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GALA

HONORING

THE CRANE FAMILY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

“We have always admired the
entire Crane family both near and
far. They do it all, they do it best,
and our community, including the
Drexel Theatre, is the better for
having known and loved them.
Thank you Cranes!”

—Don & Teckie Shackelford



DREXEL GALA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6:00 PM

Cocktail Hour for
Sponsors & Honorary Committee

6:45 PM

Drexel Hero program
begins in person & online

7:30 PM

Dessert & Coffee for
Sponsors & Honorary Committee

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Jane Grote Abell & Tom Krouse

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*listing as of 11/30

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FANTASTIC CRANE FAMILY!

IF THE WHOLE FAMILY CAME, THEY COULD PRACTICALLY
FILL THE ENTIRE THEATRE THAT BEARS THEIR NAME.

THEY LOVE THE DREXEL.

EVERYBODY LOVES THE DREXEL.

Thank you, Crane Family
—Jill Jeffrey Kingsley

Congratulations to the Crane Family!

**Thank you for your continued support to the
Drexel and our community as a whole. Your
family is the truest example of giving back
and transforming lives.**

Jane Don

DONATOS PIZZA

Every piece is important.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF LOANN CRANE

**“MANY THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE CRANE FAMILY FOR ALL YOU DO
FOR THE DREXEL AND OUR COMMUNITY.”**

MARY LAZARUS & FAMILY

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**With gratitude
to the Crane
family for all
they do for our
community and
to the Drexel
Theatre for all
it adds to our
lives.**

Jim & Kim Wilson



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**"The Drexel Theatre is a hub that
is as essential to the future of our
community as it is a part of our past.
We are so grateful to the Crane Family
for their leadership in the past and
vision for the future."**

***Many thanks from
Ron Ungvarsky & Susan Tomasky***

The Drexel Hero Award acknowledges individuals who have made exceptional contributions in support of the Drexel Theatre and independent film in central Ohio.

DREXEL HERO AWARD



The Crane Family is a multi-generational, philanthropic force that has supported the Friends of the Drexel since its founding in 2009. After the 2016 restoration of the historical, Art Deco landmark, the Drexel's 90-seat cinema was named the Crane Family Theatre. Family members continue to dedicate annual support to the Drexel, ensuring the longevity of the beloved community gathering place, and support the community's arts, education, social services, and public projects with equal enthusiasm.

Thank you to the entire Crane Family for being a Drexel Hero!



The donation you provide the Friends of the Drexel today will translate into our ability to offer more unique opportunities to engage with our community through film in 2022.

We are developing programming for kids, families, and students to expand their support and interest in the Drexel and continue to enrich and entertain film lovers of all ages. Here's a sample of programs on the horizon for next year:

• **Drexel Selects** A program like our very popular American Greatest Film Series (2017-2019), that will reach beyond the American Film Institute's top 100 films to explore movies and topics that interest our film fans. This curated series will also feature guest speakers and Q&A sessions.

• **Martial Month** A selection of the best martial arts films in the world with a panel discussion about each film with local martial arts instructors.

• **Animation Festival** A month-long series of films spanning original animation from the silent era to Japanese Anime, stop-motion, Claymation, and series of short works from around the world.

• **Who Dun It?** A month-long series on the history of detective work in film, including a panel with criminology professors and detectives.

• **Magical Musical Moments** Local theatre experts will guide us on a journey through the amazing history of film musicals.

