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Valentine Theatre

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OUR MISSION

The Toledo Cultural Arts Center, a non profit organization, produces and provides cultural and performing arts experiences for diverse audiences of all ages, to enhance the quality of the cultural and economic life of the City of Toledo, Lucas County, Northwestern Ohio and Southeast Michigan.

OUR HISTORY

The Valentine Theatre is a 123-year-old 901-seat facility operated by the Toledo Cultural Arts Center, Inc. After a 21-year effort by the Board of Trustees and the community, the \$28 million renovation was unveiled on October 9, 1999. Since the Gala re-opening, more than a million people have attended international, national and area presentations, weddings and events.

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TEMPTATIONS REVUE

Featuring Former Lead Singer of the Temptations and Grammy Award Winner BARRINGTON "BO" HENDERSON

VALENTINE THEATRE'S ANNUAL GALA

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Complimentary Dessert & \$5 "Happy Hour" Martini Bar

7 to 8 p.m. (\$5 martinis and full cash bar)

A Temptations Revue Concert: 8 p.m.

Dancing & Munchies ON STAGE!: 10 p.m. to midnight

Dress: Motown Cool/Business Casual Attire

Tickets: \$85, \$70, \$60, \$50 per person

New! A Chance to Win an Instant Wine Cellar



Recreating the great harmonies and choreographed dance steps that made the Temptations famous, *A Temptations Revue* brings the sounds of Motown to the Valentine. Together with a six-piece band that is a show in itself, they will perform many of your favorite Temptations classics, including: *My Girl*, *Papa Was a Rollin' Stone*, *Get Ready*, *Ain't Too Proud To Beg*, *Just My Imagination*, and more! Get Ready for an evening of Motown memories as we celebrate the Valentine and dance the night away! *All proceeds benefit our not-for-profit historical theatre's ongoing maintenance. A portion of your ticket is tax deductible. Valet parking available.*

A round of applause for our generous sponsors!





What's Playing at the Valentine

As we wrap up our 19th Season, we want to thank all of you for making it one of our most memorable. Whether it was *The Full Monty*, our first locally produced show on the mainstage in more than a decade, the incomparable *Cabaret*, the singularly sensational *A Chorus Line*, or our superb lineup of Studio A productions, this Season showcased a number of remarkable performances. And, it's not over yet. Still to come in our Broadway Series is *The Buddy Holly Story*. Billed as "the world's most successful rock and roll musical," *Buddy Holly* tells the true story of an American icon, featuring the classic hits *That'll be the Day*, *Peggy Sue*, *Oh Boy* and more. In April we welcome back America's favorite animal expert, Jungle Jack Hanna, for an afternoon of amazing animals and anecdotes. Don't miss the Valentine's Annual Gala Fundraiser concert on Saturday, April 21, with *A Temptations Revue* featuring Grammy Award Winner and former lead singer of The Temptations, Barrington "Bo" Henderson. Finally, we end the season with the Studio A production of *Crumbs from the Table of Joy* with the Actors Collaborative Toledo (ACT) and directed by the Valentine's own Jeremy Allen.

The Valentine Theatre's 19th Anniversary Season

Broadway Series

The Buddy Holly Story—Thurs, Apr 12,
7:30 pm

Pick 4 Series

Jack Hanna — Sun, Apr 22, 2 pm

Children's Series Saturdays at 2 pm

Huck and Tom—Sat, Mar 24



A Temptations Revue with Barrington
"Bo" Henderson—Sat, Apr 21, 7 pm

Studio A (Locally produced) Fri & Sat 8pm / Sun 2pm

Crumbs from the Table of Joy with the
Actors Collaborative Toledo (ACT) -
June 1-3, 8-10
directed by Jeremy Allen

Tickets 419-242-2787

Community Collaboration

The Valentine & The Walleye Wishing Fund
Present an Alvin Ailey II Master Class



On Saturday, March 3, the Valentine Theatre presented a Master Dance class with Alvin Ailey II Artistic Director Troy Powell. Nearly 20 area dance students participated in the free 90-minute workshop, made possible by a generous grant from the Walleye Wishing Fund of the Toledo Community Foundation. Participating schools included Toledo School for the Arts, Ballet Theatre of Toledo, Toledo Ballet, and Positive Force Christian School of Dance.



