



## **The Murray Theater is Back!**

Friends, before I tell you about the incredible reopening of our Murray Theater, I want to share a little story.

For as long as I can remember, I loved going to the “old” movies with my mom and dad. Back in 1973, they took me to the Avalon Theater, and one of the first films I ever saw there was *I Married an Angel* with Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy. I loved the movie and had no idea that title would one day become part of my own story when I truly did marry an angel. Cindy has been my constant through all our years together: steady when I’m questioning, calm when I’m restless, and unwavering through my toughest battles with multiple sclerosis.

That’s what theater does. It shares stories that mirror our own, sometimes in ways we don’t expect until years later. The stage and screen become a backdrop for life’s real dramas, joys, and relationships. And now, with the Murray Theater restored, we have a place where new stories will be told, new memories will be made, and where life and art can keep inspiring each other for generations to come.

This beautiful building in the heart of our city—right on State Street—first opened in 1938, and now it’s shining again. The lights are back on. The stage is ready. And YOU made it happen.

### **How It All Came Together**

This didn’t happen overnight. And it didn’t happen because of just one person or one group. It happened because everyone came together, sharing time, talents, and a whole lot of heart. We were blessed to have financial support from many areas, and here’s where that support came from:

- Salt Lake County contributed \$3.69 million through the amazing Zoo, Arts & Parks program.
- Murray City and our Redevelopment Agency stepped up with over \$3 million to keep the dream alive.
- Generous community members stepped up through the Chair Campaign and other avenues, some even choosing to give anonymously.

We are deeply grateful for everyone’s support. To every community member who said, “Let’s save the Murray Theater,” this is your victory. This was truly a team effort, and we’re grateful beyond words.

### **Grand Reopening Concert: Loren Allred**

To launch this exciting new chapter, Murray native and internationally acclaimed vocalist Loren Allred will headline the grand opening concert—complete with a dazzling circus-themed opening act. Best known for her breathtaking performance of “Never Enough” in *The Greatest Showman* and as a finalist on *America’s Got Talent*, Loren expressed her excitement in a recent media interview:

“It’s just really a beautiful thing to come back home and open the brand-new Murray Theater. Murray, and Utah as a whole, have such wonderful arts programs, and they truly shaped who I am as a singer.”

Date: Friday, September 26, 2025

### Other Upcoming Performances

Loren Allred is just the beginning for the Murray Theater. Check out the lineup ahead:

Oct 3–4 – The Sun Kings: An authentic Beatles experience

Oct 10–17 – WKLL Radio Murder Mystery Hour: A live vintage-style whodunit

Oct 24–25 – Neil Diamond: Superstar Tribute

Nov 1 – American Journey with David Malmberg: Music meets storytelling

Nov 8 – Fleetwood Mask: The world's most authentic Fleetwood Mac tribute

Dec 8 – Carpenters Legacy Christmas: A holiday tribute to timeless music

Dec 14 – Ceasar Sings Nat King Cole: An elegant seasonal performance

Coming in 2026 – Johnny Owens Buck Tribute and Gary Lewis and the Playboys

For a full schedule and ticket info, visit [www.MurrayTix.com](http://www.MurrayTix.com)

### Let's Make New Memories

We saved this theater because it's part of what makes Murray special. The Murray Theater holds and shares our stories, and now it's ready for more.

So grab your friends, your kids, your neighbors... and come share in the magic. Let's fill the Murray Theater with laughter, music, and memories for generations to come. We appreciate this community so much, and Cindy and I hope to see you at the show.

With a full heart,

Brett A. Hales  
Mayor of Murray City

