

THE PALACE

Catch The Magic

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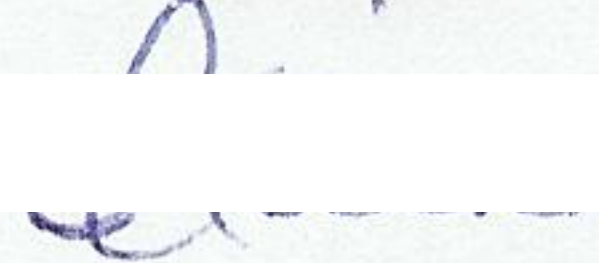
Dear Doug,

On behalf of the Palace Theatre Board of Directors and myself, I want to offer our sincere thanks for a job well done in the construction of the Palace Pavilion.

Thanks to your leadership we were able to meet in a pre-construction brainstorming session with the architects and local firms to trim \$700,000 off the estimated budget. The Palace Board then felt more comfortable with raising the money to proceed. But what is more amazing is your assurance of the completion date and the fact that we came in under budget. You were true to your word in every item we covered. You said the project would take one year and despite the horrible winter and other setbacks, we opened one week early. You helped us trim costs but never did we feel we sacrificed quality. You assigned a qualified team to the pavilion, who were very professional in working with the contractors and our staff. All around this construction period has been gratifying. Our theatre was able to continue to run with no disruptions.

It is wonderful to hear the public exclaim how beautiful the building is. We can take the praise for realizing this project was important for the Marion area but you should accept the praise for making it a first class facility .

Sincerely,


Elaine Merchant
Executive Director
Marion Palace Theatre