Celebrating 90 years of the Emboyd-Embassy Theatre was THE highlight of the 2017-18 year! We honored our heritage by producing a concert that mirrored a 1920s-style show by featuring the Grande Page pipe organ, vaudeville, dancers, singing and silent film. At that concert, we debuted our restored Brenograph, a type of slideshow machine, and premiered three new CDs: one a remastering of works by the late Buddy Nolan and the other two by wonderful young, award-winning organists Richard Hills and Mark Herman. In addition, we opened a Heritage Center to display Embassy history.

Throughout the entire anniversary year we presented blockbuster films representing each decade of the Embassy’s existence. This series was so popular with patrons that we are programming additional films – sports and noir flicks in addition to a silent film series – in 2018-19. In addition, this return to our heritage allows us to feature the Grande Page for new audiences, as it is played at nearly all the film screenings by volunteer house organist Cletus Goens.

Opening the ballroom and other new spaces in March 2016 was a physical display of our organizational growth and change. With all areas of our historic gem now in operation, we have grown in other ways, too, from number and types of events to size of staff and budgets. In 2017-18, the board set a new strategic plan that will help us shape our artistic programming direction for the future. And we will need your help: We’ll be reaching out to you and many others in our community to listen to what you love best about the Embassy and what new experiences you want to have here. We are excited about new programming partnerships with the Philharmonic, Honeywell Center and a few too new to be announced yet! And of course we will continue to set the bar for excellent patron experiences because, at the Embassy, every event makes a memory.

Thanks to you, 2017-18 was a record year for the history books, and we look forward to making new memories with you in the years to come.

Thank you for being our guest!
This affordable array of local programming is created to allow the widest possible spectrum of patrons to experience the grandeur of the state's largest self-sustained historic theater. Here are details of the four programming areas.

**EMBASSY-BRANDED EVENTS**
Year after year, established programs like Festival of Trees and Down the Line continue to draw visitors to the Embassy from throughout the region. Completing its third season in 2018 with a record number of 2,839 attendees, the Summer Nights at the Embassy series showcases the building’s newest spaces, offering patrons a weeknight opportunity to enjoy live local entertainment while relaxing on the Parkview Health Rooftop Patio with a tremendous view of the growing Fort Wayne cityscape. Performers of all ages from the Fort Wayne arts community came together in May 2018 for a special 90th anniversary celebration concert honoring the Embassy’s beginnings as a vaudeville theater house.

**EMBASSY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING**
An important part of Embassy Originated Programming, Embassy educational programming has grown from a single presentation in 2006-07 to four programs that served more than 16,000 young people in the 2017-18 fiscal year.

**EMBASSY FILMS, FEATURING THE GRANDE PAGE ORGAN**
A film series marking the Embassy’s 90th anniversary drew 2,620 fans to movies selected from the nine decades of the theater’s existence. Film screenings featured pre-show and intermission performances on the Grande Page organ, the instrument that inspired the saving of the Embassy in the 1970s.

**EMBASSY EXPERIENCES**
Providing unique opportunities for more than 1,000 ticket buyers, donors and volunteers, these offerings provide new experiences while expanding opportunities for patron and donor engagement. Supporter-focused events, like the annual Volunteer Appreciation reception and member pre-show events encourage and thank loyal supporters.

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**STUDENTS SERVED: 16,224**
Young People's Concerts
in partnership with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic

Study Trips

Learn It Live: Fall 2017, Black Violin. Spring 2018, Lightwire Theater

Behind The Screen

SCORE! A Musical Theater Workshop

Thank you to the following individuals who assist with the planning and logistics of the many educational programs the Embassy presents throughout the year:

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2018 proved to be a busy anniversary year, especially on the Embassy stage. Withstanding time—the Embassy paid homage to its past with a community celebration event similar to the 1928 opening night and presented a film series from the past decades. Showcasing talent—the Embassy stage welcomed favorites Straight No Chaser, Earth Wind & Fire, Steve Martin & Martin Short and shined the spotlight on new dreams with two sold-out Addison Agen performances. Displaying treasure—the Embassy unveiled the Heritage Center displaying an assortment of items from its historical archives including a brenograph machine and Buddy Nolan memorabilia. Financially, the year ended August 31, 2018, with total revenue of $3,250,311 and marked the 13th consecutive year in the black. The Embassy retains strong cash reserves as well as an additional $1,113,711 in investments; this is up 14 percent from the previous year.

