



THE Marquee

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PITTSBURG OPOLY!!! I'll never forget the day the Morning Sun's own Stephany Potter swept into our office brimming with excitement to announce that Pittsburg has its own board game! Pittsburg Opoly was developed by Late for the Sky Production Company based in Ohio. The game plays exactly like Monopoly, but is not connected with the Hasbro company. Of course, the most exciting thing to us was seeing the Colonial Fox Theatre as one of the stops. We can't wait to play the game!



In 2009 Pittsburg got a glimpse of what was hidden from view for over 50 years. Our grand proscenium arch was covered up by a framed wall back in the 1940s. Once discovered, we called upon one of the contractors who spearheaded efforts to save the Colonial Fox Theatre. Mike Joyce coordinated the reveal of this glorious, historic proscenium arch.

Mike engaged Dave McLaren, David Gee and John Kutz to tackle this amazing uncovering. These four highly skilled men took less than three hours to remove the half-century-old sheet rock that had been hiding the beauty of the 1920 proscenium. Troy Blair Construction and All-Quip Rental provided the scaffolding for the work that took place 30 feet above the theatre floor. The project was an amazing feat and one that coordinator Mike Joyce touted as a example of the ownership that the entire community feels for the theatre.



What an amazing gift it was going from drab to dazzle with a little help from our friends, Tony Vietti and Mike Wood. The 1930 sconce lights needed to be rebuilt and Tony put his metal magic to work. Mike helped us find just the right combination of paint to replicate their Art Deco feel. The outcome was stunning and just what we needed to add some beauty to the stabilization phase that was happening at the time. The craftsmanship of these restored sconces is extraordinary! **Please let these guys know how much we appreciate them!**



Pittsburg's 620 Day was a blast! Broadway as a 'bussin with people enjoying downtown. Of course, we opened our doors from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m, for people to move around the theatre at their own pace. What fun we had speaking with the many young couples who have moved back to this area to enjoy a better quality of life.

If you would like to have a private tour just give us a call. Come take a look and see the past, present and future of the Colonial Fox Theatre!

Did you know? *The Colonial (Fox) Theatre was conceived, designed, owned, and operated by local businessmen, W.H. Daly, R.H., G.E. Klock, and Alexander Besse. After building the Colonial they founded the Pittsburg Amusement Company, which also operated the Mystic and Klock theatres – later named the Cozy and the Midland,. The Cozy burned down and the Midland was demolished.*

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