CULTURE BRIGHT:

A WINTER ESSAY SERIES

Reflections on art, culture, and the future *of the Quad Cities from* *Jen Lewis-Snyder,*
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A Little Hollywood On Third Street



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There is something about walking into the Adler Theatre that makes an ordinary day feel like an occasion.

You look up. Your pace changes. The gold leaf ceiling, crystal light fixtures, and marble details invite you to pay attention before anyone steps onstage.

For a little while, the building does some of the hosting.

Today, it welcomes Buddy the Elf and the Quad City Symphony Orchestra.

At 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Elf in Concert brings the holiday film to the Adler's screen while the Symphony performs John Debney's score live, in time with the picture.

The celebration begins an hour and a half before each show. Culture Bright's Santa's Village opens at 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., giving you time to find your elf name with our Chief Culture Bright Elf and take a photo to commemorate the occasion.

Come as yourself. Leave with an elf name and a new family memory.

You may know the jokes. You may have watched the film enough times to anticipate the next scene. Hearing musicians perform its score in the same room gives you another way to experience a familiar favorite.

The music that usually comes through your television has people behind it. Today, you can see them work.

A conductor follows the film. Musicians listen across the orchestra, keeping the score and the story together. A moment that seems effortless from your seat depends on the skill and attention of everyone performing it.

Let yourself notice that.

Then look around at the room holding it all.

The Adler opened in 1931 as the RKO Orpheum, a movie palace designed to make going to the pictures feel special. A community restoration brought it back as the Adler Theatre in 1986.

Decades later, a film accompanied by a live orchestra feels wonderfully at home here. The building's history and the musicians' work give this Saturday its own sense of occasion.

For families beginning downtown with the Festival of Trees parade, the afternoon performance offers a way to keep the celebration going. The evening performance offers another invitation: make dinner plans, bring someone you love, and give yourselves a night at the theatre.

Leave time for a little North Pole fun before taking your seats.

Culture Bright connects these experiences through the organizations that create them.

Quad City Arts produces Festival of Trees. The Symphony brings the music. The Adler provides a setting that generations of Quad Citizens have helped preserve.

The Cultural Trust supports our Legacy Partners through annual unrestricted funding and helps advance performing arts through the separate Adler Theatre Fund. Those commitments contribute to the cultural life you can enjoy here throughout the year.

Today, the invitation is simple: take a familiar holiday story and experience it in a room built for shared attention.

Watch your child's face when the orchestra begins. Notice the sound moving through the theatre.

Allow the laughter of the people around you to become part of the film.

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Elf in Concert takes place today, November 21, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Adler Theatre in downtown Davenport. Santa's Village opens before each performance.

Buddy brings the Christmas spirit. Our Symphony gives it a live score.

Find the series lineup and ticket information at CultureBright.org

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