

## Morrison Center Volunteers

# *Curtain Call*

August 2021



### *From our Executive Director*

It's time to celebrate!

The Morrison Center is on track to reopen to the public on September 11, 2021, after 18 months of being closed. As I write this, Hamilton tickets are on sale, and the Treasure Valley continues to show us they are excited to get back to Broadway. I have so much gratitude for how far we have come and great anticipation for where we are going.

We have more events on the books than ever before and the most Broadway subscribers in the history of the Morrison Center. Our calendar is packed, and we are eager to have our volunteers working alongside us to welcome people back to live events. Over the last 18 months, we have learned, adjusted, and prepared -- we will still have to be flexible, fluid, and adaptable. Our business is forever changed, and we must change with it.

There will be new faces and new positions at the Morrison Center as we restaff and restructure to better meet future needs. Operationally, we will be making changes to ensure we exceed expectations, with safety and security at our core.

During this time, we have taken the opportunity to make some facility additions and changes, like adding touchless technology to common touchpoints to help reduce the spread of Covid-19. We are excited for you to see the improvements to public spaces that freshen the Morrison Center's look, assist with traffic flow, and serve our customers.

You all are the heartbeat of the Morrison Center and help ensure that this is the place to come for an incredible event experience. We cannot make it happen without your great work, friendly faces, and dedication.

Thank you for sticking with us. And I especially want to thank Rick and Elaine Grossaint, your presidents, who have navigated the pandemic with me. They have been a ray of sunshine on some dark days. Always optimistic, caring, and thinking ahead about your safety as we come together. I couldn't have asked for better partners, and I am grateful for their leadership.

Sincerely,

*Laura Kendall*

Executive Director

## *From our MC Volunteer Presidents*

It certainly has been a long 18 month, but the official re-opening of the Morrison Center is around the corner, and THAT feels good. We look forward to being able to serve our patrons and the community and being in the company of our fantastic Volunteers. We have missed you!

Hopefully by now you have been able to access our new Duplie Scheduling Software system and sign up for one of our General Orientations and Kick Off – August 31 or September 2, 7 PM. If you haven't been able to do that, please reach out to your scheduler or at the very least just show up! You will need to have attended General Orientation for your scheduler to be able to schedule you to work. For those of you who are not available to attend either of those dates, and we will schedule another General Orientation in September. This is also our Kick-Off so plan to stay and enjoy our dessert bar and see what's new at the Morrison Center. Parking in the volunteer parking lot behind the MC or on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Brady Parking Garage.

Then, on September 11<sup>th</sup> come and enjoy the Morrison Center Re-Opening Block Party and bring your friends. Visit the Morrison Center website for more information and tickets. They are only \$10 each including processing fees.

With Hamilton coming in December and the jammed packed 21-22 season scheduled, we need more volunteers. We are planning a Volunteer Recruiting Coffee on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. This is the perfect opportunity for your friends and family to learn more about what we do, and if they decide to join us, they can take care of everything they need AND receive their New Volunteer Orientation all the same day! Some of our best volunteers come from YOU so spread the word!

Volunteerism is a special kind of service. It is not only giving of your valuable time, but it is giving your heart and soul. Thank you for giving of yourself to the Morrison Center Volunteers. We are blessed to have YOU!

If there is anything, we can help you with, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

With Joy and Gratitude,  
*Rick & Elaine Grossaint*

Presidents, Morrison Center Volunteers

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## *MCV Fall Kick Off*

Join us for our Fall Kick-Off  
*A New Beginning*

Tuesday, Aug 31 OR  
Thursday, Sept 2

Arrival and Check-in 6:30 pm  
General Orientation 7 pm

Followed by Dessert Bar

Be sure to wear your name tag!  
Masks are required  
Face Shields are not an option

MORRISON CENTER VOLUNTEERS  
FALL KICK-OFF

*A NEW BEGINNING*

Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> OR Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
(reservations to be made on new scheduling software)

Arrival and Check-in 6:30 – 6:45 p.m.

in Morrison Center Lobby

General Orientation 7:00 p.m. in Auditorium

followed by Dessert Bar

Parking in Volunteer Lot Behind the Morrison Center or  
4th and 5th Floor of Brady Parking Garage

Be sure to wear your Volunteer Name Tag!

MASKS ARE REQUIRED INDOORS

## Membership Update

*Felicity Arnold*

### Parking Passes for 2021-22 Season

This year's parking passes are static window cling stickers which you place on the inside of your windshield, in the lower left/driver's side corner. The pass is easily removable from the glass, so you can return it to the backing paper and keep it in your glove box between shows.



Parking passes can be collected at both Orientation/Kick Off sessions, on August 31st or September 2nd.

If you are unable to collect your pass, it will be mailed to you on September 3rd.

### New Members

Please welcome the following new members to the Morrison Center Volunteers

- David Cornell
- Hanna Hagshenas
- Lori Hurlbut
- Chelsea Major
- Sharleen McIntire
- Regina Smith
- Cheryl Van De Grift-Edson
- Wade Westrick

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Publicity Pop

*Cheryl Rawden*



Did you know that the majority of Idahoans have no idea the Morrison Center uses volunteers at every show? Who better than our own fabulous volunteers can help spread the word that we are actively recruiting? Do you have a friend, family member or neighbor that might be interested in

volunteering? Someone you know from a club or organization? Now is the time for all of us to start networking. Please tell all your friends, family members, neighbors, co-workers, etc. or you can email them this little advertisement below:

**Do you love the arts!? Broadway? Ballet? Comedy? Concerts? The Morrison Center has all of that and more! Come to our informational coffee on September 25<sup>th</sup> (10:00am) and discover the many ways you can volunteer with the Morrison Center. We are recruiting and training ushers, guides, and ticket scanners, as well as assistants for the gift shop and hearing devices.**

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## Ushers' Update

As we near the end of the pandemic, **we hope!!**, Marylou and I are excited about getting back to ushering at the MC.



We are happy that we can wear either jackets or vests year-round as we all seem to be comfortable at different temperatures.

We will be keeping our burgundy color by which our patrons identify us to assist them at the MC.

As we have now taken our MC jackets and vests home, please remember to wear them when you are working and don't forget your name tag and mask!

The General Orientation/Fall Kick-Off on August 30<sup>th</sup> and September 2<sup>nd</sup> will give us an idea of all the changes that are taking place at the MC. You will also receive your parking decal.

Our first show will be the Philharmonic on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

October will be busier with Opera Idaho, Amy Grant, Jason Bishop and CATS.

See you soon at the MC  
Sue and Marylou

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## A big hello from the Gift Shop to all Morrison Center volunteers!

The Gift Shop is on the move! We will be relocated to the river side of the building just west of the main doors. We are pretty excited about our new "digs" and hope you will all stop by and

check out our new location. We have new merchandise that arrived both before the shutdown as well as during these past many months and we are confident that there is something for everyone. Spoiler alert, we will be selling Lou's famous apples too!

We will be conducting a short Gift Shop training, about 30 minutes, following the General Orientation taking place the end of August and the first of September. As we all know plans may change, but hey, we're all used to being flexible, wouldn't you say? The board will keep you all posted if changes arise.

We have been fortunate to have many new of volunteers express interest in working at the Gift Shop. If you are interested, please contact us.

Keep all those good thoughts coming like sunbeams and most importantly, please stay healthy.

See you soon,

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