



# THE Marquee

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### Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Colonial Fox!

March 17th will mark triple digits for this grand old theatre. On St. Patrick's Day, 100 years ago, over 1200 people streamed into the Colonial Theatre. The theatre was packed to the brim, and still 1000 guests were turned away because the theatre was at max capacity. *Everywoman* was the silent movie showing that day. It was accompanied by vaudeville performances all the way from Chicago. After opening night, the Colonial followed a typical schedule of movies and vaudeville shows. Matinee tickets were 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children. Evening tickets were 35 cents for adults and 10 cents for children.



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APRIL 24TH

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### *They say there's magic in the air!*

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, Downtown Pittsburg will be bursting with live music, food, arts and activities for children of all ages. The **Pittsburg ArtWalk** is an event our community enjoys multiple times a year. If you are looking to be part of the festivities, visit the Pittsburg ArtWalk Facebook page.

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**Chamber Music Series** at Pittsburg State University! If you have not discovered the PSU Chamber Music Series, you are missing some amazing performances. Most recently they presented the group *Invoke*. This multi-instrumental band embraces traditions from across America, including bluegrass, Appalachian fiddle tunes, jazz, and minimalism. They combine those styles to



make a truly unique musical sound of their own. You can't beat these ticket prices! World class musicians are presented for only \$12 for the general public with \$4 discounts for seniors and people under 18 years of age. Contact Pittsburg State's Music Department for a subscription!



**Did you know?** In 1926, the Colonial briefly closed for "extensive exterior remodeling and complete redecorating inside." Owner Alexander Besse felt the need for a new indirect lighting system, projection machine, carpeting, and drapes. Additionally, Besse expanded the stage, providing an extra 10 feet in depth and covering the orchestra pit in the process. The most significant aspect of the 1926 remodel was the creation of the interior foyer. *The Pittsburg Daily Headlight* reported, "The old lobby is being torn out completely and will be replaced with an extension of the theatre to the sidewalk with commodious foyer inside the building. A lounge for women is being installed. The ticket office will be at

the edge of the sidewalk and will be fronted with an attractive illuminated marquee [sic]."

#### QUESTIONS?

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