featured.

Your donation helps!

The 7th Street Theatre Association is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation that owns and operates the 7th Street Theatre. There are two ways you can help support the theatre.

- **Memberships** help with the promotion of our events and ongoing expenses involved in operating the theatre. *Lead Actor, Director and Producer level memberships will be acknowledged in our concert and movie programs throughout the next year.*
- **General donations** are set aside into a special fund for restoration and preservation of the theatre building. Current donations will go toward the **Heater Project**, unless marked otherwise (i.e., **Organ**). Funding for restoration work is also provided by grants applied for by the theatre board.

I'd like to give a year-long membership!

Membership level desired:

Supporting Actor	—	\$25 to \$49	\$ _____
*Lead Actor	—	\$50 to \$199	\$ _____
*Director	—	\$200 to \$499	\$ _____
*Producer	—	\$500 and up	\$ _____

(*These levels will be acknowledged throughout the next year in our movie and concert programs.)

I'd like to make a general donation \$ _____
 Total enclosed: \$ _____

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Thank you for your support!

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Donation of Stock or Securities

We have established a brokerage account to receive donations of securities. Charitable gifts of appreciated securities can provide tax benefits to the donor. You may avoid paying capital gains and qualify for a current tax deduction for the current fair market value of the asset, regardless of the original price paid for the stock. Contact us for more information.

COMING EVENTS 2015

Movie: What Dreams May Come (1998)
Jan 23 & 24

HHS Drama Presents Footloose
Feb 5, 6, 7 & 8

Movie: When Harry Met Sally (1989)
Feb 13 & 14

**Miss Grays Harbor Outstanding Teen
Scholarship Pageant**
Feb 20

Miss Grays Harbor Scholarship Pageant
Feb 21

Movie: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (1968)
Mar 7 & 8

**Movie: Indiana Jones & the
Temple of Doom (1984)**
Mar 20 & 21

Movie: The Adventures of Robin Hood (1938)
Apr 11 & 12

Polson Museum: Urban Renewal Films
Apr 18

Movie: Across the Universe (2007)
Apr 24 & 25

Movie: The Music Man (1962)
May 9 & 10

Movie: The Goonies
May 29 & 30

7th Street Kids Annual Musical Production
Jul 31-Aug 2

Hot August Frights Movie Marathon
Aug 15

Movie: The Public Enemy (1931)
Sep 5 & 6

Movie: Willow (1988)
Sep 18 & 19

Movie: Creature from the Black Lagoon (1954)
Oct 3 & 4

More events are added throughout the year! Sign up for our coming events email and see all current event information on our website : www.7thStreetTheatre.com



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