

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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Seattle Moisture Festival

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A Year End Message from Our Artistic Director

As a young lad, my mother taught me the value of finding the "silver lining" when I was counting on something important to me that just went wrong. If there is a silver lining to this persistent pandemic, it has been the clear reminder of how important friends, family and community are to all of us. We are fortunate to have shared the experience of our unique comedy/variety festival for nearly 20 years. The festival means a springtime gathering with children, teenagers, babies, moms, dads, grandparents, partners, friends, co-workers, all sorts - ready to have a hardy laugh and a shared sense of awe! We were always proud when a senior, who remembered going to vaudeville shows in their youth, complimented us on the shows and thanked us for bringing back wonderful memories. Today we all have such splendid memories of our special shows!

The Moisture Festival is built by a lively, hard working, fun loving community. The importance of laughter and joy is always a beacon. When the pandemic pulled the rug out from under the organization, the community gave us a magic carpet to ride until we could land safely and present the festival when it was safe for everyone. Now that we are taking applications from artists for the 2022 Festival we are hearing from them how grateful they are that we somehow keep it alive. You are all a part of that "we" and all of us at Moisture Central share the performer's heartfelt gratitude!

Ron Bailey

Seattle Moisture Festival's mission is to enrich the community by presenting an affordable annual festival showcasing the art of live comedy/variety performance.

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Please enjoy this first issue of our new quarterly Donor Newsletter.

We look forward to sharing all things Moisture Festival with you, our family of donors and sponsors.

Thank you for helping us bring laughter and joy to the stage and to your hearts since 2004.
Viva Moisture!

Tim Gonzalez-Wiler, Director of Development



Hey, Tim GW!
What's your
New Year's
Resolution?

To keep focusing on my health and fitness and to stay connected with my family even as our busy lives start kicking back in.

Have you ever wanted to **volunteer** for the Festival?
It's so much FUN! You get to see the show and be part of the magic!
Visit our Get Involved page by clicking [**HERE**](#).

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Seattle Moisture Festival

COMEDY • VARIÉTÉ

triumphantly returns to the stage

March 17-April 10, 2022!

Hale's Palladium Shows

March 17- April 10
Wednesdays & Thursdays 7:30 PM
Fridays 7:30 & 10:30 PM
Saturdays 3:00, 7:30 & 10:30 PM
Sundays 3:00 & 7:30 PM

Who
are the 2022
Moisture Festival
artists?!
Go **HERE** to learn
more!

Libertease Cabaret at Broadway Performance Hall

Thursday, March 31 7:30 PM
Friday, April 1 7:30 & 10:30 PM
Saturday, April 2 7:30 & 10:30 PM

One
Weekend
Only!

Tickets go on sale in January!

Sign up for the Moisture Festival [eNewsletter](#), and follow our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) channels to stay up-to-date on all Festival news.



Over
\$70,000
Raised!



\$50,000

\$25,000



Thanks to your incredible generosity, Seattle Moisture Festival raised over \$70,000 at our Fall Virtual Auction and Gala Variety Show! It was such a thrill to feature LIVE acts onstage at Hale's Palladium and broadcast via livestream.

Click [HERE](#) to view the replay.



PLUS!

Hot on the heels of our Fall Fundraiser, Seattle Moisture Festival participated in Giving Tuesday. You gave the festival another dose of love and support by donating \$1,660 in total. And if that wasn't enough to warm our hearts this winter, our end-of-year campaign is exceeding expectations, having raised \$8,025 so far. Thank you!

What Moisture Festival means to me:

"To me, Moisture Festival is proof/validation of many positive ideas: that 'intentional community' can really be a thing; that it is more enriching, fun and rewarding to work with a team, than it is to work alone; that when it comes down to it, people generally value laughter and friendship (and good food 😊) more than money; that the Pied Piper really does live, in Seattle, in the personage of a Scottish leprechaun. These feelings are easily and continuously experienced the longer one is associated with Moisture Festival.

Moisture Festival is Community with a capital C. It is the entertainment equivalent of a barn raising. It might as well be called the Pro Bono Festival (Labor Of Love Theatre?) owing to the thousands of hours of donated human energy it receives by those who love it: Door Greeters and Ticket Takers, Chair Movers, Photographers, Light Persons, Food Folx, Musicians, Home Hosts, Hammerheads, Drivers, Restaurant Owners, Producers, Board Members, Brewery Providers, and of course ... Performers - and so many more. They all give their time, their energy, their hearts, in return for little to no dollars, while receiving an abundance of joy, laughter, and fellowship. It is a wonder to behold; it makes me laugh just to think about it 😊❤️"



- Phil O'Brien
Board Member

Welcome our 2022 Festival SUPERSTAR and STAR donors

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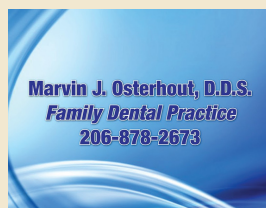
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The Festival simply would not happen without your financial support.
Look for your name during the 2022 Festival on our Wall of Stars at
Hale's Palladium.

Shout Out to our first 2022 Festival Sponsors!



Connect with Us!!

Join the MOISTURE FESTIVAL STARS Donor Facebook group

We invite our past and present \$100 STAR and \$1,000 SUPERSTAR donors, as well as our in-kind partners, sponsors, and auction donors to join our first Moisture Festival Donor Facebook Group.

Enjoy this digital space to connect directly with other Moisture Festival supporters. This is a private group that requires moderator approval to join.
Click [HERE](#) to join.

Jenn's Corner



Did you know Seattle Moisture Festival has a South Office? Tucked away in South Seattle, Director of Smooth Operations Jennifer Wensrich's cute attic office with a view has been the Festival's main point of operations since March 2020. Our future hung in the balance, just like so many other small nonprofit arts organizations. However, we are still here today thanks to the tireless leadership of Jennifer and our Board and Producers. The creativity and adaptability found in variety arts, the spirit of volunteerism that has always been this Festival's secret weapon, and the unparalleled financial support from YOU is why Seattle Moisture Festival is able to return to the stage.

THANK YOU! We'll see you in March at Hale's Palladium.