



The Paramount Theater Volunteer Newsletter

February 2017

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH PROGRAM:

This program acknowledges the volunteer[s] with the most volunteer hours each month. Individuals may only be *Volunteer of the Month* once per year. In the event that a volunteer provides the most hours in a month more than once in one year, the volunteer with the 2nd most hours will be named *Volunteer of the Month*.

VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE PROGRAM:

For every 100 volunteer hours completed by an individual volunteer in a six-month period, he or she will receive two tickets to a show of their choice.
(Limited restrictions may apply.)

The Paramount Theater's mission - to **educate, enchant, enrich** and **enlighten** - is rooted in our commitment to present a wide variety of arts, education, and entertainment opportunities for all to enjoy.

VOLUNTEER CONTACTS:

JIM KUZNAR

Director of Operations

jimkuznar@theparamount.net

434.293.1012

CADE WIBERG

Front of House Manager

cadewiberg@theparamount.net

434.293.1006

CHRIS EURE

Executive Director

chriseure@theparamount.net

434.293.1007

Welcome Back to the Volunteer Newsletter!

Though the Volunteer Newsletter went on temporary hiatus, we have not forgotten about you! In this issue, we will honor the many volunteers who have been recognized for their above-and-beyond service.



September 2016 Volunteer of the Month: Linda Lester

A retired UVA librarian, in addition to The Paramount, Linda volunteers also for the Free Clinic and the James Madison Regional Library in Charlottesville. She enjoys birding, good exercise, and traveling. She recently returned from a trip to South Africa. Her favorite Paramount events include National Theatre Live and the Banff Mountain Film Festival.

October 2016 Volunteer of the Month: Mary Ann Dawson

Mary Ann joined The Paramount in July 2015. Her favorite programs include the Met *Live in HD*, the Berlin Philharmonic in HD, and Joshua Bell and The Academy of St Martin in the Fields. Mary Ann also enjoys Volunteering for the Children's educational programs. When Mary Ann is not busy helping us at The Paramount, she enjoys ushering for The Tuesday Evening Concert Series at Old Cabell Hall, attending performances of the Charlottesville Municipal Band and the Charlottesville Symphony.



November 2016 Volunteer of the Month: Bunny Sheppard

Bunny has been a volunteer for over 2 years and has given her time to many different types of The Paramount's programming. Coming from the corporate world, Bunny has enjoyed being a positive ambassador for The Paramount. From the Met Opera series to Arts Education, Bunny appreciates the wide variety of ways in which The Paramount gives back to the community. She currently serves on the volunteer committee and trains new members.

December 2016 Volunteer of the Month: John Lockney

The former president of the Volunteer Committee, John is a longstanding friend of the Theater. He has been a volunteer for four years and has been honored many times over as a Volunteer of the Month! This year, he has enjoyed Lewis Black's return, having appreciated Black's humor from as far back as John's time in Iraq.



Welcome To Our Newest Members!

David Opper

David joined our family of volunteers in November 2016, after moving to Charlottesville from Charlotte, North Carolina with his wife. David and his wife are both retired from the financial services field, and David is a UVA graduate who is involved in several local non-profit initiatives. David enjoys the friendliness of our patrons and the variety of events at the Theater—particularly Pink Martini.



William Ganz

Bill moved to Charlottesville from Oregon, has traveled the world for much of his life. He is a veteran theatergoer, and loves movie palaces like The Paramount and the Bagdad Theater in Portland, Oregon. In addition to volunteering at The Paramount, Bill delivers for Meals on Wheels and repairs bicycles in his spare time.



Friendly Reminders:

When you are scheduled to volunteer, please be aware that rotations are necessary. For all shows, volunteers need to keep a watchful eye on the lobby doors. The House Manager on duty during the event will prepare the rotation schedule and inform the volunteer staff during his/her briefing. Please be ready and willing to lend a hand where volunteers are needed, even if that means missing a portion of the show.

Kudos!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make February a huge success for The Paramount. From a White Russian-filled *Big Lebowski* screening to the hilarious Lewis Black, we have definitely kicked off the year in proper fashion. Now it's time to prepare for Rosanne Cash, Amos Lee, Ron White, and other amazing shows to come. We want to thank all of the volunteers for all of their hard work. We could not do it without you!

