

MOVIES AND MUSIC AND MORE

FROM THE FOX TO THE FUTURE

Our enduring romance with the Fox Theatre began November 29, 1950, when the marquee illuminated Winfield's Main Street for the first time. It invited area patrons to buy a movie ticket — and laugh, cry, and dream. Inside the theatre walls, moviegoers enjoyed fresh popcorn, afternoon matinees, holding hands, and first kisses. They walked away with a lifetime of memories.



When the Fox Theatre opened, it was described as “the finest theatre in this part of the country.” Over the next 60+ years, the world has changed dramatically; but the theatre stands as a testament to a simpler way of life. The building closed in 2004 when B&B Theatre Group, who had purchased the building in 1980, constructed a new building and opened the Cowley Cinema 8 in the Strother Field area.

Enter Marquee, Inc. Rather than lose the historic theatre on Main Street, the nonprofit group accepted the donation of the building and began rehabilitation of the building in 2006. The experiences and memories unique to a movie house can and will be created again!

The new Marquee Performing Arts Center will continue the cherished tradition of showing **MOVIES**. Classics, independent films, documentaries, children's movies, and others will be shown utilizing modern video technology.

A new dimension to Main Street will be added — live **MUSIC**. With state-of-the-art sound and lighting systems, we will feature regular music performances of all kinds.

But there is **MORE**, as our campaign theme suggests. Other activities will include theatrical performances, and live streaming of sports and other events. And it will provide a multi-purpose facility for all forms of entertainment, education, and cultural events for all ages. The facility will also be available for rental activities. Marquee Performing Arts Center is destined to be an entertainment and cultural anchor for downtown Winfield for many years to come!

