



# Backstage at the historic 7th Street Theatre

*...where stars light the sky and the stage*

## Exterior restoration halfway done!

Next: The remaining two walls, front and alley, will complete the exterior restoration.

After three years of planning and raising funds, we are proud to announce that Exterior Restoration Phase 2 is now complete. This project had originally been scheduled to be done last fall, but was postponed due to several supply chain delays.

The contractor, EverGreene Architectural Arts, began the project at the end of April. We were extremely fortunate that the weather cooperated. They worked through mid-May sealing cracks in the walls, applied two coats of paint, and performed extensive filling, sealing and painting of the shop windows. The exterior color was changed as part of this project and is a significant improvement. Decorative features and stenciling were completed. These beautiful details have not



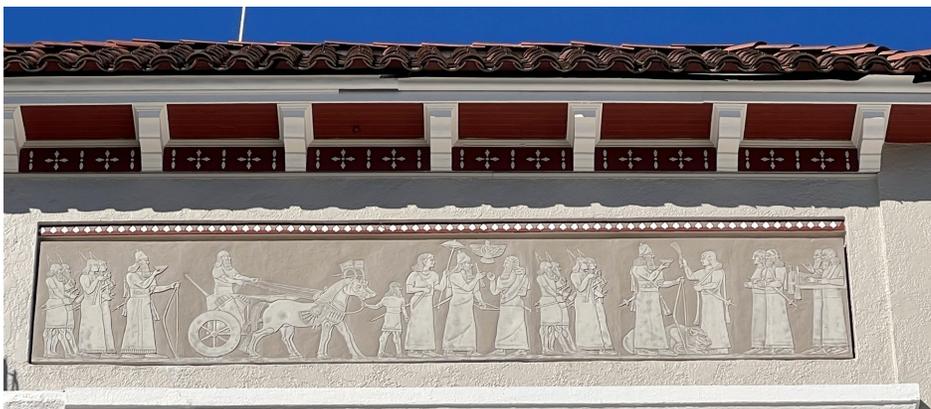
*Above shows the completion of Phase 2. As you can see, the front of the theatre still needs to be restored to its original design, which includes fleur de lis in the central alcoves and sailing ships in the balconies.*

been present for decades.

The three Assyrian panels are constructed of plaster and resin and much lighter than the originals. For reference the artist used photos of these sculptures at the British Museum. The artist took five months to create the panels and was here for the installation.

The final cost for this phase was \$339,474. Funding was provided by M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, National Park Service Third Places Grant, Grays Harbor Community Foundation, Ben B. Cheney Foundation, Timberland Bank and private

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*This is the Assyrian panel located on the J Street side. Three panels took five months to create. They are modeled after the originals, using resin and plaster for the molds with a fiberglass backing.*



*Above shows a close-up of the detail of each medallion located above the shops.*

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donors. Thank you to all who provided financial support for this project.

Our Board of Directors is fully committed to restoring the theatre to its original historic features. The theatre is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and was the first property listed on the Local Historic Register of the City of Hoquiam. We all appreciate history and what it means to our community.

● **What's next?** Our goal is to complete the front of the theatre, including all detail work, and paint the alley wall, at a cost of \$480,000. The alley wall will be finished in the same new color with Keim, a mineral-based water-resistant coating which will last for years. The plan is to complete this by 2025. The theatre turns 100 in 2028!

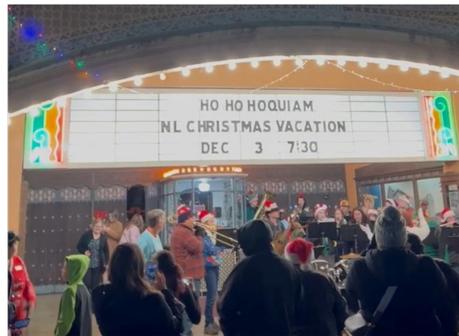
## Lights, lights, lights!!



*Showing off the new LED lighting, which has the option of an array of colors.*

This spring the auditorium lights were upgraded to LED. These are the lights along the side walls, and the two hanging fixtures that light the stage. It is more energy efficient, and audience members can now read programs!

The cost for the auditorium lighting project was \$145,000, funded by a \$58,000 grant from the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, private donations, and theatre savings. Marquee lights were all replaced with LED last year, as were all of the lobby and entry way lights. The reader board sign neon was repaired and the lighting was replaced with LED.



*Patrons enjoying the Hoquiam High School Band at the Ho Ho Hoquiam event in December 2022*

## New popcorn machine

We didn't plan on buying a new \$11,500 popcorn machine, but the oil delivery mechanism in our old one failed and was unable to be repaired. The new machine is the same size and works like a charm! Popcorn is a big item at the 7th Street, so we wanted to keep our patrons happy.

## New board members

We are excited to announce the addition of four new board members. **Paul McMillan**, retired Hoquiam Middle School teacher, former Hoquiam City Council member, and active movie committee member, joined the board in 2021. **Scott Linder** joined in 2022. Scott is retired from the University of California Irvine where he had worked in the Information Technology office for 17 years. Scott's wife, **Kat Bryant**, later joined in 2023. Kat has been a Harbor resident since 2017, has worked for the Daily World and Coastal Harvest and is currently a legislative assistant with the state House of Representatives. Scott and Kat are active theatre volunteers. **Kylie Shepard** also joined the board this year. Kylie is a children's and family therapist with Behavioral Health Resources. Kylie has grown up performing at the theatre for dance recitals and Miss Grays Harbor and stated that "it feels like home when I'm there, so I wanted to get more involved."

