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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

WORKING TO PRESERVE & PROMOTE THE HISTORIC PALACE THEATRE
BEV FORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

When is a building more than a building? When it's the Marion Palace Theatre!

These four walls have done much more than hold up the Theatre's beautiful, midnight blue, sky-like, domed ceiling.

Built by renowned theatre architect John Ebersson back in 1928, the Palace was one of just over 100 atmospheric-designed theatre's built by the flamboyant Ebersson. Today, as one of only 16 remaining operational atmospheric, the Palace is a testimony to the unique ability of a building to transport visitors to another place and time. Hundreds of thousands of guests over the past 91 years have experienced just that.

Over the past several years, the Palace Board of Directors and staff have worked diligently to preserve and promote the historic Palace Theatre.

This work has always been possible because of the generosity of those in this community who believe this fine theatre to be more than just a building. The

Marion Palace Theatre is a treasure to be cherished and preserved, and Marion residents, along with guests from near and far, have proven to truly love and value this historic building and all it represents. We are grateful for that.

Our current need is to replace a failing roof, which is the second phase of an overall renovation plan that was initiated six years ago.

In 2013, while preparing to have some interior repair work done, contractors directed our attention to deterioration of the structural steel in the front of the building and some exterior conditions that needed addressed for the building's preservation. With guidance from structural engineers and input from the State, addressing the structural steel was priority one, with renovation of the roof to come later.

The Palace roof was last replaced in the 1990s. We looked to roofing experts who suggested a maintenance plan to extend the life of the current roof until the re-roof could be addressed. The roof is now priority.

This phase includes tearing off the roof down to the roof decking, replacing what needs replaced, and then applying a new roof. This will provide new roofing on all of the historic building's roof surfaces.

The project also includes repairs to the



CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

January 2020

- 3-5 **A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**
Movie Weekend
- 7-8 **AUDITIONS**
Robin Hood and His Merry Men
- 10 **IMPROV IN THE MAY**
Shovel City Improv Group
- 10-12 **MOVIE WEEKEND**
Title To Be Announced
- 16 **THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS**
School Matinee Series
- 17-19 **MOVIE WEEKEND**
Title To Be Announced
- 20 **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR BREAKFAST**
Presented by Peace & Freedom Committee
- 24 **GAS PUMP JOCKEYS**
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- 26 **POPOVICH COMEDY PET THEATRE**
Main Stage Touring Artist

- 31-02 **MOVIE WEEKEND**
Title To Be Announced

February 2020

- 6 **CUP & CANVAS**
Painting Workshop
- 7-9 **MOVIE WEEKEND**
Title to Be Announced
- 10 **ACADEMY OF THE ARTS**
Winter Session IV Begins
- 14 **TOMMY JAMES & THE SHONDELLS**
Main Stage Touring Artist
- 15-16 **MOVIE WEEKEND**
School Matinee Series
- 21-23 **ROBIN HOOD & HIS MERRY MEN**
Junior Palace Production
- 24 **ROSIE REVERE ENGINEER & FRIENDS**
School Matinee Series
- 29 **LEAP INTO LAUGHTER**
Presented by Downtown Marion, Inc.

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AUDITION CALL FOR YOUNG ACTORS

"Robin Hood and His Merry Men" director, Emily Yaksic is seeking young performers ages 7 to 14 years for this madcap adventure stage play. Auditioners may audition either day and should enter through the front May Pavilion doors. Auditioners are asked to come dressed in casual clothing and be prepared to recite a previously memorized monologue or poem. A small selection of monologues are available on the Palace Theatre website marionpalace.org

TUE, JAN 7 & WED, JAN 8 ♦ 5PM-7PM

SHOVEL CITY IMPROV GROUP



These crazy hometown comedians keep audiences laughing with brand new skits as each performance that YOU help create. Taking the phrase "audience participation" to a whole new level, members of the audience suggest random

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exterior walls such as tuck pointing and sealing the brick, replacing steel lintels, flashings, copings, and broken terra cotta along with new ladders and roof vents.

We are fortunate to have skilled board members and community members leading this charge. The Capital Maintenance Committee, comprised of Chairman Tom Schifer, Jeff Baldauf, Scott Ruth, Dave Strzalka, and John Keggan, is overseeing the project.

