

THE LYRIC THEATRE'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



AUCTION & ROAST OF JOHN LOESSER

HISTORIC LYRIC THEATRE
THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016

THE HISTORY OF THE LYRIC THEATRE

● MARCH 15, 1926

The "new" Lyric Theatre opened to the public with the feature picture "Skinner's Dress Suit."

● NOVEMBER 29, 1930

Newly equipped with RCA Photophone sound picture machines, The Lyric Theatre opened with railroad thriller "Danger Lights" (picture with sound).

● 1941

The Lyric Theatre fell on hard times after the depression and closed its doors. Over the following years, it was rented out to community groups and was used to present traveling vaudeville shows, news weeklies and movies.

● 1978

The Lyric was purchased by New Life in Christ Church and served as a venue for weekly services.

● 1987

With talk of razing the theater, Friends of the Lyric, a group of

concerned citizens, banded together to save the historic structure.

● MARCH 18, 1988

Friends of the Lyric entered into a contract with the New Life in Christ Church and purchased theater.

● 1993-1995

With assistance from community grassroots efforts and grants, The Lyric Theatre underwent much needed repair from marquee improvements, exterior painting, new roofing and air-conditioning systems, ADA compliance alterations, box office construction, and remodeling of the restrooms and dressing room.

● NOVEMBER 12, 1993

The Lyric Theatre was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

● 1996

New seating installed in the orchestra section and administrative offices constructed.

● 1999

A Vacant lot to the rear of The Lyric was purchased for the future expansion of the stage and backstage.

● 2001

The Balcony of the theater was remodeled for the installation of new balcony seating, an elevator was installed and refurbishment of the lobby and restrooms.

● 2004-2005

The expansion of the Lyric was commenced and completed, enlarging the stage by 14 feet and equipping The Lyric with a backstage with flex- dressing area, a restroom, and office/ storage areas. The "Star" dressing room also underwent renovation to offer a quaint comfortable room with a shower and restroom.

● SUMMER OF 2014

The Lyric was closed for substantial renovation as part of the Love The Lyric

Capital Campaign. Lobby and box office improvements, including new exterior and interior entrances, additional Box Office service windows, and bar. New orchestra seating and sound system were installed inside the theater and all of The Lyric's interior stucco walls were smoothed out and architectural elements added to the walls and columns.

● NOVEMBER 11, 2014

Grand Reopening

● SEPTEMBER, 2015

The Lyric's proscenium was ornamented in an Art Nouveau style. Drawing inspiration from the organic and geometric forms of The Lyric's exterior, the elegant design of the proscenium contain artistry and craftsmanship of the trompe l'oeil art technique.

● You are cordially invited to

THE LYRIC THEATRE'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AUCTION & ROAST

Thursday, March 3, 2016

The Lyric Theatre
59 SW Flagler Avenue
Historic Downtown Stuart

6:00 pm Silent Auction
7:30 pm Live Auction and Roast of John Loesser

Cocktail Reception Complimentary Valet
Cocktail Attire

RSVP by February 5, 2016
to Linda Prange, Development Director,
772-220-1942 extension 209
or development@lyrictheatre.com

90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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\$10,000 – The Oscar Sponsor

Invitation for 11 to the Sponsor Cocktail Party
11 VIP tickets to the 90th Birthday Celebration Auction & Roast
Full-page ad in the Auction Catalog
Recognition at the Event
Recognition in the Lyric magazine as a Season Sponsor – For the 2016-2017 Season
Full-page ad in the Lyric magazine in the issue of their choice

\$5,000 – The Tony Sponsor

Invitation for 6 to the Sponsor Cocktail Party
6 VIP tickets to the 90th Birthday Celebration Auction & Roast
Half-page ad in the Auction Catalog
Recognition at the Event

\$2,500 – The Emmy Sponsor

Invitation for 4 to the Sponsor Cocktail Party
4 VIP tickets to the 90th Birthday Celebration Auction & Roast
Quarter-page ad in the Auction Catalog
Recognition at the Event

\$1,500 – The Grammy Sponsor

Invitation for 2 to the Sponsor Cocktail Party
2 VIP tickets to the 90th Birthday Celebration Auction & Roast
Eighth-page ad in the Auction Catalog
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RSVP by Friday, February 5, 2016

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Please make checks payable to The Lyric Theatre

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**For more information or to RSVP, contact Linda Prange at
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