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FRIENDS OF THE FINKE THEATRE

Newsletter

2013-2014 Season is off to a great start!

Our 2013-2014 season started with a great performance by Sting Ray Anthony— Jukebox Rock. What a great night. Plan now to come on October 12 to see St. Louis Irish Arts who promote and preserve traditional Irish music, song and dance. You will find yourself whistling and tapping your feet to the lively tunes. Then on November 9 Ivory and Gold will return to the Finke Theatre for the third time. Everyone enjoys their American jazz, blues, and ragtime as they play hits from Broadway and the Great American Songbook. On December 7 we have the return of the Finke Holiday Variety Show. An annual favorite which this year will feature selections by the California Commu-

nity Ensemble, a visit from Father Christmas performed by local journalist Bob Watson and traditional Scottish bagpipe selections by local talent MaryAnne Marti. The Crazy Kats are scheduled for January 18. Come and relive the past and have a rockin' good time. The crowd can always count on having a fun time with these guys as they perform their unique style of classic 50's and 60's music. Harmonium Brass will take the stage on February 8 and bring a wealth of musicianship while they engage the audience with wit and wisdom. Come enjoy their musical selections from Bach to the Beatles. On March 15 the Lucky Old Sons, a four-piece band comprised of piano, tenor sax, drums and

an electric mandolin, will play rock and country music of the 1950s and 1960s. They are inspired by Fats Domino, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Ray Charles. Then on April 19 Kelly Smith will perform her evening of songs from Cher and Shania Twain. In May come on out for some foot-stompin' bluegrass tunes by Ironweed Bluegrass Band. Their pickin' is awfully good and some say that their singin' is even better. On the stage in June will be the Annual Community Play. Dates for this will be announced later but it will include the talents of local actors and neighbors. This is always a favorite of our audiences. With this great lineup we are expecting another great year at the Historic Finke!

Tier Donations New This Year

Change can be a positive thing as we found out by offering the Tier Donation option to our supporters this year. Many other theatres have found this a wonderful way to get more people involved. A big Thank You to all who donated. Your annual gift allows us to bring you high

quality performances throughout the season. You can see your dollars at work on stage as we bring you amazing talent to make your Finke experience one to remember.

Another new fundraising idea we are initiating is the Finke Fun 50/50. Anyone

can get in the drawing which will continue all season, and on the last night of the play in June, we will draw one ticket out and that person will share the proceeds with the Friends of the Finke 50/50. Tickets available at each performance this season for \$1 each.

New Officers and Board Members

New officers for the 2013-2014 year are:

Pam Green, President

Suzanne Taggart, Vice President

Carolyn Miller, Secretary

Sara Holtsclaw, Treasurer

Phil Lewis, Marj Friedmeyer, Ramona Hader,
Dennis Donley, Gail Hughes, Board Members

Call Gail at 796-2895 if you are not using your season tickets and want to donate them.



Poinsettia Sales

The Friends of the Finke will again have Poinsettias for sale for the Christmas Season. Plants are 6 inch for \$10 and 8 inch for \$25. Please call Ramona Hader by December 1st at 573-286-2259 to order. Flowers will be ready to pick up on December 7th at the Finke.



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WEB PAGE DOWN

The Friends of the Finke web page is down and being rebuilt. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused. Hopefully it will be back up and fully functioning very soon. Plan to keep in touch with us at www.finketheatre.com

STING RAY ANTHONY

Our September performance was a great hit with everyone. Sting Ray Anthony had people singing and dancing and everyone had a wonderful time. A Branson show right here in California, Missouri! Many are asking us to have them back again!



STING RAY ANTHONY—JUKEBOX ROCK

HOW YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We have many levels on our new Tier Donations to the Finke. Gifts of any size are always appreciated. Check with your tax consultant about your gift being tax-deductible. With your support, the Historic Finke Theatre will continue to provide you with great performances this season and for many seasons to come. **You truly do make the difference!**

Executive Producer.....	\$2,500 & above	Star.....	\$400—\$799
Producer.....	\$1,600—\$2,499	Leading Player.....	\$200—\$399
Director.....	\$ 800—\$1,599	Understudy.....	\$100—\$199
		Friends of the Finke.....	\$ 25— \$ 99

Send donations of any amount to: Friends of the Finke Theatre, P.O. Box 435, California, MO 65018

President's Report:

I cannot believe we have begun the 2013-2014 Season for our Finke Theatre. Please, do everything you can to attend each performance – and pass the word to those who haven't had the experience of your theatre! If you are unable to use your season ticket, please give it to someone to use – or let us know you will not be attending and we will sell your ticket to someone else (the re-gifting of your ticket is a tax deductible contribution).

As with all organizations, fund raising is one of greatest hurdles for Friends of the Finke – we thank you for your past support and ask you to continue to do so. This season, the manner in which we raise funds has changed to a “tier donation” method. The hope is to give our donors more options, while the gift is 100% tax deductible. Your Theatre is the cultural outlet for our community and the “anchor store” in our downtown area! Your continued support will allow us to grow our performance schedule and make continued improvements to our beautiful building! ~ Pam ~

ART AT THE FINKE

On display at the Finke for the month of September were turkey prints from the collection of Bud and Nancy Bolinger. We want to thank them for sharing with the Finke and the community during the month and also for the Ham and Turkey Festival. If you have suggestions for future art displays, contact Suzanne Taggart at staggart@live.com.



Plans for 2014-2015

The Show Committee, chaired by Marj Friedmeyer, met to begin planning for the 2014-2015 season at the Finke. After listening to demos and checking out many acts, the committee chose several to contact about coming to the Finke. Some of our supporters have been asking about a “Finke Theatre Has Talent” competition and that is just one of the new ideas being considered. A big thank you to the Show Committee for continuing to work towards bringing high quality performers to the Historic Finke!

Call Gail... At 796-2895 for Season Tickets or for individual performance tickets. We'd love to see you at the Finke!

Call Sara... At 796-3123 if you can volunteer at the Finke! Come join the fun!!