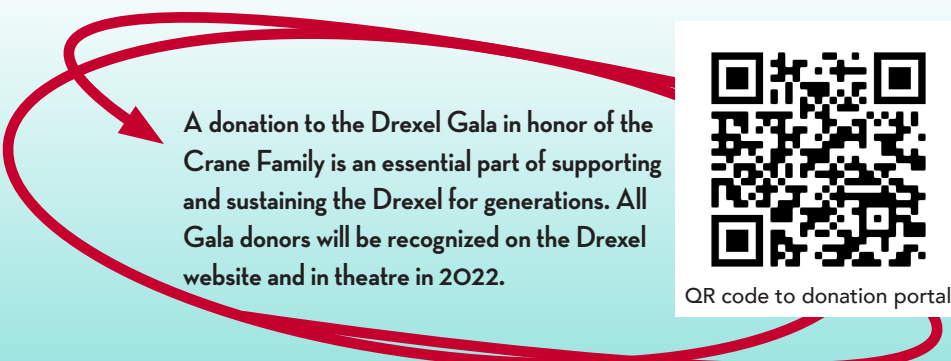
Programs like these will be an essential part of the Drexel success in 2022, but we need your help now to ensure these programs will feature the best films and subject experts for the pre- and post-screening conversations.



photo: Brad Feinknopf

ABOUT THE DREXEL THEATRE

The Drexel debuted on Christmas Day 1937 and for generations, the Drexel Theatre has been central Ohio's first source for independent film and the best of Hollywood and international cinema. Named among the "Ten Best Art Blessings" by *The Columbus Dispatch*, the Drexel is Columbus' premier arts cinema, providing unique programming in an eclectic, neighborhood film-going experience. The Drexel Theatre has officially been added to the National Register of Historic Places as a historic place worthy of preservation. Selected as a historic building contributing to the community's recreation and culture, the Drexel is only the fifth site in Bexley to be honored with this national designation.



A donation to the Drexel Gala in honor of the Crane Family is an essential part of supporting and sustaining the Drexel for generations. All Gala donors will be recognized on the Drexel website and in theatre in 2022.



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ABOUT THE DREXEL STAFF



MACK GLASGOW
Assistant Theatre Director

I've worked at the Drexel
since... August 7th, 2013

Favorite Drexel Memory:
Watching the San

Francisco Giants win the 2014 World Series in
Theater 1 after work.

Favorite Movie: *Reservoir Dogs*

Next time you are at the Drexel, ask me about:
5th Edition Dungeons and Dragons



BAILEY NOWLIN
Manager

I've worked at the Drexel
since... 2015

Favorite Drexel Memory:
Hosting a screening of

Patriots at the theater

Favorite Movie: *Tangled*

Next time you are at the Drexel, ask me about:
Specialty popcorn!

ALAN GABRENYA
Technical Director

I've worked at the Drexel
since... 2007

Favorite Drexel Memory:
Getting digital projectors

Favorite Movie: *Raising Arizona*

Next time you are at the Drexel, ask me about:
Frank Zappa



LINDSAY SCHMITT
Concessionist

I've worked at the Drexel
since... 2020

Favorite Drexel Memory:
Watching movies with fellow
staff

Favorite Movie: *Once Upon a Time in
Hollywood*

Next time you are at the Drexel, ask me about:
Running a half-marathon



JASON CHRISTOPHER
Operations Director

I've worked at the Drexel
since... 2018

Favorite Drexel Memory:
Getting Joe Bob Briggs

to come to the theater

Favorite Movie: *Taxi Driver*

Next time you are at the Drexel, ask me about:
Horror movies



JEREMY HENTHORN
Theatre Director

I've worked at the Drexel
since... 2018

Favorite Drexel Memory:
The Wil Haygood Foxy

Brown screening and Columbus Film Festival
Screenings

Favorite Movie: *Raiders of the Lost Ark*

Next time you are at the Drexel, ask me about:
Early film history

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GOING TO THE MOVIES, A LOVE LETTER

BY JANET HELGESON AND FRED ROECKER

Going to the movies has been part of world culture since film was created. Anne Frank had photos of Greta Garbo, Rudy Vallee and Shirley Temple on the walls of her bedroom hideout in Amsterdam. President Franklin D. Roosevelt called Temple "Little Miss Miracle" for raising the public's morale during the Depression. In 1930's Tennessee, my mother spent many Saturday mornings at the movies in a theater filled with kids watching the Perils of Pauline, newsreels and of course, Shirley Temple. Fred's father, who was raised in Michigan, affectionately referred to Shirley Temple as 'Shir Shir Temp' all his life. And she is just one example of cinema's iconic reach.

