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MBT is Preparing for our 100th Season & We Want to Hear from You!

Bellingham, WA — As Mount Baker Theatre (MBT) approaches its 100th Season, we're inviting patrons to help shape this historic milestone. MBT wants your ideas and suggestions of how the theatre can celebrate the 2026-2027 Season with [MBT's Centennial Season Survey](#).

MBT first opened almost a century ago to fanfare from the local Whatcom County community. On April 29, 1927, at 6:00 p.m. whistles shrieked from Bellingham Bay, fire engine sirens rang into the night, and streetcars carrying passengers to the theatre clanged their bells. The doors to the luxurious movie palace opened at 6:30 p.m., letting in the crowd of people who were lined up around the block.

Exactly how has MBT been able to survive and thrive over these past 99 years? The city and county, as well as, hundreds of volunteers, businesses, and other donors pitched in to save, restore, and renovate MBT along the way. Thanks to these efforts, MBT continues to be a central historic cornerstone of the Downtown Bellingham Arts District, lighting up the skyline and drawing people in from all over the state.

To celebrate the past 100 years MBT wants to know what would help make this historic year unforgettable. You are invited to share your ideas to help shape this historic milestone with [MBT's Centennial Season Survey](#).

While some limitations exist around artist availability and Broadway touring schedules, everyone's input is essential in guiding the genres, performers, and special events we pursue. To learn more about the history of MBT, please visit the [Venue & History page](#) on MBT's website.

About Mount Baker Theatre

Mount Baker Theatre is a 501(c)(3) non-profit arts organization dedicated to enriching the region's culture through dynamic performances, arts education, inspiring engagement in the community and stewardship of a national historic treasure. Located in the heart of downtown Bellingham's Art District, MBT is the largest theatrical venue north of Seattle in Washington State. Built in 1927, MBT is the only survivor of the five original movie palaces built in Whatcom County between 1914 and 1930. The building itself is a beautifully restored architectural treasure, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Since opening day, MBT has been dedicated to showcasing top touring performing arts events, as well as presenting community-driven events and performances, to audiences in the North Puget Sound and the Lower Mainland of British Columbia.

MBT's Centennial Season Survey:

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