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MARION CIVIC THEATRE



In 2001, Marion Civic Theatre celebrated 50 years of presenting the Marion Community with a wide variety of cultural experiences. The first theatrical production of MCT was presented in the Emerald Room of the Spencer Hotel. That production, *Goodbye, My Fancy*, starred Barbara Foust. Since that time, MCT has presented productions in a variety of locations including, the Hostess House Ballroom, the Lodge Room of the IBEW Building, the Grant County 4-H Community Building, Eastbrook High School Auditorium, Marion High School Auditorium, Carey Industries, and now at the recently renovated James Dean Memorial Theater.

Over the years, MCT has experienced several memorable firsts:

The first show directed by Adeline Nall was *Guest in the House*.

Fantasticks was the first musical the group presented in 1965 at the Hostess House.

The late Jean Rosen won MCT's first Best Actress Award for her role in *Three Men on a Horse*.

In 1973, Jim Moritz and Lee Brown produced *1776*, the first of several successful musicals.

In 1971, MCT audiences were introduced to Don Overman in his initial performance of *Harvey*.

Marion Civic Theatre has been an important part of the Marion community. The commitment of hundreds of faithful patrons, volunteers, and board members has sustained MCT through some lean years. Today, MCT is a vital and growing organization thanks to the support of businesses and individuals who believe in the value of the arts.