A Grand Re-Opening

The beautifully restored 680-seat John Legend Theater opened to a full house on October 9, 2016, after having been closed since 2008. The opening included a ribbon-cutting ceremony with John Legend as well as a program that included an amazing performance by Mr. Legend.

The renovated theater provides a lovely, state-of-the-art space in which students can learn to design, stage, tech and perform a variety of events and where community groups can present performances and host events.

Today’s theater follows a long tradition of hosting numerous student and community assemblies, lectures, performances, and meetings – dating back to 1911, when the graduating class presented the auditorium’s first play, “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.”
An Exciting First Season

In our first year, student and community audiences of the John Legend Theater enjoyed high school musicals and film festivals, elementary school movie screenings, a martial arts exhibition, community theater plays, violin and piano concerts, and a seminar for countywide educators, among other events, with a total audience of more than 10,000. We also offered technical classes to students, training the next generation of theater technicians and community members in the use of the equipment. Those who complete the series could serve as technicians for events held in the theater.

For theater rentals or technical classes, contact Terry McGonigle at 937-505-2944 or email to mcgonigletl@scsdoh.org.

More to Come

The Fish and Nedelman Family Balcony and Valentine Commons opened in Fall 2017. The balcony, with its 289 seats, increases seating capacity to 680. The commons provides space for events and access to the theater through the historic front entrance on South Limestone.

With our new online ticketing system – OvationTix – patrons can see an event calendar, select seats, purchase tickets, and donate or name a theater seat by clicking on the “Buy Tickets” button at: www.scsdoh.org/jlt, then clicking on the event on the calendar.

To donate, click on “Donations” at the top of the calendar. Gifts of $1,000 or more are engraved on the Donor Wall. A few theater areas can still be named with a gift of $10,000 or more.