

2016
OLYMPIA FILM SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS



NAME: Eileen LeVan
OCCUPATION:
Teacher/Retired
OFS Board Member since 2014

As a longtime OFS member, I have appreciated the independent films the film society makes available to the community, as well as the wonderful Capitol Theater, a great community space in downtown Olympia.

I know it takes money, good staff, and dedicated volunteers to keep the organization going. It's time for me to do my part to help OFS thrive and grow. I am here to help raise funds to restore and maintain the building.



NAME: Christine Salvador
OCCUPATION: Human Resource Professional/
Musician
OFS Board Member since 2014

Olympia is more than my adopted home; it's where I will live out the rest of my golden years (which is a long way off, I hope). A long time member and volunteer, I came to OFS over a decade ago to find an activity my daughter and I could do together. From the time I walked through the doors of the historic Capitol Theater, I knew I had found my second home. Since then, I have volunteered for some amazing events and see some incredible changes (and even witnessed a ghostly spirit or two), met so many people and made some strong connections, all through this community of people that love OFS, film, music, art... My background is in the performing arts (20+ as a professional actor, singer and musician) you may also see me playing music with Artesian Rumble Arkestra, Olympia's own activist street band. I am a positive ambassador for the organization, helping with outreach and education, working on events, and fundraising!



NAME: Elaine Fischer
OCCUPATION: Public Affairs/Communications at Department of
Labor & Industries
OFS Board Member since 2014

OFS has been a significant part of my life for the past 20 years, and the Capitol Theater is my absolute favorite place in Olympia. OFS brings so much enrichment to our community in the form of culture,

music, and great movies. I would be lost without OFS! I have many years of volunteer experience with the Olympia Mountaineers, as a board member and activity leader. I know that board members have to tackle difficult issues and that OFS is facing some real challenges in the future. I'm ready and willing to help ensure the success of OFS and the historic Capitol Theater.



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NAME: Tim Sweeney
OCCUPATION: Consultant
OFS Board Member since 2012 - President

I look forward to one last term on the OFS board of directors as we continue moving OFS into a position to sustainably create significant and cutting edge artistic film and live performances for our community in a historic theater that is comfortable, safe and efficient to operate. We still have work to do on this.



NAME: Dick Meyer
OCCUPATION: Local Business Owner (Traditions Cafe)
OFS Board Member since 2012 - Treasurer

This is an exciting time for the Olympia Film Society. During my four years of being on the Board all of us (staff, volunteers, community supporters, and the Board) mounted a successful campaign to buy and install the Digital Projector. And now we are moving forward with a capital campaign to preserve and enhance our historic Capitol Theater and to make your attendance at events at OFS that much more enjoyable. OFS is one of those absolutely vital parts of making downtown vibrant. As a downtown business owner I cherish OFS's role and look forward to its future.



NAME: Angel Cruz
OCCUPATION: Financial Planner
OFS Board Member since 2014

I was raised believing that one should strive to lead a life of service to one's family and community. I believe the OFS is a gem in our community. Through the OFS, our community is exposed to a diversity of ideas and art that are not readily available otherwise. Because of this contribution by the OFS, Olympia becomes a more livable place and helps Olympia achieve its unique appeal. It is important that we assure that the OFS thrives and is prepared for the future. I believe through my participation on the board I will be able to contribute something towards these goals.



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NAME: Michael Stein
OCCUPATION: MEDIA PRODUCTION
OFS Board Member Since February 2016

The city of Olympia is at an interesting time in its' history, and is deciding what kind of place it wants to be. Cultural amenities like the Capitol Theater, Washington Center, Harlequin, and many others help create a welcoming downtown that can serve all who live here. I hope to continue to add my energy and help to the good work already in progress at OFS—the

opportunities, and challenges that face us are worthwhile and exciting!



NAME: Logan Bahr
OCCUPATION: Government Relations Analyst, Association of Washington Cities
OFS Board Member Since September 2016

I have been a member of the OFS since I moved to Olympia in 2014. I have always found it to be an important and unique beacon of culture in the South Sound. I believe that I can bring a set of successful leadership and board experiences to the OFS Board. I'm committed to working with my fellow board members, OFS staff, and the community to plan for the future of the theater. OFS

provides a necessary service to the community and it deserves a strong team helping to guide it toward success.



NAME: Bruce Botka
OCCUPATION: Public Affairs Director, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
OFS Board Member Since September 2016

I've lived in Olympia and Thurston County for about 30 years. During that time I've worked for two governors, the state Legislature, and several state agencies as a writer, communications director, legislative liaison and program administrator. The common thread in all of my roles has been a commitment to public service with the goal of improving the quality of life for everyone in our society.



Because my jobs have tended to be very demanding, I have not been as involved in the community as I would have liked. I've been a youth baseball coach and have been active in several local political campaigns on behalf of people I believed would make a positive contribution to our community. But I feel the time has come to make a greater commitment and apply my skills and experience to benefit an organization whose success will improve the quality of life for our friends and neighbors of all ages.

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On a more personal note, I take great inspiration from my two children, both of whom are pursuing careers in the arts. My son, Nick, is an audio technician who graduated from The Evergreen State College and was very active in the Northern all-ages music project before he moved to Seattle to work at The Vera Project. My daughter, Anne, is a very talented classical musician who received a master's degree in cello performance last year from the San Francisco Music Conservatory.

With them as my role models, I would be honored to play a role in helping to make the Film Society an even stronger and more vital part of the Olympia arts scene.



NAME: Jerry M. Gray

OCCUPATION: Attorney

OFS Board Member Since September 2016

I am an attorney here in Olympia and have been practicing law in Washington and Utah for over 10 years. My education and practice should help me provide organization, dedication and critical thinking to any challenges the Olympia Film Society has now or in the future.

Although it has been a number of years, I worked for the Sundance Film Festival (2000) as a member of the development team for the festival. I helped with sponsors and the marketing of the festival, both at the pre-festival stage and at the event.

Before my family and I came back to the Olympia area, my wife and I attended the Sundance Film Festival every year. Being a patron of Sundance should help provide insight on what customers and participants seek and/or expect for the OFS festival.

Finally, film and music are a big part of my life. I would like to contribute by helping OFS in its mission to provide film and music to the local community. Thank you for your consideration.

