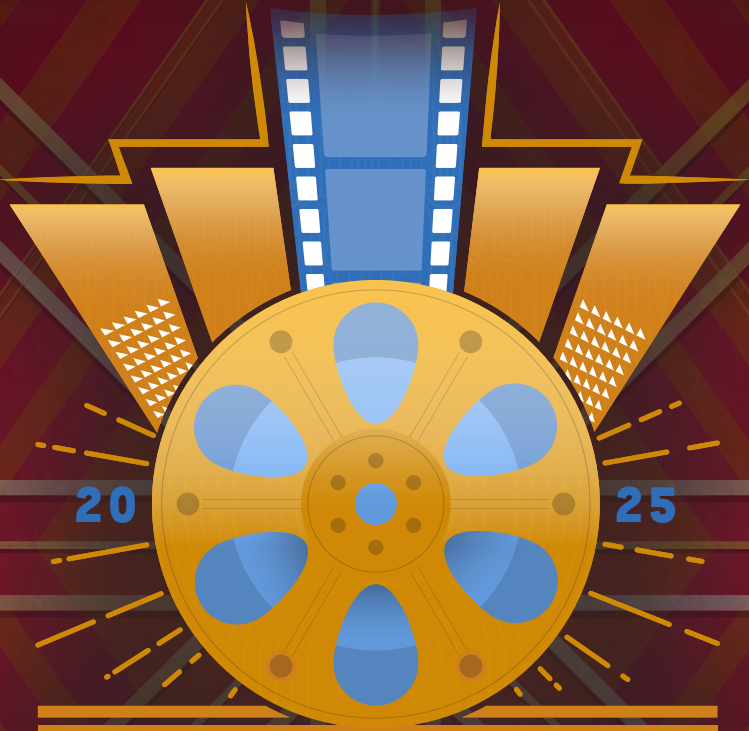




DREXEL

T H E A T R E

CELEBRATION

STARRING

Judy Fisher

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025



Thank you Judy! The Drexel
is such an important part of our
community, and you always make
sure its lights are shining bright!

—From, Mary Lazarus and Family

EVENING AGENDA

LIVE MUSIC, DRINKS & TASTY BITES
6:30 PM

CELEBRATION PROGRAM
7:15 PM

CONFECTIONS, COFFEE,
AND CONVERSATION
7:45 PM

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List as of 9/30/2025

STARRING *Judy Fisher*

If you haven't had the pleasure of meeting Judy Fisher, you're in for a treat. Beloved by many and admired across our community, Judy's warmth and presence have made her something of a local treasure. In fact, some might even say a hometown celebrity.

As a longtime Friend of the Drexel, Judy asked "Where else can you see movies in your own neighborhood that have won Oscars, golden Globes, BAFTAs, Palm d'Ors, to name but a few? You can also buy a ticket to the latest Marvel franchise movie if that's where your tastes take you. The Drexel Theater is iconic. People come from all over not only to enjoy a movie, but also to revel in its 1930s Art Deco splendor."

This love of film and the Drexel, and some significant encouragement from Bill Conner, created a fantastic pairing. Bill Conner, the late CEO of CAPA, knew that Judy had the talent to lead the non-profit board that manages the Drexel Theatre in cooperation with CAPA. She saw the potential for expanded programming outside the first-run and repertory content that the Drexel was already famous for in the community. Her work in bringing the documentary "I Am Evidence" to the Drexel meant that people saw the theatre as a place to learn and grow, as well as to be entertained.

Because of her demonstrated skill at guidance and governance, Judy has been heavily engaged in a political life with The League of Women Voters, appointed by the Governor to the Ohio Children's Trust Fund, served on the boards of Jewish Family Services, Women's Political Caucus, and The Center for New Directions, a delegate to National Democratic Convention, and the ACLU, working on the elimination of racism, empowerment of women, good health care for all, fair housing and voters' rights. Her most meaningful endeavor was serving on the Development Committee for the creation of the YWCA Family Center for Homeless Women and Children and receiving the YWCA's Woman of Achievement Award – a proud moment in her community life.

You can see Judy on any morning walking through the streets of Bexley, routes she has walked for decades, wearing out many pairs of shoes in the process. After returning home after her walk she often remarks how splendid Bexley is; how lovely the experience of walking its streets is. She also loves to travel, to visit art museums, and attend ballet and music performances.

Judy has lived in Bexley with Ted for 52 years, in the same house, which they bought from the widow of the man who built it. Ted and Judy have two children, Abra and Evan, and 6 amazing and unique grandchildren.



