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HVAC Project Fundraising Begins



The above photo is of workers on the roof repairing the existing furnace during a rainstorm in January 2012 after one of the breakdowns.



Board President Ray Kahler in front of the original blower which is located in the attic above the projection booth. This blower will be incorporated into the new system.

In the early 1990s the Theatre's original heating system (a large, low-speed blower in the attic and oil boiler in the basement, with radiators in the attic) was retired and a new gas furnace was installed on the roof, incorporating the original ducting. This furnace had a life expectancy of 15 years. The original low-speed, high volume blower was replaced with a higher speed, lower volume blower. Due to the noise caused by the new blower, the heat had to be turned off during concerts.

Because the furnace is on the roof, it is exposed to wind and rain, which have caused damage over the years. For the past several years we have had flywheels break and become dislodged, belts broken, and a variety of other problems, which have cost us several thousand dollars to repair.

The problems have generally occurred in December and have put the Theatre at risk of having to cancel events due to lack of heat. Due to the age of the furnace, replacement parts are not readily available. In one instance, we had to wait for parts to be made in California before the furnace could be repaired.

In 2011 we hired WP Flack & Kurtz, a mechanical engineering firm out of Seattle, to survey the existing heating system and make recommendations for a replacement system. Flack & Kurtz prepared a report describing the existing system and proposed two options - replacing the existing rooftop furnace, or installing four smaller gas furnaces in the attic. The board decided that installing four smaller gas furnaces in the attic would be the best long-term invest-

ment, both in terms of energy efficiency and because the furnaces would be protected from weather damage.

We also enlisted the help of Robbins' Air of Aberdeen, who regularly work on the existing furnace. Robbins' Air worked with our architect, Alan Gozart, and determined that the original low speed, high volume blower in the attic could be brought back into operation as part of a new heating/ventilation system. Using the original blower would provide better air circulation and would be much quieter than the fan in the existing system.

The new system would involve four smaller gas furnaces located in the fan room, which would allow for the

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HVAC Project, cont'd

theatre to be heated more efficiently. One furnace would run continuously to maintain a base level of heat in the theatre when it is unoccupied. The other three furnaces would be brought into operation as needed to heat the theatre rapidly to occupancy temperature on event days.

The new system would also add a hot water coil and a standard programmable thermostat. The existing roof-top furnace and the existing steam coils in the fan room (from the original boiler heating system) would have to be removed, all of which would require the use of a large crane. There are 64 steam coils that will need to be removed, each of which weighs an estimated 70 pounds.

The estimated cost for this project, including design, equipment, and installation, is \$215,000.

After reviewing the Theatre's restoration "to do" list, the board felt that a new heating/ventilation system was the most important project on the list, since heating the theatre efficiently and without breakdowns is of

paramount importance to our patrons and to the theatre.

Earlier this year, we applied to the Grays Harbor Community Foundation and received a pledge of \$25,000 toward this project. We have also set aside \$30,000 of our own savings.

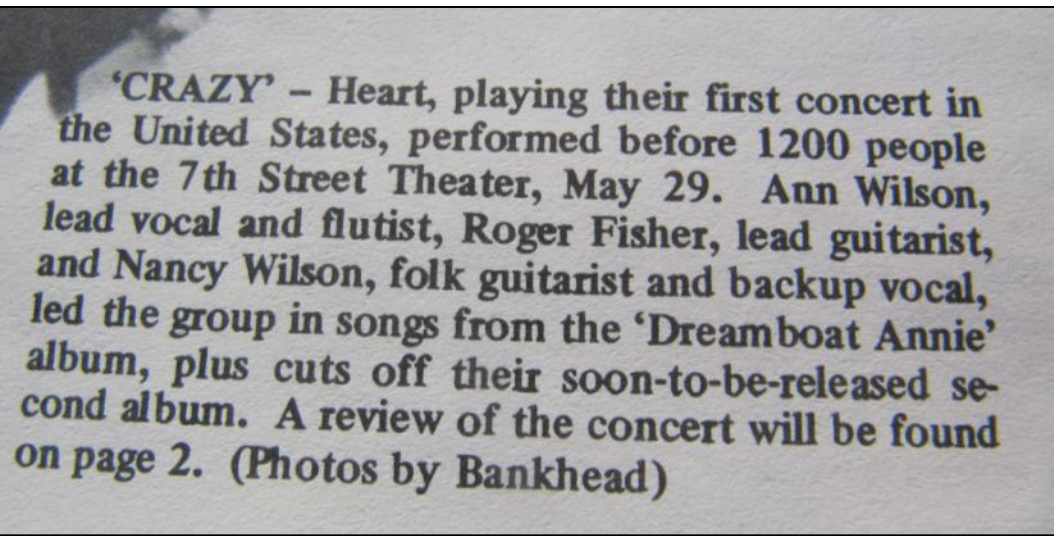
We have written letters of inquiry to the Murdock Trust, the Forest Foundation, and the Cheney Foundation. The Murdock Trust has informed us that they will allow us to submit a grant application once we raise 35% of the project cost (\$75,250). The Cheney Foundation has stated that they will look at the application next summer, but would like us to raise 50% of the funds. We are waiting for word from the Forest Foundation.