Under the direction of Honorary Chair John Keggan and Campaign Chair Sue Jacob, we have launched the **"Rai\$e the Roof"** campaign to fund the project. This campaign includes working with our State Representative Tracy Richardson to request funds from Ohio's Capital Budget. We have requested half of the projected \$1.1M project. If we receive those funds, we must match them dollar for dollar.

This Theatre's role in our community is the inspiration behind this challenge.

If these "Spanish courtyard" walls could

talk, they would tell stories by the hundreds of life changing experiences for those who have taken the stage and life enriching encounters for those who have filled these auditorium seats.

Thousands upon thousands have enjoyed activities of all kinds here at the Palace.

Each year, dozens of children have taken the stage to be "bit by the bug" of theatre. It has been life changing for them as they grew in self-confidence, stage presence, ability, and relationship. Many returned year after year; growing up on this very stage to journey to other stages.

The Palace has served as the community's meeting space for all of life's moments. Families and friends have said their final good-byes to those they cherished more than life itself. The Theatre has hosted thousands of graduates as they walk across the stage and into their individual journeys. There are tales of first kisses and popping the question of a lifetime, "Will you marry me?" And enthusiastically, amid hugs

and kisses, the answer was a resounding, "YES!"

We have grown to appreciate the faithful resounding "YES!" we have received from this community when the Palace has had planned and emergency capital improvement needs.

Will you give to **"Rai\$e the Roof"** on this building? Your support will enable this "more than a building" facility to continue life changing activities that enrich and enhance our community's quality of life.

Thank you in advance for every dollar; when combined they will go a long way to preserving the historic Marion Palace Theatre.



Bev Ford,
Executive Director

To help RAI\$E THE ROOF, please detach and return this portion of the brochure to the Palace Theatre. Thank you.

(as it is to appear in acknowledgements)

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ideas for the games and sketches that seasoned stage actors perform on the spot. Nothing is scripted, so it becomes a night of hilarious and unpredictable fun! The rotational pool of actors from Shovel City Improv includes Daniel Bradshaw, Kim Bradshaw, Mike Cochran, Bruce Cudd, Diana Dailey, Hannah Fuller, Justen LaPlante, Eric Mosley, and Emily Yaksic. Mark your calendar-you don't wanna miss the fun! This event is recommended for ages 16 and older. May Pavilion | \$6

FRIDAY, JAN 10 ♦ 7:30PM

THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS



Students and educators in grades K-5 are invited to hop on the Magic School Bus for a ride in this new musical adaptation. When the class gets lost on the way to the planetarium, Ms. Frizzle saves the day by blasting into outer space for an epic interplanetary field trip! But

PALACE ACADEMY OF THE ARTS

WINTER SESSION IV: Classes begin week of Feb 10 and end week of Mar 23.

SPRING SESSION V: Classes begin week of Apr 6 and end week of May 18.

ADULT CLASSES

ACTING

This class is an opportunity to break out of your shell and try something new. Students will learn under the guidance of theatre veteran, Kristi Wink. Each student's learning experience is customized to their abilities and interests. Stimulate creativity. Grow confidence. And make new friends while you're at it! **Instructor Kristi Wink. MON 8:15PM-9:15PM. 7 WEEKS. \$84.**

BROADWAY DANCERCIZE

Want a taste of how it may feel to be in a Broadway show? Join Kristi on stage in this clever "Jazzercise with a twist" class which incorporates upbeat Broadway show tunes with an irresistible workout program! Each week features a new playlist with new moves. **Instructor Kristi Wink. THUR 7PM-8PM. 7 WEEKS. \$84.**

KNIT TOGETHER

Enroll in this class on knitting basics and the opportunity to "knit together" with others who love creating with yarn. Knitters will learn skills including how to cast on and bind off, knit & purl stitches, and how to read a pattern. As classes progress students will learn about gauge swatching and fixing common mistakes like dropped stitches. Participants will use these new skills to knit a simple scarf. **Instructor Shelley Ellerkamp. TUE 7PM-8PM. 7 WEEKS. \$84.**

TAPPERCIZE

If you are a beginner or a seasoned pro, Tappercize on the historic Palace stage is a fun way to get in a heart pumping workout. Master the basic steps and execute simple combinations to upbeat music. Tap shoes not required for participation. Adding to the fun will be themed sessions that the students choose. **Instructor Kristi Wink. TUE 7PM-8PM. 7 WEEKS. \$84.**

YOGA

Feel the restorative power that yoga brings to mind and body with Certified Yoga Instructor & Yoga Alliance Member, Helene Everson. Learn yoga poses, meditation, stretching, relaxation, body awareness, and breathing. Students will receive instruction that is geared to personal needs and abilities; learn basic yoga postures and ways to modify the postures for individual body types. Please bring a sticky mat and dress comfortably.