Happy (Judy), you are such a role model to us and we love you so much. Congratulations on your amazing honor!

—Love, Scarlett, Sunny, and Liv

P.S. from Sunny: I'm so glad I'm your favorite.

P.S.S. from Liv: No, I am her favorite.

P.S.S.S. from Scarlett: Actually I'm her favorite and it's not a question. She's known me the longest.

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Dearest Judy,

Congratulations on your well-deserved honor, and thank you for your tireless dedication to The Drexel Theatre.

Courage, kindness, friendship, and character define us as human beings and allow us to do great things on occasion.

You, my friend, have done
MANY GREAT THINGS.

—With love, Vicki Canter



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Two great things
about Central
Ohio - Judy
Fisher and the
Drexel Theatre

—Trip and Lexie Lazarus



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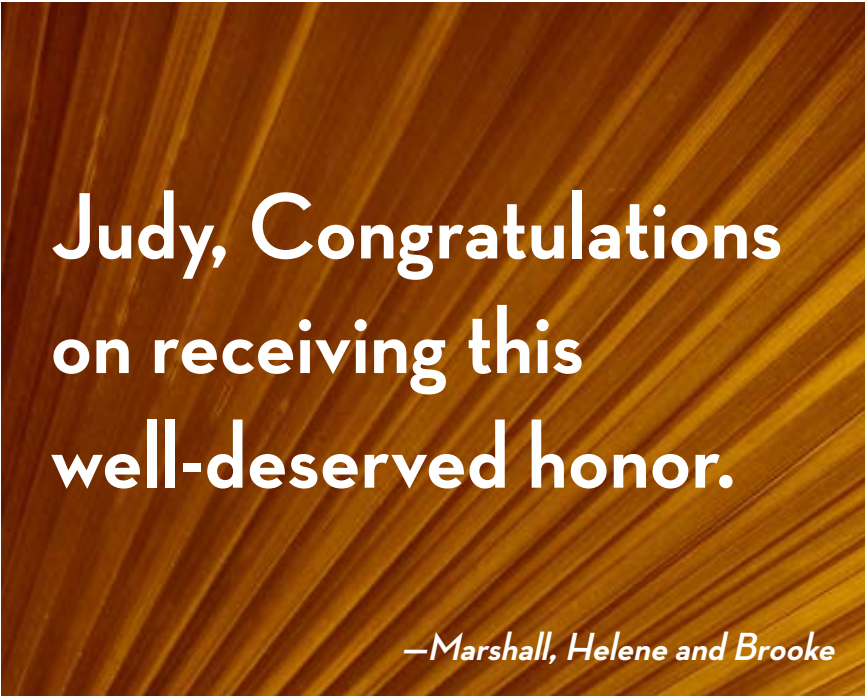
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Congratulations
to Judy and
Thanks to the
Whole Drexel
team!

—Miriam and Bernie Yenkin

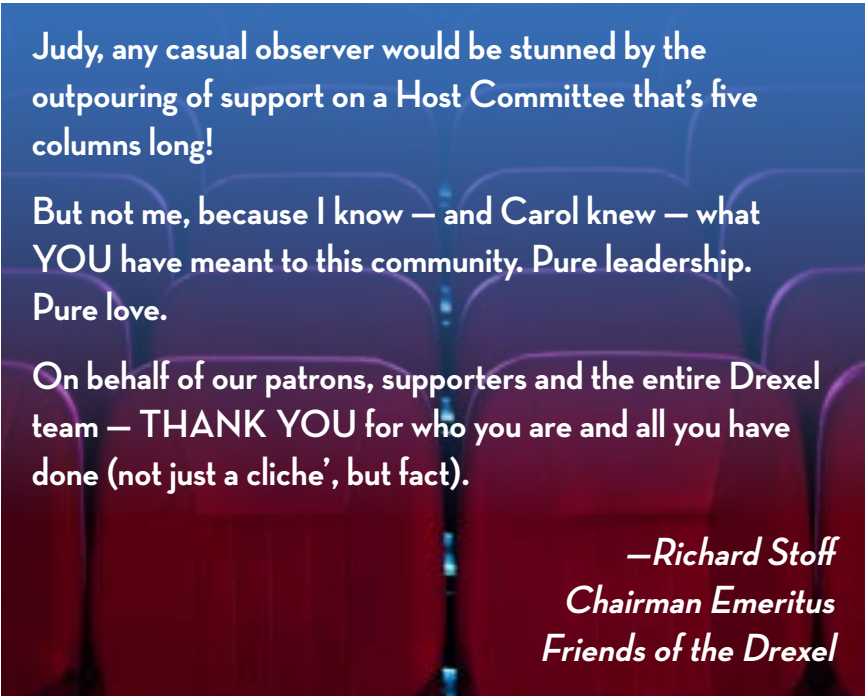


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**Judy, Congratulations
on receiving this
well-deserved honor.**

