

SELECTION OF ARCHITECTS FOR THE MASTER BUILD PLAN

The Colonial Fox Theatre Foundation is excited to announce the selection of GastingerWalker& as our architects for the master build plan. The decision was made by the board of trustees in July after interviewing four outstanding firms. The representatives from GastingerWalker& set themselves apart by researching Imagine Pittsburg 2030 and having a good understanding of how the Colonial Fox Theatre could contribute to the community and the downtown district. Their presentation not only demonstrated their knowledge of the area but also their ability to excite people about the restoration of the Colonial Fox Theatre. GastingerWalker& has a great track record of historic renovation including *William Jewell College*, Liberty, Missouri founded in 1849, the *President Hotel*, Kansas City, Missouri founded in 1926,



The Starlight Theatre Kansas City, MO

and the Starlight Theatre, Kansas City, Missouri founded in 1925. They have received many awards for their restoration efforts including the Honor Award for Historic Preservation, for the President Hotel.

COLONIAL FOX RECEIVES \$10,000 WESTAR GRANT FOR BACK TO BROADWAY FESTIVAL

The street was packed with over 40 local businesses and churches to welcome the newly arrived Block22 residents. As students and parents were arriving they were greeted by friendly faces, refreshing drinks at the beer garden and a flash mob dance. Westar asked for a celebration that would involve the entire community of Pittsburg in welcoming the downtown student residents in Block22. This event introduced them to the entertainment, shopping, and service options built into their vibrant new neighborhood. The festival culminated inside the Colonial Fox Theatre with two concerts for the price of one. *Dana Louise* opened and was followed by *Jacob Tovar* & the Saddle Tramps. It was great to see the community come together to make this event possible. A big thanks to Westar Energy for the generous grant to fund this event.





Jacob Tovar & the Saddle Tramps

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From Left: Vonnie Corsini, Rob Poole, RJ Jubber, Kari West, Leslie Lackamp, and Cynthia Matlock

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ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW AT THE FOX

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This is the 10th year of our *Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening. We decided to do something special with a Shadow Cast acting out the movie at the same time. We learned from The *RKO Floorshow Shadowcast* performance in 2017, that people really enjoyed the acting and humor that the shadow cast brings. The Colonial Fox Theatre Foundation was proud to provide another exciting evening of song, dance, and laughter.

BYRON BERLINE BAND CONCERT

The Colonial Fox was honored to present the Byron Berline Band as our closing 2018 Backstage Concert. Known as one of the most sought after session fiddlers, three-time National Fiddle Champion Byron Berline, from Guthrie, Oklahoma has been touted as one of the most inventive fiddlers ever. He did not disappoint this attentive Backstage audience. Thomas Trapp, member of the band, said he was at first nervous about the small venue, but after the music started to play he expressed that "he could see the audience members souls leaving their bodies." He will never forget the intimacy he felt throughout the audience.



Byron Berline Band

P.S. Also, shout out to Chris Bates for celebrating his birthday with us, full of fantastic music!



Chris Bates with the band



RKO Floor Show Shadow Cast



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