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Annual Buddy Nolan Tribute at the Embassy Theatre Celebrating the Embassy's 80th Anniversary

Fort Wayne, Ind. - - Named in memory of a man whose legendary wit and musical talent helped keep the Embassy Theatre alive, the *Annual Buddy Nolan Tribute* will return to the Embassy on **Sunday, May 11, at 3 p.m.** with a vaudeville theme and Scott Foppiano on the Grande Page with special guest Dyne Pfeffenberger on the piano. Local favorites Larry Bower and Brad Beauchamp will be on hand for the famous Abbott and Costello routine, "Who's on First," along with several other comedy skits.

Local singers Nancy Kartholl and Todd Frymier will perform several classic melodies including-Irving Berlin's "No Business Like Show Business" from *Annie Get Your Gun*; Gershwin's "Someone to Watch Over Me" and "They Can't Take That Away From Me" from *Crazy for You*; and Sondheim's "Broadway Baby" from *Follies*. The show will also include "Friendship" from Cole Porter's *Anything Goes*. In grand vaudeville tradition there will be comedy, singing, dancing and organ music to delight all.

About Buddy Nolan

Following a 20-year stint as Embassy house organist, Buddy Nolan remained devoted to the theater. In 1972, when the Embassy and its treasured Grande Page theatre pipe organ faced demolition, Nolan joined the group of unfaltering organ enthusiasts who laid the plans that saved the Embassy and the organ. Nolan's *Theatre Organ at Midnight* concert in May 1975, a throwback to the series of popular midnight concerts he started in 1963, served as a one-of-a-kind fundraiser for the theater, drawing a capacity crowd and helping raise the money that eventually did save the theater.

Throughout his stint as house organist, Nolan packed the house for a two-hour show that was more than music, appealing to audiences' senses of sight as well as sound. His routine included comedy and the unexpected, such as the ending to one show when he released hundreds of balloons from the stage ceiling. Nolan passed away in 1986 after a battle with lung cancer. The Embassy Theatre's tribute concerts began several years later.

Individual tickets for all organ concerts are \$14 each for adults, \$7 each for students. Tickets are on sale now at the Embassy box office, all Ticketmaster outlets and online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Media sponsor for the concert is 102.9 The River and WGL 1250AM.

Celebrating 80 years, the historic Embassy Theatre features national productions from the Broadway stage, concerts of all musical formats, cinema, educational programming and a continued commitment to young people. For more information, visit www.fwembassytheatre.org.

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