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DECEMBER

DECEMBER 6-7 • 7PM, 1PM

Barb's Centre For Dance 16th Annual SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS, A CELEBRATION OF DANCE

DECEMBER 12-14 • 7PM, 1PM

GREEN BAY NUTCRACKER BALLET Presented by Northeast Wisconsin Dance Organization

DECEMBER 15 • 7PM

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DECEMBER 31 • 9PM

Let Me Be Frank Productions: NEW YEAR'S EVE SHOW

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JANUARY 2-3 • 7PM

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JANUARY 3 • 1PM

LEGENDS SHOW featuring Frank Hermans, Amy Riemer, Dan Riley and more!

JANUARY 14 • 7PM

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JANUARY 16 • 8PM

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Miss Green Bay Pageant

Your next Miss Green Bay Area and Miss Green Bay Area's Outstanding Teen will be crowned **January 24, 2015**, right here at the Meyer! See the competition live as one young woman goes on to represent Green Bay at the State of Wisconsin Pageant.

Behind the Scenes

When Julie Lamine, Theatre Director for the Meyer Theatre, and Mike Calawerts, owner of VerHalen, Inc., were classmates at West High in the 1970s, neither one could predict that their paths would cross 35 years later. And, that this reconnection would benefit the historic Meyer Theatre.

"Most people see the theatre in all its glory from the renovation in 2000. But, what a lot of people don't see is the office area where all the day-to-day theatre business takes place. Carpets get worn and paint fades and everything looked tired," Lamine said.

"Mike called me one day and asked me if he could help us "spruce up" the place. Although there was no budget for his offer, he said not to worry."

Wouldn't you know it, VerHalen's staff arrived and took charge of the place! Painters, plumbers, electricians and designers invaded the dressing rooms, offices, upstairs meeting area and the green room. The general manager's office, which was a dressing room, was completely converted into space for two offices. The lower level dressing rooms and upstairs meeting area were enhanced with fresh paint and carpet.

"VerHalen did an amazing job. They are unbelievable at what they do," Lamine said.

Calawerts added, "My brother, John, and I carried on the tradition of family ownership at VerHalen, Inc. as well as community involvement. It's important for us to regularly give back to the communities that support us, improving the quality of life for area families."

It wasn't just the fine folks at VerHalen that contributed to this endeavor. The following companies realized the value of helping out the nonprofit theatre and donated a portion of their services to the project: Beno Plumbing, CertaPro Painters, C & C Electric Services Inc., Office Installation & Relocation (OIR) and Macco's Commercial Interiors, Inc.

Just think, 35 years ago these two individuals just passed each other in the hallways of their high school. Today, they're celebrating working together to help make the Meyer Theatre an amazing performing arts hall as it is today.

"I wanted to contribute to the Meyer in this way because it's such a unique, special place. Green Bay is fortunate to have such a remarkable venue. I knew we could help them out."

— Mike Calawerts

Before



Dressing Room

After



Common Area



Green Room



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Backstage Under Construction

Pardon our Dust. Backstage at the Meyer is under construction!

The comments from people who see what's happening at this blossoming downtown corner are great. "Wow! That's impressive!" "They're really going to town on that building!" Looking great!" "So

happy they are finally doing something with that corner!"

Hats off to the talented construction workers who are transforming this historic building into what will become an iconic cultural facility for residents

and visitors to Green Bay. At times, crews work into the evening in preparation for the next day's scheduled trades. Shortly after the groundbreaking celebration in August, crews started significant internal demolition and removed the

boarded up materials from the façade. As the structure was opened up, building materials were delivered to the second floor, which will become the Center for Innovation for Breakthrough Fuel.

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Inside:



Do You Hear What We Hear?

It's the sound of progress as Backstage comes to life.



Talent Everywhere

Local performers light up Meyer stage at Talent Jam.



Extreme Makeover

Behind the scenes gets a new look.

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TALENT JAM

They sang. They danced. They jumped around on stage like hard rock musicians. And when the night was over, four acts/performers were chosen as the winners in the Meyer Theatre's annual talent competition, Talent Jam.

The event, held on Nov. 1, featured students from local high schools and colleges who auditioned in October and were chosen by a panel of judges to perform at the event. Twelve acts performed and at the end of the night audience members texted their votes in to select the top two acts. Two Judge's Choice awards were granted. If we can say one thing about this event, it's that the talent was nothing short of amazing.

Placing first was very talented 15-year-old guitarist **Charlie Urick** of Notre Dame Academy. He crooned an original song (he wrote for his girlfriend) entitled, "I Think I'm Falling in Love." Sixteen-year-old dancer **Lauren Katchem**, representing Kimberly High School, executed a moving performance to "I'm in Here," which landed her second place.

Two acts received Judge's Choice awards. The first went to duo **Brooke DeGoey** and **Laura Jean Bomber**, both 16, from Freedom High School, who did a stunning rendition of Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean." The second went to the lively and very entertaining rock band **Karmah**, representing Howards Grove and Sheboygan North High Schools. They performed an original song entitled "Black Label."

Other acts performing at Talent Jam were:

- Jordan Manthei**, Notre Dame Academy
- Harmonix**, East High School
- Logan Gruszynski**, UWGB
- The Late Night Shift**, Preble High School
- Caleb Paul Leaman**, Bay Port High School
- Rissel Peguero Almonte**, UWGB
- Lane Ludtke**, UWGB
- Three Step**, Southwest and East High Schools

Everyone on stage was a winner because they each earned their right to perform. Congratulations to all who participated!



