



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, August 6

**THE SECOND ANNUAL
BRAUMART BLACK AND WHITE GALA!**

Social Hour begins at 6 pm

The Kid and Nic Show begins at 7 pm

Our main fundraising event of the year! Come on out to support the Braumart! If you've been to our Gala before, you already know your ticket purchase includes great food (this year from two trendy food trucks) and great entertainment! This Gala's featured act is **The Kid and Nic Show**, a fun, high energy, interactive variety musical group from Las Vegas. We'll also have drawings for door prizes. Dress in black and white to add to the festivities!

Tickets: \$50

Available at the Dickinson Area Chamber Alliance, at the door, and online at www.friendsofthebraumart.org. Tickets purchased online will be held at the Braumart Box Office.



The Kid and Nic Show: They perform pop, rock, dance, oldies, current and classic country, 80's hits, Latin, funk, swing, blues, jazz and reggae.

The Braumart Theatre is owned by Friends of the Braumart, a 501(c)3 nonprofit with the goal of operating the Braumart as an Arts Center to benefit our area. We can't do it without your support! Because of you, we can offer events like those listed here, the recent Missoula Children's Theatre workshop, and more! Can't make it to a show? You can send a donation to Friends of the Braumart, P.O. Box 156, Iron Mountain, MI 49801 or donate online at www.friendsofthebraumart.org. Thank you!

"BLEND" FOREVER DOO-WOP

Wednesday, August 23 at 7 pm

The a cappella quartet bringing back all of those fun-loving memories from the 50's and 60's with a fun twist, **BLEND** mixes the great music of yesteryear with today's comedy. Fun for all ages. **BLEND** is a show you will not want to miss!

Tickets: \$10

Available at the door and online at www.friendsofthebraumart.org. Tickets purchased online will be held at the Braumart Box Office.



**Singers, Dancers, Musicians,
Magicians, Acoustic Duos or Trios,
Poetry Readings, Comedy Routines**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!!!

Email information about what you do to:
info@friendsofthebraumart.org

We Will Contact You

Professional Sound and Lighting provided
Apply early - spots are limited

"LOCAL LIVE" OPEN MIC VARIETY SHOW

Saturday, August 26 at 7 pm

Supporting area Acoustic Musicians, Singers, Comedians, Magicians, Poets, and more. What's your talent?

To appear onstage contact us at info@friendsofthebraumart.org
Spots are limited!

Tickets: \$10

Available at the door and online at www.friendsofthebraumart.org. Tickets purchased online will be held at the Braumart Box Office.

Friends of the Braumart acquires a piece of Braumart History

From Nelson H. Hassell, Director, Friends of the Braumart:

According to my sources the original seats used in the Braumart Theater were replaced sometime in the mid 1950's. Many of these seats were moved to the Masonic Lodge located at the corner of Hamilton and Carpenter in Kingsford. These seats were put to good use in the lodge room and have been re-upholstered with leather in the traditional masonic blue color. They now line the sides of the lodge room and provide ample seating for members of the fraternity during stated communications at the lodge. After the lodge room project was completed there remained some of the seats in original condition. During my many visits to the lodge as a visiting brother of the fraternity, I noticed the unique seats and inquired as to their origin. I learned their history and asked if the surplus seats could be brought back



to the Braumart. The lodge was gracious in donating these to Friends of the Braumart and 20 of the original seats now have a home again at the Braumart. Next time you visit the theater be sure to check out a bit of Braumart history and have a nostalgic rest in one of the original Braumart seats. Some of them are on display in the theater lobby.

More news in seating:

Thanks to a Public Spaces Enhancement Mini-grant from the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission (CUPPAD), we were able to purchase a wooden bench which was custom-painted by

Iron Mountain artist Joan Game! Several genres of the visual and performing arts are portrayed. The grant also funded the curb cut, a concrete sidewalk to replace damaged pavers, and other items to enhance the Braumart.



Introducing our newest Board Member, Rodney Kjell:



Hello, I am Rodney Kjell, one of the newest members of Friends of the Braumart. I started attending the board meetings in September of 2015, and volunteered for clean-up crews when the building was purchased in February 2016. When we first went through the building and cleaned up, we managed to remove enough trash to fill two, forty yard dumpsters and about 3000 lbs. of scrap metal. We have been painting and repairing since. The theater seats have been professionally cleaned; and the roof, which leaked every time it looked like rain, has been resurfaced by Lake State Roofing. The bathrooms in the basement have had the stall walls replaced, and the marquee has been

changed from fluorescent light bulbs to LED bulbs and it has saved on our energy costs.