## Acoustics issues

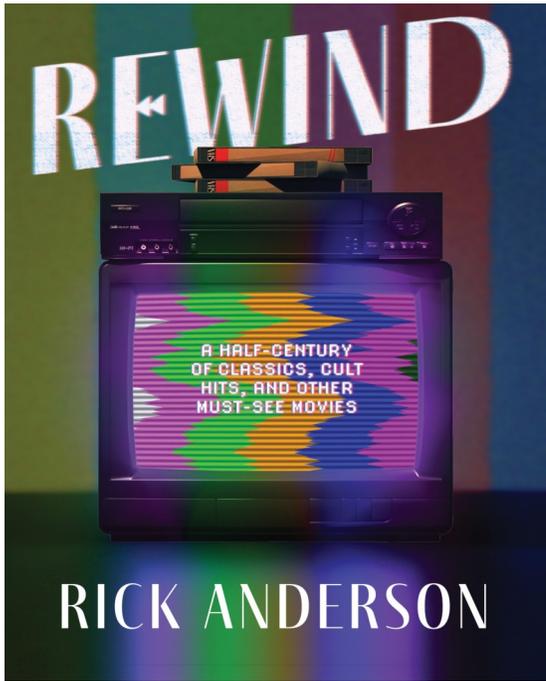
We will be installing sound-absorbing curtains on the back auditorium walls (each side of the projection booth). We have consulted with an acoustics engineer and decided that this would be a good option to help absorb the bounce-off that occurs during some movies and live events. This project will cost \$15,000.

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## Book Release!



6 P.M., OCT. 7

7TH STREET THEATRE

PRIOR TO "THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL"

## Rick Anderson book signing October 7

Some movies are iconic. Others are merely entertaining. In *Rewind: A Half-Century of Classics, Cult Hits, and Other Must-See Movies*, veteran journalist and longtime film buff Rick Anderson reflects on 50 classic films created within a 50-year period, from 1945-1995. This book provides a historical perspective on these films and the people who made them. Why do these movies work? Or, in some cases, why didn't they work better? The author looks back at well-known films such as *Rear Window*, *The Third Man*, *Apollo 13* and *Sounder*. Many other popular but less renowned works are also covered, as are a handful of relatively obscure productions. The common denominator is that all the films here deserve at least a look from movie fans. Or, for those who have previously watched them, a *rewind*.

Rick Anderson is an award-winning journalist who has spent more than 50 years in the field, mostly as an editor and film critic at *The Daily World* newspaper in Aberdeen, Washington. His favorite genres include mysteries, thrillers, film noirs, historical dramas, sports films and comedies. His all-time Academy Award choices would include Alec Guinness for *The Bridge on the River Kwai*, Holly Hunter for *Broadcast News*, Angela Lansbury for the 1962 version of *The Manchurian Candidate* and Fred MacMurray for *The Caine Mutiny*.

Rick will be at the theatre at 6pm on October 7, prior to the screening of the 1951 classic, *The Day the Earth Stood Still*, which is in the book.

## How you can support the 7th Street Theatre

**Membership:** An annual donation of \$25 or more helps pay ongoing operating costs. Lead Actor, Director, and Producer level memberships are acknowledged in our concert and movie programs.

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

**General Donation:** General donations are set aside in a special fund for restoration and preservation of the building. Our next major project will be restoring and painting the front façade and painting the alley wall.

**Movie sponsorships** are a great way to support our programming and invite your friends to the theatre. Just \$60 per movie! You get up to 30 passes to share with your family, friends, customers, or donate. Visit our website and click on Support.

**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 an endowment fund at the Grays Harbor Community Foundation. Contact us for more information.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS 2023

Sep 2—Movie: Planet of the Apes (1968)  
Sep 15 & 16—Movie: The Blindside (2009)  
Oct 7—(6pm) Rick Anderson book signing  
Oct 7—Movie: The Day the Earth Stood Still (1951)  
Oct 21—Greatest Hits of the Polson Museum Collection  
Oct 27&28—Movie: Ghostbusters: Afterlife (2021)  
Nov 4—Movie: The Sons of Katie Elder (1965)  
Nov 18—Family Promise presents Ted Vigil  
Nov 24 & 25—Movie: Fred Claus (2007)  
Dec 2—Movie: Elf (2003) *Ho Ho Hoquiam event!*  
Dec 16—Movie: The Bishop's Wife (1947)  
Dec 23—Olson Brothers Christmas Concert

## The Greatest Hits of the Polson Museum Collection October 21—7pm *One night only*

Back by popular demand! Polson Museum Director John Larson presented this feature-length slide show on March 4th this year at the Timberland Regional Library. The house was packed, and Larson has received numerous requests for an encore.

Larson presents his personal "Greatest Hits" view of the Polson's ever-expanding photo collection in this special presentation of local history. He has informed us that this one will be bigger and better.

With over 29,000 images now available online, Larson will highlight some of his individual favorite images, provide an overview of selected larger collections, teach practical search tips and share insights learned in his 26 years as director of the Polson Museum.



Be sure to check our website for times and ticket information, and sign up for our event emails. Events are added all year long! [7thStreetTheatre.com](http://7thStreetTheatre.com)

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