

Morrison Center Volunteers

Curtain Call

August 2022



From our Executive Director



Hello Volunteers!

Can you believe we are headed into the 22/23 season of Broadway in Boise? From performances perfect for date night to a night out with friends, even a show for the entire family, we are excited about this season of Broadway. In addition to our Broadway in Boise series, we are rolling out a huge season of MC Presents.

MC Presents, now in its second year, is an excellent opportunity for families to see fun, diverse events at the Morrison Center. We are excited to kick off the series with *Sugar Skull*, a heartfelt adventure that delves into the rich, tuneful traditions of Dia de los Muertos. From there, we have popular performances like Soweto Gospel Choir, Hip Hop Nutcracker, and Black Violin.

Broadway's **COME FROM AWAY** is a Best Musical winner across North America and will start the Broadway season! This musical will take you into the heart of Gander, Newfoundland, where, on 9/11, a small town welcomed 7,000 stranded passengers. This remarkable musical will leave you feeling hopeful and filled with kindness.

You will also notice we have turned the third-floor alcove into a wonderful space for student artwork. We will showcase Idaho students' artwork, with Borah High School curating our first installment. Please take a moment to visit when you have a chance, and feel free to direct patrons to the area to see the beautiful work created by Idaho students.

We are grateful for your hard work and support and for helping us share the message of the Morrison Center.

Thank You,

Laura Kendall

Executive Director
Velma V. Morrison Center for Performing Arts

From our MC Volunteer President

Welcome Back Fabulous Volunteers:

We're scorching into the new fall Season. Last season

we navigated COVID requirements, security expectations, a major remodel, and lobby carpeting.

This year the MC is offering a wider performance variety. Relatedly, expect increased diversity in our patrons. I look forward to the smiling faces of patrons and our volunteers, as masks become optional, and we pendulum back to being seen as positive MC ambassadors rather than just rule-enforcers.



Enjoy the start of the new season and volunteer for a MC performance. You will be amazed.

Thanks,
Kim Krutz
President, Morrison Center Volunteers

From our MC Volunteer Liaison

Jessica Morse



Welcome back for the 2022-2023 season! We truly were able to accomplish some amazing things last year and we look forward to even more great things this year. One of the areas that the Morrison Center is most proud of is our expansion and outreach to our local community.

The Morrison Center hosted the 2nd season of the Neighborhood Concert Series. The Neighborhood Concert Series was started in 2021 as a way to support our local artists during the pandemic by showcasing them in their own

neighborhoods. Partnering with Lost Grove Brewery, we work closely with the neighborhood associations to bring live local music, food, and vendors to a different park every other week. Hoping for 100 people when we started, our last concert at Catalpa Park had over 1,000 attendees!

We also launched the inaugural MC Presents series and are excited to expand our offerings for the 2022-2023 season. These performances are our passion projects!

The Morrison Center strives to engage all community members in diverse, affordable performances. By engaging with local businesses and passion projects, MC Presents amplifies smaller voices in the arts. Check out the Morrison Center website for more information on this season.

Stay tuned as we continue to amplify the performing arts in our community so every Idahoan experiences inspiration, creativity, and connection.

Jessica Morse
Venue Services Manager

Membership Update Felicity Arnold

**Please welcome the following new members who joined between
May 31st and July 31st**

- Valerie Behrens
- Larry D Buttell
- Kendra Courcy
- Michael Dorey
- Angela Jacobson
- Shaun Kay
- Jonathan Krutz
- Beth McCrea

- Bethany Edwards
- Kathy Henken
- David Hickman
- Brenda Hodes

- Sandee Peterson
- Tami Pratt
- Suzi Smith
- Cornelia Sprung

Remember to switch over your MCV Parking Pass

The diamond shaped 2021-22 pass expired on July 31st and should be replaced by the shield shaped 2022-23 pass.

Lost your 2022-23 pass? Please contact membership@velmasangels.org to request a replacement.



Felicity Arnold
Membership Chair

Usher Corner Sue Payne & Marylou Ragan



Hello Ushers and welcome back after the renewing process.

We currently have 237 ushers with 24 interested and at least half of them will be going thru New Orientation in August. Then we will distribute them to our Schedulers.

We have just had one of our Schedulers retire so we want to thank Alida for doing a great job. Our other Schedulers are getting busy again as we seem to have started the year without much of a summer break. The MC has already added 5 additional shows to our September schedule of 11 so please sign up for whichever ones you can work. We do appreciate you!

The best news that we have received is that we are finally receiving all the jackets and vests that we have been waiting for that have been on order for months. Hurray!!!

If you want to purchase another vest, jacket, or for any ushers who have retired or decided not to return, and would like to donate their uniforms back to volunteers we would really appreciate it. Please call Marylou at (208) 343-7143.

As we are increasing the number of shows per month that are being scheduled at the MC, Marylou and I are looking for a couple of people who would be interested in working as a Performance Chair, a Guide Chair, or an Usher Scheduler. We will train you. If you are interested, please give Sue a call at (208) 342-2812 or Marylou at (208) 343-7143 a call.

Thanks for all your hard work and willingness to work a wide variety of shows. We really appreciate our Ushers.

Sue Payne & Marylou Ragan
Usher/Guide Co-Chairs

Uniform Coordinator

Hey everybody, we are also looking to fill the position of Uniform Coordinator, please contact our Volunteer President, Kim Krutz, if you are interested.

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Don't forget - Each time you shop on Amazon you simply use [smile.amazon](https://www.smile.amazon.com) as the starting point rather than amazon.com.

This charitable program doesn't cost you a penny so be sure to let all of your friends and family know they can also support the Volunteers as their charity of choice by simply clicking on Morrison Center Volunteers.

I mean how easy is *that?!?*

Cheryl Rawden
Publicity Coordinator

Tip of the Day



If you have poor cell phone reception at the Morrison Center, you can connect to Boise State's free wifi.

- Go to www.boisestate.edu
- In the Search at the top right, type bronco-guest and enter.
- In the link for Bronco-Guest Wireless Network at Boise State University, you'll find instructions on how to connect. A registration lasts for only 7 days, but it is an improvement over some cell phone coverage.

Do You Want to Walk in the Boise Pride Parade?

Volunteers are welcome to join the Morrison Center Parade Team!

We will be walking on Sunday, September 11th. The parade starts at 10am, but we will have to get lined up a little earlier. If you are interested contact Jessica Morse at JessicaMorse@boisestate.edu.

Volunteers would get a free Morrison Center Pride t-shirt, family or friends can purchase an additional shirt for \$8. It will be a great time.

More information on the parade route as we get closer to the event!

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