

LVPAC Nears Fund-Raising Goal for Debt Buyout

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) is close to achieving its fund-raising goal of \$2.8 million to fulfill the terms of the joint proposal to buyout LVPAC's debt on the Bankhead Theater.

An additional \$680,000 is needed for general operations through the end of the year.

The City of Livermore has approved in concept a joint proposal involving LVPAC, the City, Alameda County and the Bank of New York Mellon to pay off the Bankhead's outstanding debt.

LVPAC is just a little over \$200,000 short of \$2.8 million goal. Denise Watkins, vice president of the

LVPAC Board, stated, "We need more people to come forward. Now is the time to support the buyout."

She noted that every dollar counts. "It would be helpful to show a broad range of support, noting that if 100 people gave \$50 each, that's \$5000. That amount makes an impact."

According to Watkins, "We need to have the final commitments for funding prior to the city's proposed public council meeting, so that the council feels comfortable in moving forward."

Watkins said that those who wish to donate, can go to lvpac.org, click on the donate button, then select buy-out. Checks can be sent to the Development Department

ment, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, CA 94550. Write buy-out on the check.

In June, LVPAC announced that the 2014-2015 season includes approximately 40 events spanning a range of musical genres, as well as cirque, comedy and dance performances.

On September 12th, the LVPAC Presents 2014-2015 season opens with the return of the acclaimed National Acrobats of the People's Republic of China in the visually spectacular show "Peking Dreams." LVPAC's largest fund-raising event of the year, the Annual LVPAC Lobster Clambake follows on Saturday evening, September 13th at Wente Vine-

yards with proceeds going to both the Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell Arts Center. Now, in its second year, the casually elegant event offers attendees an authentic New England-style lobster clambake menu, award winning wines and live music.

Between the Bankhead Theater and Bothwell Arts Center, more than 500 public activities are offered each year, from classes and workshops, to concerts, festivals and performances, as well as ArtWalk and extensive educational arts outreach. A list of upcoming performances at the Bankhead Theater, as well as activities at the Bothwell Arts Center, is available online at www.mylvpac.com

Gathering and Games Set for This Weekend

The 1st Battalion Pipes & Drums Scots Guards and the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Band have been signed to perform at the 149th Scottish Highland Gathering & Games, set for this Labor Day weekend (August 30 &

31) at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, 4501 Pleasanton Avenue. Gates open at 8 a.m. The public can see the performance of both bands during the Massed Bands-Closing Ceremonies in front

of the grandstands both Saturday and Sunday. The grandstand show begins at 3:45 with the U.S. Drum Major Championships. The Scots Guards and Marine band march in at 4:15, along

with 30 other pipe bands from the U.S. and Canada, the largest assembly of pipe bands in the nation.

Two Puggles Looking for a New Home

After a family tragedy forced their guardian to surrender the family's beloved puggles, Dallas and Dakota, to Valley Humane Society, the organization is on a desperate search to find a new home willing to adopt this loving and bonded pair.

"The challenge is these are older dogs and they need to stay together," said Melanie Sadek, Valley Humane Society's Executive Director. "The big plus for these two is that they are healthy - we have their entire medical history - and they get along great with other dogs and children."

Dallas and Dakota were surrendered to the facility after a massive heart attack landed

1st Wednesday Party to Celebrate Going Green

Celebrate Green in downtown Pleasanton on September 3 during the 1st Wednesday Street Party, the last one of the summer.

The Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA) in collaboration with the City of Pleasanton and Hacienda Business Park will host the second annual "Green Scene." Downtown Pleasanton will welcome vendors specifically involved in energy efficient technology, waste reduction, water conservation, and recycling. Organizations will be located on Division Street between Main Street and Railroad Avenue. They will describe some of the money-saving rebates available to local residents who choose energy efficient upgrades to their homes.

Creatures of Impulse, a teen improvisational group, will be performing.

Live music will fill downtown Pleasanton during the event. At the Entertainment Garden at 530 Main Street, Public Eye will play high energy rock and roll. Garage Band Academy will play popular hits of yesterday and today in the 300 block of Main Street. The GroWiser Band will be rocking St. Mary Street where Arlen Ness will display more than 10 motorcycles from its Dublin showroom.

Main Street will be shut down from 6-9 p.m. for this monthly summer event. W. Angela Street will be the location for ArtBlock where local artists, sculptors and jewelry crafters, all who specialize in hand-made arts and crafts, will showcase, discuss and sell their works.

A special thanks to Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne and Councilwoman Kathy Narum for sponsoring September's Entertainment Garden.

Information about the Pleasanton Downtown Association available at (925) 484-2199 or www.pleasantondowntown.net.

