

Spotlight on The Orpheum

Putting our best Façade forward

Sackett Construction began major renovations on April 17th. The first floor, stairwell and facade are demolished. The framework for the balcony and marquee are in place, and our new storefront is coming soon. Next we prepare the first floor for actual use!

Thanks to Rick and his crew for taking good care of this piece of our history, thank you downtown neighbors for "pardoning our dust", and thank YOU, our supporters, for making it possible.



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335 East Main Street
Bartow, FL 33830

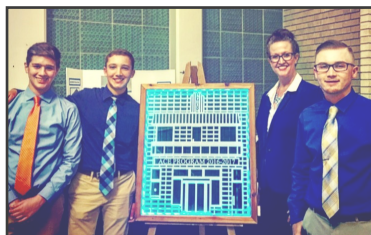


The Orpheum - Building a Community

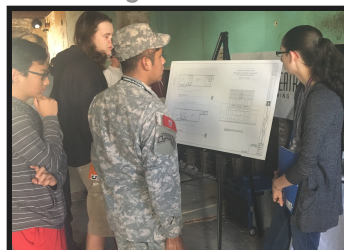


After school choral program for
3rd-5th graders

Our website has a new look, too! Visit for see more pictures, tell us how we're doing and how you'd like to get involved!
www.TheOrpheumTheatre.org
or call 863-533-ORPH (6774)



Winners from the ACE
Mentor program presented
The Orpheum with a 3D
rendering of our facade.



Students visit
The Orpheum

Help us meet our goal!

We are in our third grant challenge with the Bartow Community Healthcare Foundation! BCHF matches each gift, dollar for dollar. Thank you for participating in this wonderful opportunity!

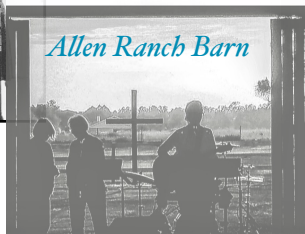
Send your tax deductible check to:

Bartow Community
Healthcare Foundation
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C/O The Orpheum
Post Office Box 1462
Bartow, Florida 33831



The Grand Ole Orphy

Allen Ranch Barn



Our second annual Grand Ole Orphy featured 35 musicians, from very young to young at heart.



2017 Orphy Artists:

the Sentimental Journeymen, UA Bluegrass Band with Kent Kesler, Back Porch Players, Jenny Heidtman, Linda Chancey and Jackie Ewing, and headliners, the Red Hot Roosters.



Thanks to Core Wealth Advisors, James Farm, Boswell-Dunlap, The Allens, all our sponsors, donors, guests and volunteers for making this event a success!

GRAND OLE ORPHY



A note from our director

Thank you for being an instrumental part of The Orpheum coming to life. If you haven't been down Main Street in a while, you are in for a surprise! We have made significant progress in our construction, but we still have a long journey ahead. Along the way, I have discovered that we're building much more than a venue with bricks and mortar. We are building a community.

The Orpheum is developing relationships in our community with business leaders, educators and students, some of which I would have never predicted. The nationally operated ACE mentorship program selected The Orpheum as its project this year--a student competition in which high school teams work with professional mentors to completely redesign a building. These students and many of their ideas were really impressive; we hope to incorporate parts of their vision into our plans. Just think, they will be able to say they helped bring The Orpheum to life! Seeing The Orpheum through their eyes was a powerful reminder that The Orpheum, with its rich history, also has a place for future generations.

In another fruitful collaboration, Polk County Fine Arts Director Beth Cummings and I were able to pilot an after school choral program for 3rd-5th graders. It was a joy to share a love of music with 25 young singers. We are working together, along with other educators, parents and artists, to develop a cohesive K-12 fine arts curriculum for Bartow Area Schools. As my high school principal Ernie Cooper used to say over the loud speaker every morning, "together we make great things happen," and it's true.

How would you like to help build The Orpheum? As kids say these days: this project is EPIC! We need your help. Consider your gifts and what you can contribute: your time, talent or donations. We are funded completely by your generosity. Every dime goes into our building, our activities, and our minimal operating expenses. We have no paid staff, including myself. This labor of love is my donation.

What will yours be?

For those of you who attended the Grand Ole Orphy, I must thank you from the bottom of my heart for your patience and grace as we weren't anticipating such a big crowd. I don't know who was praying for a good turn out, but I need to get them on speed-dial! We'll plan to see you at the next Grand Ole Orphy, this time with 3 food trucks and seating for 250!

Thank you for entrusting me with The Orpheum. I have not and cannot do it alone. In fact, I too have had incredible mentors guiding me every step of the way. I ask that you remain faithful in your support of this special opportunity for Bartow, and I commit to giving my best as we work together to build The Orpheum.

If you have any ideas you would like to share, please do so through our website or call me directly.

With a song in my heart,

Jenny Heidtman
Orpheum Director

