

FALL
2018

HOMESTAKE OPERA HOUSE

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

PLANNING FOR THE FINISHES

Jaime Carpenter (above), from EverGreene, performing a field investigation on the upper wall, house right, where a portion of the original damask pattern was revealed.

Jeff Greene (bottom), from EverGreene Architectural Arts examines historical documents for the historical finishes investigation which was completed July 13, 2018.

"Don't look back. You'll pull through in just awhile 'cause you're on the right track" - Pippin

BUILDING RESTORATION PROGRESS:

The HHOH Board objective from 2010 through 2018 has been to restore the building to functional use while complying with SD Historic Preservation standards when feasible. In 2018, Executive Director, Sarah Carlson, and the HHOH Board obtained a detailed evaluation for plaster and art restoration and other fine finishing from EverGreene Architectural Arts, Brooklyn, NY (www.evergreene.com). TSP Inc. was contracted and completed a construction phasing plan for: mechanical, electrical & safety infrastructure; fire & safety protection improvements; heating & air conditioning; service elevator addition attached at NE corner behind stage; as well as theater lighting & sound. Ainsworth Benning will be the HHOH designated Owner's Representative.

In early 2019, HHOH will evaluate furnishings such as flooring, curtains and seating. Although only partially funded at this time, HHOH intends to complete (with TSP Inc.) the final design document (blueprints).



FROM OUR HHOH BOARD PRESIDENT

In July it was my pleasure to return as board president of the Historic Homestake Opera House Society. As our summer activities wain and leaves to turn gold, the Historic Homestake Opera House board of directors and staff take measure of our accomplishments achieved this year and begin preparations for 2019. True to my farming heritage, I enjoy the fall, the harvest and anticipation of winter and what the new year brings. I have served on the HHOH board of directors for seven years and have greatly appreciated the opportunity to guide this organization, and as a working board, actively participate in many activities and events. In reflection, I can honestly say I take great pride in our organization, staff and mission we serve.

As I think back on the milestones achieved and lessons learned, I am reminded of one of my favorite Aesop fables. The classic tale of the crow and pitcher of water tells how a thirsty raven came upon a pitcher half full of water. Using its wits, the crow added pebbles and stones to the pitcher until the water reached a level where it could take a drink. Likewise, over the course of the past eight years, our HHOH board has added pebbles to surpass milestones. This journey began with hiring Sarah Carlson as Executive Director. Our journey continued as we hired additional staff, held numerous events, and completed important works such as the foyer paintings, men's and women's lounges, our interpretive center, and the lower theater walls. This year we have successfully completed planning documents with TSP and Evergreene. In 2019, the board will focus on operations and nonprofit business structure to ensure we sustain our organization and expand serves to the community. And as the crow, adding these milestones to our pitcher will soon allow us to taste the sweet water in our restored theater.

With Warm Regards,
- Jay L Jacobs

Thank you to our BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WELCOME, NEW BOARD MEMBER:

We welcome **KIM HUBER** to the HHOH Board. Kim fills a new position that opened following the last board election. Kim Huber is currently Human Resources Manager at Coeur Wharf Gold Mine and lives in Rapid City. She joins the following board of directors:

JAY JACOBS, President
LINDA WILEY, Vice President
LORI FREDERICK, Treasurer
JOAN IRWIN, Secretary
TERRI KEENE **DEB RAWLINS**
JACQUE FULLER **CINDY MCNEILL**
JIM MUCHOW **SHERRY BEA SMITH**
DEBBIE VARDIMAN **JIM WEFSO**
OZ ENDERBY **DAVID SCHERER**
BRANDON FLANAGAN &
RANDY DEIBERT & **JOEL EDGAR**
as ex-officios

"Always look on the bright side of life."
- Spamalot



PLAYING TO A PACKED HOUSE

The Red Willow Band concert in July was once again a full house! Their beautiful music charged up the audience of 500! Old and new fans alike had a fabulous time. Many patrons asked how to get involved: How can we help? What do you need? Here's my card if you need more volunteers. What can I do to keep shows and restoration going? This was great! And now we have more new members to HHOH!

Thank you to our Volunteers, Members and Sponsors! Your support is vital!

