



The Paramount Theater Volunteer Newsletter

June 2016

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH PROGRAM:

This program acknowledges the volunteer[s] with the most volunteer hours each month. The volunteer will receive a personalized "Paramount Volunteer" name badge to wear during events. While a person may only be the *Volunteer of the Month* once per year, he or she may receive an alternate recognition gift for subsequent months with leading hours. In this situation, 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.

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Congratulations!

May 2016 Volunteer of the Month: Cynthia Chase

This month's *Volunteer of the Month* has been volunteering at the theater for close to 10 years! Cynthia first began volunteering when the theater re-opened. Throughout the years she has volunteered when her schedule allowed, as she was raising her daughter, who is a recent graduate of Murray High School! Cynthia enjoyed working the recent ParadeRest Memorial Day celebration, along with her other favorites: operas, musicals, and the great Paula Poundstone! When not at the theater, Cynthia enjoys hiking, gardening, kayaking, yoga, and visiting with friends. Cynthia is an avid Tom Sox fan, and would love for you to join her at a game! Congratulations Cynthia!

Congratulations Jenny Hoye, Front of House Manager!

Many of us have had the wonderful opportunity to work with Jenny Hoye, our Front of House Manager, and we are excited to share that Jenny will be pursuing a Masters Program at James Madison University in Harrisonburg this fall! Congratulations Jenny!

Jenny joined our team in July 2014 and quickly found her niche in the Front of House Manager position and has been a great asset to our team. Jenny has coordinated everything from our ever-improving concession items, our robust and actively engaged Volunteer group, and the set-up and the coordination of ticketed events, private meetings, and fundraisers.

We all know that it takes a village to steer the ship of The Paramount that we all call

our "second home." Thank you, Jenny, for taking the lead to coordinate the implementation of so many events during the past two years. We will miss you, but are thrilled for your opportunity - and find solace in the knowledge that Harrisonburg is not far away! We can't wait to welcome you back to the Theater, but this time as a patron. Good luck, we wish you all the best!



*Photograph from The Grand Marquee Gala:
Maddy Eure and Jenny Hoye*

Upcoming Events at The Paramount Theater:

June 15 at 7:30PM - LOOK₃ Artist Talk: Frans Lanting

June 16 at 7:30PM - LOOK₃ Artist Talk: Nick Brandt in conversation with Vicki Goldberg

June 17 at 11:00AM - LOOK₃ Artist Talks: Binh Danh, Mary F. Calvert, Radcliffe "Ruddy" Roye, and Olivia Bee

June 17 at 5:00PM - LOOK₃ Artist Talk: Graciela Iturbide

June 18 at 11:00AM - LOOK₃ Artist Talks: Doug DuBois, Joe Riis, and Sheila Pree Bright

June 18 at 5:00PM - LOOK₃ Artist Talk: Christopher Morris

June 19 at 8:00PM - Paramount Presents: The Temptations - Happy Father's Day!

June 25 at 12:00PM - Missoula Children's Theatre presents: Gulliver's Travels

June 25 at 8:00PM - Black Maria Film Festival

June 26 at 2:00PM - *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* [PG-13]

June 26 at 7:00PM - National Theatre Live in HD Summer Encore: *One Man, Two Guvnors*

July 2 at 12:00PM - Missoula Children's Theatre presents: Alice in Wonderland

July 4 - Happy 4th of July! Theater Closed

July 9 at 2:00PM - Met Live in HD Summer Encore: *Tosca* (2013-14 Season)

July 9 at 8:00PM - *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* - 30th Anniversary! [PG-13]

July 10 at 2:00PM, July 13 at 7:30PM, July 15 at 7:30PM - Ash Lawn Opera presents: *Così fan Tutte*

July 14 at 7:00PM - *Jaws* [PG]

Friendly Reminders:

While sometimes there are seats available during shows for volunteers to watch, please remember to be strategic about where and when you sit. The side sections and the back of the Auditorium are the most likely to have unsold seats. Please wait until we are 15 minutes into the show, and all tasks are complete, before sitting to ensure that late-arriving patrons will not be arriving for their seat.

