



# THE Marquee

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**The Colonial Fox Theatre Pavilion project** is not your normal pavilion. This structure, to be built in the empty lot adjacent to the theatre, will provide much needed lobby space and restroom facilities. In addition, the pavilion allows us to provide ADA accessibility to and egress from the historic theatre performance hall and balcony.

On the programming side, the theatre pavilion provides an educational playhouse, preparation space for performers (green rooms, dressing rooms, etc.) and staging space for mainstage acts. This feature will greatly enhance the variety and depth of performances that will appear at the theatre. In short, the pavilion will allow this historically beautiful theatre to be viable and sustainable.



**The 1920 CIRCLE annual fund drive is underway! We count on you to continue our work.** Enclosed is the first of several 1920 CIRCLE donor honor rolls we will be publishing, to celebrate and thank our 1920 CIRCLE donors. Your charitable gifts matter and we appreciate you. Thank you!



## **Marquee look familiar? Well, it should!**

The Midland Theatre, we believe, was the first home of what most of us know as the Fox marquee. The Midland was constructed in 1908 and donned many names before Midland. It was also the Wonderland, the Vaudome, the Electric, and finally, in 1916, the Klock. The providence of the marquee is unknown, but it landed on North Broadway in 1926 when the Klock became the Midland. The Midland closed in 1958 and was eventually torn down in 1973. The marquee, however, was reconfigured as the Fox marquee and moved across the street to the Colonial in 1959. This strikingly iconic

marquee will return to North Broadway (see above) and live on the Colonial Fox Theatre Pavilion!

**Colonial Fox Milestones:** In 2011 the Theatre experienced a breakthrough: We reclaimed the interior environment. Easy to say, not so easy to accomplish. First the mold and asbestos had to be removed. The crews of Gerken Environmental Enterprise and ACM Removal completed this work. After that, cracks in the north wall had to be repaired to control the dampness. Heikes Masonry & Restoration began repair of the North Wall. After thoroughly power washing and “chasing and filling” the cracks, the wall enjoyed a new coat of elastomeric paint. Finally, amazingly major work was accomplished by Home Center Construction to install a French-drain system in the basements. Milestone indeed! Now our theatre environment is bone dry, breathable, and ready for the renovation of the main performance hall!



**2022 Community Service Tax Credits (CSTC) to support the Theatre Pavilion project**

*The 1920 Circle Annual Fund drive is crucial to keep us working, but we're also fundraising to build our Pavilion Project! Please help us reach our goal by purchasing tax credits! Once they're gone, they're gone and our Pavilion will be almost FULLY FUNDED! Any person or business subject to Kansas income tax is eligible.*

*A \$1,000 Donation = \$1,000 for the project AND \$500 in tax credits for YOU, the donor! Simple? Yes! – and such a great value to all. Call us to learn more about this great tool and make your donation today!*

**The Bicknell Family Center and Olive Street Presents: Jason Eady and Courtney Patton!**

On Friday, November 11, Olive Street Presents Ltd., in partnership with the Bicknell Family Center for the Arts, is presenting Texas & Red Dirt Music artists Courtney Patton and Jason Eady. Both are acclaimed singer-songwriters who tour individually across the country with their bands, but it is not often this married couple perform together in an intimate, acoustic setting. Tickets are \$25 for advance sales and \$30 at the door. For more information visit <https://olivestreetpresents.org/>.



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