



Newsletter - Summer 2004

# The Kenosha Theatre

## Something Exciting Is Happening In Kenosha !

Welcome!

This is an exciting time at the Kenosha Theatre. I want to personally invite you to find out more about the restoration of the Theatre and to join us at our summer events.

The history of the Kenosha Theatre is one that reflects the growth of Kenosha. Opened in 1927 by Universal Studios, the Theatre thrived during the era of vaudeville and motion picture entertainment. It was acquired by Warner Brothers Studios in the 1930s and finally by Standard Theaters.

In its heyday, theater-goers could see a live stage show featuring headliners such as Frank Sinatra, the Tommy Dorsey band, Lawrence Welk, Nat King Cole, Bing Crosby, Harry James and many more outstanding stars of the day. Then they would sit back and enjoy a feature movie sitting in the elegance of an opulent Spanish castle! Standard Theaters closed the Kenosha Theatre in 1963. It has stood as a silent reminder of the 'good old days' of Kenosha's flourishing downtown.

Once again, Kenosha's downtown is experiencing revitalization and dynamic growth. It is even being marketed as the 'northernmost shore of Chicago'.

And an exciting part of the downtown's renaissance is the restoration of the Kenosha Theatre as a premiere entertainment venue which will anchor the south end of the revitalized downtown district. When completed, the Kenosha Theatre will present world class music, theater, comedy and dance programs. It will offer multi-purpose rooms available for a variety of private and corporate events.

Now is the time for you to actively support the Kenosha Theatre's restoration. There are three facets in our restoration project. We are currently in the first stage involving the interior clean-up of the Theatre. The second stage will be the actual rebuilding and restoration of the Theatre to its original elegance. And slated for September 2006, the final stage will be the re-opening of the Kenosha Theatre as a major entertainment venue.

As we rebuild the Kenosha Theatre, we want to remind you that you are the most important 'actor' on our stage!

I invite you to play a major role in supporting the Kenosha Theatre. Why not look into naming an elegant seat in the Theatre in honor of yourself or a loved one? Or join our Founders Circle with an annual donation of \$1000 and let that philanthropic 'you' that is

waiting to come out...come out!

And join us on June 22nd at the new Wine Knot Bar & Bistro at 5611 Sixth Avenue for an unusual 'Taste of Summer' get together. You'll sample some outstanding red and white wines, plus enjoy an array of popular light dishes called Mediterranean tapas - savory fare perfect for a summer's evening. So you will be able to enjoy your tapas again at home, the chef has promised to give us a cooking demonstration of one of the dishes on our menu -- plus you'll get a copy of the recipe to take home with you. The cost for 'A Taste of Summer' is \$35 per person and you can obtain your tickets by using the enclosed order form.

Kenosha's master artisan Bob Hall has crafted and donated an elegant handmade Grandfather's clock (valued at \$2100) for our Kenosha Theatre raffle. This elegant timepiece starts the countdown on our restoration project. You can win the clock, a work of fine art, or other prizes and gift certificates in this raffle. The clock is now on display until August 7th at the Common Ground Cafe, 5159 Sixth Avenue. Why not stop by the Common Ground Cafe, have a cup of coffee and imagine having this gorgeous clock in your living room? You can buy your raffle tickets at the Common Ground Cafe, De Berge's - 2008 63rd Street, Superior Wireless - 6227 22nd Avenue, or by calling us at 658-2355.

Whatever level of support you choose, the Citizens Group for The Kenosha Theatre is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, so all of your contributions are tax-deductible.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Friends of the Kenosha Theatre -- all of whom generously volunteer their time, I would like to thank you for your continued support and interest in the Theatre! And I look forward to seeing you this summer at one of the Theatre's special events or tour days.

**Joy D. Schaub**

Joy D. Schaub, Chairperson  
Citizens Group for The Kenosha Theatre

**Upcoming Summer Events**  
**at The Kenosha Theatre**

**June 6th ..... Tour Day**  
**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**June 22nd ..... A Taste of Summer**  
**at the Wine Knot Bar & Bistro**  
**5611 Sixth Avenue - 5:00 pm**  
**(call us at 658-2355 for reservations)**

**June 26th ..... Work Day**  
**9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**July 18th ..... Tour Day**  
**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**August 7th .....Tour Day & Raffle**  
**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**Clock Raffle will be held at 2:00 pm**

**August 28th ..... Work Day**  
**9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**September 25th ..... Tour Day**  
**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Come and join us on a tour or work day!**  
**We have Friends of all ages come on work days & help us in the Theatre. It's 'This Old Theatre' time - so wear old clothes and bring a pair of gloves! We'll provide refreshments on work days. We also can arrange tours of the Theatre at other times, by appointment only.**

**Call us at (262) 658-2355 for more information**



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