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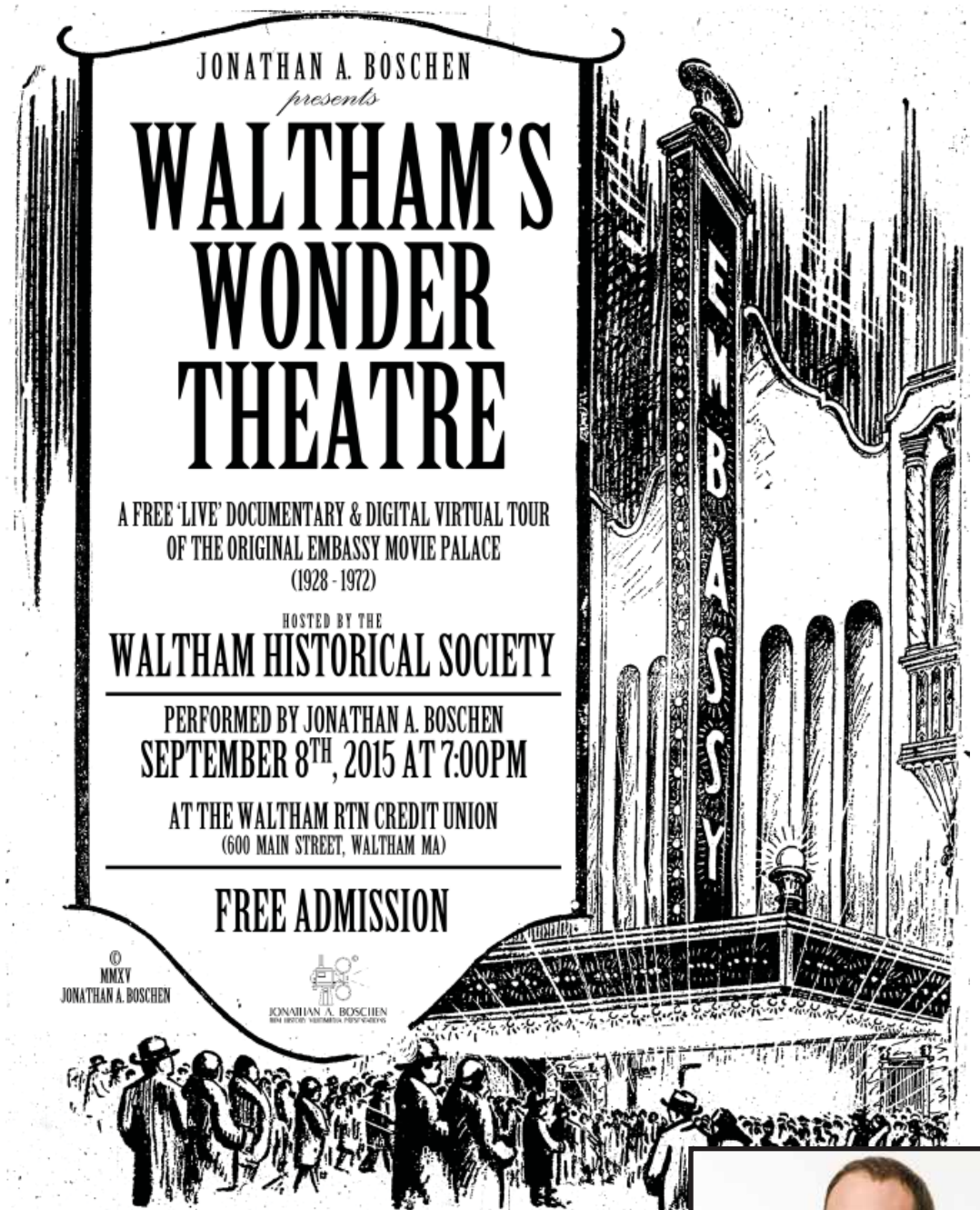
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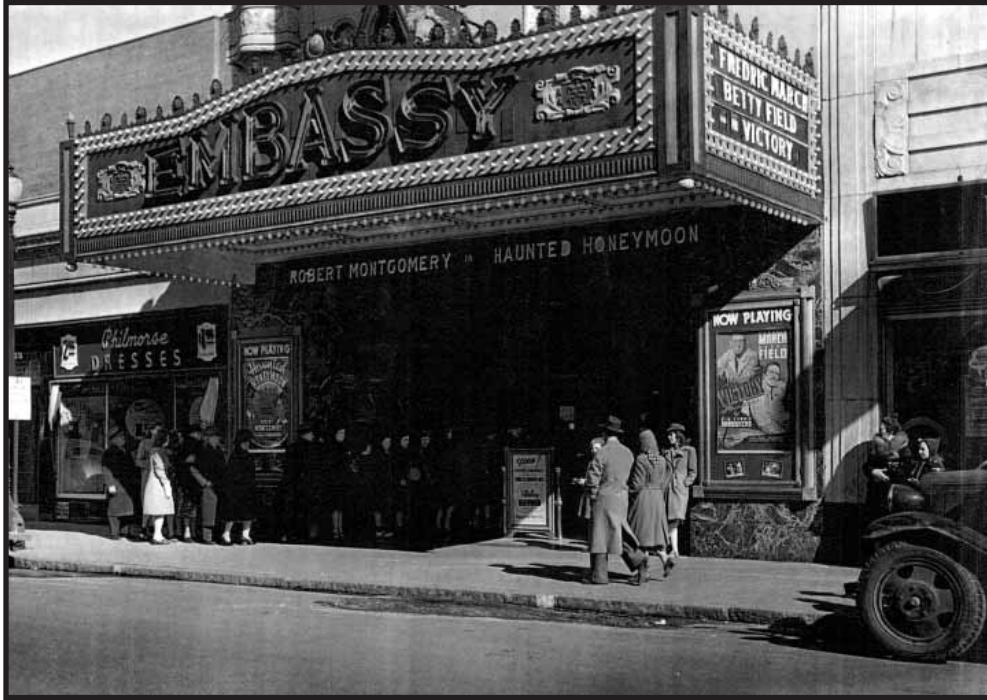
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WALTHAM'S WONDER THEATRE



The Embassy Theatre Marquee

An image from a Waltham High School Yearbook.



