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2018

HOMESTAKE OPERA HOUSE

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

A WHOLE NEW WORLD:
Students from Rapid City
Christian Schools enjoyed a
tour of the entire building
for the first time in April.

NOW SHOWING THIS SUMMER

We're excited to reintroduce the building with new staff and gift shop Memorial Day through mid-October.

TOGETHER WE CAN ACCOMPLISH MORE! That's why the Homestake Opera House is partnering with the Black Hills Mining Museum, Sanford Lab Homestake Visitor Center, and the Lead Area Chamber of Commerce to attract year-round visitors through cultural heritage tourism efforts for group travel. Co-op marketing ad placement, cross-promotion in print and online, and dual-benefit events will engage more audiences. *When was the last time you took the tours?*

"Just think of happy thoughts and you'll fly."

— from *Peter Pan*

Enter the Historic Homestake Opera House on a dazzling summer day in Lead, or in the soft breeze of a mountain summer evening and experience the magic of the building, its history, and the performers that keep alive the vibrant **LEGACY** of the opera house. If you have had the good fortune of this experience, give yourself the gift of renewing the awe and appreciation of past and contemporary efforts to preserve and restore an enduring reflection of history and symbol of commitment to the provision of arts and culture to Lead residents and visitors. **SHARE** this gift with family and friends that have yet to take a tour or attend a performance. If the Historic Homestake Opera House is new to you, take the time to **EXPLORE** and experience the opera house and its offerings. And come back, again and again, you will never become weary of the beauty and the spirit of the "Jewel of the Hills".

— Sherry Bea Smith, *Board President*



TOUR GUIDES & GIFT SHOP:

We're looking for dedicated people with fun attitudes for a temporary, seasonal staff: a full-time visitor services manager and a part-time tour guide. If you're interested in tourism and retail, please contact us. Email opera@rushmore.com or call 605-584-2067 for more info or visit HomestakeOperaHouse.org.



THE SCONCE PROJECT \$11,000 goal met for replication of original light fixtures

“Even the darkest night will end and the sun will rise.”

– from *Les Miserables*

THANKS TO SPECIAL PROJECT DONORS:

Deb Rawlins

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Lead High School Class of 1962 - in

appreciation of Tom & Karen Carr

Don Patnoe Family & Liberty Superstores

Pete & Jacque Fuller

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Mareen Seymour & Richard Wineburgh

J.T Aubry & S.L. Martin in honor of Bill Keck

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THE REPLICA STAINED GLASS LAMP SHADES ARE COMPLETE.

This fine stained glass work was done by artist Deb Vallette (at left) of Touch of Glass in Rapid City, SD. Deb took one original

broken lampshade, repaired it, and replicated 11 more just like it. The lampshades were installed on the existing replica bronze light fixtures on the south wall in April. There are seven bronze fixtures currently being replicated by artists in Sioux Falls, SD at Bronze Age Art Casting. The installations will happen this summer. •



BIG THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS SPRING!

Julie & Dennis
Walkins
Joan Irwin
Ada Henninger
Diana Mathisrud
Donna Job
Trisha Osborne
Leo Orme
Dory Hanson
Linda Bergstrom
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“We really enjoy all of the events at the opera house.”

– **Doug & Charlene Miller,**
about what they like best about volunteering

You're invited! Save the date!
HOMESTAKE OPERA HOUSE
**Volunteer Appreciation
Ice Cream Social**

Hey volunteers, bring your family and enjoy!

- Ice cream and toppings
- Root beer floats
- Brownies & cookies
- Ice tea and lemonade

6:00 pm Social
6:30 pm Stories/Awards
7:00 pm Tour
(see the swimming pool!)
Interpretive Center open for viewing

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13
6:00 PM**
KINDLY RSVP BY JUNE 5.
605-584-2067 or
hhohoffice@gmail.com

The Plains
**HOMESTAKE
OPERA HOUSE**
A THEATRE TRUST OF S.D. 5010 BLDG. 5010

THE ANGELS PROJECT is at \$163,000

ANGELS / STAGE RESTORATION & SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE – GOAL IS \$500,000



The current state of the angels and stage.



