

# Three rounds and a sound system

ASTORIA — The Liberty Theatre has been awarded the third and final grant needed to purchase and install a permanent sound system in the theater.

Pacific Power Foundation has awarded the Liberty the remaining \$4,000 for the project. This will be combined with the previous awards of \$22,000 by the James F and Marion L Miller Foundation and \$15,000 from the Oregon Community Foundation.

The theater currently pays between \$1,000 and \$1,500 per event to rent an adequate sound system for Liberty-presented performances. Those systems often add hours of setup and tear-down time before and after each event, stressing our small staff. Outside promoters have to rent or bring their own sound system for their shows. This not only greatly impacts our budget but often results in patron and artist complaints about the inconsistency of sound from event to event.

Having our own sound system that meets the unique design of the Liberty means we can control sound quality, train engineers in-house and provide consistent, optimum experiences for our patrons.

Engineers have been brought in to model and study the acoustics of the theater and will provide assistance in the purchase and installation of the system.



COURTESY LIBERTY THEATRE

LEFT: Liberty Theatre Director Jennifer Crockett, left, and the theater's longtime technical director, Larry Bryant, hold up the final grant check needed to purchase and install a new sound system.

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BELOW: Blind Pilot performs during a recording of OPB's "State of Wonder" at the Liberty Theatre.



# Call for artists in Clatsop, Pacific counties

KELSO, WASH. — Area artists are invited to participate in the Columbian Artists Association's 42nd annual juried Spring Art Show, held Monday, March 5, through Sunday, March 25, at the Three Rivers Mall in Kelso, Washington.

The show is open to artists 18 and older from Clatsop and Columbia counties in Oregon, and Pacific, Cowlitz, Clark, Wahkiakum and Lewis counties in Washington. Entries must be original 2-D and 3-D work completed in the last two years.

Entries will be judged and cash awards given in each category. Additional awards include a memorial award, sponsor awards and people's choice award. Entries will be received 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, March 5, at Three Rivers Mall.

A prospectus with details regarding rules, categories, sizes, fees, etc. is available at [columbianartists.org](http://columbianartists.org). It is also available at The Broadway Gallery in Longview, Washington, and the Tsuga Gallery in Cathlamet, Washington.

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