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Sunday with the Arts includes:
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"The Messiah" is free admission. Tickets are \$10 to the other events in this series.

Box office hours:
M-F, 9am-5pm
Saturdays, 9am-noon
The box office is located at:
270 W. Center St. in downtown Marion.
To charge:
740/383-2101 or marionpalace.org.

Tom Yannitell Memorial Concert/Film Series
Featuring Dennis James on the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ
Sunday, November 15, 3:00 p.m. \$8 adults / \$5 Students

The Yannitell Memorial Concert/Film Series is a tribute to longtime Palace theatre organ expert Tom Yannitell. Yannitell, who passed away in March 2009, dedicated numerous decades to the restoration and upkeep of the three-manual, ten-rank mighty Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ.

Renowned theatre organist, and friend to Yannitell, Dennis James will play the accompaniment to the films in this memorial series. Since 1971, Dennis James has performed and accompanied silent films around the world. James has been called "a national treasure" and "the finest silent film accompanist playing the Wurlitzer theatre organ in the world today."

The second film in this tribute series is Buster Keaton's "The Cameraman." This was Keaton's first film under the MGM label.

The story line involves Keaton as a tintype portrait photographer who trades his current camera for a movie camera after becoming infatuated with a pretty office worker for MGM Newsreels. Keaton's efforts to impress her are foiled by her co-worker, a "real" cameraman, until Keaton inherits an organ grinder's monkey that does some filming of his own.



Future Silent Films
"The Kid" & "Easy Street" -- April 25
"Girl Shy" -- June 13

The View from The Balcony.....

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Tina Salamone Palace THEATRE



How cool is it to work in your office and be able to hear a theatre full of schoolchildren clapping along with a mid-morning matinee? Or to step out of the office and be able to see a movie on THE BIG SCREEN or any number of live performances on the stage? WAY COOL, that's for sure! It's one of the great advantages of where the administrative offices sit within this beautiful Marion Palace Theatre.

I love the view from the balcony. You can see everything happening on stage, hear patrons gathering in the lobby, smell popcorn wafting up from the concession area and feel the excitement that is always part of a shared arts or entertainment experience.

This space in the "mostly monthly" *Applause* will be my regular feature. It's here where you'll read about our wants and needs as we work every day to grow and maintain this very special facility. Oh sure, there'll be the reminders that The Palace is looking to expand and diversify its Volunteer corps. It's here that you'll read about the need for money and updated equipment and more money and repairs and, oh yeah, money, money, money.

But here's the thing: a Money Cloud could rain down on The Palace and that in and of itself would not make things happen around here. It's this hard-working and dedicated staff that make things happen at The Palace and I would like to use this inaugural column to thank each one of them. I'd also like to thank their families for their understanding and patience as some of these folks easily put in 16 - to 18-hour days when we have shows.

I imagine you know most, if not all, of them (they are a small but mighty crew!) but in case you don't, they are:

- Bev Ford, Director of Theatre Operations
- Veronica Bodine, Finance Manager
- Steve Beltz, Stage Manager & Technical Director
- Daniel Bradshaw, Event & Volunteers Coordinator
- Lisa Brammer, Arts Palace Coordinator & Ticket Office Agent
- PJ Hitz, School Matinee Coordinator & Ticket Office Agent
- Tom Cornwell, Building Manager

In future issues of *Applause*, we will get to know each staff member a little better.

I'm the first one to say that you can't open the doors to a theatre without volunteers so I also thank every one of you who has been contributing your time and talent to The Palace. Thank you, as well, to the Board of Directors and the EDGE Board for their efforts, ideas and hard work and all of the donors for your commitment. (It's fun to do the right thing for the right reason, isn't it? :-D) And, of course, it's all for naught if patrons don't support the programming, so thanks go to everyone who turns out to see the shows they know they will like and, more importantly, to those of you who take the chance on something you're seeing for the first time.

So that reminds me, it's time to get to work programming for next season.....

Palace 09-10

LIVELY ARTS SERIES

Add together the comedy of **Karen Morgan**, a trial attorney turned stay-at-home mom turned stand-up comedienne; **Sherry Davey**, a guest on *Comedy Central's Premium Blend* and *Comedy Central's Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn*; and **Nancy Witter**, a three-time MAC Award winner who performs in clubs and at corporate events around the country. Assemble an audience. Mix. The results are a sure-to-please night of laugh-out-loud comedy. The folks from *Nick at Nite* selected these three Mamas from over one thousand entries to be the finalists in their *Search for America's Funniest Mom*. It was during the filming of this network television special that these three funny women found each other, became friends, and learned they are moms who enjoy having a night out! Let's **MEET THE MAMAS**:

After years as a successful trial attorney, **KAREN MORGAN** became a full-time mother before launching her career as a comedienne and a writer. Born in Athens, GA, her southern accent is an irregularity in Maine, where she now resides. Karen's performance conveys her wisdom as a mother and her wit as a trial lawyer. Just months after beginning her comedy career, Karen made her national television debut on Nickelodeon TV's one-hour comedy special. Since then she has appeared regularly on television, radio, and in comedy clubs and theatres nationwide. Audiences applaud Karen's sharp, clean, and hilarious views on life.

