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Art Exhibition for Buskirk-Chumley to be held at Monroe Bank

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Monroe Bank is proud to present “Captivating Moments at the Historic Buskirk-Chumley Theater” and cordially invite members of the public to an opening reception to meet the participants in Bloomington’s community theatre’s 2009 Annual Theater Photo Competition. The Reception will take place on Thursday, October 29, 2009 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm in the Monroe Bank Art Gallery at 210 East Kirkwood Avenue, Bloomington. Those wishing to attend should call (812) 335-5983 or email artreception@monroebank.com by Tuesday, October 27.

The Exhibition runs from Monday, October 26, 2009 to Saturday, January 23, 2010. Members of the public are invited to self tour the exhibit at the Monroe Bank Art Gallery on Kirkwood during normal business hours: Mondays through Fridays from 9:00 am–4:00 pm, and on Saturdays from 9:00–11:00 am.

About the Photo Competition:

The Annual Theater Photo Competition 2009 documents some of the most remarkable moments of 2009 at the historic Buskirk-Chumley Theater. From January through June, 6 photographers attended many events looking for candid images of artists, audience and Theater. They were present when history was made when Joan Baez played on our hometown stage, Lyle Lovett and native Hoosier John Hiatt played songs for each other and community leaders raised many dollars by participating in Dancing with the Celebrities.

Each photographer submitted a selection of 25 photos, out of which only one would be selected as the Annual Theater Photo of 2009. A six-member jury, consisting of photography professionals, BCT board members and community members actively involved in the BCT, went through the photos scrutinizing every detail. After several hours of lively debate, they chose a photo by Cliff Gagliardo as the winner of this year’s competition. He was awarded a one-time opportunity to use the Theater at his discretion. Cliff has subsequently gifted the use of the Theater to a community organization soon to be revealed.

This year’s photo competition participants were: Cori Proffitt, Paula M. Grez, Cliff Gagliardo, Clark Sorensen, Levi Thomas and Michael Trace. Sponsors of the Annual

Theater Photo Competition 2009 are Kirkwood Photo Lab & Portrait Studio and Framemakers.

About Monroe Bank's Art Outreach:

Since the year 2000, Monroe Bank has used its Kirkwood Banking Center lobby in Bloomington as gallery space for dozens of local artists, including painters, photographers and fiber artists. In 2008, the Bank recently expanded its art gallery reach in Bloomington to include a gallery annex in the Bank's Wealth Management offices which are located in the Monroe Bank's Mall Road Banking Center.

November 2009 will see the outreach extend to its Noblesville Banking Center in Hamilton County. This banking center, visible and conveniently located on the corner of SR37N and Greenfield Ave., is another ideal space for Hamilton County artists to showcase their work.

For each exhibition, which typically runs three to four months, Monroe Bank hosts an opening reception for the artists exhibiting in its galleries. While Monroe bank customers and employees will enjoy the artworks on a daily basis, members of the public are invited to stop by the Banking Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays or from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays to view the artworks. Artworks are displayed in the banking center lobby, in offices and behind the teller line. Unless specified, all artworks can also be purchased.

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About the Buskirk-Chumley Theater:

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the Indiana Theater - or simply "the Indiana," as it is known to Bloomington residents - was built in 1922 as a silent movie house by Harry and Nova Vonderschmitt. In its early years, the theater had a pipe organ for movie accompaniment and bands played on the bandstand. It is said that Hoagy Carmichael led "The Collegians" here from 1925 to 1928. In 1933 the Indiana was severely damaged by a fire that gutted much of the building. An investigation into the cause of the blaze was inconclusive, however the Vonderschmitt family remained undaunted and rebuilt the theater the following year.

Reconstruction created a new look for the theater, both inside and out, including the addition of the "dogbone" marquee that remains a Bloomington landmark to this day. Movies soon dominated the activity at the theater, and the Indiana continued to be a popular and memorable destination for decades to come.

In 1975, the Vonderschmitt family sold the theater to Kerasotes Theatres, Inc. Kerasotes altered the interior, blocking off the original balcony to add an upstairs screen, and operated the theater until 1995. In December of 1995, Kerasotes donated the theater to the Bloomington Area Arts Council (BAAC) for use as a performing arts center. Garnering support from the entire community, the BAAC received donations from many

prominent citizens, and the Indiana was renamed the Buskirk-Chumley Theater in honor of the local family's generosity to the project.

Beautifully restored and outfitted with state-of-the-art technical equipment, the theater is currently operated on behalf of the City of Bloomington by BCT Management, Inc., a private non-profit organization. The Buskirk-Chumley has become the primary venue for the Lotus World Music Festival, Indiana University's African American Arts Institute, Cardinal Stage Company, and Jazz from Bloomington. National acts such as Andrew Bird, Lyle Lovett & John Hiatt, Joan Baez and John Mellencamp have graced the stage. The Theater hosts 200 events a year, organized by more than 50 organizations making it one of the busiest community theaters in the country.

