



# The Paramount Theater Volunteer Newsletter

March 2017

## Congratulations To Our Volunteers of the Month!

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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### January 2017 Volunteer of the Month: Jenn Dungan

Jenn has been a Charlottesville resident since 2010, and has been with The Paramount Volunteer family for two years. A writer and content strategist, we have been fortunate to receive Jenn's assistance with the recent revision of the Volunteer Handbook. Jenn also serves on the Volunteer Committee. In addition to volunteering at The Paramount, Jenn is an usher for the Tuesday Evening Concert Series at Old Cabell Hall; the Charlottesville Symphony, and Three Notch'd Road: The Charlottesville Baroque Ensemble. In her spare time, Jenn is a devoted cellist who admires the legendary Yo Yo Ma. Her favorite Paramount events include those related to classical music and theatre, particularly the NT Live series. She loves serving concessions and often can be found in the Founder's Lounge making an impressive cocktail!

### February 2017 Volunteer of the Month: Elaine Chapman

Elaine, a Massachusetts native and a former resident of New York, Indiana, and Ohio, moved to Charlottesville after retiring from a career in Special Education Administration. She enjoys working with children, and volunteers for Piedmont CASA as well as with her church's religious education program. Elaine is a substitute teacher and ushers for Tuesday Evening Concert Series. She is an avid reader and is active in two book clubs. At The Paramount, Elaine enjoys opera and other musical events as well as the NT Live series, and serves on the Volunteer Committee.



## It's Time For The Biggest <sup>party</sup> Fundraiser Of The Year!

The Paramount Theater's 7th Annual

*Grand Marquee Gala*

Friday, April 28, Gala 7:00PM | Late Night 9:00PM

This one-night-only black tie event, chaired by Gary & Tana Taylor and their family, brings retro-fresh Hollywood glam to Charlottesville, giving supporters a very different look at The Paramount. As one of the most important fundraising events of the year, we will rely on staff and volunteers to make the night a success. The event will feature dinner, dancing, a silent disco, a fabulous silent auction, and more. The Gala is one of the most anticipated events of the season with the most unanticipated surprises! Again this year, in addition to patron tickets, we will offer the "Late Night" party ticket. The Late Night portion of the evening begins at 9:00PM and includes entertainment, dancing on the stage, drinks, and food. Please see Cade Wiberg about volunteering for this event!



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## Just Announced at The Paramount

**Cage The Elephant:**  
**Live & Unpeeled,**  
**The Acoustic Tour**

Monday, April 24, 8:00PM

**Bob Nocek Presents:**  
**Buddy Guy**

*Blues & Rock Legend!*

Wednesday, August 23, 8:00PM

**Bob Nocek and T-Presents:**  
**A John Waters Christmas**

*\*For mature audiences.*

Thursday, December 14, 8:00PM

## Friendly Reminders:

While we are all anxious to start our clean-up after an event, please wait until ALL patrons have exited the Auditorium before you begin. Lobby doors should be closed while volunteers clean and prep the theater for the next event. Trash bags and gloves are located in the wall cabinet opposite Doors 1 & 2 in the Promenade. Please keep an eye out for lost-and-found items, which should be brought to the Ballroom Concessions area or to the Front of House Manager.

## Kudos!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped bring success to events such as Singer/Songwriter Rosanne Cash, a sensory-friendly screening of *Toy Story*, and two sold out nights of the BANFF Film Festival! We hope to end the month on a high note after a successful start to March.

Coming soon is the always-popular Festival of the Book, which will be very well attended, and the education and public performances of Dr. Seuss' *The Cat in the Hat*. We want to thank each volunteer for all of their hard work, which make these events possible.

## The Paramount Theater

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## Box Office Hours:

Monday-Friday:  
10AM-2PM  
434.979.1333

At least one hour  
prior to every event.

## Meet & Greet Paramount Staff Member: Corianne Vizi-Rogers - Accounting Associate

Corianne, who is new to the Charlottesville area, has been with The Paramount since September 2016. She graduated from Western Kentucky University with a major in Creative Writing and a minor in Broadcasting. Corianne has a passion for animals and has experience in the nonprofit world, having been a member of Humane Societies in Kentucky. Before joining The Paramount, Corianne worked as Office Director at a log furniture manufacturing and distributing company. We are thrilled to have Corianne as part of our Paramount Family!

## A Night Without Screens

The Paramount Theater strives to stay ahead of the quickly evolving landscape of technology in performance spaces. With this in mind, many artists - including **Cage the Elephant presented by AEG, Frank Productions, and Starr Hill Presents, who will appear at The Paramount on April 24** - have begun using services like **Yondr** when they perform at venues like The Paramount. Yondr removes the distraction of cell phones and other smart devices from performance spaces by securing all personal electronics in pouches that will be provided and unlocked at the end of the show. Guests maintain possession of their devices throughout the night, and if needed, may access their phones at designated Yondr unlocking stations in the lobby. This process has been requested by the artists so that they can enjoy their time at The Paramount as much as we will enjoy hosting them, and we are confident that we are all up to the task! Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Front of House Manager or an Event Supervisor with questions.

## Did You Know?

### Paramount Theater Trivia

In the early 1950s, the rising popularity of household televisions was threatening the tradition of movie-going everywhere. Hollywood found its solution in wide-screen and Cinemascope broadcasting techniques, which made for a stunning visual experience making to the movies a must. The Paramount showed its first wide-screen film, *Knights of the Round Table* starring Robert Taylor and Ava Gardner, in early 1954.

## Upcoming Events

**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 the 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

**Paramount Presents:**  
**Dr. Seuss' *The Cat in the Hat***  
*Public* - Sunday, March 26 at 2:00PM  
*Education* - Monday, March 27  
10:30AM and 12:30PM

**Paramount Presents:**  
***Lawrence of Arabia* [PG]**  
Sunday, April 2 at 2:00PM

**National Theatre Live in HD Presents:**  
***Saint Joan***  
Sunday, April 2 at 7:00PM

**Paramount Presents: *Friday* [R]**  
Friday, April 7 at 8:00PM

## ★★★★★ Review For The Paramount

*"We were so impressed by the work of your staff and volunteers. The coordination of seating and receiving our guests was well-practiced and seamless. Your council in planning the event and inviting attendees, and quick problem solving was extremely valuable. Thank you so much to you and your team for all the hard work in planning and executing this event."*

**-Virginia Film Festival**

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