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Summer Projects Abound

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This summer is proving to be a busy time at the Senate Theater. Many projects have started, or will be starting soon.

Back in June, problems started developing with the electric fuse panel located in the relay room. Shortly after that, problems started developing in the fuse panel in the closet at the rear of the auditorium. After talking with and bringing in a team of electricians, it was determined that the best solution to the problems was to replace the panels. This was done in July. When the work was started, it was found that several fuses had melted in their sockets. Also, the panel in the relay room was never grounded. After fixing those issues, and a few others, the new breaker panel is installed and working great. This project is now done, at a cost of \$3,374.34.

The next project that has started is the construction of a new sound and light booth at the rear of the auditorium. A new booth is being constructed so that all lighting and sound controls will be in one location. This will make it easier and more inviting for rentals and concerts to use our equipment. The back wall has already been removed so that an entrance to the booth will be from the back of the foyer. The floor will be built up to be level, and the booth will be set up with places for the sound board and light-



ing control boards. To further make this project work, a new sound cable cluster, also known as a snake, will be installed that will run from the stage, down into the tunnel and to the back of the auditorium into the new booth. Provisions are also being made for the eventual new installation of speakers so that we can bring back showing movies once we have the marquee re-installed. This project has a budget that will be around \$5,000.

The restroom down near the stage has an interesting problem. Those that have used this facility may have noticed that the floor is not exactly stable! It seems that the sub structure of the restroom is starting to fail. In order to fix this problem, all fixtures in the restroom will be removed, the old floor and sub structure will be removed, and a new, stronger, more durable sub structure will be erected. Once done, new flooring will be installed, and all fixtures put back in their place. This project is expected to take a long weekend to complete,

and will be starting shortly. The cost of this project is yet to be determined, but by doing this project in-house (thanks to Joan Brown) the cost will be minimal.

The marquee project is moving on to the next phase. Work has been completed on new iron-work to hold up the existing "SENATE" sign. Next time you are at the theatre, you will notice that the poles that were added and bolted to the sidewalk are now gone. The construction workers also cleaned up some of the old iron girders that were sticking out where the old reader panels were installed. We are now moving on to the design stage of the new marquee. Total cost of the marquee project will be over \$150,000, if not more!

Ceiling repairs will be done soon in the men's restroom upstairs. A persistent leak is perplexing the roofer, and is still being worked on. A persistent leak in the east wall of the auditorium is also rearing its ugly head, and investigative work is still being done on that problem.

There are other projects that will be done besides these, and like all things at the theatre, these projects cost money.

This is where you, the members, come in. We need your help. Would you be interested in donating to one of these many projects that will be done this summer? Any donation would be appreciated, and gratefully accepted. Contact one of the board members listed on the left if you are able to help.

A TOS Comes to the Senate

Six full bus loads, and many more that drove on their own, to be exact. Everyone arrived from Cleveland, Ohio, which was hosting this year's ATOS annual convention.

Part of the convention is the Pre-Glow event, which happens the day before the official start. This year's Pre-Glow was to hear renowned artist Richard Hills, and hear him they did.

Thanks to the hard work and many, many hours of work by Scott Smith, T. J. Casterson,

Steven Warner, and Jeff Slaybaugh, our organ was indeed in tip top shape. When we were asked by the Western Reserve Theatre Organ Society, the Cleveland ATOS chapter hosting the convention, if the Senate Theater would be able to be part of the convention pre-glow event, our goal was to present ourselves in the best possible light. With the help of many volunteers and many hours of work, that goal was accomplished.

The stage was completely repainted, the entire auditorium was swept and mopped. Every chair was washed and endless other cleaning tasks were done.

Richard Hills showed off our wonderful Wurlitzer in first class style! We presented ourselves in the best possible light and the ATOS guests noticed our efforts. The DTOS did itself proud.

