

Morrison Center Volunteers

Curtain Call

August 2023



Morrison Center Volunteers President Kim Krutz

Hello Morrison Center Volunteers,

Thank you for making the Morrison Center mission a part of your life's work this year and for all the years you have been a part of our wonderful team.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Morrison Center and the establishment of Velma's Angels, aka the Morrison Center Volunteers. The inaugural performance was "My Fair Lady" which will be performed later this year. Look for other activities highlighting the 40th anniversary as we enter the new season.

We continue to explore ways that technology can make our operations smoother. Our scheduling software, adopted in 2021, made it easier to schedule and track volunteers for performances. The Gift Shop now uses Square for touch-less payments and inventory tracking. In 2022, we revised our volunteer website to allow more transparent access to the minutes and forms for the MCV. This year, we have moved the directory onto the password protected Duplie/scheduling website and simplified the online volunteer renewal process. The uniform team will be moving the process of getting new uniforms on-line soon. All in all, technology is providing more efficient ways to manage the activities of the Morrison Center Volunteers. We appreciate the many hands and brains who are helping through the transitions.

Change can be hard, but overall it makes for a healthier organization. The changes allow us to do what we do best: greet our patrons with respect, safety, and dignity. And we will enjoy providing that experience for them as we all enjoy the performances together.

Thank you ushers, gift shop volunteers, committee members, and officers, for your service to the Morrison Center and to Southwest Idaho's performing arts community. Your efforts make our world a better place. I look forward to us having a great year together.

Sincerely,

Kim Krutz
President, Morrison Center Volunteers
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Morrison Center Executive Director Laura Kendall

Dear Morrison Center Volunteers,

I'm so excited for our 40th Anniversary season ahead of us and celebrating this milestone with all of you. On behalf of the staff, I wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude for the invaluable contributions you have made to the Morrison Center for the Performing Arts. Your dedication, enthusiasm, and unwavering support have truly made a difference in bringing the magic of live entertainment to our community.

You have been with us since the beginning, greeting guests with warm smiles, assisting with seating, and ensuring the seamless flow of each event. We are grateful for your ongoing partnership.

I can't wait for you to experience the new season. It is truly magical. The Broadway in Boise season promises a journey filled with captivating stories, unforgettable characters, and show-stopping musical numbers. From classic favorites to contemporary hits, each production will give our audiences an unforgettable time at the theater.

Equally thrilling is the MC Presents season, which will bring many performers and audiences to the Morrison Center for the first time. This season is a testament to the Morrison Center's commitment to offering a wide range of artists at a price point that makes the arts even more accessible.

Thank you once again for being the pillars of the Morrison Center. Your contributions make a world of difference. I encourage you to spread the word with friends, family, and neighbors about the incredible lineup that awaits the Morrison Center's 40th Anniversary season as we join together to celebrate the power of life performance.

With gratitude,

Laura Kendall
Executive Director
Velma V. Morrison Center for Performing Arts

Morrison Center Volunteers Liaison Jessica Morse

I wanted to take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation for the remarkable work that the Morrison Center Volunteers have been doing for the past 40 (gasp!) years! The impact of your dedication and selflessness is truly commendable. It is not just showing up for each event, but the passion and genuine care you have for each patron that walks through our Main Doors that sets the Morrison Center experience above and beyond most performing arts centers. The Morrison Center Volunteers embody the very essence of kindness, compassion and giving - traits that seem to be lacking in today's world. You all are contributing to a brighter future for us all full of art and inspiration.

From all the staff at the Morrison Center - THANK YOU and we look forward to another fantastic season! Bravo!

Jessica Morse
Venue Services Manager

Parking – Important Changes

Parking Changes - Important Update

As of August 14th, volunteers are no longer allowed to park in the main (West Reserve) surface lot.

However, we have just learnt that there will be more parking options available to volunteers than were presented at the Inservice - they include more spaces in the MC lot, parking on all 4 floors of the Brady Garage, and use of the Capitol Village surface parking lot. There are also expanded options for people with ADA badges. Watch for a separate update that will contain full details.

PLEASE REMEMBER: STOP if Boise State parking staff are present when you arrive, be courteous, and follow their directions. Tickets will be issued if you do not comply with Boise State parking rules.

How many bricks were used in the building of the Morrison Center?
see below for the answer

Membership Update Felicity Arnold



2023-24 Parking Pass

Don't forget to switch your parking pass to the blue oval 2023-24 season version – it is valid August 1st 2023 through July 31st 2024.