—Marshall, Helene and Brooke

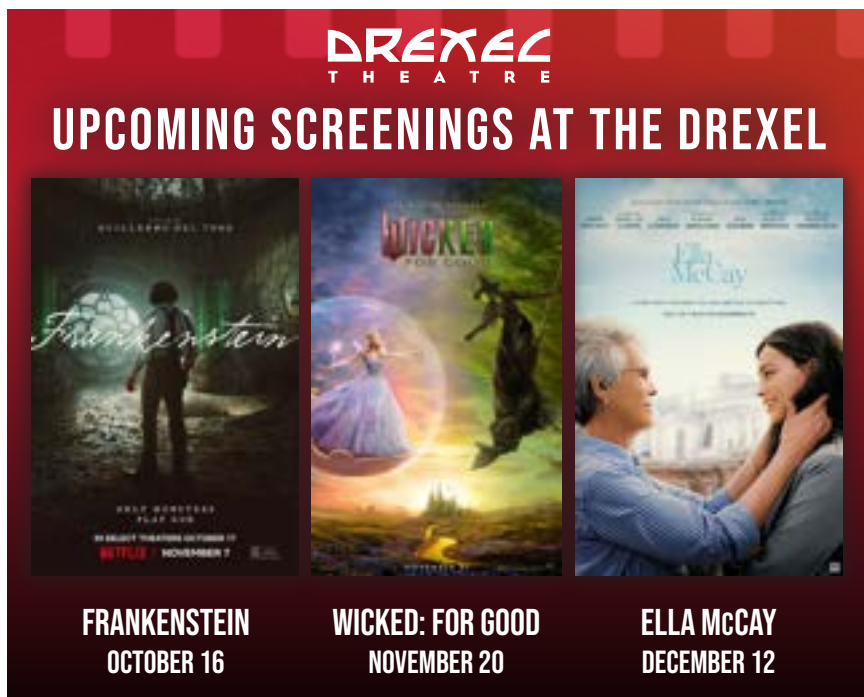
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Judy, any casual observer would be stunned by the outpouring of support on a Host Committee that's five columns long!

But not me, because I know — and Carol knew — what YOU have meant to this community. Pure leadership. Pure love.

On behalf of our patrons, supporters and the entire Drexel team — THANK YOU for who you are and all you have done (not just a cliché, but fact).

*—Richard Stoff
Chairman Emeritus
Friends of the Drexel*



Thank you to the amazing staff of the Drexel -

Todd Babbert

Jason Christopher

Mitchell Dorsett

Mack Glasgow

Hailey Noll

Will O'Neil

Alex Rice

Brett Reiter

Seth Stiles

At the Drexel, the experience goes beyond the screen. The incredible staff are the heart of our film family — sharing stories, chatting about our favorite films, and creating the kind of personal connection that makes every visit special.

Yes, it's about the movies. But it's the people, too.

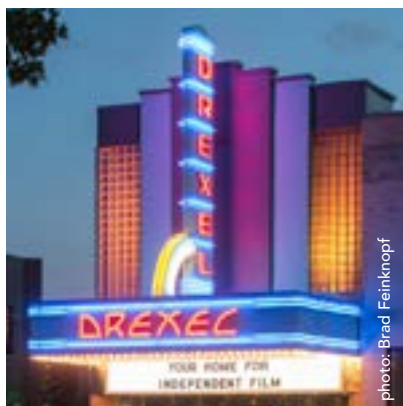
—Janet Helgeson & Fred Roecker

In honor of Judy
Fisher, thank you for
your leadership.

You are an inspiration!

—Ron Ungvarsky and Susan Tomasky

ABOUT THE DREXEL



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 Celebration in honor of Judy Fisher is an essential part of supporting and sustaining the Drexel for generations. All Celebration donors will be recognized on the Drexel website and in theatre in 2026.



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Friends of the Drexel, Inc. is a non-profit organization that exists to secure and sustain the future of the historic Drexel Theatre as a distinctive cultural asset to Bexley and the greater Columbus community.





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