

NACC: 'Cheers to 100 Years!' celebrates community success

Press Release

The Niagara Arts and Cultural Center is hosting a centennial celebration, at 1201 Pine Ave. (corner of Pine Avenue and Portage Road), from July 20-27.

The historic building that was once the Niagara Falls High School, and is now the Niagara Arts and Cultural Center, is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2024.

Generations of Niagara residents have had the opportunity to pass through the halls of the building as either high school students or as patrons of the NACC. The building was scheduled for demolition in 2000 but, thanks to a group of concerned citizens who saved the building from the wrecking ball, the site continues to serve the community.

To celebrate that community victory, a committee of local volunteers have been hard at work organizing a week full of events that will help us all recognize and celebrate the important part of our local history.

The group has collected 100 years' worth of "Memories and Memorabilia" from NFHS and NACC archives. This amazing display of community history will be on dis-



play in the NACC Townsend Gallery (former NFHS cafeteria), free and open to the public, through Aug. 17.

The group has also organized a week of activities to mark the occasion, and to fore-

shadow some of the new offerings that will be a part of the building's future as the NACC prepares to start an \$8.5 million theater renovation project on Aug. 17.

Free performing arts events will take place during the week – all on the front lawn with no admission charge, thanks to generous sponsors – with an epic anniversary party to take place from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, July 27.

The "Cheers to 100 Years!" centennial anniversary party will feature two bars, music and displays in various parts of the building, so people will have a chance to literally dance in the halls!

Tickets are \$30, and include two drink tickets, plus a food buffet catered by Marketside and Fortuna's, The Village Bake

Shoppe, DiCamillo Bakery and Spot Coffee.

Entertainment will be provided by DJ Lasia Liberty, spinning tunes from across the decades, plus Pangea World Jazz in the gallery, and Cheap Thrills Karaoke in the cafe.

Tickets for Saturday's celebration party are available in person at the NACC, online at www.TheNACC.org/Tickets, or at The Marketside Restaurant.

Centennial week

•Friday, July 26 – Marsha McWilson will present her "Motown Review" at 7 p.m. The food truck will be Something Serious Soul Food.

•Saturday, July 27 – The "Cheers to 100 Years!" anniversary party runs from 6-9 p.m. for those ages 21-and-over. Tickets are \$30. Proceeds will help support the cultural programs at the NACC.

Much of this fabulous, weeklong celebration is being accomplished through the generosity of sponsors. The members of the committee wish to thank everyone for their support and recognition in celebrating this important milestone within our community.

For more information, visit www.thenacc.org or call 716-282-7530, ext. 110.

The Station of the Cross celebrates 25 years of Catholic programming

The Station of the Cross Catholic Media Network, headquartered in Buffalo, is marking its 25-year anniversary with a celebration Aug. 24 at the Niagara Falls Convention Center.

The celebration will include two parts, a general event and a VIP gala dinner (that includes both parts). The general event, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., features talks by renowned speakers Raymond Arroyo, Can-

dace Owens (a recent Catholic convert); the Most Rev. Joseph Strickland; the Rev. Robert McTeigue, S.J.; Mother Miriam; Jim Havens; and Joe McClane.

The VIP gala dinner, from 5-8 p.m., offers a unique opportunity to mingle with the guest speakers over hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and a sit-down dinner. The dinner will also include special bonus talks by Arroyo and Candace Owens.

Tickets for the general event are \$100, and for the VIP dinner \$300 (includes admission to the general event). Registration is currently open to the public at www.thestationofthecross.com. Tickets are limited.

"We thank God and all of our

listeners and supporters for 25 incredible years of bringing Catholic programming to people's homes, cars and workplaces," said Jim Wright, co-founder and president of The Station of the Cross.

He added, "We've heard from so many people over the years about how The Station of the Cross has been such a blessing in their lives, helping them to get closer to God and to grow in their Catholic faith. That is really what we are celebrating, and it's all happening at a place of breathtaking beauty that has God's fingerprints all over it, amazing Niagara Falls."

An affiliate of Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), The Station of the Cross broadcasts Catholic programs seven days a week, 24 hours a day. In addition to airing shows produced by EWTN and Ave Maria Radio, the network con-

tinues to offer a growing number of self-produced shows as well.

The Station of the Cross was founded by Jim and Joanne Wright, and Mary Ellen Capece Nichols, after attending a retreat at EWTN in Alabama, where they were inspired by Mother Angelica, foundress of EWTN, to start a Catholic radio station in their hometown. The first program aired Aug. 15, 1999 (the Feast of the Assumption), out of a small station in Amherst. Over the past 25 years, it has expanded into a radio network comprising 20 terrestrial stations across the northeastern U.S., reaching more than 10 million potential listeners. Its programs can also be heard at www.thestationofthecross.com and the free iCatholicRadio app. Additionally, the network's iCatholicMusic app broadcasts Catholic music by top Catholic artists.

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