The Paramount Theater
Volunteer Newsletter
March 2016

Congratulations!

January 2016 Volunteer of the Month: Jillian McCollum
Jillian was born in New Hampshire - then spent time in Maine, Saudi, Singapore, Japan, Charleston and Guam - while working for ARAMCO. She loves cats and birds; reading, writing, gardening, antiques, the arts, tennis, skating, basketball, and is an avid Duke fan. “I was intellectually deprived for years living in Saudi where I never saw the end of a film because they cut and sliced half of the forbidden parts, and then on an island in Maine where the last ferry was 9:15PM on weekends. Therefore, The Paramount means the world to me.”

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February 2016 Volunteer of the Month: Marti Lupinetti
Marti has been volunteering at The Paramount Theater since our re-opening in 2004! Her favorite programs are our education ones. “The kids are so excited to be at the theater. Their enjoyment is contagious!” Outside of Marti’s time volunteering here, she became a certified Master Gardner last year and is enjoying working in the gardens at Monticello and the Butterfly Garden at Ivy Creek, as well as keeping her own backyard gardens productive and happy! “It has been my pleasure to be associated with The Paramount and the staff for these ten plus years.”

FREE Community Events at The Paramount: UVA Men’s Basketball

As part of our mission, The Paramount Theater strives to offer our community a wide range of arts, education, and entertainment events with the goal of reaching diverse audiences. One way we put this goal into action is through our recent broadcast event of the UVA vs. Duke game on Saturday, February 13. We welcomed over 850 patrons into the theater! Because this event was met with such enthusiasm, we added two additional regular season UVA Men’s Basketball games to our schedule of events in February. All three events combined to welcome nearly 2,000 patrons into the theater! These free events were made possible in February by our generous community sponsor, Virginia National Bank.

Upcoming Events at The Paramount Theater:

March 17 at 8:00PM - Paramount Presents: Joshua Bell and the Academy of St Martin in the Fields
March 18 at 8:00PM - Starr Hill Presents: Leo Kottke and Keller Williams - Shut The Folk Up and Listen
March 19 at 8:00PM - Virginia Festival of the Book presents - An Evening with Bryan Stevenson
March 20 at 2:00PM - Die Hard [R]
March 20 at 7:00PM - National Theatre Live in HD presents - Hangmen
April 1 at 2:00PM - National Lampoon’s Animal House [R]
April 2 at 12:55PM - Met Live in HD presents Madama Butterfly
April 3 at 2:00PM - Berlin Philharmonic in HD: Beethoven Symphonies Nos. 4 & 7 Conducted by Sir Simon Rattle
April 8 at 8:00PM - Paramount Presents: Lee Ann Womack
April 9 at 8:00PM - Paramount Presents: Mavis Staples
Thank you to everyone who has stepped in to help in the Founders Lounge and at our concessions locations during our events! Our concessions operations and receptions have grown exponentially and we often need an extra set of hands to help with popping popcorn, filling drink orders, and serving in the Founders Lounge. We appreciate that many of you are willing to try something new and help in these areas. Thank you!

Meet Rosemary Miller - Assistant Director of Development

Rosemary grew up outside Charlottesville and is thrilled to have returned to the area to help The Paramount continue to thrive as a community resource and icon. Prior to joining The Paramount, she served as the primary writer for Carnegie Hall’s capital campaign efforts. Rosemary also previously worked at the University of Virginia Darden School of Business in the areas of stewardship and annual support. Rosemary holds a Masters of Public Affairs (MPA) degree from Baruch College, City University of New York and a BA in Organizational Management and minor in Nonprofit Management from George Mason University. She lives in the downtown area with her husband Travis.

Welcome New Paramount Volunteers!

We are thrilled to welcome the newest volunteers to our Paramount family! Mary Jo Bracken, Eugene Fitzgerald, Andy Foote, and Debby Foote. We look forward to working with you!

Meet Wesley Bennett, born to volunteers Heidi and Danny Bennett in December 2015! He made an appearance at a recent morning mailing and became our youngest volunteer ever! Congratulations to Heidi and Danny!

Congratulations to Our Volunteer Incentive Winners!

Congratulations to Mary Ann Dawson, Jenn Dungan, Evelyn Haney, Gene Haney, and Bunny Sheppard!

These five individuals volunteered 100 or more hours during the Fall (September 2015) through the Winter (January 2016) season at The Paramount. Thank you so much for all of your hard work! Enjoy two tickets to The Paramount show of your choice!

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service to others.” - Gandhi

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” - Anne Frank

Volunteer Suggestion Box

Do you have a great idea to enhance The Paramount’s Volunteer Program? We have a Volunteer Suggestion Box that can be found on the kitchen counter next to the sign-in sheet at events. We welcome all suggestions that will be discussed at future Volunteer Committee meetings.

Neighbors Giving Back

Charlottesville Tomorrow

Our own volunteer extrordinare, Judy Schultz, was recently featured on Charlottesville Tomorrow for her unwavering support of The Paramount. In addition to helping with events, Judy can regularly be found conducting public tours of the theater and coordinating the training program for volunteers. We are proud and honored that Judy dedicates so much of her time to our theater!

When asked What inspires you to volunteer? Judy responded: “In the 1980s, I was Director of Volunteer Services at a hospital in Lubbock, Texas. I experienced and appreciated “first hand” the positive impact of volunteers giving their time and talents to their community. Volunteering is also a great way to meet new friends.”

To read the full interview with Judy, please visit: www.cvilletomorrow.org.