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Historic Columbus Grant Finalists Open House!

The Public Participation Grant, Historic Columbus largest grant program, will host an Open House at each of the sites of the three finalists on **Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**. The public will then be able to vote on their favorite project at www.historiccolumbus.com. Voting will start on **September 23rd and close on October 20th**. The grant winner will be announced at Historic Columbus' Annual Meeting on **Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 5:30pm at CB&T**.

Increasing awareness of historic preservation is a vital component to HCF's mission and having the public as a partner in this process will only strengthen our ability to be an advocate for saving our history, our legacies, and our stories.

Our three finalists!

- 1. The Liberty Theatre Cultural Center (813 8th Avenue)**, c. 1924, served as a social hub for African Americans having movies and famous entertainers on their stage. The grant would fund a new roof for the theatre and main lobby and replace the HVAC systems in the theatre, dance studio, dressing rooms, costume workshop, and green room.
- 2. The Springer Opera House (103 10th Street)**, c. 1871, built by Francis Joseph Springer and soon became nationally known as the finest theatre between New York and New Orleans. The grant would fund a new roof for the theatre, repair damage to the ceiling on the third floor balcony caused by a water leak, and remove the mold from the basement under the saloon.
- 3. The Wynn House (1240 Wynnton Road)**, c. 1839, Greek Revival mansion that has been lived in by a number of Columbus' leading citizens. The grant would fund the repair and replacement of the balustrade and supporting structure on the uppermost portion of the roof, the cupola. This includes replacement of the balusters and rains, repairing to mounting points, and repair of the dormer structure. The existing wood balusters and rail will be replaced. The roof will be replaced. The entire house will be cleaned and painted.

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