

# Backstage

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*at the 7th Street...*

...where stars light the sky and the stage

## Jones Photo historic slide show packs the house

On May 21st the 7th Street Theatre was packed with one of the largest crowds we've seen in a long time — 650 people! This was the first-ever public showing of photos from the Jones Photo Historical Collection — on the big screen. Approximately 240 historic photos from this area were shown, categorized by such subjects as timber, lumber production, theaters, hotels, shopping, bridges, seafood production, cities, disasters and more. The slides were chosen by a committee consisting of Tom Quigg, Terri Middleton, Barb Caskey, Dann Sears, John Larson, Howard Giske, Lane Youmans and Mickey Thurman, who all spent several months putting it together.

The slide show presentation was organized and narrated by local businessman Tom Quigg. Twenty-five members of the Jones family were present. Barb Caskey (4th generation Jones) narrated several slides showing pictures of her family.

After the show, the Jones website had a huge increase in hits and several photos were ordered. We received numerous com-



*Above: Crowds lined up waiting to purchase tickets. We ended up selling tickets out on the sidewalk, which helped move the line along.*

*Below, left—650 people in the theatre right before the slide show.*

*Photos courtesy Coyle Image*

***Second Showing on  
September 17th!***



pliments about the show. Port Commissioner Jack Thompson, who has lived here his whole life, stated that as he was driving over to the theatre he wondered how it would be possible to organize these photos. He said, "It was a spectacular job in putting it together. The continuity and organization into categories was unbelievable. It brought back so many memories from my childhood."

The show was a fundraiser for a new candlestick sign and raised \$6,700.

As a result of numerous requests, a second showing will be presented Saturday, September 17th at 7:00 pm. Ticket prices are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children and will be sold on Brown Paper Tickets online, Harbor Drug and Books on 7th in Hoquiam. Tickets will be available in early August and we strongly suggest purchasing tickets in advance.

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## *Two new board members*



In January David and Ginger Akers were appointed to our board of directors. Both David and Ginger had already been actively involved in our movie committee — David is one of our projectionists and the man behind the Silver Screen Classic movie series. Ginger creates the posters for the series and helps with the accounting.

The Akers were first attracted to the 7th Street when *Casablanca* was shown in 2004. Ginger heard about it on the radio and since it

was David's favorite movie they thought they'd go. Little did they know that within a few years they'd be roped into helping run the theatre.

David's goal is to show as many old movies as the theatre will allow him, in order to continue the restoration and maintenance of the theatre. He states, "I want as many people as possible to enjoy movies in a classic style." Ginger wants to help the theatre to be the premier historic theatre for Grays Harbor. She says, "I want as many people as possible to see the beauty of the theatre and to recognize all the hard work that goes into maintaining it."

David is a computer programmer for Crown Distributing, and Ginger is a senior loan specialist for The Bank of the Pacific. We are very happy to have both of them on the board — they are a huge help and a lot of fun.

## *New fire alarm system*

A new fire alarm system was recently installed in the 7<sup>th</sup> Street. This is an "addressable" system, meaning every smoke and heat detector and manual pull station has its own identifiable location. When any one of them is actuated and an alarm signal is sent through to the Central Receiving Station (CRS) monitoring our system, it also notifies them and the Hoquiam Fire Department of the exact location of the problem. This type of system is mandatory in any new installation and takes the guess work out of "Where are we going?" for the fire department.

In order to avoid placing numerous smoke detectors in the large auditorium area, there were two "beam detectors" installed on either side of the auditorium. These devices have a unit on one end that projects a beam to a receiving unit on the other end. If that beam is interrupted by smoke, it automatically activates an alarm signal to the CRS. There is also one of these systems located in the lobby area.

This new fire alarm system came about when Paul Dean, Assistant Fire Chief, was reviewing the plans for the new stage renovation and fire curtain installation. Paul re-

quested that the board raise funds to install a fire alarm system. His concern was "that in case of a fire somewhere in the theater during the night, we would not know about it until it was too late and could face loss of this grand historic piece of Hoquiam as well as all the work, time and money many people have poured into it. I not only see the theater at risk, but the entire block of structures surrounding it in the event of an out of control fire at the theater."

