

# THE BALTIMORE BULLETIN

Spring 2021



## Baltimore Downtown Restoration Resumes Newsletter

Greetings. The Baltimore Downtown Restoration Committee (BDRC) has published newsletters in the past. After a lull of over two years, we've decided to resume that tradition with the new Baltimore Bulletin. Our goal is to keep our members and supporters informed about what is happening in the Baltimore area, and about the various programs and events organized by the BDRC. Members receive discounted tickets for events, but all are welcome to attend. We are not trained journalists, so please be kind in your assessment of our writing and reporting skills as you read on. Feel free to reach out to us – our contact information is below.

### BDRC Membership Drive Underway

As a volunteer run non-profit, the BDRC depends on revenue from memberships, sponsorships, and events to operate. Needless to say, the past year has not been easy, with most of our events cancelled. That makes member support even more vital.

Our membership committee has some great gifts for members this year, and members receive discounts for all BDRC events. If you have already joined for 2021, thank you! If you know someone who might be interested, please have them check us out at our newly renovated website:

[www.baltimoredowntownrestoration.com](http://www.baltimoredowntownrestoration.com) !



*T-shirts, tote bags, and opera house pins await new members*

### Farmers' Market Returns in June

The popular Baltimore Farmers' Market is currently accepting vendor applications for 2021. The market will again be held at Ace Hardware on Tuesday evenings beginning June 1. Thank you Ace!



For a vendor application, check our website or the Baltimore Farmers' Market Facebook page. The Market Committee's email is [BaltimoreOhioFarmersMarket@gmail.com](mailto:BaltimoreOhioFarmersMarket@gmail.com).

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Or find us on Facebook.

## Cardio Drumming Class at the Victoria Opera House

The historic Victoria Opera House (VOH) at 101 S. Main St. has been quiet - too quiet during the past year. However, we aim to change that by offering cardio drumming classes on March 27. The two one-hour classes will be led by the Wellness Coordinator from the Fairfield Medical Center, and will begin at 10 and 11:45 am.

Appropriate distancing will be maintained, and future classes may be offered if interest is sufficient. Reserve your spot today through our website and let's get moving this spring!

## Victoria Players Children's Theater Produces Second Virtual Show

The Victoria Players Children's Theater (VPCT) has demonstrated extraordinary flexibility over the last year. Their 2020 virtual production of *Super Happy Awesome News* has been viewed online thousands of times! They have also released two productions of *Duets* in partnership with the Millersport Community Theater.



The VPCT has now completed casting for their next project: *Could You Hug A Cactus?* This new musical should be ready for release by the end of April, and Zoom rehearsals are already underway.

## CARDIO-DRUMMING at the Victoria Opera House



**Date: March 27**

Additional dates may become available.

**1<sup>st</sup> session starts at 10 a.m.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> session starts at 11:45 a.m.**

Sessions are 60 minutes. Please sign up for one. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to start.

Masks must be worn when entering/exiting the VOH until you arrive at your socially-distanced bucket in the ballroom on the third floor. (The ballroom is not handicap accessible.)

Sign up through [baltimore downtown restoration.com](http://baltimore downtown restoration.com) or on Facebook. Buckets and sticks will be provided. Exercise balls can be provided, if needed. You may also bring water and a yoga mat or large towel (not required). Dress in layers, as the ballroom is not temperature controlled.

## Opera House Hustle Debuts in June

The BDRC is teaming up with several partners to sponsor a virtual 5 & 10 K in June. The proceeds from the Opera House Hustle will be used to help fund the ongoing restoration of the Victoria Opera House.

This run, walk, or watch event will give participants the chance to complete their 5 or 10 K distance at their own pace, and on the route of their choice during the week of June 7 – 13. Results will be self-reported via RunSignUp.com.

Entrants will receive a beautiful medal and other goodies. Optional in-person group runs with pace groups may also be offered during the weekend for those who prefer to walk or run with company.

Details on this exciting new event are still being

finalized.

Watch our website or Facebook page to learn more!



## Planning for the 2021 Holiday Season Begins Now

The BDRC is raising money to purchase new lit holiday decorations for the Village to install on main thoroughfares. The Village's older lights are worn out, and only a handful of newer LED decorations are on hand. Lighting Main and Market Streets will also require some new electrical work to provide sufficient power.

Liberty Tree Coffee and local photographer Brad Weaver are supporting this fundraiser by selling Brad's prize-winning Market St. sunset photo at the coffee shop. Proceeds will go towards new holiday decorations.



*Sunset photos available at Liberty Tree*

In addition, any contributions made through our website will be matched by another local fund. It's like Christmas in April! Check



the "flag & banner" section of our website for further details!



## Arbor Day 2021 – May 2 at 3 PM

Every year the BDRC partners with the Baltimore Tree Commission to celebrate Arbor Day. Join us May 2 at the old Basil bandstand/firehouse to plant a new tree!



## Live Music Returns to the Victoria Opera House in July



The Victoria has been lonely for the past year. We aim to change that on July 11 when The Nostalgics return to fill the Opera House with their dynamic big band repertoire.



We have missed live music, and The Nostalgics always provide a great show! Tickets will be on sale through our website starting in April. And you can check out our new cushioned seats!

