

Proclamation

CELEBRATING ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF THE GUILD THEATRE

WHEREAS, originally opened in 1926 as a movie house, The Guild Theatre became a local institution for decades before closing as a cinema in 2019. It was later reimagined by Peninsula Arts Guild and reopened in 2022 as a live entertainment venue, the mission of which is to create an everlasting, joyful, and uplifting hub that brings people together and enriches lives; and

WHEREAS, as a local cinema, The Guild Theatre was a peninsula staple, showcasing a mix of mainstream, independent and classic films. Widely known for its midnight showings of The Rocky Horror Picture Show, The Guild keeps the tradition alive by continuing to host Rocky Horror showings, honoring its roots; and

WHEREAS, with a capacity for almost five hundred patrons, the venue now hosts a wide range of music, film, comedy, magic, presentations, panel discussions, live streams, video shoots and other programming such as charity fundraisers, birthday parties, private concerts, corporate events and more; and

WHEREAS, one of The Guild's founding principles as a nonprofit organization is their unwavering commitment to community enrichment through meaningful action. The Guild champions this ethos through initiatives such as 'Doing Good at The Guild,' a series that seamlessly integrates the power of music and the arts with philanthropic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, 'Doing Good at the Guild' facilitates collaborations with artists and the charitable causes of their choosing, providing them with a unique platform to amplify their impact and embodying a collective effort towards community cohesion and positive change; and

WHEREAS, the Guild is celebrating their centennial with a special concert series, which opened on June 14 with The Rocky Horror Picture Show and continues throughout the rest of 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Betsy Nash, Mayor of the City of Menlo Park, on behalf of the City Council and City, do hereby recognize and celebrate The Guild Theatre's one-hundredth anniversary.

Betsy Nash, Mayor
August 11, 2026