



BACKSTAGE AT THE

Valentine Theatre



SPRING 2025

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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410 Adams Street
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The Heart of the Arts for 130 years... *Because of You!*

Donate to our Annual Appeal Today!

December 25, 2025, will mark the 130th anniversary of the opening of the Valentine Theatre. This remarkable accomplishment would never have been possible without you. Your loyalty and steadfast support has kept this beautiful historic theatre not just standing, but thriving and helping to drive the economic revitalization of downtown Toledo.

- ♥ *Because of you, thousands of school children experience the thrill of live theatre every year.*
- ♥ *Because of you, we are the host stage for dozens of local arts groups and high schools.*
- ♥ *Because of you, we can provide free and discounted tickets to thousands of our community.*
- ♥ *Because of you, we can dream bigger and brighter for the Valentine's future and together make those dreams a reality.*

Your faithful and generous gifts year after year exemplify the special place the Valentine holds in our hearts. ***We invite you to show your tremendous loyalty and continue your steadfast support by giving to our Annual Appeal.*** Your tax-deductible gift will ensure diverse and inspiring performing arts presentations continue to have a home in the heart of downtown Toledo. We can't wait to see how much more we can accomplish, *because of you!*

Raise the Curtain...A Huge Thank You!



Many thanks to all of you who have donated to our Raise the Curtain Campaign! As we reported last Fall, the Valentine received a generous \$150,000 grant from the State of Ohio for much-needed renovations, including a new boiler, which is being installed as we go to print, and new curtains for our Main Stage. The total cost for both projects exceeds \$200,000. The Raise the Curtain campaign will help us fill the gap in funding. The first phase of the campaign was a tremendous success, raising more than \$26,000 to date! We will maximize those donations by applying to local foundations for matching funds.

If you haven't yet donated to the campaign, there's still time to give! Just scan the QR code to the right, visit our website, or mail your donation to: The Valentine Theatre, 410 Adams Street, Toledo, OH 43604. Anyone giving \$130 or more will be invited to a special "Sneak Peek" Reception this Fall where you'll enjoy a champagne toast and complimentary hors d'oeuvres. We'd love to have you join us and celebrate the Valentine Theatre's 130th Anniversary in style!



A round of applause for our generous sponsors!



The Valentine Theatre's 2024-2025 Season



Relaxed Family Series

Alice in Wonderland by BTT
Saturday March 22 @ 2 pm
Tickets \$15 (child) / \$20 (adult)



Mr. Smith Goes to Washington

Fri March 28 @ 7:30 pm / \$5 ticket
Pre-show talk with UT's Dr. Matt Foss Grand Lobby @ 6:45 pm



Broadway—Cher Show

Tuesday April 15 @ 7:30 pm
Tickets start at \$58



Pick 4—Black Violin

Thursday May 8 @ 7:30 pm
Tickets start at \$49



Pretty in Pink

Fri April 11 @ 7:30 pm / \$5 ticket
'80's Prom Party DJs Folk & Mattimoe Grand Lobby @ 6:30



Pick 4—Couples Therapy

(Ages 18+ only)
Saturday May 10 @ 8:00 pm
Tickets start at \$24

Tickets 419-242-2787 / valentinetheatre.com

Box Office Hours M-F 10 AM—4PM

Cocktail Classes — \$25



Mr. Smith, Pretty in Pink & Couples Therapy

Fri Mar 28 & Apr 11 @ 6 & Sat May 10 @ 6:30

Looking to up your bartending game? Join us before the movies *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* and *Pretty in Pink* or before *Couples Therapy* to learn how to make that perfect cocktail. Experts from Toledo Spirits will guide you through a 45-minute hands-on mixology class where you'll learn the backstory of the cocktail, how to mix it, and a few tips of the trade. The interactive class includes light appetizers. Tickets are \$25 per class. Class sizes are limited. You can purchase tickets by calling the Box Office directly at 419-242-2787.

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(Tickets to *Mr. Smith*, *Pretty in Pink*, *Couples Therapy* sold separately)

Let's Dance!

Pretty in Pink

'80's Prom Party

Fri April 11 — \$5 Movie



Come celebrate the '80's in style with *Pretty in Pink* movie night. DJ's Marc Folk and Nathan Mattimoe will be spinning your favorite tunes from the '80's to today in the Valentine's Grand Lobby starting at 6:30 pm. Glam it up and come dressed in your best prom ensemble or favorite '80s outfit! At just \$5, it's the best movie value in town!