Khalia Campbell (Ailey dancer), Armon Miller, Troy Powell (Artistic Director), Sheila Gibson of Positive Force Christian School of Dance, Kyle Martin (Ailey II dancer)



Centre work — students participating in the recent Alvin Ailey II Master Class with Ailey Artistic Director Troy Powell on the 5th Floor of the Valentine Theatre

Sponsor Spotlight



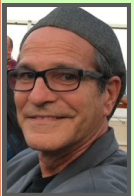
The Valentine is proud to welcome the American Family Insurance Dreams Foundation as its newest sponsor of our signature outreach program, Valentine School Days. AFI Dreams Foundation has provided \$2,500 to help underserved students in grades Pre-K through 12th grade attend VSD.

More than 10,000 students have been invited to attend VSD for the 2017-2018 season. Productions include: *Othello*, *Pinocchio*, *The Wright Brothers*, *The Colors of Jazz with the TJO*, *Junie B. Jones*, *Huck and Tom*, and *How I Became a Pirate*.

Many thanks to American Family Insurance Dreams Foundation for supporting our theatre educational outreach program which makes the arts accessible and addresses Ohio Common Core standards.

A Peek Behind the Curtain

A Conversation with Marketing Director, Matt Lentz



People often ask me "how do you select shows for The Valentine?" My answer is always a combination of things that includes: one or two trips to New York City to see what's playing and eventually touring; attending the APAP (Association of Performing Arts Professionals) conference annually, also in New York City; experiencing artist showcases and performances; along with staying in tune with what's happening in the world of performing arts nationally and internationally.

At The Valentine, we offer a diverse array of entertainment from ballet/dance, music, comedy, children's theatre to classic and current Broadway theatre, so it's paramount to keep up with trade publications and the pulse of an arts-and-entertainment hungry community. The next step is finding available dates in our already busy calendar full of local performing arts groups, and schools and private events. The Valentine is many things to many people; we are booked, busy and humming well over 200 days per year.

The most difficult part of the puzzle is fitting shows into that busy schedule when they are nearby. Why nearby you ask? It's important in the negotiation of fees for most presentations to book in a "routed" fashion, meaning scheduling when they are playing other cities in

Ohio, Michigan or Indiana. Scheduling "routed" dates allows for fine-tuning fees and travel costs, making it possible for us to afford productions that might be prohibitively expensive if we brought them in from either coast or internationally.

Selecting shows for our season is not terribly complicated after doing it for so many years. Time and experience familiarizes one with the premiere booking agencies in the country and builds relationships with their representatives. It's frustrating at times, finding time to present in a busy venue like ours, but it's also creative, fun and exciting and rewarding once they are here and the audience is on their feet applauding the artistry and talent of the musicians, dancers, actors and performers on our Valentine stage.



Looking ahead to our 20th Season, we are currently in negotiations for Broadway shows *Chicago*, *Legally Blonde* and *Rock of Ages* along with musical presentations from The Rat Pack to Gilbert & Sullivan's *Mikado*...fingers crossed. Look for our website and Blade announcement in May!

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Valentine Theatre's

Celebrity Wait Night



The Valentine Theatre's first-ever Celebrity Wait Night at The Chop House downtown was a great success! Many thanks to event co-chairs, Gretchen Zyndorf and Susan Conda, for initiating this festive evening of fantastic food, friends and fun; and to Jori Jex, Executive Director of the Valentine, and the Valentine staff for their help in making the evening come together. The inaugural event raised more than \$10,000 which will go towards maintaining our beautiful, historic theatre.

We are so grateful to the Celebrity Waiters whose wit and graciousness made the evening so memorable: Valentina Beene; Ford Bennett; Brian Brown; Robert Cummerow; Tim Hanson; Kelly Kotchetov; Adam Levine; Elizabeth Michalek; Dennis Sawan; Meredith Sherman; Rebecca Shope; Meghan Soltis; David Topoleski; Zak Vassar; and the Valentine's very own Jeremy Allen and Elizabeth Cottle. Special thanks to Swesey Florists of Maumee; pianist Bob Duris; Blade photographer Lori King; Christine Senack; and Xander Gudejko, General Manager, and Jake Gentry, Dining Room Manager, of The Chop House and the excellent Chop House staff. Please check out our Facebook page for more pictures!



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