Presented by Jonathan Boschen, Film and Theatre Historian

The original Embassy Theatre, that existed on Moody Street from 1928 through 1972, was an important asset that proudly entertained and contributed immensely to the Waltham community.

From its grand opening on April 9th, 1928 and up until May 7th, 1972 (five months before its unnecessary and unwanted demolition), the theatre dazzled audiences with its ornate architecture and hosted a countless number of memorable shows, film programs, and other types of local shows.

Join us as Filmmaker and film & theatre historian Jonathan A. Boschen (filmmaker of the acclaimed 2011 documentary short film "Waltham's Watch") will perform a live documentary and digital virtual tour of the

iconic venue entitled Waltham's Wonder Theatre hosted by the Waltham Historical Society.

This live documentary is a brand new show and is an extensively reworked and updated program based on a lecture Boschen did on the theatre back in 2011.

This presentation features rare high resolution images and related film ephemera pertaining to the Embassy Theatre that has not been presented before.

The show is part of the Edmund L. Sanderson Lecture Series presented by the Waltham Historical Society and is free and open to the general public.

As with most of the lectures in the Series it will be performed at the Waltham RTN Federal Credit Union, at the rear of 600 Main Street in Waltham. It will follow immediately a brief member meeting of the Waltham Historical Society. Refreshments will be available and will include complimentary popcorn!

Don't miss your chance to learn more about the iconic Embassy Theatre!

Photos courtesy Jonathan Boschen and collection of Waltham Historical Society.



Mills, Mansions & Cemeteries Seminar was well received!

On July 8, the Society's own Jack Cox conducted a fabulous presentation of *Mills, Mansions, and Cemeteries*. The event started promptly at 10:00 am at the Bright School location, 260 Grove Street, with a discussion and review of local history.

Dr. Cox brought history to life as we listened to his description of life in this city since the new arrivals to the shores of Massachusetts in 1630. The story of Waltham began as the middle section of Watertown and over the years has progressed through times as an agricultural community, as the birthplace of the American Industrial Revolution, and its role today as a center for venture capital and biomedical engineering.

After the presentation many interesting questions were posed that provided more insights through the sharing of information by members of the audience.

Once the Q&A was concluded, we took a tour of the new Bright School space with special viewing access to many of our most recent acquisitions.

Following the tour at noon we took a break for pizza, and cold drinks, most ably assisted by our high school community service volunteer, Prince Patel. Prince was that ever important person who goes unnoticed but makes everything run smoothly. Our thanks to him for volunteering during the summer!

At 1:00 pm we boarded the Tick Tock Trolley for a two hour tour of historic sites in the City.



Visits to Gore Place, Stonehurst, Lyman Estate, the Wellington House, and the exhibit at the Watch Factory was followed by a stop at the Boston Manufacturing Company. The amount of information discussed and explained by Jack during the tour was astounding!

Upon returning to the Bright School and releasing the Trolley, many strolled over to the Grove Hill Cemetery for even more history through the explanations of some of the special headstones which date back to 1702.

The event was well attended and included many Society members. We were especially honored by the attendance of two important representatives of the School system. Dr. Drew Echelson, new Superintendent of Waltham Public Schools, and Derek Vandegrift, Director of History and Social Studies were part of the day's special event.

We'd to thanks all our guests, the City of Waltham for use of the Tick Tock Trolley, Prince Patel, and Curator Mary Selig for making every aspect of the day successful.

We will hold this event again in the near future for those who were unable to make it that day.



Mayor McCarthy presented Winnie with a special proclamation in her honor! Photo Marie Daly

Winifred Kneisel celebrated her 100th birthday with a party held in her honor. The Piety Corner Club and the Historical Society collaborated to show her how much she means to us! Thanks to Sheila FitzPatrick, Marie Daly, and Carol DiFranco for their successful organization of the event.

We need volunteers to staff the Bright School location, 260 Grove Street. You can choose the days, dates and times and we will work to establish a regular schedule of openings to the public. Please contact Joan Sheridan or Wayne McCarthy if you can assist with this important effort.

The Board of Directors of the Waltham Historical Society wishes to express our appreciation for the support of the following for their donations. They have been very generous to the Historical Society this past year and we encourage you to thank them by patronizing the businesses and expressing thanks to the individuals. Without this type of support the Society would be unable to continue our work in the community.

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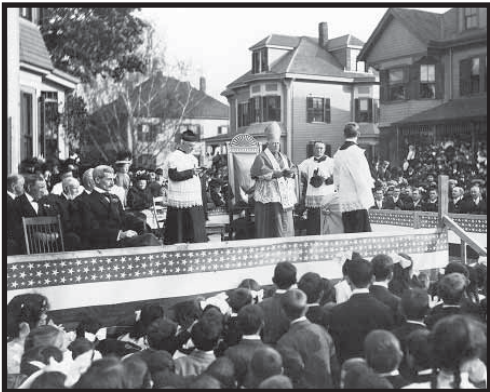
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