Paul further states, "The building is now equipped with what I consider to be a great fire alarm system. Although the building is not 'fireproof' it does have an early warning system to notify us within 90 seconds of something occurring there and aid us in preventing further loss. As I stated at a recent board meeting I attended, I applaud the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Theater board for stepping up to the plate and finding the money to install this system to protect what so many people have invested into."

The fire alarm system cost was \$90,000 which was paid for by funds remaining from a 2009 State appropriation and theatre savings.

## 7th Street Kids bring *The Wizard of Oz* to the 7th Street again



**Celebrating  
their 20th  
year**



**1992 *The Wizard of Oz* cast photo — their very first production**

Micki Colwell dreamed of a program where children could experience and perform the magic of live musical productions in the majestic 7<sup>th</sup> Street Theatre. That dream came true in 1992 with a grant from the Bishop Foundation. In the summer of that year, under Micki's leadership and with direction from Hank Bilderback, Pat Wilhelms and Gayle Russell, the group that would become 7<sup>th</sup> Street Kids presented its first production, *The Wizard of Oz*. This summer, 7<sup>th</sup> Street Kids will be celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In commemoration of that first performance, the Kids will again present *The Wizard of Oz*. Come and see how the Kids have grown!

The performances will be Friday and Saturday July 29 & 30 at 7:30 pm with a 2 pm matinee on Sunday, July 31. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids and senior citizens and will be available at Rosevear's, Harbor Drug, Brown Paper Tickets and the box office.

Watch for special events to celebrate the Kids' 20th anniversary!

## Local music teachers to perform October 22

Following up on the successful Music Teacher Showcase concert two years ago, the 7<sup>th</sup> Street is producing a second concert featuring local music teachers on Saturday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m.

The performers for the concert have not yet been selected but will include music teachers from the public schools and private studios. The Music Teacher Showcase will feature both solo and ensemble performances, including piano, instrumentalists, and vocalists.

Current event information is listed on our website:  
[www.7thstreettheatre.com](http://www.7thstreettheatre.com)



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## COMING EVENTS

**7th Street Kids present: *The Wizard of Oz***  
Friday/Saturday July 29 & 30 @ 7:30  
Sunday July 31 @ 2 pm

**Movie: *Mad Max 2: The Road Warrior (1981)***  
Friday/Saturday August 26 & 27 @ 7:30

**Open for tours on Logger's Playday**  
Saturday, September 10

**Movie: *North by Northwest (1959)***  
Saturday September 10 @ 7:30  
Sunday September 11 @ 2:00

**Movie: *West Side Story (1961)***  
Friday/Saturday September 23 & 24 @ 7:30 pm

**Timberland Regional Library presents Garth Stein  
author of best-seller "The Art of Racing in the Rain"**  
Wednesday October 5 @ 7:00

**Movie: *King Kong (1933)***  
Saturday October 15 @ 7:30  
Sunday October 16 @ 2:00

**Irish Music Festival**  
Thursday October 20

**Music Teacher Showcase**  
Saturday October 22 @ 7:30

**Movie: *Ghostbusters (1984)***  
Friday/Saturday October 28 & 29 @ 7:30

**Where does your donation go?**

The 7th Street Theatre Association is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation, and owns and operates the 7th Street Theatre. There are two ways you can help support the theatre.

- **Memberships** help with the promotion of our events and ongoing expenses involved in operating the theatre. *Lead Actor, Director and Producer level memberships will be acknowledged in our concert and movie programs throughout the next year.*
- **General donations** are set aside into a special fund for restoration and preservation of the theatre building. Current donations will go toward a new lighted neon candlestick sign on the exterior of the building. Funding for restoration work is also provided by grants, applied for by the theatre board.

***I'd like to give a year-long membership!***

Membership level desired:

Supporting Actor	—	\$25 to \$49	\$ _____
*Lead Actor	—	\$50 to \$199	\$ _____
*Director	—	\$200 to \$499	\$ _____
*Producer	—	\$500 and up	\$ _____

(\*These levels will be acknowledged throughout the next year in our movie and concert programs.)

***I'd like to make a donation to the Candlestick Sign Fund*** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thank you for your support!**

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*Psst...have you seen the seat donor plaques in the lobby? You can still "save a seat" on our donor page and get your plaque on the lobby donor board.*

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