



FRIENDS OF THE FOX

SUMMER NEWSLETTER - JULY 2021



NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello and Happy Summer!

It is with gratitude and joy I can finally say, “Welcome Back to the Fox!” While we will officially open on August 22nd with Hamilton, we will be hosting three events in late July to prepare the Fox team to move forward with hundreds of planned events through the end of 2021. We are excited to see you in person this summer and thank you for your continued support of the Fox Theatre and the external programs we have sustained during the pandemic.

On the point of returning, I am also excited to say that our FTI Grant program will again be a part of our ongoing commitment to rehabilitating and preserving historic theatres throughout Georgia. We will be awarding \$250,000 in grant funding and our updated application is now available on our website. Additionally, you may find pertinent information about the upcoming FY 21/22 funding cycle. Since 2008, FTI has awarded more than \$2.3 million in grant funding in partnership with more than 55 theatres across Georgia and the Southeast. To virtually visit some of those theatres, please visit this interactive map here <https://www.foxtheatre.org/fox-theatre-institute/grants-program/past-present-grant-projects>.

We look forward to providing financial assistance as we all continue to support the recovery in performing arts venues.

Best wishes,
Leigh Burns



We have loved hosting our Friends of the Fox members for our newly released Self-Guided Architectural Tour. These self-guided tours are free for our Friends of the Fox. Until our interior tours begin again, we hope you will take advantage of this special opportunity. You can download the tour to your smartphone, tablet, or print a copy to share. Bring your family one afternoon and enjoy dinner at one of the restaurants in Midtown Atlanta. For more about some great restaurants, shopping, and cocktail options, please visit our partners at Midtown Alliance through their website <https://www.midtownatl.com/life/shop-and-dine/restaurant-retail-updates>. The website is being updated daily! We hope to see you taking the tour and getting out and about here in Midtown soon. Not a member? Join today for access to this benefit and MANY MORE!



The time is almost here to reopen the Fox Theatre! More than anything, we cannot wait to welcome back our Friends of the Fox for an exclusive FOF event. After being closed for sixteen months, we look forward to celebrating with you during this special members-only pre-show reception and screening of The Wizard of Oz on Sunday, July 25th. We will have refreshments, door prizes, and fun film-themed activities before the film and hear the Mighty Mo organ play for the first time since the recent amazing and once in a lifetime rehabilitation effort! If you are not already a Friend of the Fox and you would like to join us for this exclusive experience and others throughout the year, become a Friend of the Fox today! For more information or to joining online, visit <https://www.foxtheatre.org/support/friends-of-the-fox>.



As the virtual school year ended, FTI continued planning for the next, and we want to again thank the AT&T Foundation and Warner Media for their generous donation to FTI. This \$25,000 donation helped create our new virtual version of Fox in a Box in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since launching in January 2021, this new offering has been shared with over 2,800 students and educators in 11 elementary schools, 44 homeschool families, and one summer program across the state of Georgia. Our virtual version now allows the program to travel beyond the metro-Atlanta area and provide a fun, interactive learning experience for elementary children throughout the state. If you know others interested in hosting the virtual version in their school, homeschool group, or camp please reach out to Maggie Fuller at Maggie.Fuller@foxtheatre.org.