Starlight Celebration reopens 7th Street Theatre Jan. 23

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Grays Harbor’s historic 7th Street Theatre will present a Grand Reopening for the second year in a row, this time a “Starlight Celebration” on Saturday, January 23 at 7:30 p.m. The free reopening celebration at the downtown Hoquiam theatre follows a three-month project of restoration of the curved plaster ceiling and embedded, lighted stars, in addition to the restoration of all ornamental plaster and walls. The work was done by EverGreene Architectural Arts of New York City, who have restored historic buildings all over the country from the Radio City Music Hall to the Grand Opera House in Meridian, Mississippi.

This reopening event follows by almost exactly a year the 2009 reopening, which took place after a closure for replacement of the stage rigging, seat restoration, and new stage curtain.

Music will be performed by Livin’ Harmony, a gospel quartet singing in barbershop style, and the Grays Harbor Banjo Band. Speakers will include Senator Jim Hargrove, Mayor Jack Durney, and Michael Houser, from the State Dept. of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. There will also be a short slide show of the project from beginning to end.

The Theatre will offer a wine bar in the lobby and volunteers will be selling authentic pieces of the original sky, for $5 with an informational card enclosed in the packet.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. event. Admission is free but donations will be gratefully accepted to Theatre Restoration Fund. For more information call 360-537-7400 or check the website, www.7thstreettheatre.com.