We are requesting donations from local businesses and community members to help raise the funds needed to apply for grant funding. We are also looking at other foundations for funding, but not all foundations accept applications for capital improvement projects, and the number of foundations that fund projects like this in Grays Harbor is limited.

All donations received are being set aside for the HVAC project.

Blast from the Past

*From Aberdeen High School's "Ocean Breeze" school paper in 1973. If you have any historical memorabilia about the 7th Street Theatre, we'd love to hear from you!
Thanks to Troy Richart for providing this copy.*



New board member



Troy Richart joined the theatre board in January 2013

The theatre board welcomes our new board member, Troy Richart. Troy is an Electronics Technician for the Washington State Department of Corrections and also hopes to open a new and used record store in the area. Troy and his wife have three children with one on the way. Troy states “I became interested in becoming a board member while attending Poltergeist with two of my kids after Betsy Seidel announced that the theater was looking for a new board member, and was very impressed with the restoration of the theater and the staff and volunteers who were running the theater and was looking for a way to

get involved with something that benefits the community.” He hopes to contribute new ideas and become a valued member of the board.

“I think the movie series is great and would like to possibly see the movie series add a category that focused on music-themed movies for example “Walk The Line”, “August Rush”, “Almost Famous”, Pink Floyd “The Wall”, etc... I think it would be great for the theater to be able to also find a way to have more concerts at the theater whether it be well known artists, local artists or Tribute bands.”

Movie Selection Committee Meeting on October 2



*Standing L-R—David Akers, Jeff Cook, Ken McDonald, Joe Brand, Mickey Thurman, Bob Martin, Betsy Seidel, Christie Goodenough, Paul McMillan, Shawn Brand
Front L-R—Ginger Akers, Ray Kahler, Jamie Brand, Shannon Weidman, Charisse Anderson, Katrina Zozaya, Kyle Pauley, John Miller*

On October 2nd, our movie committee met for the annual movie selection. We choose one each of a musical, children’s, Valentine’s Day, Christmas, and Halloween movie. We discuss our choices of these five movies in advance, and bring choices for the remaining movies to the meeting. Our Silver Screen Classics series (consisting of six movies at least 50 years old per year) is chosen by David Akers, who manages that series. David also gets input from members. We are extremely fortunate to have a great group of volunteers who take part in our movie selection and also volunteer at our movies. Good job team! Our movie schedule is below.

2014 Movie Series

Jan 10-11	Viva Las Vegas (1964)	May 16-17	Jaws (1975)
Jan 24	McQ (1974)	Aug 16	Hot August Frights (Thriller Movie Marathon)
Jan 25	Ring of Fire (1961)	Sep 13-14	All About Eve (1950)*
Feb 14-15	The Princess Bride (1987)	Sep 26-27	The Breakfast Club (1985)
Mar 8-9	The Quiet Man (1952)*	Oct 4-5	House of Wax (1953)*
Mar 21-22	Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory (1971)	Oct 24-25	Shaun of the Dead (2004)
Apr 12-13	Treasure of the Sierra Madre (1948)*	Nov 8-9	The Great Escape (1963)*
Apr 25-26	Top Gun (1986)	Nov 28-29	White Christmas (1954)
May 3-4	South Pacific (1958)*	Dec 6	A Christmas Story (1983)

*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.*



Hoquiam High School Drama Department pre- sents **Zombie Prom** 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 2014 production of *Zombie Prom* will again amaze you at the talent of our local high school students. Check our website for dates and show times.

Sponsor a movie for only \$50 and get 25 free passes

If you have attended any of our movies you will have noticed that sponsors are thanked from the stage or as part of our pre-movie slideshow. Our sponsors are a huge part of the success of our movie series. It's only \$50 to sponsor one movie, and as part of that each sponsor gets 25 passes to the movie and special mention in all of our promotional materials. The sponsorship form is on our website under "support," send us an email, or call us (537-7400) and leave a message and we'll happily send you a form. Sponsorships must be received 45 days prior to the movie.

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The Newsreels of CD Anderson — Back by Popular Demand!