RESTORATIVE: SAT, JAN 25 1PM-4PM
Instructor Helene Everson. ONE DAY. \$30.

BEGINNING MON 5:30PM-7PM;
Instructor Helene Everson. 7 WEEKS. \$56.

ADVANCED WED 5:30PM-7PM.
Instructor Helene Everson. 7 WEEKS. \$56.

YOUTH CLASSES

PRESCHOOL MUSIC IN MOTION Ages 3-5

This energetic, motion-put-to-music class encourages children to sing and dance while reinforcing cognitive components such as learning numbers, letters, shapes, and days of the week. This educational pre-dance class takes place on the Palace stage and incorporates physical exercise that challenges balance, stamina, and creativity all while making new friends. Parents of students are invited to join the fun! **Instructor Kristi Wink. THUR 1:30PM-2:15PM. 7 WEEKS. \$70.**

YOUTH DANCE BASICS Ages 6-8

This class is a mix of ballet and jazz, perfect for beginners who want to learn basic dance technique that will build a great foundation for continued advancement in these styles or any other dance style. **Instructor Chelsea Sims Carbary. TUE 5PM-6PM. 7 WEEKS. \$84.**

LOST IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM

when rivalries both old and new threaten to tear the students apart, our young heroes must learn to pull together or risk getting forever lost in the solar system. A TheatreWorksUSA Production based on the original book series published by Scholastic. For reservations please contact the Palace by phone, (740) 383-2101 or by e-mail, tickets@marionpalace.org. Admission \$3.50. School Matinee Sponsors: Honda, Marion Public Library, and Ohio Arts Council.

THU, JAN 16 ♦ 10AM & 12:45PM

NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION SCHEDULED

Have you ever wanted to join the team of friendly Palace volunteers? Now is your chance! Volunteer Coordinator, Morgan Schwartz, and advisory committee members will meet with potential Palace volunteers during an orientation session on Saturday, Jan 25 at 10am. This orientation is open to all ages ranging from juniors in high school to retirees that wish to give back to the community. The one hour meeting will cover the various ways volunteers can lend a helping hand, dress code, and procedures. Interested participants are asked to reserve a space for this orientation by contacting the Palace at (740) 383-2101

SATURDAY, JAN 25 ♦ 10AM

PALACE ACADEMY OF THE ARTS class registration & payment deadline is 1 week prior to the beginning of the first class. For Youth group classes, a limited number of scholarships are available from the John & Kathy O'Shea Marion Community Foundation Fund through a competitive application process. Please pick up applications in the Palace Box Office.



YOUTH ACTING

Ages 6 & up

Even if your child isn't dreaming of a full time stage career, acting classes build self confidence, boost communication skills, and equip students for opportunities onstage and in life. Each student's learning experience is customized to their abilities and interests. Individual scripts are assigned based on skills and levels of character development. Students may also write their own material for classes or bring in a script they would like to master. As students progress they explore and build on their acting skills and are encouraged to tap into the director side of theatre offering constructive feedback to their peers.

Instructor Kristi Wink. 7 WEEKS. \$84.

Ages 6-7: TUE 6-7PM

Ages 8-10: MON 7-8PM

Ages 11-14: WED 7-8PM

Ages 15+: WED 8:15-9:15PM

YOUTH MUSICAL THEATRE DANCE

Ages 8-13

Musical theatre uses many dance influences including contemporary, jazz, tap, ballet, ballroom, hip hop and even international styles. This class is ideal for anyone interested in becoming a well-rounded dancer, whether you perform in musical productions or just want to dance. **Instructor Chelsea Sims Carbary.**

THU 5PM-6PM. 7 WEEKS. \$84.

PRIVATE LESSONS WITH QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS!

*Private lessons are \$35 per 30 minute class or \$60 per 60 minute class.
Couple's dance is \$55 per 30 minute class.*



KRISTI WINK (*Theatre*) Private lessons with Kristi include, but are not limited to, Pageant Preparation, Job and College Interview Success, Broadway and Theatre Auditions, and Public Speaking. Kristi will work with you individually to help you put your best foot forward...no matter what "stage" you're headed for!



