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Community Support for New Event Stage Really Pays Off New “Showmobile” to debut this SummerStage season

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DUVALL, Wash. – On Thursday, June 14th, the City of Duvall received delivery of its new community stage after two-years of community fundraising and appropriations from 4Culture, the State of Washington and the City of Duvall.

The new stage replaces a 50-year old stage that began its career with the City of Seattle in the 60’s and was acquired by Duvall in 2004 at a surplus auction.

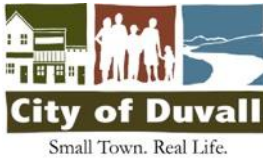
The effort to acquire a new stage began in 2015 when the Duvall Cultural Commission (DCC) and city staff, led by Kass Holdeman, began to focus on finding & acquiring grants to help pay for a new stage. With a one-time cultural facilities grant available through King County’s 4Culture; and support from King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert, the stage received its first \$40,000 of funding.

A committee – Raise the Stage was formed, a GoFundMe, campaign was created, fundraising events were held and the effort really began to pick up steam. Between contributions from the City and our community over \$56,000 was raised. In 2017, the City Council allocated \$40,000 towards the project in the 2018 budget.

The effort to raise \$150,000 was complete when the state legislature appropriated \$48,500 through their supplemental capital budget in March with the leadership of Mayor Amy Ockerlander and the persistence of state senator Manka Dhingra and representatives Larry Springer and Roger Goodman.

Senator Manka Dhingra said “I am very excited I could assist in procuring money for the Duvall stage project. Having a community gathering space is so critical for all of us to come together to celebrate and attend events. Public spaces are essential for growing communities so that we can all get to know each other. I look forward to attending a concert there in the future.”

Reflecting on the culmination of years of effort, Kass Holdeman remarked “I am thrilled at the community support we have had for this project and grateful to all the volunteers, artists, and sponsors who participated.” It has truly taken a village to Raise this Stage.



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“This is an exciting step forward for our community as events continue to grow in size and draw visitors from other areas”, said Mayor Ockerlander, “I am very thankful for the efforts Kass, our state legislators, Raise the Stage Committee and all who came together to make this new stage a reality.”

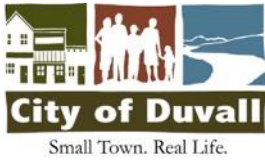
The Raise the Stage committee included Cultural Commissioner Noha Abdo, community members Shelly Loynes, Paulina Burbank, & Kass Holdeman along with help from Marlene Lambert, Peggy Kahler, Cascade Community Theatre, fiscal partners and MANY other volunteers. DCC member Marlene Lambert noted how every dollar counted in fundraising and that they felt very fortunate to receive such a high volume of donations from the community. It really was the “small & mighty” wave of donations that sustained this effort.

With the arrival of the stage Duvall Cultural Commission, the City of Duvall, and all the performers who make our events so popular are really looking forward to seeing you as Jr. Cadillac kicks off the season from the new stage at the first SummerStage performance on July 11th. Check out [Duvall SummerStage](#) on Facebook for the full 2018 concert lineup.

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Kass Holdeman and Mayor Amy Ockerlander get a first look at the new stage.



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Public Works getting a tutorial on stage operation.