

Morrison Center Volunteers

Curtain Call

February 2023



From our MC Volunteers President

Kim Krutz

A cold New Year start. Punxsutawney Phil predicts six more weeks of winter. Yikes! Fortunately, we MC volunteers have a wonderful slate of performances to take our minds off the chill. Is this the month you work a performance outside your comfort zone? Maybe one of the amazing dance shows will inspire your fitness goals?

In the Spring we will elect volunteers to new positions on the MCV Board. Throw your hat in the ring. Contact any Board member to share your interest in joining the board or a committee. Your commitment would be about 5-10 hours per month.

One of the joys of being the president is receiving positive notes and reports regarding the volunteers from patrons and Morrison Center staff. Patrons appreciate the friendly welcoming and knowledgeable volunteers.

Thank you for making a difference.

Kim Krutz
Morrison Center Volunteers President

From our MC Volunteers Vice President

Sue Bolen

Velma's Box - Volunteer Tickets

As your new vice-president, I am so thrilled to be working with the Morrison Center and the Morrison Center Foundation. These two generous groups provide us with tickets and the opportunity to have our volunteers sit in Velma's box, or have a seat in the main house, to enjoy a variety of performances. So far this season, we have awarded 76 lucky volunteers the fabulous gift of attending an event with a guest, on the house!

Be sure to enter to win this opportunity every time you volunteer to work at the Morrison Center. Names are drawn monthly, so the more you volunteer the better your chances are. There are still plenty of chances to win! Each person can only win once per season.

Good luck and thank you for volunteering!

Sue Bolen
Morrison Center Volunteers Vice President

From our MC Executive Director

Laura Kendall

Hello Volunteers,

Three words can describe these upcoming months at the Morrison Center.

Excitement. Anticipation. Gratitude.

Two extraordinary performances are coming this Spring as part of our MC Presents Series. First, on February 21st, we welcome Step Afrika! to the stage. Founded in 1994, Step Afrika! is the first professional company dedicated to the tradition of stepping. The company uses stepping as an educational tool for young people, focusing on teamwork, academic achievement, and cross-cultural understanding. Before their Boise performance, they will meet with young people in various community groups to talk about step history and how dance and art combine to create a cohesive artistic experience. It's just one of the many educational opportunities the Morrison Center provides for our community.

This March, we welcome the classical-meets-hip-hop duo Black Violin. For nearly two decades, Black Violin has been merging string arrangements with modern beats and vocals and building communities along the way. This Grammy-nominated duo brings unique arrangements, challenges stereotypes, and unites people through their art.

On Monday, April 3rd, we are holding a 2023-2024 Season Reveal Party. While you may already know one of the shows in this upcoming season (SIX), we have four more shows to reveal. We will email you an invitation soon, but we want you to join us for this big night.

Thank you again for your continued support of the Morrison Center.

Laura Kendall

Executive Director
Velma V. Morrison Center for Performing Arts

From our MC Volunteers Liaison Jessica Morse

The Morrison Center is excited to launch its new App, available now in Apple and Google stores. The App is your new favorite way to access tickets to any Morrison Center performance. You can buy tickets, check out everything coming to the Morrison Center, and read up on the latest Morrison Center news. The App is also an excellent way for the Morrison Center to alert patrons (who have the App installed) of real-time delays getting to the Morrison Center (i.e., traffic or weather delays). The App is in its early stages, but the possibilities are endless. Download the free App today and let us know what you think.

https://youtu.be/D_v7Erqn-DA

The Morrison Center had a busy 2021-2022 season. After an 18-month Covid hiatus, live events regained strength in 2021-2022. The Morrison Center has been a fixture in the Treasure Valley for the last 39 years. As we approach our 40th Anniversary, we want to take the time to celebrate the Morrison Center and its impact on our community. Please take a look at the 2021-2022 Community Impact Report, and thank you for being part of our team.

[2021-22 Community Impact Report.pdf](#)

(this is a large file and may take a little extra time to load)

Jessica Morse
Venue Services Manager

Drawing Winners The Bluebird Will Sing Tomorrow: Memoirs of Velma V. Morrison

Congratulations to the winners for a copy of Velma Morrison's memoir.