I continued on to Cleveland after the show to attend the convention myself. I lost count

of how many people came to me and commented on how impressed they were with both the organ, the theater and the wonderful hosts at the DTOS. The compliments continued even three days later. Our Theater and our Opus 1953 Grand Wurlitzer was indeed one of the top venues at the 2016 ATOS convention.

BRAVO DTOS. We still have what it takes! Let us all be proud!

Kevin Werner
Secretary, DTOS



Above: Richard Hills talks to the enthusiastic crowd between selections

Top Right: Buses line up in front of the Senate Theater

Middle Right: ATOS members gather in the Senate Theater for the concert.

Bottom Right: The concession lobby welcomes ATOS Pre-Glow attendees before the concert.

Pictures by Kevin Werner and Joan Brown



Parking Lot Could Expand

Next time you drive to the Senate, you may notice that there is something missing next to our existing fenced-in parking lot.

After sitting vacant and burnt out for several months, the City of Detroit has torn down the house next to our parking lot. The land is now cleared, and new topsoil put in

place to level out the property and make it safe.

The property is now listed with the Detroit Land Bank, and the Board of directors is looking into the possibility of purchasing the land.

It is no secret that we need more parking, and this could be an excellent opportunity to increase the size of our parking lot.

If we do end up with the property, we will need to do several things before we can use it for parking. Our existing fence will have to be extended to enclose the property. We will have to bring in stone to cover the lot so that cars can safely park on it. We will also have to add more lighting to make the lot safer at night when we have

late events.

This, obviously, will cost the society money. If you would be interested in helping expand and improve our parking lot, please contact one of the board of directors to discuss our plans with you.

*Dave Calendine
Treasurer, DTOS*

Two Events Planned for September at the Senate

Mark your calendars for two events at the Senate Theater for September.

Concerts resume from their summer break, with Dave Calendine taking the bench to present "Music of the Mouse—Music from the Walt Disney

Songbook" on Sunday, September 11 at 3:00 p.m.

A special night with Fr. Andrew Rogers will take place on Saturday evening, September 24th when he accompanies the 1927 silent movie "The Lodger: A Story of The London

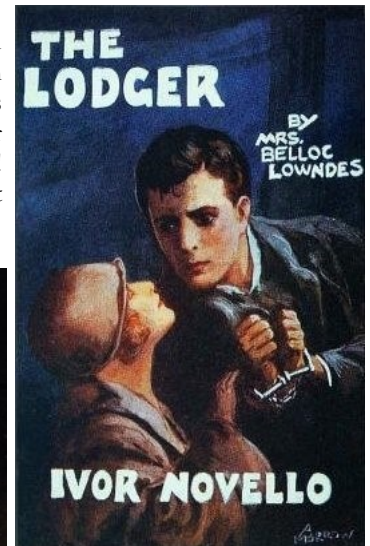
Fog." Come see this Alfred Hitchcock classic come alive on screen while Fr. Andrew Rogers accompanies it live on our Wurlitzer theater pipe organ! Showtime for this special silent movie event is 8:00 p.m.



Left: Dave Calendine will be performing on September 11.



Right: Fr. Andrew Rogers accompanies a silent film on September 24.



Visit our friends at the Redford Theatre for their classic film series.

Friday & Saturday Evenings, August 12 & 13—A Star is Born

Saturday Matinee, August 13—The Wizard of Oz

Friday & Saturday Evenings, August 26 & 27—Pretty In Pink

Saturday Matinee, August 27—The Love Bug

September 23-25—Noir City Detroit—7 Film Noir movies over 3 days!

The Killers; 99 River Street; Double Indemnity; The Prowler; Blue Velvet;

The Lady from Shanghai and Woman on the Run

Full schedule of events, including times and prices, can be found on the web site

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2016 Concert & Silent Movie Series

September 11—Dave Calendine

September 24—Silent Movie

with Fr. Andrew Rogers

October 16—Pierre Fracalanza

November 20—Justin Stahl

December 4—Lance Luce



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