One final showing of the UWTV documentary featuring Grays Harbor will be showing November 23 at 7:30

In March this year we were honored to show the premiere screening of the Newsreels of C.D. Anderson, a documentary produced by UWTV. The documentary covered UW Libraries Special Collections digital restoration of 53 35MM nitrate newsreels donated by a Seattle couple who had picked them up at



This is a snapshot from one of films — the opening of the Aberdeen-Willapa Highway in 1927, taken in Cosmopolis.

a garage sale. Through funding from the Apex Foundation, the Libraries staff was able to have these films digitized. The films were discovered to be from the Grays Harbor County area and feature short news clips of various events between 1925 and 1933. Roy Vataja, researcher and board member at the Aberdeen Museum of History, spent countless hours at the Aberdeen library researching newspapers from this era. He discovered that C.D. Anderson had decided to produce local newsreels of newsworthy events here on the Harbor and the films were shown at local theaters prior to movies. Since national newsreels were a big attraction, Mr. Anderson felt that local newsreels would also be worthy of the big screen.

The documentary features members of UW Special Collections who were involved in the project, in addition to John Hughes, local historian; John Larson, Director of the Polson Museum; Roy Vataja; and Mickey Thurman, Vice-President of the 7th Street Theatre Association. **DVDs will be available, and we'll be showing two extra Harbor history films.**

The Grays Harbor Community Foundation helped fund this project.

Tickets are \$7 and are available now at City Drug in Aberdeen, Harbor Drug in Hoquiam, or online at Brown Paper Tickets for the Saturday November 23rd event. Doors open at 7:00 with the presentation beginning at 7:30. We urge attendees to get advance tickets to this event.

JP Patches video in the works

In April 2008 we presented local icons JP Patches and Gertrude on-stage, without makeup, as part of the theatre's 80th year celebration. It was also Chris Wedes' (JP Patches) 80th birthday that year. We had an amazing crowd of Patches Pals attend the show. All proceeds from the event were donated to the JP Patches & Gertrude statue project in the Fremont District in Seattle.

During the event we had video recordings, but the video was never produced.

Our board member, David Akers, has taken the project of digitizing the films. The plan is to produce a DVD of the event and show it at the theatre next year as a fundraiser for our HVAC project. Stay tuned to ICU TV for more information!

RIP JP 4/3/28—7/22/13

McQ and Ring of Fire “Movies filmed here” special movie weekend January 24 & 25

Over the years, we've had several requests to show *McQ* and *Ring of Fire*, which were both filmed in part here on the Harbor. We decided to do an extra movie weekend in 2014 featuring these two films.

The 1961 epic disaster film *Ring of Fire* was filmed in part near Camp Grisdale, which was the last remaining logging camp in the state of Washington and located near Wynoochee Lake. The film stars David Janssen, Joyce Taylor and Frank Gorshin. The scene that locals remember is the train and train trestle burning. Pieces of the wreckage can still be found to those adventurous souls who wish to climb the steep embankment.

Most locals over the age of 50 will remember when The Duke, John Wayne, arrived horseless in Aberdeen to film the 1974 movie *McQ*. There were several scenes shot in Aberdeen and along the beaches. At that time there was a bar located in the building which now houses Wiitamaki Jewelry Store called Ali Baba's, and some of the filming took place there. There were several local people who were used as extras.

McQ will be shown on Friday January 24th with *Ring of Fire* showing on Saturday the 25th. Please pass the word to your friends and family!



Where does your donation go?

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 **HVAC project**. 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.)

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Psst...have you seen the seat donor plaques in the lobby? You can still "save a seat" on our donor page and get your plaque on the lobby donor board.

COMING EVENTS

Harbor Happenings: Newsreels of CD Anderson
Nov 23

Movie: Home Alone
Nov 29 & 30

Movie: Nat'l Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
Dec 7

Hoquiam High School Winter Concerts
Dec 11 & 12

Lighthouse Ballet Nutcracker Suite
Dec 20—22

Movie: Viva Las Vegas
Jan 10 & 11

"Movies filmed here" special movie weekend
McQ—Jan 24 Ring of Fire—Jan 25

HHS Drama Presents Zombie Prom
Feb 7-9

Movie: The Princess Bride
Feb 14 & 15

Miss Grays Harbor Outstanding Teen Pageant
February 21

Miss Grays Harbor Scholarship Pageant
February 22

Movie: The Quiet Man
March 8 & 9

HHS & HMS Winter Concerts
March 12 & 13

An Irish Hooley
March 15

Movie: Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory
Mar 21 & 22

Movie: Treasure of the Sierra Madre
Apr 12 & 13

Movie: Top Gun
Apr 25 & 26

Movie: South Pacific
May 3 & 4



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