Most revenue sources increased from the prior year with only rentals being slightly down. The anniversary celebration events along with traditional favorites such as Festival of Trees and Summer Nights contributed to increased box office, ticketing and service revenues of 28 percent. Attendance was also up as restoration/facility fees rose 23 percent over the prior year. Love for the Embassy also extends beyond the stage as more patrons are engaged in its programming and its mission as membership revenues grew 33 percent from 2017.

The Embassy continues to maintain a diversified portfolio for investment accounts. During the fiscal year, a net realized gain on investments of $12,159 and a net unrealized gain on investments of $39,272 were recorded. The Embassy also earned interest and dividend income of $47,160 this year. In addition to the Heritage Center, the Embassy completed several building projects including new radio equipment for staffing events, new mezzanine lounge furniture and dressing room furniture and three new high-efficiency boilers (replacing six!) in the theater.

With continued strong leadership, generous patrons and a memorable past, the Embassy will shine and make memories for another 90 years.
RUFFOLO GRAND STAIRCASE NAMING

The late Linda and Joe Ruffolo's community legacy was commemorated in August 2018 with the newly named Linda and Joseph Ruffolo Grand Staircase.

The centerpiece of the Embassy Theatre’s lobby, the Linda and Joseph Ruffolo Grand Staircase will welcome generations of families to the historic theater. The couple’s children—Joe Ruffolo Jr. and Julie Ruffolo Gilpin—said the family chose to name the staircase because of their experiences in attending theater events with their parents. The staircase was a favorite feature for the family. A plaque at the base of the staircase recognizes the Ruffolos’ contributions to the Fort Wayne community.

“We are honored by this generous gift,” said Kelly Updike, president and CEO of the Embassy Theatre, “Linda and Joe were tireless community volunteers. Fort Wayne is a better place because of their commitment to our community. The Linda and Joseph Ruffolo Grand Staircase will welcome thousands of families year-round.”

Linda and Joe advocated for the Fort Wayne community with their professional and volunteer service to area arts and community organizations, including the Embassy Theatre, Arts United, Fort Wayne Youtheatre and the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. Linda retired from IPFW as executive director of development in 2014. Her extensive volunteer work ranged from Fort Wayne Youtheatre to Fort Wayne Bicentennial. She passed away in 2015. Joe, who passed away in 2011, was CEO of NorthAmerican from 1987-93 and a co-founder of Tower Bank. He served on many for- and non-profit boards.
MARQUEE SOCIETY: LEAVE YOUR LEGACY WITH THE EMBASSY

The Embassy established the Marquee Society to recognize and remember those individuals who chose to continue their investment and support of the Embassy Theatre after their death. The members of the Marquee Society recognize that investing in the Embassy through an estate gift will help preserve this community treasure for future generations.

A planned gift to the Embassy, whether in the form of a bequest, trust or appreciated assets, will ensure the funds are available for ongoing restoration and programming needs. Most importantly, a planned gift ensures your money does what you want it to do.

Learn how you can join the Marquee Society through a legacy gift by contacting Lucas Weick, chief philanthropy officer, at 260.247.9383 or lucas@fwembassytheatre.org.

MARQUEE SOCIETY MEMBERS

We gratefully thank the following individuals who have made a planned gift to the Embassy Theatre to ensure the theater remains a strong and vibrant arts and culture center for future generations.

