



BACKSTAGE AT THE

Valentine Theatre

FALL 2024

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. Following a 21-year effort by the Board of Trustees and the community, the newly renovated theatre was reopened on October 9, 1999. Since then, more than a million people have attended international, national and regional presentations, weddings and events.

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Welcome to our 26th Anniversary Season!



This past year of *transition* was one filled with a great deal of listening and learning, and highlighted by the truly phenomenal support of patrons, donors, volunteers, fellow arts leaders, our board of directors and my amazing colleagues here at the Valentine. Thank you all for your guidance and kindness...you've made me feel so at home.

I expect this year to be one that is equally unique, and undoubtedly defined by *transformation*, as we embark on some new initiatives to better connect with, educate, and inspire audiences. As you enjoy our season of shows, I invite you to close your eyes and imagine what it would have been like to be in the presence of Helen Keller or Harry Houdini, both of whom graced this very stage with innovating and intrepid presentations which no doubt stirred the hearts, minds, and imaginations of everyone in attendance.

Next year the Valentine will celebrate its 130th Anniversary! As the **Heart of the Arts** in downtown Toledo, the Valentine holds the stories of so many significant people, events, and societal changes which have shaped our views over the decades. We are honored to be its stewards. We promise that *you* will always have a home at the Valentine Theatre. Welcome back, we're so glad you're here.

Abby Glanville

Executive Director

Valentine Receives \$150,000 Capital Grant



The Valentine was recently awarded a \$150,000 grant from the State of Ohio's 2025-26 biennial capital budget. The funding will be used for much needed renovations, including a new boiler and new curtains for our Main Stage. Many thanks to our board members and elected officials, especially Senator Theresa Gavarone and Representative Paula Hicks-Hudson, who tirelessly championed the Valentine during the legislative process.

The total cost for these projects exceeds \$225,000, so we will be launching a one-time **"Raise the Curtain"** campaign to secure the additional funding. And, as December 25, 2025, will mark the Valentine Theatre's 130th Anniversary, what better way to celebrate than with new curtains on our Main Stage! More information on how you can help us "Raise the Curtain" will be coming in the next few months. As a special thank-you, donors who give \$130 or more will be invited to an exclusive, sneak peek party on our Main Stage, where you will enjoy a champagne toast and complimentary hors d'oeuvres. With your help, the new curtains will be installed next Fall...just in time to celebrate our 130th Anniversary in style!

A round of applause for our generous sponsors!



The Valentine Theatre's 2024-2025 Season

Broadway Series

Dear Evan Hansen

Mon, Nov 11, 7:30 pm

The Midtown Men Holiday Hits

Wed, Dec 11, 7:30 pm

The Addams Family Musical

Thurs, Feb 27, 7:30 pm

The Cher Show

Tues, April 15, 7:30 pm

Gretchen A. Zyndorf Relaxed Family Series

♥ **Now Sensory-Friendly** ♥

Pinkalicious

Sun, Nov 3, 2 pm

Moon Mouse A Space Odyssey!

Sun, Mar 2, 2 pm

Alice in Wonderland by Ballet Theatre of Toledo

Sat, Mar 22, 2 pm

Studio A—Glass City Improv 😊

The Monthly —8:30 pm last Friday of the month

Pick 4 Series

Hank and My Honky Tonk Heroes

Sat, Nov 9, 8 pm

Neil Diamond I am...He Said

Fri, Jan 17, 8 pm

Jim Brickman Hits Live!

Sat, Feb 22, 8 pm

Colin & Brad Asking for Trouble

Fri, Mar 7, 8 pm

Black Violin

Thurs, May 8, 7:30 pm

Couples Therapy

Sat, May 10, 8 pm

THE BLADE \$5 Silver Screen Series

Ocean's 11 — Fri, Nov 1, 7:30 pm

It's a Wonderful Life

Fri, Dec 20, 7:30 pm & Sun, Dec 22, 2 pm

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington

Fri, Mar 28, 7:30 pm

Pretty in Pink

(Come dressed in your prom dress!)