Photographer Biographies:

Clark Sorensen

Clark Sorensen's Photography has been a hobby starting with a Kodak Reflex camera in the 1950's, a Pentax SLR in 1960's, '70's and '80's and currently a digital 10 MP Canon EOS D40 with a 28-70MM zoom lens. He took an adult education photography class in Hamilton, OH in the 1970's and loved B&W darkroom work. Without specializing in any particular area of photography, he tends toward family pictures and natural subjects including birds, flora and seasonal sky and landscapes. Clark Sorensen is Manager of Information Systems and Services at IU's Office of the Registrar-Bloomington. Married for 25 years to Vicky Sorensen who works at Highland Elementary School they have two grown boys Jay Shelton and Joe Shelton and three grandkids.

Cori Proffitt

Cori Proffitt started taking pictures at 9 years of age; she always loved the camera. "As I got older I started to really enjoy portraits and action shots" Cori remarks. "As a photographer I like to think that I have a good eye for things. I'm good at setting up the shot, and knowing exactly when to take it. Very rarely do I miss what I need". Most of Cori's photos consist of movement and grace. "To me they are giving off a peaceful sentiment". Cori uses both a 16-22mm lens and a 200mm lens on a Pentax K200 camera.

Paula M Grez

Paula M Grez, originally from Santiago, Chile, now proudly calls Bloomington home. She works with children and Indiana University students in science education, spending many of her hours at WonderLab and various elementary schools around the area. She has been an active photographer for the last 4 years, working professionally and for artistic enjoyment.

Cliff Gagliardo

Cliff Gagliardo is a California native who graduated from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music in 2009. While living in Bloomington, he worked as a production assistant and announcer for WFIU and served as a photographer for the Indiana Daily Student. Cliff is currently planning on opening a photography business based in Sacramento, California.

The winning photo taken by Cliff was taken with a Nikon D300 camera with these attributes: Lens- 24mm *f*/2.8 AI-S; Shutter Speed-1/40th of a second; Aperture- *f*/2.8; ISO Speed: 1000. The photo was processed using Adobe Photoshop Lightroom.

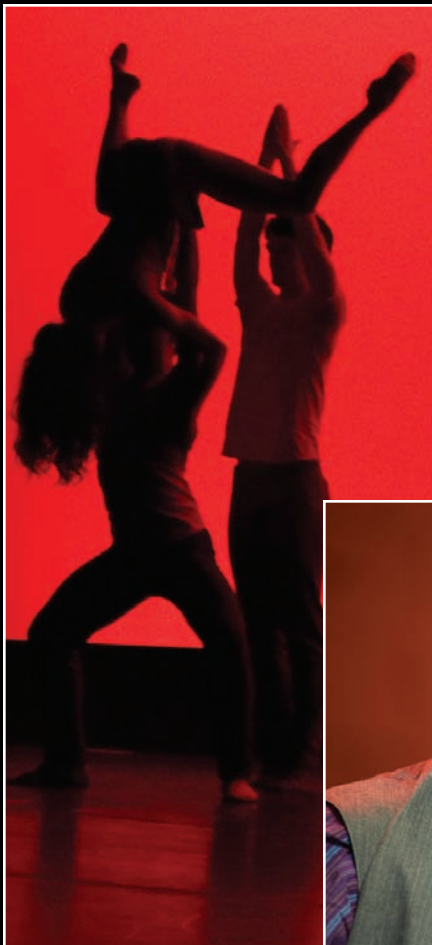
Michael Trace

Michael Trace, being an Engineer by trade, considers photography a serious hobby which began only a few years ago. His involvement with the BCT began with a request to shoot rehearsals. To his surprise they invited him to shoot performances. "I was petrified!" Mike recalls. Since then, with practice, his technique has constantly evolved. "My hope is to continually get better while capturing powerful and emotional images."

Levi Thomas

Levi Thomas began her career as a photographer 35 years ago while in Jr. High School in Brown County. Since then she has worked as a professional photographer and custom darkroom technician in Bloomington, Santa Barbara, Montreal, and the San Francisco Bay Area. At the close of the 20th century she embraced the digital revolution and as yet has felt zero nostalgia for the mess, smell, and delayed gratification of film-based photography and darkroom work. Levi currently lives in Bean Blossom where she writes, and does photography.

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Self Tours

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Monroe Bank Art Gallery Annex on Mall Road: Mon-Fri 9 am–4 pm
The annex is located at the Mall Road Banking Center,
Second Floor, 2801 Buick-Cadillac Boulevard, Bloomington

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