

PORTLAND'S

CENTERS FOR THE ARTS



VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

January 2019

Dates to Remember

January 12

New Volunteer Info Meeting
10:00am, 4th Floor Lobby

January 14

Noontime Showcase -
Stumptown Stages
Noon, AHH Rotunda

January 16

Noontime Showcase Committee
3:45pm, 5th Floor Conference Room

Volunteer Council
4:45pm, 5th Floor Conference Room

January 21

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
P'5 Offices Closed

January 22

New Usher Training
6:00pm, Winningstad

January 25

February schedules open

January 29

New Usher Training/Celayix Review
6:00pm, Newmark

A Note From Lori

Happy New Year! And thank you to all from your support in this last year. It was a big year for changes and you weathered them with grace and good humor. 2019 is looking to be quite a busy year so let's jump in!

First, the winners of our raffles held in December. **Congratulations** go to Gracie Campbell who won the \$10 gift card as one of the volunteers who picked up a "hard to fill" shift. Thanks and Congratulations goes to Dyanne Foster and Sharon Cameron, both are \$50 gift card raffle winners out of all the volunteers who picked up two or more shifts in December 2018. It was such a busy month, with multiple performances and long runs. Thank you from all of us at Portland's 5 – we appreciate your hard work!

Next we have a **New Volunteer Informational Meeting** coming up this Saturday, January 12 at 10am in the 4th floor lobby. We sent out close to 100 invitations to the orientation and are expecting a group of 40 to join us and hear about the different volunteer roles at Portland's 5.

There will be a **Celayix refresher training** offered to any active usher, tour guide or gift shop volunteer who may want to learn about or learn more about the scheduling software. The training will be on Tuesday, January 29 at 6pm in the 4th floor lobby. Please RSVP to me (lorigeres@portland5.com) so we have the materials ready for you.

Finally, all of the teddy bears and other stuffed friends made it to their appreciative homes. Volunteer Mike Eyer took over 100 animals to the Clackamas County Victims Assistance Program, while I took 30 little animals to CARES NorthWest (along with some of the small books and finger puppets left over from the gift shop). The Ronald McDonald House was thrilled to receive the arts/crafts items that were left over from the large gift shop sale. The Paint the Rock kits and Nature Girl Explorer sets are in good hands. Thank you to all of you who donated toward the Bear Drive, and the Virtual Food Drive for the Oregon Food Bank which netted over \$200 for this important community resource.

January Birthdays

January 1 Fran Ryback **January 2** Pamela Herman
January 5 Paul Byrtus, Carolee Neighorn
January 6 Christy DuCharme, Marian Spooner
January 8 Gini Graham
January 9 John Rodriguez **January 11** Jan Braman, Vincent Salvi
January 12 Marge Congress
January 15 Neelima Courtney, Sharon Overbey
January 17 Alice McCarthy
January 18 Mary Giddens **January 21** Liz Andersen, Gail Christensen, Kent Pothast, Baila Scott
January 23 Jack Welch **January 26** Julie Rawland
January 30 Annette d'Incelli, Elizabeth Johnston
January 31 Michelle Hofer

December Statistics

P5 USHERS/GREETERS

Total Performances.....78
Total Usher Performances.....42
Total Greeter Performances..... 36

P5 GIFT SHOP

Patrons Helped.....200
Gift Shop Sales\$3,56.57

P5 TOURS

Patrons on Wed. Tours.....2
Patrons on Saturday Tours34
Special Tours.....0
Patrons on Special Tours.....0
Total People to Tour36
TOTAL VOLUNTEERS.....440

Portland'5 - Especially Small Theater Companies - Rely on Volunteer Ushers!

Volunteer Ushers are a big reason companies like Oregon Children's Theatre and Stumptown Stages can bring quality performances to audiences in our small halls. Smaller companies would not be able to afford to stage shows without your time and service. Once cross-trained as a Greeter, that is a secondary position to being an Usher. That is why you must fulfill your Usher commitment of two shows a month in order to sign up for an additional Greeter shift at the Keller or Schnitzer.

Lori and Megan performed an audit on volunteer hours from September through December, and the results were pretty surprising. We have a total of 405 active Ushers (meaning people who signed and returned a Volunteer Agreement for the 2018-2019 season, and new Ushers), and each month, an average of 160 Ushers did not work a show at all. And an average 20% of Greeters did not work even one Usher shift in the month.