Movies' influence in people's lives has always crossed barriers of geography, language and class. Films have changed legal verdicts, righted wrongs, delighted and informed film-goers. At the Drexel the seats are filled by people who love and delight in films of all kinds, films that are often made in other countries and in other languages. Films challenge stereotypes. Films change perceptions. Going to the movies is fun. Hardly a day goes by without one of us quoting from a movie. Just a week ago at the end of a Drexel movie the audience applauded.

Going to the Drexel is one of the things we love about living in Bexley. May it live long and prosper.

We are proud to support
the historic Drexel Theatre.

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**“Thank you
to the Crane
Family”**

Dear Crane Family,

Your kindness
and involvement
has helped preserve
a treasured gift...
The Drexel Theatre!

Much gratitude for
all the SMILES that
are because of YOU
and THE DREXEL
THEATRE.

—Vicki Canter

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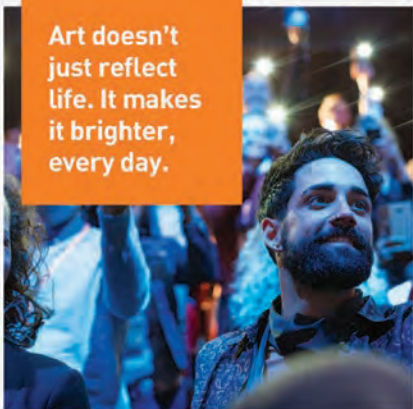
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Investment When
We See One!**

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just reflect
life. It makes
it brighter,
every day.



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“Thank you to the
Crane Family
for their many
contributions to
the Drexel and
our community.”

—Dr. Lee Shackelford



Dr. Rob Crane was a member of one of my first Leadership Columbus classes in the early 1990s. I knew that his esteemed father had recently passed away and of his father's extraordinary contributions as a steward of Columbus—from his role as Chairman of United Way to President of the Board of Franklin University, etc. His reputation as an incomparable community leader was legendary.

I approached Rob and asked if it might be possible to meet with his mom to discuss how we could continue her husband's legacy beyond her own efforts and those of her children who have "community trusteeship" basically baked into their DNA.

Loann and I met for lunch and I asked if she would consider a contribution in her late husband's name to be held in an endowment at the Columbus Foundation.

I explained that it was essential that we as a city were cultivating competent, compassionate servant leaders that emulated the characteristics demonstrated by her husband. Loann agreed that many of her husband's peers were getting older and soon that generation of trustees would dwindle even more.

She heartily and enthusiastically agreed that it was imperative that we were always mindful, as a community, of preparing leaders who **"could step up to the plate"** and serve the common good.

The family subsequently provided the seed money for the Robert S. Crane, Jr. Trusteeship Endowment Fund and it is used primarily for tuition assistance for nonprofit leaders and others who exhibited true leadership ability but did not have the funds to cover their tuition to Leadership Columbus. (LC is a nonprofit as well, and we rely on contributions as well as corporately sponsored participants.)

Every year in the last 27 since the endowment's inception, there have been approximately 10 individuals that are the proud recipients of tuition assistance from the Crane family so can participate in creating a preferred vision for our community and work toward a better future for ALL Columbus citizens."

—Laurie Stein Marsh



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to the Drexel
Theater for
continued
excellence"**

—The Coopersmith Family



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Congrats to Cranes and Fellow Supporters of the Drexel from Miriam & Bernie Yenkin

** Bernie was a regular in the audience
when the Drexel opened in 1937!*

“Congratulations to the entire Crane Family. Thank you for always leaning in and lifting up our community. You have built a strong foundation of generational giving and transformational change in individuals and neighborhoods. Your continued support of the Drexel is one example of how you make a difference in lives, in hearts and in the arts.”

—Edge Sisters

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