If a show is sold out, it is important that volunteers DO NOT sit, even if it appears that there is an empty chair. If the show is sold out, the seat has been sold to a patron that we anticipate will arrive.

Kudos!

Thank you to the volunteers who helped with UVA's Nursing School and Medical School graduations in May. They were both lovely ceremonies and our volunteers did an excellent job of making sure everything went smoothly for the renters, the graduates, and their families. It is a treat each year for The Paramount to play a role in this special day for the future nurses and doctors from the University of Virginia!

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At least one hour prior
to every event.



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Meet & Greet Paramount Staff Member: Matthew Simon - Programming/Box Office Manager

Matthew has been a resident of Charlottesville since 1977. He is a graduate of Emory and Henry with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science with a minor in Philosophy. He came to The Paramount with a very strong love for music. He worked at MusicToday for six years as a ticketing agent for over 100 bands, including the Dave Matthews Band, The Rolling Stones, Phish, Britney Spears, Wilco, and Radiohead, to name a few. He currently hosts a radio show on the local radio station WTJU 91.1 FM on Thursday afternoons.

Matthew has been at the Paramount since 2005 (11 years!) working in the Box Office and as Programming Manager. Outside of the theater he is a husband and father of two boys who will grow up to be taller than him. He can also tell you what time it is (+/- 15 minutes) at any point during the day without wearing a watch.

Catered Events at The Paramount

As our community continues to look more and more to The Paramount as the perfect place to host private events such as weddings, dinners, fundraisers for their nonprofits, and business meetings, we are increasing our space rental usage. As you know, many of these events include catering. While there are occasions when the caterer may have remaining food at the end of the event that they give to our Paramount staff and volunteers, it is important to clarify that it should never be assumed that Volunteers will be able to eat at an event. Sometimes there is miscommunication between a caterer, a renter, and The Paramount, and while we know that miscommunications can occur, we never want the renter to be disappointed with our professional handling of the event's catering. In the event that a caterer invites you to eat, it is imperative to confirm with The Paramount staff member in charge. The Paramount Staff member will confirm if and when it is appropriate to eat, and will place the food in the kitchen off of the Ballroom.

As always, volunteers are welcome to purchase all concession items at a discount, and popcorn and coffee are always complimentary when you work an event. If you have any questions surrounding catering, please direct them to Jason Williams, Paramount Theater Director.



New Staff at the Theater

We are happy to announce the addition of several new members of our Front of House Staff! **Jim Kuznar** is our new Front of House Manager; **Clay Eure** and **Cade Wiberg**, Front of House Supervisors, in brand new part-time positions at The Paramount, and **Kiara Pontious** who joined our Event Staff team. You will get to know all four of them very well in the coming weeks and months as you see them at events. Welcome to the team Jim, Clay, Cade and Kiara!

Welcome TING!

The Paramount Theater is excited to announce that Ting Fiber Internet has become an Executive Producers Club Sponsor of the Theater for the upcoming year. The Producers Club is a community initiative that partners the mission of The Paramount Theater with businesses and individuals who also understand the value of bringing the arts and education to every corner of our community.

As part of the partnership, patrons and community members will be able to experience the "crazy fast" fiber Internet service provided by Ting at The Paramount through the public wifi throughout the Theater. In addition to providing an incredible Internet experience, Ting will be supporting the mission of The Paramount by helping underwrite family programs and the community outreach efforts of the Theater. "Ting endeavors to celebrate the unique culture of Charlottesville and partnering with The Paramount was a natural alliance with a beloved community institution," stated Sarah Georges with Ting Fiber Internet.

The next time you are at the Theater, make sure to try out the new connection on your smartphone, and encourage our patrons to do the same; no password required!