If you have renewed your membership but not received a pass in the mail, please contact Felicity at

Membership@VelmasAngels.org

Please welcome all the people who joined the volunteers in May, June and July.

- Pippa Balogh
- Martha Beckman
- Anna Belt
- Linda Bush
- Max Chambers
- Beth Culp
- Robin Dahl
- Pam Druliner
- Lori Fearey
- Paula Fernandez Del Tejo
- Kathy Gamble
- Donna Kreiensieck
- Linda Lester

- Vicki Malloy
- Marsa Masters
- Ursula Preston
- Sherri Rudai
- Michael Rutledge
- Bobbie Sailer
- Laurie Shillito
- Emerald Smith
- Karenette Smith
- Skyler Tipple
- Monica Van Bussum
- Kathryn Wells
- Florence Wheeler

In Memoriam



Leah Platt – Passed away March 9th, aged 86. Leah joined the volunteers in 2009, and worked in Refreshments before becoming an Emeritus member.

[Death announcement for Leah Platt](#)



Norman Dahm – Passed away July 15th, aged 97. Norman joined the volunteers in 1991, served as co-president (with Verna Robinson) in 2005-2006, and was a member (latterly Emeritus) until 2017.

[Obituary for Norman Dahm](#)

Felicity Arnold
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Morrison Center Volunteers Directory

Instructions to view Morrison Center Volunteers Directory from Duplie Scheduling System
Click Below

[MCV Directory Instructions](#)

Volunteers Center Stage

Just in case you missed it, click below for the Morrison Center Volunteers video that was showcased at our annual dinner in June.

**Usher Corner
Elaine Grossaint and Elaine McAfee**

Accessibility Station

We want to thank everyone for the fantastic response to our call for help for the Accessibility Station, formerly known as Hearing Assistance. Erica and Donna Nielsen have 30+ volunteers who have joined their team. The name change is because we are expanding our services to include the vision impaired along with the hearing impaired, sensory packs and booster seats. Once the equipment arrives, there will be a special training for all Accessibility volunteers. This will be a mandatory training similar to our scanner training. Until then, Erica and Donna will work with you individually to learn the process of checking out our hearing assistance equipment and boosters.

The Accessibility Station is moving out of the Box Office to our own cart that will store all of our equipment and give us more room. The station will be near the elevators on the main floor. It will be able to be moved to accommodate patron traffic patterns on a show-by-show basis as determined by the House Manager. An accessibility volunteer will be needed at each event, so we appreciate so many of you stepping up to help.

Evacuation Cards

As you have heard, we have new Evacuation Procedures in place. *All* volunteers will be given an Evacuation Card for the position you are working that night. Our Performance and Guide chairs appreciate all volunteers leaving through the Founder's Room doors in hopes to remember to turn in your Evacuation Card. Also, it will help us know who has already gone home in case of an emergency evacuation. The Performance Chair will work with the House Manager to confirm all volunteers are out of the building in case of an evacuation.

Click the link below for the updated Emergency Evacuation Plan.

[2023 Evacuation Update..pdf](#)

Suggestion Box

We want to encourage volunteers to use the Suggestion Box if you have any ideas that can improve the processes, the experiences of our patrons and volunteers, or things that need to be attended to. We know you may see something we don't and we want to hear from you. Suggestions/ideas will be distributed to the appropriate person(s).

Thank you for being such amazing Morrison Center Volunteers. We are looking forward to working with you this season!

Elaine Grossaint and Elaine McAfee
Co-Usher Chairs

385,000 straight & curved bricks

Uniforms has a new on-line ordering and payment process.



MCV UNIFORM INFORMATION

DONATE YOUR OLD UNIFORMS BACK TO US!

- ENSURE THEY ARE WASHED & IN GOOD CONDITION BEFORE RETURNING.
- WE WILL UPCYCLE YOUR GENTL USED JACKETS, VESTS, & NAME TAGS TO NEW VOLUNTEERS.

YOU WILL RECEIVE A TAX-DEDUCTION LETTER FOR YOUR DONATION.

NEED A NEW VEST OR JACKET MADE?

SCAN THIS QR CODE:



NEED TO BUY A JACKET/VEST OFF THE RACK OR NEED ANOTHER NAME TAG?

SCAN THIS QR CODE:



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