

Backstage

 at the historic 7th Street Theatre

...where stars light the sky and the stage

Fundraising drive begins for back wall rain shield

We are asking for your help in raising funds for the back wall repair. For more than 25 years, the back wall has had a problem with rainwater penetration. It's getting worse. During rain storms, water runs down the back wall on the inside next to the stage. Since this is a south-facing wall it gets the full brunt of the weather. The wall is huge—70 feet high by 95 feet along the widest portion. Until the 1980s the lower half of the wall was abutted by a building which protected most of it. Over the past 25 years, several different types of coatings have been applied in an attempt to seal the wall, but these treatments have only worsened the condition by capturing the water and creating pockets where the water can't escape, except through the interior of the cement wall.

We hired an exterior envelope consultant and have been working with our architect to come up with a permanent solution.

The cost to replace the flyloft roof (which is part of the problem) and to place a rain shield on the back wall and part of the alley side will be about \$270,000. We will be applying for grants, but are also asking the community for donations. When the community supports our projects it is very beneficial in obtaining funding from foundations. We have also set aside \$70,000 of our savings for this project.

There is a donation form in this newsletter. Thank you very much for your continued support.



The above photos were taken recently of the back wall water penetration after a rain storm. This is the wall directly behind the stage. There is also water penetrating on the alley side of the interior wall. Containers are placed to capture water.

Grays Harbor Community Foundation awards 7th Street \$50,000 Endowment Fund

The Grays Harbor Community Foundation recently awarded the 7th Street Theatre Association a \$50,000 endowment grant. The Foundation considered several organizations that had received funding in the recent past and were impressed by our plan to build upon an endowment grant for the betterment and longevity of our organization.

Executive Director, Eric Potts, stated, "The purpose of an endowment is to build for the future by setting aside funds that will be invested and earn interest while the principal remains untouched. We have several endowment funds held at the Foundation and wanted to give a local nonprofit agency an opportunity to get a jump start on an endowment fund. The Foundation is a great fit for nonprofit agencies looking to build for the future."

We want to thank the Community Foundation for their award and their continued commitment to our community. The board has committed to put 20% of every donation of \$500 or more that is not given for a specific project into the endowment fund. The annual income from the endowment fund will be put toward maintenance costs for the Theatre.

Macklemore concert packs the house

On August 29, 2016, the 7th Street Theatre was one of eight theatres in Washington chosen for the Macklemore & Ryan Lewis Camping Trip Tour. Tickets sold out in less than two hours. What a great night!



Photos courtesy of Coyle Image Agency (Matthew Coyle)



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How you can support the 7th Street Theatre

Be a patron

A great way to support the theatre is to be a regular patron. Your admission fees help make our mission possible. You will also be able to recommend us to your friends. Better yet, bring a friend to the theatre. Go to our website, 7thStreetTheatre.com to see what our upcoming shows are and subscribe to our event email list.

Volunteer

We always need volunteers. Every movie needs ticket sellers, ticket takers, concession sellers, popcorn poppers, butter ladlers. It's similar with all our shows. Many of our projects need occasional volunteers. Give us your name and email contact so we can let you know when your talents are needed. Send your name and email to info@7thStreetTheatre.com

Donations, Memberships and Sponsorships

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

- You can be a **member** of the theatre with an annual donation of \$25 or more. Memberships help with promotion of our events and ongoing operating costs. Lead Actor, Director, and Producer level memberships are acknowledged in our concert and movie programs.
- **General donations** are set aside in a special fund for restoration and preservation of the theatre building. Currently we are using donations for the back wall rain shield and roof repair.
- **Movie sponsorships** are a great way to support our programming and invite your friends to the theatre. Just \$60 per movie! Plus, you get up to 30 passes to share with your family, friends, customers, or donate.
- **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.
- **Endowment fund:** We have recently set up an endowment fund thanks to funding from the Grays Harbor Community Foundation. Contact us for more information.

The form on this page can be used for memberships and general donations. For all other giving opportunities go to our website at 7thStreetTheatre.com and click on Support. Donations can be made via our website.

Phone: 360-537-7400 (msg)

Email: info@7thstreettheatre.com

BECOME A MEMBER!

GENERAL DONATION

STOCK & SECURITIES DONATION

MOVIE SPONSORSHIP

Keep our successful movie series

DONATE TO OUR ENDOWMENT FUND FOR ONGOING SUPPORT

Working together to maintain our community theatre for today and future generations.

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 \$_____

**Is it okay to acknowledge you in our programs?*

Yes No

I'd like to make a general donation

General donation
(currently funding our back wall project)

\$_____

Endowment Fund

\$_____

Total enclosed: \$_____

Name _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

If you are not already on our email list and would like to be added, please provide your email address:

Thank you for your support!

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7th Street Events

Through Nov 6, 2017

March 18
Grays Harbor Dance presents "Irish Roots"

June 17
Dancers Unlimited Recital

March 24 & 25
Movie: The Iron Giant (1999)

July 28-30
7th Street Kids Annual Musical Performance TBA

April 7 & 8
Movie: Empire Records (1995)

August 19
Hot August Frights Movie Marathon

April 22 & 23
Movie: Duck Soup (1933)

September 2 & 3
Movie: Rio Bravo (1959)

May 6 & 7
Movie: My Fair Lady (1964)

September 22 & 23
Movie: Footloose (1984)

May 12
Young Artist Showcase

October 7 & 8
Movie: Bride of Frankenstein (1935)

May 19 & 20
Movie: Jurassic Park (1993)

October 27 & 28
Movie: Ghostbusters (1984)

June 3
7th Street Kids Auditions

Nov 4 & 6
Movie: The Dirty Dozen (1967)

Be sure to check our website for times and ticket information, and sign up for our event emails. Events are added all year long!

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