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Senator Helming Presents Lyons Businessman Bob Ohmann with a New York State Senate Commendation Award



Senator Helming pictured with Bob Ohmann.

Senator Pam Helming presented Bob Ohmann with a New York State Senate Commendation Award in recognition of his vast commitment to the community of Lyons and the Finger Lakes Region. The Commendation Award honors an individual who exemplifies the spirit of community, philanthropy, and leadership.

The presentation was made as part of a celebration commemorating the 110th Anniversary of the historic Ohmann Theatre in Lyons.

The landmark theatre first opened its doors on December 6, 1915, as one of the largest movie houses in Upstate New York. The Ohmann Theatre was operated by founder Burt Ohmann, and later by his sons Robert and Myron. Robert's eldest son, Bob, brought the theatre back to the Ohmann family in 2005, leading the theatre's complete reconstruction, including the addition of best-in-class projection, lighting, surround sound, and new seating.

Senator Helming said, “The Ohmann Theatre, is a true community treasure, and so is Bob. A philanthropist who has stood not only as a legacy to the Ohmann family and their admirable stewardship of this historic business, but also as a legacy to the people and community of Lyons, Wayne County, and the recreational, and cultural economy. Bob is someone who always looks for opportunities to inspire, and lead others.”

Bob Ohmann adds, “The theatre has always been a special place for me. I grew up selling popcorn and tickets at the landmark Ohmann Theatre, built by my grandfather. I wanted to give something back to the town and keep the theatre open. A lot of first dates happened in this theatre, people always stop to share their memories.”

(Celebration included Proclamation Presentation Honoring the 110th Anniversary of Historic Ohmann Theatre)

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