When September of 2016 came around, I was asked if I was interested in joining the Friends of the Braumart board. I put my name in for consideration and was elected to the board. The board members also elected me to be the board Secretary, for which I hope to fulfill their faith in me.

For those of you interested in helping out, not only is your help as a volunteer greatly desired, your attendance at the monthly board meetings and input is also welcome.



Volunteer Appreciation Party, April 22, 2017 - front row, from left: David Sam II, Fay Mannon-Rahoi, Rebecca Grider, Devona, Leonard Bietila IV, Emmalee Kraimer, Desiree Wheeler, Danielle Kraimer, Gayl Harkonen. Second row: Deb Flannery, Tim Haagensen, Tom Bugni, Mary Bugni, Jinx Brew, Mary Kay Paul, Patty Hord, Jean Thekan, Alice Smith, Audrey Smith, Jeanne Izzo, Grace Michaud, Marian Lies, Lynn Hitt. Third row: Rodney Kjell, Dale Schmeisser, Shawn Carlson, Bob Coffman, Paul Guiliani, Barb Kramer, John Estes, Julie Estes, Myron Berry, Joe Thekan, Andrew Schinderle, Dennis Rahoi, David Hiltunen. Not pictured: several wonderful and valuable volunteers. Photo by Teddy Izzo.

Braumart Volunteers



A note from Lynn Hitt, FOTB Board Member and Volunteer Coordinator:

We've gotten through our first year successfully and couldn't have done it without our Volunteers. The drive and devotion of the Board Members has proved that staying on task will result in a Theater that will enhance Iron Mountain and surrounding areas. Help from the residents of our community has made our transition to a professional theater and Performing Arts Center a dream come true.

Moving forward with our schedule for events every month and showing movies on a regular basis will require more help as we move toward our ultimate goals. Looking to see more volunteers making a commitment to see our dreams of a Performing Arts Center become a reality.

Please contact Lynn Hitt -- 906-221-4894 -- to be added to our Volunteer list and for information on how you can help.

Also from Lynn: Workers Needed!

Thank you to the volunteers who helped at our July 8th Work Bee. Progress is being made on the de-squeaking of the theater seats.

Please try to attend our next Work Bee on Saturday, July 29th at 10 am. We need any and all available to volunteer to work on the theater seats. Thank you for helping make YOUR THEATER better.

Call Lynn at 906-221-4894 to be added to the list for the day.

FOTB Hires Executive Director

It takes a lot of work to change the world. Even the task of operating a single 440-seat historic theater is daunting and filled with hardships and surprises. Fortunately for us, Jinx Brew, former Board President and the leader of the Braumart effort since its inception, is up to the challenge. The effort to restore and operate the Braumart has grown to the point where it needs full-time attention, and Jinx has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Braumart. We are very lucky to have someone with her knowledge, vision, and energy at the helm! Every leader needs a team, so let's all help Jinx as best we can. *See you at the Braumart!*



Friends of the Braumart

P.O. Box 156
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Summer, 2017

**Braumart
Black and White Gala
August 6**

MOVIES: COMING SOON TO THE BRAUMART!

The reason for this building's birth was to show the public other worlds, bring them on adventures, help them to escape from the stresses of the day: to show movies. Since the Braumart opened in 1925 it has shown many films of all different genres that have since become timeless classics. Over the years, the Braumart Theatre has become not just a film house, but a performance venue where countless acts, concerts, and plays - both musical and non - have entertained the masses. In the mid-1990s the Braumart was sold when a new, more centrally-located movie theatre was built in Quinnesec, MI. The Braumart has not shown movies since.

Now, around 20 years later and over 90 years since the Braumart's original opening, we want to once again show the those timeless classics that brought families together in front of the big screen. Film equipment has been purchased including brand new speakers, a projector, and a 200" screen! We've already had the opportunity to use this during a volunteer appreciation night where volunteers enjoyed a movie and concessions, a sign of things to come.

Now we are inviting you to join us. Come see a movie, have some popcorn, and be a part of how it all began. We'll see you at the Braumart.

Teddy Izzo, FOTB Board Member

September: The Braumart Classic Movie Series begins. Watch for dates and times.