Fri, Apr 11, 7:30 pm

Tickets 419-242-2787 / valentinetheatre.com



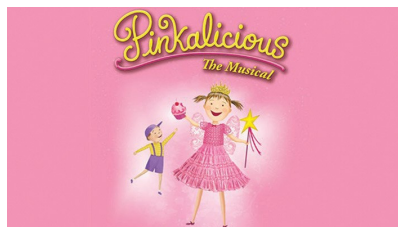
Broadway Series

Dear Evan Hansen
Monday, November 11, 7:30 pm.
Tickets \$58-\$108



Pick 4 Variety Series

Hank and My HonkyTonk Heroes
Saturday, November 9, at 8 pm.
Tickets \$29-59



Relaxed Family Series

Pinkalicious The Musical
Sunday, November 3, at 2 pm
Tickets \$15 children / \$20 adults

Silver Screen Classics

Don't miss the original "Ocean's" with
Frank, Dean, Sammy, and Angie!
Friday, November 1, 7:30 pm.
Tickets Only \$5



A Look Back in Time

"Toledoans Hear Helen Keller"— More than 110 years ago, on November 17, 1913, Helen Keller gave a lecture at the Valentine Theatre with her teacher, Mrs. Annie Sullivan Macy. She was invited to speak under the auspices of the Daughters of St. Mark's Church. Miss Keller's message of love and tolerance was warmly received by the Toledoans who attended. She spoke of the great obstacles she overcame in her life and how important individuals are to each other. After speaking, she took questions from the audience. Although she was both blind and deaf and never heard herself or anyone else speak, a reporter for the Blade wrote that "she addressed the large assembly ... in forceful and accurate English...[and] the wonderful Miss Keller [was] found distinctly worth while by the ... assembly of Toledoans that heard and saw [her]."



Helen Keller

KISS at the Valentine — Fifty years ago this month the 70's glam rock group, KISS, performed at the Valentine. On Saturday, October 19, 1974, the infamous rockers — Paul Stanley (rhythm guitar), Gene Simmons (bass), Ace Frehley (lead guitar), and Peter Criss (drums) — appeared with special guests the Rockets. In fact, several musical groups performed at what was then the Renaissance Valentine Theatre during 1974 as part of a last ditch effort by its owners to keep the theatre open. Among other groups performing in 1974 were Kansas and southern rockers Lynyrd Skynyrd.



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The Spotlight Reserve: A Premier Wine Collection

New this season, the Valentine is offering an exclusive list of wines by the bottle to season subscribers and members at the Director level and above. Bottles should be paid for at least one week before the performance you will be attending. Purchases can be made through our box office at (419) 242-2787. On the night of the performance you will receive bottle service at the Historic Lobby bar prior to the performance. All bottles can be recorked & sealed in a bag for further enjoyment at home. Selections include Cabernet Sauvignons, Red Blends, Pinot Noirs, Merlots, and Chardonnays. Prices start at \$80 per bottle and include decanting and corkage.



Spotlight Reserve Wines Available for Purchase:

Cabernet Sauvignon

Cakebread Cellars 2019, Groth Napa Valley

Red Blend

Prisoner 2021, Robert Mondavi Estates

Pinot Noir

Flowers Seaview Ridge 2021, Cakebread 2020

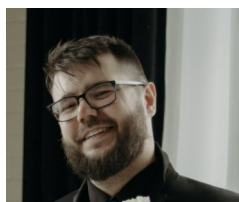
Merlot

Duckhorn Napa Valley 2021, Mayacamas Mt. Veeder 2020

Chardonnay

Rombauer 2022, Cakebread Napa Valley

Faces Around the Valentine Meet our New Bar Manager



Michael Murray

This summer we welcomed our new bar manager, Michael Murray, to the Valentine. Michael was born and raised in Toledo and has worked in the service industry for nearly a decade. His experience includes bartending, fine dining, and management.

Before coming to the Valentine, he worked at The Chop House in downtown Toledo for five years. His love of history drew him to the Valentine, and he's excited to be a part of the Valentine Theatre family and help preserve such a magnificent part of Toledo history. He has personally curated our Spotlight Reserve Premium Wine Selection, and he is looking forward to making our patrons' experience even more special with each visit.



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Giving Tuesday
Dec 3rd

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Year-End
Gift

If you are 70½ or older, you can make an annual tax-free gift, up to \$100,000, to the Valentine from your Traditional or Roth Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Your gift will count towards your Required Minimum Distribution. Gifts must be submitted before December 31st to be eligible in the current year.

Advantages

- ◆ Benefit the Valentine Theatre in a meaningful way
 - ◆ No income tax on the IRA withdrawal
- ◆ Meet your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)

How it Works

- ◆ Ask your IRA account administrator to mail your gift in the form of a check directly to the Valentine Theatre, 410 Adams ST, Toledo, OH 4304. Our tax ID is 34-1385037.
- ◆ Accompanying paperwork should identify your name and address, and whether your gift is intended for a specific program or general operations. For more information, please contact Kelby Sodeman at (419) 214-4803 or ksodeman@valentinetheatre.com.