



BACKSTAGE AT THE

Valentine Theatre

FALL 2018

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 historic Valentine Theatre opened its doors on Christmas Day in 1895 and is currently a 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.

Welcome to another great season of entertainment at the Valentine Theatre! Unbelievably, 2018-2019 marks our 20th Anniversary Season. To celebrate, we are showcasing several Valentine Theatre Premieres in our Broadway and Pick 4 Series, and throwing a party (or two!) to thank all of you for your continued patronage and support.

New Faces at the Valentine. Over the summer, we said "goodbye" to several long-time employees — Jill Reinstein, Elizabeth Cottle, Laurie Stanton and Jeremy Allen — as they left the Valentine for exciting opportunities in their careers. We will miss seeing their faces, but wish them all the best as they pursue their passions. In September, we welcomed new employees Maggie Dowd, Mackenzie Baumhower, and Josh Smith. Maggie will manage our volunteers and assist with support services; Mackenzie will work in the box office and development; and Josh is our new assistant technical director. Amy Spaulding-Heuring has also been promoted to Box Office Manager. We are thrilled to welcome Maggie, Mackenzie and Josh to the Valentine team and hope you will join us in making them feel at home!

UT Film Talks. New this season, several University of Toledo faculty from the School of Visual & Performing Arts will present a short lecture before each of our Silver Screen Classics films. The talks will take place on stage at 7:00 pm with the movies beginning at 7:30 pm. We hope you will enjoy the chance to learn more about your favorite classic films!

Other News. The Ohio State Legislature recently awarded us a \$400,000 grant towards the purchase of a new acoustical shell. The Valentine was one of only a handful of area nonprofits to receive funding in this biennial capital budget cycle. The new shell will greatly improve our acoustics and enhance performances by the Toledo Symphony and other instrumental groups, such as the Toledo Jazz Orchestra and choral groups like Masterworks Chorale. The project should be completed by Summer 2019. Please stay tuned for additional updates!

Finally, please mark your calendars for our annual Gala Fundraiser — June 8, 2019, featuring the incomparable Village People. Until then, I look forward to seeing you at the Valentine!

Jori

P.S. — Don't miss our Rat Pack Party Bash on Friday, December 7! Details on back.

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A round of applause for our generous sponsors!





What's Playing at the Valentine

Tickets for our 20th anniversary season have been selling strong since we opened the box office in July. Our Broadway Series includes the Valentine Premiere of *Chicago* on Saturday, October 13, followed in November by the Tony-award winning Monty Python's *Spamalot*. Television legends Barbara Eden and Hal Linden share the stage for the touching Broadway play, *Love Letters*. Straight from the UK for its first US tour is *The Choir of Man*, "the best singing, dancing, stomping, pub crawl of a concert you'll ever attend!" Ring in the holidays with Frank Sinatra and the gang in Sandy Hackett's *Rat Pack Show*. The Russian Ballet returns with family favorite *Cinderella*, and Maureen McGovern performs with the Toledo Jazz All Stars for a one-night only concert in February. Don't miss the Valentine premiere of *Legally Blonde* in March and the 10th anniversary tour of *Rock of Ages* in April. See below for our complete season of shows and silver screen classics.

The Valentine Theatre's 20th Anniversary Season

Broadway Series

Spamalot — Mon, Nov 12, 7:30pm
Love Letters — Sat, Feb 23, 2pm & 8pm
Legally Blonde — Sun, Mar 31, 7pm
Rock of Ages — Mon, Apr 15, 7:30pm

Pick 4 Series

The Choir of Man — Sun, Oct 21, 7pm
Rat Pack Show — Fri, Dec 7, 8pm
Russian Ballet Cinderella — Wed, Jan 9, 7:30pm
Maureen McGovern - Sat, Feb 16, 8pm

Children's Series Saturdays @ 2 pm

The Very Hungry Caterpillar — Oct 20
Biscuit — Nov 10
Patchwork: The Little House Quilts of Laura Ingalls Wilder—Feb 17
The Ugly Duckling with Ballet Theatre of Toledo — Mar 23

Silver Screen Series Fridays @ 7:30 pm New! UT Film Talks @ 7 pm

Night of the Living Dead—Oct 19
African Queen—Nov 16
It's a Wonderful Life—Dec 14
The King and I—Jan 11

★ GALA Fundraiser ★

Sat, June 8 6:30pm—midnight
The Village People
Food trucks, desserts, \$5 happy hour martini bar, concert, dancing on stage & munchies

Studio A

Glass City Improv's The Monthly
Last Friday of Every Month
8:30 pm—11:30 pm

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The Monthly

Looking for something different for your next date night? Glass City Improv's signature show, The Monthly, happens the last Friday of every month 8:30 pm in Studio A. Enjoy a fun, fast-paced evening of non-stop laughs with Toledo's best improv troupe! Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance or at the door. Make it a date with Glass City Improv!

Captain of the Crossing Guards



On August 17-19, the Valentine Theatre premiered *Captain of the Crossing Guards* by Toledo's own Gretchen Zyndorf in Studio A. The entire weekend of performances was sold-out! Congratulations to Gretchen, director Amy Spaulding-Heuring and the cast on a fabulous show!



**Sunday
Oct 21
7pm**

THE BEST SINGING, DANCING, STOMPING CONCERT YOU'VE EVER BEEN TO!



Autumn is our favorite time of year here at the Valentine, because it means the return of our hugely popular Valentine School Days. More than 10,000 students from all over the Toledo area will come to the Valentine to watch their favorite stories come to life.

Since 2013, tens of thousands of area students in grades Pre-K through 12 have attended School Days performances at the Valentine. VSD is the only theatre outreach program in the area which presents national and regional theatrical productions tied to award-winning children's literature that integrates Ohio Common Core Standards.

For our 2018-2019 season, we will present 8



Students from Toledo Public Schools enjoying a Valentine School Days performance

Valentine School Days shows: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*; *Twelfth Night*; *Biscuit*; *Sleeping Beauty*; *Amber Brown is NOT a Crayon*; *Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad*; *A Sick Day for Amos McGee*; and Ballet Theatre of Toledo's *The Ugly Duckling*.




Students enjoying lunch in the Grand Lobby after watching a performance of *Junie B. Jones*.

We love introducing youngsters to the thrill of live theatre. And, thanks to the generosity of local funders like Buckeye Broadband, the Stranahan Foundation, the LaValley Foundation, and others, thousands of students are able to attend VSD every year for free. Nothing beats watching students walk through our theatre after a show and exclaim "How cool was that!"



How I Became a Pirate!

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RAT PACK PARTY BASH

Friday, December 7, 2018

An Exclusive Pre-Show Party on the Fifth Floor

Celebrate the Holidays Vegas style at the Valentine's first-ever Rat Pack Party Bash! The evening kicks off with a Pre-Show Party upstairs on the 5th Floor. **Normally off limits, this chic, historic space will be open for one night only.** Enjoy appetizers, cash bar, live music and more before heading downstairs for the show. Afterwards, the party continues on stage with an exclusive meet and mingle with the cast.

Tickets — \$100 (includes Pre-Show, After-Party and show ticket)