



COLONIAL FOX THEATRE FOUNDATION

THE Marquee

From the Desk of Vonnie Corsini, Executive Director

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It was a close call: The saving the National Bank Building! I'll never forget the day I received a phone call telling me that a Request for Bids to demolish the National Bank Building (NBB) had gone to area demolition contractors. Holy Cow!! Here we were, working to save the Colonial Fox only to discover that another Pittsburg landmark was about to bite the dust. The CFTF board took quick action. Our vision depended upon an intact center of town. What a disaster it would be to lose the NBB!! After a few weeks of negotiations, the CFTF was able to secure the property and save the building. We then started the process of placing the building on National Register of Historic Places. Now, under new ownership, the NBB is fully rehabilitated and home to Pittsburg State University students as well as



several start-up businesses. Were it not for the vision of and actions by Colonial Fox Theatre Foundation this beautiful building would have been a vacant lot in the heart of our great city.

We Have Magic to Do! Pittsburg High School does it again! No matter the undertaking, Pittsburg High School's Greg Shaw, Susan Laushman, and Cooper Neil turn their productions into MAGIC. Last month the magic was PIPPIN: the musical, which ran from November 15th to November 17th. Did you miss the magic? Follow Pittsburg Community School USD 250 on Facebook for more opportunities.



Surrounded by excitement!

The vibe on Block 22 is amazing!

We are seeing a constant stream of pedestrians going to-and-fro outside the office window. It feels like a real DOWNTOWN! On our corner alone we have **Juicy's**, serving Cali-Style Mexican food, and **Brick + Mortar**, serving delicious food and drinks and a fabulous ambiance. Just around the corner, **Toast** serves a creative menu of fresh toast

based meals and yummy cocktails. Do a little shopping along the way in **Sonder & Co.** In addition to our immediate neighbors, check out **Drop the H Brewery** and the **Jolly Fox Brewery** for original brews and tasty menus. Plenty to eat and drink in Downtown Pittsburg!



What people are saying about the Colonial Fox: *As an administrator at Pittsburg State University, I have gained an appreciation for what a vibrant downtown can mean for not only our nearly 7,000 students, but for our faculty, staff and alumni who call Pittsburg home. . . . I cannot think of a better time for the historic Colonial Fox Theatre to take the next steps forward towards a complete restoration.* – Dr. Jon Bartlow



The Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, is awarding the Colonial Fox Theatre Foundation a grant of \$1,126 to support their strategic investment in the continuing education of their



staff. Leslie Lackamp, Board Member of the CFTF relays: “This KCAIC/NEA grant will fund, in part, our participation in the League of Historic America Theatres National Conference, which was held on July 13 through 17, 2019. The League’s national conference is the largest annual gathering of historic theatre professionals, community leaders, and service providers. Professionals, volunteers and devotees join together to focus on identifying and sharing the tools, techniques and technologies required to sustain historic theatres as the centers of their communities.”

Thank you so much! More than 100 people have made donations to this year’s 1920 CIRCLE Annual Fund Drive. We have a \$30,000 challenge grant to close out the year-end portion of this drive and \$22,411 of this challenge has been matched. The drive goes until December 31st. Our charitable gifts are recognized in the attached 1920 CIRCLE Annual Fund DONOR HONOR ROLL. We extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to each of these donors!

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