The state of the angels and stage before the 1984 fire.



Return the angels and stage to their original 1914 splendor.

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT DONATIONS! THANK YOU SO MUCH.

“Brown paper packages tied up in strings... these are a few of my favorite things” –
from *The Sound of Music*

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“The things we do today
will be tomorrow’s news.”

– from *Newsies*

Special thanks to SCOTT PETERSON MOTORS of Belle Fourche & Sturgis, for lending their large flag for Black Hills Great American Cowboy Music & Poetry Gathering.



"It's time to start **livin'!**" – from *Pippin*

COME EXPERIENCE THIS SPECIAL PLACE.

The Homestake Opera House has something for everyone: history, performing arts, preservation, and imagination. By expanding our **summer tour hours** – and **Black Hills Opry** for a second year – our audiences and our bus tour schedule will grow. **LISTEN** to our storyteller and **HEAR** music and amazing acoustics. **APPRECIATE** our Interpretive Exhibit featuring salvaged treasures seen below in these photos. **TOUCH** actual plasterwork. **REMINISCE** with theatre history and stories. Our tour is \$5 per person and FREE to members. Memorial Day through mid-October. Mon-Sat., 45 min. length offered every hour on the hour from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Wheelchair and elevator access are provided.



JOIN IN THE SUCCESS! BECOME A MEMBER

MEMBERS ARE financial supporters. Their annual contributions specifically assist music and theatre programming and operations. Annual memberships are good for one year on the anniversary of sign-up date. For a complete list of members, visit us online.

BENEFITS TO MEMBERS:

- Membership contributions at 100% tax-deductible
- Nominate & vote for candidates to the board of directors
- Receive discounted ticket prices, public recognition, and our newsletter via print/email

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS:

AMBASSADOR	\$5,000 - \$24,999
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DIRECTOR	\$1,000 - \$2,499
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CHOREOGRAPHER	\$250 - \$499
STAGE MANAGER	\$100 - \$249

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ASK US ABOUT OUR ENDOWMENT FUND!

Nearly \$30,000 has been raised and is held with Black Hills Community Foundation and ensures a future of sustainability for years to come. **To donate**, contact us or visit us at HomestakeOperaHouse.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 19 **Black Hills Opry with Aces & Eights** featuring special guest performers: Sherry Ann Taylor, WY, and Tom Wurth, Nashville, 7pm
- June 9 "The Homestake Mine" historical musical performance composed by musician/BHSU Alumni Jesse Dunaway. 20 musicians and vocalists 7:30 pm
- June 23 **Black Hills Opry with Aces & Eights** featuring special guest performers: Dan McGuinness of Chicago, and Mean Mary of Nashville, 7pm
- July 14 Sanford Lab Neutrino Day Free Science Festival presentations, 9am to 4pm
- July 14 **Black Hills Opry with Aces & Eights** featuring special guest performers: Marlin Maynard, Lead, and James Carothers, Nashville, 7pm
- July 20 Northern Hills Community Band Concert with 70 musicians onstage 7pm
- July 27 The Red Willow Band Reunion Concert 7:30 pm
- Aug 17 Shriners Chanters Choir concert - call for showtime
- Aug 18 **Black Hills Opry with Aces & Eights** featuring special guest performers: Brent Morris, and Charley Pride's son, Dion, of Dallas, TX, 7pm
- Nov. 24 Small Business Saturday @ Opera House; gifts, shopping, music, and tours
- Nov. 29-30 Festival of Trees Vintage Holiday Celebration - music, food, auctions, community event and dual Lead & Deadwood Chambers of Commerce party/mixer - everyone welcome!
- Dec. 8-9* 9th Annual Black Hills Cowboy Christmas concerts Saturday at 2pm & 7:30 pm and NEW! Sunday matinee at 2pm (dance on Saturday night only)

THE HISTORIC
HOMESTAKE OPERA HOUSE
A THEATER BUILT BY A GOLD MINE

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