In the Spotlight

MR. SMITH GOES TO WASHINGTON

Lobby Talk with Dr. Matt Foss March 28



Join us at 6:45 pm in the Grand Lobby for a pre-show discussion of *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* with Dr. Matt Foss from the University of Toledo Department of Theatre & Film. Dr. Foss will share insights into the making of Capra's classic film about a naïve but idealistic young senator from the American West (played by Jimmy Stewart) who is thrust into the political machine of Washington D.C. This conversation will serve as a prologue to the screening of the film, providing an introduction to those coming to the story for the first time, as well as new insights for those who have long appreciated it. Foss received his M.F.A. in acting from Chicago's Roosevelt University and Ph.D. in theatre studies and directing from Wayne State University in Detroit. He was the co-writer and producer of the award-winning short film, *SONS OF TOLEDO* (2021) and feature film *LONE WOLVES* (2024), and was named one of the Austin Film Festival and Movie Maker Magazine's Top 25 Screenwriters to Watch.

Employee Spotlight

Amy Spaulding-Heuring — Box Office Manager... and so much more!



For this edition of Backstage, we're shining a spotlight on our Box Office Manager, Amy Spaulding-Heuring. Amy has been with the Valentine Theatre for eight years, but her passion for theatre, the performing arts, and children's education spans decades. Before coming to the Valentine, Amy taught English and directed school plays at Clay High School in Oregon for 30 years. In fact, she is one of the most prolific theatre directors in the area, regularly directing productions for the Toledo Rep, Oregon Community Theatre, and Epiphany Players. The many productions she has directed over the years, include *A Christmas Carol*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, *Young Frankenstein*, *Moon Over Buffalo*, *Marvin's Room* with Madge Levinson, *The Music Man*, *Noises Off*, *The Sound of Music*, *The 39 Steps*, *Seussical — The Musical*. She also directed the inaugural production of Gretchen Zyndorf's original musical, *The Captain of the Crossing Guards*, here at the Valentine. She is a founding member and artistic chair of The Frogtown Players, a new theatre troupe whose first production, *Tortoise vs. Hare 2 — This Time It's Personal!*, will premier May 6 as part of our Valentine School Days series. Besides working at the Valentine and directing numerous productions every year, Amy is the Education Program Coordinator for the Toledo Opera. She helps ensure hundreds of area high school students can attend TO's Student Night at the Opera. Amy also has served on the board of the Toledo Rep and is currently on the board of Oregon Community Theatre. In her minimal spare time, Amy loves spending time with her husband, Paul, daughter, Kirsten, and family and friends.

"Maintenance Minute" with Valentine Facility Manager Bill Colter

Our brand new boiler delivered and being built on-site. It should be fully installed and online by the end of March!



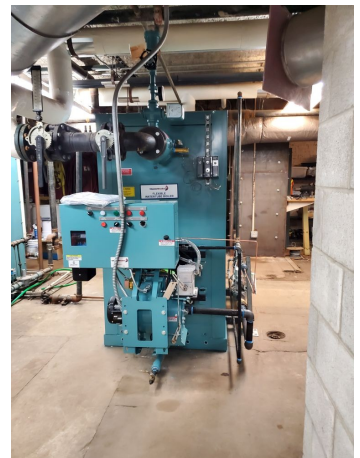
Bill Colter on Delivery Day



Day 1 of the on-site build



Day 4 successful hydro test



Day 8 ready for testing



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'80's Prom Party, Cocktail Classes & More... *The Valentine is the Place to Be This Spring!*

We're shaking off the doldrums of winter and hopping into Spring with some new and exciting events. For the first time, we're partnering with Toledo Spirits to offer cocktail classes. For \$25 you can learn all about the art of crafting the perfect cocktail. The classes will be held before our Silver Screen movies, *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* and *Pretty in Pink*, and our Pick 4 show *Couples Therapy*. Dr. Matt Foss, professor of Film and Theatre at UT, will give a short lobby talk before *Mr. Smith*. And, if you love all things from the '80's, you'll want to join us Friday, April 11, before *Pretty in Pink* for an '80's Prom Party. DJ's Marc Folk and Nathan Mattimoe will be spinning your favorite tunes from the '80's to today. Come dressed for prom and dance the night away!

If you follow us on Facebook, you've no doubt seen our Facilities Manager Bill Colter give a day by day account of the installation of our new boiler.

The crew from Titan has dismantled the old boiler and started step by step assembly of the new one in our basement. Check out page 3 to see pictures of the installation. Bill thinks the new unit will be up and running before the end of March — just in time for spring!



*DJ's Folk & Mattimoe
'80's Prom Party, Apr. 11*