Charlie Urick



Lauren Katchem



Brooke DeGoey and Laura Jean Bomber



Karmah

l to r: Mark Eckelaert, Alex Schulze, Elle Kaderabek, Alyssa Levnhagen, Mimi Viglietti

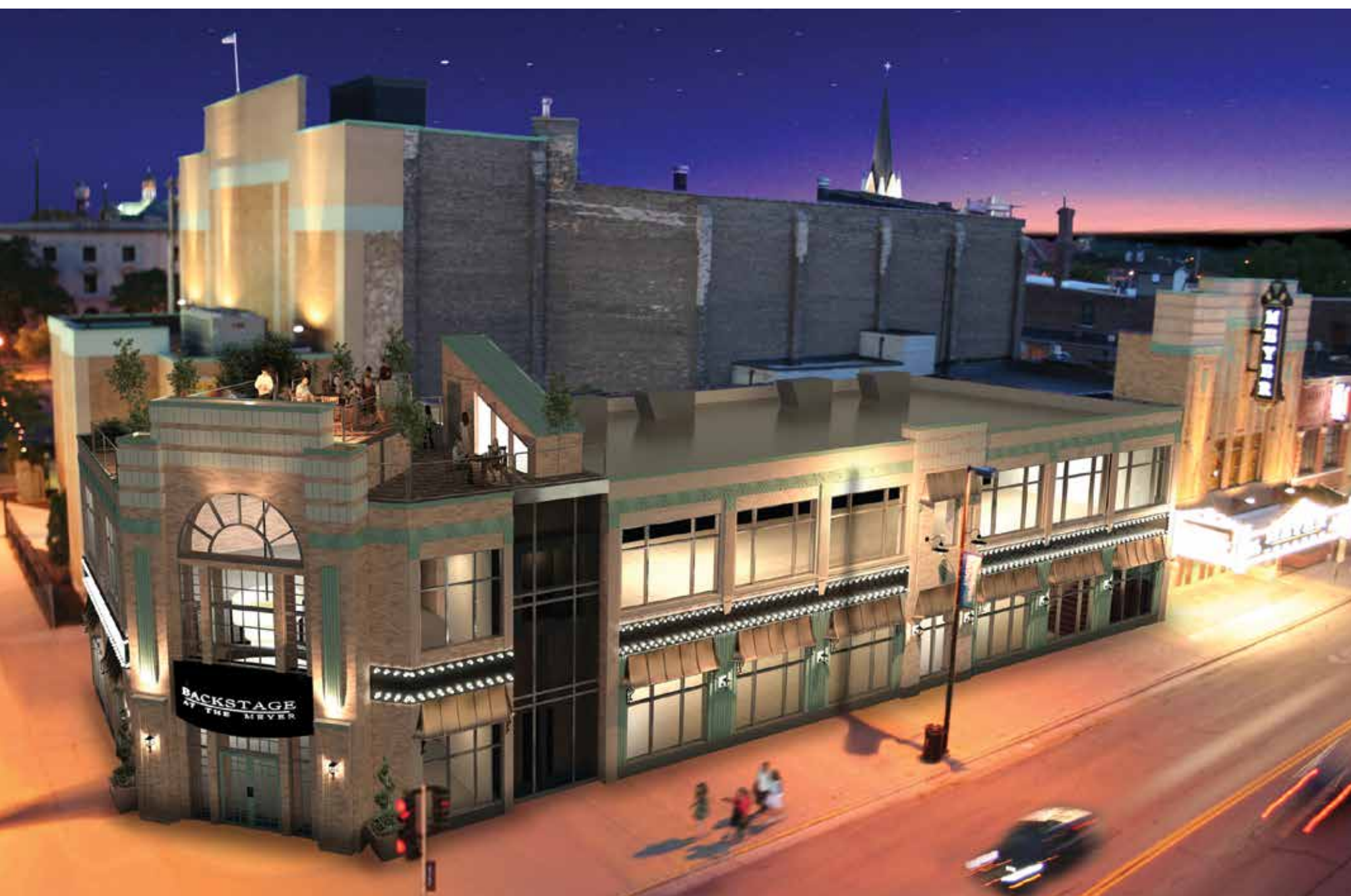
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Cooperative fall weather resulted in a new roof on the existing building. As the utility work was completed and the floor was being poured, excavation for the new addition was underway. In the months ahead, it will be a thrill for the community to see how this major Meyer Theatre project is becoming a reality. Its impact on

the local economy and more importantly on the cultural community will be far reaching. By next summer, small performances will be taking place on the first floor and The Meyer will have the much needed break out and special event space conveniently connected to the theatre lobby.

Backstage at the Meyer would not be possible without generous contributors, foundations, philanthropists, business owners and area residents. THANK YOU! The total capital campaign in progress has a goal of \$4.5 million with \$1.5 million going to strengthen the existing endowment fund and theatre upgrades and maintenance. Currently

the campaign is nearing the \$4 million mark. Any amount pledged makes a difference, so please consider being a part of this successful historic endeavor. The Meyer Theatre shines from the inside, but in 2015 the Meyer will shine inside AND out.



Please consider a pledge to the BACKSTAGE AT THE MEYER construction project!

Yes! I want to contribute to a vibrant downtown by supporting this worthwhile project! Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation to support Backstage at the Meyer.

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