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The Embassy would like to especially thank the following organizations for their support as Corporate Partners. The Fort Wayne business community has long been an impactful part of the Embassy’s preservation and programming efforts.

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90TH ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION
MAY 19, 2018

Mark Herman, a Fort Wayne native, was the featured organist on the Grande Page theater pipe organ.

Emcees Brad Beauchamp and Larry Bower introduced Farmland Jazz Band, Fort Wayne Children’s Choir, Fort Wayne Dance Collective and the Buster Keaton black-and-white classic “Haunted House.”

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The Embassy is also incredibly grateful and humbled to receive a bequest gift from Jim & Margaret Shields, whose support over the years helped the Embassy complete several capital projects including the Vision for the Embassy campaign to renovate the former Indiana Hotel.

The Embassy Theatre has played a part in the lives of area schoolchildren through the years. Educational programming at the Embassy has grown from a single presentation in 2006-07 to four programs serving more than 16,000 young people in the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The educational programming at the Embassy Theatre includes:

**Learn It Live, a free show for area schoolchildren**
At least once a year, the Embassy offers free, live performances for students. These shows are some of the best in the country. Talent has included Catapult Dance and Lightwire Theater. Black Violin, returning in 2019, also hosted a master class for 30 area string students who took the stage to play during the group's encore.

**SCORE! A devised theater workshop for middle school students**
This program allows middle-school students to explore creative expression. Through this three-week summer intensive experience, students devise, create and produce a piece of original musical theatre based on their perceptions and then perform it on the magnificent Embassy stage. Space is limited to 25 students in grade 6, 7 or 8.

**Study Trips**
The Embassy offers three Study Trips that connect students with real-life effects of historic preservation on a community arts treasure. During the 2017-18 fiscal year, more than 2,000 students were served by this program targeting grades 1-5.

- **Commitment to Community**
  Taking a bow on the Embassy stage, students act out history and learn how a community chose to save the historic theater from the wrecking ball. Students use analysis and application of information as they investigate the building for 2-2.5 hours. Aligned to grade 3 standards, and appropriate for grades 2 through 6.

- **Entertainment Then and Now**
  Following the path of a patron, participants use primary sources to compare attending a performance at the Embassy Theatre in 1928 to today. 90 minutes. Appropriate for grades K-5. Great for Scout troops, clubs and other groups.

- **Shapes, Sights, Sounds and Surfaces**
  Explore the Embassy through the senses. Appropriate for ages 3 to 5. This experience invites preschoolers to explore the Embassy Theatre with their senses. Instead of telling preschoolers “don’t touch” they can explore the beauty of the theater with their five senses.
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Marc Sandkuhler
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Sandra Thomas
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Joshua & Donna Tourkow
Jim Turcovsky & Sandy McAfee
Larry & Mary True
Marilyn A. Vachon
Janyce Wilson
Charles & Irene Winkler
Stephen & Marsha Wright
Chuck Wyss
Dale & Judy Zinn
Wilfred Zurbrugg

Mark Herman plays the Grande Page pipe organ at the 90th Anniversary Community Celebration, May 19, 2018. The celebration included a sing-along with the refurbished Brenograph projector and vintage slides (inset photos).
2017-18 ANNUAL REPORT
EMBASSY VOLUNTEERS

40+ YEARS
Jane Black
Barb & the late Bill Zabel

35 YEARS-39 YEARS
Marilyn Ambrose
Paul Steffens

30 YEARS-34 YEARS
Jane Foell
John Foell
Barbara Friedrich
Harold Friedrich
Cletus Goens

25 YEARS-29 YEARS
Minerva Belote
Linda Chapman
Roger Crawford
Dee Labarbera

20 YEARS-24 YEARS
Marjorie Baumgartel
Wilma Baumgartner
Joan Bleke
Carol Burns
Peggy DeBolt
Linda Gaff
Carol Goeglein
Jim Goeglein
Linda James
Kay Rekeweg
Richard Uhen

