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What's New?

Work to be done. *(Lance Luce)*

I hope this finds everyone healthy during the pandemic. I hope you are staying safe while still enjoying the summer weather. As with most everything, our schedule came to an abrupt halt in March of 2020, and we are still not certain when things will return to normal. We intend to open the theater again as soon as theaters can do so. We have got 3 organists waiting in the wings for this Fall/Winter, so keep your fingers crossed. In the meantime, we have a few tasks at hand. One is putting the finishing

touches on the new marquee. The LED displays are done and running, and there are now 134 white bulbs on the underside of the sign that light at night, as well as 8 new blue neon stars, 4 on each end. There is some metal trim work that needs to be completed to cover up the old brick on each side of the front, from the sign down to the sidewalk. That metal work is going to be \$6,000.

(Photo Lance Luce)



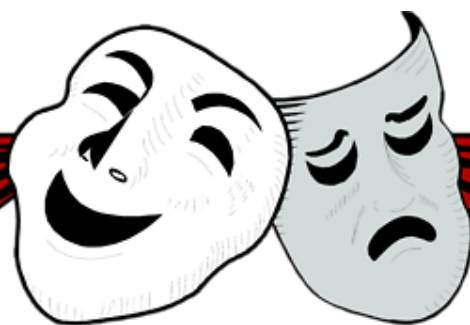
The other task that needs doing is re-leathering one of the regulators on the organ. This regulator is in the orchestral chamber and supplies the air to the Brass Saxophone, Quintadena, Quintadena Celeste, Orchestral Oboe and Cor Anglais ranks. A temporary patch has been put on the deteriorated leather, but it needs to be taken out and done completely. Scott Smith and associates will do this work for \$2,500 and will donate their time and mileage for the removal and reinstallation, which

is generous of them.

We are asking for donations to help cover these costs, especially at this time while we have had no income. If you could help us defer these expenses, we would greatly appreciate it!

Thank you from all of us at the DTOS and Senate Theater. Stay well!





Back Stage Happenings.

Movies

Who wants to watch a movie in the Senate Coney Lot? Socially distanced, of course. Your movie committee is working hard to make it happen. Volunteers are hard at work making an outdoor screen, figuring out where electricity will come from and how people can hear the movie. In case you haven't been to the theater in a while, the side lot that used to be occupied by the Senate Coney Island has been transformed into a nice relaxing spot which is perfect for an outdoor movie. Stay tuned for updates.



We have come a long way.

We used to park on Michigan Avenue and pack the place. Then we spent several years buying up vacant houses and tearing them down for a parking lot. And finally, we have witnessed the total replacement of our marquee. We certainly haven't let any grass grow under our feet over the years. All in the effort to keep the music going. Through the countless hours and dedication of so many volunteers over the years we have turned the corner and started to operate in the black. Well, until the "Virus" hit. The obvious health issues with so many people being afflicted need not be mentioned here but the economic problems with businesses and venues like ours are devastating. We rely on movies and specifically rentals to help subsidize our membership dues to sustain us through out the year. Unfortunately, the dues just barley pay for the concert series. All the other expenses rely on rentals, movies, and donations. We have fared better than some places, however. Through the hard work of dedicated volunteers, other avenues of income are being explored such as grant applications and possibly renting the marquee for private messages. The Board of Directors and the volunteers are dedicated and confident that we will weather this storm and come out of it on the other side.



Coming in 2020
TBD

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