The Paramount Theater

215 East Main Street
Charlottesville, VA
22902
www.theparamount.net
434.979.1922

Box Office Hours:

Monday-Friday:
10AM-2PM
434.979.1333

At least one hour
prior to every event.

A very special thank you to Van Cockcroft, who provided content for this month's newsletter.

Meet & Greet Paramount Staff Member: Megan Winter - Controller

We were very excited to welcome Megan Winter to The Paramount as Controller in May 2016. Megan is a graduate of the McIntire School of Commerce at the University of Virginia and a certified public accountant. She began her career at KPMG in Washington D.C., providing audit services to not-for-profit entities. Before joining The Paramount, Megan was the controller at Natural Retreats, a luxury travel and vacation company in Charlottesville. In her free time, Megan is a member of the Junior League of Charlottesville. In January 2017, Megan facilitated a Junior League trip with the Boys and Girls Club to The Paramount to see the stage and tour the production area - and the kids had a blast!



Smile! Results are Guaranteed

We know you have heard this in your early days as a volunteer, but it is worth repeating: have a smile on your face if you want a friendly reception! A warm greeting makes all the difference when entering the Theater, and our patrons certainly notice the added touch of a friendly, smiling face. Volunteers should always keep in mind the policies and procedures that keep the Theater striving to be a Five Star venue, it is important to remember that above all, we are providing fun and entertainment to the community!

Did You Know?

The Paramount has a new website!

This updated site, designed by Charlottesville-based agency Vibethink, provides a more visually captivating online experience and streamlines the ticket-buying process. Some new features you might notice are efficient event categories - which are now broken down into Live Events, Live Broadcasts, Free Community Events, and Movies; a regularly updated blog; and a live chat feature so that patrons can easily get in touch with our Administrative Office. We encourage you to take the time to explore the new site, and make note of any questions in case the subject comes up with patrons. In addition, The Paramount Theater now has an app available on the iTunes App Store and Google Play Store, which allows patrons to purchase tickets on their smart device! Consider downloading this FREE app today.

New Staff at the Theater

We are happy to announce the addition of several new team members to our Full Time Staff since the last newsletter: **Hilary Taylor, Event Administrator; Corianne Vizi-Rogers, Accounting Associate; and Melissa Collins, Marketing Assistant.** Make sure to say hello and introduce yourself.

Upcoming Events

Paramount Presents: *Toy Story* [G]
Sunday, March 5 at 11:30AM* and 2:00PM
**Sensory-Friendly Screening*

Paramount Presents: Rosanne Cash
Thursday, March 9 at 8:00PM

Met Live in HD: *La Traviata*
Saturday, March 11 at 12:55PM

**Shenandoah National Park Trust Presents:
BANFF Mountain Film Festival**
Sunday, March 12 at 6:00PM and
Monday, March 13 at 7:00PM

Starr Hill Presents: Amos Lee
Wednesday, March 15 at 8:00PM

Tour The Paramount Theater
Saturday, March 18 at 11:00AM

**Hospice of the Piedmont, Sentara Martha
Jefferson Hospital, and the University of
Virginia Schools of Nursing and Medicine
Present: *Being Mortal***
Saturday, March 18 at 3:00PM

**Charlottesville Opera (Ash Lawn Opera
Transformed) and Virginia Festival of the
Book Present: *Middlemarch in Spring***
Thursday, March 23 at 7:30PM and
Friday, March 24 at 2:00PM

**WVPT PBS Kids Presents:
*Clifford We Love You***
Saturday, March 25 at 9:30AM

Met Live in HD: *Idomeneo*
Saturday, March 25 at 12:55PM

**Virginia Festival of the Book Presents:
Written in the Stars - Margot Lee Shetterley
and Dava Sobel**
Saturday, March 25 at 8:00PM

Everybody's Hero: The Jackie Robinson Story

"This field trip was honestly one of (if not the most) smoothest from start to finish. I was very impressed with The Paramount overall, as everything ran smoothly with no issues. Everything from signing up, to parking, to lining up and being seated. Sometimes staff at field trip locations can be overwhelmed; this was so far from the case. Everyone was so helpful and kind and genuinely excited to have our students be a part of this experience."
-Teacher, *William Monroe Middle School*