

FOR NEWS RELEASE / MEDIA ONLY



For Immediate Release

November 28, 2016

Contact: Kathy Summerlin
Pensacola Saenger Theatre
850-595-3882 office
850-207-7944 cell

Long-Time Friends of the Saenger Volunteer to be Honored Plaque Dedication set for Sherri Hemminghaus Weeks

PENSACOLA, Fla. – On Thursday, December 1 at 5:30 p.m. the Friends of the Saenger will honor Sherri Hemminghaus-Weeks for her 30+ years of outstanding service to the historic Saenger Theatre in downtown Pensacola with a plaque dedication.

Since 1981, Sherri has been instrumental in every major project to save, restore, and expand the “Grand Dame of Palafox.” To commemorate her amazing commitment and her thousands of hours of volunteer work, including her time as president of FOS, the Friends have commissioned a special bronze plaque that will be dedicated at a special event on December 1. After the plaque’s unveiling, it will be installed on the “Wall of Fame” in the Palafox arcade entrance to the theatre for public viewing.

“Sherri is a relentless and enthusiastic advocate for the Saenger Theatre,” says current FOS president Jonathan Thompson. “Her decades of work—first helping to save the theatre from destruction and later ensuring its complete renovation and restoration—are utterly inspiring. We hope that this plaque will help make the Pensacola community aware of all her good work, and encourage others to also join us in preserving our beautiful historic theatre.”

About Friends of the Saenger –Friends of the Saenger was founded March 17, 1980. Friends of the Saenger, Inc. was created to ensure continuing improvements and restoration.

About Saenger Theatre: The Saenger Theatre is the premier entertainment venue located in downtown Pensacola. The Theatre is home to the Broadway in Pensacola and hosts a variety of events including symphony, opera, ballet, touring concerts, family shows and community events. The Saenger Theatre is owned by the City of Pensacola and professionally managed by SMG, the world leader in venue management, marketing and development.

###