It is a special privilege to work in the large halls; our focus needs to be staffing the Newmark, Winningstad, and Brunish theatres. As a Greeter, please remember that you must enter 3 Usher shift choices (at least 3, so there is more chance you will be scheduled for two shows) when entering your availability and preference into Celayix.

Tour Guide News

By Dixie Villa

A couple years ago, I posted the following list:

5 Reasons You Should Attend a Tour Guide Update

- ◆ It is a fabulous bonding experience with other volunteers. The #1 reason most people volunteer is to meet new people.
- ◆ If a resident company representative is speaking at the update, they get to see us and recognize us as part of the team.
- ◆ It is almost guaranteed that you will learn something.
- ◆ You certainly don't have to be a Tour Guide to attend!
- ◆ We always plan on having lunch together!

On December 1st, our Tour Guide Update hit most of those reasons. The Tour Guides had an opportunity to tour with one of our own volunteers, Margo Howell - who also owns her own tour company, Walking the Earth Tours. Margo took about ten of us (including some Ushers) on a tour of the Park Blocks and answered these question for us:

Which building was considered to be THE skyscraper when it was completed in 1923?

The Sovereign Apartments (1207 SW Broadway). It was added to the United States National Register of Historic Places on December 2, 1981.

With whom did the Portland Art Museum's architect consult when the Board of Directors criticized his original plans?

When architect Pietro Belluschi presented his simple, modern design for the PAM some of the board members were very opposed; they expected a Georgian style. Belluschi was so surprised at the reaction, he consulted Frank Lloyd Wright who agreed that using a more forward-thinking modern design would mark an advance in culture in Portland.

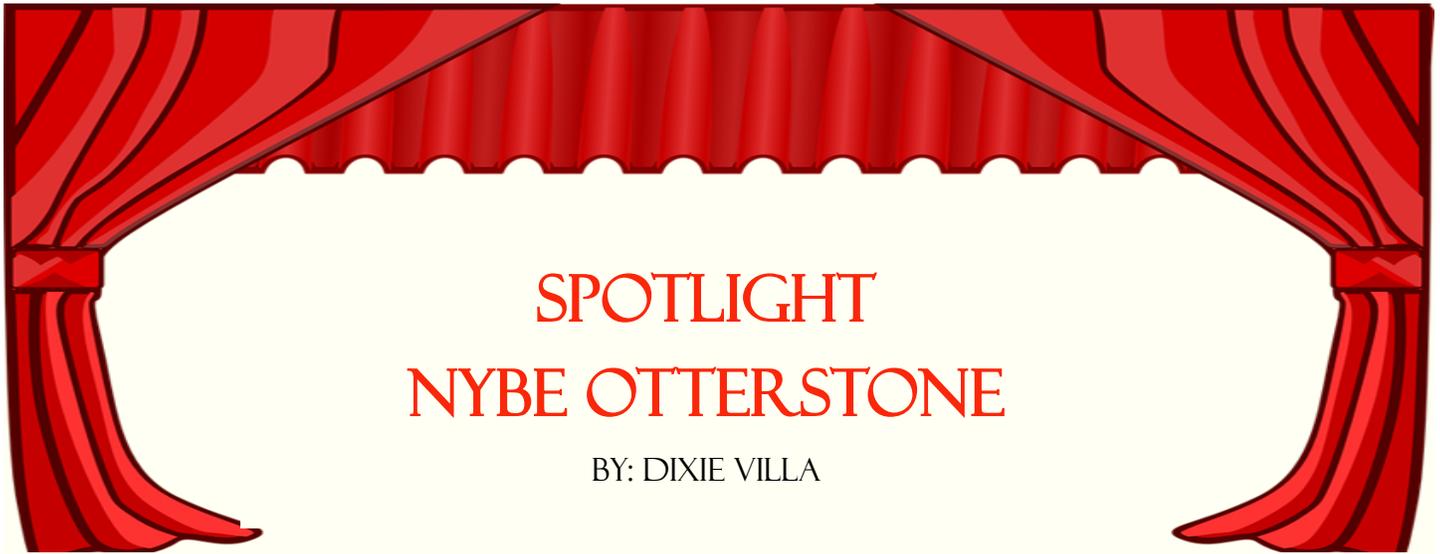
Which building was originally built to be a "palace for horses"?