SHERRY DAVEY was born in the United States but raised in England, making her the ultimate bi-coastal lady. Living on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean, never quite fitting in on either coast, gives Sherry the impetus for her quick-witted, acid-tongued approach to life. Sherry was influenced mostly by her grandfather, Maxwell Lapham, who was a stand up comic and night club performer. She plays colleges, casinos and comedy clubs around the country. Sherry has been honored as one of the *Hollywood Reporter's* "Magnificent Seven" and was named one of the "Top 10 Comedians in NYC" by the *Improper Magazine*.

Three time Manhattan Assoc. of Cabarets & Clubs (MAC) award winning stand up comedian **NANCY WITTER** performs in clubs and at corporate events throughout Manhattan and around the country. Nancy has appeared at the legendary Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. She is a Toyota Comedy Festival veteran, who has also won the Bud Light Ladies of Laughter competition at Dangerfield's.

Prior to the show, a buffet dinner is available in the May Pavilion, with catering by The Warehouse. Cost is \$15, and tickets are available through the Palace box office. Reservations are requested.



MASQUERADE BALL

In the May Pavilion (Ages 18 & up)
Saturday, October 31, 8pm-midnight
\$5 in advance & \$10 at the door

Snacks and Cash Bar

Drink Specials: \$1 Jello Shots / \$2 Witch's Brew

Still like to dress up for Halloween? Then the EDGE Board's Masquerade Ball is just for you! While costumes are not required, they will add to the fun at this inaugural Halloween dance. Prizes awarded for the best dressed individual and couple! This is no trick...get your tickets early! It's sure to be a real treat!



MUSIC & DANCING

PRIZES FOR COSTUMES!

FIRST FRIDAY WINE TASTING & ART BEERY GALLERY DISPLAY

In the May Pavilion
November 6, 5:00 p.m. Cost: \$10

The evening's wine activity includes: 3 samples, 1 full glass, and light snacks. Art Beery will display his artwork on the Pavilion's Mezzanine. Additional entertainment includes Magician/Comedian Steven Kline who will be on hand to perform magic and entertain guests as he makes his way from table to table. Patrons may purchase additional glasses of wine or select a bottle to take home. This is the perfect opportunity to find a unique Christmas gift for wine lovers or select some new wines for upcoming holiday parties.



PALACE VOLUNTEERS...

MAKE A BIG SPLASH!

This year's volunteer theme was "Palace Volunteers Make a Big Splash." The combined efforts of hundreds of volunteers to help keep things running smoothly total over 14,000 hours. That's a splash with ripple effects felt by every patron who enters the theatre doors! Recently, as a way of saying thank you for all they do, Palace volunteers were treated to complimentary admission to the Dwight Lenox swing band performance and a free box of the best popcorn around. We hope the next time you meet up with one of our volunteers, you'll thank them for their contribution of time. It helps keep this grand old theatre operating!

If you are not currently serving as a Palace volunteer, this is a great time to get involved. The staff is working to reorganize the volunteer program at the theatre. In the near future, there will be a reorganizational meeting that will include the opportunity to sign up for the areas and the shows with which you want to help. Call today (740/383-2101) to join the Palace volunteers and help us make an even bigger splash!



Helen Gatchell volunteers as concession cashier

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Thursday & Friday,
November 19 & 20

3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Stuart Palestrant is the owner of Wendel's Jewelers and he has been with Wendel's for over twenty-five years. He is a Certified Gemologist Appraiser with the American Gem Society (AGS) and has been an AGS member since 1972. Stuart attended the Gemological Institute of America where he received his Graduate Gemologist Diploma in Residence. He is also a former president of the Ohio Guild of the AGS as well as being a former president of the Ohio Jewelers Association.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 1, 3pm -- Marion Concert Band

November 13 & 14, 8pm -- Harding High School presents *South Pacific*

November 16 -- *Lights, Camera, Amateurs* talent search registration forms available in the Palace box office & at area schools

November 26 -- Palace Box Office closed

December 3, 5-9pm -- *Men's Night Out* at the May Pavilion (holiday shopping experience)

December 4, 8pm -- *Cherryholmes Christmas*

December 11 & 12, 7:30pm & December 13, 2pm -- *Christmas at the Palace*

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Contact us :

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