

Lincoln Square Theater Dedicates VIP Mezzanine to Billy Bob Thornton & The Boxmasters During Peppertree Hill Tour

National acts, local heroes, and a city's heartbeat restored—Decatur shines again at the Lincoln.

DECATUR, IL, UNITED STATES, August 27, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Tonight, the Historic [Lincoln Square Theater](#) proudly welcomes [Billy Bob Thornton and The Boxmasters](#) as part of their Peppertree Hill Tour, supporting their latest album. To commemorate this landmark event, the theater will officially dedicate and name its VIP Mezzanine in honor of Billy Bob Thornton & The Boxmasters.



The Boxmasters

The dedication ceremony will bring together Decatur's civic and cultural leaders, including Mayor Julie Moore-Wolfe. Also in attendance will be celebrity author and influencer [Marcy Bialeschki](#), who graciously gifted tickets to Amber Johnson Hooker—a woman whose courage and resilience have inspired all of Decatur.

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The Lincoln will never be reserved for the elite. It belongs to families, seniors, and every person in Decatur who deserves world-class entertainment.”

President LaVelle Hunt

Amber's story is one of triumph over tragedy. After being struck by a street racer traveling 109 mph, she spent five weeks in a coma, relearned how to walk and talk, and still faces the daily challenges of traumatic brain injury. Her powerful journey of survival and determination resonates deeply with the ongoing “comeback story” of the Lincoln Square Theater itself, which has risen from the brink of demolition to become a beacon of culture and community once again.

The Lincoln Square Theater was just 10 days from demolition by the city of Decatur when LaVelle Hunt and Mark Scranton stepped in to save it. Without their vision and commitment, this historic icon would have been lost forever.

Their leadership not only preserved the building but safeguarded a vital piece of Decatur's cultural heritage—ensuring the Lincoln could continue to inspire future generations.

Celebrating Community and Partnership

The Lincoln Square Theater expresses its deep gratitude to Air King of Decatur, the presenting sponsor of the evening. Additional thanks go to Bargetta and Svendsen Florist, the official ticket sponsors, whose support helps make historic nights like this possible.

A special acknowledgment is also extended to Debbie Green, who worked tirelessly to coordinate and bring Billy Bob Thornton and The Boxmasters to the Lincoln stage.

A Theater for Everyone

From the beginning, the Lincoln Square Theater has been more than a performance venue—it has been a gathering place for everyone. With ticket prices kept at a level that makes world-class entertainment affordable, the Lincoln is proud to offer evenings of joy not only for families but also for seniors living on fixed incomes and individuals across every income bracket.

"The Lincoln has always been for everybody, and it will continue to be for everybody," said Hunt. "We hope that city leaders recognize what this theater represents—not only as a cornerstone of downtown revitalization, but as a place where Decatur can come together."

Driving Downtown Revitalization

The Lincoln is once again proving to be the heartbeat of Decatur. As crowds return for national acts, movies, and live entertainment, restaurants, shops, and local businesses across the downtown area are experiencing a direct surge in sales and traffic. The theater is no longer just a historic building—it is an economic engine, creating momentum for the entire city.

This revitalization is proof that with continued acknowledgment, support, and city resources, the Lincoln Square Theater can remain a driving force behind Decatur's cultural and economic comeback.

Looking Forward

Renovations and expansion plans remain underway as the theater continues its comeback story. With national acts like The Boxmasters gracing its stage, the Lincoln Square Theater is once again proving itself to be both a cultural gem and an engine of economic growth for downtown Decatur.

Event Details

What: Billy Bob Thornton & The Boxmasters – Peppertree Hill Tour

When: Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Where: Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur, IL

Special Dedication: VIP Mezzanine officially named in honor of Billy Bob Thornton & The Boxmasters

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