



Media Advisory

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Richard E. Wildish Theater Names Dan Egan as Theater Manager

Board members

Lee Beyer

The Wildish Theater Board of Directors announced today that it has named Dan Egan as the new theater manager, starting July 1. The board selected Egan to lead the theater in preparation for the end of the Academy of Arts & Academics three year management contract. Under this partnership, Egan will be responsible for booking events and performances; maintenance of the building and equipment; accounting and reporting; ticketing; and marketing.

Ron Kilcoyne

Bob Keefer

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Egan, a former Wildish Theater Board Member, is best known locally as the former Director of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, a position he held for nearly 20 years. Egan brings 10 years of performance experience and is also a member of the American Association of Community Theaters, a national organization that provides expertise and networking opportunities based on their incredible presence in America's community theater world.

Jonathan Light

Scott McKee

"Dan has great passion for the theater, downtown Springfield and our community," said Wildish Theater board President Bob Keefer. "His leadership and passion will be a tremendous asset. As a member of the Springfield Renaissance Development Corporation, he played a vital role in selling the vision of the community theater in downtown Springfield and raising the \$3.2 million to complete the project. After the project was completed, he continued to dedicate hundreds of hours of time to assure that the theater fulfilled its mission as an affordable high quality performance venue in downtown Springfield."

Hertica Martin

Terry Scherer

Dorothy Velasco

Bill Wildish

"I am excited to begin this new chapter in my professional life in Springfield," said Egan. "The Wildish Community Theater is a gem of our revitalized downtown. It has and continues to play a pivotal role in continuing that downtown renaissance. I look forward to playing a positive role in the future of both the theater and downtown Springfield. The Wildish Theater is Springfield's Performing Arts Center. I will work to enhance that connection and bring the community and excellent programs to that wonderful stage day after day."

The Wildish Community Theater Board of Directors would to thank A3 for supporting and managing the theater these last three years. We especially would like to thank Kirk Boyd for his dedicated service to the theater.

For more information: Contact Bob Keefer, Board President at 541.736.4544

Background on the Wildish Theater:

Groups ranging from dance teachers to jazz musicians and theater troupes stage productions in the intimate theater renowned for excellent acoustics. The theater hosts two resident companies, Chamber Music Amici, Swing Shift and Rose Children's Theater. The theater also serves as a classroom for students of the Arts and Academics Academy.

Located at 630 Main Street, the Richard E. Wildish Theater was built on the work of the Springfield Renaissance Development Corporation, which saw in the city's old McKenzie Theater the seeds of what could become a major arts attraction for downtown. With seed money donated by the Wildish family, the group spearheaded a six-year renovation project, which was completed in 2006.

For more information about the theater, call 541.868.0689 or visit wildishtheater.com.