

Missouri Theater

2018 Year In Review

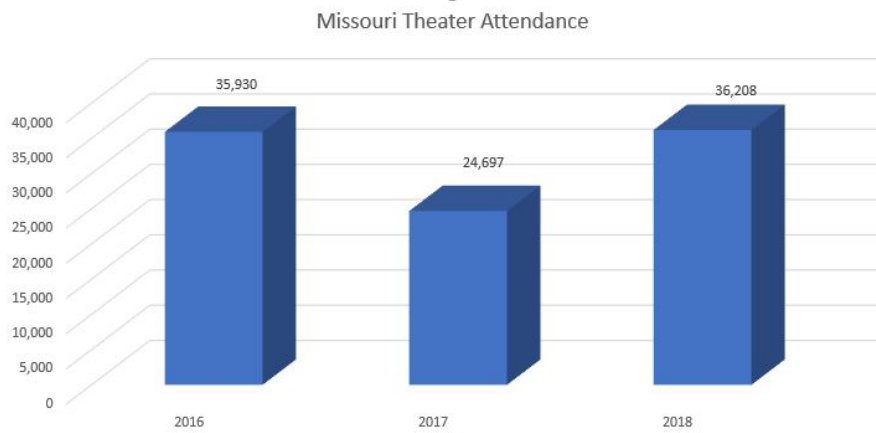
The Missouri Theater, designed by the Boller Brothers, with sculptural work designed and created by Waylande Gregory, is a historic masterpiece. The theater opened in June of 1927 as a 1,200 seat movie house. The first feature film was “Rough House Rosie,” a silent film that cost patrons \$.25 admission. The City of St. Joseph purchased the theater in 1978 for the purpose of transforming it into a performing arts center. In 1979, the Missouri Theater was added to the National Register of Historic Places. St. Joseph is proud of this unique building and its beautiful sculptural work.



The Missouri Theater – Photo Taken by Patrick Evenson

Today, the Missouri Theater hosts local arts organizations showcasing their talents and works with the Allied Arts Council and local arts organizations to bring a multitude of events featuring local, national, and international artists to the Missouri Theater. These arts organizations include the Robidoux Resident Theatre,

Performing Arts Association, St. Joseph Symphony, Creative Arts Productions, Dance Arts Center, Inspiration Dance Center, Studio Psalms, and many more.



Missouri Theater Event Attendance for 2016-2018

Total attendance at the Missouri Theater events for 2018 was 36,208, with December having the highest monthly attendance with events consisting of Robidoux Resident Theatre presenting A Christmas Carol, the St. Joseph Symphony, the Haygood's in concert, and five separate movie screenings for Christmas at the Chateau. New events to the Missouri Theater for 2018 included the Dance Arts Center performance of The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, The Beach Boys in concert, Dwight Yoakam in concert, Three Dog Night in concert, and the Missouri Western State University Athletic Awards Evening.



Christmas at the Chateau Premiere



The Beach Boys Concert

The Missouri Theater Complex includes the Missouri Theater and several office spaces that include the Downtown Partnership, Inc., the Performing Arts Association, Allied Arts Council, Robidoux Resident Theatre, Creative Arts Productions and the

St. Joseph Symphony. Also located in the Missouri Theater Office Complex is the Pony Espresso Café.



In 2018, repair to the façade of the Missouri Theater was completed. The Missouri Theater received a major gift from a local fundraising committee which, along with additional money from the city provided funding for renovations to the green room and dressing rooms, as well as installation of a new world-class sound system.

The Green Room before renovations

The Missouri Theater is a major contributor to the overall enhancement of the quality of life in St. Joseph. The Parks Department appreciates our partners that provide cultural arts opportunities at the Missouri Theater and look forward to working with them to enhance entertainment experiences in St. Joseph for many years to come.

Looking forward to 2019:

- The Wizard of Oz the Musical
- Straycats – Lee Rocker
- Church Basement Ladies: Rise Up Old Men
- St. Joseph Symphony concerts
- The Oak Ridge Boys concert
- CIP improvements including a new brocade curtain

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