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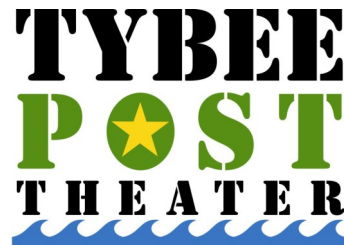
VISION

To successfully operate the Tybee Post Theater as an integral part of our community that enhances our cultural experience, encourages and attracts visitors, and improves our quality of life.

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Accomplishments

- Roof Project Completion
- Grants Received
 - State of Georgia
 - Tybee Arts Association
- Membership Base Expanded
- Volunteer Program Organized
- Events
 - Johnny Herald
 - Charlie Sherrill
 - Drive-ins
 - Arts Open House
- Fundraising analysis Completed
- New Accounting Software
- Web Site Redesign
- Theater Logo Design



Dear Friend of the Tybee Theater,

Economic Development, Cultural Arts, Historic Preservation.

Words that begin to convey the essence of a passion about a remarkable building in a remarkable place. We're talking about our mutual passion for Tybee Island and the Tybee Post Theatre. Today we are pleased to share with you a retrospective of 2007, celebrating the FOTT's activities and milestones. It's been active year for the Tybee Post Theater

We continue to build our programming, membership, volunteers and of course the building. We have used all of the SPOLST funds that were allocated tying up loose ends on the roof and several small projects including temporary stairs up to the second floor (no more Ladder!); installing an exhaust fan, temporary interior lighting and outside post and cable fencing. Thanks to board member John Herdina and past president Susie Morris for all of their hard work on the project. Also to Pioneer Roofing for the splendid job they did.

Next up are the front windows and doors courtesy of a matching grant from the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Resources. This grant was the first award from their Preservation License Plate Program and we are very honored to be the first recipient. Thanks to the Tybee Historical Society, Cullen Chambers, their executive director, will be assisting us on this project so that we accomplish the work within property preservation guidelines. Plus we now have a road map on getting the building open thanks to the talents of architect Neil Dawson. In this economy, we need the Tybee Post Theater more than ever and we are determined to get the building open, if not complete.

And we aren't done yet. In this upcoming year FOTT will embark on a major fundraising campaign to "Burn the Mortgage". We hope to raise \$350,000 to pay off our note and be debt free!

You share our commitment to the Post Theatre through your gifts to the Friends of the Tybee Theater. Annual support is vital to the continued existence of the Post and we are pleased to recognize those

The Post Theatre's noteworthy achievements and growth over the past year could not have happened without you—our patrons, members, donors, and volunteers—and we are privileged to have your involvement. Whether you write a check, volunteer or see a show the Tybee Post Theatre belongs to us all.

The Tybee Post Theater Finances

The Tybee Post Theater Timeline

Operation of the Theater

- 1930 Theater constructed by U.S. Army
- 1945 Last use of the theater by the U.S. Army
- 1947 City of Tybee acquires Ft. Screven property
- 1949 Theater purchased by owners of the Lucas Theater

Developer Transactions

- 1990 Paula & Richard Rowan purchase the property
- 1994 Gary Gebhardt purchases theater for a condo conversion
- 1996 Gary Gebhardt puts theater up for sale for \$235,000
- 1999 Owner Phil O'Dell applies for demolition permit

Protection from Demolition & Exploration of Potential

- 2000 Architectural survey by Dan Snyder
City of Tybee and others get control with a \$50,000 lease of the building for one year with an option to buy at \$275,000
Tybee City Council forms Committee
- 2001 Tybee Island Historical Society (TIHS) acquires theater
Committee Reports to City Council
Friends of Tybee Theater Inc. incorporated 501(c)(3) non-profit corp.
- 2002 Thomas & Hutton Conditions Report says building in poor structural condition except for walls & foundation
- 2003 Arch. Eric Meyerhoff prepares scope of work for first phase (SPLOST) FOTT solicits proposals
Pioneer Construction selected for work

Stabilization of Building

- 2003 SPLOST funding of \$350,000 approved
- 2005 Tybee City Council approves site plan and parking
- 2006 FOTT acquires property from TIHS for \$350,000 with debt
Work begins on steel structure, roof and walls to stabilize the building
- 2008 Walls refurbished, metal structure reconditioned and new roof installed for \$350,000 using SPLOST funds

FOTT receives \$30,000 of State funds for restoring the facade (Grant later put on hold by the State)

FOTT receives \$25,00 matching grant from State of GA front windows & doors

Neil Dawson, architect retained for planning for phased rehab

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the College of Charleston, the University of South Carolina and a doctorate
zing in local history and retired in 1997. He has written numerous articles on Sa-
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