

Olympia Film Society

Board of Director Applicants 2019 – 2021



Peggy Clifford – Retired

I love the building, it is so beautiful, and I would love to see it restored. I worry that economics might push a move toward cutting it up into separate theaters. It is the last of our beautiful old downtown theaters that have not been repurposed, as the State became Harlequin, and the Olympic became the Washington Center. I enjoy working with groups and think my skills lie in working to find solutions. I am not interested in grant writing but think I might be good at some elements of fundraising. I very am interested in the marketing of the theater. I am very good at event coordination and researching and pursuing projects.



Cal Ledbetter – Mental Health Counselor

I am a mental health counselor in private practice in the downtown Olympia area. I have been a resident of Olympia since 2015 and value the arts in communities. I worked for 10 years in the arts, including four years in non-profit arts and entertainment including Bumbershoot and the Seattle International Film Festival. I believe the arts foster community, and bring people together.



Tom Rieger – Architect

My architectural background and experience working with the local building authority and community should provide OFS a valuable resource in it's continued effort to improve it's facilities and programs offered to our community. I am looking forward to the possible opportunity, and would be honored to serve on the OFS board.



Janice Liu – Creative Freelancer

There is nothing in the world I love like film. In law school in Singapore I studied intellectual property law, in New York I studied cinematography, in Vietnam I shot a business documentary, and in Suburbia, Olympia I primarily stream movies, do laundry and herd children. I am ready to do more, and return to my pre-spawning film nerd days. I have experience starting up an online movie news and reviews publication in Singapore, and to that end, shouting at Chris Evans to give me his handsome face (for the camera, of course). My area of interest is content marketing strategy, and if given the chance, I would like to explore ways to capitalize on created content to increase social media interaction and raise OFS' online profile, while helping the community grow in real life as well.



Michael Stein – Media Production at KGY and KNKX (appointed Feb. 2016 and elected 2016, seeking new term)

The Capitol Theater is a key part of downtown Olympia, which is changing and growing in some exciting and challenging ways. The theater is a key part of this entire process, and is well- poised to be an attractive downtown life and culture for a long time to come. I am pleased to lend a hand in this process, and work with such a great staff and place.



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**Ricki Kahn - Employment Consultant
(appointed in 2018, seeking new term)**

I have lived in Olympia for three years and was the first place I went to for a movie! I love the beautiful, historical building and want to see it restored. I'd love to help with the expansion to make the Capitol Theater the apex of arts. I have thoroughly enjoyed my board participation this past year and assisting with our fundraising efforts. I enjoy being part of a team to help a big picture become reality. I am a people person, an ideas person, solution oriented, good at event planning and execution and believe my skills will continue to be a benefit to OFS.



**Bruce Botka – Retired
(elected 2016, seeking new term)**

The Olympia Film Society and the Capitol Theater are cornerstones of the arts community in Olympia and Thurston County. As the owners and operators of Olympia's largest single-screen theater and concert/event venue, the staff, members and directors of OFS play an important role in sustaining and enhancing the city's cultural diversity and the overall vitality of the downtown business district. By presenting high-quality films, concerts, and a wide variety of community-focused events, OFS serves people of all ages, interests, and income levels. Since joining the board, I have supported that mission by participating in fund-raising and outreach activities that have strengthened theater operations and attracted new OFS members and contributors. OFS is about to embark on a major capital funding campaign to ensure the theater is restored and preserved for future generations. This is an exciting time for everyone at OFS. I am honored to be a part of this unique and important organization and would welcome the opportunity to serve another two-year term on the OFS board.

Newly Appointed Board Members – Monday, February 25, 2019



Michelle Sadler – Historic Preservation Planner, Building Conservation Specialist, and Property Acquisition Grants Manager

I've been in Olympia for 5 years and from the start, the OFS and the Capitol Theater have been at the top of my favorite things about my adopted hometown. As a longtime volunteer for the Seattle International Film Festival, I've experienced first-hand the impact a film and related-arts organization can have on a community. Here in Olympia, I've been entrenched in the arts and heritage network since Day 1, when I came on board as the City of Olympia's Historic Preservation Officer. In this position I supported the Heritage Commission and provided direct service to the public by organizing events and offering technical advice on caring for historic buildings. It's never been a secret that Downtown is my favorite part of town and I've channeled most of my professional and personal time into supporting the vitality of its quirky building stock and the organizations and businesses that live in them. I would be proud to go beyond my status as OFS member and commit to more formally supporting the work of the organization to offer our community such a diversity of arts programming as well as a space to gather to cultivate our shared cultural interests.



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Rob Richards – District Representation, US House Representatives

I want to be on the OFS board for a lot of reasons. I've been coming to the theater since I moved here in 2000 – I still have my ticket stub from the Melvins 25th anniversary show with Mudhoney and Fitz of Depression. OFS has always been an organization that served this community far beyond being an art space. Continuously giving back by supporting other organizations whose missions align with their values, OFS has been a leader by example in our community for generations. During my brief time as OFS Marketing Coordinator, I fell utterly in love with the theater itself and its quirks, the dedicated staff, and the incredible, passionate volunteer base. The opportunity to give back to this organization that means so much to so many people and to support the goals of an organization that makes our community and our Downtown a better place to live, work, and play, would be a big honor.



Tom McDonald – Attorney

It would be a privilege to be a member of the OFS Board and part of the historical preservation of the Capitol Theater and the continued development of film and music in downtown Olympia. I have lived in Olympia for 33 years, and my family has always believed it is important to support and be part of the development of the downtown. The Capitol Theater is an integral part of downtown and the culture of the City. I believe it is important to donate and commit the time and energy, as well as money, to support local causes that will make a more diverse and strong community. I have been on several boards, both in the community and in my profession. For many years I was involved in local youth sports organizations as a board member, board president and a coach. I continuously see the players I coached, who are now adults, and it reminds me how important volunteering is and the impacts one can make in very small ways. These experiences, as well as my experience on the OFS Board and other boards I have been involved in my legal field, remind me of the importance of this volunteer work. I enjoyed my past experience as a Board member, and I hope I have the opportunity to return and contribute.



Jacob Sunday – Filmmaker

I am from the Pacific Northwest and have worked in the industry for 12 years. I have worked my way up from production assistant to producer learning the process from beginning to end. My dedication to filmmaking, collaboration and my artistic talent have been rewarded with producer's credits on two feature films, "Buzzard Hollow Beef" and "Previous Man" and most recently I was brought on to "They Reach" as a creative consultant in preparation for the sale of that feature film. As OFS moves in the direction of outreach and education, I believe my experience in the industry can help guide and structure that new direction.

Current OFS Board Member

Tim Sweeney – final term ends February 24, 2019
Dick Meyer - final term ends February 24, 2019
Elaine Fischer (elected in 2015, re-elected in 2017)
Eileen LeVan - (appointed October 2014 - elected in 2015, re-elected 2017)
Christine Salvador (appointed in 2015 and elected in 2015)
Autumn Yoke (elected in 2017)