TERRI MALONE (*Piano Instructor*) A Music Educator with Marion City Schools for 18 years, and 12 years with the Tiffin City Schools, Terri is now offering private piano lessons at the Palace Academy of the Arts for ages 7 years and up.



JAMI RAWLINS (*Vocal Instructor*) Currently the Director of Choirs, Singers, Singers Xtreme, and the high school musicals at Harding High School, Jami also offers private voice lessons for ages 12 years and up.



CHELSEA SIMS CARBARY (*Dance Instructor*) Chelsea specializes in musical theatre dance styles, jazz, tap, hip hop, ballet, contemporary, and ball room. She offers private lessons for ages 4 years and up. Lessons include, but are not limited to dance auditions, pageant talent preparation, and technique development for college dance teams, as well as couple's ballroom dance, father/daughter dance, and mother/son dance.

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PREPARE TO BE AMAZED!



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Don't miss your opportunity to witness an award-winning Vegas show right here in Marion, Ohio! The POPOVICH COMEDY PET THEATER makes its way to the historic Marion Palace Theatre on **Sunday, January 26 at 4pm**. With former Moscow Circus and Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus veteran, Gregory Popovich, serving as ring leader and a cast of over 30 furry and feathered friends, the show is pure entertainment bliss for all ages.

A native of Kiev, Ukraine, Popovich has been a professional circus performer since age 12 and has presented thousands of shows in more than 20 countries. Popovich has combined his expert juggling skills and comedic timing with the extraordinary talents of his performing pets. Currently, the POPOVICH COMEDY PET THEATER is in its 12th season at the Planet Hollywood Resort/Casino in Las Vegas. USA Today said, "Comedy Pet Theater is like a Cirque show with animals."

But there's more than meets the eye with the Comedy Pet Theater. Popovich's show is inspired by a sincere love of animals and a life-long commitment to helping rescued pets. He has spent years as an advocate for homeless pets and is proud to be able to help improve the life of every animal he personally rescues. This sends a clear message to the children and adults who come to see his shows: animals deserve to be treated with love and kindness too.

This entertaining show includes house cats and dogs (all rescued from animal shelters), geese, white doves, and parrots. This cast of trained animals was

once in shelters waiting for a forever home, and now these rescued animals have gone from homeless to performance superstars. All the animals are trained using positive reinforcement techniques to enhance their natural abilities.

"One of the main messages of my show is to bring attention for animal shelters, and the many homeless pets and rescue efforts out there. Because all my pets in my shows have been rescued by animal shelters, I feel it's my mission to 'payback' animal shelters and try to help other pets if I have this opportunity," says Popovich.

The show is jam packed with talent that you will have to see to believe. Where else can you see a dog dressed up as a firefighter putting out fires? Or a housecat pushing a dog in a stroller? POPOVICH COMEDY PET THEATRE has been featured on shows such as The Tonight Show, Animal Planet, David Letterman, and in USA Today and People Magazine and were finalists on "America's Got Talent." The Circus Fans Association of America awarded Popovich with its Entertainer of the Year award for his "unique and most enjoyable performance."

Sunday, January 26, 2020 • 4pm

*Tickets \$28, \$24, \$20 adult; \$12 student

**Group & PCAA discounts may apply*

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THE GAS PUMP JOCKEYS DELIVER A FUN CONCERT

Mark your calendars to have your tank filled with premium grade fun when THE GAS PUMP JOCKEYS take over the Marion Palace Theatre's May Pavilion on Friday, January 24 at 7:30pm!

This super-charged oldies and retro band from Columbus, Ohio takes audiences on a musical journey to simpler times when gas



was cheap, the cars were cool, and the music was red hot! Performing a mix of great songs from the 60s and 70s, the group covers **the Beatles, Doobie Brothers, Eagles, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Bob Seger** and many more. With more songs per gallon than any other band in the Midwest, this nostalgic outfit also incorporates their special brand of comedy and audience interaction making their performance more than a concert, and a super-fun show for all ages.

Tickets to THE GAS PUMP JOCKEYS concert are \$16. Don't miss the fun and order your tickets today!



FRI, JAN 24, 2020 7³⁰ PM