- Ruth Barlett
- Alice Brockman
- Kathy Cannon
- Linda McCarthy

- Paula Miller
- Tami Smith
- Jolene Stevens
- Janet Worthington



MCV Board Position Open

We are seeking nominations for the Secretary position of the MCV board. As you may or may not know, the Morrison Center Volunteers, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and operates with a board of directors. Our executive board is elected by our general membership at the Annual Meeting in the spring. This year that meeting/dinner will be June 4th.

The President, Vice President and Secretary hold office for a term of 1 year. The Treasurer holds office for a term of 2 years. All officers are limited to serve in the same office for no more than 2 consecutive terms.

This is our current secretary, Kristen Jacobs's, second term. Therefore, we are looking for someone to fill that position beginning July 2023.

The MCV generally meets monthly either in person or by zoom. It is the secretary's responsibility to record the minutes. These are not verbatim conversations, but instead reflect the discussions and decisions of the board. If this is something you are willing to do, please reach out to one of our Nominating Committee members to learn more.

- Bae Emilson – bemilson@yahoo.com
- Ann Carlson – annmt1949@aol.com
- Kristen Jacobs – kristentjacobs@yahoo.com
- Sue Bolen – yobolen@yahoo.com
- Rick & Elaine Grossaint, chair – elainegrossaint@gmail.com 208-866-2469

Membership Update Felicity Arnold

Please extend a warm welcome to all the people who joined the Volunteers in November, December and January.

- Jacquie Ausmus
- Tigard Baker
- Kelsey Burbidge
- Wendy Clark
- Emily Cunha
- David & Kimberlee Dornbusch
- Jennie Elliott
- Maria Francis
- Malinda George
- Winter Johnson
- Marianne Konvalinka
- Suzanne Krahn
- Carl Krueger
- Kyle & Hailee Lenhart-Wees
- Laurie Mann
- Morris & Linda Marzolla
- Lars McIntire
- Kelsey Miller
- Sam Nelson
- Regan Rhebeck
- Patty Streebel
- Debra Warnick

Felicity Arnold
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Usher Corner

Sue Paye & Marylou Ragan

Ushers we need your help - Sometimes a show starts off as Floor Only but as tickets get sold it morphs into a Full House and we need to increase the number of ushers working. I would like to encourage our ushers to sign up for shows that may not be their first choice as we need to staff all shows and not just the most popular ones. This is the MC Volunteers' commitment to the Morrison

Center.

You may be surprised if you work a show that you may not know. You may really enjoy it!!

Thank you for being an MC usher.

Sue Payne and Marylou Ragan
Usher/Guide Co-Chairs

Get Your Smile On



Jim Kerns is our new Morrison Center Volunteer Photographer.

A MC volunteer since 2017, this man always has his smile on. Jim, thank you for taking on this key role.

Gift Shop Corner Brenda Miller

Gift Shop Open to Volunteers and Public February 26 from 6.30pm-8pm New items and sales!

Welcome to 2023, we are back and ready to provide new opportunities for patrons to support education programming at the Morrison Center. Thank you for your part in this, every gift shop purchase helps us advance Velma's mission.

What can you expect to see in 2023? Melissa and Brenda attended the Las Vegas World Market in January where they had the opportunity to meet local representatives and learn about new styles and trends in the gift shop industry. They are excited to showcase new merchandise including Pilgrim ornaments and Covenant jewelry, both top sellers.

The best suggestions come from within so please let us know if you have an idea. For instance, we were asked to find affordable items for kids. A few new things have already hit the shelves and the response is positive.

Showcasing local artists is another idea that came from a fellow volunteer. If you or someone you know is interested in submitting their work for consideration please send us an email. Thanks to Jessica Morse and her team of social media experts for promoting these talented artists and their work.

Be watching for a reset of our instrument section, more local artist consignments, new items on the 30% off table, and the \$5.00 shelf. Discount items are extremely popular and go fast so check the selection often, and yes, your 10% applies to sale merchandise!

Please stop by and say hi the next time you're volunteering. We are here to listen to your suggestions and answer questions at any time. If you're interested in becoming a Gift Shop volunteer let us know. It's a fun place to work and training is provided.

Your Gift Shop Team,

Melissa, Carol and Brenda
mvcgiftshop@gmail.com

Publicity Pop Cheryl Rawden

The Amazon Smile donation program has come to an abrupt end. Amazon had over a million organizations in this program and felt that their impact was spread too thin. Thank you for those that used the program.

Cheryl Rawden
Publicity Coordinator

Watch your email - details coming soon on a new fundraising opportunity.

WiFi



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.



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