-from the HHOH Board and Staff

NORTHERN HILLS COMMUNITY BAND ENTERTAINS



July 20th brought the Northern Hills Community Band, with 70 musicians, to play at the Historic Homestake Opera House for a "by-donation", fun-filled concert!

"76 trombones led the big parade." - The Music Man

EAT · DRINK · BUY
FESTIVAL of TREES
Vintage Holiday Celebration



Wednesday, November 28
5pm - 7pm • Preview of trees & wreaths

Thursday, November 29
9am - 1pm • Preview of trees & wreaths
5pm - 7pm • Lead - Deadwood dual
Chamber of Commerce mixer
5pm - 7pm • Silent auction for everyone
Silent auction closes at 7pm.
There will be raffle items
available as well.
6:30 - 8pm • Live auction for everyone

FESTIVAL OF TREES

NOVEMBER 29, 2018

This vintage holiday celebration is full of food, drinks, music, laughs and money! Our goal is to raise \$20,000 to support our mission to provide educational and cultural opportunities in this great venue for generations to come. Your participation and donation can assist us in making our first goal.



"Something's coming. Something good, if I can wait" - West Side Story

"Make 'em laugh." - Singing in the Rain

VANYA and SONIA and MASHA and Spike



Join us in October for the Gold Camp Players production of, "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike", a comedy by Christopher Durang, and winner of the 2013 Tony Award for best Play.

The cast includes husband/wife duo, Daniel Ward (Spike) and Sierra Ward (Masha). Also in the show are Christine Allen (Nina), Cami Dohman (Cassandra), Pamela Wegner (Sonia), and Jeff Snedeker (Vanya). This show also features a son/father directing collaboration with Phelan Scherer making his directorial debut and with David Scherer as assistant director/producer. Phelan has had several roles as an actor on the stage at the HHOH and is stretching himself by stepping into directing.

The play revolves around the lives of middle-aged siblings Vanya and Sonia who have lived their entire lives in the family home in Bucks County, Pennsylvania never having to grow up.

After spending their adulthood looking after their now-dead parents, neither has a job, and their movie star sister Masha, who owns the house and pays the bills, provides money for their subsistence.

Vanya and Sonia (who is forever reminding everyone that she was adopted) spend their days reflecting on their lost chances and bemoaning their lot in life. The only other resident of the house is their housekeeper Cassandra, who, like her namesake, is prone to making dire prophecies that no one believes. Now, mix in a young boyfriend, a pretty niece, a personal assistant named "Hootie Pie", a costume party, secret phone exchanges, a voodoo doll and . . . be ready for a madcap journey!

Performances are October 19-28, Fridays and Saturdays at 7pm and Sundays at 2pm. \$15-Adults • \$10-Members • \$5-Students

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, call us or visit us online.

BENEFITS TO MEMBERS:

- 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
PRODUCER	\$2,500 - \$4,999
DIRECTOR	\$1,000 - \$2,499
CONDUCTOR	\$500 - \$999
CHOREOGRAPHER	\$250 - \$499
STAGE MANAGER	\$100 - \$249

The HHOH Society is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, returning the Opera House to productive use for the enrichment of the region through arts, culture, and education. Help us fulfill this important mission.
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Membership is growing! HHOH currently has 234 members, a 20% increase from 2 years ago. And this year so far 32 members have increased their support amounts. We also welcome 36 new members in 2018.

THANK YOU!

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.

A DOZEN PERFORMERS

THE "DO-NOT-MISS" SOUTH DAKOTA SHOW

THREE SHOWS THIS YEAR

BLACK HILLS COWBOY CHRISTMAS
AN OLD-FASHIONED CONCERT AND DANCE

SATURDAY, DEC. 8: 2:00 pm matinee: \$35; 7:30 pm evening show & dance: \$40
NEW! Third Show: SUNDAY, DEC. 9: 2:00 pm matinee: \$35

Get your tickets early - book dinner & lodging. Main Street, Lead, SD

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A THEATRE BUILT BY A GOLD MINE

Gift certificates are available. 605-584-2067 or HomestakeOperaHouse.org

THE HISTORIC HOMESTAKE OPERA HOUSE

A THEATER BUILT BY A GOLD MINE

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