Jerrine Warner
Dennis Campbell
Allan Woodmansee
Susan Hudon
Donna Sark

15 YEARS-19 YEARS
Jim Alspaugh
Patricia Alspaugh
Joy Bodine
Chuck Chapman
Marilyn Crewe
Jack Diagostino
Judy Diagostino
Mark Herman
Ron Herman
Mahlon Houlihan
Andy Johnson
Marlene Lobsiger
Donna Longbons
Karen May
Marg Meeks
Kathleen Meyer
Paul Meyer
Carol Shattuck
John Stirnkorb
Cheryl Stromski
Judy Wannemacher

Mary Carney
Pat Clark
Bill Derbyshire
Darlene Ford
Melinda Hammen
Mary Hardy
Marianne Hess
Paul Holman
Michelle Love
Kathleen Marburger
Barb Mattoon
Gordon Mattoon
Diane Medert
Barbara Mueller
John Mueller
Joann Nixon
Janet Ormiston
Carolyn Painter
Carlton Reinhard
Julia Reinhard
Marlene Schrader
Doug Schultz
Linda Shough
Judy Stumpf
Carol Terwilliger
Art Tonsing
Patricia Williams
Charles Winkler
Irene Winkler

Lori Yandell
Jerry Young
Margo Zumwalt

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Sally Bork
Sandra Brickley
Susie Brown
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Bill Zabel passed away on November 30, 2018. Bill will be fondly remembered by all of those he interacted with at the Embassy Theatre. When the theater was on the brink of destruction in the early 1970s, Bill was among those who helped save the building and establish the Embassy Theatre Foundation to help preserve the building for future generations to treasure.

Bill’s passion truly was the Embassy’s Grande Page pipe organ, which fascinated him due to the many components and engineering behind the instrument. Bill’s humor, wit, dedication and kindness will be missed.
2018 MARQUEE WITH MANDY GONZALEZ

The 2018 Marquee was presented by Mark Ulmschneider and Georgia Wralstad Ulmschneider and featured an incredible taste of Fort Wayne’s finest with a four-course dinner provided by Baker Street, Casa Ristoranti Italiano, Club Soda, and The Hoppy Gnome.

Following dinner, guests followed a behind-the-scenes path to the historic Embassy stage, where they were treated to an intimate performance by Broadway star Mandy Gonzalez, with the ornate theater auditorium as the picturesque backdrop to the concert.

Photos by: Bambi Guthrie
The Marquee event combines the Embassy’s newest spaces with the historic stage where so many legends have performed. The evening begins in the Indiana Hotel Lobby and transitions to the beautiful Yergens Rogers Foundation Ballroom located on the 6th and 7th floors, where guests will be served a four-course meal featuring some of Fort Wayne’s finest restaurants. While in the ballroom, guests will have access to the Parkview Health Rooftop Patio with its spectacular view of Fort Wayne’s evolving skyline.

At the conclusion of dinner, guests will advance to the theater for a unique onstage seating experience. Exclusive access to the Sweetwater Dressing Rooms and entire backstage area, will provide a peek behind the curtain of the historic stage. A performance by Tony Award winner Lea Salonga will be the highlight of the evening. Lea’s accomplished career includes leading roles in Les Misérables, Miss Saigon and Cinderella on Broadway, while she has also been the singing voice of two Disney animated film princesses in Aladdin and Mulan. Desserts and coffee will be served at intermission.

The Marquee provides funding for the preservation and restoration of the historic theater, which celebrated its 90th anniversary in 2018. The Embassy’s mission is to serve northeast Indiana by presenting elite performances and providing artistic and cultural enrichment through the performing arts while preserving the state’s largest self-sustaining historic theater.

For information on sponsoring a table or tickets please contact Lucas Weick, chief philanthropy officer, at 260.247.9383 or via email at lucas@fwembassytheatre.org