



Newsletter

Winter 2021 Issue

Auditorium's 92nd Holiday Season Announced!

This year marks the 92nd holiday season for Louisville Memorial Auditorium as live music and stage productions return! On Thanksgiving weekend "A Night of Soul" premiered with Grammy Nominee Freddie Jackson, featuring Shirley Murdock, Keyona LaShawn, and Sheryl Rouse with the Unlimited Show Band.



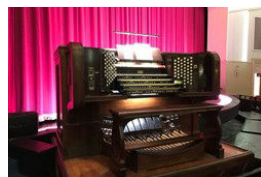
Next was the debut of "Justice On Trial: The Play" on the first weekend of December 2021. Acclaimed director, writer and actor Chad Lawson Cooper brought the award-winning production to the auditorium. In a time when the nation is reeling from the pain of the ongoing pandemic and racial unrest, the riveting story challenges everyone to ask hard questions.



Annual holiday dance recitals and performances returned, featuring many local talented artists, performing again on stage. The auditorium has been hosting dance productions for over 30 years.



To close out the season, The William H. Bauer Foundation treats the community with "It's A Pilcher Pipe Organ Holiday Concert!" Award-winning organist Margaret Dickinson and Tim Jones, President of Bluegrass Chapter of American Theatre Organ Society, join resident organists Timothy Baker and David Pilkinton in performing seasonal arrangements. Start a new tradition by experiencing the majestic sounds of the World's Largest Pilcher Pipe Organ.



Holiday Parties Make a Festive Return!

Private parties resume after not being able to host in-person events due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Since the historic multi-purpose facility offers a variety of event spaces, functions can be scheduled from smaller to larger. Approved catering and concessions partners are required to follow facility guidelines to ensure guests, event staff and other personnel remain safe. The majestic main lobby, spacious ballroom or other spaces are available to host a variety of special events.

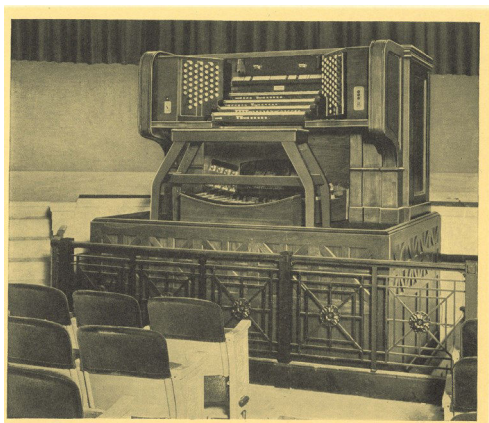


Pilcher Pipe Organ Restoration Project Begins

This past Fall season, restoration of the one of kind pipe organ began and continues into the new year. Main restorer, the D.C. Schroth Organ Builders, is leading the multi year project.

Most of the leatherwork has been completed on the Great reed Bombarde, and small Great offset regulators. Strategic areas or chambers inside the instrument have been cleaned thoroughly.

The complex work is being supported by a generous matching grant of \$75,000 awarded by the Wyncote Foundation. Since the original donation, additional funding has been provided by the William H. Bauer Foundation and other donors. The current budget for organ repairs is not an estimated \$110,000 to date.



Capital Fundraising Campaign Continues

The auditorium's foundation leadership plans to resume discussions with Louisville METRO Government's council of representatives to support upgrades to the historic public auditorium and community's only WWI War Memorial. The \$2.2 million dollar plan would install zoned heating and air conditioning systems in the main lobby and auditorium. Additional work would include repairs to the auditorium's

plaster ceiling, as well as replacing the seat cushions and upgrades to the stage systems. Aside from petitioning METRO government, grants and other private funding is being explored. As communicated, the investment would provide benefits for decades by providing an upgraded professional auditorium that is accessible, inclusive and affordable to everyone in the community.

LMPD Hosts Christmas Concert for Local Schools

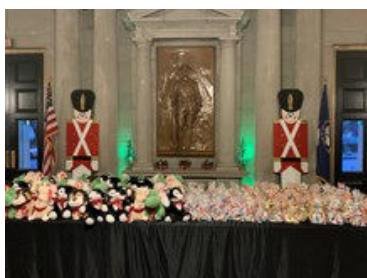
The District Resource Officers of LMPD's 4th Division, along with the staff of Jacob Elementary, Newburg Middle and Engelhard Elementary schools hosted a special holiday concert for students and their families.

The program opened with resident organist Timothy Baker playing seasonal arrangements on The World's Largest Pilcher Pipe Organ as guests entered the famous performance hall.

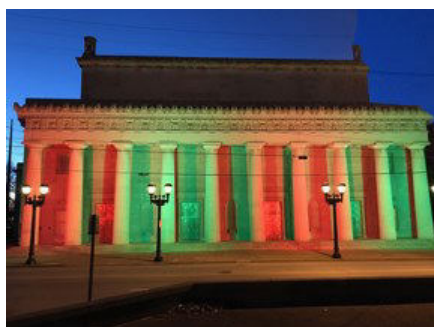
Presentation Academy's acclaimed "Pres Girls" choir opened the show and gave a memorable concert entertaining the guests with their beautiful voices.

Various donations from Costco and Louisville METRO Council were provided to fill their new backpacks with treats.

Santa greeted everyone and as guests were departing, his helpers gave out backpacks of goodies for students to take home over the holiday break.



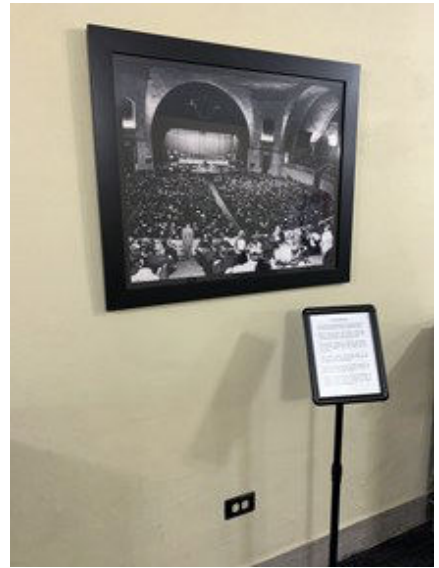
The historic Louisville Memorial Auditorium is a multi-purpose venue with numerous unique event spaces for rental. The beautiful main lobby, comfortable ballroom and various guest lounges provide memorable experiences. The comfortable and spacious 1,742 seat auditorium is known for excellent acoustics, as well as visibility for functions.



Displays Added to Foyer for Public Viewing

Recently, images of the auditorium taken prior to the 1954 renovation were added to the foyer. Guests will be able to experience the visual history of the famous performance hall. A vintage usher jacket from the 1960's was moved to a prominent area of the foyer.

Each of the displays have signage explaining the background of images and the unique jacket from the past.




When individuals, groups or companies decide to host events at the landmark, those rental dollars help with supporting the auditorium's ongoing operating costs.

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