The old Ladd Carriage House was built in 1883, but today it is the Raven & Rose restaurant at 1331 SW Broadway.

Why is there a statue of Abraham Lincoln in the South Park Blocks?

Lincoln has a complicated history with Oregon. He was offered two positions in Oregon Territory: Secretary and Governor, but he turned them both down. It is believed that Mrs. Lincoln did not wanted to move this far west. In fact, Lincoln never visited Oregon or the Northwest Territory.

After the tour, we went to lunch! We had a great time at the Picnic House. The next time we have a Tour Guide Update, please join us. You will enjoy other volunteers, you will learn, and you will eat!



SPOTLIGHT

NYBE OTTERSTONE

BY: DIXIE VILLA

Continuing with our Spotlight on our new staff members and volunteers. This month, I want to introduce you to Nybe Otterstone!

Nybe is an usher with us and says she can't wait to be a greeter after her first year is up! Not only is she new to P'5, but she just moved to Portland this past summer and adores the views of Mt. Hood and Mt. St. Helens.

Nybe's favorite thing about volunteering at P'5 is being involved with the art community. She also loves the variety of people she meets who attend the shows and the beautiful theaters themselves.

Nybe also volunteers for the Multnomah Library, Rose Haven Day Center for Women and Children, and for Portland Center Stage at the Armory. She is one busy lady!

I love that Nybe appreciates the art around her and we are lucky to have her with us. Let's all welcome Nybe Otterstone to our P'5 family!

Noontime Showcase welcomes Stumptown Stages! Monday, January 14, Noon

Stumptown Stages will allow us a sneak peak of their upcoming production Jesus Christ Superstar. Since its debut, the popularity of this musical powerhouse by Andrew Lloyd Weber has never waned. The artists from Stumptown Stages will also perform other favorites by Andrew Lloyd Weber. It will be a Noon-time Showcase show not to be missed!

February Noontime Showcase highlights the artistry of

Sally Harmon and Frank Gruner,

Monday, February 11, Noon

Gifted local pianist and composer Sally Harmon with talented bass player Frank Gruner return to the Hatfield Hall rotunda for the February Noontime Showcase. Sally and Frank's intimate, organic sound is influenced by styles ranging from classical to jazz to pop. This is a delightful show, be sure to join us!

Star Performers

Thanks to all who donated stuffed animals this year:

Pam Herman, Donna Covis, Deb Farrington, Greta Christensen, Irene Pugh, Lori Balbi, Mike and Mary Johnson, Suzanne Downey, Forrest Romig, Patricia Morgan, Virginia Bozich, Verna Graue, Ruth Cullen, Terry Lou Glafka, Sharon Comstock, Daniela Bartos, Sharon Fantz, Elizabeth Wolfe, Phil Nameny, Bozena Holloway, Elaine Lycan, Pat Dannen, Barbara Sahli, Arlene Robinson, Shauna Jones, Kack Selsing, Sharon Little, Leslie Wright5, Pam Bowersox, Laraine Vonfeldt, Jo McGeorge, Kat Trout, Ann Haldy, Mike and Renee Peden, Rosemary Hutchinson, Judie Divine, Barbara Thede, Randa Mates, Dyanne Foster, Melissa Yale, Kim Ball, Camille Stark, George Hagerman, Gerdy Sahlbrandt, Linda Ostomel, Gail Richardson (If we left you out, let us know!)

To: Mike Eyer

From: Lori

Thank you for rounding up and delivering the bears to comfort children in our community.

To: Shery Phillips

From: Rosemary Hutchinson, Volunteer Usher

"Last night I worked with Shery, who was working the orchestra level of the Newmark for the first time. She took the initiative to respond to two different photo/recording issues. Thank you, Shery, you are a true Star Performer!"

To: Eileen Sleva

From: Linda Magness, House Manager

Eileen arrive to volunteer, but was not on my list. I ended up being short, and she jumped right in. She really helped out!

To: Bruce Barg

From: Lori & Megan

Bruce is always happy to fill a shift, no matter the show!

Introducing Reminder Emails!

Have you ever been on the no-show list because you forgot you had a shift? Well, this should help! In an effort to bring down the instances of no-shows, we have begun sending reminder emails to Ushers and Greeters two days before your scheduled shift.